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# Historic mills offered for sale

### County wants to re-purpose unused parks buildings

### **David Veselenak**

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Hines Park is a place that's filled with runners, bicyclists and more throughout the year. If a Wayne County vision is achieved, it could be the newest place to connect recreationally with local businesses, breweries, coffee shops and banquet facilities.

The county is in the process of selling several former mills used by Henry Ford in the first half of the 20th century to private developers to make better use of the properties. It's a plan, Assistant Wayne County Executive Khalil Rahal said, that can be used to help preserve the historical nature of the facilities, as well as have their history come alive again.

"Hines Park presents a unique op-

### Inside

Area residents protest Wayne County's decision to sell old Ford Motor Co. mills located in Hines Park, **Page 2A**.

portunity because there are really great placemaking efforts we think we can take advantage of," he said. "The county executive wants to invigorate Hines Park, we want to capture this history, we want to cement it for all time so that people can know it, learn it, celebrate it."

There are three mills for sale: Phoenix Mill, 14973 Northville, in Plymouth Township; Wilcox Mill, 230 Wilcox, in Plymouth; and Newburgh Mill, 37401 Hines Drive, in Livonia.

A purchase agreement has been

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Melanie Markowicz, deputy executive of the Wayne County office of community and economic development, pets a Wayne County Sheriff's horse at Newburgh Mill, one of several old industrial mills that Wayne County hopes to convert to new destinations along Hines Drive and the Middle Rouge River. Khalil Rahal, county director of economic development, is in the background. JOHN GALLAGHER I DETROIT FREE PRESS



# Cemetery barred from offering new services

Matt Jachman hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

As state regulators continue investigating the improper storage of infant and fetal remains, a Canton Township cemetery has been barred from conducting new business. Michigan's Licensing and Regulatory Affairs department, or LARA, took the action Tuesday as part of its response to the finding that Knollwood Memorial Park was improperly storing more than 300 deceased infants and fetuses in plastic containers, which were kept in sealed crypts, instead of burying or cremating them according to the wishes of their loved ones. Knollwood, which is on Ridge Road near Saltz, is open for visitors and can provide burial or other services for which contracts had already been signed. But the cemetery cannot sign any new contracts for burials or cremation or other services, LARA spokesman Jason Moon said. The move comes less than a week after LARA announced other actions against Knollwood, including prohibiting it from burying the remains that were improperly stored and the suspension of its license to accept prepaid business. The infant and fetal remains, Moon said, remain at Knollwood while LARA explores options for their appropriate final disposition. A man who answered the phone Wednesday at Knollwood said the cemetery will work with the state. He would not give his name.



Author Joe McCauley grew up in this neighborhood in Detroit. His book is "Detroit's Grand River & Greenfield Neighborhood." BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Author looks at past, future

Northville resident McCauley has a mission with new book

#### **Tim Smith**

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When Joseph McCauley grew up near the hustling, bustling Detroit intersection of Grand River Avenue and Greenfield Road, life could be busy, crazy and, sometimes, magical.

Hey, you could spot Gordie Howe watching youngest son Murray practice at the Jack Adams Ice Arena or see teenaged Little Stevie Wonder perform the 1963 harmonica-driven tune "Fingertips Part 2" over at Arena Skate Club.

That intersection was the hub of the 48227 ZIP code, bordered by Puritan on the north, Southfield Freeway on the west, West Chicago on the south and Meyers Road on the east.

Neighborhoods from the end of World War II until Detroit's 1967 riots



The cover of Joseph McCauley's new book. It is available in bookstores and online. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

were highlighted by red-brick homes sitting atop manicured lawns — adjacent sidewalks jammed with baby boomers riding bikes or playing catch.

There were bowling alleys, movie theaters (hello, Great Lakes), restaurants (Dimambro's anyone?) and department stores lining up to greet the masses.

And those very images are brought to life within the 96 pages of McCauley's new book, "Detroit's Grand River & Greenfield Neighborhood" (Arcadia Publishing, \$23.99).

"It was probably one of the more wealthier areas of Detroit and I'm sure it was the second largest retail center in the city besides downtown," McCauley said. "There were just so many stores. You got Montgomery Ward, you got Federals, you had Cunningham's drug store, you had Meyer Jewelry Store, you had the Big Boys,

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"Whatever concerns they have, we will resolve them," said the man, who said he was the cemetery's general manager.

LARA has scheduled a Wednesday, Jan. 16, hearing on the Knollwood situ-

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# **Residents question sale of Hines Park mills**

#### David Veselenak hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Those who have driven by the Newburgh Mill at Hines Drive and Newburgh in Livonia the last few days may have seen Bill Craig on a simple protest.

The Livonia resident, along with several others, has taken up the cause to question and urge Wayne County leadership to reconsider putting three historic mills up for sale in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Livonia.

It's something similar to what the group, calling itself Save Hines Park, saw with the Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights, which was originally slated for residential development before being purchased by the city of Dearborn Heights.

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Craig has taken his message to the streets, holding a sign outside of the Newburgh Mill on a regular basis that calls out Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, reading: "Mr. Evans please stop selling our parks."

The county is looking to sell the Phoenix Mill at 14973 Northville in Plymouth Township, Wilcox Mill at 230 Wilcox in Plymouth and Newburgh Mill at 37401 Hines Drive in Livonia. The county's plan is to allow developers to purchase the mills and renovate that with recreational offerings such as coffee shops, breweries or restaurants along the Hines Park corridor.

But the group of area residents is hoping the county changes its mind and decides to keep the mills, once operated by Henry Ford, under its jurisdiction.

Nancy Darga, former chief of design for Wayne County Parks, said the group isn't opposed to something being done with the mills. It just wants to see them remain Wayne County property.

"Our group is not against a joint partnership is developing these properties," said Darga, a Northville resident. "What we're against is losing the public trust control of the land."

The group has planned a public meeting to discuss the issue in more detail. That meeting will take place at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Robert and Janet Bennett Library, 32777 Five Mile, in Livonia.

Instead of outright selling the property, Craig said the county should investigate leasing it. That way, the land remains in possession of Wayne County and the mills see some economic activity.

"You can lease the land," he said. "You could lease the building and you still have ownership of the land."

Leasing is something the county has looked at, said Khalil Rahal, assistant Wayne County executive. But developers aren't interested in renovating buildings they don't own and do what the county envisions, Rahal said.

"Ownership is a big deal for them. They want to own the site," he said. "In



Livonia resident Bill Craig stands outside the Newburgh Mill at Newburgh and Hines Drive in Livonia. Craig and other Wayne County residents are protesting the sale of three mills in Livonia, Plymouth Township and Northville. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

order to get the developer to commit to some of these things, they want ownership. It's sort of a trade-off."

The money coming from the sale of the mills would go back into Hines Park, Rahal said, which needs it even with the Wayne County park millage renewed by voters in 2016.

"We're not getting a lot of resources to be able to handle the largest need of all the parks we want to enhance," Rahal said. "We are constantly having to do less with less."

### 'Worried it might be too late'

A purchase agreement has been reached for the Phoenix Mill and the county continues to evaluate the future of the Wilcox and Newburgh mills.

Darga said deed restrictions were put into place when the mills were transferred to the county after Ford's death in 1947, mandating the land be used for park purposes. She's hoping such a clause could keep the mills in the hands of the county, plus the group has reached out to the Ford family about the property as well.

"We're worried that it might be too late," she said. "We are hopeful that the Ford family will honor Clara Ford's deed restriction. We are very, very hopeful that they honor Clara Ford." Rahal said county lawyers have looked at the language and have given them the opinion that the county can move forward with the sales.

"We have talked to our corporation counsel and we have been cleared to be able to do what we're doing," he said.

With some people concerned over the sale of the property, County Commissioner Terry Marecki, R-Livonia, who is in favor of the project as proposed by the county executive, said it's important to hear them out about their concerns and what should be done with the land.

"I understand the group's concern, because they don't want any part of the parks being sold," she said. "I think everybody's opinion should be involved in this."

Craig plans on heading out every couple of days and standing near the Newburgh Mill with his sign to bring the attention of the issue to drivers passing by.

"They have their selling points for their value. And we need to have our selling points for our value," he said. "Theirs is money, ours is land."

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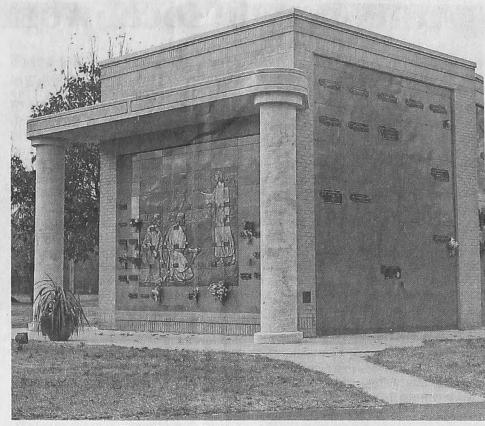
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ation before an administrative law judge in Lansing. The hearing is required under the state's Cemetery Regulation Act because of the actions LARA announced Tuesday; Knollwood could request a settlement conference ahead of the January hearing and could also request another hearing to challenge the moves taken last week.

According to a statement from LARA, most of the more than 300 fetal and infant remains in question appeared to have been stored on behalf of the Perry Funeral Home in Detroit, which is also under investigation for its handling of human remains.

Perry's mortuary science license, as well as that of its manager, was suspended in October. The state is still investigating the source of other remains found at Knollwood, Moon said.

The 300-plus bodies at Knollwood, the statement said, were kept in multiple crypts that were repeatedly opened for the addition of more remains. The



Mausoleum at Knollwood Memorial Park. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

A man who answered the phone Wednesday at Knollwood said the cemetery will work with the state. He would not give his name.

crypts had not been purchased by loved ones of the deceased, the statement said, but appear to have been used as temporary storage.

Some of the infants and fetuses had died as long ago as 2009, LARA said. In some cases, Knollwood had obtained possession of the remains without proper authorization, LARA said.

According to state law, a cemetery is required to provide for the proper disposition of a body within 60 days of taking possession of the body. Failing to do so for more than 60 days is a misdemeanor; when the 180-day mark is surpassed, the crime becomes a felony.

People with questions about Knollwood's services can contact LARA at 517-241-7000 or by email at funeralhomes@michigan.gov.

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# Giving Hope grants benefit local women, children

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle has awarded more than \$9,000 in grants to nonprofits that serve women and children in Canton and Plymouth.

Members approved the grants at the group's annual meeting at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

"Helping local women and their families in need is the primary goal of the Giving Circle," said Loren Wadington, chair of the grants committee. "We are always excited when we can support organizations that are making a difference in people's lives. We are achieving our goal. It's a great feeling."

Area groups receiving grants include: The Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council: A \$2,500 grant will help to fund the parent tutor program. New technology is needed to promote and evaluate a project of increasing English literacy among parents of students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The funds will be used for a Mac-Book Pro Computer and an HP Laser Jet

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Plymouth Community Arts Council: The arts group received \$1,325 for the Made2Share, Art Service Project Workshop Series. The grant will provide supplies, venue and purpose for students participating in this program, which will provide six school day-off service opportunities. The completed projects - such as a fleece blanket will be given to people in need through agencies such as the Salvation Army. Lisa Howard, executive director of the Plymouth Community Arts Council, was on hand to accept the grant. Howard said just as Giving Hope gives back to the communities, the grant will be used for an art service project which combines creativity and philanthropy for students.

First Step Survivor Outreach: The mission of First Step is to eliminate both domestic and sexual violence and to provide comprehensive services to individuals and families impacted by these

crimes. The group will use a \$5,000 grant to meet the needs of the diverse racial/ethnic populations residing in the communities. Supportive materials in languages such as Arabic, Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi are needed. This grant will provide funds to translate, produce and distribute translated materials. It will also help with translation services to be used during counseling or helpline calls.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention of Southeast Michigan: The group was awarded \$500 to be used for local programs. Giving Hope recently sponsored a community conversation on mental health awareness and suicide prevention. The \$500 grant, together with Pass the Purse funds from the event, will be given to the foundation to support its mission.

The nonprofit groups receiving grants were vetted by the Giving Hope Grants Committee chaired by Wadington, a Canton resident. Also on the committee are advisory board members Betty Bloch of Northville, Eva Davis of Plymouth, Denise Murray of Plymouth and Dianne Neihengen of Canton.

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle was established in May 2006 as a donor-advised fund of the Canton Community Foundation. A donor-advised fund functions in a way similar to a private foundation in that it gives donors a great sense of comfort, ensuring that they can remain involved in their charitable giving long after the initial gift is made.

To date, Giving Hope has granted more than \$130,000 to local groups. In addition, Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle has established an endowment of more than \$155,000.

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### Mills

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reached with a local developer, Critical Mass LLC, which plans to turn the Phoenix Mill into a banquet facility and restaurant with an investment of at least \$2 million, Rahal said. Renovations on that mill also will have a hiring agreement in place, where at least 51 percent of workers hired must be from Wayne County or the developer faces penalties.

The two other mills remain on the market with interest from developers, though nothing final has been decided, Rahal said.

These mills are long unused pieces of property in the county parks' assets. Both Wilcox and Phoenix mills haven't seen much use besides as storage facilities for parks equipment, including Wayne County Lightfest items. The Wayne County Sheriff's Office utilizes property at and near the Newburgh Mill for its equestrian division.

Several other mills used by Ford already serve other uses: the Northville Valve Plant at 235 E. Main near downtown Northville is used as an office center, while Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland, runs as a museum and headquarters for Wayne County Parks.

The project, dubbed the Hines Park Mill Run Placemaking Project, aims to increase the non-motorized access to these sites for area residents and parkgoers. The sale of the properties still have some protections put in place, Rahal said, including requirements that buyers rehab the mills in accordance with federal guidelines for the Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings as determined by the U.S. Department of the Interior. That means the agreements forbid the demolition of these mills.

The agreement also calls for the properties to also remain open to the public, unless a private event such as a wedding is taking place. This type of arrangement would prevent the purchase of these properties and developers transforming them into private office parks or other similar uses.

"We want to make sure that we have protections in place in every agreement that we get into to require them to have open recreational space that does not exist today," Rahal said. "If there is a neighborhood nearby, we are going to ask developers to help create that trail to get the folks from the neighborhood to the park."

### Area support

Wayne County Executive Warren Evans said in an interview with Hometownlife.com the decision to transform the land in the parks came several months ago. With several financial challenges tackled in his first term, Evans said he wanted to bring some attention to the parks that badly need improvements.

"The community activities that if you have a viable park that's operating, it's something that's very very important to have," he said. "There's a health benefit that comes from having really usable parks."

County Commissioner Terry Marecki, R-Livonia, said the plan is one she's excited to see implemented. Seeing the restrictions put into the sales, including keeping them as accessible recreational spaces, is a key component she's happy to see included.

"I think that's the big sell of this," she said.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise wrote a letter to the county commission detailing his support for the sale of Phoenix Mill, saying it would be a benefit.

"The Phoenix Mill site has been an underused and unattractive site in the Plymouth community for decades," he wrote. "The opportunity to rehabilitate and re-purpose Phoenix Mill into a community asset and destination spot is an exciting opportunity for all of us."

Rahal said the hope is this project will go a long way in improving the recreational offerings through Hines Park. While the property the mills sit on may get sold, it's expected the park will actually see an increase in acreage after a donation of land from the Wayne County Land Bank near the former Hawthorne Valley Golf Course in Westland.

"Hines Park is a great asset to the county. We absolutely love it," Rahal said. "The one thing the county's been historically underserved is the amount of park space and trails that we have per resident when you compare us to a lot of other places. The county executive really wants to try to change that."

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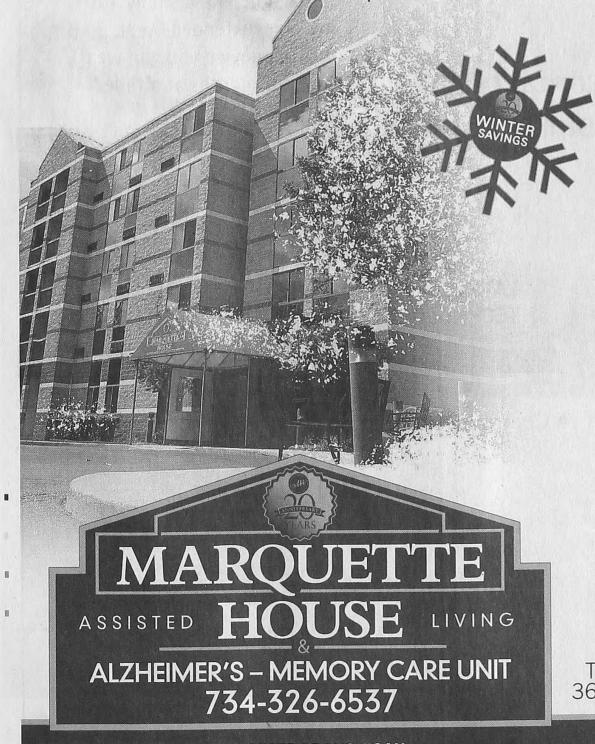
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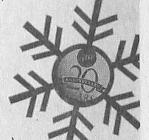
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### Girl safe after man approaches her at bus stop

Matt Jachman hometownlife.com

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Police in Canton Township are asking parents of school-age children to talk to them about "stranger danger" after a man approached a female student at a school bus stop Tuesday morning.

The incident occurred about 7:20 a.m. at a bus stop in a neighborhood south of Warren Road and west of Lilley, according to a police department press release. A man in a white car drove by the bus stop three times and, on the third time, stopped the car, opened a door and told the girl to "come here," police said.

The girl refused and ran away screaming, making it safely to her home, where she informed her mother. A witness told police he heard a scream

and a car speeding away.

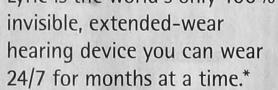
The driver was described as white, about age 25, with no facial hair. He was wearing a black hoodie, black pants, a black had with a mask that covered his eyes and dark blue Nike athletic shoes. The white car was described as an older, four-door model with rust along the bottom.

Police said parents should discuss safety reminders with their children and that all suspicious incidents should be reported. Police plan to increase patrols in neighborhoods and areas around schools.

Anyone with information about the driver or the car, and anyone who may have witnessed the incident, can call police at 734-394-5400.

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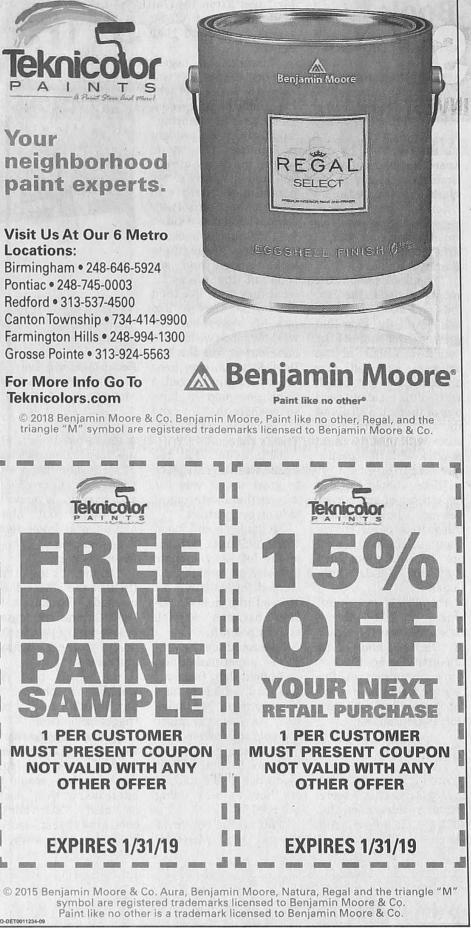
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### Book

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you had the Sanders."

McCauley, now retired after a 30-year career with the United States Postal Service, spent about six months researching and collecting archived material to include in what became a colorful, photo-packed paperback now available on Amazon.com and at area bookstores such as Barnes & Noble.

"The book's about the neighborhood in the '50s, '60s and '70s," McCauley said. "And the kids that grew up and some of the activities. Almost all the schools and all the churches I've got listed, with a little bit about each one of them. It's all about the 48227. I pretty much stuck with that. I wanted to stick with that particular area.

"(The book) brings back a lot of memories, because I have so many things that I cover. Things about celebrations, so I got kids out there with sparklers and hula hoops."

He talked about the era when Grand River-Greenfield was the center of the neighborhood's universe during a recent book discussion at the Henry Chaney branch of the Detroit Public Library (16101 Grand River).

### Then and now

Among those there for the presentation were former residents of the 48227, including Ted

McCauley's from the 1969 graduating class of St. Mary's of Redford High School.

"I worked at Legel's Party Store and that was owned by Jack Legel, who eventually became a congressman in Lansing," said Lietz, now a resident of Ferndale. "(The store) was on the corner of Fenkell and St. Mary's. My parents moved us there in 1960. It was Tom's Party Store when I was a kid.

"(McCauley's book) is interesting. It was fun to look through and see some of the places ... what they were like then and what they're like now. My biggest surprise was, the place we liked to hang out at was the Red Devil Pizzeria, over near Greenfield and Fenkell. I think Joe said in here somewhere that it's now a Caribbean restaurant. Things change."

Lietz added that the 48227 was "a great place to grow up. It was the '60s, so there were tons of kids on every street."

McCauley's childhood home (1951 until 1978, after he left Wayne State University, where he studied journalism) was on Winthrop, near Greenfield between Kendall and Schoolcraft.

"We could see the Wrigley's supermarket on Greenfield right from our backyard, which is kind of convenient," McCauley said. "In fact, the place just got torn down within the last year.

"I used to come back at least once a year and I'd see how it was going downhill."

Over on the corner of Lietz - a classmate of Abington and Glendale, Recently at the Henry Chaney branch of the Detroit Public Library, Northville author Joseph McCauley (center) talks with Steve Backus (right) about the Detroit neighborhood his book is about. At left is McCauley's wife Grace. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

across from Dossin Elementary School, is where Steve Backus lived as a youngster. He now is 65 and lives in Wyandotte. He found out about McCauley's book (and the discussion) via a Facebook page.

"To me, it's important (to have the 48227 documented)," Backus said. "And I think it's important to a lot of people that don't live there anymore and miss it."

He added that the wealth of photos in McCauley's book can trigger memories.

"It's history, it's where we came from, where most of us grew up, (so) I think (readers) would be interested in this," Backus said. "Everybody's been kind of scattered, so it's nice to have a way to

### get back."

### You never know

Whether or not the Grand River-Greenfield area ever sees the kind of successful reboot going on right now in downtown Detroit remains to be seen. But rumors are afoot that a renaissance might be coming.

"I think everybody knows it got run down," Backus said. "Hopefully, it's coming back or people will help to rebuild it."

The neighborhood's potential rebirth pinned to talk that the Forman Hills department store will be moving into the erstwhile Montgomery Ward building - would have been happy news to the ears of the late Mike Ilitch.

An enormous reason downtown Detroit has returned to life during the 21st century was Ilitch's belief that it could.

Ilitch, a baseball star at Cooley High School (located in the northern portion of the 48227, at the intersection of Hubbell Avenue and Chalfonte Street), went on to play a major role in downtown's comeback, through his ownership of the Detroit Red Wings and Tigers.

"People are really excited around here about (Forman Hills) going in there, because they got these dollar stores, that just doesn't cut it," McCauley said. "That will be more of a place where people want to go."

Old landmarks of mid-1900s business are gone now, replaced by

nondescript shops.

There are crumbling homes where there once were showpieces. But McCauley is hopeful something good is coming. It is one reason he wanted to write his book.

"It's one of these parts of the city, it's like you got the downtown that's doing pretty well," McCauley said. "It still hasn't reached out to the neighborhoods yet.

"But I got a feeling that maybe we'll see it in our lifetime. You never know."

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cense and myrrh.

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### Theater

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will feature the unique mixed media works of artist Jeremy Rheault in an exhibit titled "On To Something," on display through Tuesday, Jan. 1, in the Gallery@VT, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Rheault attended Plymouth-Canton

bachelor of fine arts from Eastern Michigan University.

This exhibit is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, during public performances at the theater and by appointment by calling 734-394-5300. The Gallery is closed each holiday. For more information, go to



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### **Frances A. Bucht**

LIVONIA - Frances A. Bucht age 75 of Livonia, Michigan passed away Sunday evening December 9, 2018 at the Heartland Health Care Center in Three Rivers, Michigan following a brief illness.

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### **Gerald A. Pinkerton**

- - Gerald A. Pinkerton, age 77, and Janice J. Pinkerton, age 75, passed away December 9, 2018. Beloved husband and wife for 56 years. Cherished father and mother of Kimberlie (Kris) Zecman and Faith (Mitch) Phillips. Dearest grandparents of Sara (Bobby) Babcock, Ryan (Stepha-



nie) Zecman, William (Hyunah) Phillips, Lucas Phillips and Jacob Phillips. Janice, adored sister of the late Robert J. Wisniewski and sister-in-law of Betty Wisniewski. Gerald, loving brother of Judy (Douglas) Olds, Jill (Roger) Lockhart and the late Jim Pinkerton. Brother-in-law of Bonita Pinkerton. A visitation will be held on Friday, December 14, 11am-1pm, followed by a funeral service at 1pm, at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Angela Hospice. To share a favorite memory and/or photo of Gerald and Janice and to sign the online guestbook, please visit www.turowskifuneralhome.com.



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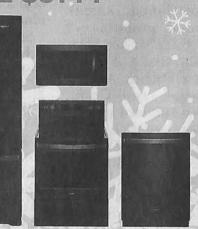
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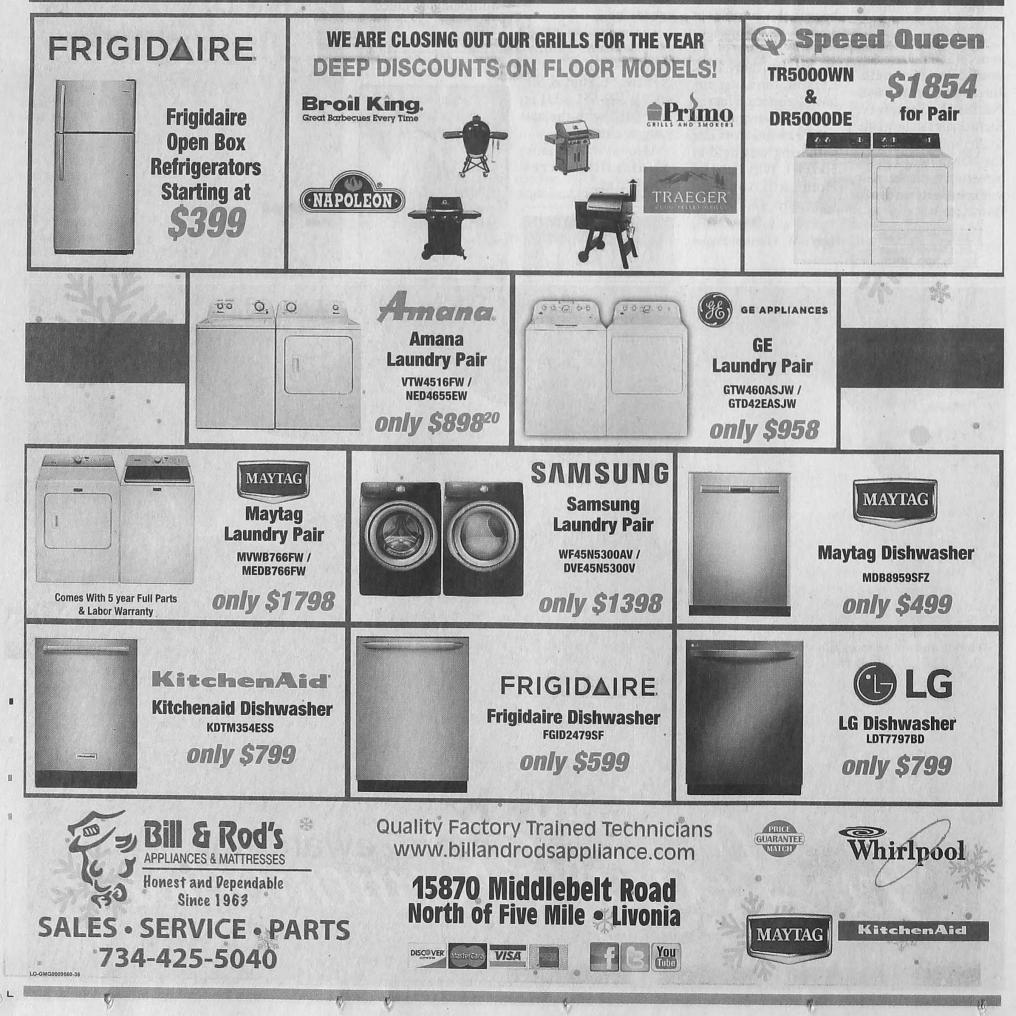
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### **PREP WRESTLING**

# Franklin takes another city title

### Navy-bound Rusnell keys triumph with MVP award

### Brad Emons

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Accepted recently into the U.S. Naval Academy, Livonia Franklin senior wrestler Russ Rusnell certainly exemplifies the motto: "Semper Fortis" — "always strong" or "always courageous."

That was no more evident than in his 130-pound final Wednesday at the Livonia City Tournament against Churchill sophomore Garrett Englehart, who gave Rusnell all he could handle before falling in triple overtime, 8-7.

For Rusnell, who was voted tournament MVP, it was a pivotal match for the Patriots, who captured their fourth straight city crown by edging Churchill, 186-183.

"It was really tiring, I haven't gone to triple overtime since my freshman year," said Rusnell, who won his first tourney match with a quick pin in 48 seconds. "I was gassed, but it was whoever wanted it more at that point. Had to fight through it."

Host Stevenson placed third with 135.5, while Clarenceville was fourth with 58.5.

"We knew going into this the (standings were) going to be really close," Rusnell said. "We were plugging away and people were wrestling up. I was wres-

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Livonia Franklin captured its fourth straight city championship by edging Churchill by three points, 186-183. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### **BOYS HOCKEY**



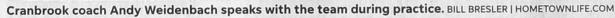
# PREP GYMNASTICS Bloomfield Hills revives dormant program

Marty Budner hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Thanks to some visionary thinking by Kalyn Mullens, gymnastics has bounced back to Bloomfield Hills.

The Bloomfield Hills High School sophomore grew up with a love for gymnastics while working out at the Gymnastics Training Center in Rochester Hills. One of her coaches there was Cynthia Tan.

Mullens knew she wanted to com-



# LEAVING A LEGACY

Veteran Cranbrook coach Weidenbach calling it a career

#### **Marty Budner**

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Andy Weidenbach had intended to stay one year at Cranbrook. Twenty-six years later, he's decided it's time to retire.

The veteran hockey coach is on his last tour of duty with the Cranes this season.

Weidenbach and his wife Martha, who also works at Cranbrook as an administrative assistant in the boys boarding program, are calling it quits together. Their goal is to start a new life in Florida and spend more time with their three boys — Andy Jr., John and Eric and 11 grandchildren.

"You know, people have told me you'll kind of know when it's time," said Weidenbach, the longest tenured of Cran"Every day has been a good day and it's been a blessing. There are no complaints whatsoever. But ... there are things we want to do with the family ..."

Andy Weidenbach retiring Cranbrook boys hockey coach

brook's deep list of high-profile hockey coaches over the years. "I've had a great run here. This is my 41st year as a head coach and 26th at Cranbrook. So 41 years of coaching and it's been great.

"Every day has been a good day and it's been a blessing. There are no complaints whatsoever," he added. "But we have 11 grandchildren. It's growing and there are things we want to do with the family and do some other things. It's time for us to spend some time with them."

Their original plan was to retire in tandem last year, but the Weidenbachs delayed things until this year because of the volume of employees who are retirement-eligible.

"We would have like to have retired in 2018 in a perfect world, but the school had several people retiring in key positions and lots of people were retiring," Weidenbach said. "So the school asked us, along with some other people, to stay one more year."

### **Making an impact**

Weidenbach is one of the most recognizable names on the high school

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pete at the high school level. Problem was, she would be attending a school that did not field a gymnastics team.

So Mullens, who also plays volleyball, approached the Bloomfield Hills administration last year and her efforts were rewarded. Bloomfield Hills officials made gymnastics an official

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Sophomore captain Kalyn Mullens wants to start a "new foundation for gymnastics" in Bloomfield Hills. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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# **COLLEGE FOOTBALL** Local talent fuels Ferris State postseason run

#### Brad Emons hometownlife.com

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Danny Collins was scheduled to go through graduation exercises Saturday at Ferris State, but he had some other pressing business.

Meanwhile, Jevon Shaw was taking his final physics exam Tuesday, but there was an even bigger test awaiting him Saturday.

Both are key contributors for the Ferris State football team, which was seeking its first-ever NCAA Division II national championship. The Bulldogs (15-0), who hoped to duplicate the feat of the Ferris State men's basketball team by winning another national title for the school in Big Rapids, were scheduled to play Valdosta (Ga.) State (13-0) in the championship game Saturday in McKinney, Texas.

The 5-foot-10, 185-pound Collins, a fifth-year senior from Plymouth and Novi Detroit Catholic Central, rotates in the secondary and is the Bulldogs' special teams captain.

His graduation plans were delayed.

### **Change of plans**

"I was set to walk on the 15th, but obviously we'll be playing a game though, instead," Collins said. "With some of my teammates it was, like, 'Oh, I wonder if the coaches will understand that I've got to walk.' I guess you can re-do it in May, if you want. Honestly, that's more for my parents wanting to get pictures of me for mom and my grandparents.'

Shaw, a 5-10, 195-pound slot back from Farmington Hills Harrison, couldn't say if he had "aced" his physics final, but the sports communication major said, "I think it went pretty well."

"I tend to do well in like science and math classes, so I think I did OK," he said

Shaw has emerged this season as a go-to slot receiver, as he has caught 29 passes for 420 yards and scored four touchdowns. The former Harrison quarterback has also rushed for 101 yards.

'Really, what's made it special is relationships on the team that we share," Shaw said. "I think what makes it exciting is that we're all rooting for each other and we're all one. When we go out there and play a game, it's just like we're playing in the backyard, just playing football for each other. When it's time to play, we



**Farmington Hills Harrison grad Jevon** Shaw has been a key figure as a slot back during Ferris State's postseason run. KEVIN MCDERMOTT

mean business, but you've got to have a little fun, too. I think that's what's made our season so special for us."

### **Special teams**

Shaw red-shirted his freshman year, then made his mark last season as a special teams player. This year, he's averaging 19.9 yards per kickoff return.

"I'm a No. 2 on kickoff return, but this year is my first starting, so I've been taken off all special teams," Shaw said. "I do like kickoffs and running down a kickoff and making tackles. I played on punt earlier in the season. I still like special teams.'

Collins majored in sports communication with a concentration in broadcast journalism, but he also minored in marketing and has already accepted a job in sales.

But before he enters the working world, there would be nothing better than to go out a winner on the football field

"We've had aspirations of going to a national championship, that's something all of our coaching staff preaches," Collins said. "And we've had tremendous success over the years, obviously, but the I think difference in this team ... just coming into this year, we had a lot of people who hadn't had a ton of playing time, especially on the defensive side of the ball.

This Ferris State team, according to Collins, plays with a "chip on our shoulder."

### Playing with an edge

"The coaches who have even been here the last few years have said we play more with an edge than the previous years," Collins said. "Not that those teams felt entitled or anything, but with this team, we feel like a lot of people weren't giving us a lot of respect in the off-season. They were thinking we lost a a lot people and won't be a good, maybe this is a bad year. But a lot of us have taken advantage of that publicity and kind of flipped the script.

"We're really a hard-nosed team. And I just think what the difference is the edge that we play with on game day and the way we prepare throughout the weeks. Not a lot of people miss practice, everyone is very committed and we're just very dedicated, more so than in past years.'

Collins, who has 19 tackles on the year, switched from cornerback to safety this season and has gotten more reps on defense. He is not technically a starter, but he'll rotate into the mix.

He also has been a member of all four Bulldogs special unit teams for the past four years.

"It's an honor to be a captain on the team, especially on special teams," Collins said

Saturday's forecast in McKinney, located 32 miles north of Dallas, is favorable, 58 degrees and sunny. That's a far cry from the 23 degrees and piles of snow the Bulldogs experienced last Saturday in the 42-25 semifinal win against Minnesota State.

"It was basically playing football on ice," Shaw said.

### **Scouting report**

Valdosta State, a No.1 seed that drew a first-round bye, is coming off a 30-24 semifinal win over Notre Dame (Ohio) College.

Very talented, very fast, physical, pretty much all their people on defense," Shaw said of the Blazers. "They have physical attributes - height, size, solid D-line, solid DBs. We don't expect it to be an easy game, by any means, and they are talented by what I've seen, but we're talented, too.'

Shaw said has remained in close contact with former high school coach John Herrington, the state's all-time winningest coach (435 wins) who just finished his final season.

And Shaw would like nothing better than to give Harrington a parting gift.

"If we win the national championship, he'll be one of the first guys I'll call," Shaw said. "He's a big reason why I'm here. I appreciate him a lot."

Among the other Hometown-Life.com-area players who have contributed to the Ferris State cause this season are:

Austin Simpson: The 6-1, 300pound sophomore red-shirt from Livonia Churchill, who has played in all 15 games, starts at defensive tackle and has a total of 34 tackles, including 3.5 sacks.

Trevor Tank: The 6-3, 270-pound sophomore red-shirt from South Lyon starts at defensive end and has a racked up 26 tackles, including two sacks, in 14 games.

Evan Cummins: The strong-armed 6-3, 220-pound red-shirt freshman quarterback from Livonia Churchill is one of three backups for starter Jayru Campbell. Cummins has scored three TDs this season, including an 8-yard run in a second-round win against Northwest Missouri State and a 1-yard sneak in the semifinal victory over Minnesota State. He has rushed for 131 yards overall in 12 games.

Jordan Jones: The 6-0, 285-pound freshman red-shirt defensive tackle from Redford and Dearborn Divine Child has a total of 14 tackles in 11 games.

Alex Bock: The 5-10, 190-pound sophomore red-shirt defensive back from Detroit CC has appeared in seven games playing in a backup role with five tackles.

Chaise Ford: The 5-11, 210 pound freshman defensive back from Birmingham Groves is a red-shirt in his inaugural FSU season.

I Giovanni Aggazi: The 6-4, 290pound offensive lineman from Livonia Stevenson is red-shirting during his first season with the Bulldogs.

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**BOYS SWIMMING** 

# Stevenson distance freestyle standout Rojewski taking aim

#### **Brad Emons** hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

Ben Rojewski may be the best swimmer never to appear on Livonia Stevenson's record board.

The senior, who recently signed an NCAA Division I letter of intent with Oakland University, could change all that this season as he chases a coveted state title.

In the Division 1 state finals last year, Rojewski placed runner-up in the 500yard freestyle when he posted a time of 4:31.15, only 0.65 seconds behind firstplace finisher David Cleason (4:30.50), a senior from Ann Arbor Skyline.

As a sophomore, Rojewski finished third in the 500 freestyle after placing seventh as a freshman in the Division 1 meet.

He is hoping to take aim at a coveted Stevenson school record held by Nick Arakelian, who set the standard of 4:24.84 during a first-place finish in the 2014 D-1 state finals.

"There's certainly a chance and that's one of the things we're going for," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "Nick was obviously one of the premier swimmers in the state, in the history of Michigan swimming, so to take that record down would be truly a remarkable event, but that's exactly what we're shooting for."

Arakelian, who became an NCAA Division II All-American at Queens (N.C.) University, holds multiple pool and school records at Stevenson.

In the 500 freestyle, he set a pool mark of 4:35.47 (2012). In the 200 freestyle, Arakelian's records include 1:41.19 (pool) and 1:40.57 (school).

"I don't know in this pool, but hopefully I'm going to shoot for first in the state, hoping to drop somewhere around five seconds, if possible, so basically a 4:30.0," Rojewski said of his 500 freestyle goal.



Stevenson senior Ben Rojewski has high expectations for his senior season. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

13th in last year's finals, where he posted a season-best 1:42.49 in the prelims.

Rojewski's performances certainly caught the eye of OU coaches Peter Hovland and Stacy Busack. And after a visit, he was sold.

"It's got a really nice campus," Rojewski said. "The swim team and the whole atmosphere they have ... it's a really fun team. I felt it was the perfect college to go to."

In his first meet of the season Dec. 6 against Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day and University of Detroit-Jesuit, Rojewski already earned his first state In the 200 freestyle, Rojewski placed cut in the 500 freestyle (4:52).

"Last year it took about three or four meets, so I think I'm on track," he said.

Rojewski estimates he averages around 7,000 yards daily, split between multiple practices throughout the week under Shoemaker, and it is paying dividends.

"You start to feel stronger," he said. "At the beginning of the season, you feel really weak and tired, but as time goes on, you start feeling better and better."

Rojewski was always around a pool when he was young. He swam competitively during summers at the Newburgh Swim Club, where the Arakelians, a family of four standout swimmers,

were a fixture. He branched out to the Bulldog Swim Club and also the Novi Sturgeons, who currently are under the direction of coach Genrow Cammi.

Rojewski, however, arrived as a ninth-grader at Stevenson with little fanfare.

"In fact, we didn't know about him at all," Shoemaker said. "He didn't come in very fast at all, decently, but not very fast and we had a pretty good team then. And he just got better, better and better. He performed extremely well his freshman year. And since then, we've been fine-tuning everything. He's now one of the fastest distance guys we've ever had."

The senior is also a standout in the classroom. He carries a 3.87 grade-point average and plans to study computer engineering at OU. When he's away from the pool, Rojewski is your typical 17-year-old.

"I like to hang out with my friends, play video games and stuff like that, but nothing substantial," Rojewski said.

Shoemaker, meanwhile, believes Rojewski brings many intangibles to his swim program.

"He's a quiet kid, but very likable kid," Shoemaker coach said. "And he's a very hard worker. He does well in school, a lot of friends. He's kind of a quiet motivator for a lot of kids. He's not an in-your-face leader and he doesn't like to be led like that. He's a kind of do your own thing, keep your mouth shut and get it done."

Rojewski, who competed in the USA Swimming Junior Nationals, has shown versatility in the pool in addition to being a distance freestyler.

"He's an all-around swimmer, so we'll see what we can do in some dual meets where we'll move him around," Shoemaker said. "But he can swim anything and everything."

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# Weidenbach

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coaching circuit. And it's not solely for all the on-ice success he's enjoyed at the renowned private school in Bloomfield Hills.

While he is proud of Cranrook Kingswood's 10 state championships, 19 regional championships and four Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League crowns during his reign, Weidenbach expressed equal satisfaction for aiding in the growth and development of high school hockey across the state.

Weidenbach spent eight years as a board member of the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association four years as secretary and four years as president. He also spent four years as rules committee member on the National Federation of High School Ice Hockey.

A 2009 Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Hall of Fame inductee, Weidenbach still serves as president of the highly-regarded MIHL, which some argue is the state's best prep hockey league. The league, which formed prior to the 1999-2000 season, has expanded from the original four to its current twodivision 10-team format.

Weidenbach also has been instrumental in developing the MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase, which started with a 12-team field 18 years ago and has since grown to 42 teams. The annual event captures the attention of college and pro scouts across North America and beyond.

Three other accomplishments were helping the MHSAA adopt the current 17-minute period of play, developing the concept of fall hockey across the state and witnessing the advent of the Michigan Development Hockey League. He's delighted to see high school hockey grow from some 90 teams when he first started to more than 160 now.

"I think when people think of Cranbrook hockey, they see the (state championship) banners hanging in the rafters,"Weidenbach said. "That's the first thing people think of and I don't deny it because it was fun to win state championships. The banners are a visual reminder of some of the success of the program.

"But there were a lot of things done here that people don't know about. We raised tens of thousands of dollars in charity over the years and we do a lot community service work. We, Pat Ronayne and I, did lots of work with the MHSAA to get the 17-minute periods passed.

"We did lots of things for the greater good of high school hockey and those are some of the things I'm most proud of, along with many other people who were part of this process," he added. "I wanted to make high school hockey better, be part of the growth and have some influence on it. That was part of my goal when I first started."



Cranbrook hockey coach Andy Weidenbach keeps an eye on practice. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Miller (2007) and Austin Alger (2015). Weidenbach said each of his teams have been unique.

"Every team has their own identity and they're all special," said Weidenbach, who was in the construction business before becoming a full-time head coach. "We've had some really, really good players and you would think those would be your best years — and they were.

"But some of the other teams I've had, like that first team which won only eight games, had some players I will never forget. I have a special fondness for every team I've ever coached, including junior hockey.

"Maybe we didn't have that level of players the past few years, but it certainly has been a good experience to have coached those players and be a part of this Cranbrook hockey legacy," he added.

### **Communication is the key**

And what is the key to all of his coaching success?

"I think the best coaches find a way to relate to people and, in our case, it's our players," said Weidenbach, who never aspired to be a head coach growing up. "You have to find ways to get through to the players, to get them to overachieve or to develop a relationship where you get them to perform. To sum it up, I think the better coaches are the better communicators, typically. "I never went to school for it or never studied for it. Growing up through the coaching ranks, though, I did attend a lot of coaching clinics and talked to a lot of coaches and asked a lot of questions. I wanted to be a better coach. I learned early it was good to be a good listener. I always had an open mind for knowledge.

#### **Rewards are the relationships**

Whatever happens, he knows he leaves the program and rink in great shape for John LaFontaine, who will take over both responsibilities. LaFontaine began his ice rink managing duties in July and is currently assisting the hockey team.

"It's a bittersweet feeling. The sad part is this era is ending and it's time to turn the page," Weidenbach said. "But yet the excitement is we're going into the next chapter. My wife and I are looking forward to beginning that next chapter.

"We are not leaving on a bad note at all. In fact, we're leaving on an up note.

We just decided it was time, for no particular reason other than I think it's time to pass the torch. I don't want to be one of those guys who stay forever. I think passing the torch is a good thing.

"It's been very rewarding. There's no doubt about it," he added. "And the rewards are far greater having somebody come back and telling you they had a great experience and (you) changed their lives or impacted their lives. Again, winning a state championship is great, but the influence you have on young people is far more rewarding."

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### **Climbing the coaching ranks**

After graduating from Allen Park High School in 1969, Weidenbach began his coaching career nine years later with the local bantam 'A' and mite teams. He quickly moved up the coaching ranks into the AAA and junior leagues, including with the well-known Compuware program and, eventually, into the Ontario Hockey League, where he coached future pros Eric Lindros and Mike Modano, among others.

Weidenbach took over the vaunted CK hockey program beginning with the 1993-94 season.

Incredibly, the rebuilding Cranes won just eight games that first year.

"It was a down period when I got here. We had some great kids, but we didn't have a great team," Weidenbach said. "They offered me to renew my contract after that first year. I thought, OK. I like it here.

"It's been fun. It's a great environment to work in. I had good assistants and good people to work with, so I stayed another year and, 26 years later, I'm still here. I really enjoyed coaching here and every year that went by I just thought this was probably the right place for me.

"After I arrived at Cranbrook and after a year or two, I thought that this might be the perfect fit for me," he added. "And it certainly ended up working out that way."

No question about it.

Weidenbach's record entering this year was a stellar 487-178-45 for a .686 winning percentage. The 2007 National High School Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year's first state title was in 1997 and the last was in 2015. The Cranes won back-to-back titles in 2009-10.

Weidenbach developed five Mr. Hockey players since the MHSHCA started awarding the honor in 1993 — Johnny Kim (2002), Will Wallace (2002), Chase Langlais (2005), Andrew "I have coached some of the best players in the world (in the OHL). But coaching is coaching," he added. "Whether you're coaching a girls pee wee team, a high school team or a junior team, you're still dealing with people and developing life skills and those sorts of things."

In addition to his head coaching duties, Weidenbach doubled as the Wallace Ice Arena rink manager. He's excelled at both jobs.

Wallace Ice Arena has undergone extensive renovations under Weidenbach's reign. Prior to this year, new locker, weight and assembly rooms were constructed for the school's boys and girls teams.

"When I arrived here, there was no infrastructure. (The arena) was basically an open shell. I really got a clean slate and I was allowed to get this thing going," Weidenbach said. "This place has changed quite a bit in the 26 years I've been here. We renovated the facility a couple years ago and that was something we always wanted to do.

"But you know, I couldn't have written a better script," he added. "The support I've gotten from the administration has been spectacular. Cranbrook has treated me like royalty. I feel like a rock star here and I wouldn't have changed a thing."

Weidenbach hopes to end his final season with another strong tourney run.

### Wrestling

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tling up at 130 and I'm usually down, like, at 125. We were just trying to get wins where we could ... other guys getting pins in, like, the third- and fourth-place matches, so everybody came together to win the team trophy.'

Rusnell, a two-time state qualifier, was among nine Franklin individual champions out of the 14 weight classes. The Patriots also got a pivotal triple-overtime win from 135-pounder Logan Evanchuk, who edged Churchill's Daniel Bragiel, 3-2, in the finals.

Jake Swirple, a state placer a year ago, clinched the team title for the Patriots when he pinned Churchill's Christian Haddad for six points in the 285-pound final in 2:21

Other champions for the Patriots were Ethan Chung (103), Christian Gerber (119), Jager Kwiatkowski (125), Rocco DiPonio (145), Jacob Johnson (152) and Erik Reaves (189).

Rusnell, who had a grandfather serve in the marines, plans to study physics at Navy. He would like to eventually become a marine himself after his commitment to the navy.

"I wanted to be in the military since I was younger," Rusnell said. "My freshman year, I found out about the service academies, so it was taking hard classes, working harder in school, playing sports to, hopefully, make me a good candidate. I found out about two weeks ago I was accepted. I'm going to try and walk on (wrestling), but we'll see.

Franklin's Dave Chiola said Rusnell is probably the most disciplined wrestler he's ever coached.

"He'll do whatever you ask him," Chiola said. "He's a great leader and it's just his hard work ... he would get most dedicated every year if I wanted to give it out to him every year. He just leads by example. If everybody in the room did what he did, we'd have 14 champions."

It was Franklin's 13th city title in the last 14 years and probably the closest margin of victory during that streak.

"I wanted 11 finalists and eight champs," Chiola said. "We got nine champs out of nine. We went nine-fornine in the finals. We had more champs, but the problem was there were three weight classes where we took fourth place. Injuries have been huge this year. My captain (Marino DiPonio) is probably out for the year at 160. My 112-pounder got hurt Saturday, so I had to bump up my JV 103. And then my 215 went out in a scrimmage, tried to put a freshman in there. I had to put a backup 145-pounder in at 160, so at a lot of weights, we were really hurting."

Churchill's four champions were Drew Bush (140), Connor McAnalley (160), Mike Bragiel (171) and Matt Wilson (215)

"It's bittersweet, but the match we had in overtime, you've got to love that," Churchill coach Jake Meadows said. "I'll take those losses now at this part of the sea-

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Franklin senior Russ Rusnell. "It was really tiring, I haven't gone to triple overtime since my freshman year. I was gassed, but it was whoever wanted it more at that point. Had to fight through it." **Russ Rusnell** 

Franklin senior wrestler

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son because you get those back later down the road, so I'll take that all day."

The Chargers also had five runner-up finishes and five thirds.

"I pretty much had this thing pegged to that, a couple of matches swung the wrong way," Meadows said. LIVONIA CITY WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS Dec. 12 at Stevensor

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**CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS** 

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 103 pounds: Ethan Chung (Franklin) pinned Adam Clan (Churchill), 1:18; third place: Craig Woodward (Stevenson) p. Ethan Krettlen (C'ville), 1:39. 172: Ethan Barel (Stevenson) won by major decision over Dean Harrington (C'ville), 13-2; third: Nolan Bush (Churchill) p. Billy Diamond (Franklin), 0:38. 199: Christian Gerber (Franklin) dec. Aidan Haupt (Churchill), 12-6; third: Anthony Gazzarato (Stevenson) won by major dec. over Nick Paghaganas (C'ville), 13-2. 125: Jager Kwiatkowski (Franklin) p. Jonathan Sanchez (C'ville), 3:12; third: Invi Bell (Churchill) won by technical fall over Madison Droste (Stevenson), 22-7. 130: Russ Rusnell (Franklin) dec. Garrett Englehart (Churchill), 3-7 (three overtimes); third: Logan Schoppert (Stevenson) p. Devan Wilson (C'ville), 0:17. 135: Logan Evanchuk (Franklin) dec. Daniel Bragiel (Churchill), 3-2 (three OTs); third: Shadi Beidoun (Stevenson) dec. Alex Mitchell (C'ville), 8-5. 140: Drew Bush (Churchill) dec. Justin Fields (C'ville), 6-1; third: Owen Atienza (Stevenson) dec. Jordan DeGiuli (Franklin), 4-3. 145: Rocco DiPonio (Franklin) dec. Jacob Weiss (C'ville), 11-9; third: Ryan Varner (Churchill) dec. Bankston Darland Huckaby (Stevenson), 6-3.

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160: Connor McAnalley (Churchill) dec. Jared Wilkinson (Stevenson), 6-3; third: Tyler VanVliet (Franklin) p. Branden Mahoney (C'ville), 1:32.
171: Mike Bragiel (Churchill) dec. Dylan Kuschel (Stevenson), 5-2; third: Zach Beckett (Franklin) p. Jakobe Groves (C'ville), 0:34.
189: Erick Reaves (Franklin) p. Evan Bowen (Stevenson), 0:57.
151: Matt Wilson (Churchill) dec. Zach Thomas (Franklin), 15-11.
285: Jake Swirple (Franklin) p. Christian Haddad (Churchill), 2:21; third: Mikyle Gantz (Stevenson) p. Emilio Ferrer (C'ville), 0:55.

"(Garrett) Englehart surprised the hell out of me. That was a great match. He took a two-time state qualifier to triple overtime as a sophomore — that's everything. Bittersweet loss, but you take that back to the mat tomorrow and we go back at it. Tough tournament this weekend, so we can't hang our heads on this one.'

Stevenson's lone winner was Ethan Barel at 112, who won by major decision over Clarenceville's Dean Harrington, 13-2

"A couple of things didn't bounce our way," secondyear Stevenson coach John McCurdy said. "In general, we're working on growth. We had a champion (Barel at 112), so that's good. I would have preferred to have one more, a lot of kids in the finals. We're a little short this year, but we're coming."

McCurdy called his team's performance "a step in the right direction.'

"We had 16 kids last year and we have 36 now," McCurdy said. "So what that means is I have 20 kids who haven't wrestled in high school before. My seniors are doing a great job of leadership and we're getting better every day. We'll be better at the end of the year than we are now. We don't have everybody down to the weights where we want yet and we will. It's going to be important at the end of the year."

But in the end, Franklin was able to hang on for the victory.

"Churchill and Franklin are in our (team) district, so it's important that we continue to cut that gap,' McCurdy said. "Franklin has been the 10,000-pound gorilla in Livonia wrestling for a long time. And that's the target. The target isn't to try be second or third place, the target is trying to catch them. Dave has a great program, but that's our goal."

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### Hills

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sport starting with the 2018-19 season. Mullens could have done cartwheels with that decision.

"I'm ecstatic. I really wanted a gymnastics program at our high school," said Mullens, a club gymnast since she was in kindergarten. "I really wanted to do gymnastics, because that is the sport I love.

"I talked to our athletic director (R.J. Guizzetti) about doing gymnastics in high school and I talked to some friends also and asked them to say they wanted to participate as well. When we got a couple letters formulated, he read them and he said, 'OK, they can do it.'

"I was excited, but even more excited when I learned that some upcoming freshmen like Maeve (Wright) and Katie (Noettl) were also interested in gymnastics and that made our team even bigger," she added. "We want to start a new foundation for gymnastics in Bloomfield Hills.'

### **Veteran Tan leads** program

Tan, a former gymnastics coach at Birmingham Groves, Rochester Adams and Troy, was excited to lead the new program with Mullens as one of her prized student-athletes. She had been out of high school coaching for four years, although she had coached at the GTC.

"I was actually not going to get back into coaching, but Kalyn Mullens asked me to come back and coach," Tan said. "She asked me to help her out and start this team out for high school and develop it. Between her, her mom and myself and Tom Wright and Maeve Wright, we all got together and asked the athletic director if we could start a program and that's how we got it started.

"I'm excited about it. I think it's going to be a great year," she added. "I to do an awesome job and they're a lot of fun."

It's been years since Bloomfield Hills schools have fielded a gymnastics squad. The last competitive team was in the late 20th century at the old Lahser High School, which combined with Andover in 2013 to form Bloomfield Hills.

Guizzetti is enthused to have gymnastics on the athletic menu.

"I'm incredibly thrilled that we had the opportunity to add a gymnastics program here at BHHS and to be able to get such an outstanding and respected head coach was a stroke of good luck as well," Guizzetti said. "The commitment shown by the girls, their parents and the coaches has been unmatched. We (district A.D Mike Cowdrey and I) had been approached by a parent who told us that there was a strong group of girls interested in competing in gymnastics for the high school. Once we confirmed that level of interest, we moved forward.

"We have no doubt that this will be a successful program very quickly under Cynthia's leadership," he said. "She's going to do things the right way and set a tremendous example for our girls. I'm excited about the possibilities."

### Young, but experience squad

Although Tan is fielding a young squad agewise, she does have some experienced gymnasts.

Captains Morgan Mathis, a junior, and Mullens, along with sophomore Anna German and Wright and Noettl, all grew up as club gymnasts

Mathis' specialty is beam and bars and Mullens and Wright are allaround competitors. German, another GTC product, is strong on uneven bars and also competes all-around.

The team's other members are sophomore Emilie Pedretti and freshmen Abby Wasco and Carlee Blackshire.

"I've been kind of lucky because most of theses girls have a lot of gymnastics background themselves in travel club," said Tan, who attended South Haven High School and competed with OAK Gymnastics travel team. "They just really work hard in practice and they're good. They're a very positive bunch and they really like each other and that's the best part.

"As a first-year program, I think we're going to do OK," she added. "I'm excited to see what this team is going to be like and I think we'll only get better as the season progresses. They're very willing to try new things and I think they'll be very competitive."

### Strong opening show

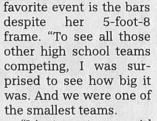
Bloomfield Hills began its season in promising fashion with a strong performance Dec. 1 at the Holt Invitational.

The Black Hawks were seventh among 20 teams with a state regional qualifying score of 131.35. Wright placed second off the vault and was sixth all-around to lead the scoring.

"We did really well. They've really done a good job of putting their new routines together and getting ready for a meet," Tan said. "We only had a month to get ready, so they did an awesome job. We did great on beam. We only had two falls among six gymnasts, so that was pretty impressive."

Mullens, who was awed by the spectacle of high school invitationals, simply wants to team to gel properly and see the sport grow.

"It was so different competing (at the invitational) because that was my first high school event and I was just used to competing at the club level," said Mullens, whose



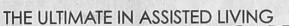
"I just want every girl to continue to get new skills and be happy with themselves. Obviously, it would be so cool if we went to regionals and states. That's always a goal," she said. "But I just want every girl to be excited and happy to come to practice and enjoy every second they're here and build relationships with the other girls."

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The newly-formed Bloomfield Hills gymnastics team includes (from left) Carlee Blackshire, Maeve Wright, Katie Noettl, coach Cynthia Tan, Kalyn Mullens, Anna German, Abby Wasco and Emilie Pedretti. Junior captain Morgan Mathis is also on the squad. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM







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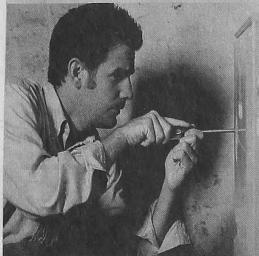


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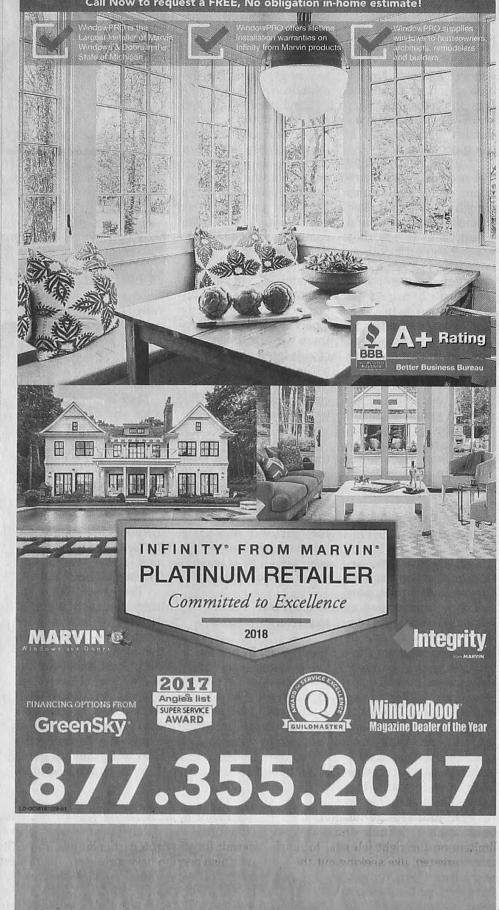
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There are a number of ways to get a job overseas, but most of them require lots of planning. Before you hop a plane to Bali or Paris to scout local job opportunities on your own, there a few factors and opportunities to consider to help you get the most out of working abroad.

### 1. Start your job search before you go abroad

While it may seem adventurous or romantic to go exploring the world, there's a lot of research that has to go into creating a financially feasible plan. Landing a job is different than bumming around Europe with a backpack. While it can have similar benefits like language and cultural immersion, finding shortterm and long-term work is much different than your average vacation. It may be as simple as defining your search delimiters on the right job site, to much more targeted, like seeking out the job ads that are in local news websites from your desired location or networking among friends and alumni organizations. Depending on your financial situation and ultimate goals for working abroad, lining up the job beforehand is almost always better than going broke for a month while you try to find opportunities locally.



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need to be approved before you arrive. Oftentimes a company procures a work permit for you for a particular job. You may also need to have a residency permit. Thus, changing jobs while you're overseas comes with an added complication: new work permit applications. There are also different types of visas, like a working holiday visa (for those between the ages of 18 to 35) and temporary work visas which are offered to American citizens by some countries like Canada and the UK for several months. Whether you're considering teering and internships world-wide with various reputable organizations. Students can often take advantage of internships during study abroad programs. Joining the Peace Corps, an another example, will take you places and use your skills to serve an impoverished community abroad. This is good experience to broaden your horizons and for your resume, but this type of opportunity is one you have to weigh against your current financial stressors. The Peace Corps provides language training, cultural immersion by living with a host foreign country, you can consider a teaching job as your foot in the door to find other local job opportunities. There are many teaching placement programs that can get you started, though some require prior experience.

### 5. Consider global company opportunities

Even applying for a position at a global company could get you to the place you want to be eventually. This is perhaps the lengthiest way to find a job overseas, but also one of the most financially stable. Search for travel opportunities within your current organization. Business trips are a short-term way to get you to feed the travel bug, get paid to do it, and not worry about establishing residency in a foreign country. But you never know when your organization may be opening new positions overseas. Keep an eye out for these internal hiring opportunities.

### 6. Find a job that will always go abroad

If you're just starting in your career or looking to change careers to one that brings you more travel opportunities, there are a number of fields that offer the travel-driven a regular influx of travel opportunities. Jobs in tourism and leisure, travel writing, and working for an international airline are perhaps the most obvious. But there are other less-

### 2. Nail down all paperwork well in advance

There's one tricky thing you don't worry about in your average job search in your home country: work permits. Technically, you can just show up and live for a few weeks in another country, but if you find a job, you'll need to know how to get a work permit. In many countries the work permit application may long-term or short-term work, it's best to set up your work permits before you pack up and move – even before you buy a plane ticket.

### 3. Know you might have to deal with low-paid work

The tradeoff, for most overseas opportunities, is of course money. There are countless opportunities for volunfamily, a monthly living allowance and paid airfare.

### 4. Brush up on your teaching skills

You may have hated high school English but being able to teach English is one of those "needed skills" for many countries when you're applying for a work visa. If you don't want to teach long-term but do want to remain in a obvious choices that require you to work globally like a job in geophysics, archeology, and many government jobs in foreign affairs.

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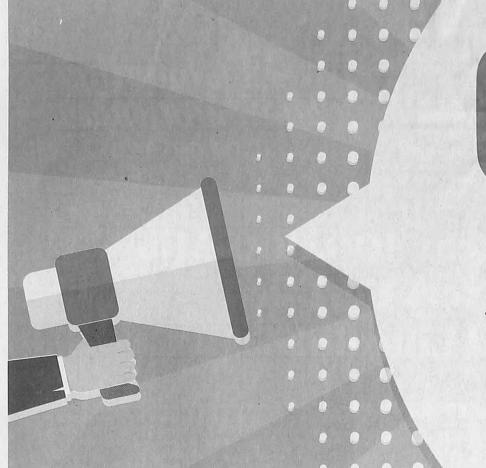
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