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Miss Michigan USA Alyse Madej of Garden City (left) and Miss Michigan Teen USA Alexis Lubecki of Canton pose for a photo after being crowned. BRIAN M. WELLS | TIMES HERALD

Women from Garden City, Canton winners in pageant

Bob Gross
Port Huron Times Herald
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Alyse Madej, Miss Garden City, was crowned Miss Michigan USA Sept. 22 at McMorran Place in Port Huron.

Alexis Lubecki, Miss Canton Teen USA, won the Miss Michigan Teen USA title.

Madej had told the panel of judges in

a question before she received the crown that while she supported and respected First Lady Melania Trump, she also respected the right of fashion designers who opted not to have her wear their designs.

Lubecki said she accepted and welcomed challenges in her life.

"I have been through a lot of things I would call my honors," she said.

She erupted in a large smile when Re-

becca Larson, Miss Great Lakes Teen, was announced as first runner-up. The smile didn't leave her face when it was Madej's turn to be crowned.

First runner-up in the Miss Michigan USA competition was Victoria Davis, Miss Delhi.

Melissa Pitchford of Proctor Productions, which produces the pageant,

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Experts to look at both sides of marijuana proposal

Matt Jachman
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Proposal 1, which would legalize recreational marijuana in Michigan, will be the subject of a public forum and question-and-answer session Monday, Oct. 1, in Canton.

The discussion will involve subject-matter experts representing both sides of the question, including a psychiatrist and marijuana researcher, a medical doctor and pain specialist and a recovering drug addict and outreach worker at the Brighton Center for Recovery.

The event is planned for 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the LifeChurch Canton annex, 6900 N. Haggerty, and is being organized by the Northwest Wayne Chapter of Families Against Narcotics, a support group and educational resource for people struggling with addiction and their loved ones.

Lauren Rousseau, the northwest Wayne County FAN chapter president, said FAN, which has 20 chapters in the state, hasn't taken an official stand on Proposal 1 and added that members are seeking more information on it and on the pros and cons of legalizing recreational marijuana. Although many chapter members are concerned about the proposal, she said, there are others who are undecided.

"We really just want to present fair and honest information and the arguments and facts on both sides, so that people can reach their own conclusion," Rousseau said.

Rousseau said she's uncertain whether FAN will ultimately weigh in

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Share your story of 'traditions,' live on stage

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If you missed the inaugural Hometown Life Storytellers Project on music, you missed a great time of storytelling and community. More than 70 people came out to the Village Workshop in Northville to hear compelling stories of how music played an integral part in five

local residents' lives.

We are looking for storytellers to brave the stage and share stories on traditions at the next event, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 8.

We purposely scheduled it near the holidays, as that is the first thing that comes to mind when we think of "traditions." But we understand that a tradition does not have to revolve around a holiday and we are not limiting it to

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said Port Huron is like a second home.

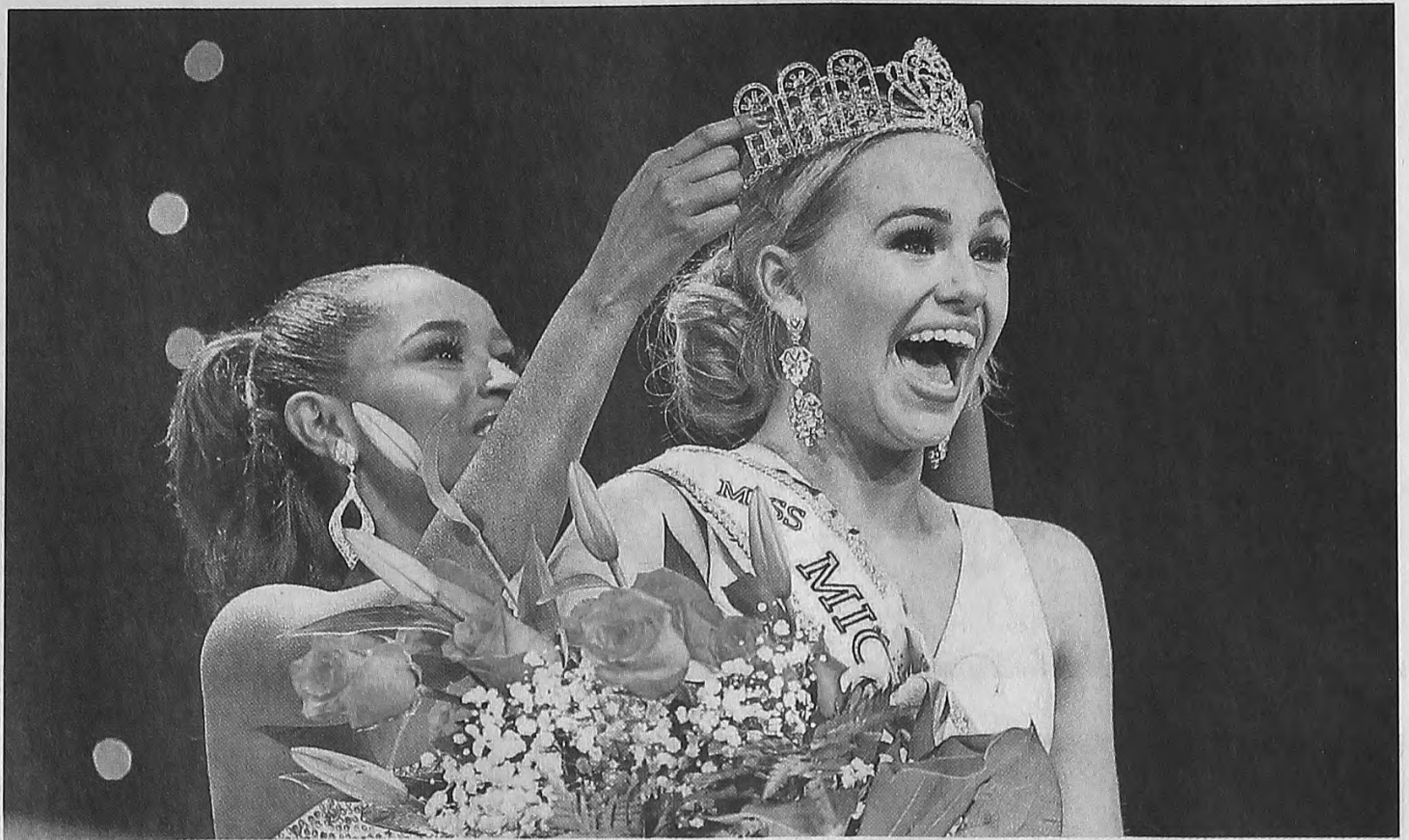
"First of all, we have been here for 18 years," she said. "What you look for is a great tourist destination for people in the state.

"It's really the venue and the attractions of the community and the Blue Water Convention and Visitors Bureau," she said.

Pitchford complimented the professionalism of Marci Fogal, president of the Blue Water Area CVB and said she had "worked with us since day one."

Pageant week, Pitchford said, was "fantastic. After 18 years, it's a fine-tuned machine."

Fogal said it's hard to get an exact handle on how much money the event brings to Port Huron, but she estimated the total is close to \$300,000.



Miss Canton Teen Alexis Lubecki (right) is crowned by 2018 Miss Michigan Teen USA Anane Loveday during the Miss Michigan Teen USA pageant at McMorran Theater. BRIAN M. WELLS | TIMES HERALD

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"It might be a little bigger than that," she said. "It's difficult to put a price tag on it. They are staying here, they are eating here, they are shopping here."

She said she has made many friendships with pageant contestants and their families over the years and, as if to prove that point, she was interrupted by Alicia (Jaros) Curtis, who was Miss Michigan Teen USA in 2003 and was second runner-up at Miss Teen USA.

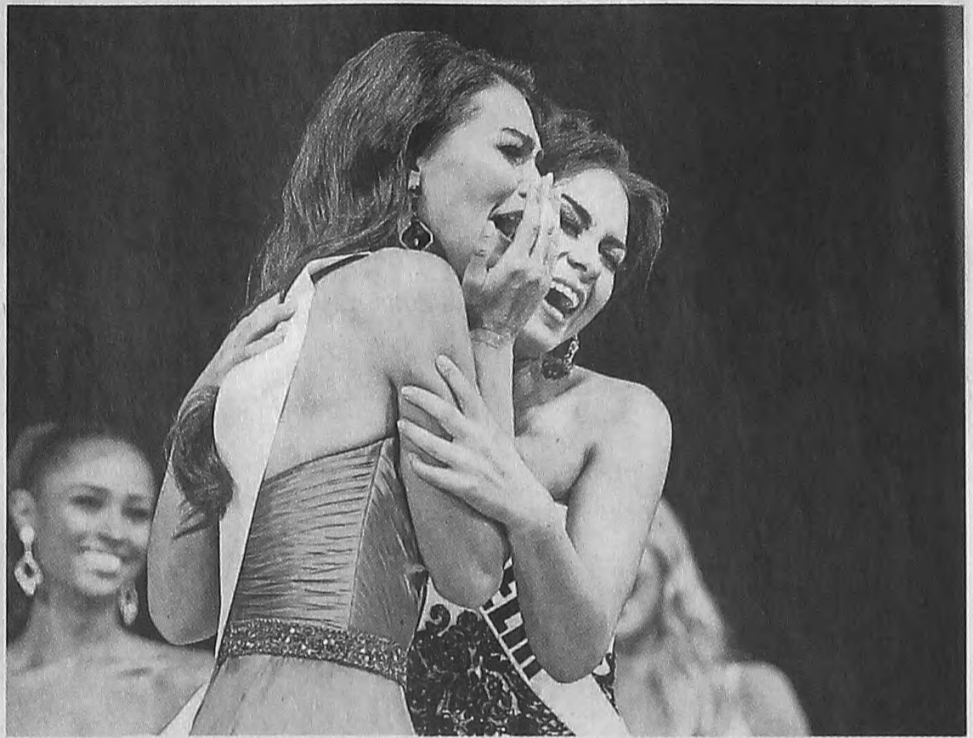
"I come every year to support and show my love for the new queens," Curtis said.

"When I won, (Port Huron) was very hopping back then and now there's even more stuff going on," she added. "We just went to dinner at The Vintage."

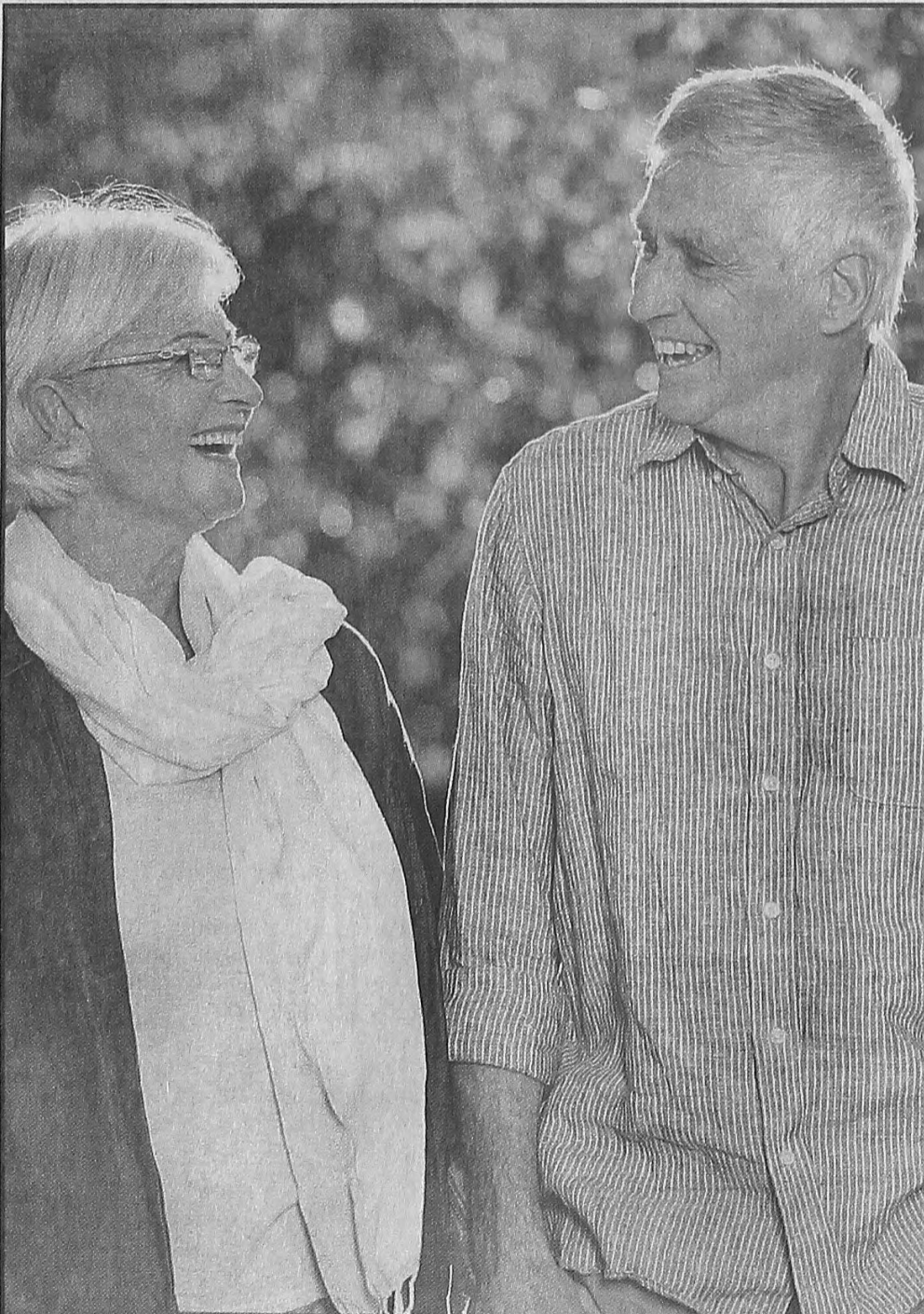
She said her advice to this year's contestants would be "to just enjoy it, enjoy your time here. You're only young once and enjoy these best of times."

Fogal said she enjoys catching up with contestants from years past.

"Yes, it's lots of hugs and lots of stories of what they have done for the last year or last five years," she said. "It's like an extended family."



Miss Garden City Alyse Madej (right) is hugged by Miss Delhi Victoria Davis after being named Miss Michigan at the Miss Michigan USA pageant at McMorran Theater. BRIAN M. WELLS | TIMES HERALD



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Teen Boredom Busters

When: For five or 50 minutes, any time
Details: Students who need a brain break after school can learn something new, meet a friend, relieve stress and have fun in our Teen Space with passive or planned activities. One crafts is planned this month: friendship bracelets 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25.

Computer Skills Help for Beginners

When: 9-11 a.m. each Saturday
Details: Experts are on hand to answer questions or connect you to additional resources.

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When: Noon first Saturday of each month
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ELL Conversation Groups

When: 9:30-11 a.m. each Thursday and Friday
Details: Practice speaking English in an informal setting with Community Literacy Council volunteers.

Digital Download Drop-In Help

When: 10-11 a.m. each Friday
Details: Get one-on-one help from our information desk. Bring your device and, if you are a Kindle user, your Amazon log-in information.

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When: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday
Details: Beginning or Intermediate English Language Learners are invited to read together and discuss short articles, etc., in English with a tutor.

Preschool Storytime

When: 10-10:30 a.m. each Monday and 1-1:30 p.m. each Friday

Details: Preschool storytimes feature longer books, flannel board and rhymes designed for children ages 3½-5. Children must be able to sit independently and be attentive for 30 minutes. Parents may attend to help transition their child to this program. All parents must remain in the children's department. Registration required.

Baby Storytime

When: 10-10:30 a.m. each Tuesday
Details: Designed for babies ages 18 months and younger with an adult, Baby Storytime features simple stories, songs and rhymes. Registration required.

ABC Activity Time

When: After every baby, preschool and family storytime, lasts 30 minutes
Details: Experience a variety of hands-on and imaginative play opportunities while building social and cooperative skills with other young children and caregivers.

Marijuana

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on the proposal.

Speakers Monday will include Luke Niforatos, a senior policy adviser at Safe Approaches to Marijuana, which opposes Proposal 1; Robin Schneider of the Michigan Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol, which favors it; Dr. William Morrone, a pain specialist; and Dr. Sue Sisley, a psychiatrist and marijuana researcher. Milton Mack, the state courts administrator and a former judge, will be the moderator.

For more information on the program, email

nwwayne@familiesagainstnarcotics.org.

Proposal 1, if approved, would allow people ages 21 and older to buy, possess and use marijuana and edibles infused with marijuana, as well as grow up to 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption. Possession at one's home would be limited to 10 ounces and amounts over 2.5 ounces would have to be kept in locked containers.

The proposal would also create a state recreational marijuana regulatory system, tax marijuana sales at 10 percent and allow local communities to ban or restrict marijuana-based businesses.

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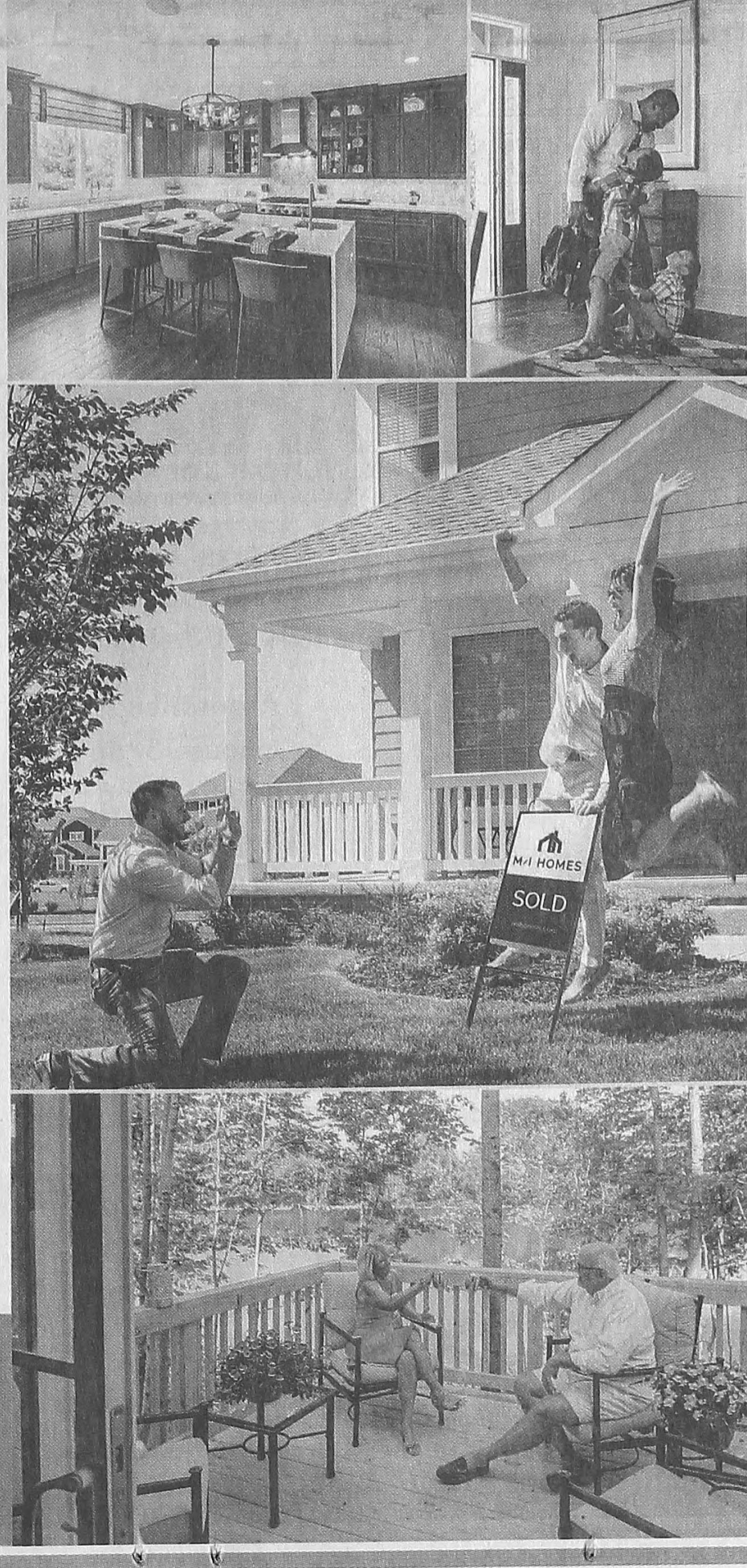
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Giving Hope hosts conversation about mental health

According to national statistics provided by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, approximately one in five adults in the United States experiences mental illness in a given year.

One in five youth (ages 13-18) experiences a serious mental disorder at some point in their life.

Statistically, according to NAMI:

■ Suicide is the second leading cause of death for people ages 15-24.

■ More than 90 percent of children who die by suicide have a mental health condition.

■ Each day, an estimated 18-22 veterans die by suicide.

■ Women are nearly twice as likely to suffer from major depression than men.

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle presents a community conversation on mental health and suicide prevention Wednesday, Oct. 17, featuring Dr. Nazia S. Adil, who specializes in psychiatry, and suicide prevention advocate Elizabeth Otto of Canton.

The program is aimed at listening, learning and demystifying mental



Adil

health.

The fear of being labeled and stigmatized affects people's willingness to discuss their problems and, in some cases, seek treatment. The national spotlight on mental health awareness, in conjunction with tragic incidents nationally, increases the need to communicate



Otto

the message there is no shame in seeking help and it's OK to talk about mental health.

Adil, a board-certified psychiatrist, has more than 20 years experience in mental health issues.

"My medical school friends wanted to become cardiologists, surgeons, in-

ternists, etc. They had a hard time comprehending that a seemingly 'normal' person can choose to be a psychiatrist. You see, the stigma attached to mental health is chronic and ubiquitous across generations and cultures," Adil wrote in an article published on Sharecare.com, a health care website.

Adil graduated from Dow Medical College University of Karachi and completed a residency at the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. She specializes in neurology and is affiliated with Beaumont hospitals in Dearborn and Wayne.

Otto will also share her personal experience with suicide. Her brother, Patrick Otto, took his own life in 2013. She has turned her pain into advocacy and sought to educate herself and others about mental illness.

Otto, 25, said her advocacy has helped her heal.

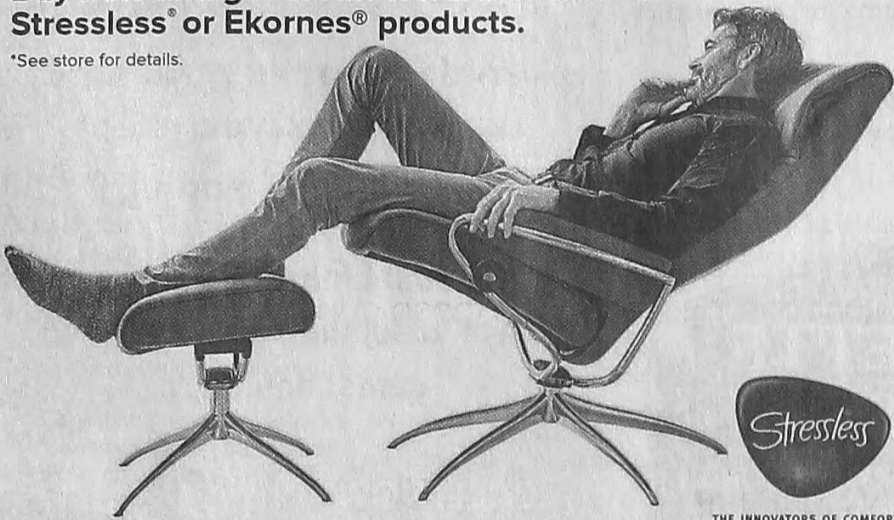
"Grief still comes in different waves," she said. "I can be sad, but not broken. I

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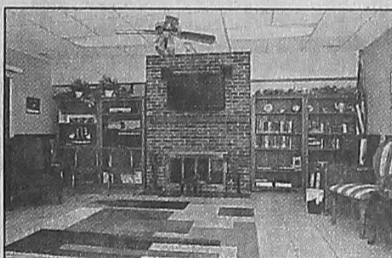
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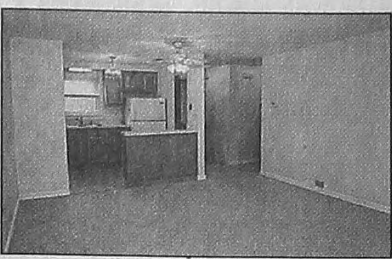
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Giving Hope

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can help others." And she does so by sharing her knowledge and experiences.

Last fall, Otto — sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Center in Ann Arbor — led Together We Are Stronger, a four-hour drop-in program for young people on suicide prevention and mental health awareness at Pioneer Middle School.

Some 200 students participated in the program, which featured several booths that used art, music and writing to discuss mental health stigmas and the importance of words and language.

Otto is also a frequent speaker at faith-based grief support groups.

She is passionate about life and what she says is her calling to educate others about the stigmas of mental illness, help others in their journey to heal, share her

experience and keep her brother's memory alive.

Resource materials about mental health and suicide prevention will be available.

The Oct. 17 program runs 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Karl's Cabin, 6005 Gottfredson Road (exit 15 off M-14). Tickets are \$35 per person, which includes buffet dinner and program. A cash bar will be available.

Space is limited to 120 guests. Tickets must be purchased online at www.cantonfoundation.org by Oct. 10. Community Financial is a sponsor of the program.

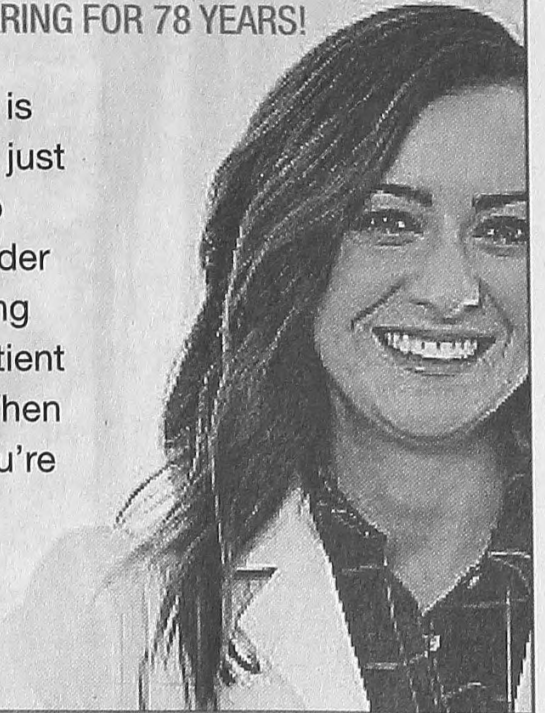
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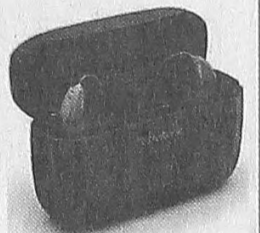


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Ex-county worker jailed in embezzlement case

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A former Wayne County employee was sentenced to six months in jail following his guilty pleas to two charges in the theft of more than \$90,000 worth of elec-

tronic devices.

Kurt T. Eschmann was sentenced Sept. 19 in Wayne County Circuit Court by Judge Wanda Evans, who also put him on probation for five years and ordered him to pay restitution of \$31,234.79 and fees of \$1,498.

Court records indicate Eschmann paid the restitution total on the date of his sentencing.

Court records also indicate Eschmann is eligible to serve his jail sentence in Genesee County and is eligible for work release, which means he can be released during his work hours in order to maintain a job. Eschmann is employed in Genesee County, said his attorney, Brian Lennon.

A check of Genesee



Eschmann

County jail records Sept. 25 showed Eschmann was incarcerated there.

Eschmann had pleaded guilty Aug. 16 to a felony charge of embezzlement over \$50,000 but less than \$100,000. In a plea agreement, a felony charge of larceny by conversion was dismissed and a felony charge of using a computer to commit a crime was reduced to a misdemeanor, to which Eschmann also pleaded guilty.

According to information from County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's office, Eschmann was employed by the county's technology department from April 2013 through April 2016 and was responsible during that time for ordering electronic devices. He was accused of ordering more than 200 cellular phones and iPads through the county's communications contract, but then

keeping the devices.

Some of the devices were sold via the Internet and others turned over to a telecommunications provider in exchange for credit on Eschmann's phone bill, according to Worthy's office.

The activity was uncovered through an audit by the county's office of the legislative auditor general and investigated by the prosecutor's office.

Lennon, Eschmann's lawyer, said his client was "deeply remorseful" and cooperated with authorities.

"The court seemed to understand that this really was an aberration, that Kurt has otherwise lived a very law-abiding life and was" a productive member of society, Lennon said.

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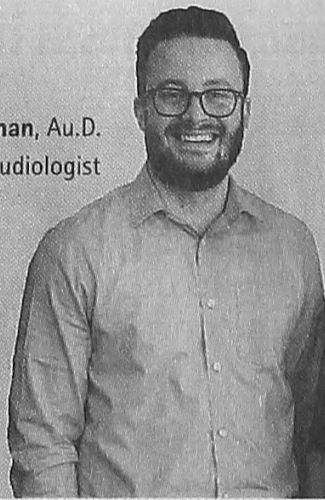
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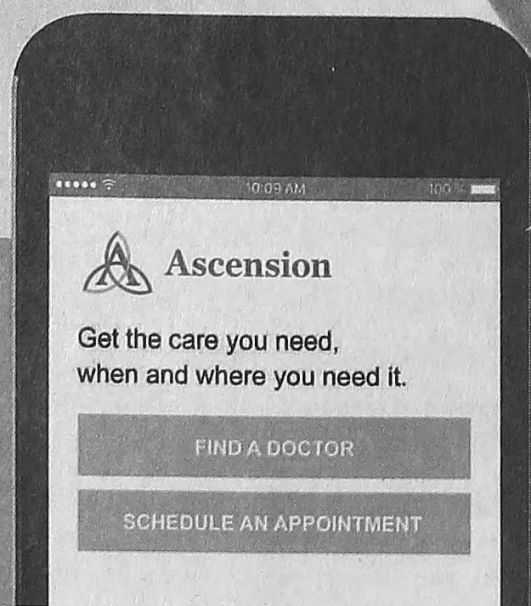
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Q: I have a couple of different questions that I hope you can help me with. I'm in my early 50s and was divorced earlier this year. I was married for over 25 years and, during that time period, we always filed a joint return. Last April, my husband and I did file for an extension for our 2017 tax returns. My now ex-husband says that we have to file a joint return, since we've always filed a joint return since we were married. My divorce was difficult, to say the least, and I don't trust him nor do I want to do anything that would help my ex-husband. However, I don't want to be penny-wise and pound foolish. My first question is, do I have to file a joint return? You should know in 2017 I did not work and, in fact, I've been told I don't even have to file a tax return because I earned no money. My second question deals with my IRA. As part of a divorce settlement, a portion of my husband's IRA was transferred to me. Since I didn't work this year and have no income for 2018, do you think it would make sense to convert my IRA into a Roth IRA? I read some of your columns in the past and that is where I got the idea. I'm just not sure if I'm eligible.

A: You are under no obligation to file a joint return. It doesn't matter what you did in the past; every tax year stands on its own. If you choose not to file a joint return, you are well within your rights. I think it is a good idea that you don't file a joint return. Remember, one of the issues when you do sign a joint return is that you're attesting to the honesty and accuracy of the return. Since you don't have confidence in your ex-husband, it would seem to me the prudent thing to do is to not file a joint return. If he plays some games on the tax return, you can be held liable because you signed the return. Since there is no benefit for you to sign a joint return, only potential problems, I agree that a joint return is not the way to go.

With regard to converting your existing IRA into a Roth IRA, you are eligible and, yes, I think it is a great idea. Currently you are in a no-tax bracket situation, so you can convert a significant amount of money tax-free. I think it is a great idea and something that you should take advantage of. If you can convert tax-deferred money and tax-free money at no cost or very little cost, why not?

It is important to remember that Roth conversions must be completed before the end of the year. Although there's still plenty of time to do a Roth conversion, you don't want to wait too long. IRA custodians get very busy near the end of the year. If you're going to do a Roth conversion, there is no time like the present.


When someone gets divorced, it is important that people look at their estate planning documents and determine if any changes are needed. Not only in things like wills and trusts, but also in powers of attorney. It is important you review your medical and durable power of attorneys and make adjustments where necessary. In addition, when someone gets divorced, it is also a good idea to change PINs, user IDs and passwords.

Something that slips through the cracks many times in divorces is beneficiary designations. When you have a change in a family situation, such as a divorce or even a death, it is important to review your primary and secondary beneficiaries. You don't want a situation where something happens to you and an ex-spouse is the one who inherits your money. When you do go through a divorce or changes in family dynamics, it's important to review your primary and secondary beneficiaries.

Remember, when it comes to your investment portfolio, the strategy you followed when you're married is not necessarily the same strategy you should follow when you are single. When someone gets divorced, they need to re-examine their goals, objectives and risk tolerance level and design a portfolio that works for them.

Good luck!


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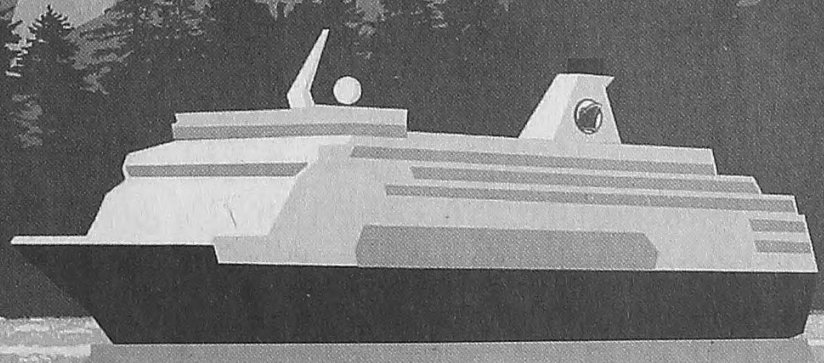
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Plymouth Concerned Citizens

All Plymouth Township residents are invited to the Plymouth Concerned Citizens meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, at the Praise Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial Road. The discussion topic will be the public safety millage which asks for a 1.2-mill increase that will be on the Nov. 6 ballot.

Representatives from both the police and fire departments, as well as township Treasurer Mark Clinton and Clerk Jerry Vorva, will be available to answer questions.

Three Cities Art Club exhibition

Three Cities Art Club members will exhibit their art at Westland's Gallery at City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, from Oct. 1 through Nov. 29. The exhibition will include original works done in watercolor, oil, acrylic, pencil, charcoal, pastel, airbrush and photography. This is a free event and everyone is welcome.

The gallery is open whenever city hall is open. For more information, call 313-231-3939, email marilynmeredith@wowway.com or go to www.threecitiesartclub.org.

The club will also host a member artwork critique by Kaye Rowe 7-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, at Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event, including artists, want-to-be artists and patrons of the arts. Light refreshments will be served.

Western Wayne Banquet VI

Tom Wilson, chief executive for Olympia Entertainment, will talk about the first year of Little Caesars Arena and the ongoing development for District Detroit at the sixth annual Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet, scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 2, at

the Ford Motor Co. Conference and Event Center, 1151 Village Road, in Dearborn. The event is the region's premier collaboration experience for hundreds of people involved in business, nonprofit services, and politics.

The Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet provides an evening of networking that promotes economic development in the region's 18 communities that include Dearborn, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Romulus, Northville and Westland. The event is coordinated by the Conference of Western Wayne and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the region's mayors, township supervisors and chamber of commerce leaders.

The event begins 30 minutes earlier this year to provide more networking time at the mixer, during which the region's cities and townships highlight their respective economic development projects. The entire program runs 4:30-8 p.m.

Sponsorships and corporate table packages are now available. For more information, contact the Livonia Chamber of Commerce at www.livonia.org or 734-427-2122.

Canton Newcomers & Neighbors

The Canton Newcomers & Neighbors club will host a Victorian tea party 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Sunflower Clubhouse 45800 Hanford. Attendees will learn about tea and the etiquette of the Victorian era from caterer Diann Dupuis.

Cost is \$5 for non-members. For information on membership, contact Nancy Ellenberger at otter2@comcast.net.

Music at the Elks

Blues @ The Elks happens 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluessociety.org). There is a \$5 donation at the door.

West Side Ramblers will provide free entertainment

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The Blue Cat Band will perform Tuesday, Oct. 9. This group has been together for 22 years with backgrounds in rock, country and folk. Al Carmichael is on guitar and vocals, Billy Farris on guitar and vocals, Frankie Lee on bass and Ken Murphy on drums.

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 or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Canton Fine Arts Exhibition

Art in a variety of media will be on display during the 26th annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition, hosted by The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. The exhibit will open with a reception and awards presentation at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018. The public is invited to attend this free event, which will feature the awards presentation at 7:30 p.m.

A total of 150 works were submitted, resulting in the selection of 40 pieces as part of the exhibition, which will run Oct. 2-27 in the Gallery@VT. This year's distinguished juror is Amy Foster, who is a 1994 graduate of the Center for Creative Studies College of Art and Design in Detroit.

Featured artists include: Jean-Paul Aboudib, Jim Aho, J. Susan Aitken, Zainab Arshad, Kevin Brazell, Mary Jo Caruana, Travis D. Erby, Myles Gallagher, Dennis Gordon, Rachel Hinz, Janet Kondziela, Kay Masini, Kathleen McNamee, Alexandria Milot, John Mrozik, John Mullinax, Barbara Eko Murphy, Susan Perish, Anne Rouan, Chuck Schroeder, Brenda Beene Shackelford, Melissa Sheffer, Will Stanford, Donna Thompson, James Tidwell, Marty Walker and Marilyn Wynne.

The Gallery@VT is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, also by appointment and during all public performances. The exhibition is free and open to the public. For more information, go to www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734-394-5300.

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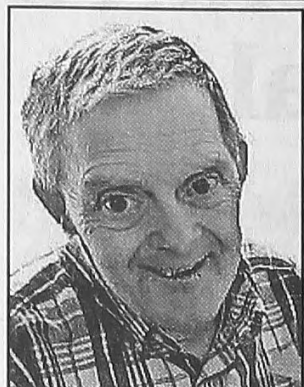
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PLYMOUTH - September 10, 2018 age 58 formerly of Garden City. Beloved brother of Mary (Doug) Fry, Cheryl (Gary) Cattell, and the late Linda (Pat) Hanniford. Dear son of the late Lawrence and Joyce. Peter is also survived by his step father Russ Staschke, step brothers Jim (Chris) Staschke, Doug (Kellie) Staschke and step sister Jeannine Reed (Donn Patterson). Gathering Thursday, October 4th 10 AM until the Thursday 10:30 AM Memorial Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth, MI. Interment Holy Sepulchre. Memorials may be made to Community Opportunity Center, 14147 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



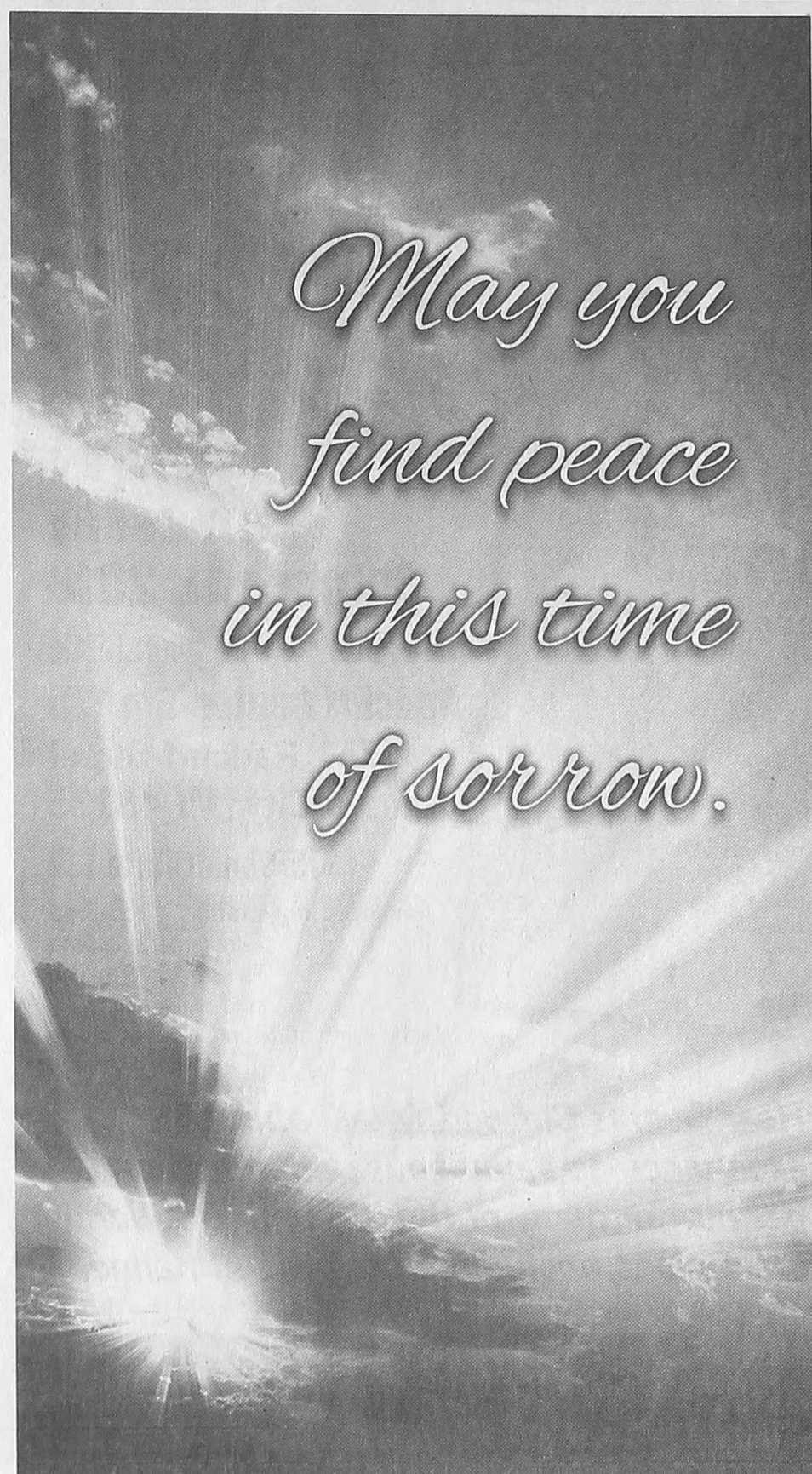
Josephine Carole Palmer

CANTON - age 95, passed away on September 21, 2018 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's. Loving wife of the late Warren Russell. Beloved mother of David (Joyce) Palmer, Connie (John) Graves, and the late Gary Allen Palmer. Preceded in death by parents Mike & Anna Nikolics and siblings Anne, Emil, Mike, Hilda, and Bertha. Proud grandmother of Casey, Heather, and Kevin (Laura) Palmer, and great grandmother of Aldren. Interment Sheldon Cemetery, Canton. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



Irene Smith

LIVONIA - Irene Smith passed away at the age of 99, September 25, 2018, of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Guy. Dear mother of Darcy (Cary) Quint and Darryl (Kathy). Loving grandmother of 5 and great grandmother of 2 (and 1 on the way). Please share a memory of Irene at <http://www.rggrharris.com/>



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What to know about Schoolcraft's ballot proposal

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Voters have plenty of choices to make this November. The leadership at Schoolcraft College hopes voters go far enough down their ballots to vote on an issue that will affect the two-year college.

In addition to voting for governor and legislative races, several ballot initiatives will be decided, including one proposed by the Livonia-based college looking to raise money.

Here's what you need to know about the college's upcoming Headlee override proposal, as gathered during a meeting between Hometown Life journalists and college leadership:

What is Schoolcraft College proposing on the ballot this November?

The college's board of trustees voted earlier this year to send a Headlee override to the college's taxing district. This would essentially raise the amount of mills levied by the college from the current 1.7766 mills to 2.27 mills, the original amount determined back in the 1980s.

If approved, homeowners who own a home valued at \$200,000 would pay an additional \$50 per year from what they currently pay.

How is this different from the millage request made by the college in 2015?

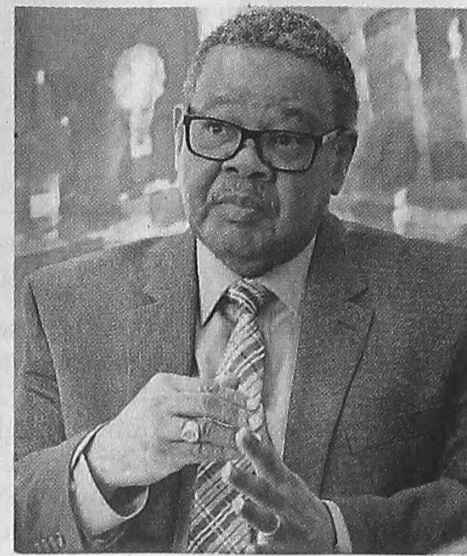
The language and how it is applied. The request in 2015, which failed, was a simple millage increase of 0.6 mills, which could fluctuate depending on several factors.

"The straight millage increase would leave us at the mercy of the Headlee Amendment, which caused our problem in the first place," said Conway Jeffress, the college's president. "Back in 1986, the voters approved a millage increase that took us to 2.27 mills and we got 2.27 for not even one year when the Headlee started working on it."

If this request is approved, it would lock that 2.27-mill rate in for the next 10 years beginning in 2019, and bring in roughly \$7.136 million in the first year.

"It does protect the dollars. The override means that the money that we get, if the voters approve it, will stay the same for 10 years," Jeffress said. "The last thing I want to do is go out and ask for an increase, have people say yes and, the following year, it's less money and, the following year, less money."

The Headlee Amendment, approved by voters in 1978, sets limits on how much taxes can increase annually be-



Dr. Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

cause of increases to property values, as well as requiring voter approval on local tax increases.

Why ask voters to increase taxes instead of other measures, such as raising tuition?

Community colleges in Michigan depend on three main sources of revenue: money from the state government, tuition paid by students and taxes paid by property owners in the district.

Jeffress said financial shortfalls at the college have increased in recent years. He said increases in state revenue or tuition at a reasonable level aren't enough to make up the difference, leaving the college with going to the voters.

"In the last several years, I've had a shortfall of about \$7 million a year. And you just can't keep doing that forever," he said. "We got to a point where we felt that there was not going to be any significant change in state funding and we really could not raise tuition in the amount that would amount to \$7 million extra. So the only alternative we had was taxes."

"That's what brings us to this point now. It's desperation," Jeffress added. "Things are getting slimmer."

What measures are being taken to reach out to voters in the district's communities without a campus in them?

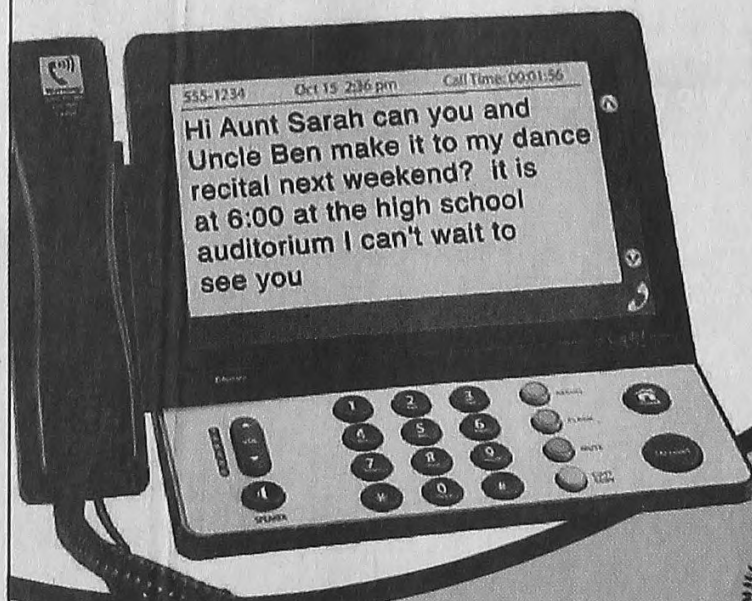
One noticeable detail in the 2015 millage increase failure was its lack of support outside of Livonia. Voters in communities such as Canton, Northville Township and Plymouth Township vot-

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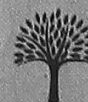
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ed down the millage. A concerted effort to reach voters in those communities is being targeted, Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer Cheryl Hagen said, after a shorter amount of time in 2015 led officials to mainly focus on campaigning in Livonia.

Those efforts include highlighting attendance rates from area high schools and the impact that has on those communities where the college does not operate buildings.

"More students come here from Northville High School than people think," she said. "Things like that, we're being very specific and letting people know because we do a lot for the entire community. It's not just about having a physical presence in Livonia."

Jeffress also expressed hope for bigger voter turnout on this proposal, considering it's on a ballot where there are lots of other races being decided. In several communities, the 2015 proposal was the lone item on the ballot for voters.

What happens if the proposal passes?

Jeffress said the proposal is crucial to keeping the college running as-is, meaning a majority "yes" vote will keep it operating how it currently runs. Programs will remain and the college will continue to run as the community has come to expect.

"What I'm concerned with is sustaining the operation of the college," Jeffress said. "My needs will still be right on the edge."

Jeffress cited other efforts besides tuition and taxes the college has pursued to raise money, including the addition of the St. Joe's Sports Dome, the St. Joseph Mercy urgent care clinic, the welcoming of Masco Corp. to campus and another project involving the St. Joseph Mercy Health System, which Jeffress was tight-lipped about.

What happens if the proposal fails?

College officials say students and the community can expect big changes if the request fails.

Jeffress said programs will be cut and tuition will increase at a higher rate than if the proposal were approved, though not nearly enough to make up the difference in falling revenue. Tuition increased 6 percent in 2016 after the millage proposal failed the previous year.

Programs connecting with local businesses would see cuts, if not eliminations, including programs bringing \$2 billion in federal contracts to local companies. He cited the connections the college assisted with the city of Livonia when it was seeking to attract the new Amazon fulfillment center for recruiting efforts.

"I'm not sure exactly if there's any collection of things I can do to make up that difference," he said. "We do a lot of things with local businesses. I can't continue to do that. At some point, I have to stick to my core business, which is educating students. And if all of the money disappears, then I have to let all the good stuff disappear with it."

Am I voting on this proposal? What does the taxing district look like for Schoolcraft College?

Voters who reside within the following school districts will see the Headlee override proposal on their ballots Nov. 6: Livonia, Clarenceville, Garden City, Northville and Plymouth-Canton.

If you live in one of these school districts, the proposal will appear under the non-partisan section of the ballot. Those districts include all or parts of several communities spanning three counties, including Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Westland, Garden City, Farmington Hills, Novi, Canton Township, Plymouth Township, Northville Township, Lyon Township, Redford Township and Superior Township.

The Secretary of State has a website dedicated to assisting voters find what's on their ballot come Nov. 6. It can be found at webapps.sos.state.mi.us/MVIC.

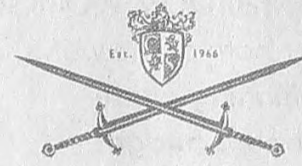
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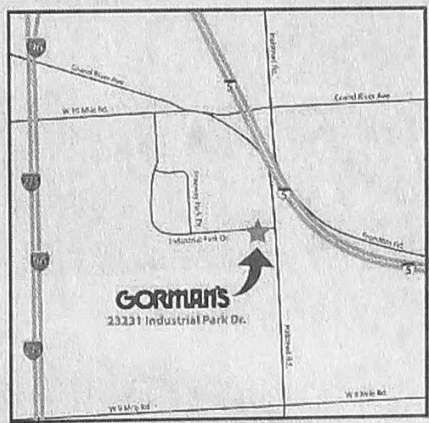
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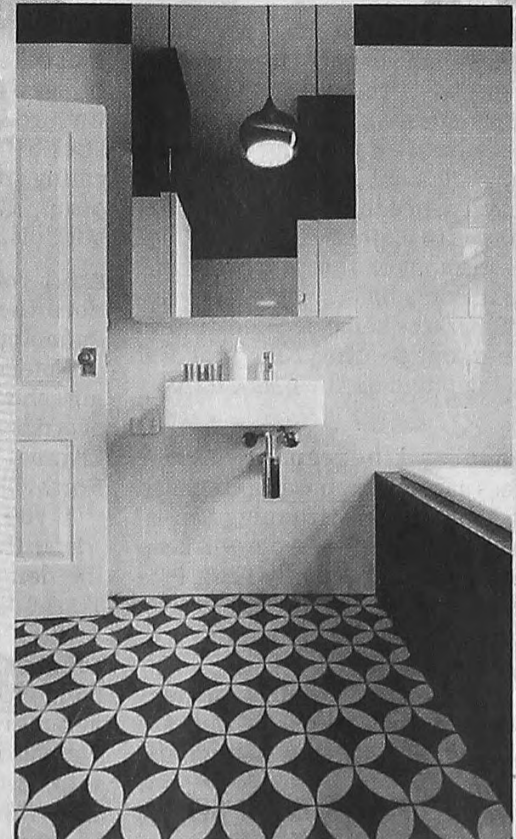
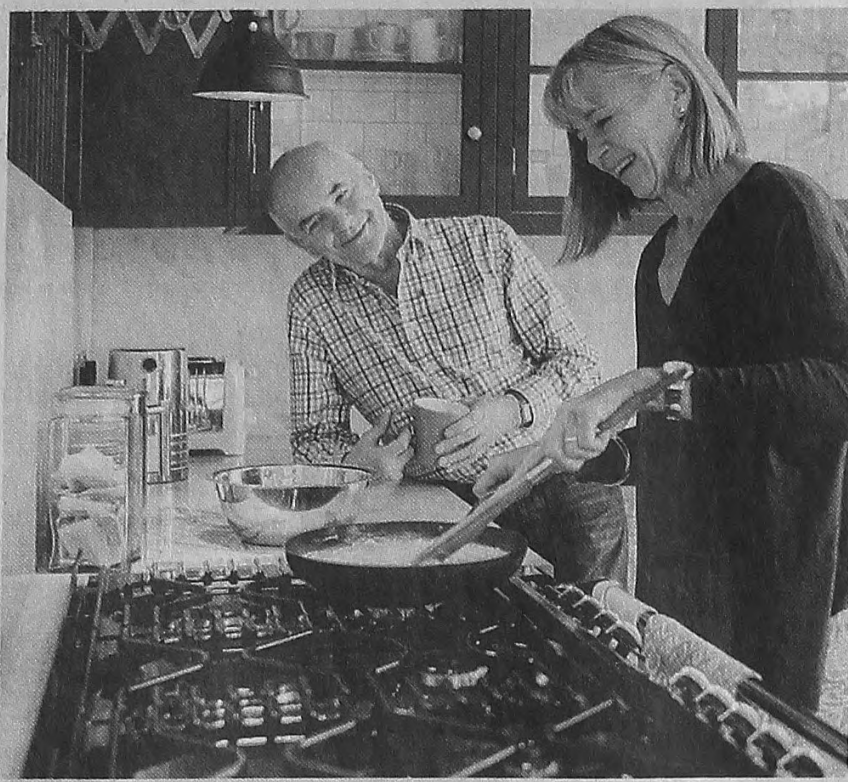
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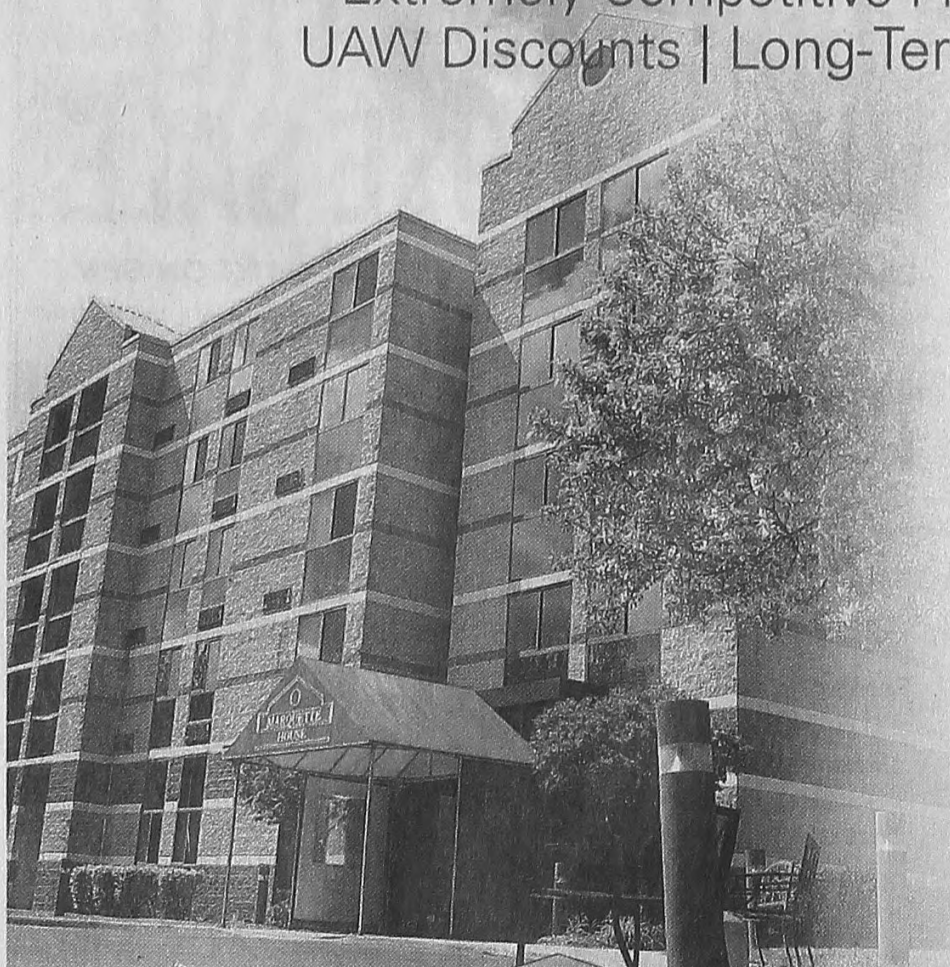
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Sports

BOYS BASKETBALL

Veteran White takes over Groves

Longtime college, prep coach returns after hiatus

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Once a coach, always a coach. Benny White has coached basketball at the college and high school levels ever since graduating from Michigan State University in 1977. He left the coaching ranks last year, primarily to watch his son, B. Artis White, play at Canton High School.

After one year away, White has rejoined the coaching fraternity. The 64-year-old Detroit native will be on the sidelines at Groves High School when

practice for the 2018-19 season officially begins Nov. 5. He takes over for Marc West, who accepted a job at Henry Ford College.

"I never did think I would not get back into coaching," White said. "But I had the chance to be a husband and a dad last year, as we have a 17-year-old son that I was able to be a part of his basketball and watching his AAU games and high school games for the first time.

"I kept hearing about the job at Birmingham Groves and, not to say I wasn't interested at first, but my son still had one more year of high school. But they kept coming back to me at different

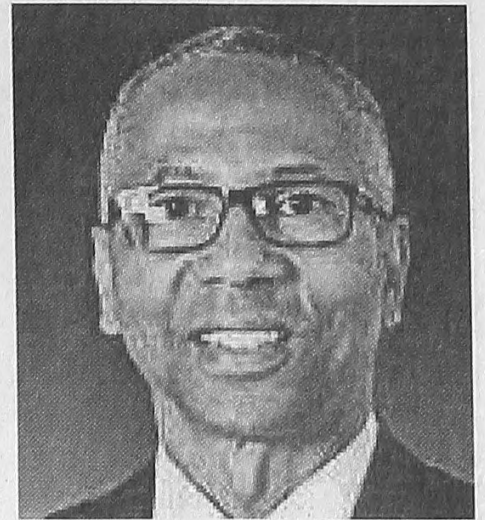
sources and different times and so I felt it was God trying to knock on my head and I looked into it and they gave it to me.

"I stayed around the game and I knew, sooner or later, I'd get back into coaching," he added. "The timing came to be over at Birmingham Groves. I will enjoy being around the young men again and I will enjoy being on the floor again and teaching the game, so it all works out."

Up-tempo style of play

White, who accepted the job in July, figures to have a large number of return-

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White

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY



Maelyn Thayer (left) and Adrianna Rugiero, a pair of former Livonia Ladywood hockey players, display the jerseys they will be wearing this year at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

A NEW BEGINNING

ASH starts program thanks to ex-Ladywood skaters

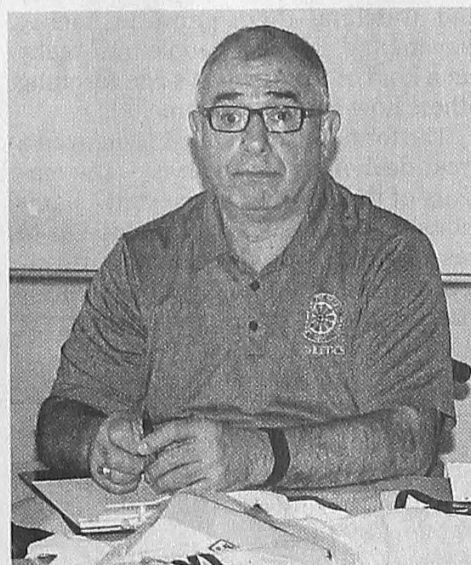
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Field hockey has long been an athletic staple at Academy of the Sacred Heart High School in Bloomfield Hills.

Now, thanks to a group of determined young ladies from recently shuttered Livonia Ladywood High School, Sacred Heart will add ice hockey to its athletic menu.

"Starting a brand new ice hockey team at the Academy of the Sacred Heart brings back a lot of fond memories when I started ice hockey at Ladywood 22 years ago," Sacred Heart athletic director Sal Malek said. "It is definitely a blessing for us to have eight experienced Ladywood girls join our ASH team."

"They are the kind of student-athlete



Sal Malek, Sacred Heart's current athletic director, started the Ladywood High School girls ice hockey program 22 years ago when he held that same post at the now shuttered Livonia-based school. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

we want at ASH, who believe in our mission and our commitment to the community," he added. "This sport will be a great addition to our competitive athletic program."

When Ladywood closed its doors following the 2017-18 school year, it was a sad day for the 350-plus student body, faculty members and administrators. The Ladywood girls who had played three years of varsity hockey for the Blazers now faced the difficult task of not only finding a new school, but finding a place where they could pursue their passion for ice hockey.

Starting anew across town

So they decided to take their talents 25 miles across town to a school without an ice hockey program.

"Right when we found out (Ladywood) was going to close, we were in season. We were actually all just arriv-

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Salem girls seize Jackson Invitational championship

Northville places third in meet of state's best

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Salem girls cross country coach Dave Gerlach learned Sept. 22 at the Jackson Invitational that his team can compete with the state's best and win in the process.

In a closely contested 25-school meet featuring state-ranked teams, the Rocks scored 110 points to edge Clarkston (112), Northville (115) and Saline (121) to earn the Division 1 varsity title at Ella Sharp Park in Jackson.

Rounding out the top 10 were Traverse City West (126), Ann Arbor Pioneer (136), Temperance Bedford (167), defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Troy (241), Birmingham Seaholm (245) and White Lake Lakeland (280).

Race conditions were ideal as temperatures dropped 20 degrees overnight and Salem took advantage.

"We knew coming in that this meet was a gauge to where we are, with several top 10 ranked teams in the state attending, including No. 1 Northville," Gerlach said. "We challenged the girls to get out in the first 400 meters and get into the race. We were looking for them to truly compete the entire race, for 5,001 meters, by latching onto someone. We had the best start of the season and were in the hunt right away."

Pioneer freshman Sarah Forsyth was the 5K individual winner in 18 minutes, 01.6 seconds, while Lakeland's Madeline Rehm was runner-up in 18:04.05.

Salem had three medalists (top 30), led by sophomores Reagan Justice (11th, 18:49.6) and Oliva Millen (15th, 19:00.3), along with senior Hallie Younglas (27th, 19:20.8). Both Justice and Millen moved up the ladder onto the Salem school record board.

"I'm very proud of a tough Reagan

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GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Moceri seeks 'sustainability' with Sacred Heart

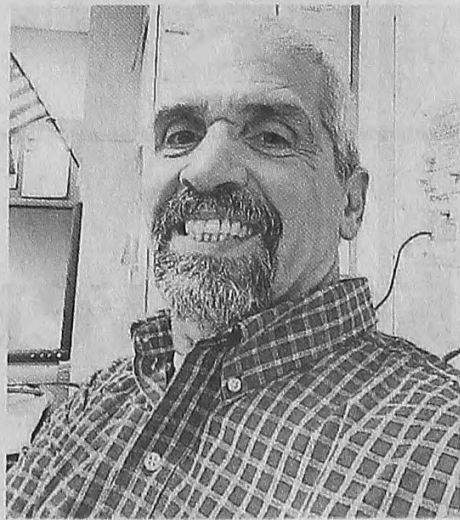
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Joe Moceri will be Sacred Heart's first ice hockey head coach.

"I'm very excited to get going. I've been looking at the stats for the website and the teams," said Moceri, who will be assisted by former Bemidji State University hockey player and Royal Oak product Amy Shepler. "(Sacred Heart athletic director) Sal (Malek) gave me a list of the players' names and I'm looking that over.

"A couple of the girls have reached out already and emailed me and let me know what their intentions of what they are hoping for in their senior year of high school and their hockey team," he added. "So it's very exciting and I'm really looking forward to it."

Moceri, a Troy resident and teacher at Troy High School for 24 years, began coaching his son and daughter during



Moceri

their early years as hockey players, from youth to travel levels. In fact, this year he will be coaching both his daughter's travel team — the Livonia U-14 squad —

"We just want to try and build a program and recruit some new girls out to have some sustainability."

Joe Moceri
new Sacred Heart hockey coach

and the Sacred Heart girls team.

He has also coached high school football and swimming at Troy as an assistant. Moceri unsuccessfully tried to establish a girls program at Troy.

"I tried to get a program at Troy High last year for girls hockey," said Moceri, whose son is now a high school goalie at Troy and daughter is in the eighth grade at Boulton Middle School. "And I could not gather enough girls and this is kind of remarkable. In a school of 2,000, with

over 1,000 girls, I couldn't get 14 to make up a hockey team. Yet at Sacred Heart, Sal has enough girls in a much smaller school, has enough girls to put a hockey team together and he called and asked me to coach."

Moceri's goal is simply to get the program started and developed.

"My first question to Sal was: 'Do we have a goalie?' He said 'yes' and that's half the battle — to make sure we have a goalie," Moceri said. "I just want the girls to get together and have fun so that it has some long-term success.

"And to get some short-term success, because a lot of the girls are seniors and they want to go out on a high note for their careers," he added. "We just want to try and build a program and recruit some new girls out to have some sustainability."

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Hockey

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ing at practice when we got the email," said senior Maelyn Thayer, a Farmington Hills resident who lives a mile from Ladywood. "Our first thought was, 'Oh my gosh, what's going to happen to the team?' So it had been a thought that we should all try to stay together and try to start a program at another school.

"There were many options for us to go to a school that didn't have a team. We all showed up at Sacred Heart and we liked that a lot. And it made sense, since Mr. Malek had started the Ladywood team. To be able to start the program with him here, we all just thought the pieces would be put together and all fall in place.

"The environment and atmosphere here remind us all of Ladywood," she added. "So we thought it would be the best fit for the team and all of us."

It was important for the Ladywood girls to stick together, according to Adriana Rugiero, another former Ladywood player who will be a senior this year at Sacred Heart.

"We were really excited to carry on the legacy that we had at Ladywood over to Sacred Heart and to help them get a program started," said Rugiero, a forward. "We all enjoyed playing (at Ladywood) so much. The hockey team is what made my high school experience very enjoyable and I made some of my best friends through it.

"When they put the idea in our heads that we could start a program here, that was perfect. That was like the universe saying, 'Go to Sacred Heart and start a hockey team and continue to have a hockey team and stay with your sisters,' basically.

"I'm excited that I get to finish off my career with the girls I started with," she added. "I wanted to be able to give the girls here that same experience with the hockey team."

Forming the program's core

Rugiero and the seven other players who skated over to Sacred Heart will form the program's core. The school's inaugural ice hockey team, which will be coached by Joe Moceri, will be a member of the Michigan Metro Girls High



A group of Sacred Heart girls, including eight players from the former Ladywood High School, turned out for a recent informational meeting about the school's new ice hockey program, which debuts in November and will play home games at the Troy Sports Center. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"Our mission here is to help the girls who are new to hockey. I'm looking forward to helping the girls and see how much they improve."

Lily McClafferty
Sacred Heart junior and ex-Ladywood player

School Hockey League.

They recently met during a school lunch hour, pitching the program to their newest school mates, encouraging them to join the team, which will play its home games at the Troy Sports Center. Conditioning begins this month and the season officially kicks off in November.

A total of 19 girls, along with Malek, were present for the meeting.

"I think some of the girls who were here (at the meeting) were a little ner-

vous about starting for the first time," said Lily McClafferty, a junior from Highland who is Thayer's defensive partner. "But at Ladywood, our coach took a groups of girls who had never skated before and turned us all into a team of hockey players.

"Our mission here is to help the girls who are new to hockey. I'm looking forward to helping the girls and see how much they improve," she added. "It's fun getting to the point where you really feel confident in yourself as a hockey player. It's fun watching the young girls who come in not knowing how to play and watching them grow as hockey players and grow as people and really get a hold of the sport. It's fun teaching others how to play the game."

The former Ladywood girls enjoyed a great deal of on-ice success — the majority of them played in the state championship two years ago. Their goal is to pass on their knowledge and enthusiasm for the sport to their new classmates at Sacred Heart. The challenge is

to teach the new girls what the sport is all about.

They are proud to be the first generation of ice hockey players.

"I'm excited because we are all coming here and we get to continue all the traditions we had (at Ladywood) and implement them here," McClafferty said. "And as a senior next year, I'll be able to continue and keep up the traditions after these seniors graduate. All the traditions is what really made it so memorable my freshman year and made me want to come back and play.

"We are all so close and the other players are like my family," she added. "I think that's what makes it so awesome, because some teams aren't so close and just aren't that good. But we're both. We're good because we are close and I think that's what brings us together and helps us play better."

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Groves

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ing players, as there were just five seniors on last year's 14-player roster.

White plans to have a fundamentally sound basketball team, with a preference for playing up-tempo basketball.

"I like to get teams to play the game the right way, just sharing the ball, rebounding the ball, taking care of the ball and making shots," said White, currently a Canton resident. "I like to play more up-tempo, but I also know you have to play to the personnel you have. We have to find a way to implement the style of defense that fits the young men so that they can have some success."

White graduated in 1972 from Detroit Northern High School, where he gained all-city and all-state honors. He went on to earn four letters at Michigan State University under Jud Heathcote. White was named MSU's Most Improved Player in 1973 and led the Spartans in assists while serving as a co-captain for the

"I think it's going to be a great school with all the academics they offer young people, the variety of sports they have on the athletic side and the diversity of people who are over there."

Benny White
new Groves boys basketball coach

1975-76 season.

From the late '70s to mid-'90s, he coached at a number of different institutions in a number of different capacities. He started as a graduate assistant at MSU (1976-77), then went to Wayne State University as a part-time assistant (1977-78), the University of Detroit as a graduate assistant (1978-79), Albion College as an assistant (1986-89), San Jose State University as an assis-

tant (1989-91), then back to U-D, where he served as an assistant under Perry Watson (1993-95).

Former coach at King

White's first head coaching job started in 1995 at Detroit Martin Luther King High School, where he would stay for 15 years. During his tenure, the Crusaders compiled a 201-89 overall record while sending numerous players on to Division I college teams.

After leaving King, White moved on to Eastern Michigan University, where he served as an assistant for six years before taking his year off. He was part of the EMU teams that won the Mid-American Conference West Division championship in 2012 and qualified for post-season play in both the 2014 and 2015 seasons.

White was inducted into the Detroit Public Schools Coaches Hall of Fame in 2007, was named the 2010 Michigan Regional Coach of the Year and was one of four coaches who helped lead a team of U.S. high school players to the champi-

onship of Nike's Inaugural Global Challenge Game in 2007.

In addition, White has worked as a Detroit Pistons regional scout and has helped at numerous youth basketball camps run by Magic Johnson, George Gervin, Derrick Coleman, Dave Bing and Rip Hamilton. He also served as an executive assistant under then-Detroit mayor Bing.

"I knew where it was located, but I didn't really know anything about Groves before I got here," White said. "I think it's going to be a great school with all the academics they offer young people, the variety of sports they have on the athletic side and the diversity of people who are over there.

"I've had a very warm welcome from the athletic staff and the administrators I've met so far," he added. "I'm thankful to be here and I'm looking forward to having a competitive year and bringing some championships to the program."

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Beautiful weather greets runners in Brooksie Way

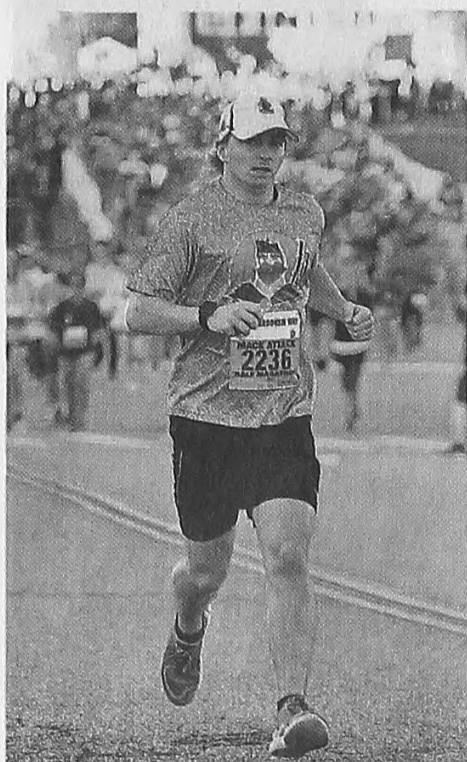
Nearly 6,000 participants took place in the 11th annual McLaren Brooksie Way held Sept. 23 in Rochester Hills. More than 1,500 runners took part in the signature half-marathon.

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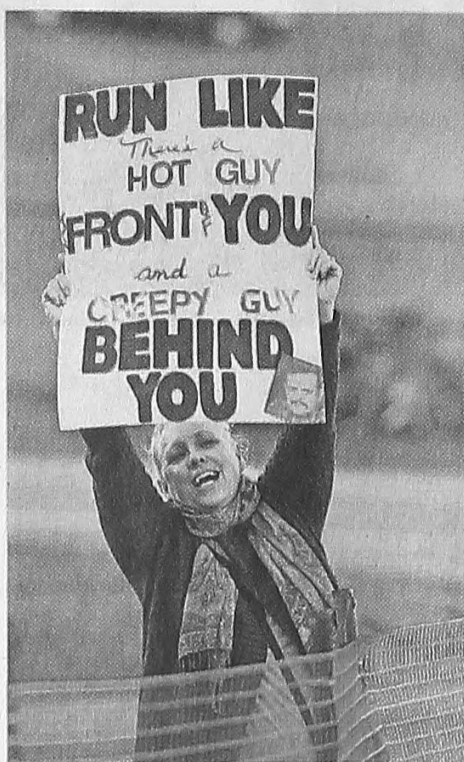
active, it is named after his son, who died in a snowmobile accident in 2007. Brooks Stuart Patterson was known to his family and friends as Brooksie.

A beautiful sunny and cool day greeted runners, a welcomed change from last year, when near 90-degree temperatures made the hilly course even more difficult.

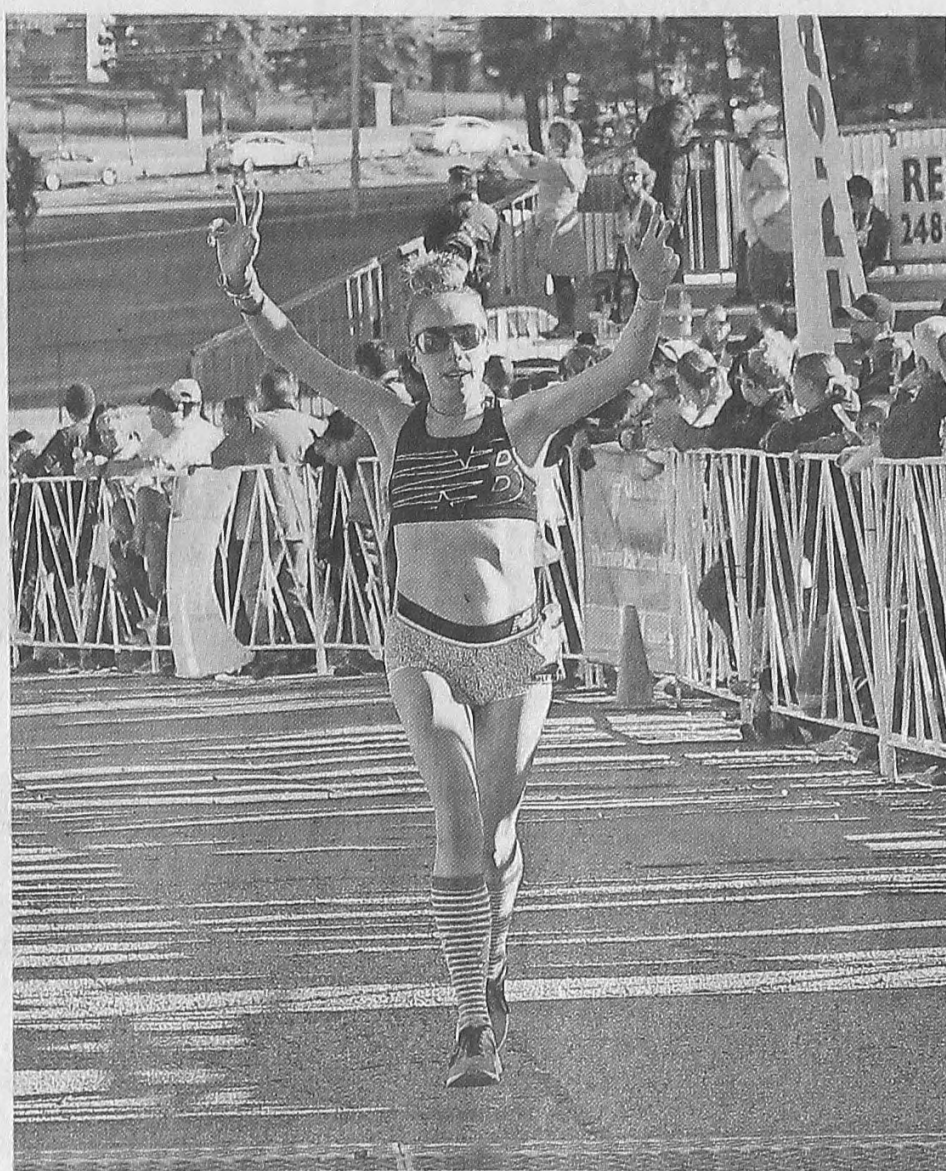
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Jeff McAtamney of Farmington leads a starting wave out of the 2018 McLaren Brooksie Way half-marathon. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Motivation at the 11th annual McLaren Brooksie Way. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Stephanie Johnston, 22, is the overall female winner of the Brooksie Way half-marathon in a time of 1:21:15. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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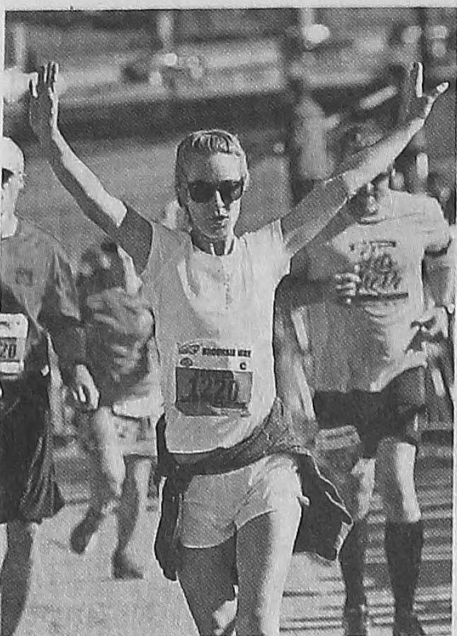
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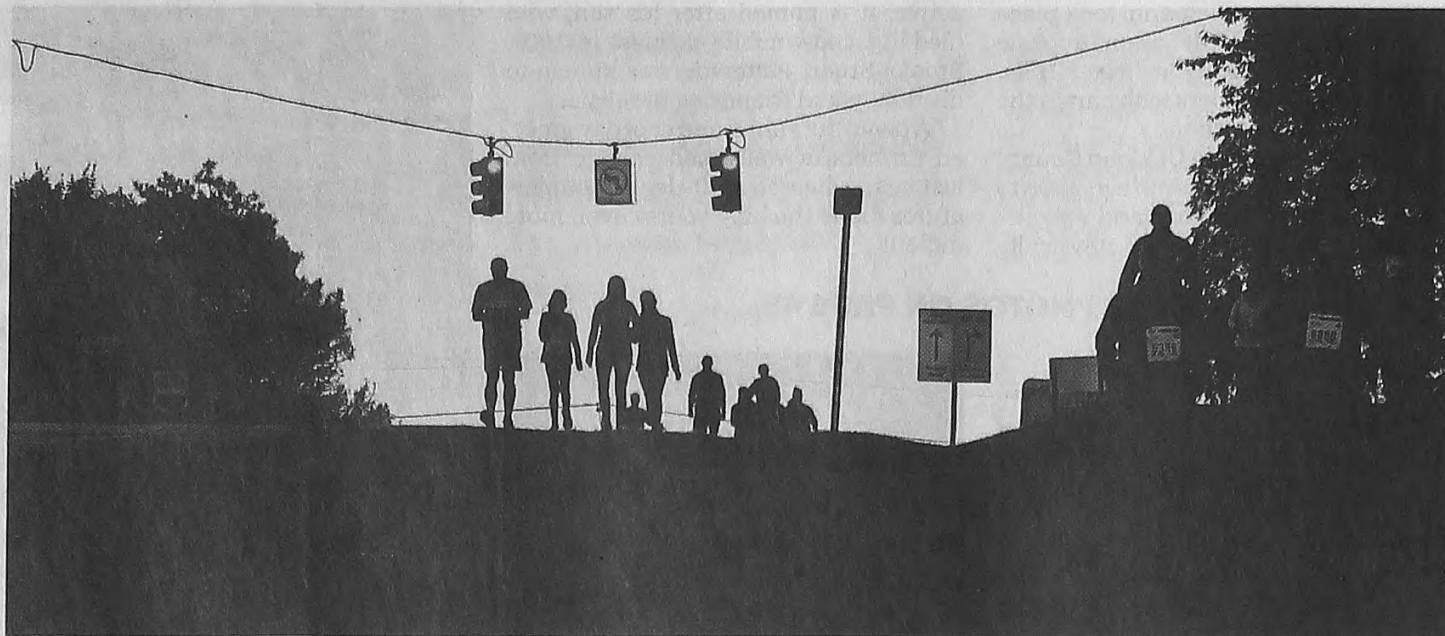
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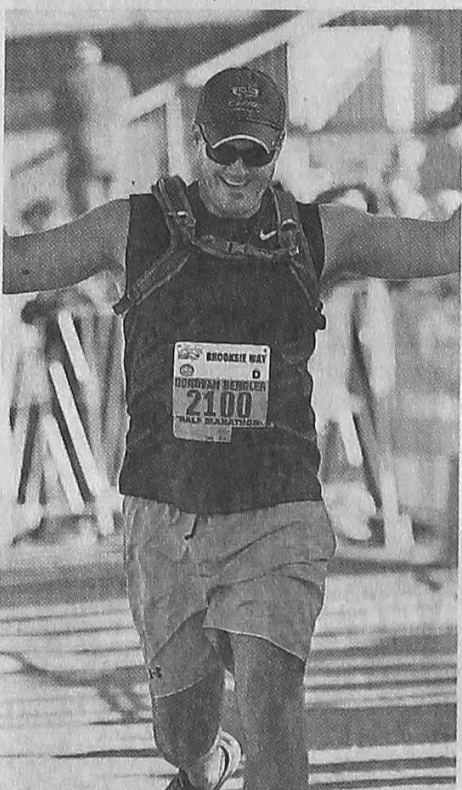
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Jessica Gaul of Birmingham finishes the 11th annual McLaren Brooksie Way in a time of 2:15:35. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



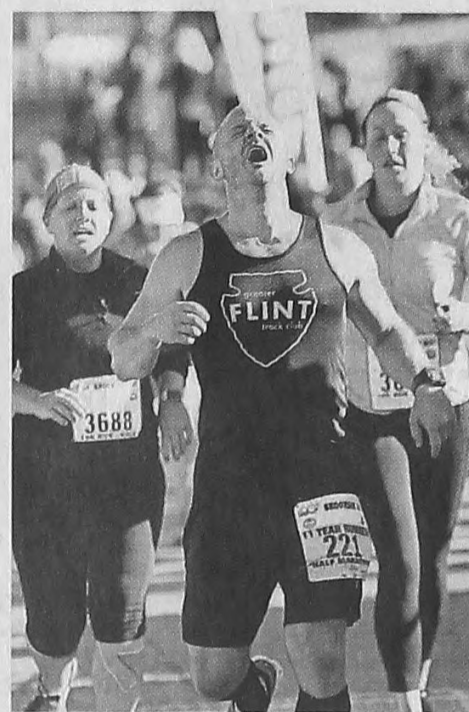
Participants arrive Sept. 23 for the 11th annual McLaren Brooksie Way as the sun begins to rise over Walton Blvd. in Rochester Hills. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Donovan Dengler of Bloomfield Hills finishes the 11th annual McLaren Brooksie Way half-marathon in a time of 2:01:26. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Danica Cousens (left) of Keego Harbor and Ljubic Saucedo of Chicago cross the finish line together in the 11th annual McLaren Brooksie Way half-marathon. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Joel Shankste, 38, of Grand Blanc finishes the 11th annual McLaren Brooksie Way half-marathon in a time of 1:35:15, good enough for 10th place in his age group. Behind Shankste is Krysta Duffany of White Lake (left) and Elizabeth Kolon of Birmingham, both finishing the 10K race. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Salem

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(Justice), who actually fell in the first mile after getting tripped and got right back up to run a terrific race and move up on the record board," Gerlach said. "Olivia (Millen) took off early on a mission and ran a career P.R. to also get herself on the Salem record board."

Salem's two other scorers were senior Bridget Nelson (32nd, 19:27.9) and sophomore Kiersten McBride (33rd, 19:29.5). The Rocks other two finishers were freshman Marissa Henry (35th, 19:32.4) and Gabrielle Mancini (65th, 20:22.9).

"My seniors (Younglas and Nelson) are running with such passion and experience it is exciting to see," Gerlach said. "Marissa is amazing me every day and is fearless during competitions. Kiersten (McBride) is starting to believe and is making the most of her abilities to be an integral part of the varsity. Gabby (Mancini) is overcoming an illness and made a positive step forward today, which was good to see."

Salem followed its pre-race strategy to bring home the crown.

"The entire varsity ran a terrific first mile and battled the whole way through without fading," Gerlach said. "I was so impressed how the girls dug deep and were still passing girls in the last half-mile. This group is really coming together and working extremely hard with high goals. To come out here today, beat the teams that we beat and win this highly competitive invitational is extremely exciting. We are going to enjoy this for 24 hours and then get back to work, as we need to stay focused on our bigger goals. The challenge is to stay healthy, focused, drama-free and striving for our team goals the rest of the season."

Northville's top finisher was sophomore Yasmin Mansi, who placed fifth in 18:13.5, followed by sophomore Emily Gordon, 14th (season-best 18:57.0); sophomore Keira Courtney, 24th (19:18.2); freshman Gina Couyoumjian, 39th (19:34.6); and freshman Emma Munro, 40th (19:36.1).

The Mustangs' non-scorers were senior Olivia Harp (46th, 19:52.8) and freshman Elle Slater (95th, 21:14.7).

"The girls ran a tough fast race in perfect conditions... competition was



The Salem girls cross country team is all smiles after winning the Jackson Invitational. DAVE GERLACH

tough," said Northville coach Nancy Smith, who held out No. 2 runner Nicole Cybul due to a sore groin. "Gina (Couyoumjian) ran a career P.R. after having a calf problem over the last week and Olivia Harp ran a season P.R. and is running better each week. Emma (Munro) went down around the 800 mark and got right back up and finished strong with a pretty big gash to her knee. (Yasmine) Mansi continues to lead and race tough each race."

Salem boys fifth

Clarkston captured the Jackson Invitational boys team title with 74 points, while Ann Arbor Pioneer, paced by defending Division I individual stae champion Nick Foster (15:03.1), was runner-up with 111.

Salem senior Luke Haran ran a new personal best 15:57.6 to place ninth individually as the Rocks placed fifth in the boys Division 1 varsity race with 201 points.

Haran now ranks eighth all-time on the Salem school record board.

"Luke ran a very solid race, slowly moving up through the field to about 10th before his final kick moved him up another place," Salem coach Steve Aspinall said.

Other Salem finishers included sophomore Hezekiah Williams, 32nd (personal best 16:36.9); junior Bryce Paine, 49th (16:50.1); senior Christo Jeffers, 55th (16:54.8); and senior Shane McKimmy, 56th (16:55.5).

Salem's other runners were sophomore Talha Syed (61st, 16:58.9) and freshman Luke Nelson (110th, 17:46.8).

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Dave Gerlach
Salem girls cross country coach

Saline and Dexter placed third and fourth with 134 and 141, respectively, while Northville earned a top 10 finish in eighth with 245 as senior Nick Couyoumjian led the way in 19th (16:11.4).

Other scorers for Northville were Alex Flegal, 43rd (16:47.9); Josh Hardy, 57th (16:55.6); Josh Morissey, 60th (16:58.8), and Sean McKee, 66th (17:01.2).

The Mustangs' non-scorers were Brandon Liu (72nd 17:07.1) and Raymond Jiang (102nd, 17:32.0).

"It was a competitive race and our team ran with a chip on our shoulders," said Northville coach Tim Dalton, who entered split squads.

Meanwhile, Saline (30 points) and Northville (43) went one-two in the varsity 'B' race as the Mustangs' scorers included sophomore Sam Craig, second (16:57.0); junior Ben Steinig, third (16:59.0); senior Jack Spangler, ninth (17:12.0); freshman Brian McCallum, 11th (17:13.5); junior Alex Beloiu, 18th (17:30.1)

Junior Grant Gattoni (27th, 17:55.6) and sophomore Zach Helner (28th, 17:57.4) rounded out the Northville contingent.

"Eleven of the guys ran personal bests this morning and five finished under 17 minutes for their first time," Dalton said. "We've got some work left to do this season, but the times are showing we are improving week to week."

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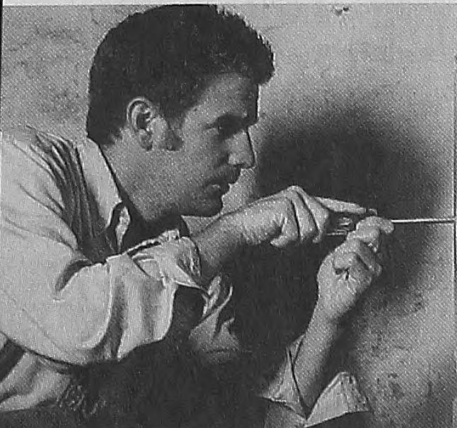
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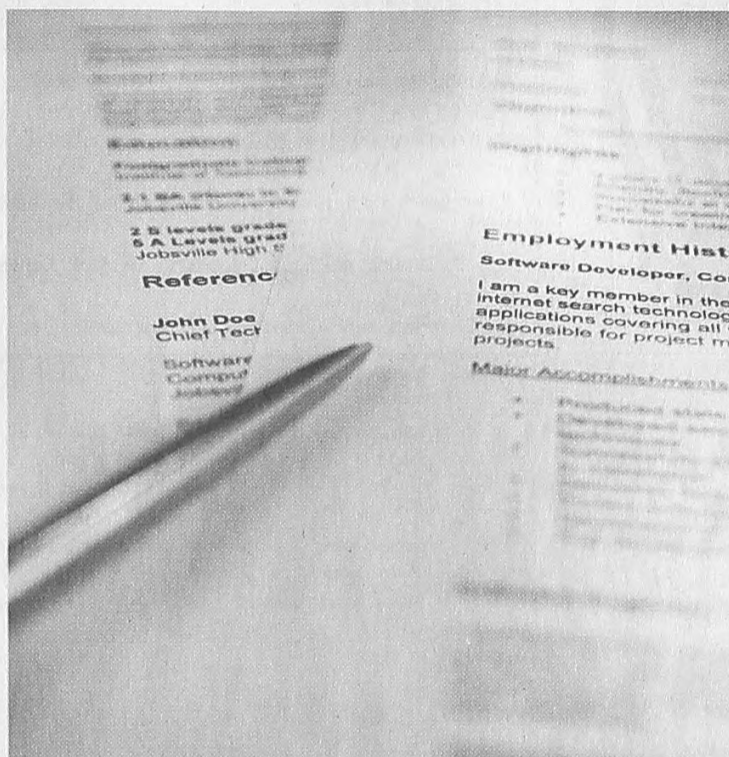
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Do you think that creating your resume is a "one and done" process? If so, then think again. Your resume is a constantly evolving document — one that changes over time as your background, experience and skill set expand. It should also be continually tailored and honed to meet the needs of your target company and/or industry.

But there's another reason why you should never close the door on resume updating, one that might be keeping you from achieving your goal of landing your next great job: Your current resume might have some serious problems that you're either unaware of or have simply ignored. And in today's ultracompetitive job market, resume problems — even the small ones — may mean the difference between getting hired and losing out to another candidate who made a more polished first impression.

Get focused and organized

Just as an unkempt appearance can make a bad first impression, an unfocused resume can reflect poorly on you. Hiring managers and HR personnel don't have the time



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(or the desire) to untangle or decipher a murky, disjointed resume.

So, getting things organized and focused before you even think about where you'd like to send your resume should be a top priority.

Your best bet is a streamlined approach — create clearly delineated sections for your objective, experience, education and key skills, and make sure they're targeted to

the standards of the industry you hope to join. Better still, give your resume a laser focus to attract positive attention from the specific company that you're eager to get hired by and repeat this process every time you send out your resume.

Before you send out your resume, take a step back from your document and review it again to make sure it tells a cohesive and chronological

narrative about who you are as a professional and what potential value you offer a prospective employer. If you can get a trusted colleague, mentor, friend or family member to review your resume, even better — a fresh set of eyes and a second opinion is always a good idea.

Bottom line: On the job hunt trail, a well-tailored resume is like a well-tailored outfit, and it's your best chance of making a positive and lasting impression on the folks who matter — those who make the hiring decisions.

Put your best self forward

You might be shocked to learn that many people fail to highlight all their skills, talents and accomplishments — things that can really make a candidate stand out from the crowd. Have you earned any company or industry awards? Did you develop a major revenue-generating product or idea for a previous employer? Did you come up with or implement a significant cost-savings plan or process at a previous job? Do you excel in any particular talent or skill that's desired in your industry? Ask yourself these sorts of questions when constructing your resume, and make sure that it highlights your very best self — the version of

you that has the best chance of getting hired.

Always edit

This may sound obvious but ask any hiring manager worth their paycheck and you'll undoubtedly hear some real resume horror stories that could have easily been avoided had their creators taken a little extra time to review their work. Isn't the prospect of landing a great new job worth the additional effort? Sweep your resume for errors, inconsistencies, typos and anything else that might give readers some pause or make them scratch their heads. Nothing sets off alarm bells for hiring managers and HR personnel in quite the same way as a resume riddled with mistakes.

If you're on the job hunt and want to ensure that you're giving yourself a real shot at landing a new position, use the strategies and advice presented here to ensure that your resume problems are solved before sending it out. Take the time to make sure you're putting forth a document that will get you hired.

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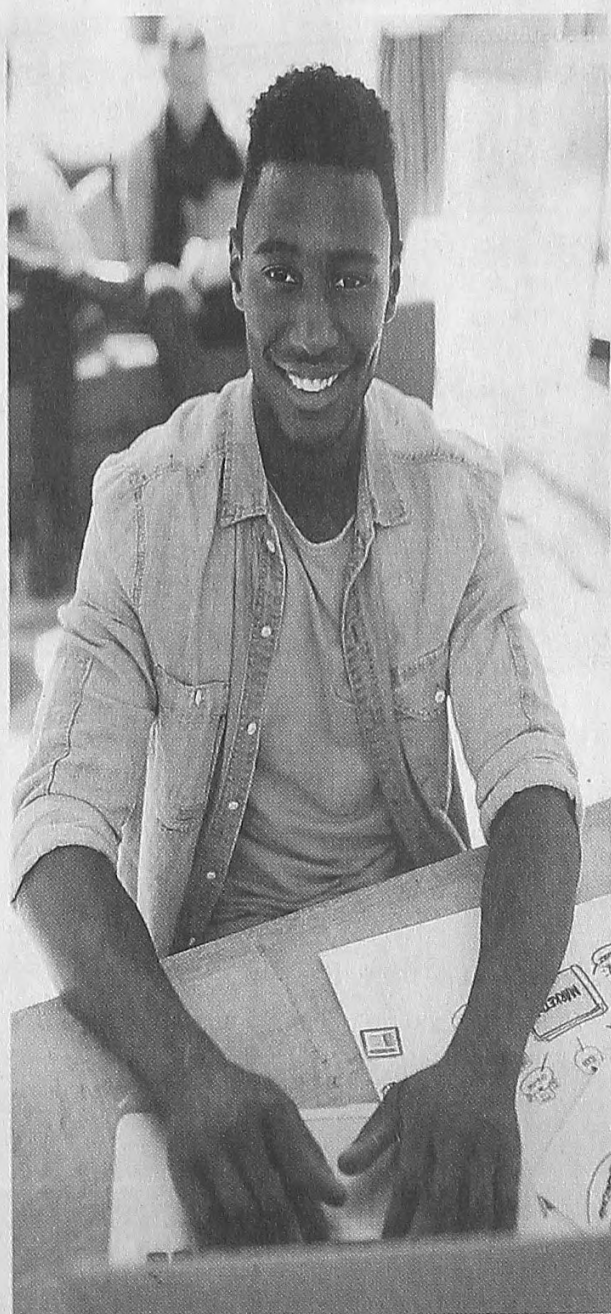
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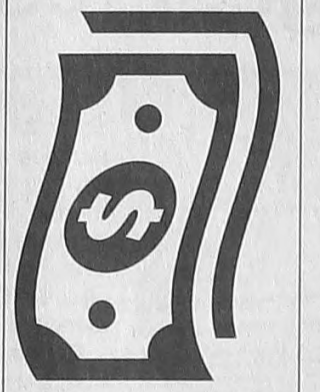
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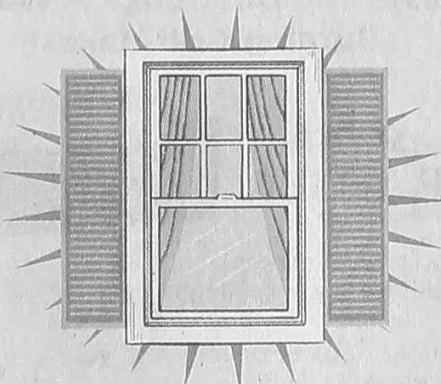
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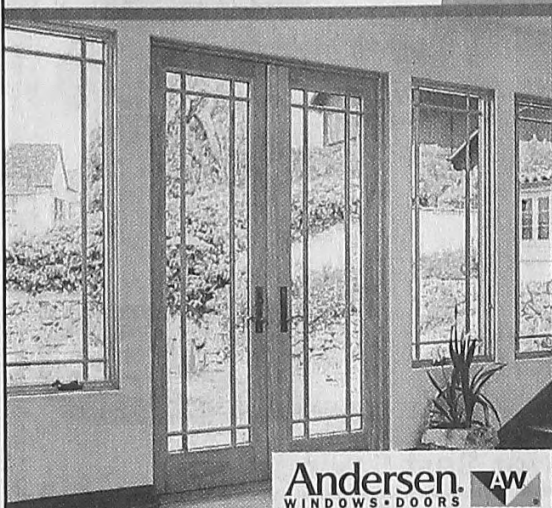
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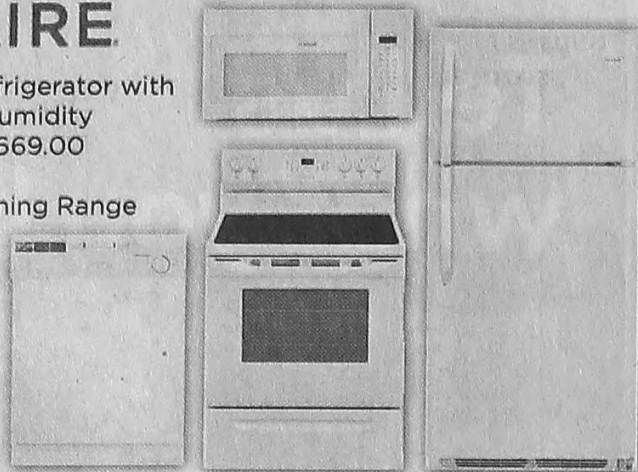
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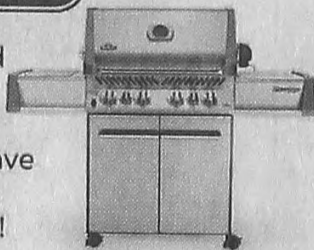
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