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## Overdose spurs tougher vaping rules

### New ordinance makes it a misdemeanor for minors

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Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams believes the overdose by a Plymouth-Canton Educational Park student who'd been vaping should stand as a stark warning for other teens participating in the practice.

Williams warned that the recent incident at one of the P-CEP high schools sheds light on how vaping can cause short-term health issues, not just long-term effects.

"A student overdosed while vaping," Williams said. "They discovered that the vaping juice was mixed with THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) and rat poison. Fortunately, the student survived, but

it's an example of how dangerous this can be."

That's one of the big reasons Williams backs an ordinance change that subjects minors caught vaping in Canton Township to more than just the damage it might do to their lungs.

They'll also be hurting their bank accounts and criminal records, thanks to a toughened ordinance that punishes violators with a \$50 fine and misdemeanor for each offense, approved recently by the township's Board of Trustees.

The amended nicotine-usage ordinance actually makes Canton's laws against vaping tougher than state laws, which don't penalize minors who vape, at least for now.

"Hopefully, this amendment proves to be a deterrent to minors who are even thinking about vaping," Williams said. "As a former smoker, I know the damage nicotine can do to your body."

Vaping involves the use of battery-

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The McClellan family celebrates June 15 at Novi's Suburban Collection Showcase following graduation of Michigan Virtual Charter Academy. Blake McClellan graduated top of his class after overcoming major personal obstacles. Front row (from left) are his sisters Ariella and Briana and grandmother Kathrine. McClellan is in the back row, flanked by parents Chris and Tomica. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## A NEW PATHWAY

### Online learning helps them reach their goals

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Big dreams come in all shapes and sizes.

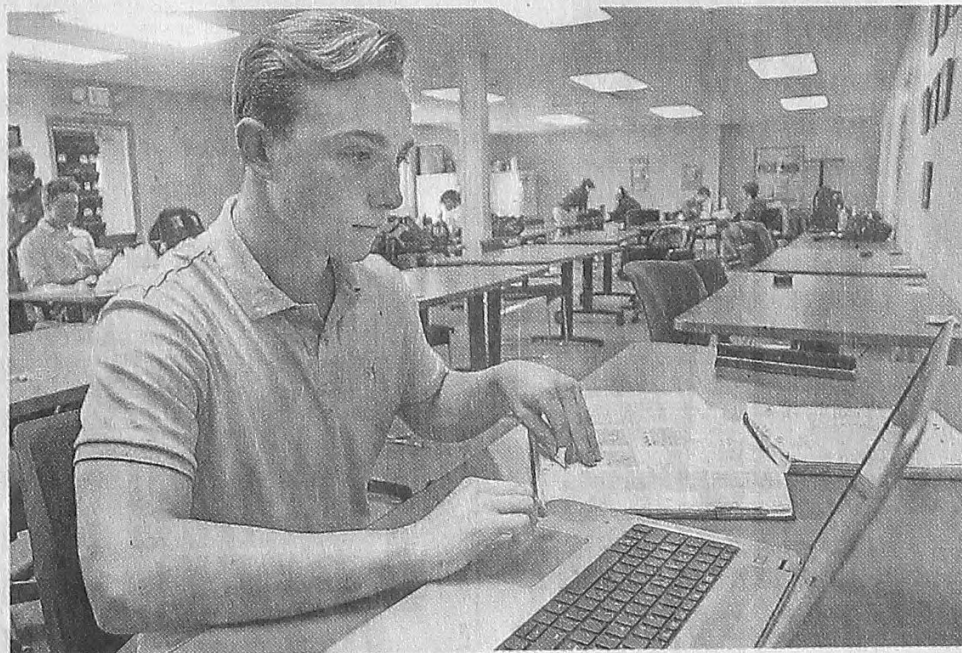
Perhaps the goal is to become a pediatric neurosurgeon. Only thing is, with your family homeless for several months, being able to keep up with classwork might be a major thorn.

You could be a no-nonsense Boy Scout wanting to leave a humane imprint at a nearby nature center to protect endangered owls.

Or your goal might be to score plenty of them someday in the National Hockey League. To get there will require major training, on and off the ice.

Traditional brick-and-mortar schools might have put a roadblock in front of those endeavors.

Blake McClellan, Wyatt Lucas and



Alex Cannon of Canton studies during his last day of the academic year at portable classrooms, located in the parking lot outside Viking Ice Arena in Hazel Park. He was a student in online Michigan Connections Academy, working studies around his hockey schedule with Total Package Hockey. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Alex Cannon all are on their way, thanks to online schools and technology that enables them to go with the educational flow while having schedule flexibility and enough freedom to do what they love, too.

**To the summit**

"It's like trying to climb a mountain and getting blown back down to the bottom and keep trying to climb the same mountain and finally reach the top," McClellan, 18, said following Michigan Virtual Charter Academy's graduation June 15 at Suburban Collection Showcase in Novi. "It's kind of that euphoric moment where I'm staring out from the summit."

Michigan Virtual Charter Academy is a tuition-free public school that receives just over \$7,000 per pupil in state funding. McClellan was at the top of the class of 2018, which had about 200 students from all over the state.

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**Vaping**

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operated cigarettes — commonly referred to as e-cigarettes — to inhale nicotine.

The e-cigarettes heat a liquid, usually a blend of nicotine and chemicals propylene glycol and glycerin, into a vapor that the user inhales, according to sciencenewsforstudents.org.

The juices are available in numerous flavors, from watermelon and bubble gum to coffee or cheesecake.

E-cigarettes are becoming popular with teenagers, because they deliver nicotine to the body without producing smoke, making their usage more discreet than smoking traditional cigarettes.

**Letter of the law**

The amended township ordinance reads: "It is now illegal for persons under the age of 18 to possess or smoke vapor products or alternative nicotine products on a public highway, street, alley, park or other public property, or in a place of business or amusement. A



**A recently passed ordinance makes vaping illegal for people under age 18 in Canton Township.** GETTY IMAGES

person who violates this is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$50 for each offense."

"The new addition to this ordinance prohibits minors from possessing all types of vapor products using tobacco or any other substance," Canton Township Deputy Police Chief Craig Wilsher said. "The use of vapor products by minors continues to increase and is causing health and safety concerns, especially when the substance being vaped is unknown or unregulated by its users."

"Our officers have been alerted to students as young as middle school age vaping in public places; the intent of the new ordinance is to prevent use by minors, as well as make it more difficult for

underage kids to obtain."

The amendment makes it illegal for any person to sell, furnish or give vapor products or alternative nicotine products to a person under age 18, Wilsher added.

The Canton Police Department has a proven history of conducting local business checks for the sale of alcohol and tobacco products to underage persons, according to a township press release. These periodic checks will now include e-cigarette, vapor and alternative nicotine products.

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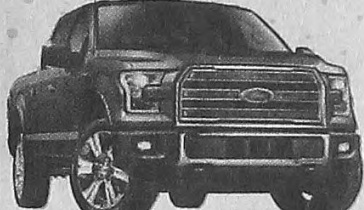
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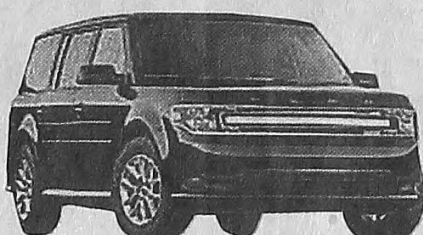
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## Online

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McClellan, a Monroe resident, graduated as class valedictorian with a 4.05 grade-point average. But if not for the chance to learn online, he might have dropped out a couple of years ago. He had been bullied at his old school and needed to re-boot somewhere else.

Exacerbating his journey was the fact his family became homeless for five months, just in time for the start of senior year.

His dad Chris lost his job as a postal worker due to a car accident that totaled his vehicle. The McClellans now are renting an apartment; thanks to online school, transportation to and from physical schools is not an issue.

"I wasn't able to do anything enjoyable for the first half due to being in a shelter," McClellan said. "We were homeless for five months, so I didn't get to have much of a senior year to enjoy. We were pretty much in survival mode."

In order to keep up with his coursework, he needed to walk to and from a library located a mile away from the shelter. And don't forget extra trips to and from lunch and dinner.

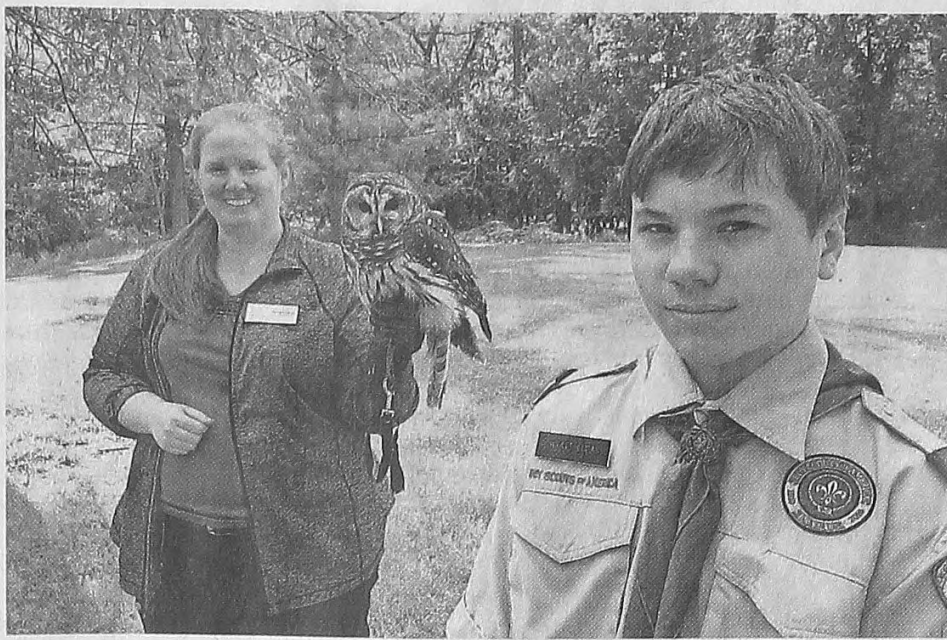
"They had no fun, there's no TV," said Tomica McClellan, Blake's mom. "So when we were at the library, he struggled, because that's when he'd go on the Internet and try to watch YouTube or watch something fun."

"He didn't want to do school because he was so stressed with everything. He wanted to have the fun that we can't have anytime but there, but the problem is that was supposed to be school time. ... He was so depressed and we were all feeling so hopeless."

### Virtual freedom

The situation was nowhere near as daunting for Lucas or Cannon, both students during 2017-18 in the Michigan Connections Academy — another "virtual" way to fit books and reports into busy, demanding schedules. MICA is based in Okemos; students and teachers interact via emails and chats.

Lucas, 15 and a nature-minded Troy resident, is rolling up his sleeves to raise money that would be earmarked for construction of a structure that he wants to build at Stage Nature Center,



Wyatt Lucas is building a structure to house owls that can't be released into the wild because of injuries. Assistant naturalist Christina Funk holds Samantha, a barred owl. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

**"If I want to get better in the classroom, then I need to focus my energy on my schoolwork."**

**Alex Cannon**  
Canton resident and online student

located a mile or so from his home.

The structure would be 38 feet wide — as big as a two-car garage — and cost upward of \$20,000 to build and provide upkeep for injured owls such as Sam, a barn owl.

"I just thought of helping out; I asked the nature center if they needed anything," said Lucas, also a member of Boy Scout Troop 1036 out of Kirk in the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills. "We met with Christina (Funk, of Stage Nature Center) and she said there are these five owls there that needed help."

"I said I could do a fundraiser for that. ... Most owls have a 20-year or longer lifespan. There are tons of different owls and a few more ideas of what they do, how they raise their young and so forth."

The teen is doing a lot of the dirty work, collecting cans and bottles and

meeting with groups such as the Rotary or Kiwanis clubs to help make the project happen.

But just as important is schedule flexibility, thanks to his attending Michigan Connections Academy — rather than going to a physical school with typical hours to deal with.

"I don't know how he could have done it without going to Michigan Connections Academy," said Gail Lucas, Wyatt's mom. "Because a lot of what he's doing in terms of getting word out — he's gone to the Rotary — all this stuff has to happen during the day, when the people are having their meetings. So if he was in a traditional brick-and-mortar school, he would not be able to do any of that."

### Juggling act

She stressed that with classes pre-recorded for consumption, Michigan Connections students can log in and get to work without missing any of their projects, hobbies or other interests.

"They are (live) online classes during the day," Gail Lucas said. "But if the kids can't make them, they are all recorded so that if he's at a meeting or fundraising for an event, he can go back and watch the recording of a lesson that he missed. We just would not have been able to juggle everything he's doing with

a brick-and-mortar school, because of the time constraints."

Funk, assistant naturalist at Stage Nature Center in Troy, handles owls that cannot be returned to their natural habitat. Currently, they are housed in makeshift cages, but through the efforts of Lucas and others, plans are progressing to build a permanent home on the grounds.

"These are owls that have been in captivity for a while. They came from the Organization for Bat Conservation that closed in February," Funk said. "I used to work for that organization and they were trying to find homes."

Cost to build the structure has been estimated at \$20,000; so far Lucas has generated about \$7,400 for the cause — through donations and his Save the Owls bottle drive.

Pooling all fundraising efforts together, the center has garnered about \$18,000, with his next bottle drive (July 7) perhaps providing the final push.

### He's on task

Cannon, 18, of Canton prefers his life to go in a direct path, the kind being a Michigan Connections student affords him.

The program is instrumental in his two-pronged quest to get a degree from an Ivy League university while launching a professional hockey career.

"I kind of learned that everything is based on how bad I want it and my own responsibility of basically improving myself," said Cannon, who just finished his senior year. "If I want to get better in the classroom, then I need to focus my energy on my schoolwork."

"If I want to get better on the ice, then I need to put all my energy out there. So whatever category I'm struggling in, I just got to put more energy into that and not slack."

Formerly of the Victory Honda AAA hockey program in Canton, Cannon decided he needed to ramp up his skills enough to get the attention of North American Hockey League teams. In early June, he was drafted by the Helena (Mont.) Bighorns.

Cannon skated last season at Viking Ice Arena in Hazel Park, a 50-minute drive from his parents' home.

The acclaimed Total Package Hockey program was located at Viking during

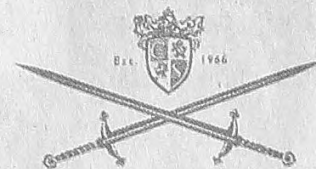
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2017-18 (it is relocating to Bloomfield Hills), with players easily moving between rink and mobile classrooms in the adjacent parking lot.

"I found out about it when I was looking for a place to go to school around here," Cannon said. "When I came to Total Package Hockey, (Michigan Connections) was their main program."

Most of the time, Cannon could skate and learn at the same location. But when it came time for TPH tournaments, he could simply bring his laptop along with his hockey gear.

"This is just a school and everyone comes here, though they're all on different teams and different ages," Cannon said. "So when I go off with my team, I just bring my computer and I can work at it at hotels, just use the Wi-Fi there."

"It really allows me to be flexible and be able to focus on hockey."

### Breaking it down

For Cannon, getting to his ultimate hockey destination is a one-shift-at-a-time proposition.

McClellan's mission to be class valedictorian came down to taking care of one assignment at a time, especially during his family's homeless period.

That's when some "tough love" from AP government teacher Ruth Marzolo virtually saved him from not getting to where he wanted to go.

"I just shut down, about everything," McClellan said, recalling his malaise. "I kind of just sat there not wanting to do anything anymore. It took until my teacher gave me a call, gave me that ulti-

matum of, I either start buckling down and get going, otherwise I won't succeed."

Marzolo put it bluntly to her star pupil.

"I knew how well Blake was capable of performing, because I'd had him (his junior year)," Marzolo said. "I noticed him drop off his senior year. I called him up and found out what was going on."

"At the time I was living in Oklahoma, he would call me on my cellphone. I said, 'Hey look, Blake, how do you eat an elephant?' You don't see him through the phone just stumped. I said, 'Blake you just do it one bite at a time. You can do this. You just got to start small, do one small thing. Turn in one assignment and that turns to two and that's going to turn to three. But you just got to decide that you're going to do it.'

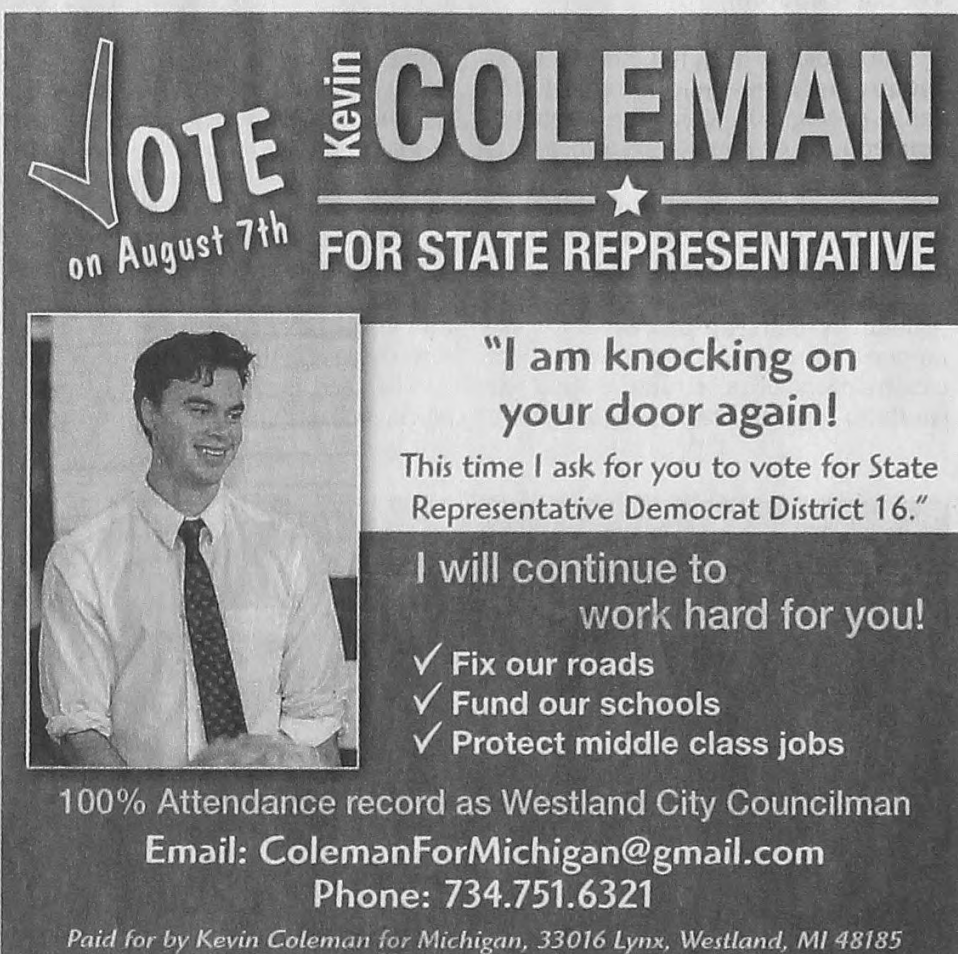
"It was just saying I believe in him, because I knew he could do it. ... He just ran with it."

### Links and info

To find out how to help Lucas with his July 7 bottle drive to help raise money for an owl house at Stage Nature Center in Troy, email him at [Wyattwilliamlucas@aol.com](mailto:Wyattwilliamlucas@aol.com) or follow his fundraiser page on Facebook. The bottle drive will be held at 5612 Fawn Court in Troy. Also go to [troynaturesociety.org](http://troynaturesociety.org) and choose "Owl Fund" to donate. The bottle drive is from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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*Dayna Polehanki*



# You break it, they repair it

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"Hi. What can I fix for you today?" Jacques Saad, manager of the new uBreakiFix store in West Bloomfield, never knows how potential customers will respond to his greeting.

They often want broken cellphones and tablets, video game equipment and lap top computers repaired, but requests also run the gamut from fixing cherished mementos to soldering wires in household appliances.

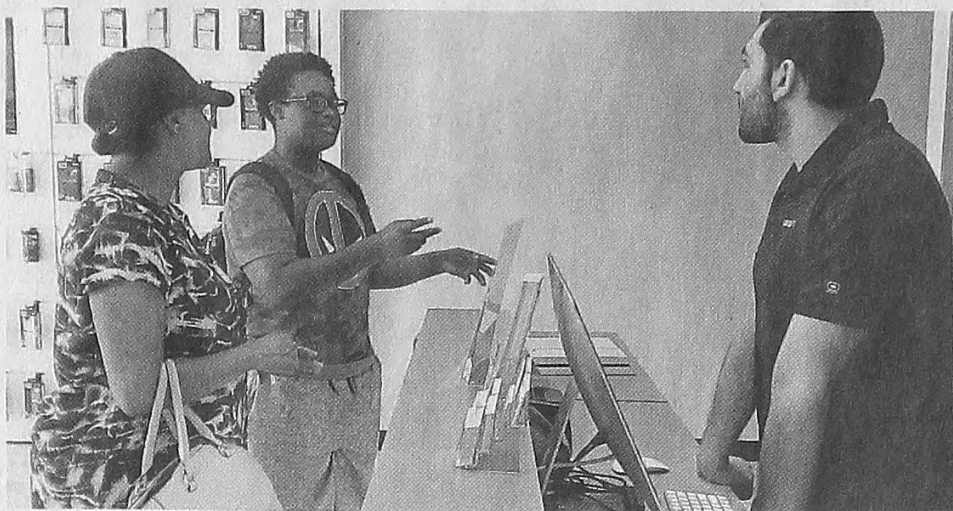
"The other day, a customer brought in the remote control to a massage chair," Saad said. "We fix anything with a power button."

Drew Lessaris, franchise co-owner for six uBreakiFix stores in metro Detroit, including the newly opened West Bloomfield location, says his employees see 50-100 broken phones every day, in addition to tablets. They've also fixed a sewing machine, a college fraternity's antique lamp, a joy stick for a boat, electronic car keys, record players, a pinball machine, damaged USB devices, a Kitchen Aid mixer and a water-damaged phone containing photos of a couple's newborn baby.

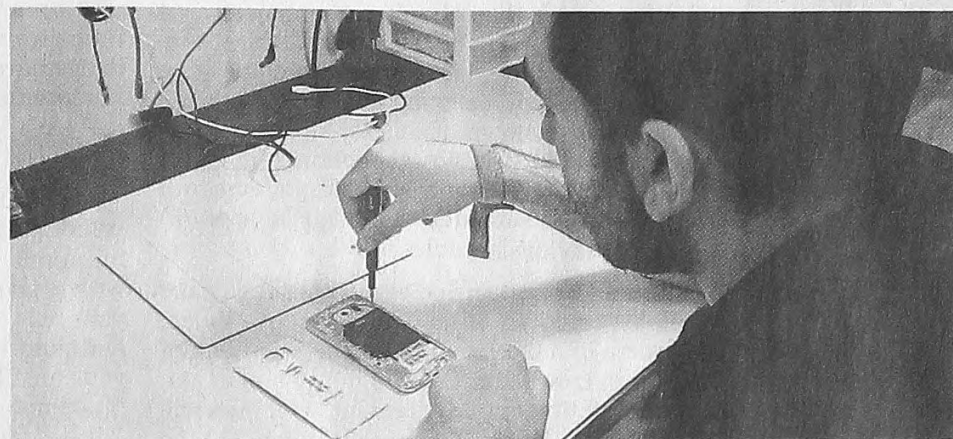
"If we can find a part for it, we'll fix it. If it doesn't take gasoline and it can fit through the door, we'll take a look at it. We do micro-soldering, too. We soldered an air conditioner for someone's car," Lessaris said. "Our thing is, if we can't fix it, it's free. Free diagnostics. If you've got something you don't know what's going on with it, bring it in. We'll diagnose it."

"We obviously burn hours to look at some devices we might not be able to repair or make any money from," Lessaris added. "But at least we built that relationship. And we know if that customer ever needs something, they know where to come."

Customer service drives and defines the business. Justin Wetherill, who co-founded uBreakiFix in 2009, says its more than 400 locations across the U.S. and Canada are customer service-oriented first and repair shops second.



With his mom Donna Ponzo-Vance at his side, Aiden Vance of West Bloomfield tells Jacques Saad about his PlayStation 4. SHARON DARGAY | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Jacques Saad, uBreakiFix technician and West Bloomfield store manager, works on a broken cellphone. SHARON DARGAY | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### Partnerships

"A lot of people look at the repair business as a shady business," Lessaris said. "We are in the customer service industry and that's something you don't see anymore. There are quite a few mom-and-pop shops that are locally franchised, but we deliver the best quality parts and we're able to do that by being partners with Google and Samsung."

The partnerships enable uBreakiFix to repair Samsung Galaxy products and Google Pixel and Pixelbook devices with

genuine manufacturer parts. Repairs generally are completed in a few hours or less.

The company focuses on customer relations skills when hiring and trains new employees. Instruction is ongoing as cellphones, computers and other electronic devices evolve from year to year.

"Some people who come to us haven't even touched a screwdriver," Lessaris said. "You can train someone to fix something. Personal interaction, it's hard to train someone for that. Money

can only build foundation. People build the business. We invest in our teams heavily."

Lessaris's stores, which he co-owns with Ron, Joyce and Matthew Harb, employ approximately 25-30 people and are located in Royal Oak, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield, Troy and Sterling Heights, in addition to West Bloomfield.

### Becoming an entrepreneur

Lessaris majored in biological engineering while at the University of Illinois, but began researching franchise opportunities after college. He considered a restaurant franchise and then had a phone conversation with uBreakiFix's founders.

"This was back in 2014 and what really struck me about this company was that it was in its infancy stage still, but there was a lot of growth to be done, there was a lot of territory open and the vision they were giving me I really believed it," he said.

He and his partners bought a nine-store development agreement for Indianapolis, Ind., and a five-store agreement for Louisville, Ky.

"We had three stores open in Indianapolis," Lessaris said. "Our stores were probably some of the top stores in the country, but I always want to be in Michigan."

He sold his portion of the business to his partners, then joined forces with the Harbs in Michigan. The team opened five metro Detroit stores in 15 months and the sixth shop in early June. Lessaris said he and Harb want to open a Detroit location, too.

"Ron and I had same vision of being part of growth of Detroit," he said. "We're excited to get a location downtown and be part of the rebuilding of city."

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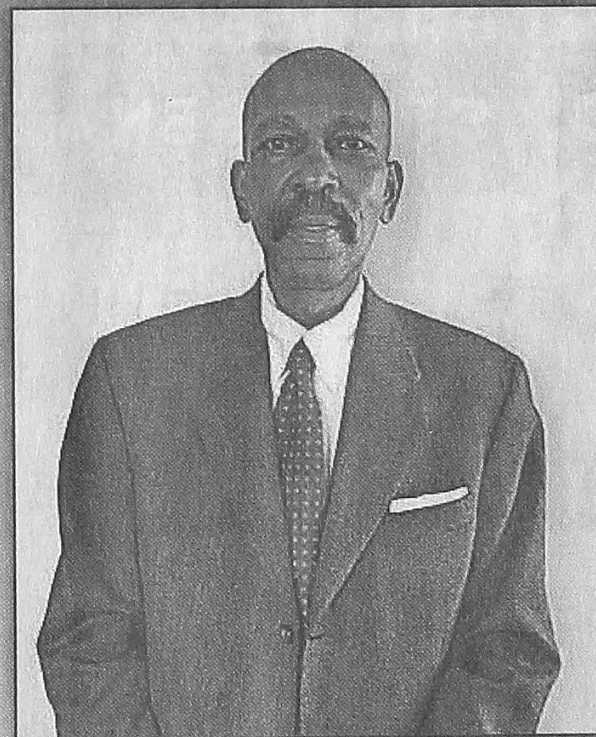
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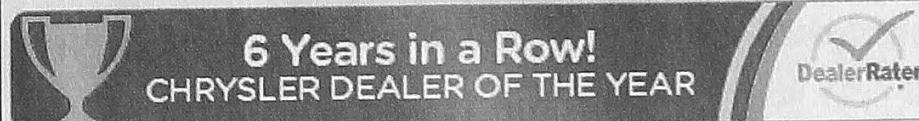
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# Study shows wealth gap, longevity issues

Women have worked hard to gain great strides with their finances in recent decades, but while their earning power has increased, their staying power once they reach retirement age has not kept up. It is clear that the journey women take throughout their lifetime impacts their financial health as they age.

Investing is the single best way to ensure money will be available for a comfortable retirement that will cover health care costs, as well as daily living expenses. However, the Merrill Lynch study "Women & Financial Wellness: Beyond the Bottom Line," conducted in partnership with Age Wave, revealed that the majority of women regret not investing more. Even more worrisome is that only 52 percent of women feel confident with managing investments compared to 68 percent of men.

"When it comes to investing, there is still plenty of work to be done," Bloomfield Hills Merrill Lynch adviser Melissa Spickler said. "Women on average live five years longer than men, so it is critical they be financially self-reliant later in life."

With this in mind, Spickler tackled some of the financial questions facing women today:

**Q: How can I save and invest when I have crushing student debt?**



Spickler

**A:** Women are graduating from college in greater numbers than men and while that is good news in terms of boosting their career choices and earning power, it also means they shoulder the majority, 64 percent, of student loan debt, according to the study.

Early adulthood is the time to create and stick to a budget. A well-crafted, realistic budget will help you track income and manage expenses, showing areas where funds could be used to save for an emergency fund and invest for long-term goals. Take advantage of employer-sponsored saving plans, such as a 401(k) and/or a health savings account, too.

**Q: Why should I be concerned about the wage gap?**

**A:** While 82 cents vs. \$1 may not seem like much, over the course of a lifetime, it adds up. The Bank of America Merrill Lynch study states that if a man and woman work full time until retirement, a woman will earn \$411,000 less. However, when you factor in that a woman spends 44 percent of adulthood out of the

workforce due to life situations like caring for children and aging parents, the cumulative earning difference jumps to more than \$1 million. This is an issue that should concern both women and men.

**Q: I would like to stay home with my children while they are young, but how will this impact my overall earnings?**

**A:** Keep in mind that financial security involves more than just a steady paycheck. Wealth is accumulated through many financial vehicles, including retirement savings, property assets and investments. Parenthood is indeed a busy season of life, but remember to take time to plan, save and invest so you'll have that future nest egg long after the paycheck is spent.

**Q: How long of a retirement should I prepare for?**

**A:** According to "Women & Financial Wellness: Beyond the Bottom Line," by age 85, women outnumber men two to one. Most have outlived a spouse, leaving the majority of women (80 percent) alone in their last years of life. This longevity, coupled with financial realities that women face at different stages in their lives, clearly outlines the need for women to be financially independent. Use all the tools at your disposal — employer-sponsored 401(k) plans, investments, retirement savings and Social Security — to prepare for a longer life expectancy and additional health care costs in retirement.

**Q: How can I teach my daughter good financial skills?**

**A:** Money can be such a sensitive subject that sometimes families choose to ignore it instead of talking numbers. The truth is, good financial literacy starts with a good example. Let your child see you paying your bills, discuss ways to spend/save her allowance and share how much items cost in the store. Make sure your teen knows the benefits of a good credit score, how important it is to invest for the future and why

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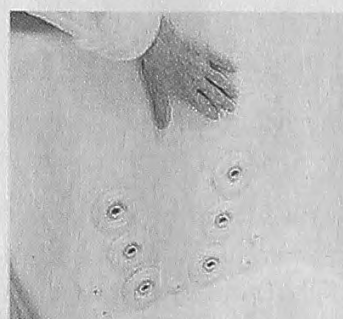
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planning for retirement matters now. All women who responded in the Merrill Lynch survey wished they had more financial education and 87 percent responded they were in favor of basic financial management skills being taught as a standard part of the high school curriculum. Keep the lines of communication open and don't be embarrassed to talk about facts and figures.

**Q: Can taking time off work to care for my elderly mom affect my retirement?**

**A:** Yes. The study revealed that although women were honored to care for an aging parent and wouldn't trade in the time spent with them for any

amount of money, being a caregiver can take a financial toll. During an extended leave of absence, you may miss an opportunity for a raise, be skipped over for a promotion or even lose part of your benefit package.

However, even more alarming are the negative impacts on "wealth escalators," such as the ability to contribute to a 401(k) and take advantage of favorable tax codes. And consider this: According to the study, women are twice as likely as men to have at least one zero-earning year count toward their Social Security. This means women on average receive \$4,000 less annually than men once they start collecting Social Security.

A good financial plan and budget can help you through these times so you can give your full attention to the ones you love and enjoy your retirement when the time comes.

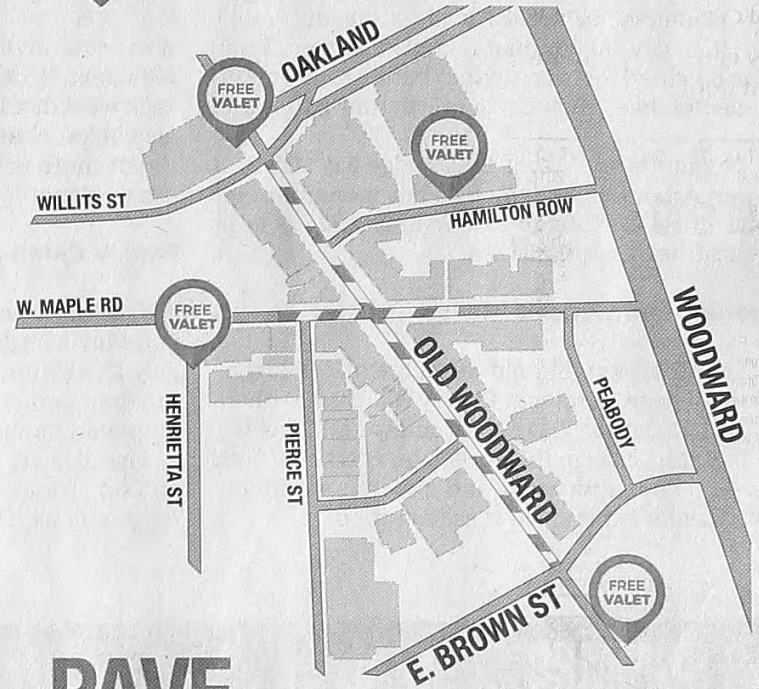


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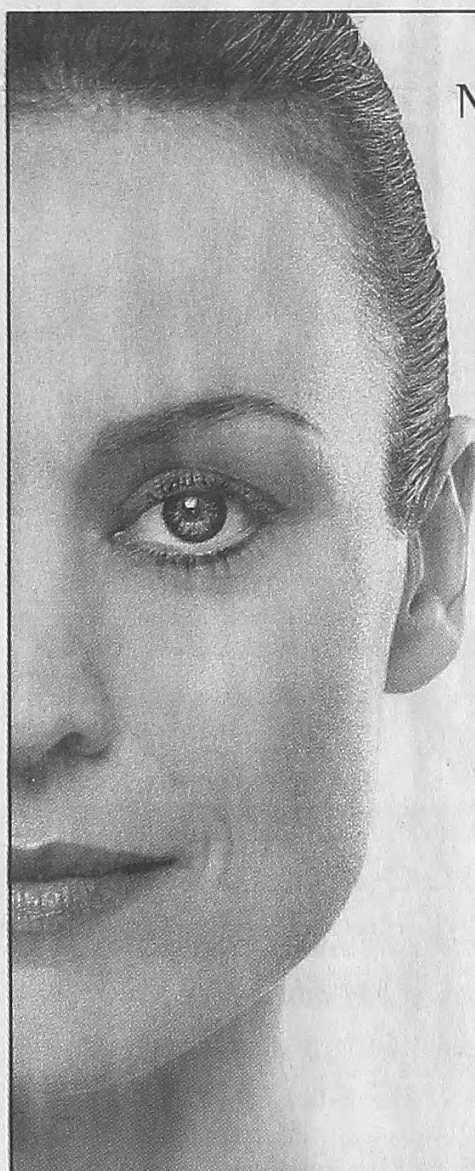


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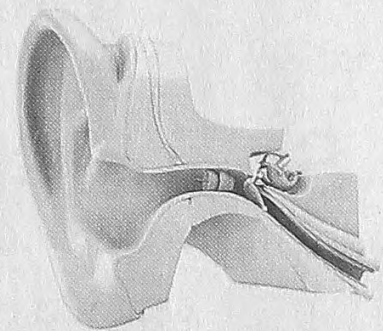
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**Parade helpers wanted**

The Kiwanis of Colonial Plymouth, which sponsors Plymouth's Fourth of July parade, is looking for kids in grades 3-12 to help carry banners for this year's parade. The kids should meet at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, July 4, in the shopping plaza next to the railroad tracks, across from Bode's restaurant. Kiwanis provides free T-shirts to wear. The group is looking for 70 volunteers.

For more info and to sign up go to, <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/10c0a49acab22a3f94-2018>.

**Music at the Elks**

July at the Elks brings the West Side Ramblers, who provide free entertainment playing Dixieland/bluegrass music 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 5, at burger night. Limited menu available. The group is made up of Morgan Humecky on vocals, lead guitar and banjo; Sherry Humecky on the hammered dulcimer; Brian Newsom on chord melody/rhythm banjo; Kim Dominick on electric bass; Bob Ervin on rhythm guitar and vocals.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to [www.plyaa325.com](http://www.plyaa325.com) or email [jazzattheelks@gmail.com](mailto:jazzattheelks@gmail.com).

**'Oklahoma!' auditions at Village Theater**

Spotlight Players will hold auditions for "Oklahoma!" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton 7-10 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, July 9-10. Enter through the backstage entrance. Both nights will be open for adult and children auditions. Previous theater experience is not required.



Art in the Park will return July 13-15 to downtown Plymouth.

Those auditioning for leads should prepare a song from "Oklahoma!" Those auditioning for ensemble will be taught a short section from "Oklahoma!" An accompanist will be provided. A dance combination will be taught at auditions. Scene readings will take place at auditions.

"Oklahoma!" runs Friday through Sunday, Sept. 14-16 and 21-23. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday performances at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 to \$18 and can be purchased at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org), by phone at 734-394-5300, ext. 3, or at the box office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each weekday. If any tickets are still available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to show time.

For more information, call 734-480-4945 or go to [admin@spotlightplayersmi.org](mailto:admin@spotlightplayersmi.org).

**Family Camp-out & Movie Night**

Canton Leisure Services annual Family Camp-out and Movie Night will be held starting at 6 p.m. Friday, July 13, at Heritage Park, located west of Canton Center Road and south of Cherry Hill Road, featuring the animated movie "Moana," rated PG.

Families are invited to celebrate the great outdoors and set up tents on the north side of Heritage Park near the pavilions. There will be plenty of activities, includ-

ing inflatable bouncers, s'more making, family games and more. Face painting will be available for a nominal fee. Crusin' Custom Cones will be on-site.

In the event of severe inclement weather, the movie may be suspended or canceled. A grand prize will also be awarded to the best decorated Hawaiian-themed campsite.

Campers and RVs will be allowed to participate, but no electricity will be available. Set-up of tents and campers will begin at noon Friday, July 13. No advance reservation is necessary and the \$21 camping fee will be collected on-site the day of the event; cash only. If you would like to take part in the activities and movie but are not interested in camping-out, wristbands will be on sale for \$6 per participant (does not include face painting, refreshments and concessions). Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea of Canton will also be on-site with breakfast items for sale Saturday, July 14.

For more information, call 734-394-5460 or go to [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

**Art in the Park**

Art In The Park will return to downtown Plymouth for a 39th year, Friday through Sunday, July 13-15. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

More than 400 artists, including 75 new artists, will exhibit a wide selection of paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, fiber, glass, woodwork, photography, folk art and much more. The event will include an assortment of activities for the entire family, including live entertainment in Kellogg Park and the surrounding streets, a variety of food, live art demonstrations and several activities for the kids, including face painting, candy art, candle making and more.

Visitors are encouraged to take the round-trip shuttle service. The shuttles will run continuously all weekend from the South Lot at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, in Livonia. Shuttle fee is \$3. Kids ages 12 and under ride free.

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## Kathleen Elizabeth Phelan Vollmer

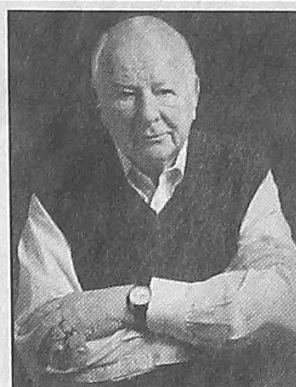
PLEASANT RIDGE - Kathleen Elizabeth Phelan Vollmer November 19, 1956 – June 15, 2018 Kathleen Vollmer died at her home in Pleasant Ridge, Michigan, on June 15, 2018. She was born in San Pedro, California, on November 19, 1956, the youngest of four children born to Hubert S. and Katherine R. Phelan. Kathleen and her older siblings grew up in southern California, in Portuguese Bend and Rancho Palos Verdes. The four Phelan children attended Marymount School of Palos Verdes. Kathleen spent 12 years at Marymount, graduating from high school in 1974. She then studied at Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and earned a degree in psychology in 1977. While on a Kalamazoo study-abroad program in Spain, Kathleen met Thomas Vollmer. Kathleen and Tom married in 1979. In the early years of their marriage, they lived in New Jersey, Pittsburgh, and San Diego. Kathleen spent several years as a special education teacher. While living in San Diego, she completed a training program for paralegals and then worked as a paralegal. In 1995, Kathleen and Tom made the momentous decision to move to the Detroit, Michigan, area so that Kathleen could begin working for Roura Iron Works, a family-owned business that was founded by Kathleen's grandfather, Joseph J. Roura. The company was owned and operated by three generations of the family for more than 90 years, until it was sold in 2008. Kathleen served as an office manager, vice president, and member of the board of directors of Roura for 15 years. In 2010, she resigned her position at Roura and began working as a teacher's aide in special education for the Ferndale Public Schools, where she continued to work until shortly before her death. Soon after their move to Michigan, Kathleen and Tom purchased and renovated a home in Pleasant Ridge. In 2001, they traveled to Minsk, Belarus, where they adopted their daughter, Anna Christine. Kathleen devoted herself to raising Anna, and on June 4 she proudly watched Anna graduate from Ferndale High School. Kathleen will be remembered for her generous spirit, her quick sense of humor, and her beautiful smile. She will be greatly missed by her family. She is survived by her husband Tom, her daughter Anna, her brother James Phelan, and her sisters Frances Roach and Angelina Woolley. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hubert and Katherine Phelan. A committal service will be held Friday, June 29, at 11 a.m. at Greenwood Cemetery, Oak Avenue, Birmingham, Michigan.



## Beattie Mary Brown

ROYAL OAK - Beattie Mary Brown "Bunny", aged 80, suddenly June 20, 2018, Royal Oak, MI. Resident of Beverly Hills over 35 years. Tireless volunteer & proponent of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO). Beloved wife of the late William K. ("Ken"). Beloved sister of Susan & George Giffin. Dear Aunt of Karen (Bobby Sr.) Jackson & great aunt of; Bobby Jackson Jr., Christina Hagan, Lisa & Isaac Jackson. Leaves countless treasured friends. Mary will be sorely missed. Visit at The Fisher Funeral Home, 24501 Five Mile Road, Redford Twp. (313) 535-3030, Tuesday, June 26 from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. Mrs. Beattie will lie in state Wednesday 10 a.m. until 11 a.m., June 27 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, 48201, time of service. A memorial reception to follow immediately in the atrium. Burial will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Mich at a later time. [WWW.fisherfuneralhome.net](http://WWW.fisherfuneralhome.net)

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## Paul William Czamanske Jr.

- - Age 90 June 24, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Barbara Czamanske. Loving father of Paul William Czamanske III of Glen Arbor, MI; Elizabeth Stoik of Elmhurst, IL; Peter Czamanske of Glen Ellyn, IL; and Maria Stuart of McMinnville, OR. Also survived by their children's spouses, ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, MI, Monday, July 2nd at 11am. Friends may visit at the church beginning at 10am. Memorials appreciated to Compass Group, Ltd., Paul and Barbara Czamanske Endowed Scholarship fund at Wayne State or the Czamanske Family Endowed Scholarship at Valparaiso University. Obituary & condolences at [lynchfuneraldirectors.com](http://lynchfuneraldirectors.com)

## Phyllis Mary Williams

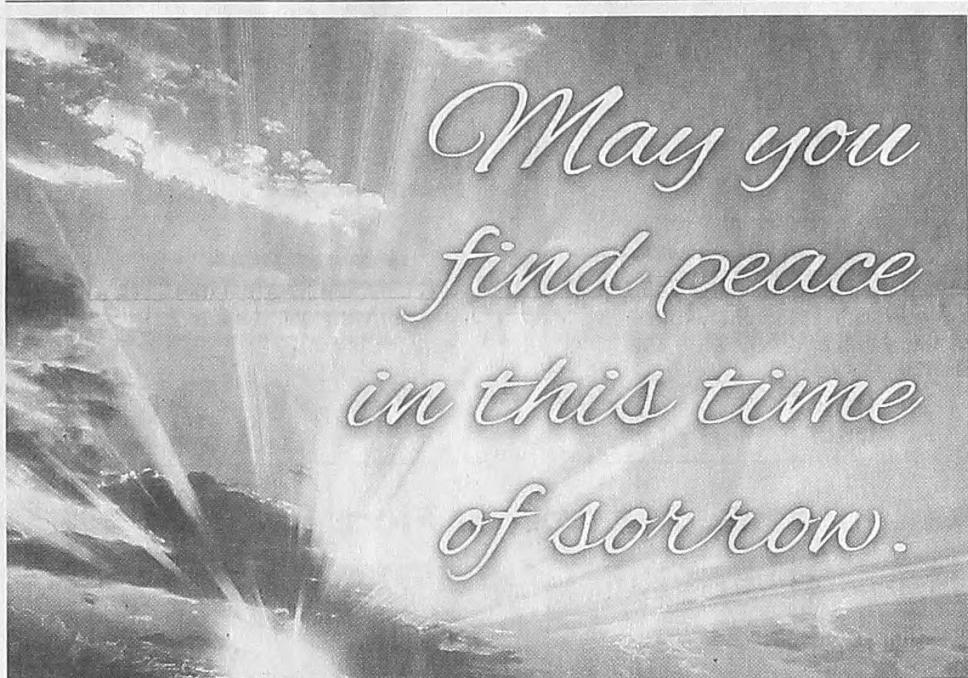
LIVONIA - Passed away on June 24, 2018 at the age of 93. Longtime resident of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late James Williams. Loving mother of Karen (Roger) Eckert, Celeste (Stephen) Chantelois, and Kathy Fisher. Dear grandmother of Barbara (Mark) Buchanan, Curtis Eckert, and Lisa Lang. Cherished great-grandmother of Nathan Buchanan, Nicholas Buchanan, Deanna Buchanan, Erin Buchanan, Eric Lang, and Adam Lang. Phyllis leaves behind many loving family members and friends. Funeral services were held. In loving memory of Phyllis memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. Please share memories at [fredwoodfuneralhome.com](http://fredwoodfuneralhome.com)



## Elizabeth C. "Betty" Haines

REDFORD TWP. - Age 98, passed peacefully June 25, 2018. Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Services have been held. Arrangements entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

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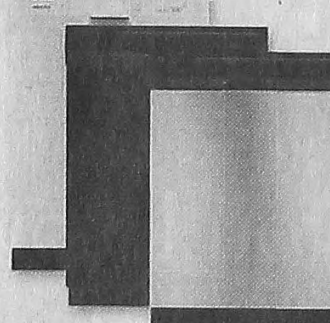
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## Churchill's Hage is state's top A.D.

Will be honored next March by the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

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Some might say Marc Hage was born to be an athletic director, but he didn't exactly see it that way.

"That wasn't my intention and it wasn't, I was going to be an attorney and go that route," Hage said. "But it worked out for the best for me."

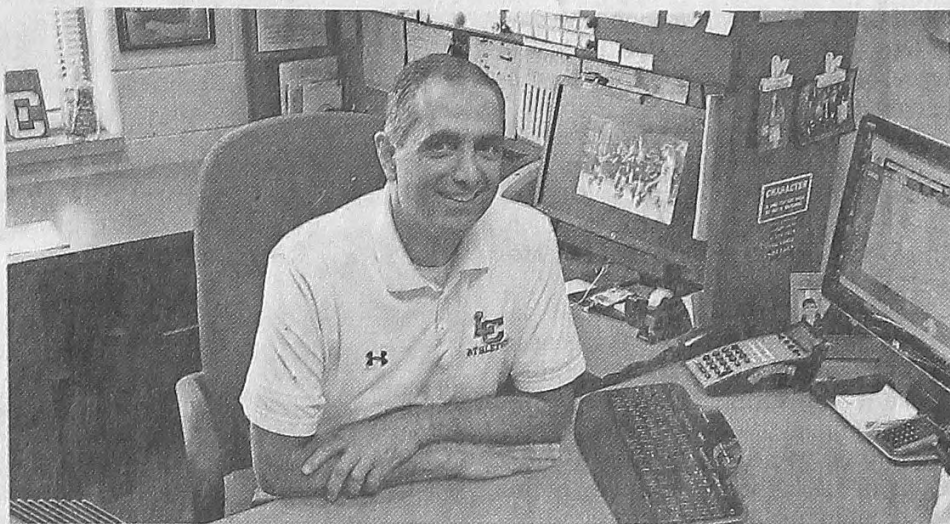
After completing his 21st season as Livonia Churchill High's A.D., Hage was recognized by his peers when the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association recently announced

he'll receive the organization's highest honor as its state Athletic Director of the Year.

Hage, 58 and a 1977 Churchill grad, will be recognized by the MIAAA during its annual meeting next March in Traverse City. Hage was also saluted Monday night during the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education meeting.

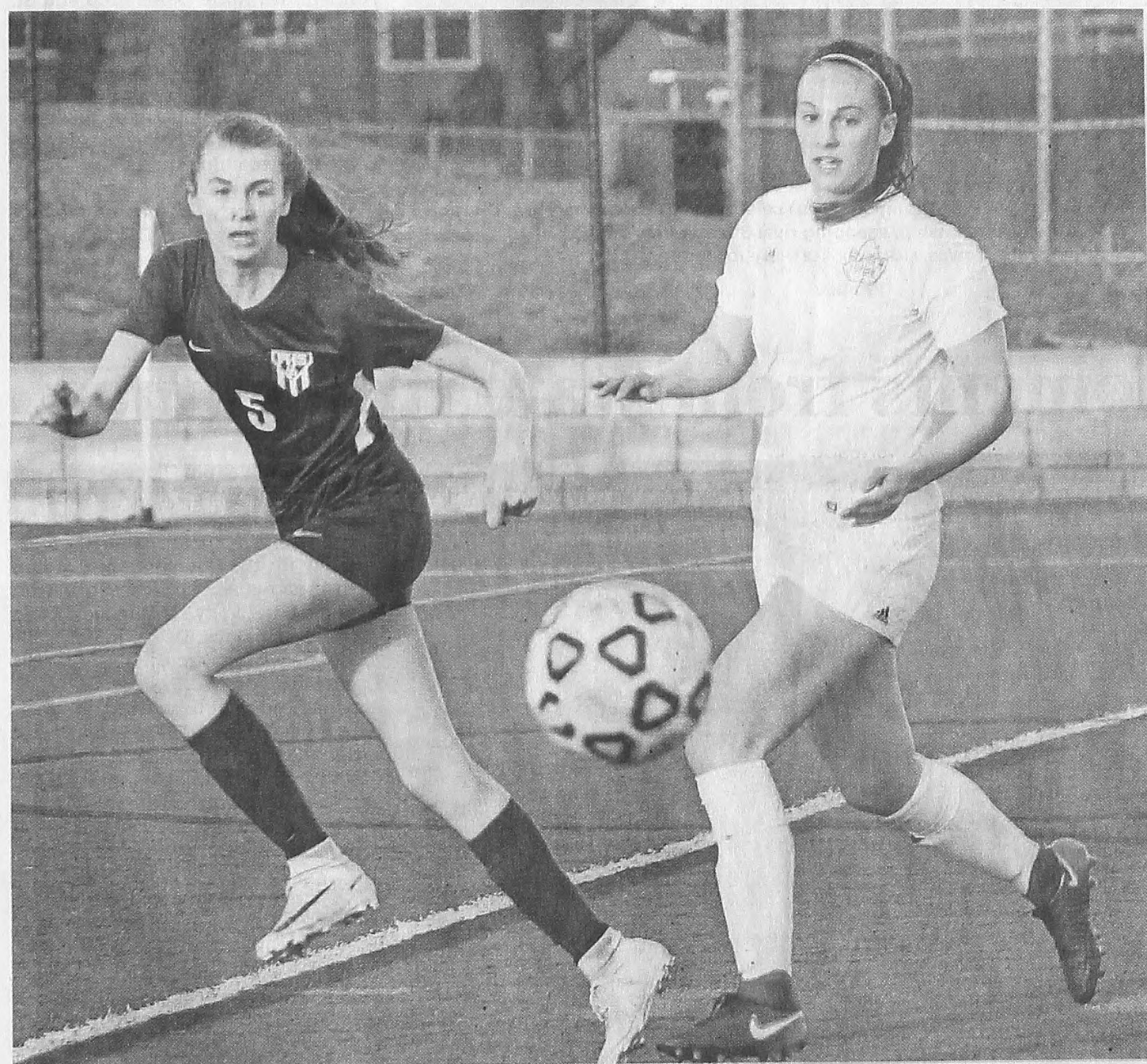
"It means that I had an awful lot of help," Hage said. "I've been able work in a lot of different facets, I guess, in athletic administration, but it probably means that I've had a good deal of sup-

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Churchill's Marc Hage has been named the state's Athletic Director of the Year by the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. BRAD EMMONS

GIRLS SOCCER



Seaholm's talented senior center midfielder Zoe Gaffney (right) was named the MHSSCA's 2018 Miss Soccer award winner. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Seaholm senior Gaffney wins Miss Soccer award

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Manny Rodrigues will tell you Zoe Gaffney's most redeeming quality is her humility. Here's why.

When Seaholm's head coach called to inform Gaffney she was voted the 2018 Miss Soccer by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association, the All-State Dream Team player's immediate response was:

"Coach, I've got an amazing group of teammates."

While Gaffney is quick to deflect the credit, the bottom line is the state's soccer coaches directed all the praise right to the Maples standout.

Gaffney is the 34th player to win Miss Soccer, which was established in

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PRO HOCKEY

## Pro hockey career chance consumes Canton teen

**Tim Smith**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The quest for a pro hockey career consumes Alex Cannon and he doesn't mind if he winds up going to Alaska to make it happen.

Cannon, 18, recently finished the 2017-18 season playing for Victory Honda in Canton (a AAA midget-major program) and sharpened all aspects of his game through drills and practices with Total Package Hockey.

The Canton resident skated each morning and afternoon at Viking Ice Arena in Hazel Park, where Total Package Hockey was located during 2017-18.

Augmenting ice time were strength and conditioning sessions at the arena, as well as forays into Advanced Placement biology and other advanced classes through the Michigan Connections Academy — a public, online

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Alex Cannon sharpened up his on-ice skills during 2017-18 through Total Package Hockey. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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# Area schools: 12 state champs, three with three titles each

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The Michigan High School Athletic Association crowned 129 state champions during its three-season 2017-18 sports calendar.

Of the 98 Michigan schools that won at least one state title, a dozen of them represented the expansive hometownlife.com area.

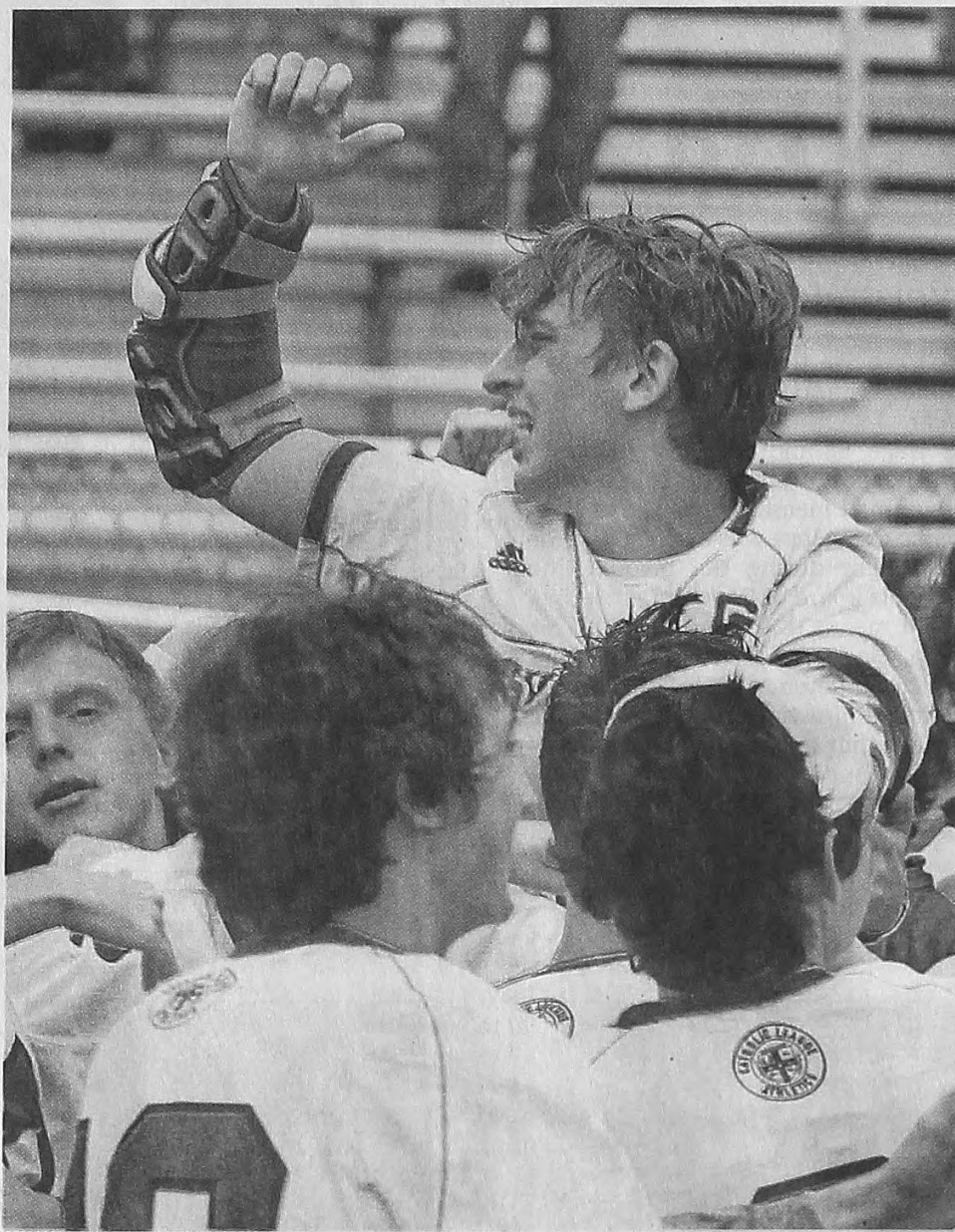
Detroit Country Day, Detroit Catholic Central and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood led the local Parade of Champions with three crowns each. They were among seven schools statewide that captured three state titles.

Catholic Central's three titles occurred during each season — soccer in the fall, wrestling in the winter and lacrosse in the spring. Cranbrook Kingswood's state-title teams also were spaced out over three seasons — boys tennis in the fall, girls swimming in the winter and girls lacrosse in the spring.

The Yellowjackets won two state titles during the winter season (girls basketball and boys hockey) and another during the spring (girls tennis).

Novi, with titles in girls soccer and volleyball, was among a group of 22 MHSAA schools that landed two state championships this year.

The area's other schools that added a state championship trophy to their case included Bloomfield Hills Marian (soccer), Farmington Hills Mercy (swimming), Bloomfield Hills (boys tennis), Northville (girls tennis), Birmingham Seaholm (girls tennis), Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart (girls tennis), Farmington United (gymnastics) and Plymouth Christian Academy (volleyball).



Catholic Central's Peter Thompson (top) celebrates the program's first Division 1 lacrosse state championship, snapping rival Brother Rice's streak of 13 consecutive state crowns. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Following are a few other interesting facts regarding MHSAA state titles this year:

■ A total of 33 teams won their first MHSAA title in their respective sport.

■ A total of 45 champions were repeat winners from 2016-17-18 of those winning for a least the third straight season, while nine extended title streaks to four consecutive years.

■ Hart's girls cross country team celebrated its first MHSAA championship in school history by winning the Division 3 meet last fall. Hart then doubled that number by winning the girls track and field title this spring.

■ Brother Rice's streak of 13 boys lacrosse state championships — which had been the state's longest consecutive string of state titles — ended this season. Petoskey's boys ski team took over the longest streak at eight seasons. The Marquette boys ski team and Rockford girls lacrosse team share the second-longest winning streak with six straight state championships.

■ The other schools beside Novi that captured two state championships this year include Bronson, Clarkston, Detroit Edison, East Grand Rapids, Grosse Pointe South, Hanover-Horton, Hudson, Iron River Western Iron County, Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart, Ontonagon, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep and St. Ignace.

■ Sixteen of the MHSAA's 28 championships are unified, involving teams from the Upper and Lower Peninsulas, while separate competition to determine titlists in both peninsulas is conducted in remaining sports.

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## PREP ATHLETICS

## Super six moments from state title games

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Of the 98 Michigan schools which won at least one Michigan High School Athletic Association team state championship during the 2017-18 school year, a dozen of them represented the expansive hometownlife.com area.

Detroit Country Day (girls basketball, boys hockey, girls tennis), Detroit Catholic Central (wrestling, lacrosse, soccer) and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood (girls lacrosse, girls swimming, boys tennis) led the local Parade of Champions with three crowns each.

Novi (girls soccer, volleyball) won two championships, while Birmingham Seaholm (girls tennis), Farmington United (gymnastics), Bloomfield Hills Marian (soccer), Farmington Mercy (swimming), Bloomfield Hills (boys tennis), Northville (girls tennis), Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart (tennis) and Plymouth Christian Academy (volleyball) accounted for the other team titles.

Following are our super six selected moments from those state championship runs:

### Fenchel's memorable goal

**What:** Girls soccer state championship game

**When:** June 15

**Where:** Williamston High School

Novi sophomore Avery Fenchel blasted home a goal she'll never forget in this year's game against Grand Blanc. The teams were locked in a scoreless tie through 76 minutes of action and overtime seemed imminent. With just 3:29 remaining, the talented forward sent in the eventual game-winner for the 1-0 upset victory. Grand Blanc entered the state final with just one loss and had defeated Novi earlier in the year, 3-1. Fenchel's goal avenged that earlier defeat and brought home the school's sixth soccer state title.

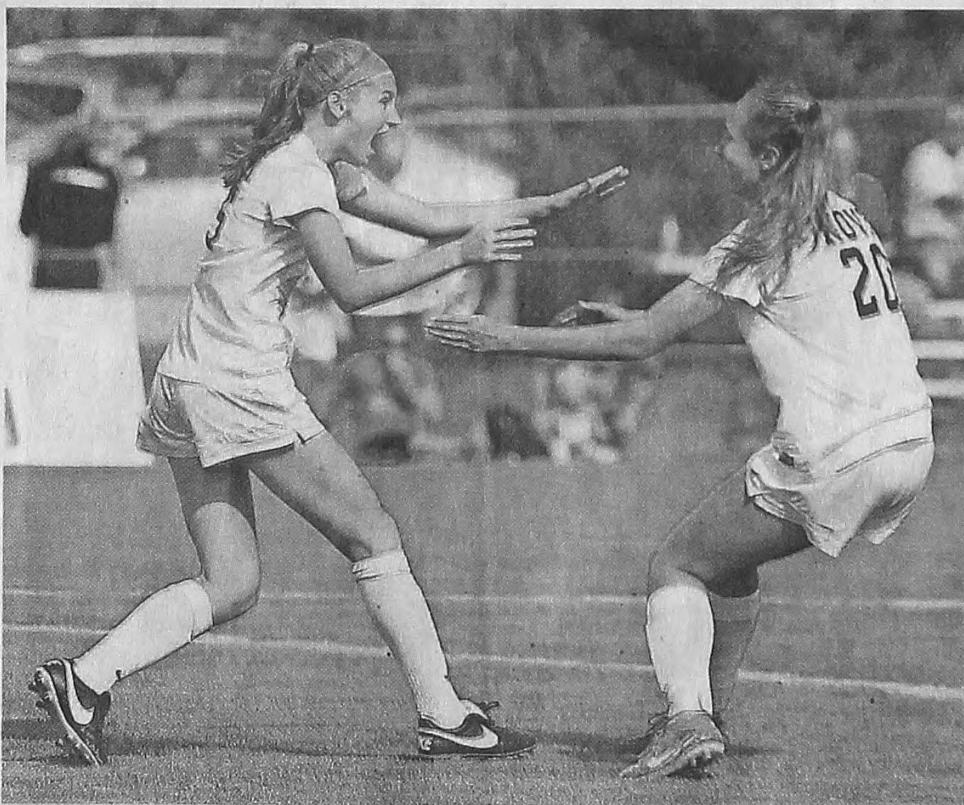
### CC snaps Rice's streak

**What:** Boys lacrosse state championship game

**When:** June 9

**Where:** Parker Middle School in Howell

Brother Rice ruled the world of prep lacrosse ever since the Michigan High School Athletic Association began sponsoring the sport in 2005. The War-



Novi's Avery Fenchel (left) celebrates her game-winning goal during the Division 1 state championship game with teammate Julia Stadtherr. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Detroit Country Day goalie Sam Evola gets a stick on a shot by Livonia Churchill's Carter Swider (3) during the third period of the Division 3 state championship game. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

riors had won every state championship — 13 in a row. Arch-rival Catholic Central snapped that incredible streak this season with a thrilling 11-10 triumph. CC's historic game-winning goal was scored by senior midfielder Ethan Patinson with three minutes remaining in regulation time.

### Catholic Central's unique title

**What:** Team wrestling state championships

**When:** Feb. 24

**Where:** Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo

It wasn't so much that Catholic Central captured the Division 1 wrestling team championship. After all, the Shamrocks were heavy favorites and rolled to their 14th title in program history, including their second straight and sixth in the past nine years. It was the way Catholic Central won. Top-seeded CC defeated Brighton with an improbable 57 to negative-1 score. Head coach Mitch Hancock's team won all 14 matches, capped by senior Rory Cox's 3-1 overtime win over Greyson Stevens at 189 pounds. The negative result came about when Brighton had a point deducted for unsportsmanlike conduct in the opening match.

### DCD pops Churchill's bubble

**What:** Boys hockey state championship game

**When:** March 10

**Where:** USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth

Livonia Churchill's hockey team got hot in the Division 3 tournament and advanced to the championship game for the first time in program history. Unfortunately for the Chargers, they ran up against an equally hot team in Detroit Country Day, led by sizzling Sam Evola between the pipes. DCD's junior goaltender played a key role in the 2-1 semifinal victory over top-ranked Hancock and bounced right back with a tremendous 30-save performance to knock out the Chargers in the title game. It marked Country Day's first hockey state crown since 1981. DCD finished the season with 22 straight victories en route to a 28-2-1 record.

### C-K's freshman phenom shines

**What:** Girls swimming and diving state championships

**When:** Nov. 18, 2017

**Where:** Eastern Michigan University  
Cranbrook Kingswood captured its first girls swimming state championship in five years and third in program history at EMU's Jones Pool. The Cranes dominated the competition by scoring 292 points, 85 better than runner-up Bloomfield Hills Marian. Cranbrook Kingswood's individual star was freshman phenom Gwen Woodbury. The talented tanker won both the 100- (51.53) and 200-yard (1:51.77) freestyle races. She also was a member of Cranbrook Kingswood's winning 200- and 400-yard freestyle relays.

### Seaholm: Double trouble

**What:** Girls tennis state championships

**When:** June 1-2

**Where:** Kalamazoo

Birmingham Seaholm captured the Division 2 championship, winning the crown for the fourth time in the past seven years. The Maples won all four doubles flights (and one singles flight) to finish with 34 points. Bloomfield Hills Marian scored 27 points to earn runner-up honors. One of the biggest doubles wins came at No. 1 flight, where the Maples duo of Layla Bellissimo and Emily Hirsch, seeded second, rolled past the top-seeded Marian team of Madison Dering and Gigi Kalabat, 6-0, 6-3. Bellissimo and Hirsch did not drop a set in four matches.

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AMATEUR GOLF

# Schulz wins Junior Girls State Amateur crown

Greg Johnson

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Mikaela Schulz of West Bloomfield started slowly June 24 in the 40th Michigan Junior Girls State Amateur Championship presented by Pepsi, but a putter switch did the trick and she turned back Shannon Kennedy of Beverly Hills in the championship match Wednesday at Forest Akers West.

"I did not play well the first day of stroke play — it wasn't my best golf," the 16-year-old senior-to-be at Bloomfield Hills High School said.

"I had switched putters about four

weeks ago and the new putter felt good, but I didn't drop anything. So I switched back to a putter I had used for about five years. It rolled some putts in. I was skeptical about changing in the middle of a tournament, but it was for the better."

Schulz, who topped Kennedy 4 and 3 in the final match, shot 69 for 146 Monday to earn medalist honors over Kennedy by one shot and then worked her way through the 16-golfer match play bracket to the title. She is the first golfer to garner both stroke play medalist honors and the championship since 2011, when Kelly Hartigan took home both trophies.

"After that first day, I just tried to play

my game and prove to myself what I could do with it," she said. "I had a good match with Shannon. I don't think she had her best game and I just didn't give anything away."

Schulz, last year's GAM Junior Girls Player of the Year, called it a big win.

"It's a big event for me and a step forward in where I want to go with my golf," she said. "I love winning GAM tournaments, too. They are so well-run and the volunteers are so nice and it just makes it special to win."

Schulz, who has already verbally committed to the University of Michigan golf program, beat Rachel Hu of Northville 2 and 1 in the semifinals to

earn her finals spot, while Kennedy topped Danielle Staskowski of Clarkston 3 and 2.

Grace Boczar of Canton won the 15-and-under division title, which featured an eight-golfer bracket after stroke play qualifying. Her sister Bridget was the medalist in stroke play and the top seed after shooting 72-79—151.

Grace beat Karli VanDuinen of Muskegon in 19 holes in the final match. It was VanDuinen who topped her sister Bridget in the first round of match play, 2-up.

A field of 110 golfers ages 18-and-under played for the two titles.

## Gaffney

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1984 to honor the state's premier prep soccer player. The talented senior center midfielder is the 15th Oakland County winner — the second ever from Seaholm. Heather Brown earned Miss Soccer honors in 1995 after leading the Maples to the Class A state championship.

"I was very excited. I was beyond excited," Gaffney said. "I wasn't really expecting it, so to get it was honestly an honor."

"I think with the help of my teammates is one reason why I won the award. They were really easy to work with and they were also very open and listening to when I was trying to help them in their game," she added. "I know the game pretty well and they were listening and I was able to show them what I know about soccer and it was fun."

### 'Humility is strength'

Rodrigues couldn't have been happier to see his unselfish star recognized with such a significant award.

"Her humility is a strength. There are very few people with that kind of talent who are able to be quite that humble and that's a refreshing sign for me," Rodrigues said. "The biggest thing she has is she's just a student of the game and

she's such a smart player.

"From the moment she sees the ball, she's able to see where the next play will develop from. There are very few players who are like that. Everything about her game enables her to be able to make the right ball, the right touch, at the right time."

"I would say her biggest talent on the field is the fact she sees the game ahead of every one else," he added. "As a result, she makes everyone around her better."

Gaffney played three years of varsity soccer at Seaholm and served as a team captain the past two years.

As a sophomore, Gaffney was named Seaholm's best midfielder after earning all-league and all-district honors. As a junior, she garnered all-region and all-state recognition while earning accolades as Seaholm's Most Valuable Player. She scored a dozen goals last year to capture the Golden Boot award as Seaholm's leading scorer.

This past season, Gaffney, blessed with size and strength, was a scoring threat every time on the pitch.

Gaffney finished with a team-high 22 goals and eight assists. She posted a season-high four goals against Farmington and indicated another highlight was scoring twice in a 4-2 win over district rival Birmingham Groves.

### Undefeated over two years

In addition, Gaffney helped lead Sea-

holm to a second straight undefeated regular season at 19-0-3 en route to the OAA White Division championship. Last year, the Maples enjoyed a 12-0-4 regular season.

Seaholm logged a combined 42-4-9 record during Gaffney's three varsity seasons for an impressive .760 winning percentage.

"Our season was amazing. We went undefeated for the second year in a row and, honestly, it just shows how much the team worked together and trusted in each other," Gaffney said. "Great teamwork can really make a team amazing. And I loved playing with these girls the past three years, because I didn't play my freshman year."

"Honestly, high school wouldn't have been the same without them and the season would not have been as fun and exciting as it was," she added.

Gaffney will take her soccer and academic talents to Liberty University in Virginia.

While she had considered a number of other schools, Gaffney felt a special affinity to Liberty since the first time she visited the campus for a soccer camp. She committed to the Flames the summer before her junior year and officially signed a national letter of intent last December.

"It came down to what school I really wanted to go to and who I want to be as a person when I grow up and leave college and not playing soccer anymore," said

Gaffney, who will leave July 6 for a freshman summer camp at Liberty. "I just saw Liberty as a great school for me to be the person I want to be and be successful in everything. I'm very excited to get there."

Rodrigues said Gaffney's Miss Soccer award has helped to put Seaholm in the soccer spotlight.

"It is a huge accomplishment, obviously for her, but it's good for Seaholm too," Rodrigues said. "When I started six years ago, I wanted to elevate Seaholm's program. There's only so much I can do. You obviously need the talent."

"I met Zoe as a sophomore. She didn't play as a freshman because she was finishing out her club soccer. From the moment I saw her play, I knew she was one of those players who just had it. She took off each year from a sophomore to junior and now this year, as a senior, she had the stats."

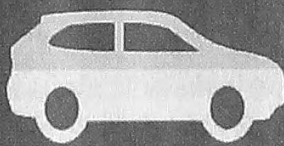
"She is never greedy. I value assists like I do goals, because I don't want people to be greedy. Last year, she had more assists than goals and, this year, she had more goals than assists."

"She is not only a very good player, but she's also an unselfish player," he added. "She's just a joy to be around."

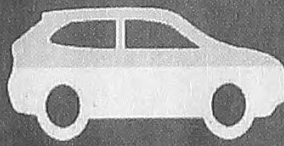
Liberty will soon find that out.

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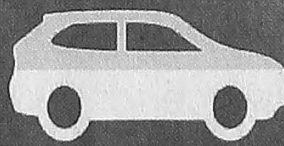
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## Cannon

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school that enables highly motivated athletes such as Cannon the time and flexibility to pursue the best of both worlds.

"I think it's helped me immensely this year and last year," said Cannon, who is intent on landing a berth with the Fairbanks (Alaska) Ice Dogs of the North American Hockey League, the only USA Hockey-sanctioned Tier II junior league. "Because as you get older, you want to continue on with your hockey career."

"It's going to be tough, because you're going to have to miss a lot of school. But with Michigan Connections Academy, you can bring school to you. You can work wherever you want and get a lot more done, work ahead so you can focus on hockey as well."

### Go west, young man

High school is over now, which Cannon aced with a cumulative 4.58 grade-point average. College is high on his wish list, but the first box he wants to check off is playing in the NAHL.

It doesn't count that the Helena (Mon.) Bighorns of the NA3HL drafted him in early June; the NA3HL is a Tier III junior league that provides players to the NAHL.

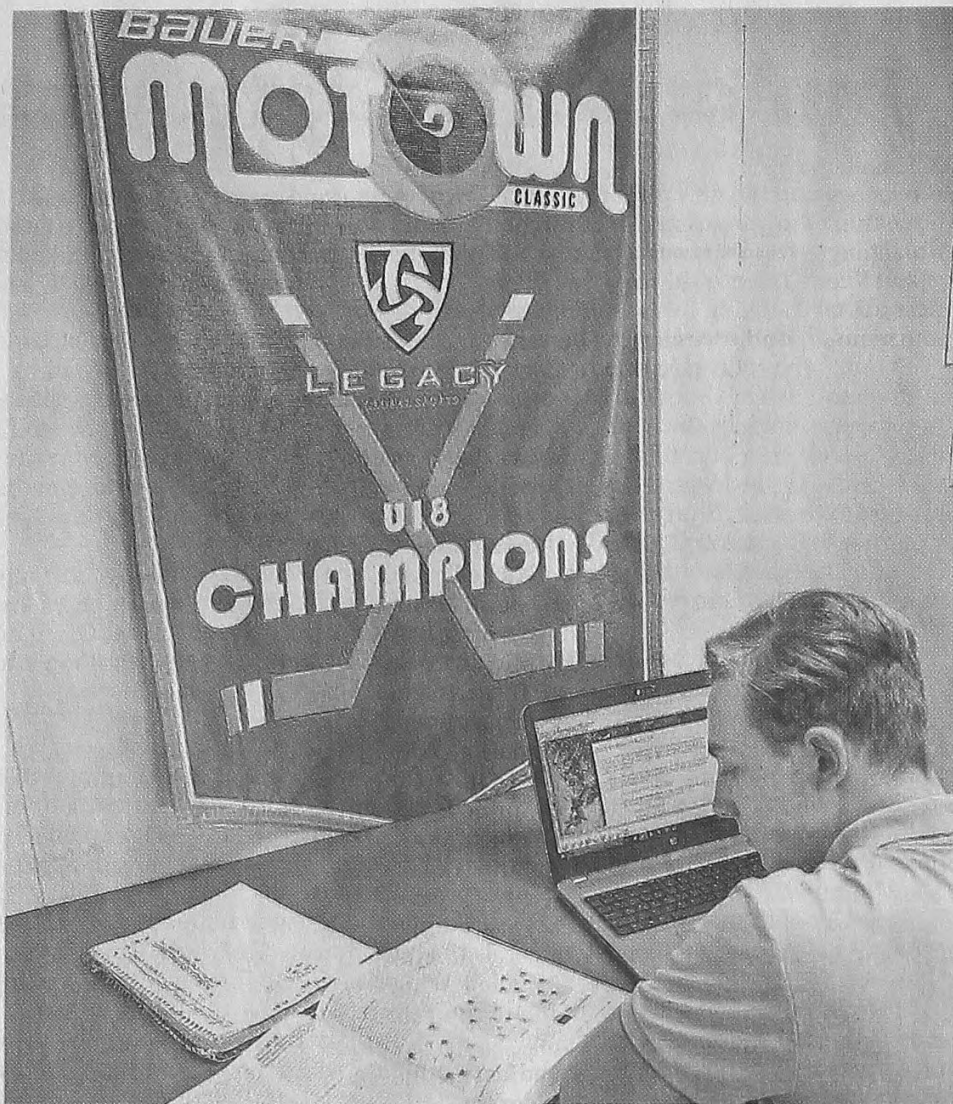
"I've kind of been talking to a few teams in the NAHL (about trying out during the summer) and I guess that's the route I want to go, because it's more my playing style," Cannon said, adding that he strives to play a good two-way game with equal attention to offense and defense. "And I've been talking to Fairbanks. They have a really cool program and they did really well this year."

"I've been thinking about how much fun it would be to go to Alaska. You'd be able to fish and play hockey. Live your dream, basically."

He wouldn't mind the NAHL style, either: "There's a lot of good offensive and defensive players, more of a hard-working league and have to earn everything you get."

If an NAHL team doesn't choose him for 2018-19, Cannon could still play for the Bighorns. And with his exemplary high school performance, college hockey also could be a possibility.

"My main goal is I want to go to an Ivy



Plowing through his final day of exams before finishing his senior year with Michigan Connections Academy is Alex Cannon. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

League school," Cannon said. "Because if you don't succeed in hockey and don't make it further after college, you still have a plan set up education-wise. So I could succeed either way."

Following a demanding, rigorous course is nothing new for Cannon.

"I have such a big passion for what I'm doing. It kind of trumps if my body's tired," said Cannon, who in addition to all his hockey and schoolwork commutes to visit his girlfriend in Kalamazoo. "It doesn't feel like it to me. I just focus on getting better and achieving things."

### Backing it up

Achievement for Cannon isn't just getting by with classes, either. It's going

for the Grade A gusto.

Professional hockey might be his dream career, but he's grounded enough to know odds are stacked against him. That's why he has a supreme backup plan: go for a college degree from an Ivy League college.

"I used to live in Kalamazoo (in grades 9-10), so I went to Portage Central High School," Cannon said. "And so over there, they would set you up to do the Ivy diploma. I never got the chance to do that. But when I came over here, I got to take AP classes, which are equivalent to the Ivy diploma over there."

He gives Total Package Hockey the primary assist for how he was able to keep both skates on the ice during his challenging senior year.

"If I want to get better in the class-

room, then I need to focus my energy on my schoolwork," Cannon said. "If I want to get better on the ice, then I need to put all my energy out there."

Hockey always has been in the family DNA, of course. Cannon's dad Mike played varsity hockey at Detroit Catholic Central when it was located of Redford Township. Unfortunately for the elder Cannon, he blew out a knee during his senior season.

"I started skating when I was around 2 years old," he said. "And started playing competitively when I was 5 or 6 (with the Kalamazoo K-Wings). I just loved the adrenaline rush when you're out there."

With the support and financial help from parents Mike and Lauren, hockey stops between the K-Wings and Victory Honda have included the Michigan Nationals, West Michigan Hounds, Compuware U-15 and Oakland Grizzlies.

### 'Total' help

And Cannon acknowledges that not every young player has the opportunity to play in a program such as Total Package Hockey, which costs about \$12,000 per season.

"Basically, (his parents) have the same vision as me," Cannon said. "They want me to pursue my dream of playing hockey."

When he was at Viking Ice Arena, meanwhile, Cannon was guided by former NHL player Damian Surma (on-ice skills coach and mentor for Total Package Hockey).

Surma, who played two seasons for the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes during the early 2000s, stressed that players such as Cannon know they have to put in the work or pay for it later, both on the ice and in the classroom.

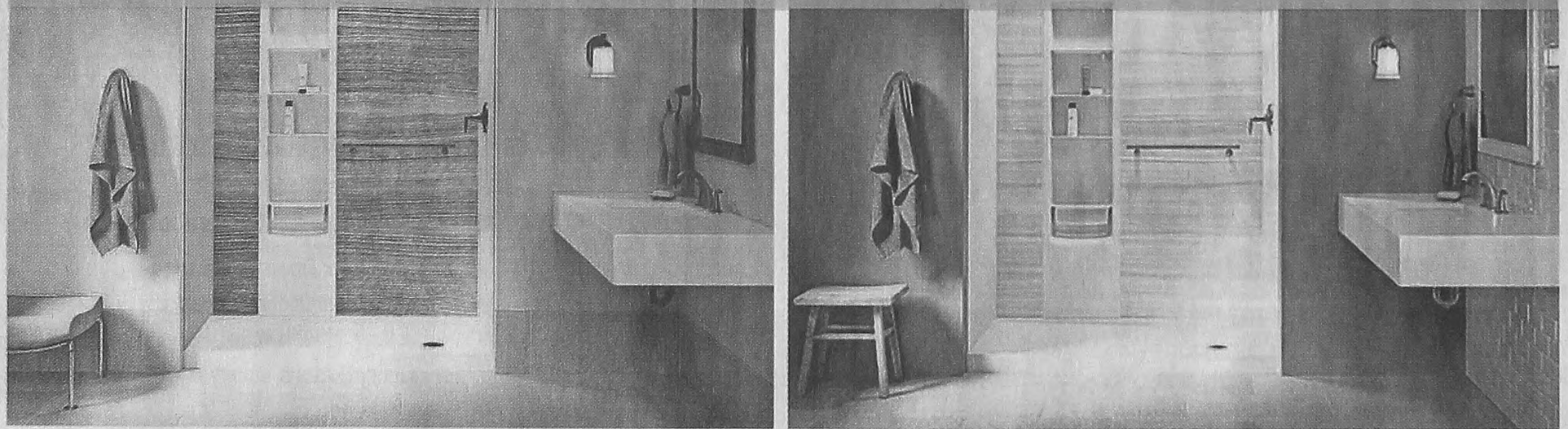
But with Total Package Hockey and Michigan Connections Academy forming a solid combo, the framework is there to tap into for success.

"You know what?" Surma said. "It's allowed these kids the flexibility to go on a trip and come back and stay home from school and not get in trouble because they missed so many days."

"They can work at their pace and a lot of the kids take advantage of that."

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# Hage

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port throughout the years. It means that colleagues recognize what you do, which is always nice to be acknowledged. It's not why we do it. But I've always tried to give back. That's important, whether it's teaching classes or doing something in the community, but I've always felt that you should give back, so I guess this always meant a lot to me, but I've always tried to reciprocate."

After graduating from Michigan State in 1982 with B.A. degree in communication and a business minor, Hage attended Cooley Law School for a year and also worked as an account executive for Kenyon & Eckhardt, Cunningham & Walsh Advertising in Chicago for four years before deciding to take a different career path.

"When I got out of my undergrad, I was going to law school at Cooley up in East Lansing, but the whole time I was was doing that I was working with youth groups," Hage said. "I was working with some kids at Michigan State. And while I enjoyed law school, my experience and I learned a lot, it kept coming back to teaching, coaching, working with kids. I thought to myself, I can't do this at this stage of my career, but then I said, 'Why can't I?'"

And while he was working in Chicago in advertising and helping coach a semi-pro baseball team in Arlington Heights, Hage came to the realization he wanted to teach and coach.

"I guess what keeps me going is seeing when you make a connection with kids, that's probably the biggest thing," Hage said. "When I worked in advertising, you wouldn't see such tangible results. But when you make a contact and a connection with kids and you see that the light goes on with them that they've had a positive, successful experience, that's a big thing for me."

In 1987, Hage went back to MSU to earn a B.S. in physical education before going on to teach in the Berkley and Holt school districts. In 1990, Hage was hired as an elementary and high school physical education instructor in Livonia, where he also coached baseball and basketball.

Known for his meticulous organizational skills, Hage became Churchill's athletic director in 1997.

During the 2001-02 school year, Hage took a slight detour in his career when he was hired on 9/11 to become the new human resources director by then LPS Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Watson.

But after one year on the job, Hage decided to return to athletic administration.

"Don't get me wrong, great experience," Hage said. "Learned a lot about contract law, learned a lot about different aspects in human resources and employment, but my whole time there I missed working with kids, missed working in the building, missed working with coaches and missed working with parents ... and so I knew probably early on in my stint there that I would want to come back into athletic administration."

**"I want kids having to walk out of here having a positive, successful experience, making that connection, have them come back for more. That's kind of what keeps me going."**

**Marc Hage**  
Churchill athletic director

And (Watson) did give me that caveat at the beginning and he gave me that flexibility that if it wasn't something I was 100-percent enamored that I could come back to Churchill. I'm grateful he gave me that opportunity and let him know that I would want to come back. But that experience was invaluable and it worked very well."

During his 21-year run as Churchill's A.D., Hage has been named the MIAAA's Region II Athletic Director of the Year twice (2002 and 2011). He also was awarded the MIAAA's George Lovich State Award of Merit (2014) and the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Allen W. Bush Award (2015).

He has also served as past president of the Western Lakes Activities Association and Kensington Lakes Activities Association (2014 to present). He is the KLAA's commissioner for boys and girls soccer. Hage was also instrumental in transition phase from the WLAA to the KLAA in 2007-08.

Hage is also a parent of high school athletes and likes to keep the athletic experience in perspective. His two older sons, Joe, 23, and Jake, 21, were both involved in sports at Churchill, while his daughter Meredith, who will be at junior this fall at Stevenson, plays soccer and basketball.

Hage remains steadfast in his core values when running an athletic program.

"Everybody likes to win, especially at the varsity level, but that's about priority No. 4 or 5 for me," he said. "I want kids having to walk out of here having a positive, successful experience, making that connection, have them come back for more. That's kind of what keeps me going. This business is about relationships and having a strong relationship with all those people ... with coaches, with parents, with the kids, with teams. That's the big thing, so that's probably my No. 1 motivation."

In the age of specialization in youth sports, Hage has also tried to encourage multi-sport participation at the high school level.

"There are probably a lot more opportunities that have been out there than there haven't been before," Hage said. "And what I mean by that is the opportunity to play at the next level, the opportunity to play year-round in different sports, the opportunity to specialize — and don't get me wrong, those are really nice things for some kids. But I don't think you throw that blanket over every kid and say they all want a college scholarship, they all want to specialize. So I like that the high schools are taking some of that back. They're allowing kids to be multi-sport athletes. They're allow-

ing kids to enjoy themselves while they're in their season and not having to worry about playing a certain sport for 12 months. And I think we've kind of taken that back and, basically, let a kid be a kid and let them enjoy as many different opportunities as possible during their high school years, which I think is important."

During his time at Churchill, Hage has also served the a number of committee roles with both the MIAAA and MHSAA.

He has worked closely with outgoing MHSAA Director Jack Roberts, who will be retiring officially on July 1.

"I worked with him in certain areas and I liked his leadership and I'm very happy for him that he's going to get to enjoy retirement," Hage said. "He did it for longer than probably a lot of people thought he would, but I'm also in the same vain very excited about Mark Uyl (new MHSAA executive director) and what he's going to bring forward and what he's going to do. A lot of the things he'll continue, but I'm excited about him. I think he's got a good team in place. He knows the business. I'm happy we hired somebody from within, in this case, because Mark has kind have been Jack's right-hand man for a long time, so I don't think we'll miss a beat. But I hope, not like any other organization, that he also puts his stamp on it, works toward developing some new things that will help move us forward and continue to be one of the leaders in the nation."

Construction is underway this summer to install a new synthetic surface football/soccer field at Churchill, along with repairs to the track and Hage is looking forward to his 22nd season as the school's A.D.

"We'll also have a new baseball infield, which will be very similar to what you see at the University of Michigan where the skin areas are turf, and it will be turfed all the way back to the backstop," Hage said. "We'll have new fencing all around the area. Softball will get a new turf outfield and dugouts. We're also changing our logo and signage. There's a lot going on outside, facility-wise. I'm excited about it at this time and I'm excited about our new tennis courts, which came about last fall."

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### When do you need a resume versus a CV?

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If you're on the hunt for a new job, you know the competition for available openings is tough, no matter what field you hope to enter.

This means that when you're applying for a position that seems to match your background, skill set and interests, you need to make absolutely sure that your presentation and approach are razor sharp — this includes making sure that you follow the requirements for applying precisely.

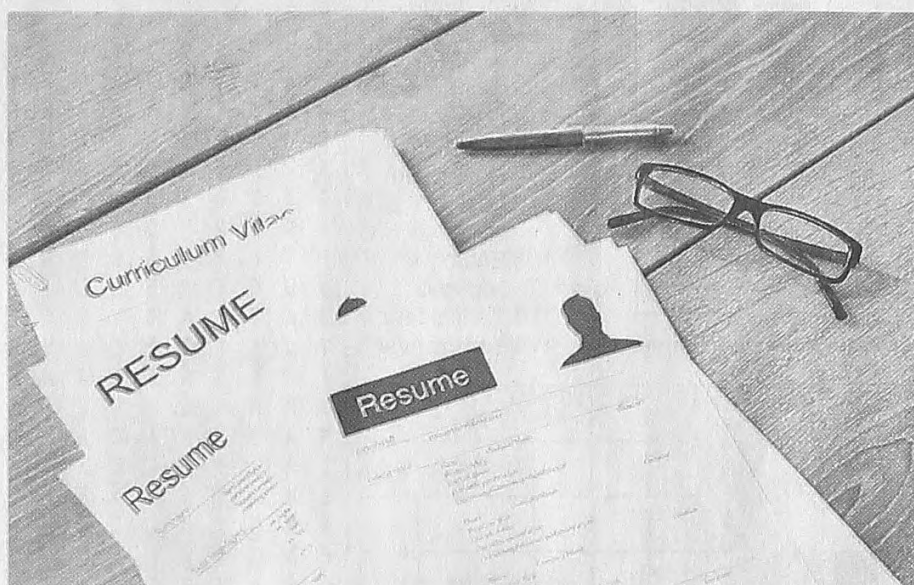
In a job market where there are droves of qualified candidates for every available position, if you neglect to follow the correct procedures for applying, you're likely jeopardizing your chances of being considered seriously.

This includes making sure that you know the difference between a resume and a curriculum vitae (CV), and sending the correct one when asked by a potential employer. Let's look at each so you know how to craft your document to meet the requirements:

**Resume**

Most job hunters are familiar with resumes — they're designed to be short overviews of a candidate's background and experience.

Resumes are much shorter



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and less detailed than CVs, and are typically used for nonacademic, nonresearch-based positions in the United States. In other countries across Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East, CVs are often the norm when applying for jobs.

Resumes are typically only about a page long, sometimes slightly more if you've been working for a long while or have an extremely varied job history. But unlike a CV, the goal of a resume is to be brief.

A candidate's resume is usually tailored to the position she or he is looking for, and

often contains an objective or summary statement along with one's education, experience, job-specific abilities and skills, and personal contact information.

Although there are countless ways in which a resume can be formatted and designed, a straightforward, clean and professional approach that embraces readability over creativity is appreciated by most HR personnel, hiring managers and potential employers.

**Curriculum vitae**

A CV is typically a longer and more in-depth summary

of a candidate's skill set and experience.

It can run two to three pages or more, depending on the candidate and his or her background and accomplishments.

Although CVs are widely used in a variety of fields in other countries, in the United States they are typically utilized when applying for academic, scientific, medical, education, research and international employment positions. CVs are also often utilized as part of funding applications, such as for grants and fellowships.

If these are the sorts of

opportunities you're pursuing, then make sure that you have a professional and polished CV at the ready.

Along with the usual information that you'd find on a resume (education, experience, job-specific abilities and skills), CVs also include a candidate's teaching and research experience, publications, fellowships and grants, licenses, relevant professional associations and awards, as well as any other information that's relevant to the position.

When you send in a job application, make sure you know which document a company wants to see and don't just send in a resume when a company asks for a CV.

If you're confused, it's fine to contact the company to clarify the length and scope of what they expect.

And whatever you send in, always give it a final proofread before sending to make sure it's correct, up-to-date and free from careless typos and grammatical errors. Presentation matters, especially when you're competing with many other qualified candidates.

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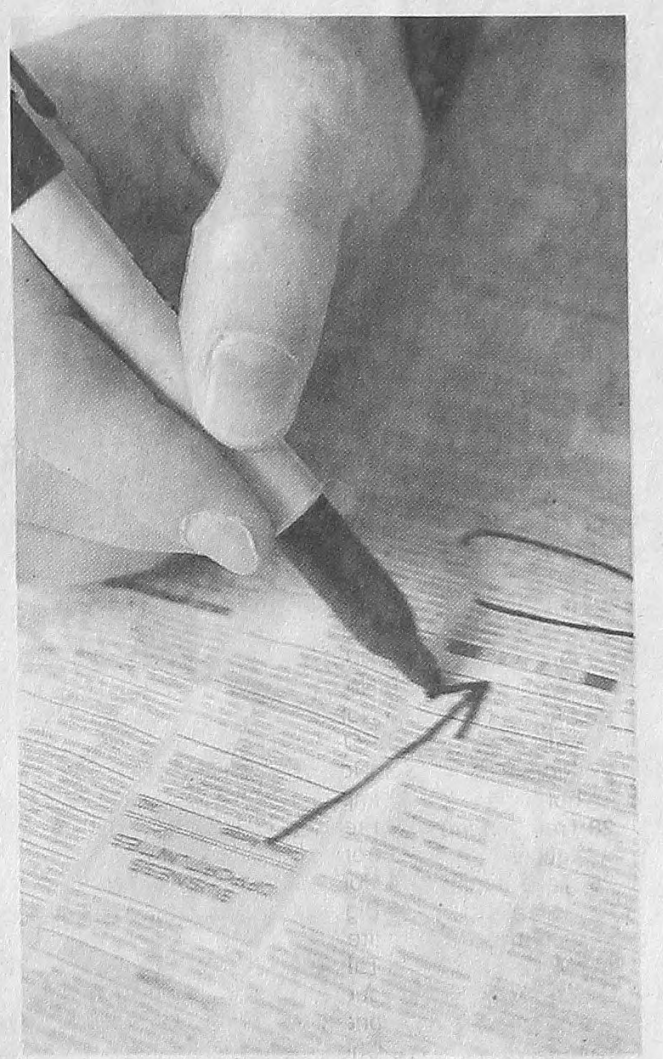
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