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Lawsuit: Dispatcher's actions led to death

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A Canton Township dispatcher's blatant disregard for her duties led directly to the death of one man and put tens of thousands of other township residents in peril, alleges a lawsuit filed Monday in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The lawsuit claims that on March 1,

2018, 69-year-old Belleville resident Stephen Greene died after suffering a massive heart attack at Canton's Heartland rehabilitation facility after as many as 13 calls to 9-1-1 went unanswered.

Attorney Jonathan Marko, who represents Greene's widow, Dorothy, said information he has compiled proves that Canton emergency dispatcher Rachel Rowell knowingly muted the vol-



Greene

ume on the township's 9-1-1 emergency line "because she was having a bad day."

A second Canton dispatcher, Joshua Choroba, was also cited in the \$25 million lawsuit because Marko claims Choroba neglected to turn the volume up after he took over

for Rowell during a shift change.

Marko said a third person working in the dispatch center overheard Rowell's "bad day" comment.

"Throughout my career as an attorney, I have never seen or heard about a case that is as negligent as this," Marko said. "Not only did Mr. Greene die as a

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Weather tests limits of school snow days



Dozens of people tackle Farmington's Sled Hill off Shiawasee on Feb. 18 after about 5 inches of snow fell the previous day.
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Most districts have used theirs, but plenty of winter still to come

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Several local school districts may have to go to Lansing to ask for some reprieve if Old Man Winter rears his ugly head once again.

The recent snap of cold, snow and ice days that have kept area students out of the classroom may lead to some creative scheduling for many school districts, or even keeping students into June.

Many districts have already used up all of their allotted cancellation days. Michigan districts have six days they are allowed to use to cancel school for weather. Livonia Public Schools, Farmington Public Schools, Birmingham Public Schools and the Wayne-Westland Community School District are all at the six-day mark for the year. State law requires 1,098 hours of instruction over 180 days per school year.

What happens once a seventh day is needed? It depends, but most districts



Elijah Marbry tumbles down Farmington's Sled Hill, enjoying a day off school.

"There's been a lot of requests now coming in for snow day waivers. A great bulk of those are for all three days."

Bill DiSessa Michigan Department of Education spokesman

Ann Arbor Trail to see construction this summer

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Drivers who routinely take Ann Arbor Trail through Livonia and into Plymouth Township may want to find an alternate route this summer.

The road in southwest Livonia between Newburgh and Eckles will see construction this summer, along with some restricted traffic. Work along the road will include milling and resurfacing, concrete repair, pavement marking and sidewalk ramp work. Construction is expected to begin in June and wrap up in August.

It's been roughly 15 years since work was done on the road, and the work this summer is expected to give it longer before other major work is needed.

"(It will) give us another 15 years of service life out of the road," said Todd Zilincik, the city engineer for Livonia.

Of the \$948,000 expected cost, the city will front \$176,200. The rest will come from federal dollars.

The project will be bid out through the Michigan Department of Transportation later this spring.

Traffic is expected to be maintained in both directions, though will most likely see lane restrictions. Traffic along Ann Arbor Trail between Newburgh and Ann Arbor Road could see some restrictions or limits on direction, Zilincik said, but that all depends on the schedule and process done by the selected contractor.

"The key thing is getting that portion from Ann Arbor Road," Zilincik said. "That's the most heavily traveled."

No work will be done in the Ann Arbor Trail/Ann Arbor Road intersection either, Zilincik said, as that intersection is under the jurisdiction of MDOT as Old M-14.

Before the work begins on the 1-mile stretch of Ann Arbor Trail, Zilincik said Consumers Energy is expected to replace the temporary concrete placed along the northbound lanes of Newburgh between Ann Arbor Trail and Ann Arbor Road.

The Ann Arbor Trail work is the biggest work on a city main road this summer, Zilincik said. The city maintains some main roads, including Newburgh, Ann Arbor Trail, Schoolcraft and Stark, while Wayne County maintains most of the mile and other main roads. The city will also work in some neighborhoods through the summer.

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Questions about how to file taxes



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Q: I have a few tax questions that I hope you can help me with. First you should know I took your advice and went online for the free-file from the IRS. My first question deals with my tax status. I don't know if I should file as single or married filing separately. In 2018, I was married in January. However, by the end of November, I was divorced. Since I was married for more than half the year, do I file as married filing separate? My second question deals with unpaid wages. Early last year my employer abruptly went out of business, owing me and other employees back pay. We hired an attorney who told us there is very little we could do. I was owed a few

thousand dollars in back pay. Is there any way I can deduct that? My last question deals with IRA contributions. I was told I could still make an IRA contribution, but that it's limited to my wages that I was paid. In calendar year 2018, my total wages were \$3,500, but I had other income from some savings and investments. Am I limited to just \$3,500?

Thank you, Lynn
Dear Lynn:
With regard to your tax status, that is determined as of Dec. 31. Therefore, since on Dec. 31, 2018, you were single, you should file as a single individual.
With regard to the money you lost from your former employer, unfortunately, that money is not tax deductible. I know you may be thinking that it is not fair, however, tax laws are rarely meant to be fair. As Americans we have this view that all laws should be fair; however, that is not the case. We should never

forget that when it comes to taxes, the purpose of taxes is to raise revenue, and fairness rarely enters into the equation. As a side note, if for some reason you do recover money from your employer, that money would be taxed to you.
With regard to an IRA contribution, for 2018 for people who are under 50, the limit is \$5,500 and for those 50 and over, it is \$6,500. That is the maximum contribution you can make. However, to qualify for an IRA contribution you must have what is known as earned income. Earned income is income from your labor that would typically show up on a W-2. Income from things like dividends and interest are not considered earned income. Therefore, since the only earned income you had was \$3,500, that would be the maximum contribution you could make to your IRA in 2018.
It is important to remember that you can still make a 2018 IRA contribution. You have until April 15 to make your con-

tribution. Typically, when it comes to IRA contributions, people wait until the last minute to do so; there is nothing wrong with that. However, a better strategy is to make your IRA contribution as soon as possible. If you make a 2019 IRA contribution now as opposed to a year from now, it gives you an extra year of that money growing for your benefit.
One last note regarding IRA contributions: never forget about using a Roth IRA versus a traditional IRA. The downside of using a Roth IRA is that you cannot write off your contribution. However, the benefit is that your money grows tax free and thus, when you withdraw it, you pay no taxes. In addition, the required minimum distribution rules do not apply to Roth IRAs. I'm a big proponent of Roth IRAs, and I think more and more people ought to take advantage of them.
Good luck!

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Lawsuit

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result of this negligence, but who knows how many other people's lives were put in peril during the close to hour-and-a-half the emergency line's volume was turned down."

Marko said the township has been uncooperative in the investigation.

"They have neglected to provide us with even the most basic documents," he said.

Marko said that he has compiled information from a heart expert who will testify that the delay in immediate care to Greene directly resulted in his death.

While Canton Township is not a defendant in the lawsuit, township legal counsel Kristin Kolb responded to the incident in a release Wednesday.

"First and foremost, the Charter Township of Canton extends its deepest sympathies to the family of Mr. Stephen Greene," the release stated. "The missed 9-1-1 calls were reported to a supervisor the same morning of occurrence. Upon

receiving the report of the incident the Canton Public Safety Department immediately launched an internal investigation into the actions of the named former employees.

"The investigation quickly determined one of the named former employees turned down the volume on the 9-1-1 telephone speaker causing the calls to be missed, leading to an 8-minute delay in service."

Personnel present at Heartland the night of the incident were not equipped to handle a life-threatening scenario, thus the repeated calls to 9-1-1.

"Heartland is a rehabilitation facility, not a hospital," Marko said. "This happened during the early-morning hours of March 1, so there were nurses present, obviously, but no doctors."

"The sad part is that Mr. Greene was scheduled to be discharged from Heartland the next day. To this day, a year later, his widow is heartbroken and mourning. This was a man with a wife, a daughter and grandchildren."

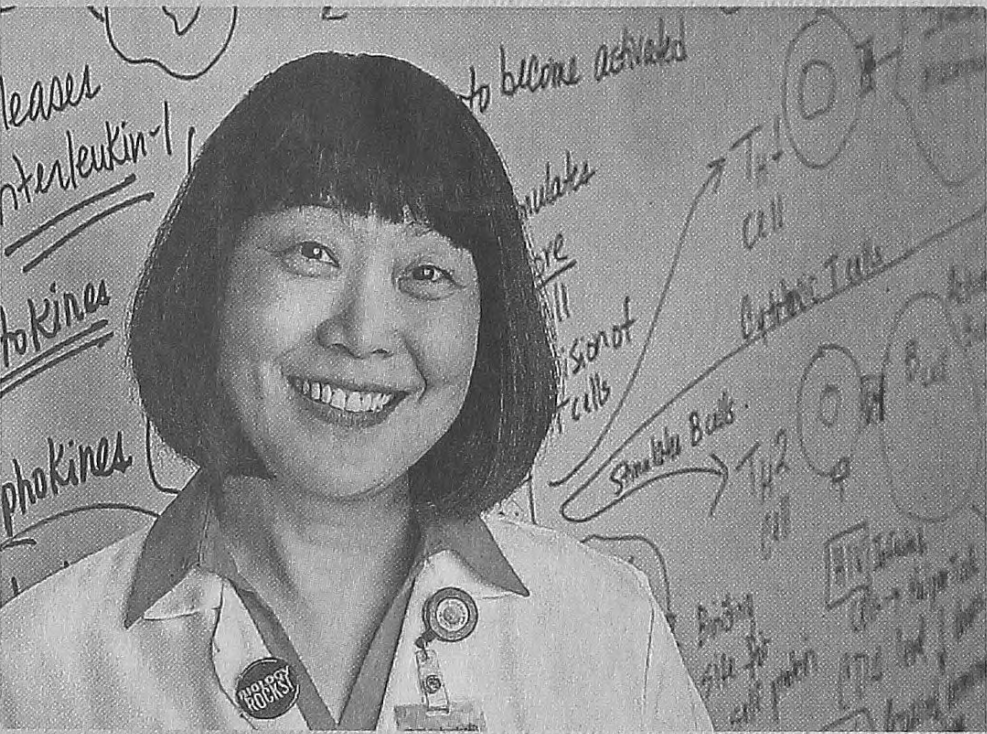
According to Kolb, Rowell and Chorbawere suspended from the department after the internal investigation re-

vealed significant policy violations and evidence of possible criminal conduct.

"This investigation was submitted for review by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and the Michigan State Police," the release stated. "Subsequent to the independent investigation, the prosecutor's office charged Rachel Rowell with willful neglect of duty."


"The actions of the responsible named former employees are inconsistent with the training, policies and practices of the Canton Department of Public Safety. Additionally, corrective measures have been put in place, and further measures continue to be evaluated by the department to prevent an incident such as this from occurring again."

"As a CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) accredited agency, the Canton Department of Public Safety holds its employees to the highest of standards. Those responsible for this incident have been held accountable, and the public can continue to have full confidence in the professional delivery of service by the Canton Police and Fire Departments."




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South Lyon seniors get feline therapy

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Dogs commonly serve humans in a therapy capacity, visiting hospitals and other facilities to give comfort and calm patients.

But cats? Well, cats are a different animal.

Felines have a reputation for being aloof, doing what they want, when they want, but a new partnership between a local animal rescue and senior facility is turning the stereotype upside down.

On Saturday, cats and kittens played and lay on the laps of residents at the South Lyon Senior Care and Rehabilitation Center. The animals were brought by volunteers from Feral Kitty Trappers TNR, but the felines were mellow, not wild.

"It was nice, they were very well-behaved and they were all pretty and cute," Hazel Jo'Ann Hostetler said. "I tell you what, animals are a good prescription for your health."

Hostetler, 84, has had animals all her life, but when she moved into the care center, she had to leave her dog with her daughter.

Colleen Gesler, life enrichment director at the senior care and rehab center, said that is the case with many of the residents, who miss their animals and the joy they give. She was excited when Feral Kitty Trappers offered cat therapy.

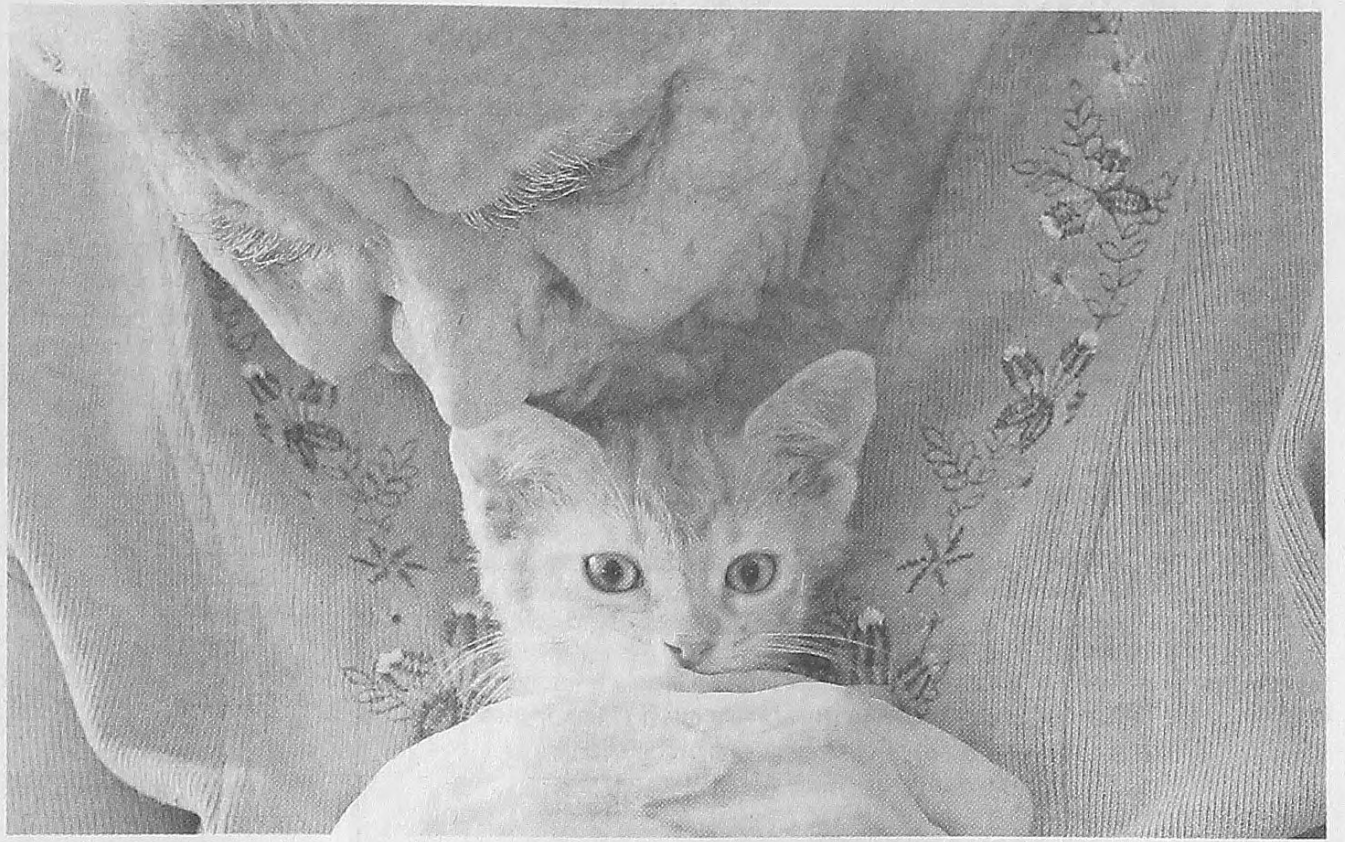
"We have been able to do dogs all along, the residents love that, but cats — well, mine would hide, but hers are wonderful and a good mix to come in and visit," Gesler said. "We have people who are cat lovers. They can lay on their laps for a little bit and snuggle."

Karen Frazer founded Feral Kitty Trappers in 2012 as a non-profit organization in which volunteers trap, neuter and return cats, as well as foster felines in their homes until they are adopted. The group decided to offer cat therapy to the senior care and rehab center residents last month and were welcomed in with two adult cats and a juvenile. On the latest visit, they brought six felines, including kittens, choosing animals carefully for their personalities.

"The first time we did this, one of the ladies cried the whole time, she was so happy to see and pet a cat," Frazer recalled. "This time there were also three or four guys and a couple who couldn't wait to hold the kittens. One kitten plopped in his lap and stayed there, it's like they know. Cats can sense the feelings of people. They know when they hurt, when they are happy."

The rescue volunteers put harnesses and leashes on the cats to ensure there are no escapes and control is maintained. Toys are also brought for the cats to play with, providing entertainment for the residents, too. The interaction with humans is also good socialization for the kittens in particular.

Karen Smith, a life enrichment staff member at the care center, said she noticed a significant change in some of the center's residents who are often unre-



Connie Hunter kisses a kitten during its visit to South Lyon Senior Care and Rehab on Feb. 16. Volunteers from Feral Kitty Trappers brought cats and kittens for residents to cuddle. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

sponsive or don't often leave their rooms.

"Some you don't think they are paying attention, their cognitive level is low and diminished, and then you see them petting and talking to the cats," she said. "It made me cry, it's something you don't see. I thought, 'Cats? Really?' when they told me they would bring them for therapy. But when (the residents) have an animal, they really come alive. They are more charmed by the animals and baby talk to them."

The first two visits were so successful that the center and rescue plan to continue the cat therapy sessions, about one hour per month.

Dorothy Swan, 96, is looking forward to it.

"I love them," she said. "If I love anything, I love a cat. They told me I can't keep them, but it was a treat to have them come visit."

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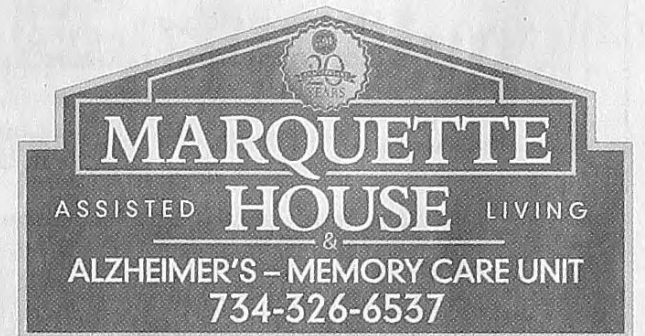
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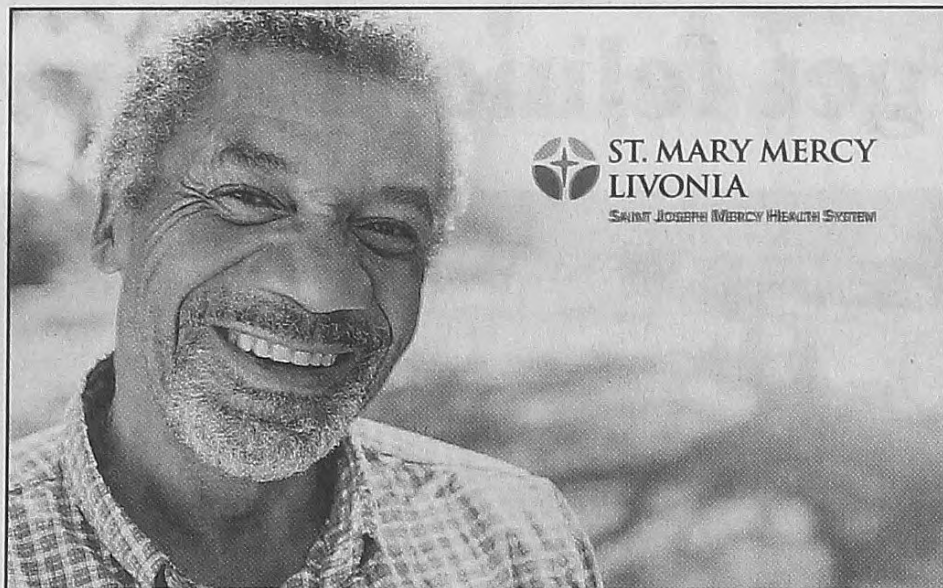
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Canton Twp. woman leads Giving Hope advisory board

In Christina Bair's world, giving begins at home, in the family and the local community. This passion has inspired the Canton Township resident to focus her philanthropic energy on the Plymouth Canton Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle.

"I joined Giving Hope in 2015 after attending the group's signature event, Give the Kids a Bed, that supported First Step," Bair said.

This year she takes the reins of the organization as chair of the group's advisory board.

Bair said nonprofits can help create great change for the good of a community and understands it requires rallying individual resources to make it happen.

She's convinced that Giving Hope is the organization that can do just that.

"I was inspired by the women of Giving Hope who had worked on this event supporting other women and young children from our community that were in need," she said.

Women of like mind and multiple talents combining forces is a key in forging change, she said.

"I wanted to be a part of the organization's planning process and the philanthropic efforts to support women and children. I like the fundamental tenet of Giving Hope that the funds stay in our community to support those in need, that an endowment had been established for future needs, and the opportunity of philanthropic collaboration with other women who share a like — minded interest of community," Bair said.

Bair has served as chair of the group's special events committee and also helped plan issue-oriented programs. These included a 2017 panel discussion to raise awareness about human trafficking and in 2018 a community conversation on mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

Bair and other members of the special events committee also organized an educational expo for local nonprofits in 2017 to highlight their message to residents and businesses in the Plymouth and Canton communities.

Her focus on local philanthropy is an extension of her passion for family.

"My passion has always been my family. I have always found it to be important to be involved in my community — supporting community based programs that benefit our schools, the arts, and those members of our community that are in need," she said.

Bair and her husband, Derek, have been married for more than 30 years. Derek Bair, M.D., is the director of neonatology at Beaumont Hospital — Dearborn.

The couple has two adult children: Emily, who holds a master's in public health and nutritional science from the University of Michigan, and Nicholas,



Bair

an artist who has exhibited throughout the metro area.

Christina was born in North Carolina and grew up in southern Ohio. She graduated from the University of Toledo with a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education and taught in Houston.

"When my children were younger I supported the schools either directly by being in the classrooms or outside by supporting the district at local, county, and state levels," she said.

She also enjoys singing and has participated in various chorale groups, most recently the American Cancer Society Canton-Plymouth Relay For Life Cabaret, which raised \$20,000 for the American Cancer Society. In 2018, the cabaret raised nearly \$14,000.

Moving forward

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle marks its 13th year in 2019 and Bair, in cooperation with the board, will examine how the group moves forward.

"The advisory board along with the membership will look at what we have accomplished and where we see the organization going forward," she said.

Joining Bair on the advisory board are Eva Davis, Linda Demmer, Michelle Farrell, Sharon Phillips, Denise Murray, Dianne Neihengen, Joan Noricks, Jackie Norris, Susan Rosiek, Dian Slavens and Jane Vesche.

Expanding membership is key in meeting community needs.

"We would like to expand our membership of women that are interested in supporting local philanthropy but just as important we need to continue assessing what our community needs are. The greater Plymouth-Canton community has grown in size and diversity since Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle was created."

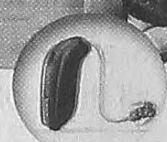
Giving Hope currently has 75 members.

Giving Hope is also committed to educating our community on important issues, such as human trafficking and suicide prevention, Bair said. Educational offerings are open to the public providing practical information for the community and how members of the community can support efforts to improve outcomes in the community via philanthropic endeavors, volunteering and more.

Bair and the advisory board look forward to hearing from women throughout the community on how Giving Hope can have an even more powerful impact. Visit the Giving Hope link at www.cantonfoundation.org, email at givinghopewgc@gmail.com, call 734-495-1200 or visit the group on Facebook.



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Seedlings bowling event set for March 9

Help blind kids learn to read by donating to or bowling in Seedlings Braille Books for Children's 32nd annual Bowling for Braille Books event March 9 at Novi Bowl in Novi.

The Livonia nonprofit aims to place 6,000 braille books into the hands of blind children by raising \$60,000 at its biggest fundraiser of the year. To make a donation or register to bowl, go to goo.gl/R19hvq.

"Braille books are rare and often expensive, sometimes costing more than \$100 each. For every 100 books a sighted child has, a blind child may have just five," said Seedlings founder/director Debra Bonde. "How can a child learn to read without books?"

Braille literacy is key to a successful, independent life for those who are blind and visually impaired. According to the National Federation of the Blind, more than 70 percent of blind adults are not employed full-time. But of those who have full-time jobs, 9 out of 10 are braille readers.

Seedlings gives half of its books for free to blind children all over the world. The other half are sold for an average price of \$10 a book.

Dave Rexroth, WXYZ-TV Channel 7 chief meteorologist, who lost his left eye in a fireworks accident in 2014, will return as the event's celebrity bowler for the fifth year in a row. Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright will assist in the raffle ticket drawings.

Bowlers are encouraged to register by March 1 so lane assignments can be made. The minimum pledge amount of



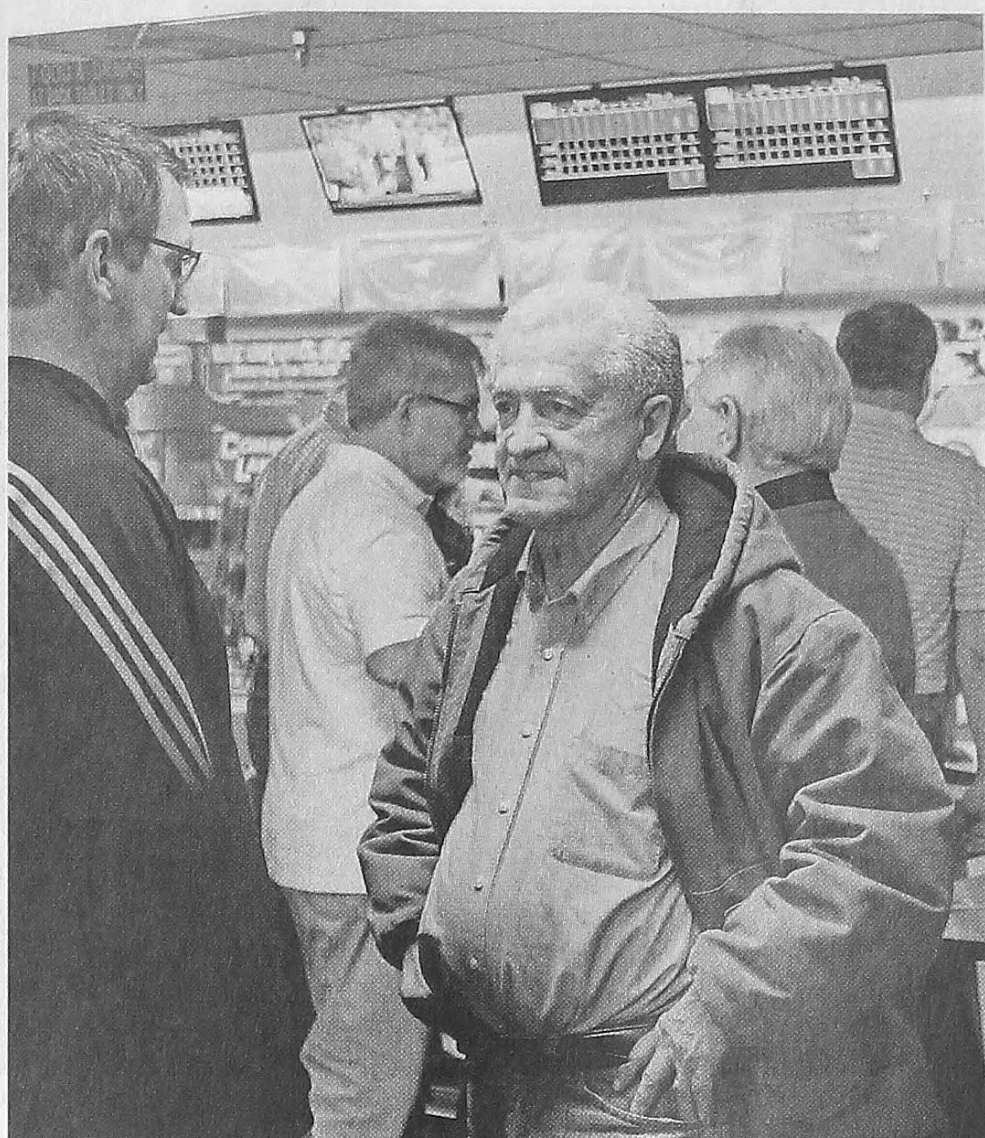
Seedlings founder Debra Bonde speaks before last year's event. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

\$65 includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, T-shirt, goody bag, lunch and one raffle ticket.

You may also attend the event just to bid on auction items donated by area businesses. There will also be raffle drawings for prizes. Tickets are \$1 for one, \$5 for six or \$20 for 25.

Check-in starts at noon; bowling begins at 1 p.m. Novi Bowl is at 21700 Novi Road, Novi.

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Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright speaks with Dave Rexroth, chief meteorologist at WXYZ-TV and celebrity bowler for last year's event.

Suspect pleads guilty in death of sheriff's deputy

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A Detroit man has pleaded guilty to running over and killing an off-duty Wayne County sheriff's deputy last summer in Hines Park in Westland.

Desmond Robinson, 47, pleaded guilty Feb. 15 to all three charges he faced, according to online court records:

reckless driving causing death, failure to stop at the scene of a fatal accident and tampering with evidence.

Robinson originally was charged last year after being arrested two days after Sgt. Lee Smith, a Redford resident, was run over while running in Hines Park just west of Inkster Road in Westland on Aug. 14. The suspected vehicle used was located later that day in Inkster, abandoned.



Robinson

Justice, according to online court records.

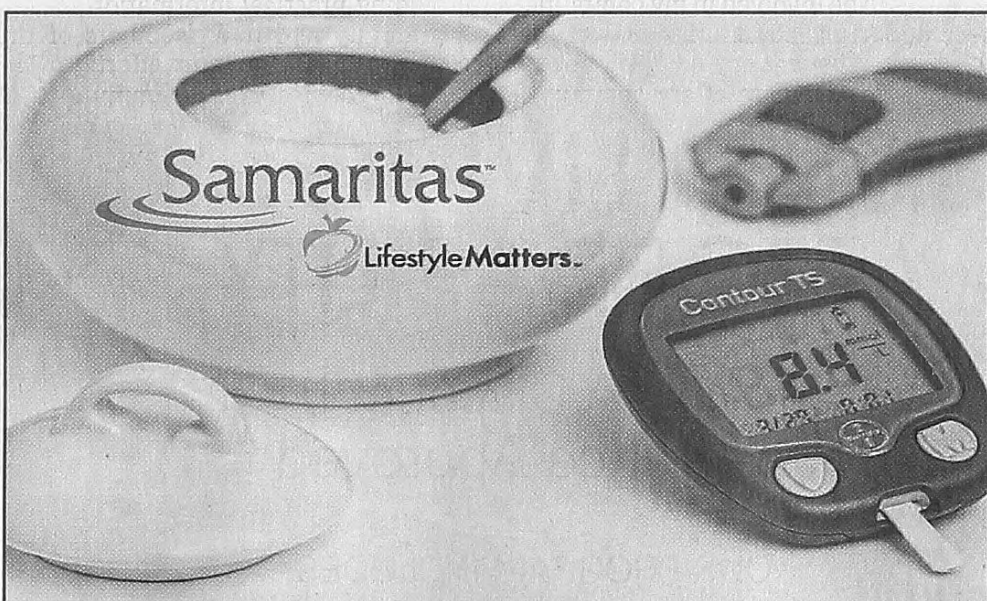
Robinson was arrested two days later in Garden City.

Robinson is expected to be sentenced March 5 before Circuit Judge Qiana Lillard in Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of

He was originally scheduled for a jury trial Feb. 20.

It was unclear Tuesday whether Robinson's plea came as a part of an agreement with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. An email sent to the prosecutor's office was not returned.

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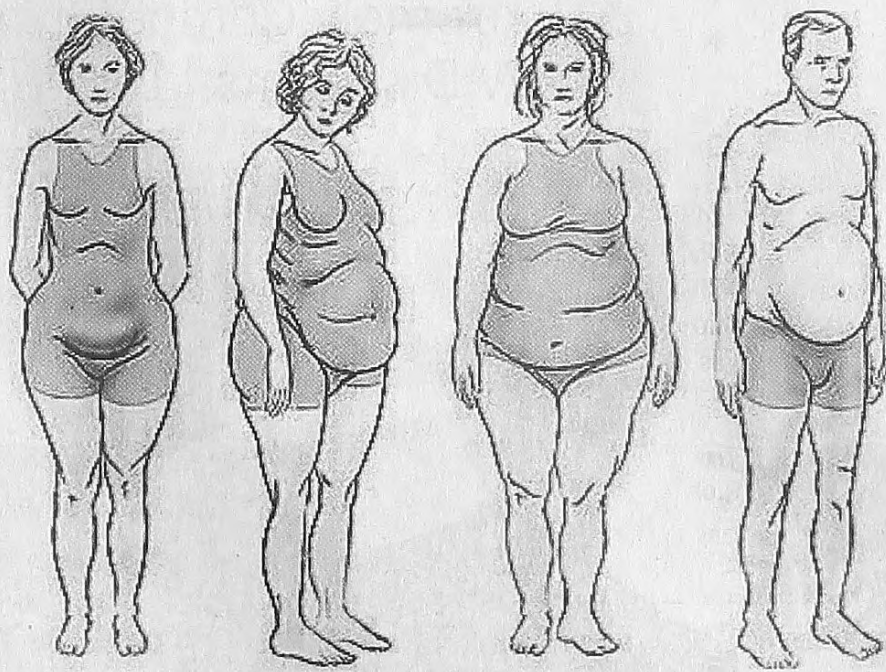
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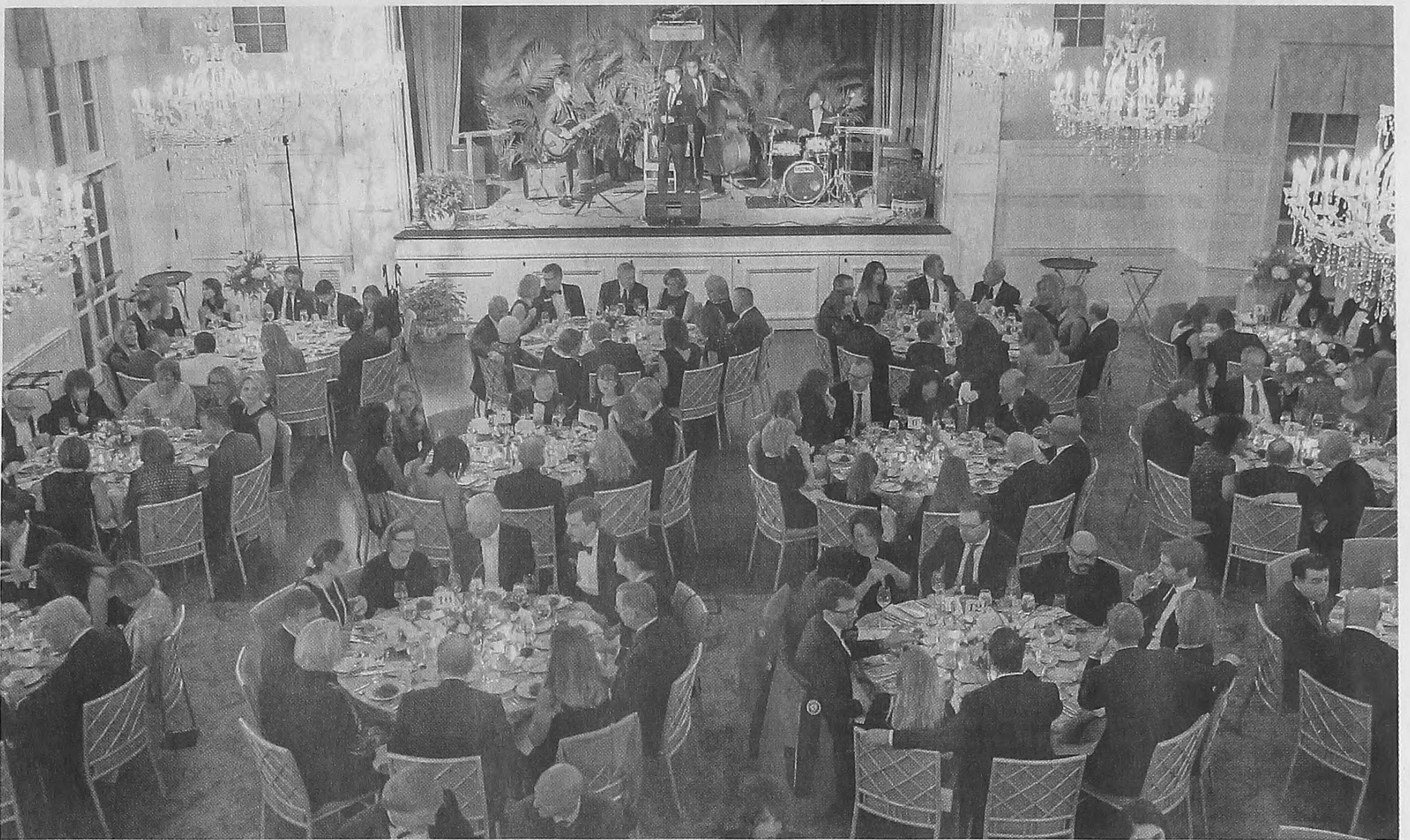
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The Community House is a nonprofit resource and destination for personal, professional, recreational and philanthropic pursuits. The prestigious annual event, presented this year by PNC Wealth Management, is a celebration of service and philanthropy, honoring those that make significant charitable contributions to support the work and mission of TCH.

The 2019 Bates Street Society Dinner

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The Community House's Pillar Society is a network of exceptional individuals that have dedicated significant time and talent to helping build a more vibrant community. Each year, inductees are individuals who have made extraordinary contributions in one of the four essential areas: culture, education, wellness and philanthropy.

The evening was highlighted by the recognition of TCH's annual "Pillars of Vibrancy," and an inspirational keynote address by Cynthia Ford.

Additional sponsors of the 2019 Bates Street Society Dinner included: Beaumont Hospital, Oakland University and the William Beaumont School of Medicine, Mills Pharmacy + Apothecary, DeRoy and Devereaux Private Investment Council, Barbara and Tim Hertzler, SEEN magazine, and the Detroit Jewish News.

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Suburban Collection celebrates expansion

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Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi is giving new meaning to the Big Top.

The exposition hall and conference facility has grown by about 170,000 square feet and the Shrine Circus, along with officials, clients and citizens, celebrated the expansion last week.

"It's been in the works for a couple years," said Blair Bowman Jr., director of operations and special counsel. "We had a lot of existing clients that are growing and needed a ton more space."

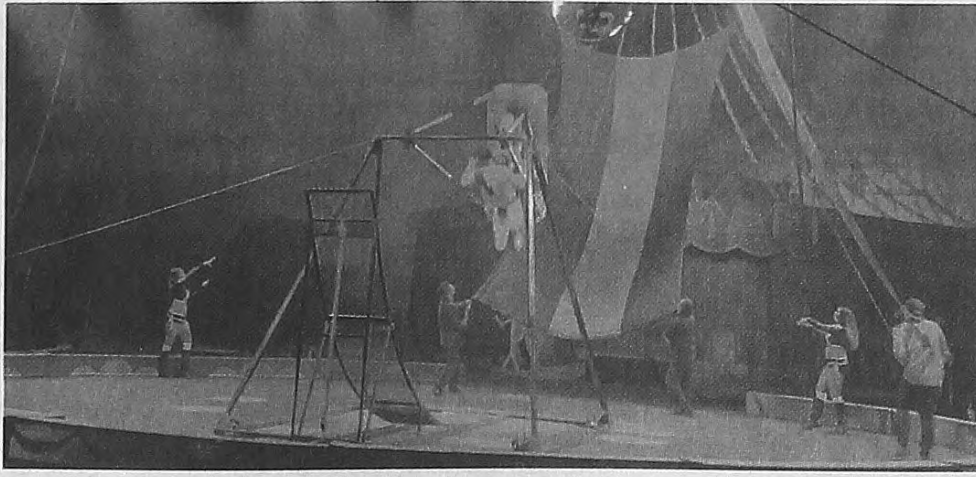
The expansion includes an addition of 90,000 square feet to an area that will be known as the Event Hall, which offers column free space and more than 40-foot ceilings as well as a 24,000 square foot Legacy Ballroom built with an optional view of the Event Hall show floor, fully serviced with new concessions and banquet kitchens of over 10,000 square feet.

The expanded facility is the new home of the Shrine Circus, Bowman said, who can now put on winter performances inside the building, while continuing to use a big top tent outside during the Michigan State Fair.

The Suburban Collection Showplace opened in 2005 and now totals nearly 400,000 square feet, including an attached hotel. Besides the additional ballrooms in which weddings can be hosted and a new pre-function gathering space, the new \$19 million in investments include large windows, LED lighting, energy-efficient HVAC systems, modern carpet, paint and decor, state-of-the-art audio systems, an interior box office and additional parking.

"I think it is going to be a very cool entertainment venue, a lot more diverse acts will come and truly show off our city of Novi," Bowman said. "We are the largest privately owned exposition and conference facility in the state."

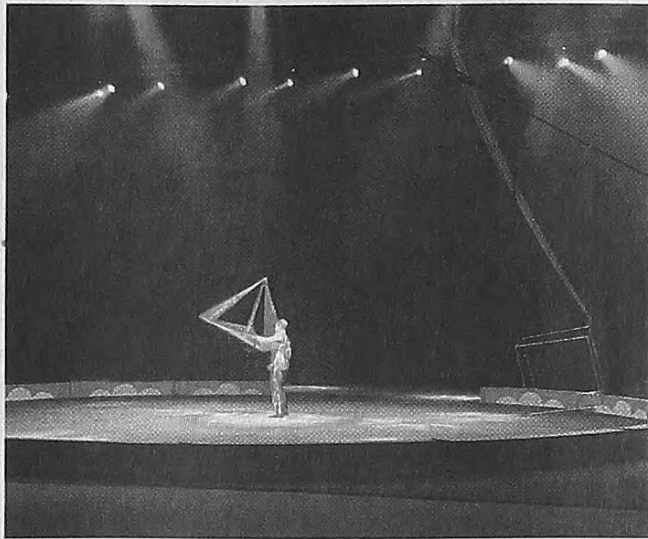
Suburban Collection Showplace hosts numerous corporate events and consumer shows per year, including the Novi Home Show, the MAR-VAC RV& Camping Show, the Ultimate Fishing Show, the Novi Golf Show, the Novi Boat Show, Outdoorama, Motor City Comic Con, and the Michigan State Fair.



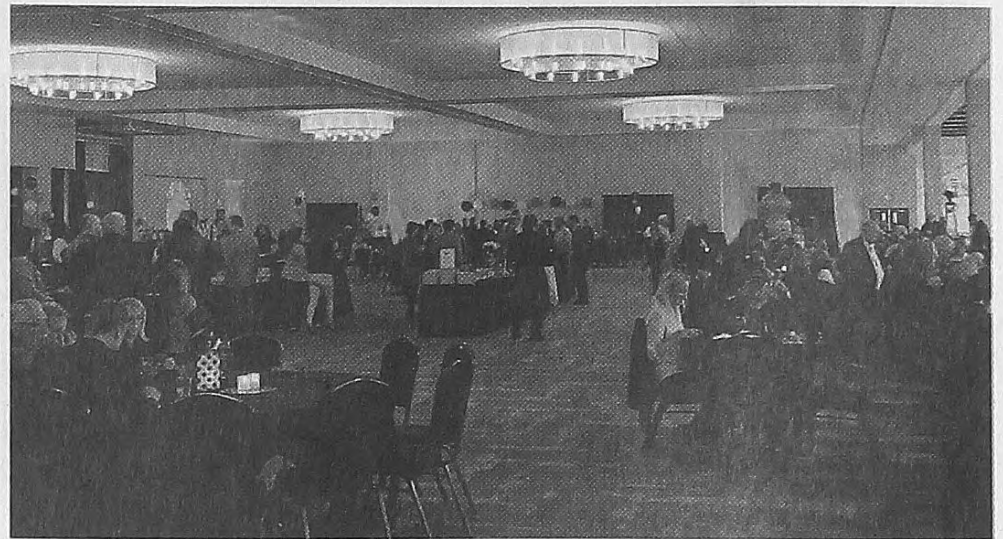
The expanded Suburban Collection Showplace is the new home of the Shrine Circus, which celebrated with a performance at the facility on Feb. 13. SUBMITTED



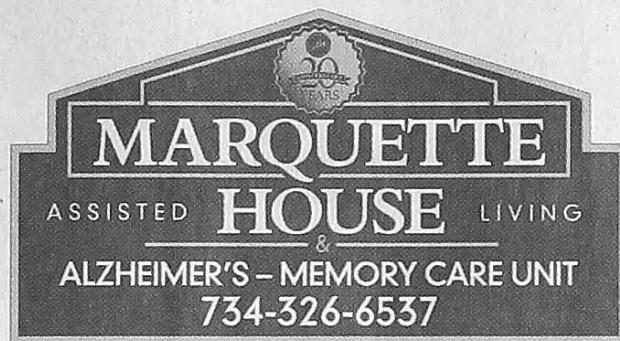
Part of the Suburban Collection Showplace's massive expansion connects to the rest of the convention hall at its west end. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



A Shrine Circus performer celebrates the expansion of the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. SUBMITTED



The Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi has expanded, including additional ballrooms and a new pre-function gathering space. SUBMITTED



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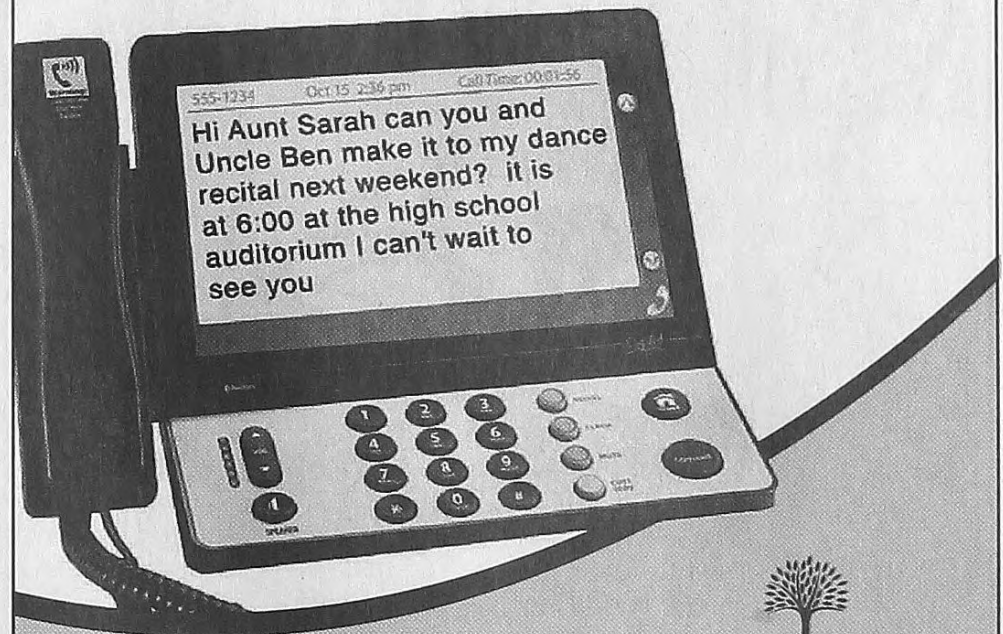


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By the numbers

Snow day tallies as of Feb. 20:

- **Livonia Public Schools:** Six days used
- **Wayne-Westland Community School District:** Six days used
- **Farmington Community Schools:** Six days district-wide, and seven at Beechview and Farmington STEAM Academy. The district expects to ask for a waiver.
- **Clarenceville School District:** Six snow days and one additional day of not having enough students.
- **Birmingham Public Schools:** Six days used
- **Novi Community School District:** Six days used
- **Huron Valley Schools:** 10 days used
- **South Lyon Schools:** Seven days used
- **Northville Schools:** Seven days used
- **Plymouth-Canton Schools:** Six days used

Snow days

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can apply to the state superintendent for up to three additional days. Many districts are already applying for those days, said department spokesman Bill DiSessa — 175 districts have requested the state allow them extra days off.

"There's been a lot of requests now coming in for snow day waivers," he said. "A great bulk of those are for all three days."

While the state doesn't track how many snow days each district takes, DiSessa said a district that doesn't get in all its instruction days can face financial penalties.

"If districts don't meet those, they'll have to add instruction time," he said. "If they don't meet the requirements, they risk losing the corresponding amount of state aid."

The cancellations also have some su-

perintendents concerned over state testing. Shelley Holt, superintendent of the Wayne-Westland school district, said she's considering asking the state to push back some of the testing to later this year.

"The situation could be worse. It's great that we have as many days as we have, but it could be worse," she said. "You have to be at school a certain amount of time to have your assessments."

Making up the time

Some districts will need to find ways to make up time. Those districts include Huron Valley Schools, which has canceled school for 10 days.

Huron Valley Schools Superintendent Paul Salah said in a letter sent to families before the most recent ice day that "No decisions have yet been made regarding extending the school year since we do not know how many more inclement weather days we may have."

"Please know that we continue to be purposeful in our decision making regarding snow days. We want our students in school. At the same time, we have an obligation to keep them safe."

Other districts will also need to make up time even though they haven't canceled school more than six times. That happened for the Clarenceville school district, which includes parts of Livonia, Farmington Hills and Redford.

Clarenceville Superintendent Paul Shepich said school was in session

Feb. 1, but the minimum number of students did not attend class that day. The district is required to have 75 percent attendance; it had 73.9 percent that day.

He plans on asking the state for three waiver days, but said he doesn't believe they can be used to replace Feb. 1. He said he's started the process of seeing where the district can add another day to the end of the year or attend school on a previously-scheduled day off.

"I have not experienced this in my 15 years of being in the Clarenceville School District and five as superintendent," he said. "I don't think we were expecting to have this many in a row."

Legislative relief coming?

Several state legislators have discussed introducing legislation that would not count any days toward a district's total if they happen during a state of emergency, or possibly forgiving all missed days this year.

Even though school may have been canceled, districts encouraged students to continue advancing their academic careers. Holt said she encouraged students to work on scholarship applications, FAFSA forms and more.

"It really truly is unpredictable. It kind of puts us as humans in our place. You may not always be in charge of your circumstances," she said.

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Sandro Mehner, from Germany, sleds at Cass Benton Park with his kids, Collin, 5, and Toby, 3, on Feb. 18. Mehner used a wooden sled. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Michigan AG has warning for Catholic Church

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Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel accused Catholic Church leaders of not fully cooperating with law enforcement, telling them to stop “self-policing” and allow state investigators to probe sexual abuse by clergy.

Speaking Thursday at her first news conference, Nessel said she will continue the investigations into Michigan’s seven Catholic dioceses launched under her predecessor, former Attorney General Bill Schuette.

Schuette conducted raids in October at dioceses in Michigan that involved 70 police officers and 14 assistant attorney generals, Nessel said.

Nessel told victims of abuse and others to speak with state investigators rather than Catholic officials, expressing concern that nondisclosure agreements (NDAs) are being used to discourage victims of abuse to speak with law enforcement authorities.

“Stop self-policing” and let the state do its investigations, she said. “Our office is conducting a thorough investigation and it’s important we be able to talk with any and all victims harmed by these egregious acts without the intervention of the church.”

“If an investigator comes to your door and asks to speak with you, please ask to see their badge and not their rosary,” Nessel said. “And here’s why that matters. Because many churches and diocese appear to be self policing and encouraging parishioners to report abuse to them so they can conduct their own internal investigations.”

“We’ve heard many stories from victims who have been encouraged to take settlements and sign NDAs or nondisclosure agreements. And victims may believe that they cannot or should not report abuse to us because the church is going to handle it and simply put, that’s just not true.

“Firstly, if you signed an NDA, you still have a right and I would say a responsibility to speak to law enforcement authorities. An NDA will not protect the church.”

Nessel was joined at the news conference by the head of Michigan State Police, Col. Joe Gasper, who echoed Nessel’s remarks.

“I also want to echo your comments regarding the importance of reporting tips directly to law enforcement,” Gasper said. “We take all leads seriously and it’s critically important that we hear directly from you when you have information to provide.”

In response, the Archdiocese of Detroit issued a statement contesting some of Nessel’s points, saying it wants to “clarify some of the broad generalizations made during today’s press conference.”

The statement said: “The Archdiocese of Detroit does not self-police. We encourage all victims to report abuse directly to law enforcement. When we learn of an allegation of sexual abuse of minors, we immediately notify law enforcement authorities, in accordance with the agreements we have had in place with them since 2002...”

Ned McGrath, director of public affairs at the Archdiocese of Detroit, criticized Nessel’s remarks about how investigators should have badges, not rosaries.

“The rosary is a treasured devotion of the Catholic Church,” McGrath told the Free Press. “And it’s troubling to have it used as a punch line. Here’s hoping future statements show no additional disrespect.”

The Archdiocese also took issue with Nessel’s remarks on NDAs:

“Since 2002, the Archdiocese of Detroit has not entered into any nondisclosure agreements, unless specifically requested by a survivor of abuse, as required by the Catholic Church in the United States. In addition, the archdiocese does not enforce any nondisclosure agreements signed prior to 2002...”

Nessel’s remarks happen to come on the same day that Pope Francis kicked off a four-day summit at the Vatican to discuss the issue of sexual abuse among clergy.

Michigan has about 2 million Catholics.

Michigan is one of more than a dozen states that launched investigations after a report released last year by the Pennsylvania Attorney General showed extensive abuse by priests and cover-ups by Catholic leaders.

Nessel said they have received 300 tips so far and are reviewing hundreds of thousands of pages of documents.



Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel talks to the media at her office in Lansing in January. MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Nessel compared the reaction of Catholic Church leaders to the reaction of leaders at Michigan State University to the sexual abuse of Larry Nassar.

“The clergy abuse investigation is jarringly similar to the MSU investigation in that both institutions when confronted with a public sex abuse scandal, publicly pledged their cooperation with law enforcement authorities, but it failed to deliver on those public promises,” Nessel said. “And regrettably, it would seem as though these two powerful institutions care more about protecting their brand than the people they serve.”

Nessel said victims should contact law enforcement even if the statute of limitations to prosecute has ended.

“We may not be able to charge every priest, but our office will be sending letters to the diocese when we find credible allegations, and we ask that the diocese step up and deal with these abusers and protect people from them when the statute of limitations keeps us from being able to do that ourselves, which is often the case, or frankly, when there are other unethical acts that are uncovered,” Nessel said.

The Archdiocese said in response that “the state of Michigan’s mandated reporting laws have been in place for decades. Through the years, we have strongly supported expansions to the list, including the addition of clergy.”

“The Archdiocese of Detroit regularly educates all mandated reporters of their duties to report sexual abuse or neglect of minors.”

Nessel said her office has sent letters to parishes asking them to inform their members of the state’s investigations.

She encouraged victims of abuse or those who may know about possible abuse to contact the state through its hotline.

The Archdiocese of Detroit said in its statement that when it “became aware of the Attorney General’s request for parishes to publicize the state’s tip line, we immediately offered to help our parishes facilitate the publication of that material.”

The Archdiocese of Detroit also said it “has not been asked by the Attorney General’s Office to stop its internal review process.”

“These internal investigations are required under Church law, and their purpose is to restrict or remove from ministry anyone who has committed sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult.”

During her news conference, Nessel also spoke about her investigations into the Flint water crisis and Michigan State University over abuse tied to Larry Nassar.

Col. Gasper of Michigan State Police said “we are committed to seeking justice for all the victims in the cases and we were also equally committed to ensuring that we conduct a thorough and proper investigation.”

In its statement Thursday, the Archdiocese of Detroit also said:

“Since the Attorney General’s investigation began, the Archdiocese of Detroit has not received notification from that office regarding credible accusations against any of our priests. Should we become aware of such a complaint, we will act immediately.”

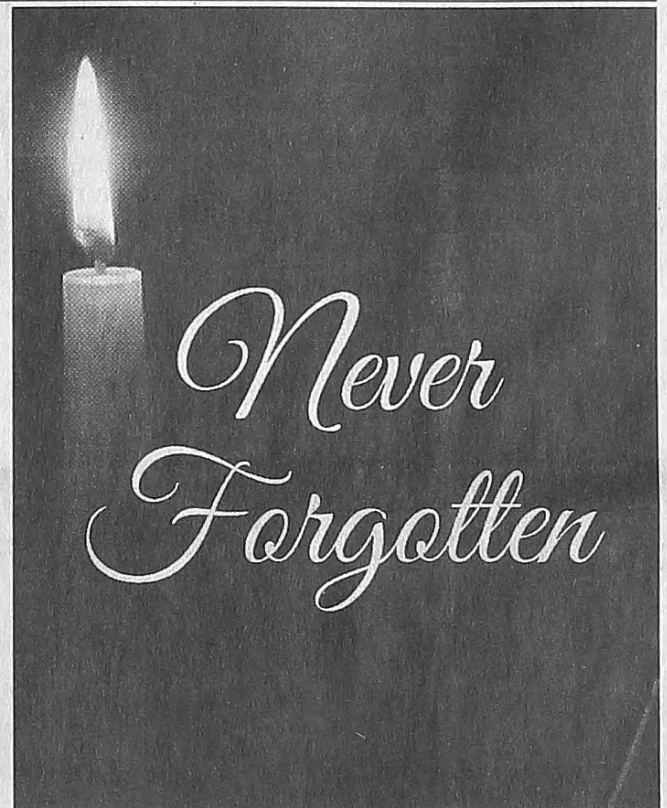
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Janice “Jan” C. Rogers

ORO VALLEY, AZ - Janice “Jan” C. Rogers, age 90, of Oro Valley, AZ, and formerly of Bloomfield Hills, MI, passed away January 15, 2019. She was born October 28, 1928, to Theodore and Alice Coy in Poughkeepsie, NY. She was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved husband of 52 years, George M. Rogers, Jr. Jan is survived by her 2 children, son Grant (Patricia) Rogers, and daughter, Amy Rogers, 4 grandchildren, Gregory Rogers, Madeline (John) Kenkel, Robyn (Case) Tierney, and George Michael Felt.

Jan liked playing bridge, golf, reading and entertaining. She was a “people” person that never knew a stranger and was often one of the first to greet a new neighbor or staff member at Splendido. Jan had a great sense of humor and always had a joke or story to tell. She enjoyed dressing up or creating fun costumes to attend social events. Jan and George loved to travel whether for business, to visit family, explore the world with friends or as a couple.

Jan graduated from St. Luke’s School of Nursing in New York and later became a successful realtor and relocation specialist. She was an active participant in her residential, religious, and social communities as an organizer, volunteer, and fundraiser. While in New Jersey she was a member of the Jr. Women’s Club helped build a new church where she was on the Altar Guild and was the ECW President. She was an active mother serving as a Room Mother, Den Mother and Brownie Leader. In Illinois she helped save a 100 year old chapel by raising funds from antique sales (the Archbishop of Canterbury came to lead the re-dedication celebration). She was on various hospital and PTA boards while being a devoted fan at all of her kids’ events. Jan was an active member of Christ Church Cranbrook in Michigan where she held fashion show fundraisers and was the ECW President. In Arizona she was active in her church, coordinated fashion shows at Splendido where she had been an Ambassador and participated on several resident councils and committees. She had been a performing member of the Gestures of Joy volunteer group.

Memorial services will be held Sunday 2pm, January 24, at the Episcopal Church of the Apostles, Oro Valley, AZ. Attendees are invited to a “High Tea” reception following the service in the church’s library (it is requested that ladies wear to church, tea party or derby hats). A Celebration of Life gathering will be held that evening starting at 6:30 pm at Splendido, Oro Valley, AZ.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made in her name to the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona with a memo notation: Splendido Residents Association Scholarship in honor of Janice C. Rogers or to the Church of the Apostles.





A car kicks up a plume of water after passing over a few potholes at the intersection of Novi and 12 Mile roads. Reconstruction of the intersection will take place this year. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Novi Road-12 Mile work moved up

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Some road repairs just won't wait.

The Novi City Council unanimously approved a deal in which reconstruction of the intersection of 12 Mile Road and Novi Road will take place this year.

The work was supposed to take place in 2021, but under the approved cost participation agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County, the city will pay \$481,259 in advance construction costs associated with the project to get it done sooner rather than later.

Councilwoman Kelly Breen thanked city staff members who worked to get the agreement in place.

"That intersection has claimed the lives of many tie rods and wheel rims," Breen said. "I hope the city can continue to work with the county to get 12 Mile and Novi up to speed. I'm not sure if what we call a road there still qualifies as road."

Councilman Andrew Mutch agreed.

"This has been the number one location of complaints," he said. "They wanted it done yesterday, not 2021. That

it will be completed this year is good news."

George Melistas, engineering manager and traffic engineer for Novi, said the total cost of the intersection reconstruction will be about \$800,000.

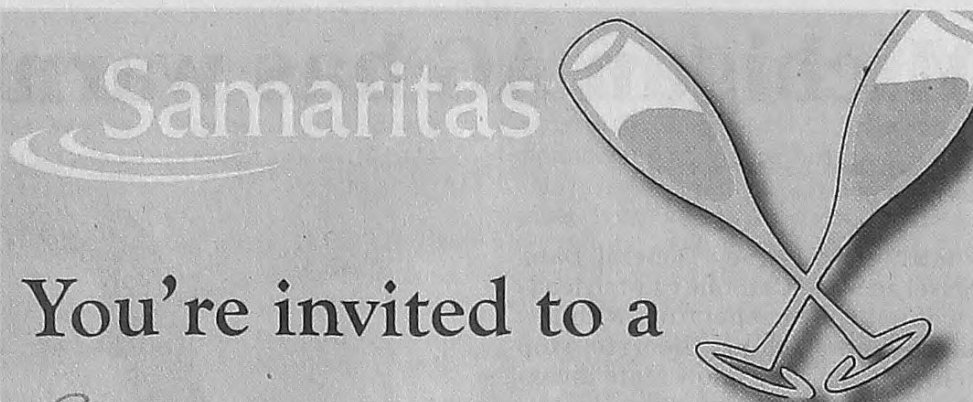
While the city is advancing more than half the money now, their total cost will be about \$100,000, the city's portion of tri-party funding, with the county board of commissioners and the road commission contributing, as well as federal grant funding from the National Highway Performance Program.

Melistas said the city will be reimbursed all but \$100,000 after Oct. 1, 2020, when the road commission gets the funding from the federal grant program.

"We just couldn't wait that long," Melistas said. "This needs help soon."

The road commission will bid the project, with construction expected to begin mid to late June on the intersection that carries an average of 34,200 vehicles daily.

Melistas said "traffic will be maintained" during construction, which he hopes will be completed by the end of August.



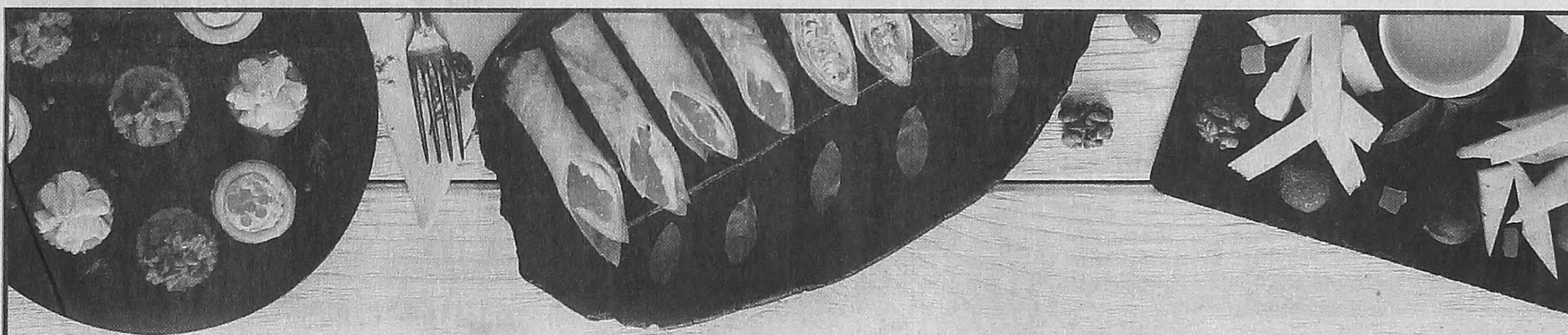
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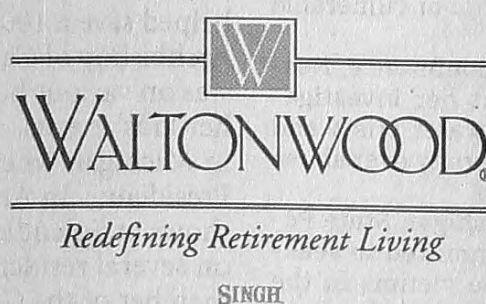
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GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Howell surges past Livonia Stevenson in KLAA crossover

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Despite a hot start, the Livonia Stevenson girls basketball team couldn't fight off a furious Howell comeback Tuesday night, falling 47-43 at home in a KLAA crossover battle.

Stevenson held a 23-13 halftime lead, but Howell's defense completely shut down the Spartans in the third quarter, allowing only three points. The Highlanders ended the quarter with a 31-26 lead and the Spartans reeling.

The fourth quarter stayed tight, with a late push from Livonia making the final minute interesting, but Howell stayed the course and sealed the victory.

"It's a great step for us going into tournament time," Howell coach Tim

Olszewski said. (Stevenson) plays a lot like some of the teams we'll see, so getting down big was a good challenge for us. To see a young team like we have battle back and take the lead and actually the command in the second half, overall it was a very good night for us and a great learning experience."

The victory moves Howell, the No. 3 seed from the West Division, to 10-7 overall and 10-5 in the conference. The loss drops Stevenson, the No. 4 seed from the East Division, to 10-9 overall and 8-7 in league play.

"We knew what they were capable of, and right before halftime I told the girls that it's 0-0," Stevenson coach Karen Anger said. "It's a disciplined team, a good shooting team, a well coached team, so you have to be ready. I think we got a little ahead of ourselves and when

we came out, we thought they'd lay down and that's not the team Howell is. Never has been, never will be."

Here are three takeaways from the game:

Wendel stars for Howell

The star of the night was Howell junior Kaylee Wendel. Stevenson simply did not have an answer for the versatile forward, who scorched the Spartans defense for 20 points.

Anger admitted that her team had difficulty defending Wendel, who is left-handed. She demanded the ball on the left side and it gave the Spartans problems.

She played the entire game and was

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Kaylee Wendel tries to get a shot up against some Livonia defense.
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GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Freshman gets chance in Hartland's loss to Wayne

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

WAYNE — Ideally, basketball coaches like to ease their top junior varsity players into life at the varsity level by calling them up for the state tournament and giving them some mop-up minutes when a game is already decided.

But Hartland wasn't in an ideal situation Tuesday night.

With two of his best ballhandlers sidelined, coach Don Palmer called up freshman Emme Sargeant to share the load in the backcourt.

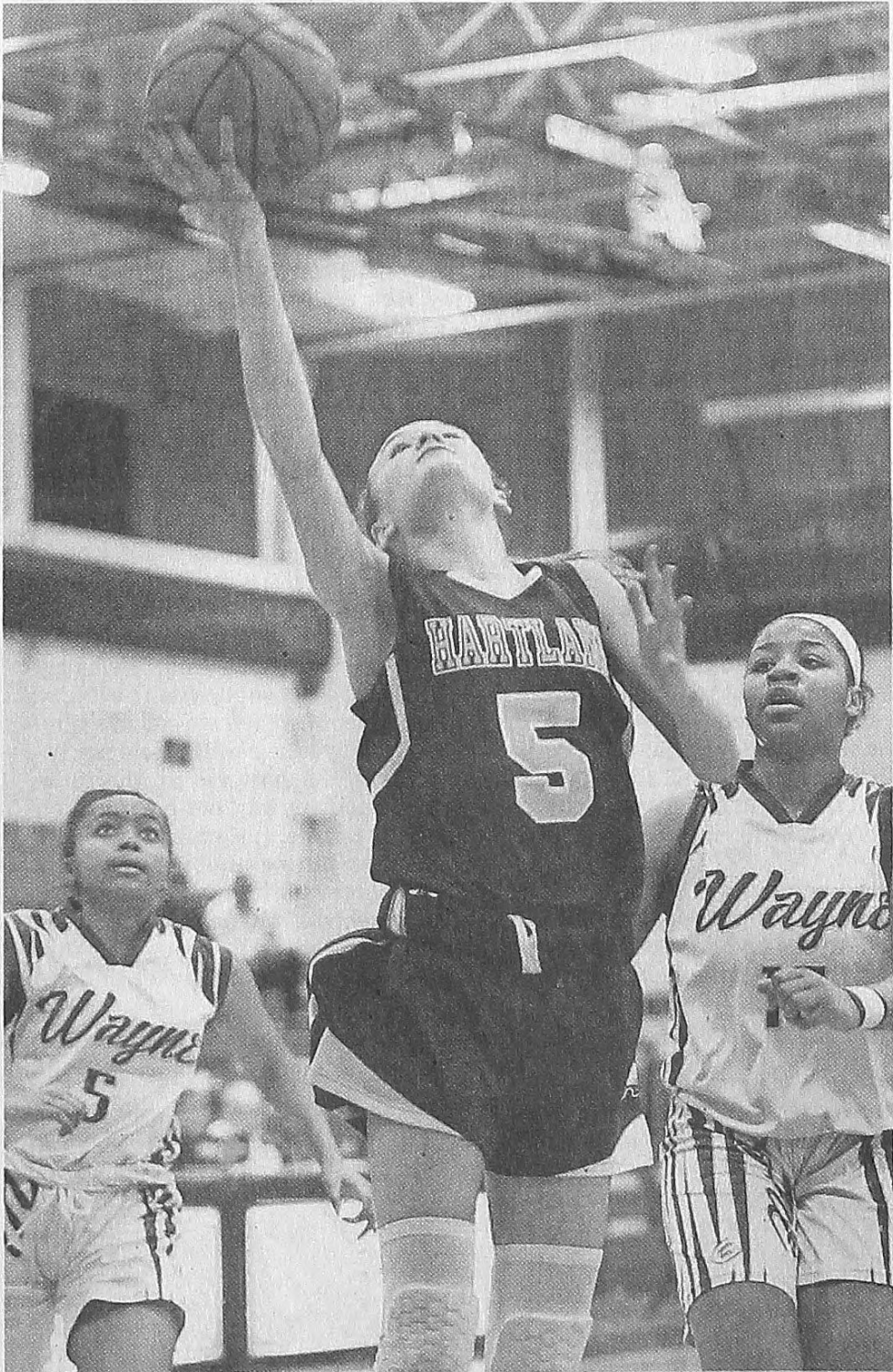
Palmer recognized that he was asking a lot of a player who had never played a varsity minute, with ninth-ranked Hartland playing in the KLAA semifinals against a seventh-ranked Wayne Memorial team that employs a suffocating press.

Everything considered, Palmer was impressed with Sargeant's performance in a 48-31 loss at Wayne in the semifinals of the KLAA tournament.

Not surprisingly, she had two quick turnovers after entering the game with 2:30 left in the first quarter. She settled down after that and looked like she belonged, finishing with four points.

"We didn't want to throw her to the wolves, but we ended up doing that," Palmer said. "She kind of responded pretty well. Our guards were struggling a bit. They didn't play poorly, but they were struggling. She looked to be the best of the bunch tonight. I guess she didn't have time to think about it and get nervous."

Starting point guard Nikki Domperre missed her third straight game after injuring her ankle in the second half against Brighton on Feb. 8. Freshman guard Amanda Roach was



Hartland freshman Emme Sargeant had four points while making her varsity debut in a 48-31 loss at Wayne Memorial on Tuesday. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

HOCKEY

Livonia native Taylor Whitney wins hockey award

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Plattsburgh State women's ice hockey freshman forward Taylor Whitney has been named the final Northeast Women's Hockey League (NEWHL) Rookie of the Week of 2018-19, earning the honor for the period ending Feb. 17, 2019. She is from Livonia, where she attended Livonia Franklin High School and played six seasons for Little Caesars hockey club, where she won three state championships.

At Franklin, Whitney ran track and field, cross country and played softball. Her decision to attend Plattsburgh State, which is in upstate New York, appears to be paying off. It's the second straight week that she's won Rookie of the Week, and third time overall this season.

Whitney scored two goals and recorded a +3 rating, helping Plattsburgh State complete a perfect NEWHL season with a weekend sweep over Buffalo State. She scored 1:38 into the game last Friday in a 5-1 Cardinal victory over the Bengals before netting a goal late in the first period in a 7-1 win against Buffalo State on Saturday.


Plattsburgh State finished the season 23-3 overall and 16-0 in conference play. It is currently ranked No. 4 nationally in division three.

Whitney is third in the league in goals during league play, with nine. She's totaled 10 goals and 13 assists this season.

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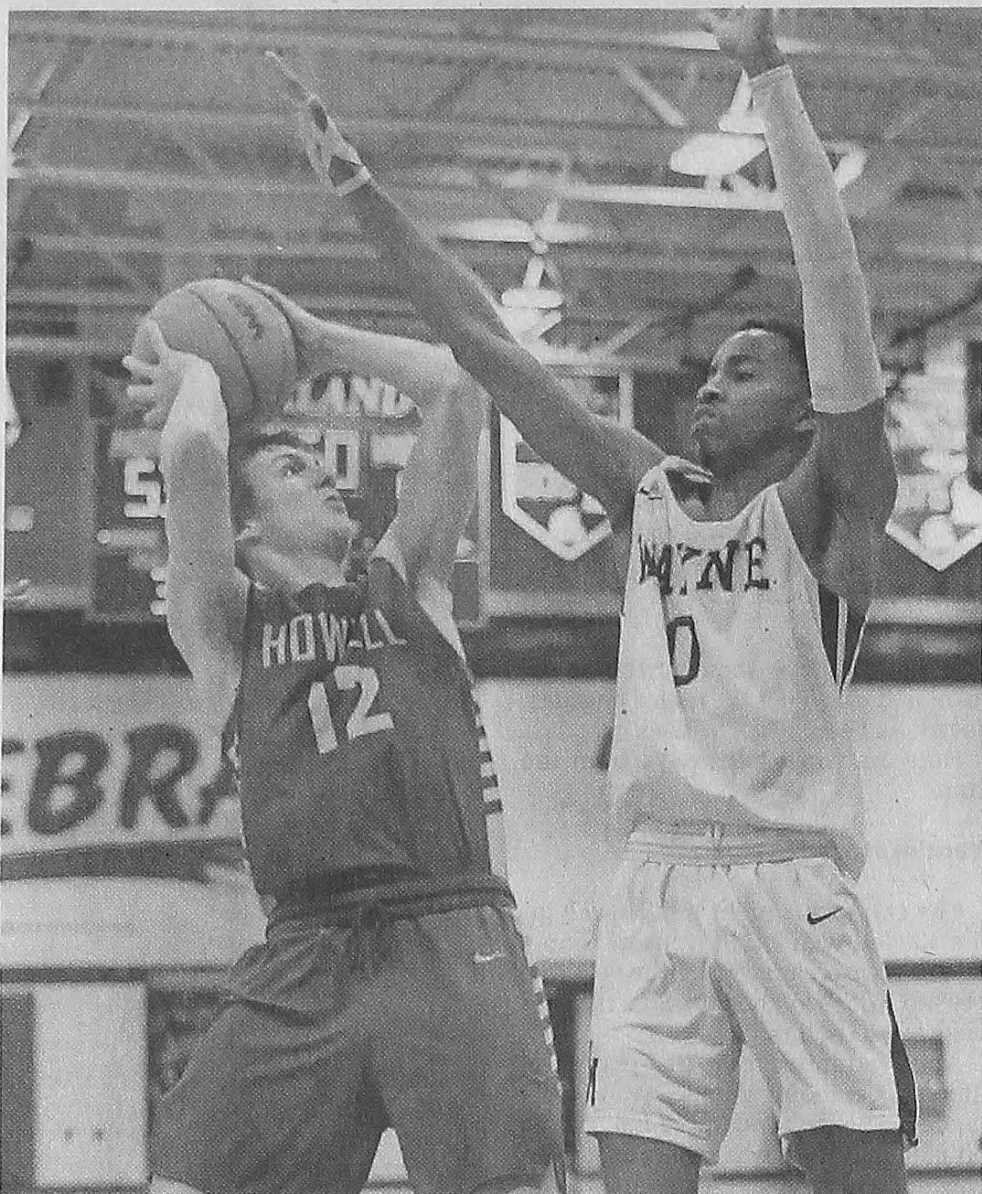
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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL



Howell's Tony Honkala puts up a shot over Wayne Memorial's Isaiah Lewis.

Baseball recruit's trey lifts Howell over Wayne

Russo buries a 3 with 4 seconds left in 58-57 win

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WAYNE – Basketball wasn't Luke Russo's first choice of sports when he entered Howell High School. Actually, it wasn't even a choice he considered. His basketball experience was limited to playing at a recreational level and, besides, he had a bright future playing baseball. So, he watched basketball from the bleachers with the rest of the students his first two years at Howell. Had Russo not been persuaded to come out for basketball as a junior last season, he never would've had one of the biggest moments of his athletic career Monday night. Russo hit arguably the shot of the year in Livingston County basketball, sinking a 3-pointer with four seconds left to give Howell a 58-57 victory over Wayne Memorial in the semifinals of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association tournament. Howell (14-5) played at fourth-ranked Canton (18-1) Thursday for the KLAA championship. Find results of

that game online at hometownlife.com. Russo went into the Canton game no longer haunted by two missed shots that would've forced overtime the last time the teams met on Feb. 8. "It bugged me for a while," Russo said. "It was a while ago, but I came back, had confidence and shot it." The Highlanders called timeout after Wayne took a 57-55 lead on a drive to the basket by Isaiah Lewis with 19 seconds remaining. On the ensuing possession, the ball ended up in the hands of Tony Honkala, who drove to the basket, then kicked out a pass to a wide-open Russo in the left corner. With Lewis trying to scramble back to defend the shot, Russo calmly sank the game-winner. "My guy just kind of left me open," Russo said. "I was wide open in the corner. I just felt it. I saw it right off the bat. It looked perfect." After the game, a college coach was talking with Howell star Josh Palo, who finished with 22 points. While Palo will continue to play at the next level, Russo's short competitive basketball career is winding down. Once basketball season ends, it will be all about baseball from here on out for Russo, who has signed with Eastern Michigan University. Russo came out for basketball last season at the urging of teammate Kip French. Russo had a lot of catching up to do to become an effective player at

the varsity level. "I had to fix a lot of stuff," Russo said. "My jumper, everything, my defense. I've gotten a lot better." The work ethic that made Russo a Division I recruit in baseball served him well as he got up to speed on the hardwood. "Every day he's working hard in practice," Palo said. "He's very athletic, crashes the boards. He can really do anything. He's pretty much like a glue guy. He's really good at the top of that 1-3-1 (defense)." Wayne's plan was to hold the ball for a final shot after Palo's basket with 1:29 remaining tied the game, 55-55. But Lewis, who had 20 points, shook a defender just long enough to get a crease to the basket for the go-ahead layup. As it turned out, the Zebras (15-4) left the Highlanders too much time to get something done on the other end. "We had the ball and wanted to hold it, but our guy went and scored," Wayne coach Nkwane Young said. "I was trying to get the last shot. When he did, we called timeout. When we called a timeout, we played a certain defense. We told them, 'Do not give up the three.' Guys helped anyway, not paying attention to the game. ... He was wide open." Besides hitting the winning shot, Russo played an integral role in Howell's comeback. Wayne took its biggest lead at 39-32 midway through the third quarter. Russo had a basket and two

free throws in a 7-0 Howell run that tied the game, 39-39, with 3:40 left in the third. From there, the game was tied three more times and there were five lead changes. "I thought we came out with great energy, weren't scared of the moment, weren't scared of the atmosphere," Howell coach Nick Simon said. French had 10 points and Honkala nine for Howell, the first Livingston County team to reach the KLAA boys basketball championship game since Pinckney in 2012. Hartland, which won the inaugural tournament in 2009, is the only county team to win the title. "We're taking this like the playoffs already started," Palo said. "We're taking every game very seriously and trying to prepare for every game the best we can and just come out and compete. I think it's really going to help us in the state playoffs." The Zebras can't afford to sulk for long. They host one of the toughest districts in Division 1, beginning with an opener with Romulus at 7 p.m. Monday. Canton and Westland John Glenn are in the other bracket. "We wanted to win it, but like I was just telling them, you can go either way," Young said. "You can take this and get stronger or you can take this and bow down and your season's over next week."

Surge

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the best player on the court. Wendel played much of the game in the middle of a spread out offense, catching passes in the lane and either driving or finding the open man. In the second half, she played a bit more on the perimeter, even taking the ball up the court. "Kaylee is a leader, she's a captain," Olszewski said. "Her last 10 basketball games have been phenomenal. She's starting to really embrace her role and what she's capable of doing and becoming. She's never had to be that front person, but she's very capable. She hit some threes, hit some free throws, had her hands on the basketball a lot tonight, some tips, some steals, overall just a fantastic night for Kaylee. ... There's bigger things for her down the road." After a rough first half, Howell began to spread out its scoring in the second, and had four players finish with more than five points. Wendel was the game's

leading scorer, but sophomore forward Meagan Tucker added eight points, while senior guard Allison Pennala scored seven and freshman guard Maeve St. John scored six points for Howell. **Three-point parade** Stevenson got out to an early lead thanks to six first-half threes. Three of those came in the first quarter by senior forward Kimmy Freed, who finished the game with 15 points on five made triples. It was a strong last home game for Freed, who has now played her final career home game, like the rest of the seniors. "It was definitely a good shooting day," Anger said. "Kimmy has been a three-year varsity starter and she has the capability of doing that every single game. We just finally were able to light something under her tonight. Knowing that it was her last game ever on this court gave her a little bit of motivation, she just let it fly tonight." The Spartans ended the game with nine three-pointers. Helping Freed on



Livonia Spartan Kerry Donhue, left, tips the ball out of the hands of Howell Highlander Allison Pennala.
JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the scoreboard was senior forward Elisa Lebron, who scored eight points, freshman guard Kerry Doneue, who added seven points and junior guard Josie

Piergentili, who scored five points. **Second-half adjustments key** Olszewski was not happy with Howell's performance in the first half, leading to some changes in the second. It all started on defense, where Howell shut down the Stevenson offense almost completely. That strong defense led to offense, where the Highlanders more than doubled the points they scored in the first half. "We got our point across at halftime — exactly the game plan that we wanted executed starting the third and they did," Olszewski said. "They executed it and we were able to turn the tide. We didn't have to put ourselves in that position, but we have a young team and sometimes you have to face some adversity before they'll believe what's supposed to happen. I'll give them credit for executing, they did a really nice job. We got our inside-out looks, played the game the right way." Reach Andrew Vaillencourt at avai-lienc@hometownlife.com, 810-923-0659 or on Twitter at @AndrewVcourt.

Hoop

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sick.

"(Sargeant) contributed and helped our team really well driving and hitting free throws," Hartland junior Whitney Sollom said.

Palmer hopes to get Dompierre some playing time next week before starting the state tournament the following week, but said he won't push it.

Following are other takeaways from the game:

No Terry? No problem

It appeared that Hartland caught a break when Wayne star Jeanae Terry went picked up her fourth foul with three seconds left in the first quarter, limiting her to only 4 minutes and 36 seconds of playing time in the first half.

But the Zebras were able to maintain control of a game they led 15-3 when she went to the bench.

Junior Makailah Griggs-Zeigler, playing her second game after a shoulder injury, came off the bench and scored six quick points. She finished with 12.

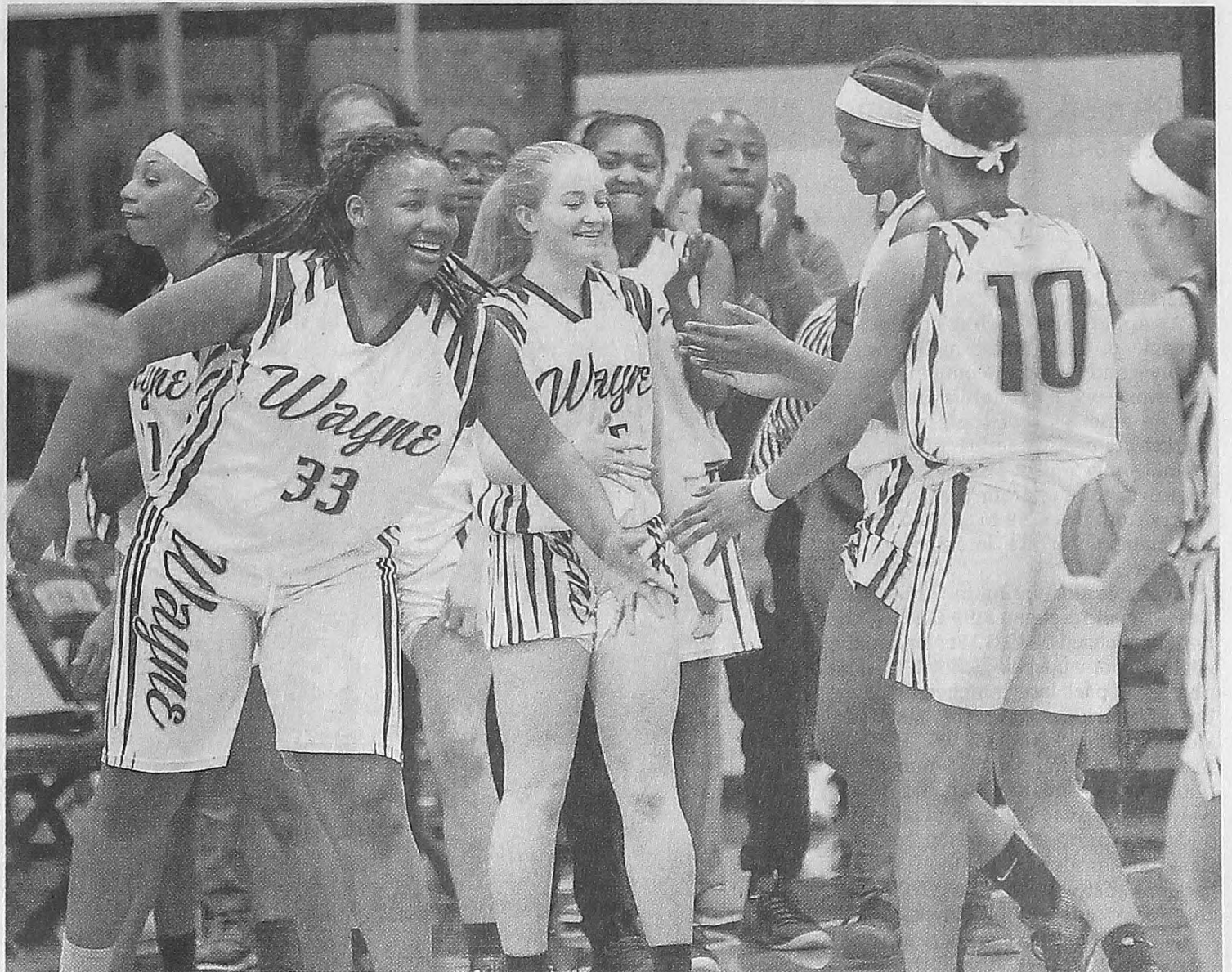
"With us having the talented guards we have, we all can do the same thing," Griggs-Zeigler said. "With them taking her out, it wasn't a disadvantage for our team. All our guards are the same. We just came together. We just played hard."

Terry, who finished with six points, went to the bench after getting her third foul with 4:14 left in the first quarter. Wayne coach Jarvis Mitchell put her back on the floor with 53 seconds to go in the quarter, but she got a charge for her fourth foul.

"My mistake was I put her in the last seconds, because I didn't think she would get a charge," Mitchell said. "We were holding for one shot."

Rally thwarted

After falling behind 32-14 with 5:53 left in the third quarter, Hartland got back in the game by scoring nine straight points. When Sollom put in a rebound with 5:10 left in the game,



Wayne Memorial's Makailah Griggs-Zeigler, left, congratulates teammates following a 48-31 victory over Hartland on Tuesday. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

the Eagles had cut the lead to 34-26.

But Wayne responded with a 14-2 run to put the game away and earn a trip to Brighton (18-1) at 7 p.m. Tuesday to play for the KLAA title.

"When we were down at halftime, my teammates and I wanted to come out and show people we can come back and win, but it ended up not happening," said Sollom, who finished with 15 points.

Budding rivalry

Hartland and Wayne are 45 miles apart, but they are developing a rivalry.

This was the fourth time the teams

have met in the past three seasons in an important game.

Hartland beat Wayne two years ago to win the KLAA championship, then lost to the Zebras last year in the KLAA semifinals and state quarterfinals.

Mitchell knows it will be a tough battle of wits when he faces the Eagles.

"Don is such a great coach," Mitchell said. "I don't care how many kids he has, he works with what he has and he gives you his best shot. Those kids are so disciplined. I absolutely hate playing against Hartland; I hate it. Because you don't know what to scout for. He's a chameleon. You're

going to get something new.

"Just when I think he's going to zone, he's going to face guard. Just when I think he's going to set a face guard, he's going to get into a 1-1-1-1. C'mon, man. Don, if you're listening, just retire. I don't want to play you no more."

Win or lose, Hartland (16-3) looks forward to its matchups with Wayne (17-2).

"It's always good playing good competition," Sollom said. "In our league, sometimes we don't have that, so playing teams like this and when we played Saginaw Heritage, those are the teams we love playing."



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A new phone doesn't need to cost you several hundred dollars.

As Apple and Samsung continue to struggle to move their higher-priced iPhones and Galaxies, companies such as Lenovo-owned Motorola are playing for the other side of the smartphone market. Its new G7 series, the latest in its mid-range line of phones, has starting prices ranging from \$199 to \$299, a far cry from the \$749 to \$1099 that Apple charges for its latest round of iPhones.

Available this spring in three varieties – the ultra-cheap \$199 G7 Play, the battery-focused \$249 G7 Power and the slightly more upscale \$299 G7 – the phones all pack large notched displays, beefy batteries and run the latest version of Android, version 9.0 "Pie." All three include standard 3.5-mm headphone jacks, a feature that has disappeared from most higher-end phones.

As with previous phones in the G-series, those prices are for the unlocked versions that will work on AT&T, Verizon, Sprint and T-Mobile's networks.

As one would expect, there are definitely trade-offs when comparing the G7 to more premium devices from Apple, Samsung, OnePlus and others.

With a single camera and a plastic back, the \$199 G7 Play feels at first touch like a cheap phone.

Its 5.7-inch 720p HD display looks nice, but while all three devices run on the same Qualcomm 632 processor, the 2GB of RAM makes the Play feel sluggish compared to its siblings (the Power has 3GB of RAM and the regular G7 has 4GB).

Its 32GB of storage (expandable via a microSD card) is welcome, but the 13-megapixel rear camera left plenty to be desired when taking a few test photos at Motorola's event in New York. An 8-megapixel camera sits on the front.

Those looking for a cheap phone, however, may benefit from splurging a little on the Play's siblings, the G7 Power and the G7.



The Moto G7, G7 Power and G7 Play can't go in the pool, but do pretty well on dry land. ELI BLUMENTHAL/USA TODAY

In addition to the extra gigabyte of RAM, the glass-backed, \$249 G7 Power packs a 6.2-inch 720p HD display, a similar 8-megapixel front camera and a 12-megapixel single rear camera that captures more light than the Play. Its headline feature, however, is, as its name suggests: power. At 5,000 mAh, the G7 has one of the largest batteries for a phone on the market. The iPhone XR, by comparison, has a roughly 3,000 mAh battery.

Motorola says it should provide "up to three days" of battery life and a 15-minute charge using the company's Turbo Charger will give you roughly nine hours of battery life.

For most people looking for a balance between power and performance, the \$299 G7 may be the best option. With 4GB of RAM and 64GB of storage, it was the most responsive of Motorola's latest phones, and its glass back and 6.2-inch 1080p full HD display look and feel like a phone worth more than its sticker price.

A dual-lens rear camera system, combining a 12-megapixel rear sensor with a 5-megapixel depth sensor, also took much sharper photos than its cheaper siblings. While its battery isn't as beefy as the Power's, Motorola is claiming it will be able to go all day.

"There's absolutely a market for this product," says technology analyst Avi

Greengart, adding that, in the United States, the G-series has served as "the phone that you buy if you don't have \$500 to spend on a phone."

None of the devices is water-resistant, though Motorola does say they have water-repellent coatings that should be able to withstand rain. Just don't go taking them into a pool.

They all also lack NFC for tapping your phone to make payments using Google Pay.

But again, these phones aren't built to go spec-to-spec with an iPhone or Galaxy. That honor may be saved for Motorola's rumored Razr foldable phone.

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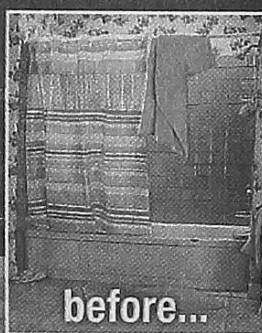
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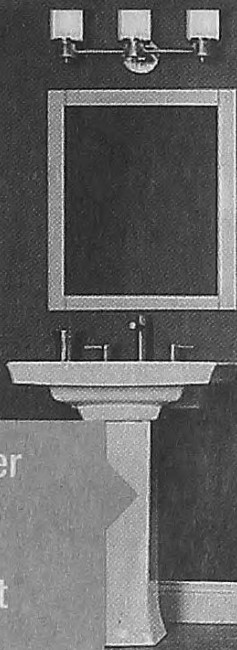
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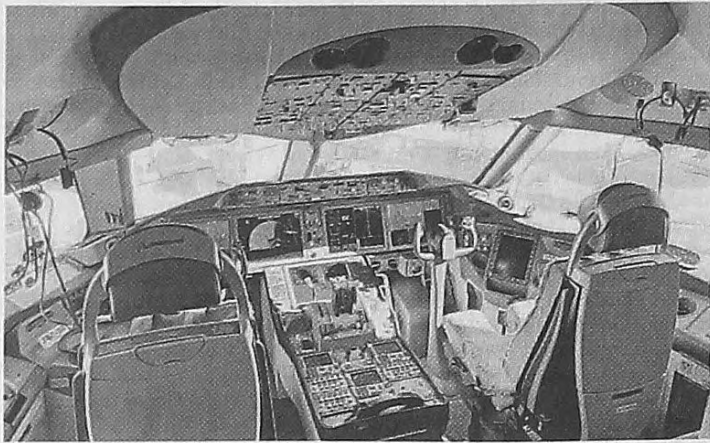
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John Cox
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— Gerry, Atlanta

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— Zachary Landgraf, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey

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— David Fischer, Portland, Oregon

A: I suppose it is possible, but the ergonomics of some switches (like the landing gear) are better with a tactile feel. There is a definite move toward touchscreens but to only have them is a long way off.

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Top job search tips for Baby Boomers looking to work

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Baby Boomers have driven the economy for decades. The youngest of the generation are just now turning 55 (a long-time "dream" age for early retirement), while much of the generation have already reached retirement age. In fact, there are approximately 10,000 Baby Boomers retiring every day. However, if you are among the many of this generation who plan to continue working, even beyond 65, there are few simple tips that can help you find a position right for you.

1. Boost your tech awareness

Every generation becomes increasingly more tech savvy. While you may not be an "Insta Story" expert, or the ideal candidate for an organization's social media guru, being up-to-date on the types of technology typically used in the workplace of the organization you're applying for is important.

If you're embarking on a new field, take a course in a new computer software program. Even volunteering in your field of interest first can help you get a sense of what skillset is needed for the job. These actions can help communicate your willingness to learn and adapt to new work situations. Making sure you have the basics down can show you'll be able to work alongside people who were raised on smartphones.

2. Target your qualifications

Most Boomers will have a long work history, which translates to experience you can bring to a new position. However, you want to be able to target the key qualities and skillsets that are perfect

for the open position you hope to get. Effectively, you're not giving your interviewer a complete summary of your total work experience—or even highlighting the job you stayed in the longest. You want to give your interviewer a focus on specific experience that will help you perform the job. Connect the dots for them. This way, you help your interviewer sift through your long work history and show your true interest in the open position—and knowledge of its needed skills.

3. Communicate your adaptability

Being overqualified can have its drawbacks. Hiring managers may assume you expect more money or assume you may already have a set way of doing things. Positioning yourself as flexible is key. While you may not be a blank slate that a new employer can help shape (or naïve about salary negotiations), you should highlight your willingness to find new ways of doing things and improving upon your tried-and-true practices.

4. Be aware of generational differences

If you've been working throughout your adult life, you've probably seen changes at work between the 20th and 21st century. Make sure your resume is updated both in new, current experiences and in the language you use to describe past work. While you don't want to go overboard in the opposite direction in an attempt to appear more youthful, you should be prepared to deal with a younger generation in positions of power. While age and wisdom go together, you want to remain deferential—especially to the hiring manager.



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5. Wow the interviewer

Ageism in the workplace is real (and against the law) but even though this is the case, you may face assumptions from younger interviewers because you are an older candidate. You want to make sure you subvert these potential assumptions rather than play into them.

For example, have all your facts and talking points ready and prepared, so you don't appear "forgetful." Convey enthusiasm for the position. Appearing to have "low energy" can count against older job candidates. Try simple things

like using your smartphone in the interview to refer to notes—this simple action can communicate to the interviewer you are sufficiently tech-savvy.

The fact is, you're likely up-to-date on your references and your work skills—it's just key that you prepare to convey them on interview day so there's no doubt you're up to any task that might come your way. Good luck!

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A 15x15 crossword puzzle grid. The grid contains the following words:

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 1. SERPENT
 2. WHAT
 3. LOW
 4. ACCIDENT
 5. MEAN
 6. REUNITED
 7. LAMANTIN
 8. GABRIEL
 9. GAWWYN
 10. FLYING
 11. WINGS
 12. WHITE
 13. GROOMING
 14. HOPE
 15. GUST
 16. TENSE
 17. FEF
 18. MORSE

Down:
 1. LATE
 2. POLICE
 3. POSTERS
 4. CLOAK
 5. EMBLEM
 6. LOCATED
 7. WAR
 8. LAMANTIN
 9. FLYING
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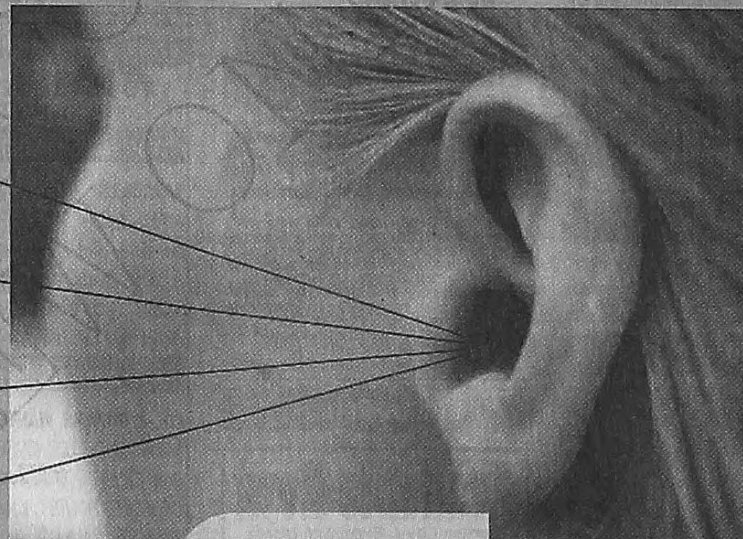
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