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Detroit man pleads guilty in FedEx shooting

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A Detroit man has pleaded guilty to trying to kill his wife, who was shot outside a FedEx distribution center in Livonia last November.

Robert Easley-Calloway, 26, is scheduled for a July 19 sentencing in Wayne County's Third Circuit Court.

His guilty pleas to charges of assault with intent to murder, unlawful impris-

onment and having a firearm during the crimes were accepted July 1.

Defense attorney Larry Polk could not be reached for comment.

Easley-Calloway initially was arraigned on 19 felony charges.

Four were dismissed and then an aggravated stalking charge was added in April.

The Detroit man became known throughout the region soon after the Thanksgiving holiday for the shooting in the early morning hours of Nov. 26 and then leading police on a chase along Interstate 96.

Michigan State Police shot and injured him, concluding the chase.

Azia Calloway, his wife, had been treated and released for gunshot wounds to her back and left leg.

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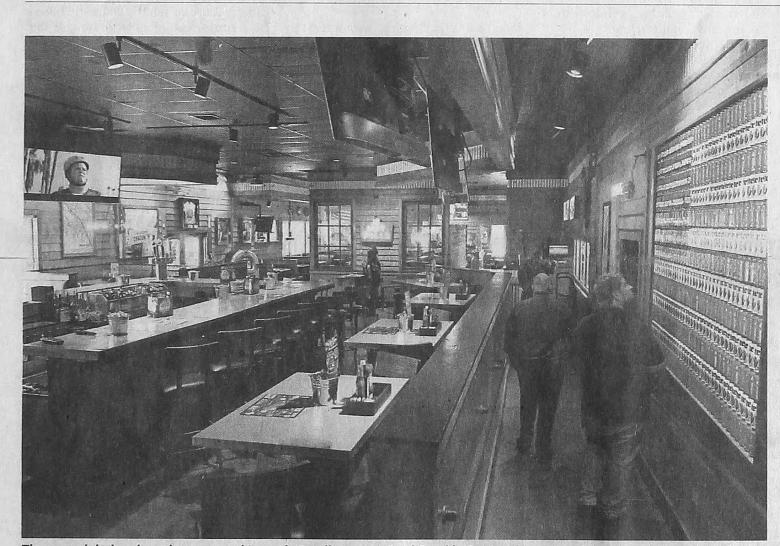
Robert Easley-Calloway.

Teen accused of killing mom must wait on appeals court

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Visits with attorneys and his father break the monotony for Muhammad Al-Tantawi, a Farmington Hills teen living at a juvenile jail, accused of killing his mother.

His supporters report the teen is doing OK ... when he's not entirely discouraged. But they would prefer to see him walk freely again, miles away from Oakland County's Children's Village.



The remodeled and newly-reopened Logan's Roadhouse on Ford Road in Canton features tabletops on barrels to enhance the restaurant's Western feel. The American flag at right is made from beer cans. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Logan's Roadhouse reopens after remodel

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It was just a few years when Logan's Roadhouse filed for bankruptcy, citing the reduction in dining from customers across the country.

But that was three years ago, and the company is making a concerted effort to invest in its restaurants across the region. That's evident when diners enter the Logan's Roadhouse restaurant at 39605 Ford Road in Canton, where a massive remodeling project recently wrapped.

The restaurant, located east of Lotz near the Canton/Westland border, closed for five days in June to complete the remodel, reopening last Saturday. And it's a fresh, new look for today's diner looking for an experience, said Thomas Riordan, director of operations.

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Al-Tantawi was a top student at the highly-acclaimed International Academy West in White Lake Township before he was sent to juvenile jail.

He would be applying to colleges, celebrating his faith and spending quality time with his family if his mother hadn't died on Aug. 21, 2017. She was 35; her son, 16.

"I think he wants to continue his life," his appellate attorney Clarence Dass said. "He wants to be out in the world doing what young people do. All these things that kids want to do ... he can't do because he's sitting in a jail somewhere.

"He's been discouraged. He is discouraged. He wants to get out. He feels like his life is being wasted now by being in a jail cell for two years."

Becoming an adult

Because of passions he inspires in his father and attorneys, Muhammad Al-Tantawi's life of limbo is starting to stir.

On Friday, attorneys will argue before a three-judge Michigan Court of Appeals panel whether an incriminating video and interview with Farmington Hills police will be suppressed from the teen's murder case.

Dass is optimistic since the appellate court has agreed to hear oral arguments before the murder case proceeds in Oakland County Circuit Court. There, Judge Martha Anderson already has ruled there's no legal reason to suppress the video and police interview from trial evidence.

"Without those two pieces of information, I don't think there is a very strong case," Dass said. "This is a very critical moment for Muhammad. The

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Precautions mean peace of mind for vacationers



Money Matters Rick Bloom Guest columnist

Schools are out, summer has finally arrived, and many of us will be taking summer vacations. It is important to take some precautions before and during your trip to protect yourself.

In the old days when you traveled, you were mostly concerned with pickpockets and other types of petty crimes, and you protected yourself by getting traveler's checks; unfortunately, that is no longer sufficient. Just like at home where you have to take precautions to protect your sensitive information, the same thing applies when you travel.

In fact, you can make the argument that it applies even moreso when you travel, because the thieves know that we all tend to put our guard down when we're on vacation. Before you go on a trip, it's a good idea to clean out your wallet. You don't have to take every charge card or other piece of information you carry in your wallet on your trip. My advice is to limit yourself to two charge cards. Obviously, you need some ID such as a driver's license, but less is more. Before you go, make a copy of your driver's license and charge card along with the emergency phone number for the credit card company. If something happens on your trip, you'll have the information ready.

I also recommend making a copy of your passport if you are bringing one.

Obviously, you don't want to keep the copies of this information in your wallet; you need to keep it elsewhere. It is also not a bad idea to leave a copy of these documents with someone at home and to notify your charge card company where and when you're going. This will provide you a certain level of protection.

Do some research as to the current scams in the areayou are headed.

For example, those of you who are going to Europe this summer need to be aware of the friendship bracelet scam. In many European cities, people come up to you and put a friendship bracelet on you. Of course, when you don't pay them for it all hell breaks loose. The bottom line, spend a few minutes before you go on vacation to see what the current scams are in the area you will be visiting.

Just like at home, you also have to be very careful regarding WiFi when you travel. The scam artists these days can very easily create a fake WiFi hub and use that to gain access to your personal information and passwords. Be extremely careful regarding what WiFi site you use, and be careful about transacting sensitive business on any public Wi-Fi.

In the old days when you traveled, you took traveler's checks to protect yourself. Today, that's not as much of an issue because ATMs are everywhere around the world. Of course, you also have to be careful about the ATMs you use. Many scam artists set up bogus ATMs which, once again, are meant to get your password and other sensitive information from you. Be very careful about the ATMs that you use. When I travel, I only use ATMs that are at financial institutions. Yes, I may pay a little extra in fees, but it's worth the protection.

Vacations are meant for us to relax and enjoy ourselves. However, that doesn't mean we can ever afford to let our guard down. The scam artists are out there and they are waiting for you to let your guard down, allowing them let them take advantage of you; don't let that happen.

Good luck!

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Roadhouse

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"We kind of kept some of the roadhouse feel," he said. "We kind of brought it into the 21st century."

In addition to new chairs, new chandeliers and new high-top tables in the bar area, an additional wall was built in the south side of the restaurant to section off an area for potential events such as business meetings, parties and more. New upholstery covers the booths with an updated color scheme, going with a more subtle, modern feel.

New decor include new signage and murals throughout the restaurant, updated benches using truck tail beds as backrests and an eyepopping sculpture of an American flag made using Bud Light, Budweiser and Miller Lite cans.

Jumping onto the social media train, the restaurant has also brought in a giant cow sculpture adorned with the stars and stripes by the front



The remodeled Logan's Roadhouse sits at 39605 Ford Road in Canton. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

door. It's encouraging customers to make a memory by posing next to it and sharing it on social media using the hashtag #loganscow.

Overall, the company put several hundreds of thousands of dollars into the renovation. It's the first Logan's Roadhouse in Michigan to receive such a facelift, Riordan said, a decision made because of the support seen in Canton.

"We just kind of believe in this Canton community," Riordan said. "We picked it for the community and the team members and their performance."

Others, such as the restaurant in Livonia off Schoolcraft, could see such renovations in the future, though no timetable for those improvements have been made, Riordan said.

Despite being closed for nearly a week, having the new look has been a benefit to the employees who work there, said Brad Strickland, the restaurant's general manager.

"They are very excited," he said. "They are very engaged with it."

Despite the renovation, the food and drink menu has stayed the same, though Riordan said he's already heard from some customers who thought the quality of the food was elevated as a result of the work.

"One of the regular guests even said to me it made the food taste better," he said. "Nothing's changed, but it was just funny because he said the food tasted better."

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case could either go very well or it could return back to the trial court. It's make-or-break for the case."

Paul Walton, Oakland County's chief assistant prosecuting attorney, disagrees.

"The case is more than just the defendant's statements," he said. "(And) we've already gotten a lower court's opinion that this was properly admitted evidence."

The Court of Appeals ultimately will mull the Farmington Hills police officers' actions with a teenage Al-Tantawi during the oral arguments in downtown Detroit. An appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court is still possible.

"We won't be commenting on the Muhammad case as it makes it(s) way through the courts," Chief Chuck Nebus said in a statement.

Family under pressure

Muhammad Al-Tantawi's father tries to visit his son at least once a week at Children's Village. Bassel Al-Tantawi said in a statement he blames the Farmington Hills police officers for his son's arrest.

"My son has been devastated by what has occurred," he wrote. "And for what? Because the police never bothered to follow up on any leads in this case. Whether it stems from their laziness, incompetence or prejudice, an innocent boy has lost two years of his life and must fight to prove that he didn't do anything to his mom. This is a grave injustice that keeps ripping the lives of my family apart."

Bassel Al-Tantawi and his wife Nada Huranieh had lived in separate residences for more than a year when she flew out a second-story window at 36933 Howard Road, where she lived with Muhammad and his two window. The window had spray marks but no smudge signs.

Autopsy results ultimately showed Huranieh was smothered and dead before she landed on the patio. She was a certified fitness instructor at the Franklin Athletic Club in Southfield and known by friends as a bundle of energy trying to move on with her life.

Her husband was a former Canton-based doctor who pleaded guilty in a medical fraud scandal. His sentence was one day in jail and an order to pay fines of \$278,355.

He also pleaded guilty to a domestic violence charge involving his wife and was wearing a tether when she died. The case was dismissed months later.

A juvenile's mind

When Huranieh's death happened, some stories portrayed Bassel Al-Tantawi as a traditional Muslim critical of American culture whose son was becoming most like him. Dass knows Muhammad as a well-spoken teen interested in politics.

"No one has any idea how this could have happened," the attorney said. "There's a disconnect somewhere here. We don't know what that is. But it's a prosecutor's job to prove the case. We just have to show that it didn't happen the way that the prosecutor thinks it happened."

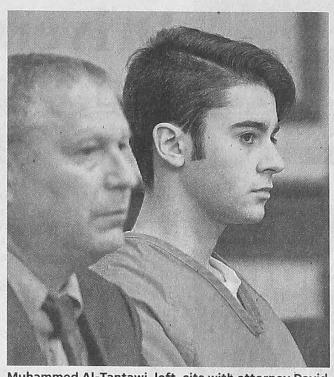
According to court records, on Aug. 22, 2017, the day after Huranieh's death, police officers returned to Howard Road to confiscate video that would portray shadows

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Muhammed Al-Tantawi, left, sits with attorney David Kramer at a preliminary exam last year. Al-Tantawi is charged with first degree murder in the death of his mother, Nadia Huranieh. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

and evidence of a man's presence in the secondstory guest room.

Dass said a search warrant hadn't been issued and, in lieu of that, no clear consent was giv-

At least three armed police officers interviewed Muhammad Al-Tantawi that day. The teen changed his story, inserting inconsistencies, as the 40-minute interview proceeded and, toward the end, "Mr. Altantawi placated the Farmington Hills Police by agreeing to their theory that he was helping his mother and she accidentally fell off the ladder," Dass writes in a court brief.

Teen-age testimony

Here is one officer during the transcribed interview:

saying, a lie, but if you say something that's not truthful, even though you know it's an accident and then we, we prove that it

wasn't an accident, you know ... Accidents can be looked at one of two ways. They can be looked at as an accident, or they can be looked at that somebody did it on purpose. And I would like to know that this was just an accident."

"Yeah, Muhammad: ah, I'm, it has to be an accident, yeah."

Officer: "But, we need to know the person ... from the person that was in that room, how it happened. That's what we're getting at."

Muhammad: "I, I really ... I really ... I don't know what to say. I mean

Officer: "I just want you to say the truth. And if that ... 'cause ... if what "Because if ... I'm not you've been saying is the

truth, and that's the truth, then that's fine. I just don't want to prove something wrong down the line, and then, "Okay, well he didn't tell you ... He wasn't truthful there. Well then, maybe it wasn't an accident." That's what we're trying to figure out."

Muhammad: "Yeah."

Officer: "We know that somebody was in the room. And we're about 99.9 percent sure it's a male that was in the room

"Uh-Muhammad: huh.'

Several pages later, Muhammad Al-Tantawi tells police: "I'm not ... It's, it's what you're saying. I'm just gonna agree with what you say."

Dass said police officers unfairly pressed Al-Tantawi for answers, forcing him to buckle under the strain of his mother's death, a lack of food and water, no family by his side and police officers saying they were there to help.

"His version is that he didn't understand what it was exactly that they were trying to get at," Dass said. "If you look at the interview ... they tell him it was an accident. They're kind of like, 'If this was an accident, then just let us know and we can help you.'

"He starts in his head thinking, 'They're here to help me. Let me tell them, what they want to hear so I can get help and get out of the situation.' That's our version of what happened. The reality is he didn't really understand that this was an actual interview for criminal investigation purposes."

Judge Anderson said during a November decision denying requests for

suppressed evidence that the teen was free to get up to get water during the interview, was never handcuffed or restrained and at various points declined to talk any further in response to various questions.

"Even during the questioning, the defendant appears to be a very bright young man," Anderson said. "I think he understood what was going on. Was he afraid to talk to police due to his age? I don't get that impression. He clearly understood what information to give."

Road ahead

Muhammad Al-Tantawi may not be able to attend the appellate hearing that could determine his future.

Dass plans to seek permission from court authorities.

"No one knows better about the interview than him," the attorney said. "We want to be able to talk to him."

The judge's decision to not give the teen any bond has devastated his father.

"Within a day of losing his mother, he was accused of killing her," Bassel Al-Tantawi wrote. "So, instead of graduating from the International Academy and looking at colleges, my son is locked down and unable to receive an education. My daughters have not only lost their mother but have to deal with their own brother accused of the unthinkable."

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younger sisters, and landed on the patio.

An officer has testified that he saw no blood on the patio, nor did he have any blood on his hands after he checked under Huranieh's head for signs of injury. He also was bothered to find Huranieh face up, which seemed odd if she had fallen from the open window above her body.

He inspected the guest room with the open window. There was a small stepladder and bottle of glass cleaner near the

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Canton police recently investigated a road rage incident involving a weapon near Ford and Lilley roads.

They said in a police

report they were dispatched to that intersection around 9:40 p.m. June 25 because of two males fighting.

One apparently cut off the other, and they began exchanging words while stopped in traffic. They pulled over to carry on their dispute.

One had a knife clipped to his pants. He placed his hand on it, but they both returned to their vehicles and went their separate ways.

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Wayne woman takes horses on 91-mph ride

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A 38-year-old Wayne woman was arrested while hauling a trailer with two horses through Otsego County, near Gaylord, said Michigan State Police troopers in a

report.

Troopers clocked her going 91 mph along northbound Interstate 75 the evening of July 4.

Troopers found two open beer cans in the center console. One was mostly full.

The unnamed woman was arrested for suspect-

ed operating while intoxicated and lodged at the Otsego County Jail.

The trailer and two horses were turned over to Otsego County Animal Control.

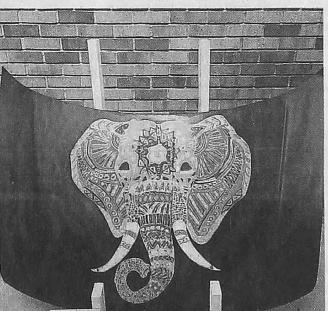
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Downtown Wayne to host car hood design contest

Wayne Main Street announced that for a second year Downtown Days will feature the Art-O-Motive car hood design contest.

This unique art contest will feature art installations designed by local artists and designers. Installations will be on displayed during Downtown Days happening Aug. 9-10 at Veterans Plaza in Wayne.

Through Art-O-Motive organizers for Downtown Days are seeking to bring together local artists and the larger community to celebrate the city of



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At Downtown Days, each car hood will be on display where residents and guests will have an opportunity to view all of the displays.

"We want to give local artist an opportunity to showcase their talents right here in Wayne, and this wonderful contest is an opportunity to do just that," said Maxwell Cameron, Executive Director of Wayne Main Street.

Organizers will also be holding a voting contest, where community mem-



For a second year, Downtown Days in Wayne will feature the Art-O-Motive car hood design contest. COURTESY OF MAXWELL CAMERON

bers have an opportunity to cast their vote for their favorite design. Contest winners will be announced 6 p.m. Aug. 10. First, second and third place winners will receive a cash prize. Art-O-Motive is just one of the artfocused programs happening at Downtown Days.

For a full schedule, visit downtownwayne.org/ downtowndays.

For artists looking to get in on the fun, there is still time to register. The deadline to participate is Friday, July 12. While car hoods are still available, the event is filling up fast. Artists interested in participating in the contest can view our rules and regulations by visiting Downtown Wayne's website or by calling the Wayne Main Street office at 734-629-6822. The registration fee is \$50 per entry.

Downtown Days was started in 2016 and since then has become Downtown Wayne's signature summer event.4 in the heart of downtown Wayne.

This year's event is especially significant to the city of Wayne as 2019 marks the city's sesquicentennial anniversary.

To help celebrate this important milestone, Downtown Days will feature a 150th Birthday Celebration hosted by Mayor John Rhaesa.

Downtown Days 2019 will feature an exciting lineup of family-friendly live music entertainment, food vendors, the flea market/community garage sale, and a number of art-focused programs, including our Second Annual Art-O-Motive car hood contest, the Third Annual Window on Wayne photography contest, and the Detroit Institute of Art's Drop-In workshop. Organizers estimate that Downtown Days will draw 4,000-5,000 festival-goers from Wayne and its surrounding communities.

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Seven reasons to attend Wayne County Parks Fun Fest

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Wayne County Parks is celebrating 100 years of operation with a festival. On Saturday, the county will take over Nankin Mills Park in Westland for a day of county pride and celebration.

Before going to the festival, here's everything you need to know.

Silent disco

The day will end with a silent disco 8-11 p.m. The unique dancing experience gives participants wireless headphones to enjoy music through. While every participants' ears are occupied by the same tune, onlookers won't be able to hear a thing.

Silent discos are meant to give people the experience of dancing with their headphones on without all of the embarrassment. Wayne County is looking forward to bringing the one-of-a-kind experience to the festival.

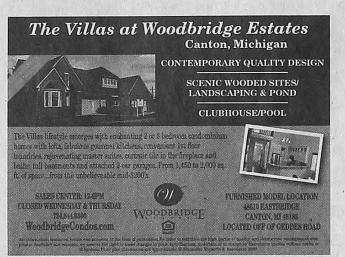
Carnival rides

To give families plenty to do throughout the day, kid-friendly carnival rides will be open throughout the day.

Though the rides might not be what thrill-seekers are looking for, they will give some of Wayne's younger residents something to enjoy. There will also be inflatables on-site for kids to have a good time.

Live music

Throughout the afternoon and as the sun starts to





Jill Jack will be among the performers Saturday at Nankin Mills Park in Westland. COURTESY OF DEE CARPENTER

set, attendees can enjoy some live, local music. The lineup includes Jill Jack, Mohammed Abusomay, Tom Butwin, Tubao Bravo and Lady Sunshine & X Band.

The acts will offer something for everyone. Though the number of acts is small, listeners will enjoy pop, Latin, country, R&B, Middle Eastern, jazz and blues music throughout the day.

Food trucks

Like the musical acts, the food will represent all of the cultural diversity within Wayne County. The food trucks will roll up to the festival and serve up everything from Asian food to vegan, BBQ, Greek, Caribbean and soul food.

There will also be traditional carnival eats like elephant ears, burgers and ice cream available.

Fitness classes

Teens and adults looking to stay fit will get a chance to try something new during Fun Fest with classes sponsored by Wayne County Parks, Beaumont, Healthy Wayne, Healthy Westland and the Dance

Academy. Free workout classes offered during the event will include a pound class at 11:30 a.m. and a bootcamp-style class at 3 p.m.

Plenty for the kids to do

Parents wanting to take the kids out of the house for the day are in luck. Between the carnival, hayrides, games, nature programs and a rock climbing wall, families with kids of any age will have something fun to do. Kindergartners to high school students will be able to find something at Fun Fest that they enjoy.

Nankin Mills

Because the county is celebrating a century of its parks, what better place to throw the party than Westland's Nankin Mills Park? Nankin Mills is full of natural and historical elements for people to enjoy and feel like they're really in touch with their community.

Fun Fest will take place 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday. Admission is free.

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Is it possible to not seek revenge?



Dean Johnson Guest columnist

One of the chief tenets of Christian ethics is to not strike back against someone who hurts you.

The Apostle Paul says in Romans chapter 12, "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink."

Think of a time a person or organization has hurt you.

Is this something you could do? This teaching divides into two points:

1. Don't strike back or seek revenge against someone who has hurt you.

As Taylor Swift says, "There's nothing I do better than revenge!" You've got to admit, it's almost automatic. If someone pushes you, the natural response is to immediately push back.

Of course, some don't respond immediately. You've heard the saying, "Revenge is a dish best served cold."

If they did it to you, you should do it to them - worse! The Bible is asking us to deny our automatic, natural response. Needless to say, this is very hard to do.

Paul tells us the reason we are to not strike back: "Leave room for God's wrath. For it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord."

So if your argument against this is "But then they'll get away with it," apparently that's not so. It's just that you don't get to decide and exact the punishment.

He's done us the favorof taking it out of our hands. As Gandhi said, "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind." I find it's actually a relief to live this way. Vengeance is someone else's department. It's one thing to not strike back, but the Bible takes it a step further:

2. Not only don't retaliate, but actively bless them.

one thing to forgive someone or not seek revenge; but can you imagine doing something that will bless or help the person who hurt you? A lady in my church told me that if someone at her job hurts or insults her, she goes to Panera and buys one of those big wrapped chocolate chip cookies and gives it to them the next day.

She says "It really does make me feel better!"

To repay evil with evil is to immediately lose the . battle to evil. The only way to defeat evil is by This is even harder! It's doing good to the one

who has done you harm. In other words, if you hate a person who has wronged you, then that person has won! One of my favorite authors, Tim Kellar, says: When we identify "evil" too closely with the "evildoer," we believe we need to destroy the evildoer in order to destroy evil." If you use Sauron's

ring to try to do good, he's got you.

There's a woman who has hurt me a number of times through the years. Recently I saw that she had started a GoFundMe page to cover some per-

sonal medical expenses, so I decided to donate. I don't know if she saw it, but I felt like I was doing what God asked. Of course, Jesus is the best example of this. They beat and cursed him, and on the cross he still said, "Father, forgive them" and took our sin upon himself.

How are Christians doing at this – at not striking back, at forgiving, at blessing a person who has hurt them? We struggle. To be honest, that's why we go to church - to be reminded of these things, and to encourage one another in them. As Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount,

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

The Rev. Dean Johnson is senior pastor at Lake Pointe Bible Church in Plymouth. Email him at deanlpbc@sbcglobal.net.

Obituaries

Eleanor Vedel "Pat" Bagamery

ALAMOGORDO, NM - Eleanor Irene Vedel Bagamery, a longtime former resident of Birmingham and a retired administrator at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, passed away on June 28, 2019, in Alamogordo, New Mexico. She was 92.

Pat, as she was known, moved to Birmingham-Bloomfield in 1965 with her husband, Frank J. Bagamery Jr., and their two children. In addition to her work at Beaumont, she was a member of the Altar Guild at Christ Church Cranbrook and of the Parent-Teacher Association at Cranbrook Schools, as well as an active volunteer with the American Association of University Women.

After retiring from Beaumont as office manager-coordinator of the cardiology unit, in 1996 Pat moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where she added volunteer work at Erlanger Hospital to her activities. She moved to Alamogordo in 2017.

Born Jan. 15, 1927 in Chicago, Pat was valedictorian of her class at Parker High School in Chicago. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1948 from Illinois Institute of Technolgy, where she was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority and named "Woman of the Year," or outstanding woman in her graduating class.

Pat is survived by her children, Dr. Matthew Bagamery (Nancy) of Signal Mountain, Tenn., and Anne Bagamery (Robert Marino) of Paris, France, and her grandchildren, Laura Bagamery of Cambridge, Mass., John Bagamery of Boston, Mass., and Caitlin Hoffman of London, England.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, July 12,



Gerald C. "Jerry" Johnson

GENEVA/FORMERLY PLYMOUTH, - Gerald C. "Jerry" Johnson, age 82, of Geneva, formerly of Plymouth, Michigan passed away Thursday, June 27, 2019, at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield.

He was born June 17, 1937, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Evald and Ruby (Charbonneau) Johnson.

Jerry graduated from the University of Detroit and worked in public accounting as a CPA. He enjoyed traveling, bowling, tennis, and playing cards. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 58 years Kathleen "Kathy" (McBrady); children Suzanne (Tony) Cowden of Germany, David (Laura) of West Chicago, and Stephen (Amanda) of Cincinnati; grandchildren Thomas (Krista) Cowden, Robert Cowden, Sydney, Ashton, Anabelle, Alexandria, Thorrin, and Mackinnon Johnson; siblings Evald "John" (Esther) of Las Vegas and Eileen of Geneva; and many other dear relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Vernon, and his son Daniel.

Funeral prayers for Jerry will be held Monday, July 29, 2019, at 9:30 at Malone Funeral Home, 324 E. State Street (Route 38), Geneva proceeding to St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 2900 E. Main Street, St. Charles for Celebration of Funeral Mass at 10:30 am.

Burial will be held at a later date at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, Michigan.

Visitation will be held Sunday, July 28 from

Could you trust God enough to leave it in his hands?

Notice that Paul's plea here is not to pretend that it doesn't hurt, or to convince yourself it's not that big of a deal.

No, it does hurt, and it is a big deal. Paul even says that some of the Christians he was writing to were going to be imprisoned and killed for their faith.

Think of the hundreds of Christians killed at the churches in Sri Lanka on Easter. God will handle this.

As Taylor Swift says, "There's nothing I do better than revenge!" You've got to admit, it's almost automatic. If someone pushes you, the natural response is to immediately push back.

at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 305 W. 7th Street, Chattanooga, Tenn., 37402. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Greenpeace, Christ Church Cranbrook, St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chattanooga, or St. John's Episcopal Church, 1114 Indiana Avenue, Alamogordo, N. Mex. 88310.



Marguerite Helen Casey

- - December 20, 1934 - July 05, 2019

Our God recalled one of his prized creations after calling "Mum" to heaven, mercifully without pain or suffering.

"Mike" was wife, mom, grandma, great-grandma, sister and aunt. As those roles combined, she became "Mum". Loved, respected and clearly the Casey Family Matriarch.

Married to Ken Casey for 67 years, their family (Stuart, Larry, Scott, and Jill) provided 11 grandkids and 4 great-grand babies. Mum adored them all as they were her pride and joy.

While well-known for her apple pies, candor, strength, feistiness (and an occasional snarky comment), she was most revered for her open love, ever-present smile, and gift of hospitality.

Her mantra was "everyone deserves to be welcomed with a smile and a keen personal interest. No matter the circumstance, she wore this code on her heart to all she met. She never imagined the vast number of people that were endeared to her through this smiling grace.

Facing turmoil or uncertainty, she often relied on these sayings: "Suck it up buttercup" because "It is what it is"

So according to your wishes Mum, Us remaining Buttercups are sucking it up - because it is what is. For a short while we will mourn but then quickly turn to celebrating your Homecoming, your life and ensuring that the memory of Mum lives on.

God bless you and keep you Mum....until we meet again....we have been blessed!

All our love from "Your Family"

Memorial Visitation will be held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd, Livonia on Thursday July 11, 2019 from 3:00- 8:00 PM and at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, Friday, July 12, 2019 from 10:00 AM until Memorial Service at 11:00 AM. Immediately following will be a Luncheon at Ward Church.

In Lieu of Flowers, family would like you to consider donating to one of these causes, Salvation Army, Red Cross or Central Detroit Christian (CDC). Please share a memory of Marguerite at www.rggrharris.com

4:00 – 7:00 pm at the Malone Funeral Home with a liturgical wake service at 6:45 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 1 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois 60602 or Salvation Army Tri-City Corps, Joe K. Anderson Community Center, 1710 S. 7th Avenue, St. Charles, Illinois 60174 would be appreciated.

For information 630-232-8233 or www. malonefh.com.



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Sally A. Rowland

VANDERBILT - Sally A. Rowland, 63 of Vanderbilt, passed away Saturday, June 29, 2019 at home. Born in Detroit on January 8, 1956, Sally was the daughter of James and Faye Hatch.

On March 5, 1977, Sally married the love of her life, Bob. For 45 year, she poured her heart and



soul into healthcare as a nurse. She worked at St. Mary of Livonia for 27 years and then Tendercare/ Medilodge of Gaylord since 2002. She worked in various parts of the facilities, but the one she enjoyed most was the dementia unit. When she wasn't at work helping her patients, she loved going on adventures on her ATV, snowmobile and motorcycle. She was full of life, with a beautiful smile and warm heart and was very resilient.

In addition to her husband Bob, Sally is survived by her son, JD Rowland; her father, James Hatch and her sister, Nancy Hatch, and countless friends. She was preceded in death by her mother, Faye and her brother, Jimmy.

A celebration of life gathering will take place Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 1 pm to 4 pm at the VFW, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford, MI 48239. Those who wish are asked to consider memorial contributions to the Alzheimers Association.

Arrangements are by Gaylord.Community Funeral Home & Cremation Service. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family at www.gaylordfuneralhome.com

Griffin Claw partners with Detroit Zoo on beer

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Griffin Claw Brewing Company is taking the phrase "zoo brew" to a whole new level this summer.

The Birmingham-based beer maker has teamed up with the Detroit Zoo to create a series of beers, entitled the "Survival Series," highlighting the institution's work on conservation across the globe. Four beers are planned for the rest of the year inspired by the zoo's work in conservation.

"They came up with it because they wanted to raise awareness," said Christopher Lasher, the brewery's marketing manager. "They came to us and said, 'We have a big project in mind.'

"The more we got into it, the more (we realized) this could be a big help."

The first, Piping Plover Pilsner, is now for sale in the brewpub at 575 S. Eton in Birmingham, and is expected to hit store shelves soon. Described as a crisp, refreshing beer, Lasher said the brewery thought a pilsner would make a great kickoff beer for the series in the middle of summer.

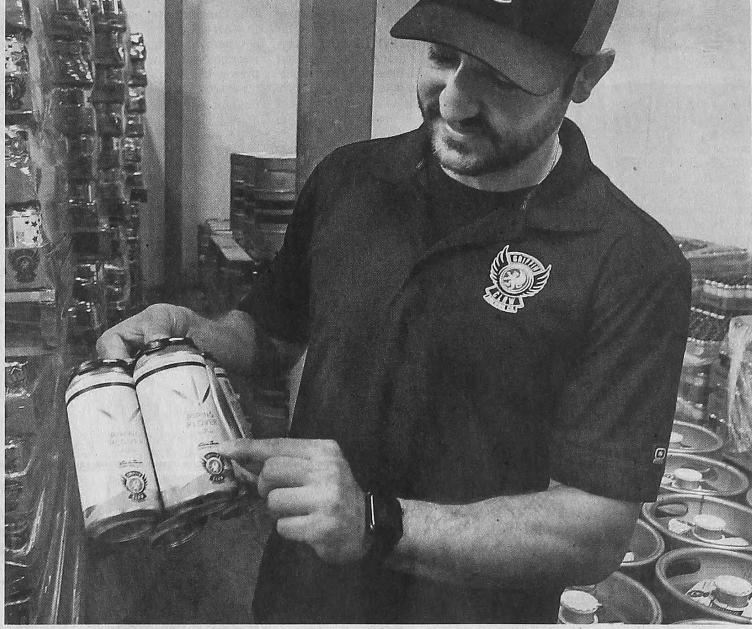
Plus, it's just fun to say with the alliteration.

Three other creatures will be featured later on this year with their own brews: Grauer's gorillas, Panamanian golden frogs and Partula snails.

Creating such a partnership with Griffin Claw, said Detroit Zoo CEO Ron Kagan, made the most sense given the brewery's involvement in the annual Zoo Brew and other events at the zoo in Royal Oak. Creating such a program, he said, brings awareness to a younger generation that might not be as knowledgeable about the zoo's conservation efforts.

And beginning with the piping plover, a bird native to Michigan, is a deliberate move to make people realize there's plenty of threatened animals here at home.

"But the first one that we're celebrating is one of the animals in Michigan we're saving," Kagan said. "Most people, when they think about endangered species, they think about something in Africa or somewhere else. But we have some in Michigan, too, and the piping plover is one of them."



Griffin Claw Brewing Company marketing director Christopher Lasher holds a four-pack of their Piping Plover Pilsner that will be sold to help the Detroit Zoo raise funds for the endangered bird species. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The four animals selected for the series are ones that have seen success from the zoo's efforts in recent years, and aren't necessarily animals many people think of when they think of threatened species, Kagan said.

"We think sometimes, an animal might be a bit obscure, like a piping plover. People know about polar bears," Kagan said. "We think it's important people understand that conservation is not a beauty contest." The zoo has sent zoo workers from across the country each year up to the Michigan's Biological Station in Pellston to work on the captive-rearing effort for the piping plover. Through its efforts, the piping plover has gone from 20 known pairs in 1986 to 63 pairs in 2018, which is close to half the goal of having 150 pairs in the wild.

The beer will be sold in four-packs across southeast Michigan, and the hope is to carry it at the zoo for special events. It can also be purchased in fourpacks of cans at the Birmingham brewery on Eton between 14 Mile and Maple.

Other brews in the series are still being determined, though they could include a stout and a ginger pale ale. The brewery also plans to donate money to the zoo at the end of the run to help the conservation efforts.

"All (the customers) have to do is drink beer," he said. "But now, they can feel good about it."

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Northville native drafted by Toronto

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It's been a long road for Northville's Nick Robertson — literally.

After being born in southern California on Sept. 11, 2001, Robertson and his family moved to Northville in 2010. It was a better hockey situation for Robertson and his brothers and close to his father's hometown of Grosse Pointe. He played three seasons with the Little Caesars hockey organization, one with Belle Tire and one over in Windsor.

Following that, Robertson started

playing in Toronto, where he spent time briefly before finding his way to the OHL.

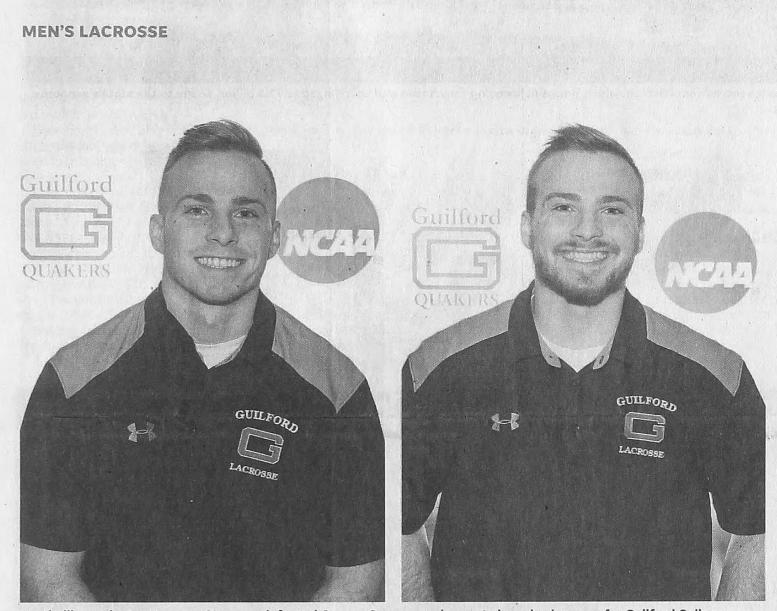
On June 22, a lifelong dream of Robertson's came true when he was selected by the Toronto Maple Leafs in the second round of the NHL Draft with the 53rd overall pick.

"It was kind of a sigh of relief," Robertson said. "Before the draft you never know where you're going to go, whether you'll go the first day or early the second day. When you hear your name picked, it's kind of a sigh of relief to get it over

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Nick Robertson, center, was drafted in the second round of the NHL Draft by the Toronto Maple Leafs. COURTESY OF NICK ROBERTSON



Proposed legislation pits anglers against each other

Emma Keith Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Michigan anglers may get some stiff fishing competition with new legislation that could allow commercial fishers to cast a wider net.

Right now, only Michigan's recreational fishers can legally catch most game fish, which include sunfish, walleye, lake trout and more.

Commercial fishers, who harvest fish to sell wholesale or to stock their own fish markets, are allowed to catch only one type of game fish, perch, from Saginaw Bay.

A pair of bills being weighed by the

Northville graduates Brennan Sweeney, left, and Connor Sweeney, who are twins, play lacrosse for Guilford College. COURTESY OF GUILFORD COLLEGE

Northville's Sweeney twins shine at Guilford College

Andrew Vailliencourt Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Twin brothers Brennan and Connor Sweeney, both from Northville, recently concluded their third season with Guilford College's men's lacrosse team.

Brennan, a 5-foot-7, 165-pound attackman, led the Quakers in points (67), goals (38) and assists (29). His 67 points stood seventh among Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) leaders and ranked 10th on Guilford's single-season scoring list. He was eighth in the league in assists and 10th in goals. Sweeney also had 26 ground balls and three caused turnovers as a 17-game starter. He scored a season-high eight points in on six goals and two assists in Guilford's 17-9 win over crosstown-rival Greensboro College. Sweeney also had eight points on four goals and four helpers the following game in a road win over ODAC-rival Ferrum College. He scored at least one point in all but one game and had 11 contests with at least two goals. Sweeney enters his senior season ranked 10th among Guilford's career assists leaders with

61 in 49 games.

Connor, a 5-foot-9, 195-pound attacker, was second on the team in points (61), goals (34) and assists (27). He also had 14 ground balls and three caused turnovers in 17 games (16 starts) for Quakers. Sweeney ranked among the ODAC's best in assists (10th), points (11th), and goals (15th). One of his best games this season was a three-goal, five-assist performance in the win over Greensboro. Sweeney tallied at least one point in all 17 Guilford games and had 11 games with two or more goals. He scored a personal-best five goals and picked up a season-high three ground balls in the Quakers' 12-9 win over Methodist University.

Both brothers are also accomplished students who earned Academic All-ODAC, dean's list, and Guilford Spring 2019 Student-Athlete Honor Roll commendation.

Coach Mark Crisco's Quakers posted an 8-9 overall record (2-7 ODAC). He expects up to 33 returning players next season, including the Sweeneys.

Contact Andrew Vailliencourt at availlienc@hometownlife.com or 810-923-0659. Follow him on Twitter @Andrew-Vcourt. state Legislature would allow Michigan's commercial access 10% of the state's catchable lake trout and 20% of walleye, based on quotas from the Department of Natural Resources.

Proponents of the bills say the industry operates under outdated rules set nearly 40 years ago. The population of sport fish since has grown so much that it threatens the one species - perch - that the industry is allowed to harvest.

Commercial fishers also are accidentally catching lake trout or walleye they can't legally keep, and are throwing fish back into the lakes by the thousands, said Scott Everett, legislative director for the Michigan Fish Producers Association.

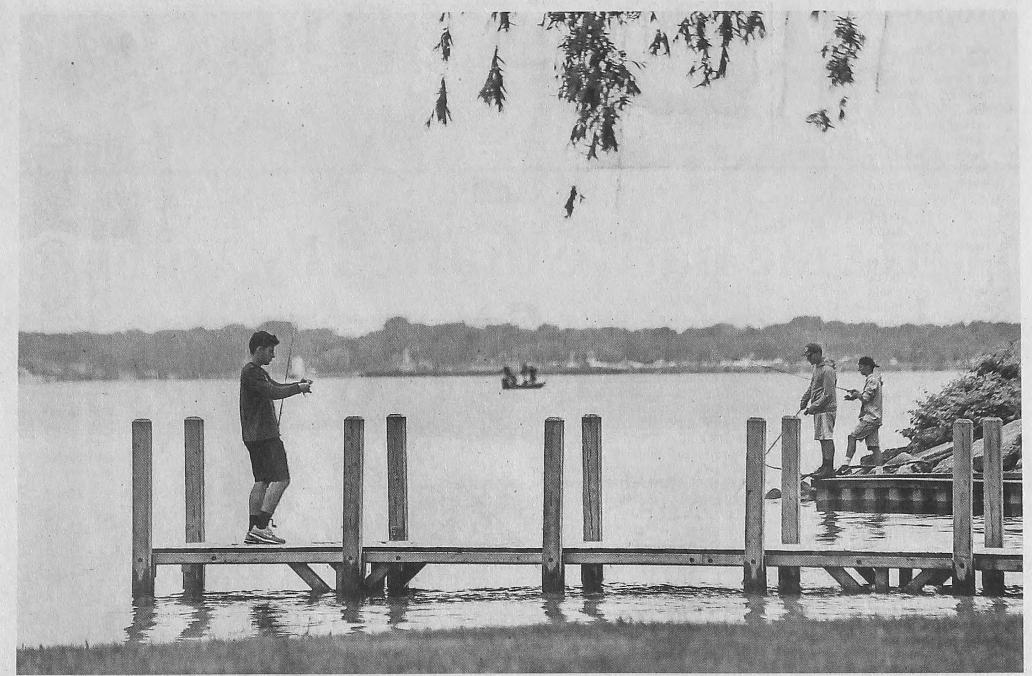
"When these lake trout are brought up in these trap nets ... the lake trout die anyway," Everett said.

Critics contend the change could drive down bag limits for sport anglers and lower fish populations in the Great Lakes, dealing a significant blow to Michigan's recreational fishing industry.

try. "When we start dipping into those sport fish quotas, what the economic impact is, we don't know," said Nick Green, public information officer for Michigan United Conservation Clubs. "It could be very substantial when you start looking at the percent that com-

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Michigan United Conservation Clubs estimates recreational fishing, which brings in licensing fees, taxes and tourism, adds \$2.3 billion yearly to the state's economy. PHOTOS BY KIMBERLY P. MITCHELL/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Fish fight

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mercial anglers are asking to be able to harvest."

Essential industries

The state only has access to a certain quota of fish annually, since it splits fishing resources with Michigan's sovereign tribal nations.

While thousands of commercial anglers fished the Great Lakes in the early 20th century, the Michigan industry has dwindled to a little more than 50 licensed commercial fishers, with only 13 businesses that actually harvest fish annually.

State and tribal commercial fishing is valued at \$10-\$12 million annually, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

Most commercial fishing operations



aren't huge corporations, but family owned businesses that have passed fishing licenses down through generations. Everett said lots of commercial fish harvests feed northern Michigan tourists.

Sport fishing is, comparatively, a huge state industry. Michigan United Conservation Clubs estimates that recreational fishing, which brings in licensing fees, taxes and tourism dollars, adds \$2.3 billion to Michigan's economy annually.

The state is home to six of the nation's top 10 bass fishing lakes, according to a recent ranking, and has repeatedly ranked among the best U.S. flying fishing destinations.

"I'm from Up North, and there's a town called Wellston on the Manistee River. If it weren't for steelhead and salmon, that town probably wouldn't exist," Green said. "It depends on that fishery, and that's the same story all over Michigan. Lots of our coast towns depend on those game fish."

It comes down to money

Because recreational fishing excise taxes and fees mainly fund management of Michigan's sport fish, Green said these bills would allow commercial fishers to access resources they don't pay for.

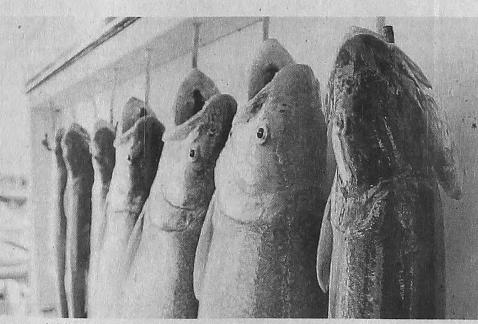
Current commercial fishing fees barely pay for the state to oversee the industry, Green said, and do not help with game fish management, planting or rearing.

"You're talking about this product, these fish, that are subsidized by licensed angler dollars that are now going to be utilized and exploited by commercial anglers to sell," Green said.

Commercial fishing fees do need to be increased, said Everett, whose organization is advocating for SB 0389 and HB 4790. Fees haven't been updated in decades and are "laughable," Everett said.

The two proposed bills introduced in June, Senate Bill 0389 and House Bill 4790, would up commercial fees and

Christian Szumanski, 17, of Macomb Township, weighs a bass he caught near a boat launch at Lake St. Clair Metropark in Harrison Township. Recreational fishing excise taxes and fees mainly fund management of Michigan's sport fish.



Commercial fishers are accidentally catching lake trout or walleye they can't legally keep, and are throwing fish back. ELLEN CREAGER/DETROIT FREE PRESS

would put some commercial catch profits back into the DNR, Everett said.

"Commercial fishermen are willing to pay more, especially if they can catch a few more species," Everett said.

Fighting back

Michigan United Conservation Clubs, along with the state's Department of Natural Resources, is backing a different set of bills — House Bills 4567-69 — that would also increase commercial fishing fees and would specifically prohibit commercial fishers from going after walleye, lake trout, perch and more, designating them as game fish.

The bills would make commercial fishers disclose their nets' locations, and would penalize any game fish

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catches those fishers do make. Since Michigan has not updated commercial fishing laws since the early '70s, Green said the bills could also bolster the state's regulations on the industry.

Everett said the three bills would also mean that even the five Saginaw Bay fisheries that have been licensed to catch perch for generations would be out of business.

"If they were to pass these bills and cite them in the law, I would maintain the state of Michigan is going to probably have five lawsuits simultaneously for the taking of those licenses," Everett said.

Commercial fishers also take issue with the three bills' stipulation that they report how much they sell their catches for and to whom and worry that disclosing their net locations will open them to vandalism, Everett said.

The legislation is still in committee.

Everett said the issue doesn't have to be an "either/or" fight — everyone can win, he said.

"There is a solution to all of this," Everett said. "Given that there's only 13 commercial fishermen in Michigan, there's room for both here. But the option of sport fishing looking at commercial fishing and saying 'zero, none — you can't have any' is, I think, a disservice to the Michigan public."

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Toronto

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with but it's also exciting to start another chapter of my life and having my parents there."

Robertson was projected to either be a late first round pick or early second round selection, so he was in attendance at the draft in Vancouver. He sat through the first round on Friday night without hearing his name called, but being picked by the Maple Leafs — who didn't have a first round pick — made up for the wait.

"Once I put the jersey on and started getting interviewed and taking pictures it felt real," Robertson said. "I was definitely excited, I'd been looking forward to it for a very long time. When you're stressing out about it during the year, to know where you're going and know you're in good hands with the Toronto Maple Leafs, it's a good feeling."

Robertson was at the draft with his parents, two sisters and one of his two brothers.

Toronto was one of the teams he was hoping would take him, especially given how interested the team was in him throughout the pre-draft process. He added that he wouldn't have minded playing in Los Angeles either.

"The organization is first class, to be a part of it and to see the guys who are in the organization, just to be in their caliber someday is something special," Robertson said. "You want to go to a team that shows a lot of interest in you."

Robertson, a 5-foot-9 forward, played for the Peterborough Petes in the OHL last season and was second on the team in both goals and total points. He played in 54 games and scored 27 goals and tallied 28 assists.

He's expected to play with the Petes again this fall, where he will continue to develop in hopes of reaching the NHL in a few years.

Even though he left Northville to play hockey in 2015, his family still owns a house in town. His older brother Jason Robertson was drafted by the Dallas Stars in the second round of the 2017 NHL Draft and led the entire OHL in scoring this past year, notching 48 goals and 69 assists in 62 games for the Niagara Ice Dogs.

Having a family member go through the draft process before him certainly make the path a little less stressful. His biggest words of advice to Nick were to simply enjoy the process and stay calm.

Now, Robertson is focused on having a strong camp and preseason. Even though he was the first pick in the draft for Toronto — one of, if not *the* biggest hockey market in the world, he says he doesn't feel any extra pressure.

"I don't feel any pressure," Robertson said. "I think being a second round pick there's less pressure than being a first round pick. It's a blessing in disguise, you can have more confidence and not worry about the pressures of being a first round pick."

Northville native Nick Robertson skates during Toronto's Development Camp. COURTESY OF TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS

Before the season starts, he has two big dinners on his to-do list, one with his family and another with his billet family, who host him during the hockey season. He said it's an unwritten rule for hockey players that get drafted to treat those who have been so supportive of him throughout his hockey journey.

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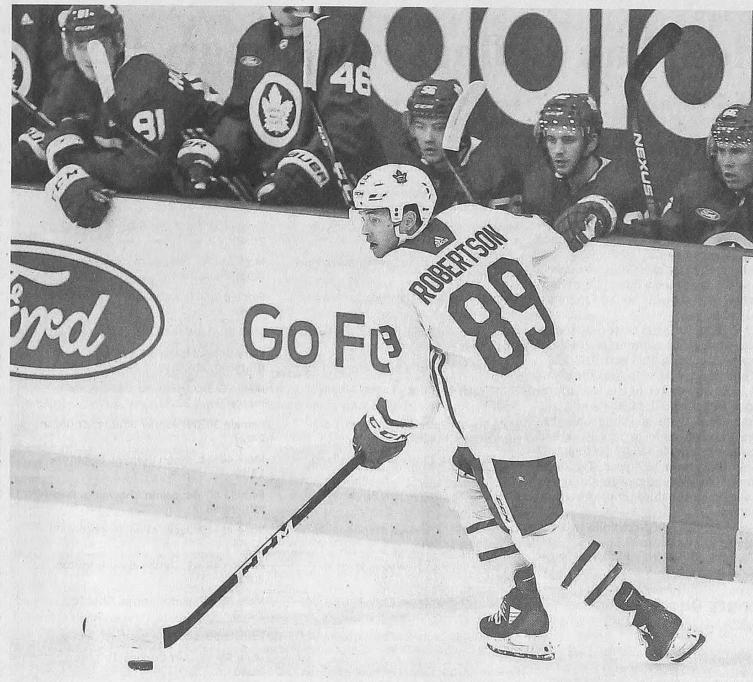
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"It's been my dream to play in the NHL," Robertson said. "People I know have said it's amazing and I want to experience that. Looking forward to everything, playing in front of 25,000 fans, playing the game I love, everything about it. You just try to trust the process during the time to get there. Hopefully I can make it and play for a long time."

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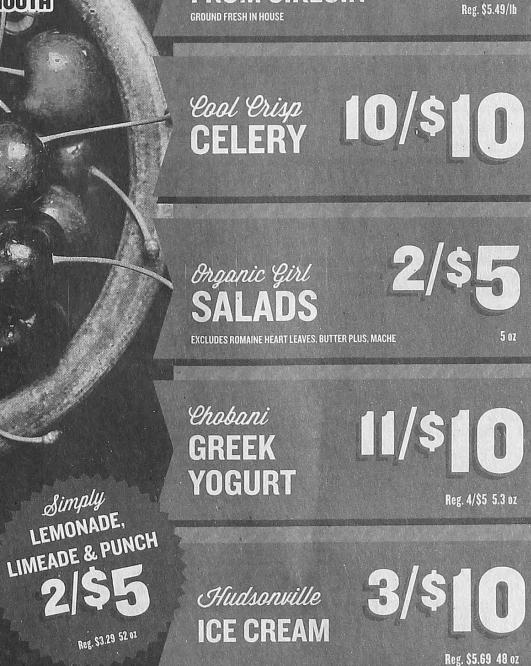
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McGahan siblings win Hungry Duck

Bill Khan Livingston Daily USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Nolan and Marissa McGahan became the third and fourth members of their family to win a race in the Hungry Duck Run Thursday in Brighton.

Nolan, who just completed his senior year of track and field at Brighton High School, won the five-kilometer run in 15 minutes, 58 seconds.

About an hour later, Marissa crossed the finish line as the winner of the women's half marathon in 1 hour, 35 minutes, 15 seconds.

Two of their sisters were 5K winners in the past, Paige winning in 2010 and Kirsten winning in 2016 and 2017.

Their mother, Jeralyn, was the women's masters winner in the half marathon with a time of 1:43:30.

Samuel Parlette of White Lake became the first male to repeat as half marathon winner in 1:15:59. He took 2:37 off his time from last year. Two-time winner Mike Andersen of Brighton was runner-up for the third time with a time of 1:17:34.

Katie Johnson of Northville was the women's 5K winner in 19:55.

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Hungry Duck Run age-group winners

Half marathon

Male overall: Samuel Parlette, White Lake, 1:15:59

Female overall: Marissa McGahan, Brighton, 1:35:15

Male masters: Jeff Rothstein, Ann Arbor, 1:34:15

Female masters: Jeralyn McGahan, Brighton, 1:43:30

Male 15-19: Nolan Kozinski, River Hills, Wis., 1:27:04

Female 15-19: Emily Finkbeiner, Saline, 1:51:08

Male 20-24: Garret Zuk, Milford, 1:41:27

Female 20-24: Danielle DeMarco, Brighton, 1:49:03

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Male 25-29: David Frazier, Holt, 1:42:18 Female 25-29: Samantha Brish, Brighton, 1:38:29

Male 30-34: Mike Andersen, Brighton, 1:17:34

Female 30-34: Petagaye English, Southfield, 1:43:05

Male 35-39: Simon Gore, South Lyon, 1:25:57

Female 35-39: Leslie Leemgraven, Howell, 1:36:13

Male 40-44: Brian Galindo, Canton, 1:41:42

Female 40-44: Jenni Krieter, Rochester, 1:51:29

Male 45-49: Chris Keyes, Livonia, 1:39:27

Female 45-49: Marcy Sacks, Albion, 1:45:34

Male 50-54: Bjorn Soderstrom, Commerce Twp., 1:42:52

Female 50-54: Cindy Estell, Ypsilanti, 1:58:07

Male 55-59: Greg Miller, Brighton, 1:42:18

Female 55-59: Geneva Stephens, Rochester Hills, 2:02:17

Male 60-64: Rick Newsom, Livonia, 1:55:00

Female 60-64: Myrna Carll, Northville, 2:08:24

Male 65-69: David Eicken, Golden, Ill., 2:02:08

Female 65-69: Cindi Holman, Brighton, 2:51:38

Male 70-over: Richard Peluso, Troy, 2:31:26

5-kilometer run

Male overall: Nolan McGahan, Brighton, 15:58

Female overall: Katie Johnston, Northville, 19:55

Male masters: Andrew Kamin, Northville, 21:27

Female masters: Carol House, Brighton, 23:28

Male 14-under: Luke Campbell, Brighton, 19:28

Female 14-under: Lauren Hunter, Haslett. 20:38

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Female: Kaia Johnson, Brighton, 20:52

Male 20-24: Greggory Stopchinski, South Lyon, 35:27

Female 20-24: Sydney Brief, Howell, 26:00

Male 25-29: Tyler Partridge, West Bloomfield, 16:45

Female 25-29: Kate Rau, Brighton, 22:42

Male 30-34: Chris Elsey, Brighton, 18:11

Female 30-34: Anne Santa Maria, Brighton, 26:00

Male 35-39: Jamie Rasmussen, Commerce Twp., 22:31

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Female 45-49: Denise Barr, Brighton, 25:08

Male 50-54: Scott Monte, Brighton, 22:25

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Female 60-64: Lori Vecchioni, Brighton, 25:12

Male 65-69: Paul Doby, Howell, 24:55 Female 65-69: Jennifer McCauley,

Brighton, 30:31

Male 70-over: Maury Dean, Commerce, 26:30

Female 70-over: Nina Bovio, Brighton; 33:51

FIELD **Michigan Elite Throws Club** to hold clinic

Andrew Vailliencourt Hometownlife.com

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The Michigan Elite Throws Club will hold a clinic this weekend at Canton High School for athletes looking to improve in field events such as shot put, disc, hammer and javelin.

The club is led by former Olympic Trial qualifier and world champion power lifter Nia Henderson.

The two-day clinic costs \$65 per day or \$110 for both days (July 12-13). Club members get a discount. It will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. both days.

You can register by emailing Henderson at summerthrowscamp@ gmail.com or michiganelitethrowsclub@gmail.com. Include the athlete's name, age, T-shirt size, any allergies and how many days they'll be attending the camp.

"As a two time Olympic Trials qualifier, world champion in power lifting and over six years of coaching experience, I have established some key fundamentals that may help a beginner thrower as well as the advanced thrower," Henderson said. "This twoday camp will be filled with information, drills, multiple coaching aspects and skills that may help any developmental thrower continue to improve throughout the year and in the long run."



The Michigan Elite Throws Club will hold a two-day a clinic this weekend. COURTESY OF NIA HENDERSON

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Tigers' decision to extend Avila contract premature



Andrew Vailliencourt Columnist USA TODAY NETWORK - MICH.

In the midst of the holiday weekend, the Detroit Tigers surprised fans by announcing that the team had signed general manager Al Avila to a multi-year contract extension on Friday afternoon.

The announcement was followed up by a press conference with Avila and without owner Christopher Ilitch, who instead of showing up to defend the move, released a written statement.

"It's clear to anyone that follows Tigers baseball that our organization is undergoing a significant transformation," Ilitch said. "I've been impressed with Al's leadership and focus, and the steadfast way he has led our baseball operations since becoming general manager.

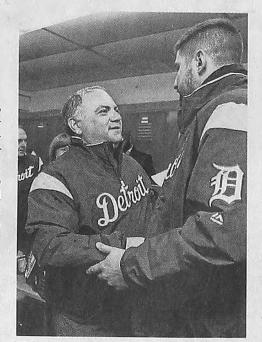
"Al has methodically implemented his plan, and the execution of that plan has demonstrated progress and results in scouting, drafting, player development and analytics. I am especially pleased with the progress we have made in securing a stable of talented prospects which bodes well for our future. Al has a proven track record in this game, and his nearly three decades of experience is paying dividends in this rebuilding phase."

The number of years added on to Avila's current contract, which doesn't expire until the end of the 2020 season isn't yet known, but given it's a multiyear deal Avila will now be in Detroit until at least 2022, and likely longer.

Average tenure thus far

As the team's general manager, Avila has been average. He's made some good decisions along with some bad ones and has this team fully committed to a rebuild. But the problem is this extension is coming too early. Avila simply hasn't made enough moves to put this team on track to be contenders again and hasn't earned an extension.

Avila might turn out to be this team's savior and have all the right prospects in the minor leagues, so my gripe isn't with the extension itself, but rather when it is



Tigers general manager Al Avila, left, shakes hands with third basemen Nicholas Castellanos at the Southfield Fire Department in Southfield during an event in 2018. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

occurring. For it to happen right before the team's most critical part of the rebuild, the trade deadline, is asinine.

The Tigers have been rebuilding since Avila took over in 2015, days after former general manager Dave Dombrowski traded away David Price, Yoenis Cespedes and Joakim Soria. Dombrowski did well in those trades, nabbing Matthew Boyd, Daniel Norris, Jacoby Jones and Michael Fulmer. Avila has yet to net any prospects close to contributing in ways those players have.

Avila's first big moves on the job were to sign Jordan Zimmerman, who continues to look worse and worse, and Justin Upton, who Avila later traded for scraps.

Some people say that the rebuild didn't truly begin until the trade deadline in 2017, but one year of decent baseball in 2016 doesn't change the fact that the team was clearly on a path downward, meaning the rebuild began as soon as they started trading away highlevel players in 2015.

Avila is now is his fourth full season with the Tigers, and doesn't have much in the way of MLB ready prospects to Mercer, etc.) Only two in recent years show for it. The rebuild is going slower than anticipated and doesn't have an end in sight. It was reasonable before this year to expect the team to be ready to compete again in the 2021 season, but there is plenty of work to do if that is to remain possible.

There was no reason for the Tigers to extend Avila now. Instead, they should have waited until after the trade deadline, to see what kind of return he could get for the team's three trade chips: Boyd, closer Shane Greene and outfielder Nick Castellanos.

After seeing what the team gets in return, then Ilitch and the organization could make their evaluation on whether or not the team wanted to extend Avila. Boyd and Greene should fetch a haul capable of accelerating the rebuild, while Castellanos likely won't bring back much more than a mid-level prospect.

Questionable returns on trades

Avila's signature trade was sending Justin Verlander to Houston. He got back what was considered a decent group of prospects in return in Franklin Perez, Jake Rogers and Daz Cameron, but failed to get other higher rated players from the Astros. Now, Perez, despite his talent, can't stay healthy, Cameron is hitting .231 at AAA Toledo and Rogers, who is by all accounts a phenomenal defensive catcher, is struggling at the plate in Toledo as well, batting .212. Rogers will be the first one of the trio called up, likely later this season.

Avila's best move as GM was receiving Jeimer Candelario and Isaac Paredes from the Chicago Cubs for Alex Avila and Alex Wilson. The Tigers are hopeful Candelario can be their third baseman of the future despite his struggles this year, while Paredes has moved up to become the team's No. 4 prospect and has high potential as an infielder.

That same summer, he practically gave away J.D. Martinez to the Diamondbacks and Justin Upton to the Angels. Not a single player he received for those two players will ever become fulltime starters in Detroit.

For the most part, Avila's free agency signings have been awful (see Zimmerman, Tyson Ross, Josh Harrison, Jordy have worked out, Mike Fiers and Leonys Martin, who were both successfully traded last summer. Shortstop Willi Castro was the big fish the Tigers got in return and has a chance to be the team's starter next season.

One area Avila appears to be doing well in is the draft. His four first-round picks all look to be impact players, though none have reached the majors yet. Casey Mize was the obvious first overall choice last year and outfielder Riley Greene has a bright future ahead of him, but is at least three or four years away from contributing. Matt Manning is becoming a star in the minors and has a chance to be the team's No. 2 starter of the future behind Mize, while Alex Faedo could end up a solid No. 3 or 4 starter after the Tigers took him in the 2017 draft.

While it's easy to look at the draft now and remain positive, we won't know for sure if any of these players are any good until they get an opportunity in the league. For now though, I'll give Avila the benefit of the doubt.

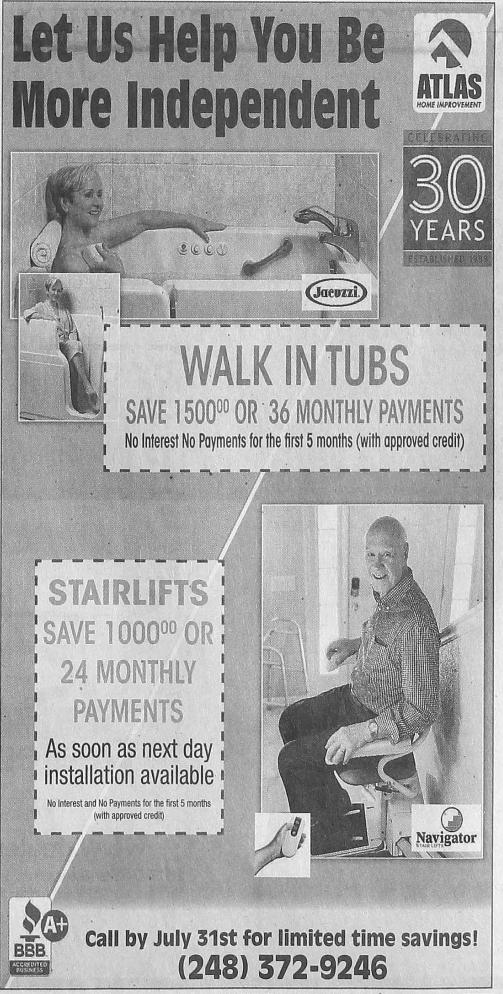
The bottom line, however, is that Avila hasn't done enough yet to put the Tigers in a position to compete for championships and warrant an extension. After Boyd, Greene and Castellanos are traded, there will be less than five or six players on the entire roster with a future in the Tigers organization. Sure, the minor league system is considerably better than it's been in a long time but the team needs that to translate to the major leagues, and it hasn't yet.

This is the last chance the Tigers have to make trades that can significantly impact their rebuild. There simply won't be anyone left to trade next year. Boyd (likely the top starter available) and Greene (one of the top relievers) represent the only two players on the roster that other teams would give up top prospects for and Avila must cash in. At minimum, Detroit needs to receive two MLB top 100 prospects that can anchor the lineup of the future.

Extending Avila before he proves he can do that is premature.

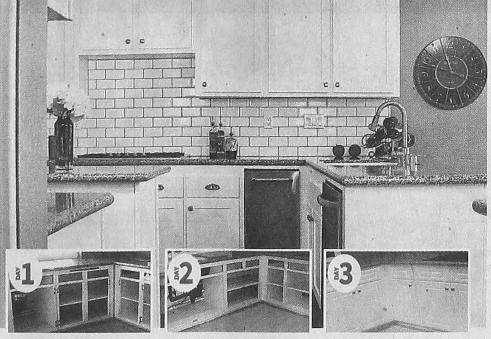
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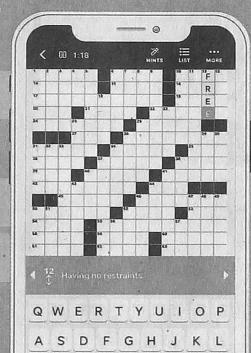
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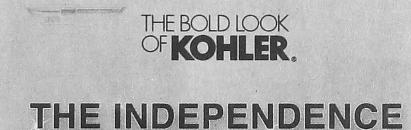
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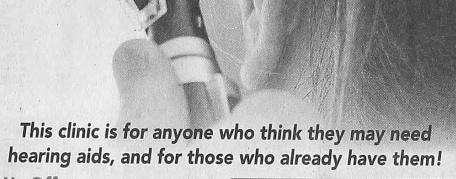
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