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Residents discuss Harrison's future

Visioning sessions allow for input to building's use

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Sandra Caldwell knows what she'd like to see at Harrison High School once it closes later this year: a fitness center. But even more than that, she said she

wants to see the facility planned for the school building be accessible to all.

"However they develop it, I want it to be affordable for all the residents to be able to take part," said Caldwell, a Harrison alumna. "Some of our classes, which are awesome and great and I'm sure are right-priced, are outpriced for some people. If they could find a way for everyone to enjoy what happens."

Caldwell was one of many people looking to give feedback Feb. 16 at the Costick Center on the proposed plans for the high school, wrapping up its final months as an educational institution before it closes in June.

The second visioning session the city held saw more than 100 people attend to hear about proposed plans and pitch their ideas for what the city of Farmington Hills should do once it acquires the school land at 2999512 Mile. The plan is for the city to acquire the land for \$500,000 later this year once school wraps and begin work to renovate the space into some sort of community arts and recreation center.

That work will be bonded, said Ellen

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Plymouth native Sabrina Imamura played the role of Woman 1 in the hit Broadway musical "Hamilton."

ON BROADWAY

Plymouth actor shines in smash hit 'Hamilton'

Ed Wright

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From Beck Road to Broadway, Plymouth native Sabrina Imamura's path to the pinnacle of performing arts has been nothing short of remarkable.

A 2009 graduate of Plymouth High School, Imamura flourished in the ensemble role of "Woman 1" in the smash hit Broadway musical "Hamilton" for two months in November and December after serving in the same position for approximately 18 months during the musical's first national tour starting in

2017

Fueled by unyielding perseverance, a passion to perform, a ton of talent and some exquisite DNA, Imamura is the rarest of rare performers who can proudly stamp Broadway on their resume.

"I've been interested in the performing arts for as long as I can re-

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Vehicles targeted for break-in at Livonia gym

David Veselenak

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Livonia police are warning gym-goers once again to be wary of what you leave in your vehicle while working out after a purse was taken from a vehicle.

Police were called the evening of Jan. 14 to Planet Fitness, 29475 Seven Mile, on the report of a larceny from an auto. There, police spoke to a 40-year-old South Lyon woman who said she arrived at the gym an hour earlier and parked her vehicle in the lot in front of the gym. When she came back out to her car later, she discovered the lock on her car door had been punched out and her purse was taken from out of the backseat.

The purse contained her wallet, which included her driver's license, cash and a debit card. The woman said no fraudulent transactions had been put on her card, which she was in the process of cancelling.

While police were speaking to the South Lyon woman, a 38-year-old Detroit woman approached officers and informed them her vehicle was damaged. She said someone had punched her door below the lock, but did not gain entry to her vehicle. She was at the gym roughly the same time as the other victim.

No exterior cameras were available for police to review footage.

Anyone with information surrounding the theft or damage to the vehicles is encouraged to call Livonia police at 734-466-2470.

Contact David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak.



Police say a suspect stole a purse from the back seat of a vehicle parked outside the Planet Fitness near Seven Mile and Middlebelt. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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When: 6:30-8:30 p.m. second Monday of each

Details: SFS provides free, high-quality, early literacy training to day care providers, caregivers and parents. They teach topics, this month's being Curiosity and Questioning: Preschool Science, developed by the independent non-profit HighScope Educational Research Foundation.

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.

Family Storytimes

When: 10-10:30 a.m. each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and 7-7:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday

Details: Family Storytime allows caregivers to actively engage with their children under age 5. With a Youth Librarian, build early literacy skills through meaningful stories, songs, and play.

NHS Tutoring

When: 1-3 p.m. each Sunday and 6-8 p.m. each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Details: NHS students from P-CCS provide home-

work help for students in grades 3-12.

Computer Skills Help for Beginners

When: 9-11 a.m. each Saturday, 3:30-5:30 p.m. each

Sunday and 5-7 p.m. each Wednesday Details: Experts are on hand to answer questions or

connect you to additional resources.

On the Spot Tech Help

When: 5-7 p.m. each Wednesday 3:30-5:30 p.m. each Sunday

Details: Tech-savvy volunteers lend a hand with computer and smartphone problems that you just can't figure out.

Board Gaming League of Canton

When: Noon first Saturday of each month Details: Drop by to play some of the hottest games, sharpen your mental skills and meet new folks.

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.

ELL Reading Group

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

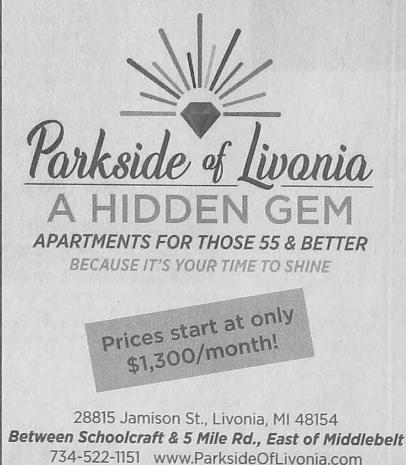
When: After every baby, preschool and family storytime, lasts 30 minutes

Details: Experience a variety of hands-on and imaginative play opportunities while building social and cooperative skills with other young children and

Early Literacy Workshops

When: 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month

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Firefighters rescue man trapped between tires

Aleanna Siacon

Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Two fire departments worked quickly Jan. 17 to extricate a mechanic trapped between two tractor-trailer tires in Plymouth Township, officials

Livonia Deputy Chief Michael Kelly said they responded to the scene on Pilot Drive around 6 p.m. after the Plymouth Township Fire Department called for assistance.

Kelly said the man trapped was approximately 35 years old and was servicing the tractor-trailer's refrigeration unit when another person attempted to move the truck — unaware that the man was there.

The firefighters worked for about 40 minutes to extricate the man, who was treated at an area hospital, Kelly said.

According to a Facebook post on the Livonia Professional Firefighters IAFF Local No. 1164 page, the victim had only minor injuries.

Livonia firefighters helped to perform manual removal of the outside tire on the front axle of the semi, then cut the interior tire and utilized a K12 cutting tool to remove the victim, the post add-

Firefighters work to extricate a man trapped between two truck tires in Plymouth. LT. NATHAN LEE | LIVONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT



Arson cause of Jan. 1 Plymouth Township fire

Ed Wright

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The cause of a New Year's Day fire that totally gutted a Plymouth Township home was arson, according to Plymouth Township Fire Chief Dan Phil-

Phillips could not divulge additional information about the details of the ar-

"The incident is still under investigation, so we cannot release further details without potentially compromising the investigation," Phillips said.

Built in 1996, the 2,490-square-foot house located on Shefield Court had been listed for sale for 63 days, according to zillow.com.

Firefighting crews from Plymouth Township, Northville Township, Canton Township and the city of Northville extinguished the blaze approximately two hours after a 9-1-1 call was received by Plymouth Township dispatchers at 2:14 a.m. Jan. 1, Phillips said.

The home was vacant at the time of

Phillips estimated that the results of



the ongoing investigation could be available within a month.

Contact Ed Wright at eawright@gannett.com or 517-375-1113.

A fire on Shefield Court in Plymouth Township destroyed this home Jan. 1. ED WRIGHT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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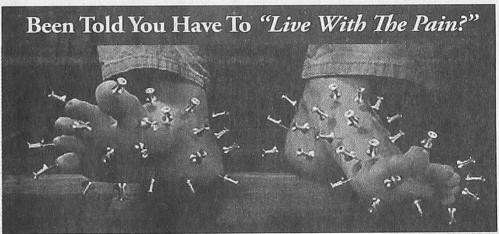
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Harrison

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Schnackel, director of special services for the city. Work is expected to begin in October and last about a year for a targeted opening date of fall 2020 for the center. Some activities are expected to shift from the Costick Center on 11 Mile to the Harrison site as well.

The session Wednesday was to get more feedback from residents and interested stakeholders. That feedback collected so far wasn't a big surprise to Jeff Zona, a senior associate at Troy-based Integrated Design Solutions, a firm assisting with the city's work at the center

"Everybody has their own main interest," he said. "There's absolutely nothing negative. It's all been positive."

The plans currently call for renovations to take place on the first and second floors and could include features such as a fitness center, recreation pool and fine art facilities.

Such a project is doable, Zona said, because so many of the elements the community has requested are already in place, such as the theater and swimming pool.

"The one cool thing about the school is the facility has a lot of components that are already in the building," Zona said. "It's an old school, it's updated. We have to update it per code, we have to update the look of everything because it's not a very attractive look right now."

Carl Christoph, a parks and recreation commissioner, has seen some large projects developed in the city, including Founders Sports Park on Eight Mile. But the Harrison project, he said, has a different feel to it.

"I think the momentum on this is more intense," he said. "Because this is such a diverse project, there's more community support and community involvement than anything else."

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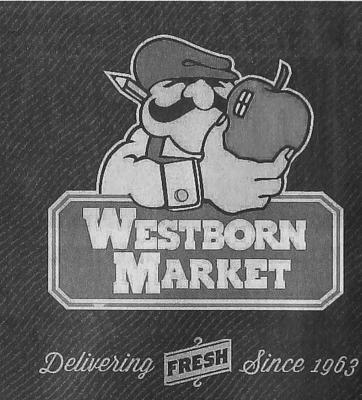
Mark Reaves with Integrated Design Solutions talks to a guest at the open house to discuss the future of Harrison High School. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Farmington Hills resident Sandra Caldwell writes down what she would like to see at the Harrison site. DAVID VESELENAK I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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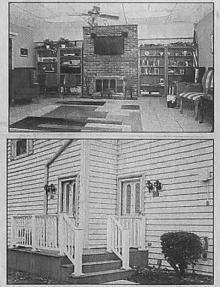
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Villas in Ann Arbor The low-maintenance villas at Kensington Woods, located on the north side of Scio Church Road, just west of Maple Road in Ann Arbor, are nearly sold out. Final villas feature immediate to quick occupancy and an exceptional list of included features in a stunning setting with pricing from the mid

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Move-in Ready in Ann Arbor

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A clubhouse with a fitness center, billiards, great room with fireplace, verandas overlooking the lap and wading pools, locker rooms and a play park is now open. Several townhomes are available for late winter/early spring movein. North Oaks is located minutes from the University of Michigan's north campus, the VA Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, and downtown Ann Arbor. Children attend Ann

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Actor

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member," said Imamura, who has lived in New York City since 2013. "My mom (Jennifer) was a classical pianist, so she signed up my older sister (Tatiana) and I for piano lessons and dance when we were young.

"I can remember growing up, there were times before piano lessons I would ask, 'Do I have to go?', which I never did with dance lessons. I loved dance. But looking back, I'm so thankful I continued piano until my senior year in high school, because it helped me learn so much about music — things that I still use today."

Imamura's pre-Broadway credentials are stellar. In addition to performing two summers with The Joffery Ballet, she sparkled as a featured dancer in "The Stars of Ballet and Broadway" at the Detroit Music Hall and even participated as a contestant on Fox's "So You Think You Can Dance."

When asked who had the biggest influence on her success, Imamura didn't hesitate to say her mother Jennifer, a former model and classical pianist, and her father Nich.

"As a mother, anytime my children succeed in something, especially something that not too many people can succeed in, it makes me incredibly proud," Jennifer Imamura said. "Whenever I see Sabrina on stage for anything, I get emotional and cry.

"For her last show (Dec. 30), she was the only cast member leaving, so they have a tradition where after the remaining cast take their bows, the performer who is leaving steps forward and bows. I really lost it then."

'Big Apple' bound

Not long after graduating from the University of Michigan in 2013 with a bachelor of fine arts degree in dance and art history, Imamura moved to New York, where she made ends meet by freelancing as a contemporary ballet dancer, actor, bartender and waitress/hostess — basically, whatever it took.

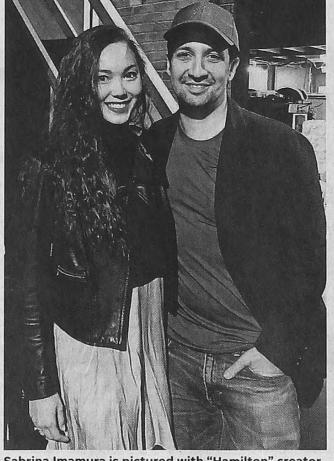
"There are things I miss about Plymouth: the hometown aspect, the greenery and, of course, my family. But I am obsessed with living in New York," she said. "Wherever you go — except the touristy places like Times Square — people are always on the go, always grinding, always in a rush.

"The feeling here is, like, there are only so many minutes in a day and we'd better use every one we can. I love the energy. New York is an amazing city."

Imamura eventually signed as a dancer and model with an agent at MSA Talent, igniting her career on Broadway.

"My agent asked me if I'd be down for going out to some Broadway auditions and I said, 'Sure!'" she said. "I had visited New York several times with my family when I was young and we'd always try to see a Broadway show.

"The only drawback was that I was on a contemporary ballet track and I had never taken vocal lessons.



Sabrina Imamura is pictured with "Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda.

That's where my piano experience helped me, in a sense, because it made me more of a musical person and I could hear notes well."

Breaking barriers

When it came to securing roles on Broadway, Imamura's Asian-American ethnicity — her father Nich is Japanese, her mom is Polish — was detrimental, until "Hamilton" came along.

The Tony Award-winning musical is based on the life of founding father Alexander Hamilton — with a twist. The cast is diverse (Thomas Jefferson is played by an African-American, for example) and many of the songs have hip-hop and soul beats.

"Our cast looks like America looks now and that's certainly intentional," "Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda told the New York Times in 2015. "It's a way of pulling you into the story and allowing you to leave whatever cultural baggage you have about the founding fathers at the door."

The concept proved beneficial for Imamura.

"Due to my ethnicity, I'd get audition calls mostly for Asian-themed musicals like 'The King and I' and 'Miss Saigon,' but not the more mainstream shows like, for example, 'Rent,'" Imamura said. "When my audition for 'Hamilton's first national tour came up, I

didn't get my hopes too high, because there were hundreds of actors who had been auditioning for many, many months for just 11 ensemble spots."

Imamura was called back for a second pressurepacked audition that stretched from 9:30 a.m. to after 8 p.m. — exhausting and exhilarating at the same time, she said.

"We were asked to perform different routines and dance numbers from the show, then they'd make cuts," she said. "Then we'd be given another number and there'd be more cuts. Toward the end of the day, they asked me if I could stick around and sing for them. That made me very nervous, because I was not a trained singer.

"I sang two songs, then the composer of the show called me over to his piano and asked me to sing 'Take Me Or Leave Me' from 'Rent.' After I performed it once, he said, 'Can you up the octave for me?' Even though I wasn't real confident, I said, 'Sure!"

A few weeks later — with her parents in New York to help her move into a new apartment — Imamura's agent called

"I missed the call because we were moving things," she said. "When I called her back, she said, 'Where are you? Put me on speaker!' Then she told me I had made the cast of 'Hamilton's first national tour and that I'd have to move to the West Coast. I couldn't stop smiling."

Up to the challenge

Over the ensuing 18 months, Imamura would perform in close to 400 three-hour shows — sometimes twice a day — six days a week, in cities including San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego.

"I loved it," she said. "In a lot of shows, the ensemble cast are kept in the background, but not in 'Hamilton.' They encouraged us to make each track our own performance. Everyone got to sing a solo or got a few lines in a speaking role."

The grueling 18-month journey eventually took a physical toll on Imamura's body, forcing her to step away and move back to New York.

The big break

Just a few months into her time away from "Hamilton," Imamura received a life-changing email from her agent.

"The girl who played woman 1 for the Broadway show had to take a leave of absence, so they wanted me to cover for her," Imamura said. "My debut on Broadway was an unreal moment. Even though I had performed the track between 300 and 400 times, I was still nervous before that first show.

"A friend of mine was planning to attend one of the shows and she asked me if she'd be able to see me (on stage). I said, 'Oh yeah, you'll see me!' I covered for two months. I wish it could have been longer, but it was an unbelievable experience."

Contact Ed Wright at eawright@hometownlife.com or 517-375-1113.



Bell elected new county commission chair

Wayne County Commissioner Alisha Bell, D-Detroit, was elected chair of the Wayne County Commission in a vote of her fellow commissioners Jan. 8 during the commission's organizational meeting for its 2019-20 session.

She is the first new commission chair since 2010 and the ninth under the current Wayne County charter, which was approved by voters in 1981 and went into effect Jan. 1, 1983.

Bell is in her ninth commission term, including serving four terms as the commission's vice chair. She represents District 7, which includes neighborhoods in central and western Detroit.

"I am proud of the commission's role in stabilizing county finances," Bell said. "Working together, we were able to eliminate an \$82 million accumulated deficit and create a general fund surplus for four consecutive fiscal years. The commission will remain committed to keeping this financial progress going."

Bell also commended Wayne County Executive Warren Evans and other countywide elected officials for their fiscal discipline and pledged to continue working closely with the executive's office to keep the county on sound financial ground. In addition, she will seek closer ties with the legislative leaders in Oakland and Macomb counties and the city of Detroit on critical regional issues, including regional transit, road infrastructure and human trafficking.

Bell is responsible for scheduling and presiding over meetings, approving agendas and selecting appointments of members to the commission's standing committees. She is also responsible for drafting and administering the commission budget and supervising commission employees.

In addition to serving on the county commission, Bell also serves as chair of the Wayne County Zoological Authority and Wayne County HealthChoice, which provides a variety of health care options for county residents and families who qualify. She is also immediate past president of the National Association of Black County Officials and current chair of the National Association of Counties' Justice and Public Safety Committee.

Bell replaces former commission Chairman Gary Woronchak, D-Dear-



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born, who left the commission at the conclusion of its 2017-18 session after serving on the commission for 14 years, the last eight as its chair.

Bell is a graduate of Cass Technical High School and holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Florida A&M University and a master's degree in education from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

In other action during the commission's organizational meeting, Commissioner Joseph Palamara, D-Grosse Ile Township, was elected vice chair and Commissioner Jewel Ware, D-Detroit, was elected vice chair pro tempore for a fourth consecutive term.

Palamara was first elected to the commission in 1998 after serving seven terms in the Michigan House and has most recently served as chair of the commission's Committee on Ways and Means, which helps create the county budget.

Ware was first elected to the commission in 1994 and served as its chair from 2003-08. Most recently, she has served on commission committees on Economic Development and Government Operations, along with its Special Committee

on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs.

Three newly elected commissioners also took their seats during the Jan. 8 meeting: Monique Baker McCormick, D-Detroit, who represents District 6; Melissa Daub, D-Canton Township, who represents District 10; and Sam Baydoun, D-Dearborn, who represents District 13.

The commission is the county's legislative branch of government. Its pri-

mary role involves approving the county's \$1.47 billion budget, enacting ordinances and adopting resolutions. The commission also approves county contracts, makes appointments and establishes rules.

The 15 commissioners are elected every two years. Wayne County residents can contact their individual commissioner at www.waynecounty.com.







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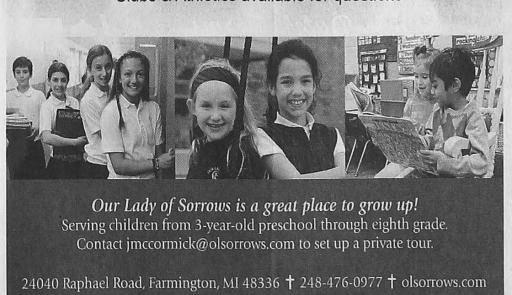
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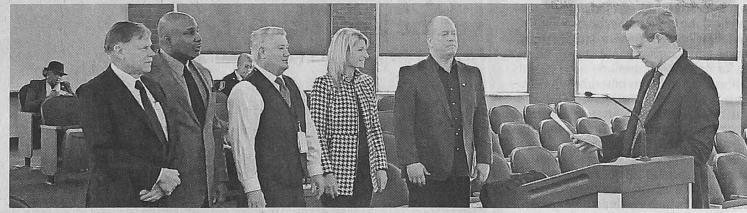
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CWW elects new leadership team

The Conference of Western Wayne, an association of 18 chief elected local officials in Michigan's largest county, announced that it has selected its new 2019 leadership team.

The CWW 2019 Executive Committee is composed of chairperson Supervisor Robert Nix II (Northville Township), vice chairperson Mayor Kerreen Conley (Belleville), secretary Supervisor Pat Williams (Canton Township), treasurer Mayor Byron Nolen (Inkster) and chair emeritus Mayor LeRoy Burcorff (Romulus), who led the CWW the last year.

"I am truly grateful to serve the 18 communities in western Wayne County that make up this organization," Nix said. "Our board has met monthly for nearly four decades, to take positions on state and federal legislation and county matters. Our primary focuses include: local government, public safety, substance use prevention, transportation and community and economic development. Our region is the most populated in the county and we pride ourselves on working together to promote western Wayne."



The 18 members of CWW selected the new leadership team at its board meeting Jan. 11 in Northville Township.

The CWW is a bipartisan group that works collectively to discuss mutual issues, share information and generally improve the quality of life for the nearly 700,000 residents who live in the region. CWW also serves as the 9-1-1 Service District for western Wayne County.

CWW communities are the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

The CWW area is 340 square miles, bordered by Washtenaw County to the west, Oakland County to the north, the city of Detroit to the east and Monroe County to the south.

Despite the diversity of size, economic development and population density, these communities have been working together to enhance this area of Wayne County for nearly 40 years.

"All of our 700,000 residents and 340 square miles are impacted by the decisions and laws that are made at the federal, state and county levels," Nix said. "It is vital that we continue to collaborate in order to create the best solutions possible to the challenges we face."

AREA EVENTS

Send calendar items to LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com. Items must be received at least two weeks prior to the event.

'Mamma Mia!' at PARC

Forever After Productions will present "Mamma Mia!" featuring the songs of ABBA, Thursday through Sunday, Jan. 24-27, at the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex, 650 Church Street. Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday.

Ticket are \$10 for general admission and are on sale at www.iheartforeverafter.com or by calling Forever After Productions at 734-547-5156.

All Saints School open house

All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road, in Canton will host an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27. The school offers small class sizes, a curriculum above state standards, technology-infused classrooms, and state-of-the-art security.

For more information, call 734-459-2490 or go to www.allsaintscs.com.

Music at the Elks

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

The R.J. Spangler group Planet D Nonet is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 29, featuring Spangler on drums, Justin Jozwiak on sax, Jim Holden on sax, Goode Wyche III on sax, James O'Donnell on trumpet and vocals, Charlie Miller on trumpet, Michael Zaporski on keyboard, TBone Paxton on trombone and vocals and Jeff Cuny on bass.

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.

New exhibit at Village Theater

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton will host exhibit the collaborative exhibit, "All of the Tree," featuring a combination of works by Stephen Kolpacke and Jennifer Lanzilotti, through Jan. 30.

This exhibit at the Gallery@VT is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, one hour prior to and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment. For more information, call 734-394-5300 or go to www.canton villagetheater.org.

Literacy council seeks volunteers

The Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council, a volunteer, nonprofit organization aiming to improve English literacy skills for adults in Western Wayne County, is seeking volunteer tutors. CLC provides free one-on-one tutors and conversation group tutors throughout the Plymouth-Canton community. The next training classes are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2 and May 18.

Volunteer literacy tutors do not need any prior experience. Tutors receive comprehensive training before volunteering in a setting of their choice for up to two hours each week. There is a \$30 charge for each tutor to cover the cost of training, materials and refreshments. Advance reservations are required and can be made online at www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org/get -involved or by calling the literacy council at 734-589-0011.

Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers will host a presentation on identity theft presented by Community Relations Officer Patti Esselink at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at the Hanford Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford. Light refreshments will be served.

Go to www.cantonwomen.com or contact Nancy Ellenberger at 734-812-4119 for more information.

Cancer fundraiser at Village Theater

"Lights. Camera. Cure." is a special theatrical event that will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. This musical fundraiser for the American Cancer Society will feature classic film hits as sung by local performers.

The event includes the performance, dessert reception, coffee bar, a silent auction and a cash bar. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Canton-Plymouth event.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling 734-394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at the box office one hour prior to show time. All ages must have a ticket. No refunds or exchanges.

Veterans dedication

Independence Village of Plymouth, 14707 Northville Road, will host a veterans dedication to recognize and honor all the veterans that live in the community at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8. The event will include a performance by the color guard, guest speeches by the mayor and Independence Village's veterans honor project coordinator, singing of "Amazing Grace," spoken dedication and more.

There will be many appetizers and refreshments at this event as well. Seating is limited, so call to RSVP before Feb. 4. For more information or to reserve a spot, call 734-453-2600 today.

The Park record show

Thousands of vinyl records, CDs, import only releases, T-shirts, posters and other collectibles will be on display at the 11th annual 88.1 The Park record show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, in the cafeteria at Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, in Canton. Proceeds will benefit the student radio station operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

Admission during normal show hours, is \$3. Collectors looking to get an early start ng can gain admission 9-10 a.m. for \$5. Students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools will receive free admission with a student ID.

Interested dealers can contact station manager Bill Keith at 734-416-7732 or by email at bill.keith@pccsk12.com. Eight-foot tables can be reserved for \$30 each.

Kindermusik with Grandfriends

Educators from Evola Music of Canton will present Kindermusik with Grandfriends, an innovative concept for bringing generations together through

music and play, at 11 a.m. the first Saturday of each month at Angel Gardens of Livonia, 38910 Six Mile Road.

This monthly intergenerational program will include singing, playing, dance and and more and is open to all ages. Families receive a small gift to take home. Register by calling Evola School of Music at 734-455-4677.

FAN support group

The Families Against Narcotics support group holds meetings 6:30-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Canton Municipal Complex, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

FAN is a support group for families

with a loved one addicted to drugs or alcohol. Meetings feature whole group discussion, followed by small conversational groups centered on individual concerns. For more information, email jacalynsanders@aol.com.

Diabetes support group

A diabetes support group meets 2-3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street. Facilitator is Fern Vining, R.N., a diabetes educator. The group is sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club

Obituaries

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Shirley Joan Henry

-- Shirley Joan Henry Age 85. December 12, 2018 Beloved wife of Robert L. Henry, Jr.

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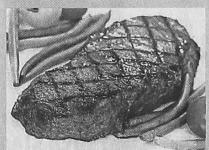
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Sports



Observerland draws top talent

Churchill to host 18-school field Saturday, Jan. 26

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After a four-year hiatus, Westland John Glenn is back in the fold for the Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament.

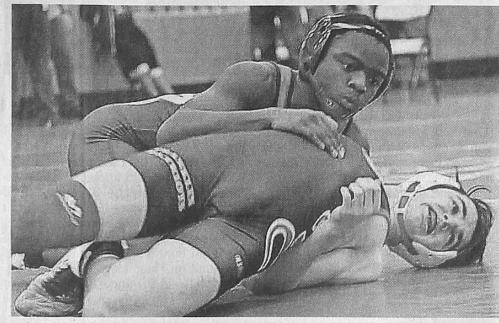
The Rockets, currently ranked No. 8 in Division 1 by MichiganGrappler.com, will be sending its 'A' team for the 28th annual tournament, set for Saturday, Jan. 26, at Livonia Churchill.

Monroe Jefferson will not return to defend its Observerland title, opting instead to go to the Marysville Invitation-

However, the second- and thirdplace finishers from last year, Novi Detroit Catholic Central Varsity White and the Glenn 'B' team, both return.

"In the last few years, we've gone out to Yale, an individual tournament, a round-robin, and it's been great, but we won the tournament for four or five years in a row, so I just figured it was time to move on and try something else," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "It seems like Observerland has a few different teams in there than the past. We were wrestling the same people for a while. I searched around and looked at a lot of options and when I talked to the coaches over there (at Churchill) they said I could bring two teams, so that kind of made my decision easy just so I can bring more kids and watch them all wrestle under one roof."

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John Glenn's Caleb Meekins, the 125-pound Wayne County champ, takes down Franklin's Jimmy Polk. TIFFANY BARNUM

FIGURE SKATING



Madison Chock and Evan Bates recently competed in Poland, taking a first place, in preparation for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships this week in Detroit. JAY ADEFF | U.S. FIGURE SKATING

Back for a visit

Ice dancers Chock and Bates feeling re-energized after move to Canada

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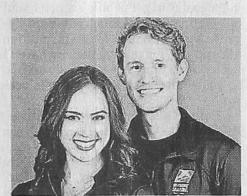
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A change of scenery is apparently just what the doctor ordered for twotime Olympic ice dancers Madison Chock and Evan Bates.

The two, who represented the U.S. in See DANCERS, Page 2B

the 2018 PyeongChang Games (placing ninth) and the 2014 Sochi Games (placing eighth), have embarked on a new frontier as they changed their skating operations from the Novi Ice Arena to Montreal, Quebec.

After seven years (2011-18) with



Madison Chock, a 2010 Novi High grad, and Ann Arbor native Evan Bates are two-time Olympians headed to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships at Little Caesars Arena. U.S. FIGURE SKATING

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

For OSU's Jordan, the decision to go to NFL wasn't easy

Brad Emons

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Michael Jordan figured it was time again to call out the moving trucks.

Whether it's Mayflower, Atlas or North American Van Lines, the threeyear starting offensive lineman at Ohio State — after much thought — decided it's time to load up, with the National Football League as his next destina-

After starting 41 straight games for the Buckeyes, which featured a suc-

cessful move from guard to center his junior season, the Canton native and Plymouth High grad now finds himself training in Pensacola, Fla., for the NFL Scouting Combine (Feb. Jordan 26 through March 4 in

Indianapolis) in preparation for the NFL Draft (April 25-27 in Nashville).

Leaving Columbus is certainly tough for Jordan, who ended his career on high note after helping OSU to a 13-1 record, including wins in the Rose Bowl and Big Ten Championship game, not to mention a convincing 62-39 victory in the season finale against arch-rival Michigan.

"I just feel I was ready to play at the next level," Jordan said. "I talked with my parents, prayed about it, talked to coaches, talked to a bunch of people. I had a bunch of great teammates at Ohio State. It was so hard to leave them, but I just felt it was the right decision for me."

Making the move from guard to center in 2018, Jordan continued the Buckeyes' recent run of All-America-

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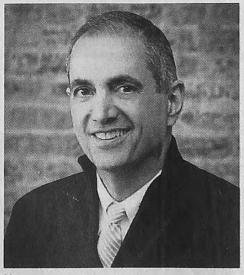
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Livonia Churchill athletic director Marc Hage is among the state's eight finalists for a prestigious award given annually by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association, the professional organization of school coaches and athletic directors.

Each of the eight finalists will be honored, along with the Coach of the Year, during the NHSACA's annual conference June 22-27 in Bismarck, N.D., where more than 500 coaches and athletic directors will participate.

Among others from the state nominated for NHSACA Coach of the Year are: Leon Braisted III (Birmingham Marian), girls golf; Dan Griesbaum (Grosse Pointe South), baseball; Emeott David (East Kentwood), boys track and field; Tim Simpson (Lansing Catholic), girls cross country; and Betty Wroubel (Pontiac Notre Dame Prep), volleyball.

The selection and nomination for awards comes from each sports' association and through the Michigan High School Coaches Association. The NHSACA selection of the Michigan finalists is based on the performance of their programs over the years and/or



Hage

their contribution to the sport, school and community.

The 59-year-old Hage is a graduate of Churchill High and Michigan State. He has worked for the Livonia Public Schools district since 1990 and, prior to that, was a physical education teacher at Holt and Berkley.

"I am honored and humbled by this nomination," said Hage, who has been Churchill's A.D. since 1997. "Athletics have always been a labor of love for me and I have been the beneficiary of ardent support throughout the years. This would not be possible without the guidance and assistance of the Livonia community and our parents, the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, the Livonia Churchill coaches, superintendent Mrs. Andrea Oquist, our Central Office staff, the athletic administrators of the KLAA, my own family and, of course, the student-athletes at Churchill."

In March, Hage will also be recognized in Traverse City by the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, as he'll receive its highest honor as state Athletic Director of the Year.

During his 22-year run at Churchill, Hage has been named the MIAAA's Region 11 Athletic Director of the Year twice (2002 and 2011). He also was also awarded the MIAAA's George Lovich State Award of Merit (2014) and was a recipient of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Allen W. Bush Award (2015).

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

The NHSACA is a 54-year-old association with nearly 335,000 members serving as athletic administrators and all levels as coaches in numerous high schools and junior/middle highs throughout the country.

Partnered with the Michigan High School Coaches Association, the NHSA-CA works to promote the educational value of interscholastic athletics and the role of athletic administrators and coaches.

"This nomination is shared with all of you as we have traveled down this road together," Hage said. "Please keep in mind that when the days of educational athletics come to a close for many high school athletes, the word 'student' will always come first in the phrase 'student-athlete.' I am so grateful for all of you and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to grow and prosper, which has been a direct result of my association with each of you."

Contact Brad Emons at bemons@hometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter: @BradEmons1.

Dancers

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coach Igor Shpilband in Novi, the team separated from their long-time coach and began training last summer with three new coaches in Marie-France Dubreuil, Patrice Lauzon and Romain Haguenauer.

The new partnership is in its infant stages as the 26-year-old Chock, a 2010 Novi High grad, and the 29-year-old Bates, an Ann Arbor native, return home for the 2019 GEICO U.S. Figure Skating Championships this week at Detroit's Little Caesars Arena.

"The move to Montreal has been really good for us on a lot of levels," Bates said. "First, I think like what Maddie spoke about, things can get stagnant for a while. And for us, it's been training for me in Michigan my whole life and for Maddie for 13 years and so we I think we needed a change just to feel reinvigorated for the next four-year cycle. And then, obviously, there's something really special going on in the camp in Montreal. You see the success that they all have, especially at the Olympics. We knew that if we could move, that would be the place that would spark our passion again and give us the daily competition we were craving."

Following the Olympics and the World Championships last March in Milan, Italy, where they placed fifth, Chock underwent surgery for a bothersome ankle, which removed some chipped bone fragments that hampered her throughout that 2018 season.

"I needed to put my health first and make that a priority," said Chock, a California native. "I was just kind of holding on last season and pushing through because the Olympics were the most important thing. It really gave me time to focus on my health and some things I needed to do. But also it gave us a bit of a different perspective when we came back."

The move to Montreal has been beneficial on many different fronts for the dance pair, who have twice earned a medal in the International Skating Union Worlds (silver in 2015, bronze in 2016) as well as winning the 2015 U.S. Nationals.

"It kind of reignited our passion for skating," Chock said. "We realized there's a lot of things we take for granted and I think skating was one of those things. I found since I've been off and had a nice long chance to miss skating, when I came there was some much more joy and just pureness, like I just felt I was reliving for the first time when I was a little girl when I learned how to skate and everything was exciting. But of course, it was a bit frustrating because we wanted to go 100 percent right away, but it was a really nice transition into the next phase of our careers and I'm really happy that we took time off trying to evaluate our careers and appreciate what we've done and set goals for what we want to accomplish in the next few

Their return to the ice, however, was delayed. They pulled out of the scheduled competition last November at the ISU Grand Prix in Helsinki, Finland, before officially making their comeback Jan. 8-12 at the Mentor Toruñ Cup in Poland, where they placed first overall,



Ice dancers Evan Bates (middle) and Madison Chock (right) visit with their fellow #TeamNovi skaters and the media during the 2018 Olympic send-off celebration at Novi Ice Arena. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

winning both the rhythmic dance and free dance.

"We had a great time in Poland. It was our first competition in 10 months and I can tell you it felt like a very long 10 months, but it felt really, really great to be back competing again," Chock said. "We had a really good first outing. We felt like we performed our programs well for the first time. We're really excited about our material this season. Our main goal is to get people excited about our skating again as much as we are, because we have a new-found inspiration and passion for skating that we haven't felt in a long time, so we're really excited to share that with everyone this season."

Getting back into the swing of things, however, has proven to be a challenge for the Michigan duo.

"We were really a little nervous for the short dance, especially," Bates said. "There's no simulation for competition and we train a lot and we felt really prepared. The programs feel like they're in a good place, but then when you get to the competition and the moment arrives, there's nothing like it. We were a little bit nervous for the first time out and maybe it showed a little bit, especially in the short dance, but I think the free dance was a really good skate for us. It was something we had been waiting for a long time. We finally got the opportunity to compete and perform and it just felt like a relief, honestly."

Under the direction of Shpilband for seven years, Chock and Bates reached the podium six straight times at the U.S. Nationals. They were also two-time Grand Prix Final silver medalists (2014-15, 2015-16) and a four-time Four Continents medalists (2013, 2015, 2016, 2017) in addition to being the U.S. Nationals champs (2015).

amps (2015). Depending on their draw, Chock and

Bates are scheduled to skate 3:55-5:50 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, in the champion-ship rhythmic dance. They will conclude their performance with championship free dance set for 6:15-8:55 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at Little Caesars Are-

"Our goal for U.S. championships and beyond this season is simply to show the way we're feeling about our own skating, which is why we're very excited," said Bates, a University of Michigan grad. "The passion never dies, we just needed a spark again and feel re-invigorated. We're very excited about the direction it's going for us. We wanted to get other people excited about it. Whatever the placement is at Nationals, we'll certainly be able to live with it knowing that we're heading in the right direction."

The coaching change has given Chock and Bates a new lease on their skating life. It's challenge, but a welcomed one, nonetheless.

'There's no wrong way to skate, but there are different schools of thought," Bates said. "It's interesting, because Maddie and I have been trained by Russians for our entire careers. Marie and Patrice have never been trained by Russians their entire careers, so I think we're seeing a different approach. We're going to find some middle ground between our previous techniques (and) the new techniques that we're learning and it's going to evolve. But there's certainly a lot that we have learned and it's been very exciting. For, I like learning and skating. To be 29 and come to a new school, I feel like I'm learning new things and I'm getting better. It's very exciting and Maddie is feeling the same way. We're just excited to go to the rink in the morning, work on basics, work on stroking and, obviously, in championships and we're in season right now."

The native language in Quebec is French, but the pair have been able to forge new friendships along the way and have made a smooth adjustment to life away from home.

The distance, however, between Montreal to Detroit is 522 miles, a more than nine-hour drive.

"Both of our parents both live in Michigan, so it was especially difficult during the holidays, because we weren't able to be with all of them," Chock said. "His parents came up for Thanksgiving and my parents came up for Christmas, but it's different because we didn't get to see everyone. We were trying to keep our focus, because we had the competition coming up, so we didn't get that real holiday, family, Christmas-time experience that we usually get. We were a little homesick, but it was great that our parents came up to visit us for a little bit."

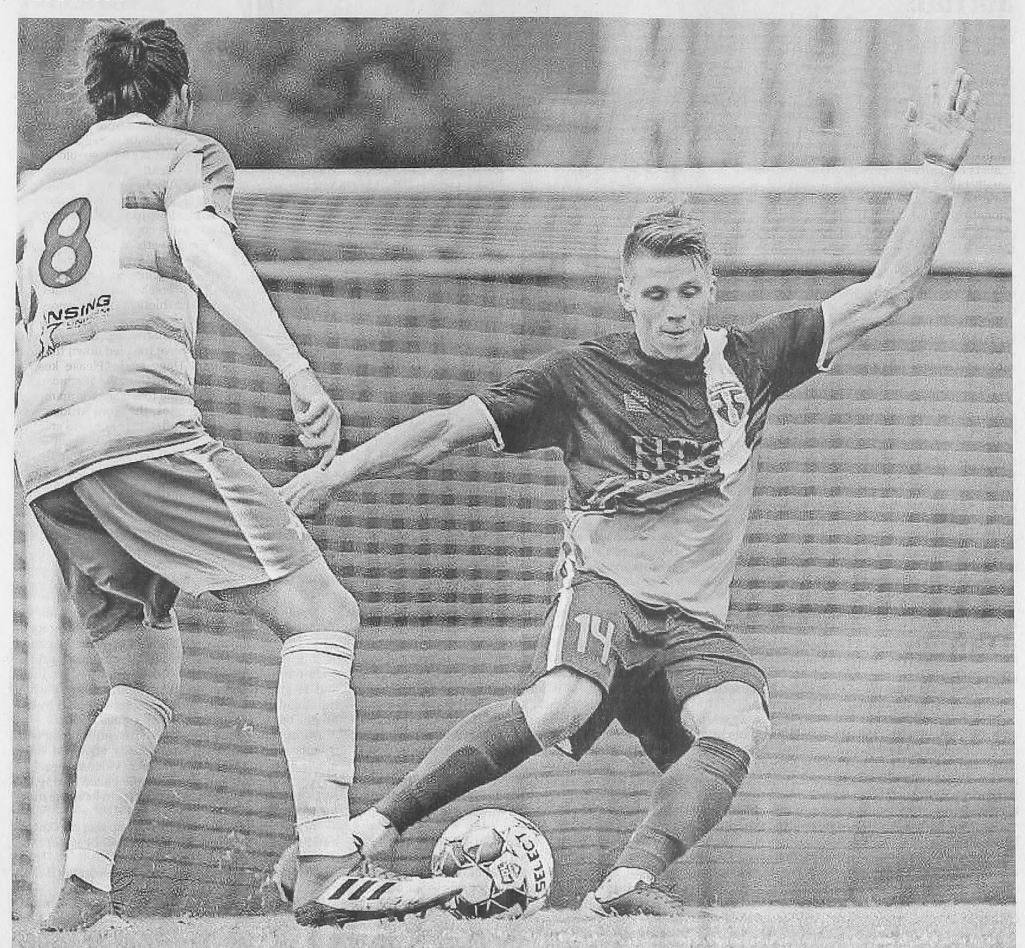
This is the first time since 1994 that the U.S. Figure Skating Championships have been staged in Detroit (then it was at Joe Louis Arena). The last one is best remembered for the national media stir it created following the attack on Nancy Kerrigan while she was at a practice session next door at Cobo Arena.

Chock and Bates will certainly savor

their time being back home.

"It's been a long time since the U.S. Championships have been in Detroit and we're really happy to be able to perform in our hometown when they come back to Little Caesars Arena, which we actually got to see a few weeks ago and it's a beautiful venue," Chock said, "and we'll definitely have friends and family out there to support us, so that will be great."

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Michigan Bucks player Brad Dunwell, who started 91 games at Wake Forest, was taken in the third round of the MLS SuperDraft by the Houston Dynamo. JAY DUNWELL

Five Bucks selected in latest MLS SuperDraft

Former standout MSU goalie taken by new MLS franchise FC Cincinnati

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The Michigan Bucks of the Premier Development League continue to replenish Major League Soccer after five of their players were taken in last week's MLS SuperDraft.

Among those selected was former Michigan Jaguars youth player and Michigan State goalkeeper Jimmy Hague (Walled Lake Western), taken in the second round with the 30th pick overall by the expansion FC Cincinnati.

Hague became the second former Jaguars player drafted into MLS — joining midfielder Ken Krolicki (Canton/MSU), who appeared in 19 games during his rookie year with the Montreal Impact — and the first product of the Junior Jaguars development program to reach the professional ranks.

Hague will join former Northville High and MSU standout Fatai Alashe on the Cincinnati FC roster.

"Honestly, it feels incredible," said Hague, who was on hand for his selection in Chicago. "This is a dream come true and this is a moment I'll cherish for the rest of my life."

Hague began his soccer career in the early days of the Junior Jaguars program and eventually worked his way up through the Novi-based club.

In 2012, Hague was part of the 1996 Boys Green team, along with Krolicki, that captured the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championship. During that tournament, Hague was awarded the Golden Gloves as the best goalkeeper in the tournament.

"We are extremely proud of everything Jimmy has accomplished thus



Former Michigan Bucks goalkeeper Jimmy Hague was all smiles after being taken in the second round of the MLS SuperDraft by the expansion Cincinnati FC.

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far," Michigan Jaguars Executive Director Paul Tinnion said. "We have known Jimmy since he was a kid and it was rewarding to see him drafted after all the hard work he put into soccer in his years with our club."

After high school, Hague spent five seasons at MSU, where he led the Spartans to an NCAA Final Four berth in 2018. He earned numerous Big Ten honors, including all-Big Ten first team and Big Ten Goalkeeper of the Year in 2017.

"I basically say I got to Michigan State because of the Jags," Hague said in an interview prior to the draft. "My

relationship with the coaches, I knew I had them for a lifetime."

Hague started all last summer for the USL League 2 Bucks, the most storied franchise in the history of what was formerly known as the Premier Development League.

The selections cemented the Bucks' annual legacy in the MLS SuperDraft being the only team in the world that has had at least one player selected or signed in every SuperDraft since its inception in 1999, when Jeremy Aldrich (Mattawan/ Butler University) heard his name called by the Miami Fusion.

The other four Bucks players going in the MLS Super Draft included:

■ Marcello Borges (Kearney, N.J./ Michigan): The attacking defender from U-M was also selected in the second round (28th overall) by the Colorado Rapids.

Borges, a two-time all-Big Ten second team player who led the Wolverines to a 12-6-2 record, became the 78th player in Bucks history to be selected or signed by an MLS team.

■ Grant Stoneman (St. Charles, Ill./ Loyola of Chicago): The Missouri Valley Conference Defender of the Year and three-time all-MVC first-team player will stay close to home after being selected by the Chicago Fire with the seventh pick of the third round (55th overall).

Wake Forest): A mainstay with the Bucks and second-team All-America with the Demon Deacons, he was taken with the eighth pick of the third round (56th overall) by the Houston Dynamo.

The midfielder spent four summers with the Bucks as they captured the Hank Steinbrecher Cup, two regular season and two playoff titles, including the coveted 2016 PDL North American Championship

Championship.

At Wake Forest, Dunwell was a four-year starter and team captain, starting all 91 games and leading the Demon Deacons to a 73-11-7 record, more wins than any other Division I program in that time.

Joey Piatczyc (Lee's Summit, Mo./West Virginia): The midfielder was selected in the fourth round (84th overall) by the New York Red Bulls.

Piatczyc is West Virginia's all-time assists leader and guided the Mountaineers to an unbeaten Mid-American Conference record and regular season conference title in 2018.

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Jordan

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quality play at that position. He followed Rimington Award winners Pat Elflein (2016) and Billy Price (2017) and fueled an offense that set Ohio State and Big Ten records for yards total offense per game.

Jordan has started every game over the past three years and is a two-time all-Big Ten selection. As a guard, he was a freshman All-American in 2016 and first team all-Big Ten pick in 2017.

He made the move to center in 2018 and the results for the Ohio State offense were historic. Ten times this season the Buckeyes totaled 500 or more yards total offense, including 567 against Michigan — at the time, the nation's No. 1-ranked defense.

Jordan was named All-America by two organizations. He's a first team pick for SI,com and earned second team honors from the Walter Camp Football Foundation

"The thing I'll miss most about Ohio State is, No. 1, the family," Jordan said. "The brotherhood there is unbelievable. It's unreal. I'm also going to miss playing in front of Buckeye nation and, obviously, I'll miss my coaches."

Jordan, who hopes to go in the top 100 picks this April, got the blessings from outgoing OSU coach Urban Meyer to declare for the NFL Draft.

"Urban Meyer is a great coach," Jordan said. "We have a pretty strong relationship. When I declared (for the NFL), he called me and said, 'I'm going to support your decision.' That meant a lot to me and he's always been with me every step of the way. He got the best out of me. Whether I liked it or not, he got the best out of me."

Jordan is one of only six OSU players to start their first game as a true freshman. The last offensive lineman to do it was Orlando Pace, who went on to become an NFL Hall of Fame player.

Jordan was born in Farfield, Ohio, moved to Kentucky as a preschooler, but continued to attend elementary school in Ohio until re-locating with his family to South Carolina during the middle of his sixthgrade year.

He arrived at Plymouth as a freshman in high school and showed promise quickly on the gridiron.

"Coach (Mike) Sawchuk is the one who really started it all," Jordan said. "He saw something in me after my freshman year in high school, going into my sophomore year, when he moved me up to varsity and gave me a chance. It was really hard, but each and every day he gave me a chance to compete and start at right tackle when I was a sophomore. I ended up winning the job and starting both ways. He just pushed me to become a better player."

Jordan, who also wrestled and participated in track and field, graduated from Plymouth High a semester early to enroll at OSU in January 2016.

"The toughest adjustment was getting used to the college workouts," Jordan said. "And the toughest ad-



Ohio State's Michael Jordan switched from guard to center for the 2018 season. KIRK IRWIN | OHIO STATE DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

justment was managing the football and school at the same time. It's basically like a full-time job."

Jordan was asked to switch to center prior to the 2018 because there was a need. His NFL stock may rise now that he can play two positions, but he prefers one over the other. He is ranked the No. 3 center in this year's draft class, according to ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr.

"I'm a guard," Jordan said. "The toughest adjustment (to center) was most definitely the repetition, just getting accurate with the snap. It was at first a struggle, but I picked it up right away."

Ironically, Jordan received an scholarship offer from Michigan before getting one from OSU, but growing up in southwest Ohio, he was rooted in scarlet and

"I've always been a Buckeye fan," Jordan said.

Jordan leaves OSU with a 3-0 record against Michigan. A victory in 2016 over Penn State ranks as one of his signature highlights, right along this year's seasonending drubbing at the Horseshoe over the Wolverines.

"It was really just the preparation," Jordan said. "We don't just prepare that week for Michigan. We prepare all year long, January until Michigan week. Against Michigan, it all came together and it was just amazing."

Jordan said he needs 20 more credits to graduate and is currently taking three online classes while training in Pensacola. He is being represented by the Miami-based sports agency Rosenhaus Sports.

During his spare time, Jordan treasures being with friends and family. He occasionally goes out for a movie, likes to roller skate and play video games.

Whenever Jordan's name will be called during the NFL Draft, he'll more than likely have to have the moving trucks on call.

"My favorite (NFL) team growing up was the Cincinnati Bengals," Jordan said. "I would not be upset at all if they drafted me."

And wouldn't that be quite the homecoming for Michael Jordan?

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Wrestling

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Among other hometownlife.com area schools entered in the 18-school field are host Churchill, Wayne Memorial, Salem, Farmington, Farmington Harrison, North Farmington, Northville and Birmingham Brother Rice.

Also in the field are Berkley, Grosse Pointe South, Detroit Mumford Academy, Ortonville Brandon, Rochester and Waterford Mott.

> these guys have never wrestled in it," Polk said. "And Observerland was such a strong tradition. For years and years, it was one of the toughest tournaments around. It

> was kind of the bragging rights for the area. But I think the tournament changed for a while and I don't think it was competitive. And you've got to change it up sometimes ... I figured we'd

change it up after four or

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"One of the reasons I decided to go back is just because



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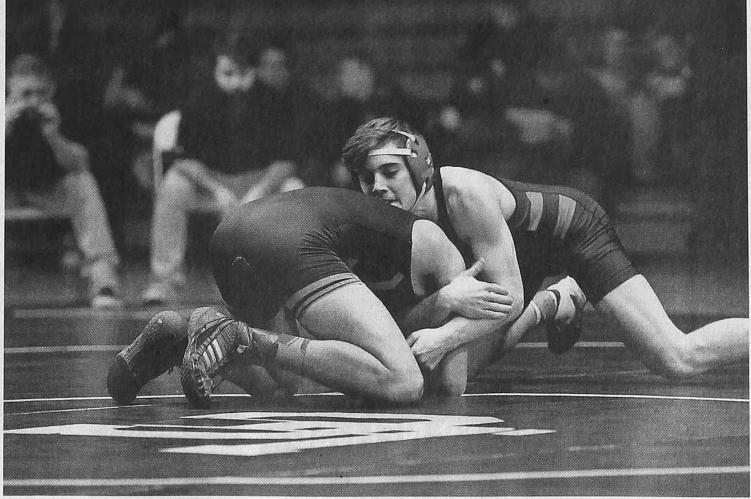
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Rocket Duals.

"I still think we can be better, but we're having a pretty decent year," said Polk, who guided Glenn to a D-1 team state quarterfinal berth last year. "We graduated a lot, but I knew this team would be just as strong and, at the end of the day, I feel that they are. But we've got to stay healthy and we still have a lot of improving to do before the postseason, because we're definitely not ready yet."

Glenn with be led by a trio of state placers, all ranked in the top 10 in their weight classes by MichiganGrappler-.com.

Leading the way is Caleb Meekins, a senior at 125 pounds, who has only two



Churchill's Drew Bush (right) takes on Waterford Mott's Darian Lindemier during last year's 135-pound Observerland championship match. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

losses so far and is ranked No. 4 individually in his weight class by Michigan-Grappler.com. Meekins was fourth in last year's Division 1 individual state finals.

"I think Caleb is going to be a state champ at the end of this year," Polk said. "He's very, very close right now. I think he's in the top three or four kids in his weight class and I feel Caleb is superior. He's just lost a couple of close matches this year, which is only going to make him hungrier at the end of the year. But I think he's really going to have a really good shot of winning the whole thing. Hopefully, he's the next state champ. Who knows?"

Meanwhile, Glenn senior Kyle Borthwell has just one setback all season and is ranked No. 4 at 135. He finished fourth as a freshman and fifth as a sophomore in the state finals, but had to default in last year's regional because of an injury.

"Kyle is probably the most talented

kid in my room," Polk said. "He's been wrestling a long time. His technique is solid. He was banged up a little bit this year, which kind of hurt him conditioning-wise for a little while. But he seems like he's back on pace and his conditioning the last week or so ... he lost his first match at Catholic Central (Invitational) and I think it was a little bit of a wake-up call. So everybody needs that and I think the top three or four in his weight class can beat each other. I think he's got just as good of a chance of winning as anybody else does."

Polk's nephew Brenton Polk (145) is ranked No. 5 in the state after placing eighth in last year's Division 1 state finals. He is sporting a 26-3 record so far this season.

"It's gone by fast and I can't believe he's a senior already," Bill Polk said. "Brent is kind of the poster child of what our program is all about really. He didn't start until he was in eighth grade. He went through the ranks of starting as a JV wrestler to building himself up to varsity. Last year, he took eighth in the state so he got up on the podium and this he's having a great season."

Another top 10-ranked wrestler in the mix is Salem senior JaQuan Baker, who is No. 10 at 171.

Yet another wrestler to watch is Churchill's Drew Bush, a returning Observerland champ at 135, who took upper weights MVP honors. He is Livonia city champion this season at 140.

Farmington's Donovan King, a senior, is also back after being out with an injury last year. He placed fifth as a heavyweight in the Division 2 state finals as a sophomore.

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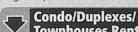
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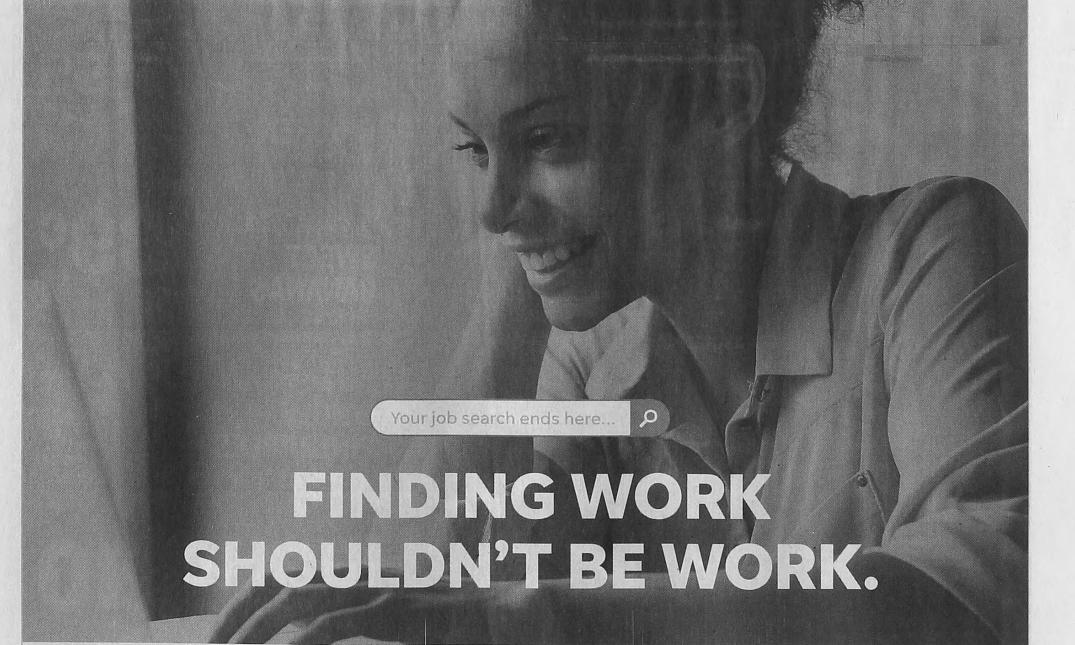




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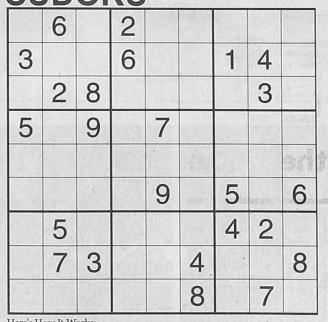
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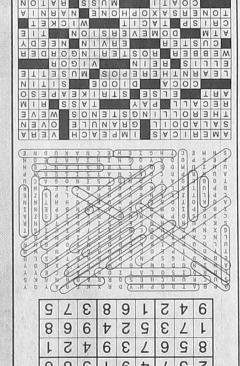
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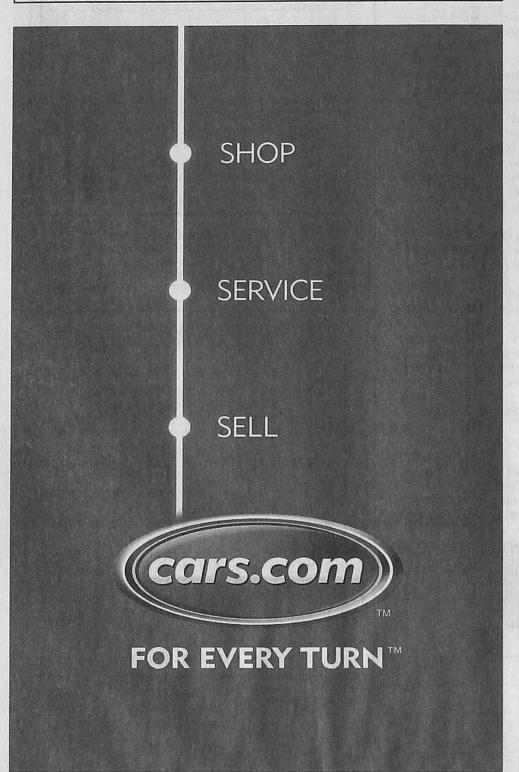
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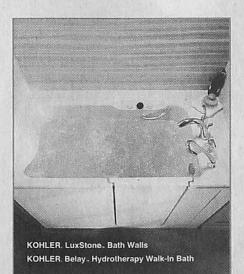
After three back surgeries, Mary experienced chronic pain as well as neuropathy in both feet. The 73-year-old had trouble finding a bathing solution to accommodate her mobility challenges. She lives alone in her Texas home, and was not ready to move. "I love my house, and I want to stay in my house as long as I can," she says.

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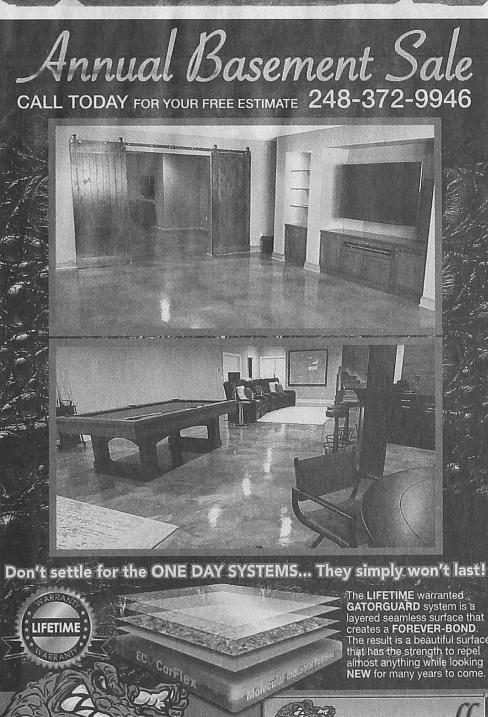
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