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Canton needs \$11.6M to start fixes

Recession caused needed repairs on buildings to be postponed

Darrell Clem
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Canton is facing an \$11.6 million price tag for building repairs that got delayed during the last recession, officials say.

And township Supervisor Pat Williams said it's a preliminary figure that is certain to grow.

An outside consultant, OHM Advisors, has revealed the estimate after studying the repair needs of 17 municipal buildings such as the Canton Administration Building, Pheasant Run Golf Club, Summit on the Park, Victory Park and the police and fire stations, among other facilities.

OHM's ongoing analysis comes as

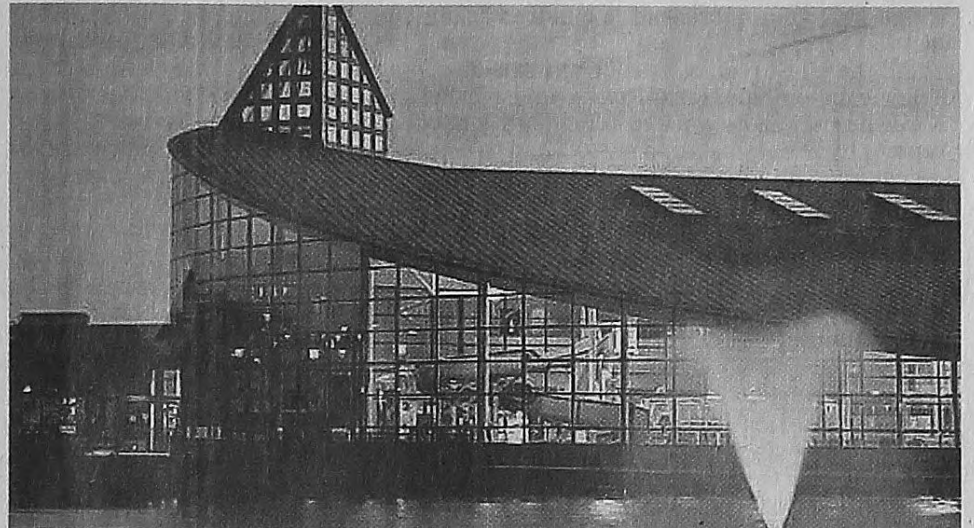
Canton moves to develop a five-year capital improvement plan and ways to budget for it.

"It's one of the most important projects we've ever undertaken," Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

His remarks came Tuesday during a joint session of Canton officials and OHM representatives. The talks followed a study by OHM of problems such as deteriorating parking lots and roofs, aging mechanical systems, inefficient windows and rusted door frames, among other items.

Murat Ulasir, OHM infrastructure asset planning specialist, said Pheasant

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Summit on the Park is expected to need \$2.8 million in work during the next five years. CANTON TOWNSHIP



Scott Molitor (left), Ron Wells, Kevin VilleMonte and Matt Dalley get a training run in at Hines Park. DAN DEAN

Runners to trek from Motor City to Windy City

Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

Ron Wells has a big heart and strong legs. He will put both to the test when he joins three other like-minded local runners on a trek from Detroit to Chicago beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the Spirit of Detroit statue at the foot of Woodward Avenue.

"All four of us - (Wells), Kevin VilleMonte, Scott Molitor and Matt Dalley - have a compassionate heart for people who are hurting or are in need," said Wells,

of Plymouth Township. It is the reason he ran 43 miles to celebrate his 43rd birthday while raising \$1,100 for his running team charity, World Vision.

After Wells finished completing the IRONMAN Wisconsin in 2015 he was "looking for something else to challenge me even more."

"At the time, I was thinking about what I could do to up my game," he said. "That's when I got the idea of doing something bigger."

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Ridge Road closing adds to detour headaches

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Canton motorists can brace for yet another road closing in what has already become a patience-testing construction season.

Work crews are expected to shut down a section of Ridge Road, between Ford and Hanford, by early next week as Singh Development Co. moves to pave a section of road to accommodate a 203-unit apartment complex under construction at Ford and Ridge.

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the road closure is expected to last about eight weeks, shutting down yet another north-south artery.

The latest closure comes as Canton Center is closed between Geddes and Michigan Avenue through November for a major reconstruction project. And Lilley road, north of Michigan Avenue, remains shut down for a year or longer until Wayne County can replace a bridge that was deemed unsafe in April.

Faas said the Ridge Road closure comes as a construction project moves

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Yet another detour looms for Canton motorists, with the latest on Ridge Road, north of Ford. FILE PHOTO



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forward on Park West, a new apartment complex developers are building amid an uptick in new housing on Canton's west side.

"They want the road in this year," he said. The work comes as a much larger Ridge Road project looms next construction season. Wayne County and Canton have reached an agreement to pave the remainder of Ridge, from south of Hanford north to Warren.

Under the new agreement, Wayne County is expected to spend \$1.9 million for the project, while Canton is projected to shell out nearly \$1.5 million when construction engineering costs and inspection fees are rolled in.

Some residents had pleaded to get Ridge Road paved, while others said money could be better spent on more heavily traveled roads in Canton. That said, resident David Brancheau said it seems Ridge traffic has increased "a hundred-fold in the last 20 years."

All the latest road construction projects come as a newly appointed Canton Roads Advisory Task Force has begun its work to help identify needed repairs for local roads and streets and to possibly recommend options for how to fund the work. Supervisor Pat Williams initiated the task force as some township board trustees called for a comprehensive approach to fixing Canton roads.

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Run Golf Club alone has repair needs totaling \$1.2 million, including asphalt-paved paths that he said "are literally falling apart."

That prompted township Trustee Anne Marie Graham-Hudak to suggest Canton consider using less-expensive gravel, rather than asphalt, as repairs are made.

The price tag was twice that for Summit on the Park, where a wide range of repairs over five years has been projected at \$2.8 million. The Summit offers a vast array of recreational offerings and also houses programs such as a senior center.

Canton Finance and Budget Director Wendy Trumbull said the new capital improvement program comes after the township had to delay numerous projects during the last recession, when property tax revenues plummeted as home values plunged.

Even though tax revenues have been slow to rebound, local officials say it is imperative that they develop and plan to address long-delayed repairs and find money within the budget to pay the tab. Trumbull said building needs are "far greater" than what has so far been budgeted.

OHM's role partly has been to help Canton develop a list to guide township officials as they seek to prioritize projects over the next five years, moving the most important projects higher on the list and putting off those that can wait.

"Let's make sure we defer the right projects," Murat said.

Despite Canton's challenges, officials say the township survived the recession in far better shape than



The price tag to upgrade the Canton Administration Building is projected at \$2.8 million. FILE PHOTO

many communities that are facing significantly larger problems.

OHM is expected to finish its assessment of buildings, parks and other above-ground amenities by year's end. Next year, it will begin a study of underground infrastructure such as water and sewer lines.

Finally, in 2019, a report will be compiled of the township's stormwater and wastewater infrastructure. The good news for that portion is that Canton has received a \$1.9 million SAW grant (Stormwater, Asset Management and Wastewater) from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

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Panel on human trafficking highlights annual meeting for Giving Hope

Human trafficking, a form of modern slavery, affects people across the world. It is the second largest criminal enterprise after drugs, according to national experts. It impacts every community in Michigan across age, gender, ethnicity, and socio-economic backgrounds.

Victims include children and adults who are forced, deceived or coerced into commercial sex acts and/or labor or services against their will.

Learn more about the problem and what's being done at the local and state levels to help victims of this crime when Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle, presents "Hope Against Human Trafficking: Awareness and Action," 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, at the PARC (Plymouth Arts and Recreation Center), 650 Church Street, as part of its annual meeting.

The panel discussion, scheduled for 7:15-8:15 p.m., features Angela Aufdemberge, CEO of Vista Maria; Todd Mutchler, Northville Township public safety director; and Thomas Tiderington, Plymouth Township police chief and a member of the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission.

Aufdemberge, is a frequent speaker and writer about this issue in southeast Michigan. Vista Maria is the only licensed and contracted human trafficking treatment



Mutchler Tiderington

program for girls in the state. The Our Wings Program helps rescue and restore the lives of victims of human trafficking.

Mutchler, a 29-year police veteran, is the former public safety director in Canton Township. He initiated a Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition that won a major civil rights award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Tiderington, Plymouth Township's chief since November 2001, spent more than 20 years with the police department in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he helped lead the charge to create a special investigations division to fight human trafficking and educate the public. He was chief commander of the unit. Gov. Rick Snyder recently reappointed Tiderington to his second two-year term on the 14-member Michigan Human Trafficking Commission.

In addition to raising awareness of this growing problem, the event will feature area vendors and organizations which are taking action to help victims. Vendors include Trades of Hope, Mend On The Move, Rebel Nell, S.O.A.P. (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) and MAP (Michigan Abolitionists Project).

Cost is \$25 per person and includes appetizers and desserts by Everyday Edibles. Tickets can be purchased online by Oct. 11 at <http://www.cantonfoundation.org>

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"Bigger" certainly describes Steve Spear, the Team World Vision director who ran from Los Angeles to New York in 2013. Spear's run across America was the inspiration behind Wells's decision to run from Detroit to Chicago.

"I have a family, so I can't run across the country, because that would take me a few months," he said. "I could do something a little shorter. I've done the Chicago Marathon a couple of times and Team World Vision, which is the club I run for, is based out of Chicago, so what about a Detroit to Chicago run?"

Early last year, Wells jumped on Google maps and started planning a course between the Motor City and the Windy City.

"I put in Google maps that I wanted to walk it and what they gave me is, basically, the route I am taking," he said. "I had to tweak it a little bit."

It became a "group run" last summer, when Wells was mentioning his plan to a couple of friends. "I was just talking about what I was going to do," Wells said. "I was inviting anyone and trying to make this anything more than something I was doing.

And Kevin VilleMonte said that it sounds like fun and volunteered to join me. So I put out an invitation to a few other friends who I know like to run."

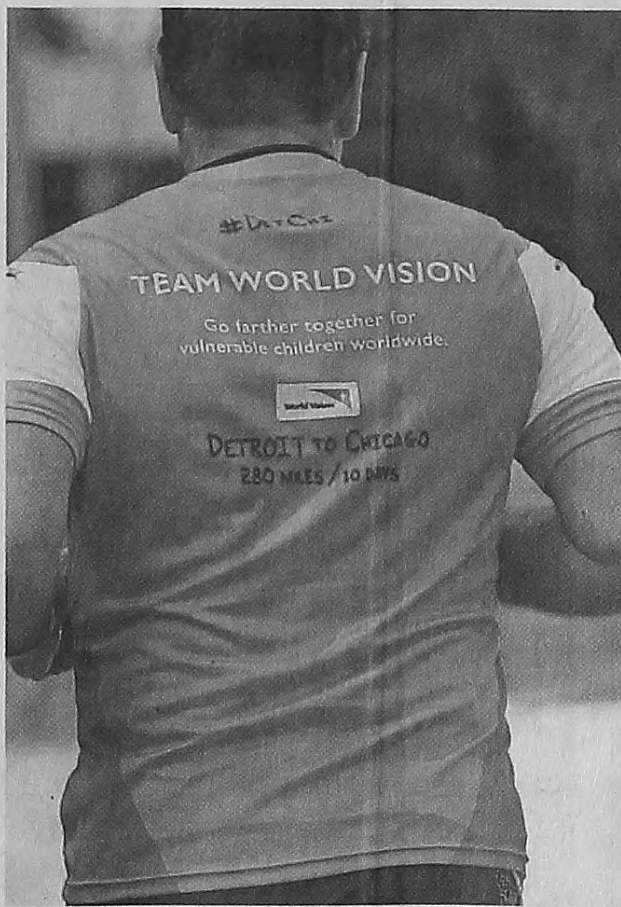
VilleMonte and Molitor of Canton, along with Dalley of Plymouth, answered the invitation and will be joining Wells on his run to Chicago.

The four runners began training, with a plan put together by Wells, in January.

The run is not a relay. Each runner will stride the 280 miles from Detroit to Chicago, averaging about 28 miles each day. The first day, Wednesday, Sept. 27, will take them from the Spirit of Detroit to Ypsilanti. The second day will finish near Manchester. They will get to sleep in their own beds those two nights, but the rest of the trip will include nights in either a campground or hotel.

They should cross the finish line - Buckingham Fountain in Chicago - on Friday, Oct. 6.

But all four say that they are not done at that point. Two days after finishing the Detroit-Chicago run, Wells and Dalley plan to run the Chicago Marathon. Wells also has plans to recover for seven days and then run the Detroit Free Press Marathon on Oct. 15 with Molitor, while VilleMonte plans to run the half-marathon that



All four runners are raising funds for World Vision during their 280-mile, 10-day run. DAN DEAN

same day.

And anyone interested in running parts of the trip with the foursome is welcome to join them. Those will be what Wells calls "the relay runners." To follow the run and keep track their progress, follow them on the DetChi Facebook page.

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to

working with children, families and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice, including disaster relief. World Vision is the largest non-governmental provider of clean water in the world, reaching more than 4.6 million new people with clean water last year alone.

"We have all run for Team World Vision for several years and the money we raise for this run will be going toward the development piece of World Vision," Wells said. "Scott, Matt and myself are raising money for clean-water projects in Africa. Kevin's money is going towards helping protect vulnerable children in high-risk areas of the world."

In 2013, Wells made a trip to Africa and discovered first-hand the importance of clean water. He learned that a child's chance of survival is doubled with something we in America take for granted.

With at least \$300 million invested in wells, dams, pipelines, purification systems and other measures, World Vision runs the largest privately funded water initiative in Africa.

"It was life-changing," Wells said of his trip to Africa. "World Vision does an amazing job down there. Clean water is the genesis for getting people out of poverty."

"My goal in 2017 is to inspire you to 'Go Farther Together' with me, either by pushing your own physical limits or by sacrificially giving for the sake of others."

VilleMonte ran two marathons (Detroit and Chicago) as part of the World Vision team, but wondered if he was doing enough. "More than 115

million children worldwide are subjected to the worst forms of child labor, including trafficking for commercial sex exploitation and hazardous physical labor and abuse," he said. "And all I do is run a mere 26 miles."

He said the run from Detroit to Chicago is a chance to do more.

"Together, we can change lives around the world," he said.

Dalley says he has an "insatiable desire to keep surpassing my last major achievement."

"With God, no dream is too big or out of reach. I know what it feels like to run 100 miles. But this adventure will test me in new ways, not to mention the goal to provide clean water for at least 200 people. I'm excited to push myself, let God pull me beyond my limits and see how many lives will be impacted in the process."

Molitor has been with Team World Vision for five years.

"I've been personally involved in the transformation of more than 300 lives in Africa and countless more right here in Detroit (including my own)," he said. "Each year, I have said 'yes' to a goal that seems beyond my reach yet, with God and others, I have seen it come to fruition over and over again."

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No one younger than age 13, as there can be serious danger so close to the traffic.

For more information, contact Greg Greene at 734-855-6192 or g4greene@aol.com.

Pagan to host education town hall

State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, will be hosting an education town hall 6-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.



Pagan

Pagan will be joined by Gilda Jacobs, president and CEO of the Michigan League for Public Policy; Monica Merritt, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools; Adrienne Quinn, student support coordinator at Field Elementary School in Canton; and Heather Colombo, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association. These panelists will be on hand to discuss Michigan's education system.

The event is free and open to the public and there will be an opportunity for audience members to ask questions. Those interested in attending should RSVP to KristyPagan@house.mi.gov.

PCA students to attend theater event



The Michigan School of Vocal Music Association has honored four high school students from Plymouth Christian Academy. Sophomore Noah Askew (from left), senior Ann Stein, freshman Isaac Cantrell and sophomore Hannah Askew have been selected to participate Sept. 30 in this year's Musical Theatre Intensive at Portage Northern High School. MSVMA selects 100 students throughout the state based on video audition submissions. The PCA students will attend this day-long master class in musical theater with college professors from the University of Michigan's School of Music, Theatre and Dance, as well as Carthage College and Oakland University.

88.1 the Park to present 'Vinyl Recall' exhibit

To mark 45 years of broadcasting excellence at 88.1 The Park, WSDP-FM presents "Vinyl Recall," an exhibit of iconic albums that have influenced the station's sound and its student-staff since 1972.

The exhibit, sponsored by Pat Milliken Ford in Redford, will be held at PARC (Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex), 650 Church Street. The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, run from Oct. 24 through Nov. 16. Hours are 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The exhibit will also be open 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 and 11.

"The exhibit is an opportunity to give back to the community that has supported the station for 45 years," said Bill Keith, WSDP station manager. "We reached out to station alums to help determine the most iconic 45 albums in the station's history. These albums represent the music that has influenced the students who worked at the station, and by extension the music that shaped the Plymouth-Canton community."

The exhibit, which will be housed on the first

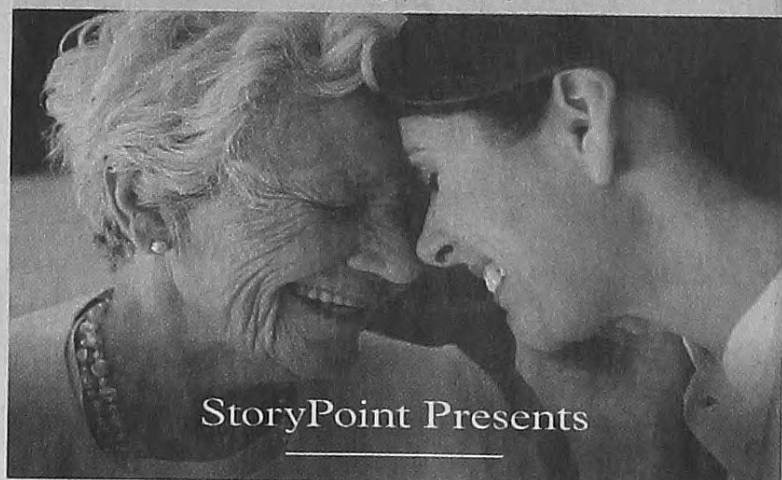
floor of PARC, includes 10 different sections, including The '80s, Hall of Famers, Girl Power, Heavy Rock and more. "The exhibit actually includes 50 albums — there is a bonus section titled Detroit Natives," said June Kirchgatter, a station alum and 1983 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. Kirchgatter serves on the station's advisory board and is curating the exhibit on behalf of the station. "The music scene in Detroit and Ann Arbor definitely shaped the sound of the station, so we added this section to round out the exhibit," he noted.

There is also an interactive time line of the past 45 years, including key milestones at the station, in the music industry and current events (i.e., Facebook launched). "There is a little bit here for everyone," Keith said. "We want the exhibit to bring back memories of people's time in high school, while also giving people a taste of what the station is playing today."

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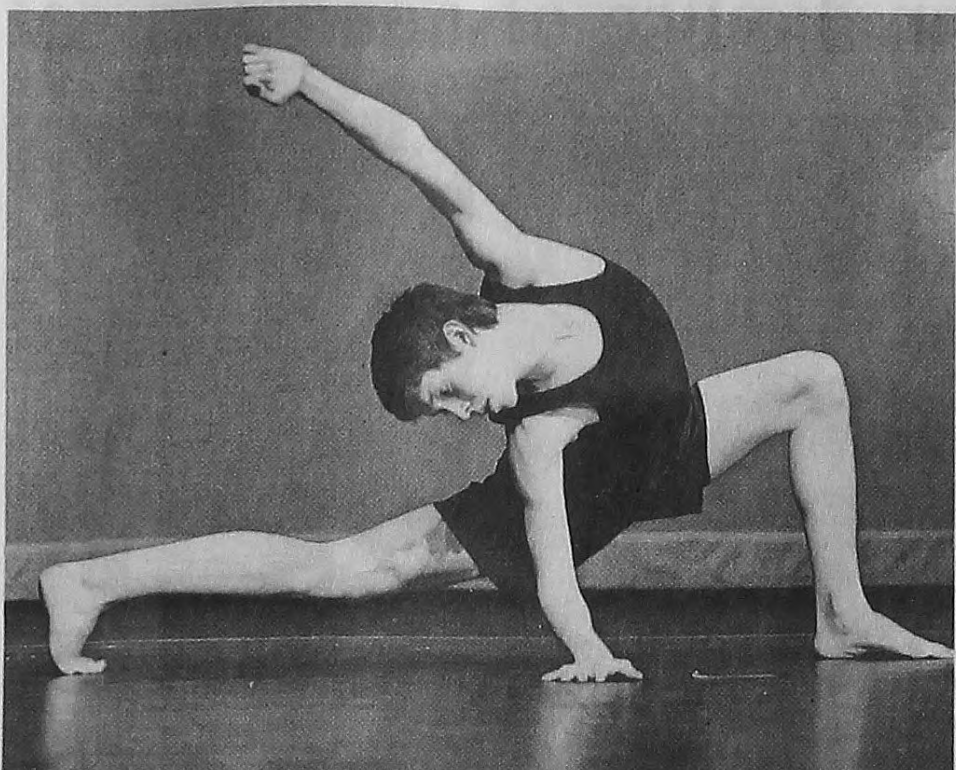
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Jack Murphy, now a freshman at Juilliard in New York City, demonstrates his dance flexibility.

Novi dancer leaps into select company: Juilliard's Class of '21

Matt Jachman
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Jack Murphy has been thinking about Juilliard since last summer, but his journey to the storied performing arts school in Manhattan began about 13 years ago.

Murphy, of Novi, is a Juilliard freshman, one of just 24 — out of more than 400 who auditioned — in the dance program's Class of '21.

The 19-year-old has been dancing since he was 6.

"When I was young, I tried lots of different things: soccer, gymnastics, horseback riding. All over the place," Murphy said recently. "And then one day, my mom just asked me if I would be interested in taking a hip-hop class. ... That's where it all started."

"He was just going to try dance in his life — and he loved it," said Dori Matkowski, founder of Dance Dynamics Performing Arts Center in Walled Lake, where Murphy studied for several years.

Just a year out of high school, Murphy already has two seasons of training with major companies on his resumé, first (while completing his senior year) with the American Ballet Theatre in New York City and, during the 2016-17 season, with the Joffrey Ballet in Chicago.

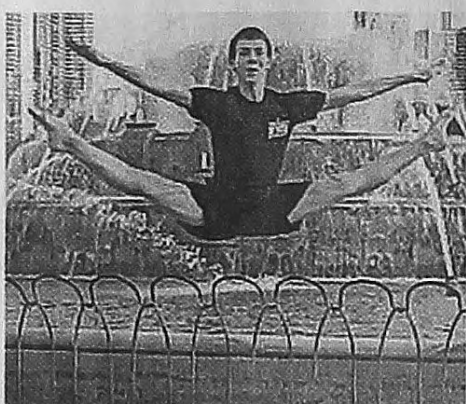
Even since then, he's completed a two-week "intensive" at Wayne State University with the dance company Complexions, plus a four-week internship with Hubbard Street Dance Chicago. Now, he's getting settled in at Juilliard.

Murphy has wanted to be a dancer for a long time, a goal his family has supported. (Parents Belinda and Mark also have three daughters.)

He is particularly interested in ballet and contemporary dance and is also looking at choreography and teaching. Murphy's favorite classical ballet is Peter Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" and he was impressed recently by the contemporary Israeli dance company Bat-sheva.

"Their work is very intense, both physically and emotionally, so that's definitely a performance that I'll always remember," he said.

Murphy said he's drawn to dance as artistic expression and a discipline that means "constantly striving to better yourself as a dancer and knowing that



Jack Murphy of Novi demonstrates a leap in Chicago, where he trained with the Joffrey Ballet during the 2016-17 season.

the journey will never end and there's always room to continue growing."

"Jack was always very attentive, hard-working and receptive to getting his talents better and we have continued to help him train and give him opportunities so that he will reach his dream," Matkowski said.

His dance training, plus a home-schooling program for his last three years of high school, kept Murphy plenty busy. But Dance Dynamics gave him many opportunities to perform at competitions, dance conventions, schools and public events.

Murphy is the third student from Matkowski's school, which was established 35 years ago, to study at Juilliard.

"Juilliard has a lot of great information and knowledge and dance training to give me," he said.

He auditioned early this year, in Chicago, along with about 70 other applicants. After one round, in ballet, about half the students were dismissed. Next came contemporary and more brutal of cuts.

By the time they got to the interview stage, there were only nine applicants left, Murphy among them.

"It was very nerve-wracking to know that you've spent so much time preparing for this audition and knowing that it could be over at any moment," he said. "So, yeah, there were a bit of nerves, but also I was confident in my training and preparation."

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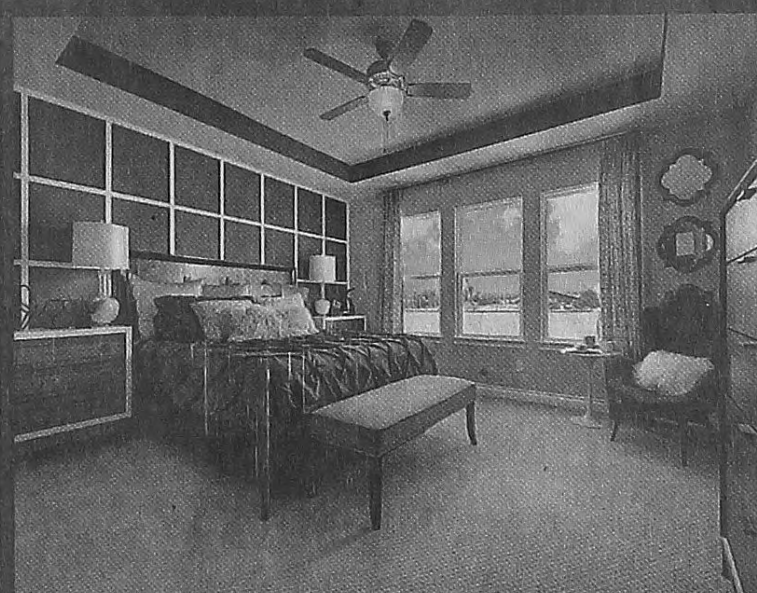
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New software trains police on the use of deadly force

Jay Grossman
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The driver rolls down his window slowly. He knows why the police officer pulled him over.

"This is about the license plates, right?" he asks. "I just got them in the mail and haven't had time to put them on yet."

Without warning, the driver pulls out a handgun and shoots multiple rounds directly at the officer.

End of scenario.

Inside a small room at the Farmington Hills Police Department, officers are honing their skills on a state-of-the-art interactive video simulator that immerses participants in real-time situations involving domestic disputes, active shooters, bank robberies and hundreds of other scenarios.

Originally designed for the military, the MILO Range Training System allows officers to train with handguns or Tasers that have the weight and feel of a real weapon, but instead fire infrared beams at a large projection screen. The same system also works with live ammunition.

"Reality-based training is absolutely the best training you can provide for officers," Farmington Hills Police Sgt. Brian Bastianelli said. "It's in real time, in real-life speed, and nothing can replicate that. It's one thing to sit in a classroom and learn about the use of force and be given instruction when it's appropriate and not appropriate. It's another thing to actually do it."

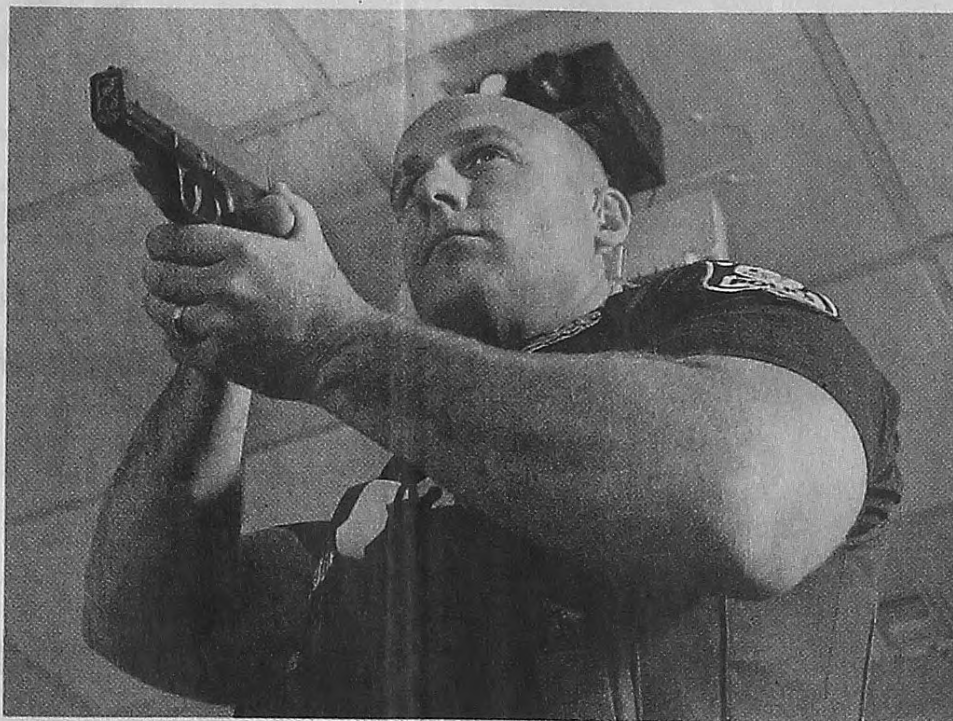
Farmington Hills, Franklin Village and Farmington police departments recently purchased a MILO training system for slightly more than \$45,000. The three departments join agencies across the nation that are benefiting from the latest technology in virtual training exercises.

"It definitely helps in improving an officer's decision-making," Bastianelli said. "And it's not just making good decisions on the use of force, but the speed of their decision-making that's so critical."

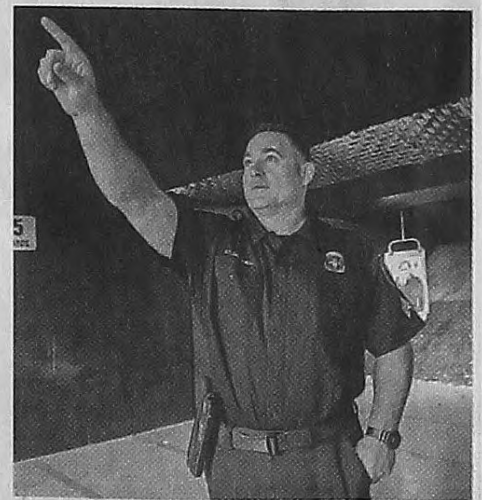
Training days

In the line of duty, deadly situations unfold without warning. Police officers must decide within seconds how much force is necessary to neutralize a possible threat. The slightest mistake can prove deadly.

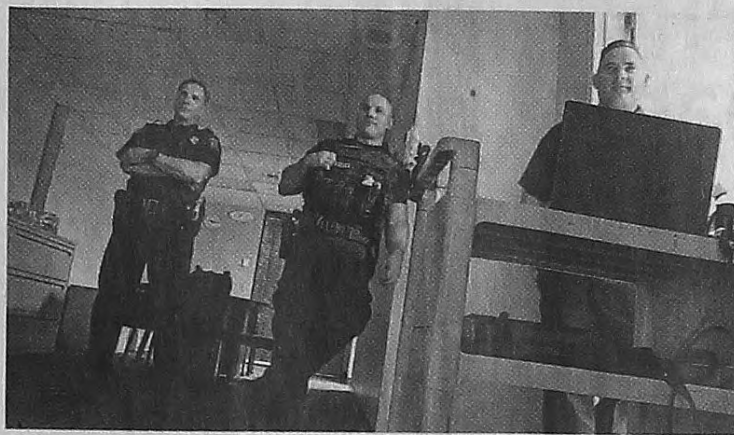
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Farmington Police Officer Scott Brown works a training scenario. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Sgt. Brian Bastianelli points out the location of the MILO projector used on the live fire range, located in the basement of the police department. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Franklin Police Officer Brian Crane, Farmington Police Officer Scott Brown and Farmington Hills Police Sgt. Brian Bastianelli review a training scenario. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

on police fatalities indicate there were 65 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty through June 2017, a 30-percent increase over the same period last year. Ambush-style killings jumped more than 150 percent between 2015 and 2016.

At the same time, incidents involving police officers using unnecessary force is a recurring storyline that every department faces – even when the incidents don't involve their officers.

"This system has a camera, so we can film the training session and go over it with the officer," Bastianelli

said. "Let's say an officer is making bad use of force decisions – we'll bring them in for retraining and we'll record every session. Hopefully, we'll see improvement. But if the officer doesn't show improvement, we'll follow policy to recommend retraining, up to disciplinary action or dismissal."

Standing in front of a large screen, Farmington Police Officer Scott Brown responds to a domestic dispute involving a man and woman in a cafeteria. Brown repeatedly orders the man to step back, but it's too late. Without any warning, the woman pulls out a knife

and stabs the man in the chest. "It's a split-second decision," Bastianelli said.

Franklin Village Police Lt. Brian Crane faces a man with a knife. The man keeps making threats, but he doesn't advance. Eventually, Crane manages to diffuse the situation.

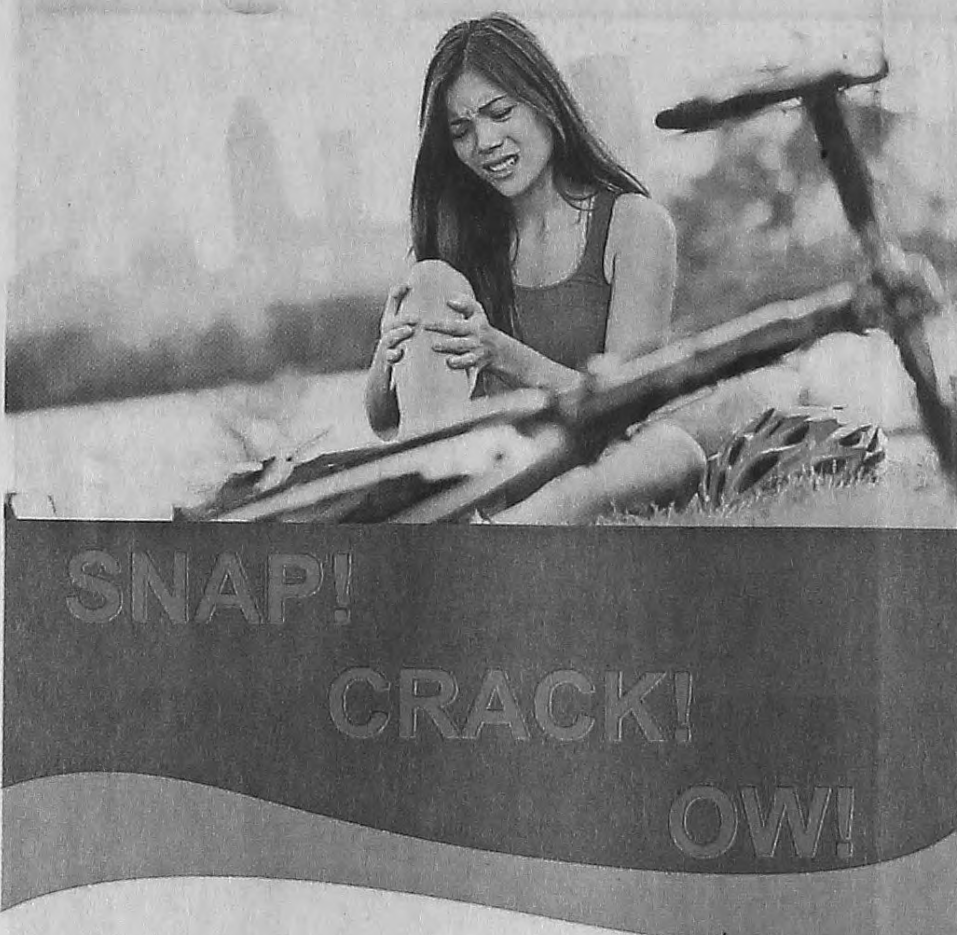
"The best quote I ever heard about police work is that it's 90 percent boredom and 10 percent sheer terror," Crane said. "You can have an officer driving around for six hours without a single call and then, suddenly, all hell breaks loose. I'd rather sweat in training than bleed on duty."

As the instructor handling the software, Bastianelli can tweak the scenarios depending on how the officer responds. Actual firearms are not allowed in the training room and all the IR weapons are clearly marked with red bands. The system also has sharpshooting exercises and other drills.

Farmington Hills Police Chief Charles Nebus said the purchase is a bargain value to the taxpayers in several ways: three communities split the purchase cost; three departments are enjoying the training; everyone benefits from a well-trained police force.

"In a real street situation, a bad decision or shot can result in the death of an innocent person or the police officer," Nebus said. "There are no 'do overs' on the street."

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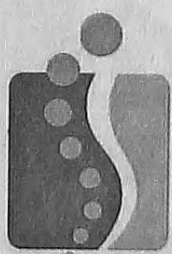


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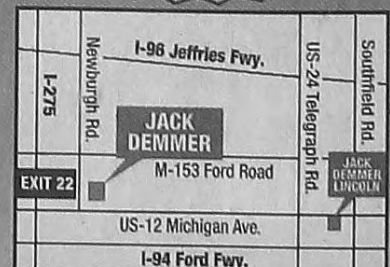
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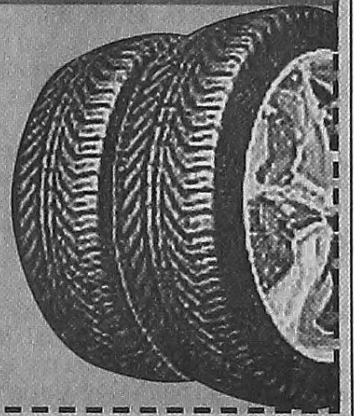
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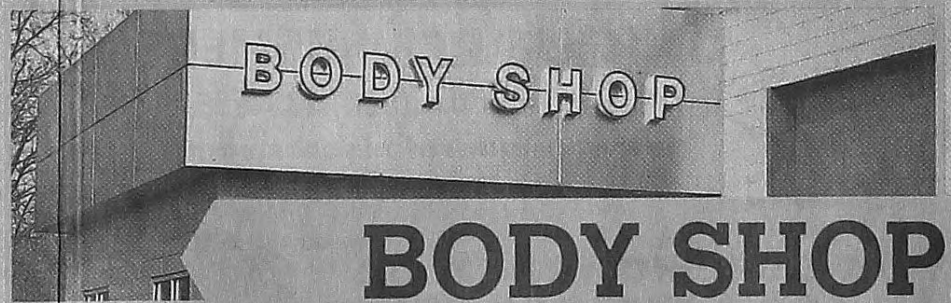
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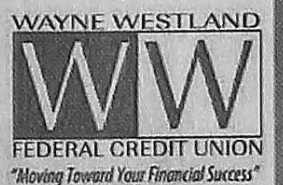


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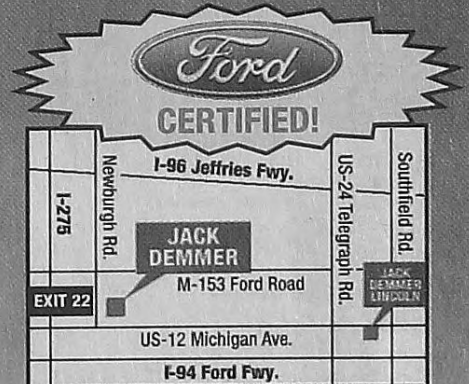
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Accountant addresses need in his own backyard and around the world

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Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit onenation.usatoday.com.

Rachid Ouedraogo is making a difference in the lives of homeless people and the poor all over the world.

Originally from Burkina Faso in West Africa, Ouedraogo moved to the United States in 2001. He became an American citizen in 2015.

He came when his father took a job teaching French in Iowa, then Massachusetts, finally landing a position as a French professor at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

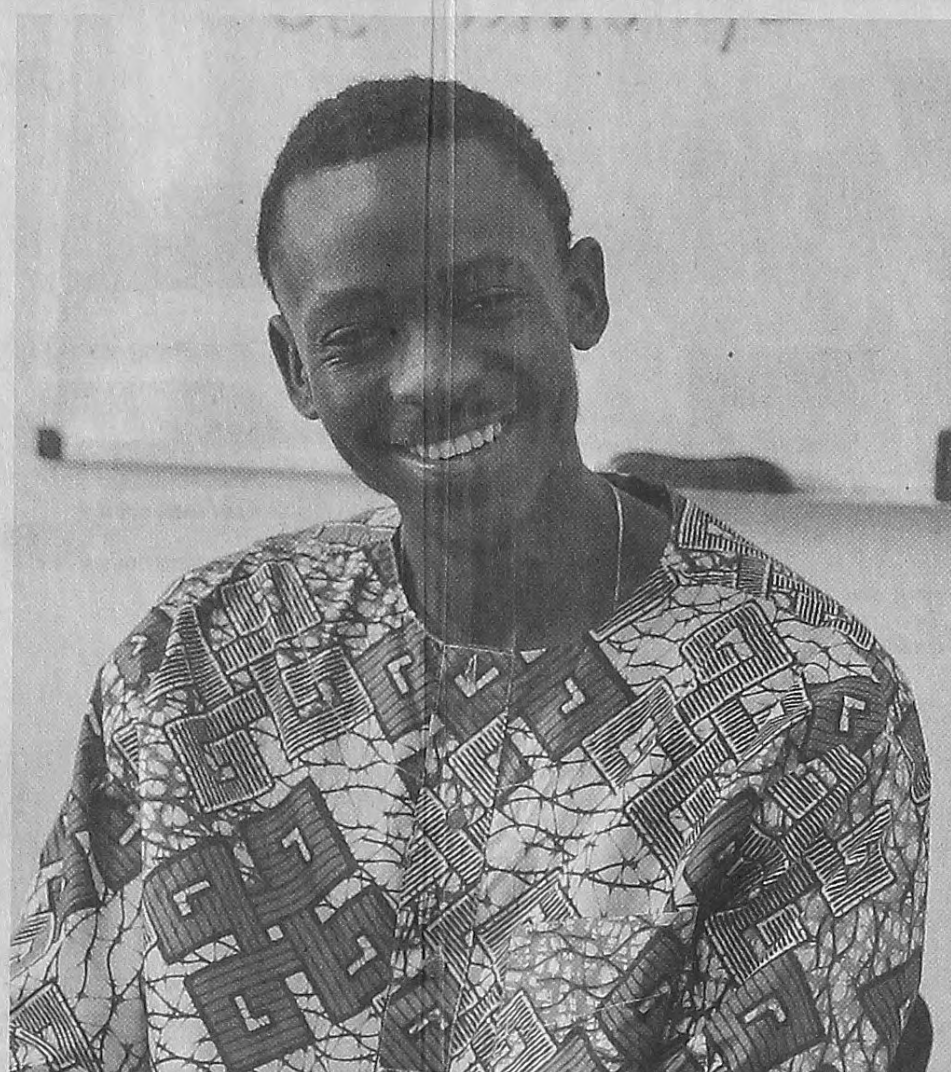
Ouedraogo went to Lafayette High School, where, at 6-foot-5, he played basketball and helped his team win the state championship. He earned his undergraduate and MBA from UL and now works as an accountant at Lafayette General Health.

One Sunday, Ouedraogo, 27, and his girlfriend headed to the grocery store, bought water and food and proceeded to drive downtown looking for anyone who might need help.

"It was hard to tell at first," Ouedraogo explained. "Sometimes you can't tell. But some people were looking in the trash for food. One guy was literally digging in the trash.

"In about 30 minutes, we met 10 people. They were all thankful. ... One told us, 'This made my day,' because he had nothing to eat. If we hadn't given him food, he would not have eaten."

Ouedraogo also volunteers with RESULTS, made up of people who use their voices to influence political decisions that will end poverty. "We try to make a difference through legislation," Ouedraogo said. "We set up meetings with



Rachid Ouedraogo, a naturalized U.S. citizen, spends his spare time working to end poverty.
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legislators to (ask) them to allocate funds for those who need help."

Ouedraogo describes his childhood in Burkina Faso as fairly normal, but says he did witness a lot of poverty. He would like to return to his hometown, to help there as well. But now, his home is in Lafayette, where he believes there is plenty of need right in his own backyard.

"I am an American now, and these are my people," he said. "In America, we have the means to help others. We need to just find the time to do it. I feel like I need to give back. If I can make a difference, we all can."

Q&A WITH RACHID OUEDRAOGO

What does it mean to you to be an American?

For me, being an American means being able to help others. I'm a leader, and I'm also a volunteer, and I really want to be the voice for those in my community who need help and those that really need our attention and our care.

What moment touched or motivated you to get involved?

I've always wanted to help others, but I didn't know how to do that. I just enjoy giving back, even if it's just donating blood or feeding the homeless or being a part of RESULTS.

What gives you hope and what concerns you?

My No. 1 concern is food waste. I feel like there is a lot of food waste in America and in Lafayette. We can find a way to get all this food to these people that need it, but I know that me going downtown and helping people, that's not enough. We need to do more. But what gives me hope is the youth and the young people in this country. And I want to get them involved.

What do you hope to accomplish?

So I got the idea to use hashtags — #selflessunday and #selflessaturday — and to put a weekend aside to help others and post about it. And this will encourage people to see what you've done. Your friends can see great work that you've done and follow in your footsteps.

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Rachid Ouedraogo

Home: Lafayette, Louisiana

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Mission: To spread the word about #selflessaturday and #selflessunday and encourage others to give up one weekend to help the homeless, or anyone who needs assistance, and post it on social media.

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Baseline Folk Society

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Tickets are \$5 at the door, including performers. Sign-up for open mic starts at 6:15 p.m. and ends at 6:40 p.m. Performances are the third Saturday of each month, September through May.

Music at the Elks

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

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Tuesday, Sept. 26, Sean Dobbins' Rising Star Program will feature Peyton Miller. This 17-year-old vibraphone expert will be joined by Sean Dobbins on drums, Corey Kendrick on keyboards and Jeff Pedraz on bass.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Tickets are \$25 each and available at the Summit on the Park (46000 Summit Parkway in Canton). Seating is limited.

Fall activities

Enjoy an afternoon filled with festive treats and fall activities 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, hosted by the Canton Historical Society at the Bartlett-Travis House, 500 N. Ridge Road.

Make a craft to take home and learn more about what Canton farmers would be doing in early fall to prepare for the coming winter.

Tickets are \$25 each and available at the Summit on the Park (46000 Summit Parkway in Canton). Seating is limited.

Volunteer tutor training sessions

The Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council is a volunteer, non-profit organization aiming to improve conversation literacy skills for adults who speak English as a Second Language. CLC provides free one-on-one tutors and conversation group tutors in the Plymouth-Canton community. Volunteer literacy tutors do not need any prior experience.

Tutors receive comprehensive training before volunteering in a setting of their choice for up to two hours each week. The next training class, which includes 12 hours of instruction spread out over two days, will be held the following dates: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21.

Community Literacy Council charges \$40 for each tutor to cover the cost of training, materials and food. Advance reservations are required and can be made at www.plymouthcanton-literacy.org or by calling the literacy council at 734-589-0011.

Patriot Golf Day

The inaugural Patriot Golf Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 30, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, to benefit Folds of Honor.

Tickets are \$125 and include 18 holes of golf with a cart, open driving range, lunch at the turn, event dinner with open bar and awards. Contests include hole-in-one, longest drive, closest to the pin, gift raffle, 50/50 raffle, mulligan and skins.

Registration is at 7:30 a.m. Shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. Lunch at the turn is 10:30 a.m. and dinner and awards are at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, email foldsmichigan@gmail.com.

Suicide prevention program

"Every Suicide is Tragic: What Can I Do?" is an informational event to take place 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, at St. Thomas a'Becket, 555 S Lilley Road, Canton. This event will provide essential information compressed into fast-paced sessions for both teens and adults, addressing questions such as: What does the church teach about suicide? What can I do to prevent it? How can I help others who may be contemplating suicide?

Fall color walks

Join the Friends of Miller Woods for their annual fall color walks 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15 and 22. Each tour lasts one hour, is free, and will leave the entrance every 30 minutes. No dogs or strollers are allowed and you must be able to walk on uneven paths. For more information, go to millerwoods.com or call Cheryl Bord at 734-459-7666. Meet at entrance of woods on Powell Road, just east of Ridge Road.

Good Counsel to host Fatima conference

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, will host a two-day conference, titled "100 Years of Fatima — The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary — A Celebration of Hope," Oct. 13-14. The event will be held in conjunction



The Detroit Lutheran Singers will perform Oct. 22 at Plymouth First United Methodist Church.

with the 100th anniversary of the last of six apparitions of Mary to three young shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

Registration, hotel information and all information on the conference can be accessed at https://www.olgparish.net/fatima. One-day registration cost is \$30; two-day registration cost is \$40; Youth conference is free of charge. Assistance with the registration fee is available.

Wonderful World of Synchro

The Michigan Synchro-Masters will present the Wonderful World of Synchro, a synchronized swimming show, prior to their USA Masters National Competition at 5 p.m. Sunday Oct. 17, at the Schoolcraft College physical education building pool. Admission is \$5 at the door; children are free. Call 734-522-7749 for more information.

Church hosts concert series

The NOTEworthy Concert series at Plymouth First United Methodist Church opens with the Detroit Lutheran Singers at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22. The program theme is "Divide and Conquer: Music of Unity," featuring anthems by many different composers, including Gabrielli, Rutter and Trenney, in settings ranging from double choir to brass and/or organ accompaniment to a capella.

Admission is free; a free-will offering will be received to benefit the PFUMC Chancel Choir and hurricane relief. First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth.

For more information, call 734-453-5280 or go to pfumc.org.

A Night to R.E.M.ember

Sweet Dreamzzz, a local nonprofit, is hosting A Night to R.E.M.ember on Friday, Oct. 20, and it needs help to make it an unforgettable evening.

"Dream for Success" is the theme of the night, promoting how a consistent, good night's sleep is key to good health, overall well-being and academic success for young students. Sweet Dreamzzz works to teach children and their families about the proper steps to take at bedtime, the amount of time required for a good night's rest and provides these children in need with bedtime essentials like sleeping bags, blankets, toothbrushes, toothpaste and nightshirts, to give them their best chance at success.

A Night to R.E.M.ember is the organization's largest annual fundraiser. This year's event will take place at the Detroit Historical Museum and will feature both a live and silent auction, a delicious strolling dinner provided by Forte Belanger, open bar, emcee Iron Mike Racey and auctioneer Steve Gross.

Sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 to \$15,000.

Donors are also needed for both the live and silent auctions. Items of interest include but are not limited to: restaurant gift certificates, overnight hotel stays, local activities, rounds of golf, signed memorabilia, technology, jewelry, artwork, and new household items.

Contact Sweet Dreamzzz executive director Nancy Maxwell at 248-478-3242 or nancymaxwell@sweetdreamzzz.org for more information.

Suicide prevention conference

The Silent Epidemic: A Conference on Suicide is scheduled for Nov. 9-11 at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth.

Join ranking mental health professionals, employee and union leadership, clergy, people who have lost their loved ones to suicide and people who have survived suicide attempts at this three-day event focused on suicide prevention and healing. This year's conference is focused on

five key themes: research and therapeutic modalities, youth and education, veterans and active military, suicide prevention in the workplace and Surviving Suicide: a Journey of Healing and Hope. Single-day registrations and Continuing Education credits are avail-

able. Registration is \$75 (one day) or \$200 (three days) before Sept. 30 and \$100 or \$300 after. For more information or to register, go to https://kevinssong.org/conference/.

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Campian



Vivian Reo 90, died Saturday, September 9, 2017 at his home in Bloomfield Hills surrounded by his family. Born in Detroit on April 30, 1927 to Zacharie and Susana Campian. Beloved husband of Sandra Lu Campian of 60 years, and brother of John Zacharie Campian. Survived by his dear children Marcia Lynn Campian-Scire (Charles), Jonathan Reo Campian (Cynthia) and Kimberley Rea Campian-Newberry (Daryl). Loving grandfather to 9 grandchildren (1 deceased) and 8 great-grandchildren. Detroit automotive magnate; founder (1949) of Modern Body Engineering, Governor Emeritus (Founded 1955) of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Visitation will be held at 3:00pm on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 4872 Ranch Lane, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, followed by a Celebration-of-Life memorial at 5:00pm. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cook



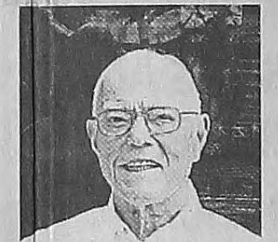
Kimberlee Grace 59, of Westland, formerly of New York City, passed away Friday, September 8, 2017 at the home of her brother Timothy in Farmington Hills. She was born August 12, 1958 in Detroit, MI to James and Elizabeth (Miller) Cook. Kim graduated in 1981 from Wayne State University with a Bachelors of Fine Arts (theater). She then moved to NYC and while pursuing an acting career worked as a waitress, most notably at Union Square Café restaurant. In 1996 Kim began her career as a licensed Massage Therapist and received her Board Certification in Structural Integration in 2007. She worked in that field until her death. She loved reading, playing games with family and friends, puzzles of all sorts, dancing, and of course, her cats. Kimberlee is survived by her loving parents, her brothers Timothy (Theresa) and Caleb (Brenda), nieces Cassandra, Hannah, and Naomi, nephew Travis (Stephanie) and her two grand-nieces Juliette and Fiona. A memorial service will be held on November 12, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Universalist Unitarian Church in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Donations in her honor could be made to the charity / foundation of your choosing.

Mack



Ronald H. "Ron", age 81, Plymouth resident for 58 years; passed away peacefully at Angela Hospice in Livonia with his family by his side on September 15, 2017. Dear husband of Shirley Mack, who preceded him in death on January 18, 1976, and Lorane Mack, who preceded him in death on September 30, 1998. Son of both the late Harold R. and Lucille A. Mack; loving father of Karen (Greg) Reske, Terry Kerby, Richard (Pamela) Mack; proud grandfather of Amy, Jason (Shannon), Ryan (fiancée Natalie), Gregory, Zach (Tessa), Maddie, Michael, Rachel (fiancé Jacob), Randy, Courtney; great-grandfather of Megan, Kaden, and Axel. Ron retired from Burroughs as an engineer after 38 years. He proudly served in the US Air Force and Ohio National Guard. He also coached in the Junior Basketball Association for over 30 years, as well as being a huge University of Michigan football fan - Go Blue! Arrangements were made by Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (between Sheldon & Beck). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to: University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, Angela Hospice or Ward Church; To share a memory of Ron, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

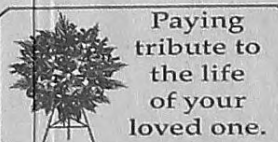
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Calvin M. August 17, 2017. Respected realtor and leader in the Birmingham/Bloomfield communities. Beloved husband of Janet. Dear father of Julie Chamberlain, Susan Hopper (Ken), Sally McCarthy, Cathy Howe (David) and grandchildren Michael, Mary-Kate and Matthew McCarthy, and Tyler, Tori, Courtney and Lindsey Howe. Memorial service and celebration of life will be September 29, 2017, at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Calvin's honor can be sent to "Crossroads for Youth" at 930 East Drahrner, Oxford, MI 48371 or on line to www.crossroadsforyouth.org. Please write "Calvin Chamberlain Memorial" in the memo line. View obituary and share memories at AJDesmond.com.



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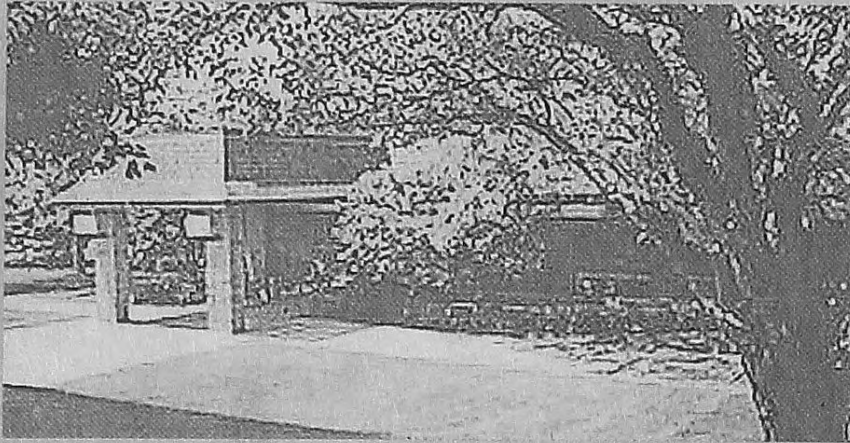
Norton



Margaret passed away September 16, 2017 at the age of 95. Loving wife of the late Francis for 59 years. Beloved mother of Thomas F. Norton, Jacquelyn L. (Dale E. Tomkins) Lada, Robert J. Norton, and the late Elizabeth M. Beauchamp. Cherished grandmother of Lindsey M. Chapman and Kathryn M. Lada. Margaret worked as a secretary at Link Engineering in Detroit. She enjoyed traveling, spending long summers in Port Hope, teaching line dance, sewing, knitting, and cooking. Private services are planned with inurnment at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

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CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

ELL Conversation Groups

When: 9:30-11 a.m. each Thursday and Friday

Details: Practice speaking English in an informal setting with Community Literacy Council volunteers. See the English Language Learner Program FAQ at www.cantonpl.org for more information.

Digital Drop-In Help

When: 10-11 a.m. each Friday

Details: Stop in to get one-on-one help with your e-readers from the friendly experts at the Information desk. Just bring your device and your desire to learn. Kindle users must bring Amazon log-in information as well.

Computer Skills Lab for Beginners

When: 9-11 a.m. second Saturday of each month

Details: If you are looking to build a foundation of strong computer skills, including Internet use and setting up an email account, stop in to CPL's Internet Lab. We will have guided activities for practice with mouse skills, copying/pasting and more, with trusted experts on hand to answer any questions you may have or connect you to additional resources.

Family Storytime

Details: Family Storytime provides an opportunity for caregivers to actively engage with their children under age 5. Together with a youth librarian, you can build early literacy skills in a welcoming environment through meaningful stories, songs, and play. Encourage a love of language and reading while practicing listening and cooperative tasks. Every Family Storytime is followed by a half-hour of ABC Activity Time. Go to www.cantonpl.org for a full September program schedule.

Preschool Storytime

Details: Preschool storytimes feature longer books, flannel board and rhymes designed for children ages 3 1/2-5.5. These activities help develop pre-reading and school-readiness skills. Children must be able to sit independently and be attentive for 30 minutes. Parents may attend, if needed, to help transition their child to this program, and all parents must remain in the children's department. Storytimes start Sept. 11. Registration is required and you can pick a Monday or a Friday session. Go to www.cantonpl.org for registration and schedule.

Baby Storytime

Details: Baby Storytime is designed for babies 18 months and younger with an adult and features simple stories, songs and rhymes carefully chosen to build awareness of language and vocabulary, foster a love of books and provide a fun, interactive experience for babies and parents/caregivers. Baby Storytime sessions start Sept. 12. Registration is required. Visit www.cantonpl.org for registration and schedule.

Teen Boredom Busters

When: 3:30-5 p.m. Sept. 29

Details: Bored after school? Need a study break? No worries, we've got fun activities in our Teen Space that are just right for your busy schedule. Stop by for five or 50 minutes, whatever works for you. Learn something new, meet a new friend or just relieve some stress. We've got board games and coloring sheets always available, or drop in for one of the following activities:

» Fidget Spinners Craft

Hero Hangout: Comics Reading Group

When: 7-8 p.m. third Wednesday of each month

Details: Do you love reading comics or learning about super heroes? Join us for Hero Hangout, a comic book club is for ages 7-12, and you choose what to read. Every week we will be sharing, reading and making comics. Participants are encouraged to bring a comic to share with a group, but are not required.

Library Board Meeting

When: 7:30-9 p.m. third Thursday of each month

Details: CPL is governed by a six-member Library Board of Trustees of community members elected quadrennially on a non-partisan ballot. The public is invited to attend.

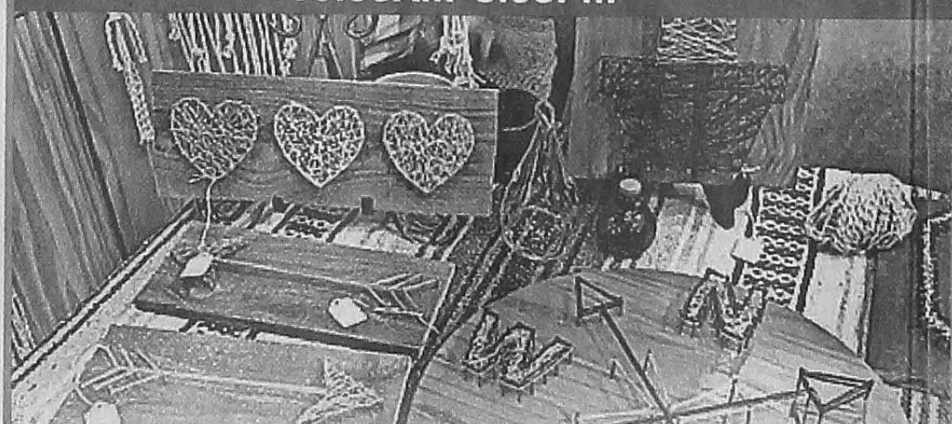
Kindness Rock Project - Adult Painting Party

When: 7-8 p.m. Sept. 26

Details: The Kindness Rock Project is a movement sweeping the nation. The idea is to paint rocks with inspirational messages and place them around town in the hopes of brightening someone's day. To help keep this movement going, adults 18 and older are invited to join us for a rock painting party. Paint, rocks and other supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

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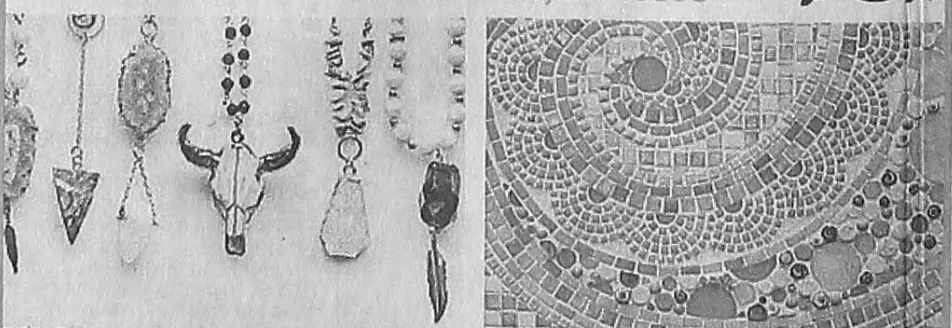


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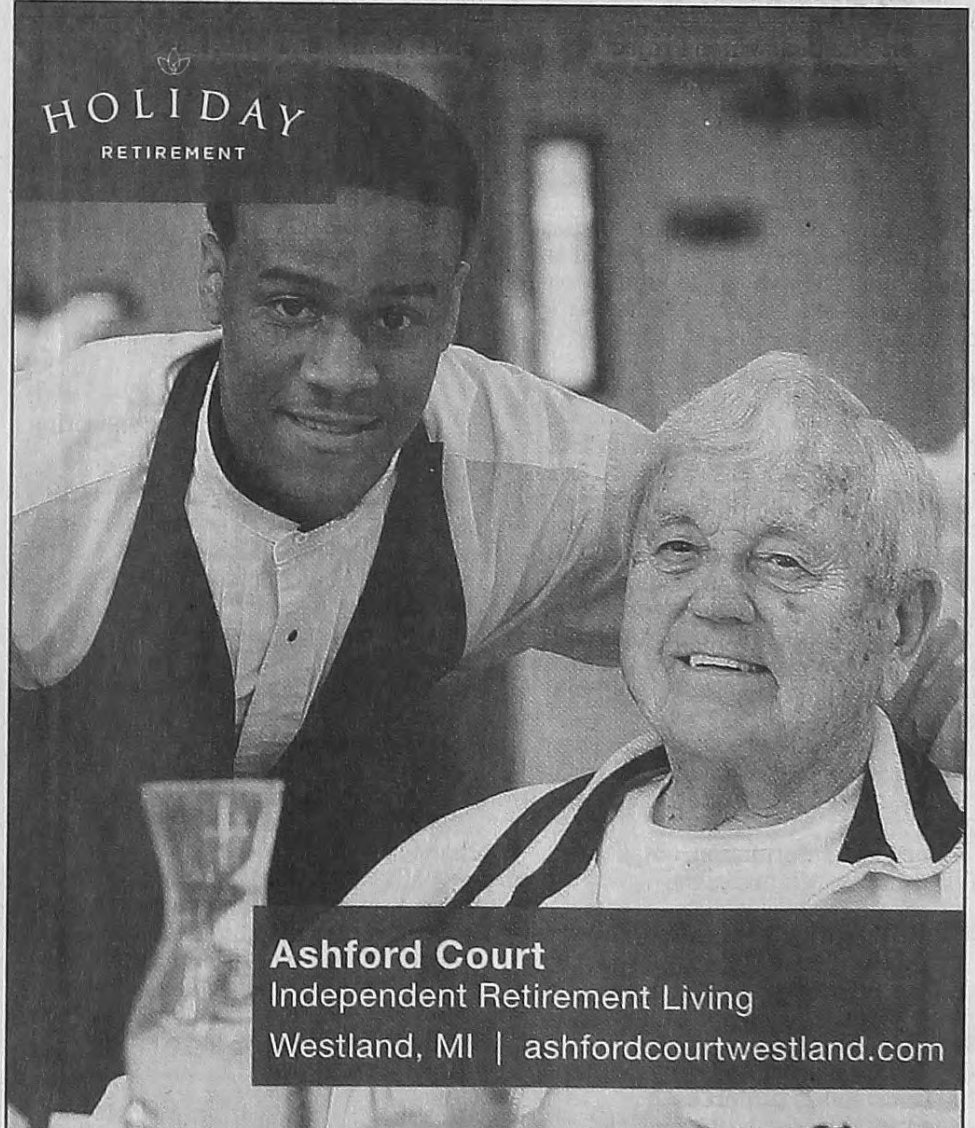
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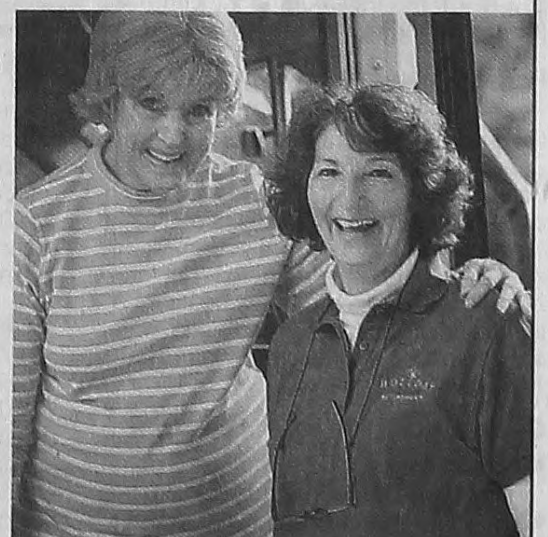
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Black Fang sits on the store shelf, along with other B. Nektar meads. SHARON DARGAY

A toast to craft beer that scares your pants off

Sharon Dargay
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There's no need to wait until Halloween to get your scare on.

Some craft beverage makers add a little anxiety to their ales, while some horror to their honey mead and screams to their stout. At least that's the impression you get looking at some of the labels on a few Michigan brews.

Witch's Hat, for example, keeps beer lovers in "Fear of the Dark" at its South Lyon location.

Ray Leibal, brewer and manager, says a song, rather than monsters under the bed, inspired the scary-sounding brew. It's a beer in the black barley-wine style with a high alcohol content.

The brewery's Bear Witch Project came from a collaboration between Grizzly Peak in Ann Arbor and Witch's Hat.

"It's not as popular as Fear of the Dark because it's a Lichenhainer, which is soured. It's smoky and soured. Not everyone likes that style," Leibal said.

But those who do, like it a lot, he said.

Time for a little liquid nightmare? Just pop open the cap or order on tap and drink. See you in hops hell.

Witch's Hat, South Lyon

Beer: Barrel-aged Fear of the Dark
Its description: "Black barleywine aged in Wild Turkey barrels."

Our take: The 15-percent ABV will make you forget the boogeyman. Just drink up.

Grisly graphic: Scary monster with long, sharp teeth.

Beer: The Bear Witch Project
Its description: "Lacto-soured smoked wheat ale brewed Lichenhainer style."

Our take: Sounds like a movie sequel.

Grisly graphic: Angry-looking, red-faced bear in a witch hat.

Griffin Claw, Birmingham

Beer: Screamin' Pumpkin Ale
Its description: "The perfect beer to celebrate Halloween."

Our take: Better to drink that jack-o-lantern than to smash it.

Grisly graphic: Green, orange and screaming pumpkin.

Beer: Rail District Bohemian Pilsner
Its description: "You gotta like hops to like this beer."

Our take: Train signal crossings are there for a reason.

Grisly graphic: Woman screaming, tied to railroad tracks.

ROAK Brewing Co., Royal Oak

Beer: Blow Your Face Out

Its description: "Crafted to maximize the dark character of hops with piney, tropical and stone fruit aromas and flavors. This beer is going to blow your face out."



Rail District Bohemian Pilsner doesn't sound scary, but this Griffin Claw brew features a graphic of a screaming woman tied to the railroad tracks. SHARON DARGAY

Our take: Face lift with a twist.
Grisly graphic: Screaming man, his mouth overflowing with hops.

Atwater Beer, Detroit

Beer: VooDoo Vator Dopplebock
Its description: "Traditional extended lagering makes the VooDoo Vator deceptively smooth though high in alcohol. Be warned. A stronger, darker version of the bocks of Germany, dopplebocks were designed in monasteries for sustenance during fasting."

Our take: Looking forward to Lent next year.

Grisly graphic: Scary man with glowing eyes holding a skull.

B. Nektar, Ferndale

Mead: Black Fang
Its description: "Sweet and smooth with a full-bodied, dark berry wine character. Reminiscent of Spanish sangria and Garnacha grape wine."

Our take: Goes well with cheese, olives, ham ... and a necklace of garlic.

Grisly graphic: Creepy vampire and victim with bloody teeth marks on her neck.

Short's Brewing Co., Bellaire

Beer: Ben's Asthma
Its description: "Despite the sweet initial flavors, an immediate mouth warming sensation caused by the high alcohol content lingers well beyond the finish."

Our take: No need for albuterol.

Grisly graphic: Asthma inhaler with beer bottle on one end, flames shooting out the mouthpiece — ouch!

New Holland Brewing Co., Holland

Beer: Ichabod
Its description: "Combines malted barley and real pumpkin with cinnamon and nutmeg in a delicious and inviting brew. After dinner, try it with your favorite dessert."

Our take: You might lose your head over this seasonal brew.

Grisly graphic: Horseman with scary jack-o-lantern, on a horse with glowing eyes

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Loaning money to family, friends always carries risk

Q: About five years ago, I co-signed and loaned money to my then daughter-in-law. At the time, it was our understanding that she would make all the payments on the loan that I co-signed and, with the money that I loaned her, she was going to repay me in 10 years. This year, my son and daughter-in-law were divorced. As a result, she shut down her business and went back to Spain, where she is from. The problem is, she has stopped making payments to the bank. The bank has notified me that I am responsible for the payments. My belief is, since my son and daughter-in-law were divorced and the divorce settlement says she must continue to make payments on the loan, I should not be held liable. I did talk to a family friend who is an attorney and he told me that I'm responsible. My question to you: Is he right and is there anything that I can do?

A: I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but I do agree with the attorney



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

that you are responsible to repay the loan. The fact that in the divorce settlement your ex-daughter-in-law agreed to continue to make the payments has no bearing on the bank. The bank was not a party to the divorce, so it is not bound by the settlement. The bank is the only party that can remove you as a co-signer from the loan. The divorce — or even if your daughter-in-law had gone into bankruptcy — would have no effect on your responsibility as a co-signer on the loan.

My advice to you is see if you can negotiate something with the bank. In many situations, banks are willing to negotiate to reduce the outstanding balance of the loan. It may pay to have your attorney friend, if he feels qualified, contact the bank to see if it is

Co-signing a loan for family and friends is always tricky. ... My advice to anyone who wants to co-sign a loan for a family member or friend is to always proceed with caution.

willing to enter into a negotiation. You have nothing to lose by attempting to deal with the bank. It may surprise you that banks frequently will negotiate in situations such as yours.

Co-signing a loan for family and friends is always tricky. Not only can there be financial implications if something goes wrong, it can also have significant ramifications within the family that may be more difficult to deal with than the financial issues. My advice to anyone who wants to co-sign a loan for a family member or friend is to always

proceed with caution. I also tell them that, unless they can afford to repay the loan if there is a default, they need to think twice before co-signing. I recognize everyone wants to help family and friends, but sometimes you have to say no. You also need to consider how family dynamics will be affected if there is a default and you are forced to repay the loan.

If you are loaning money to a family member or friend, you should have everything put in writing. All too often, there is not a clear understanding that there are responsibilities on the borrower. It is important for the borrower to know that the loan has to be repaid in a timely manner. Putting everything in writing shows the seriousness of the transaction and that repayment is expected.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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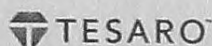
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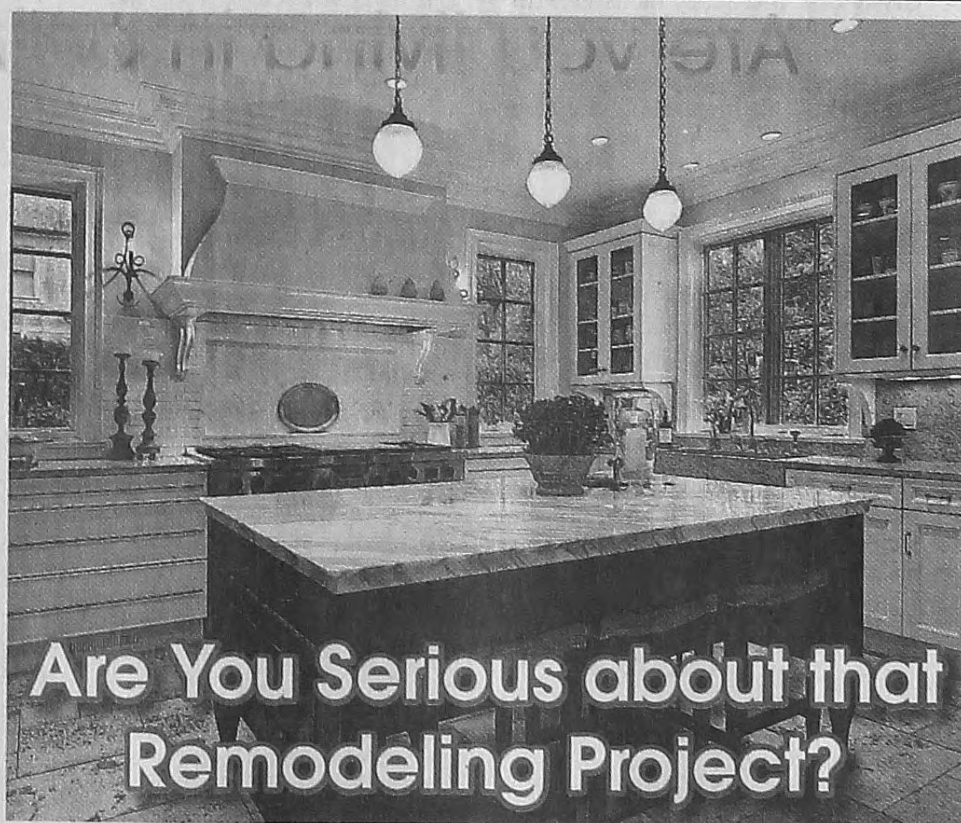
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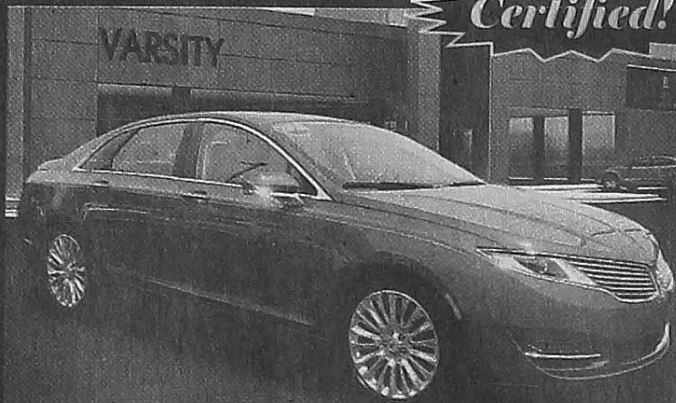
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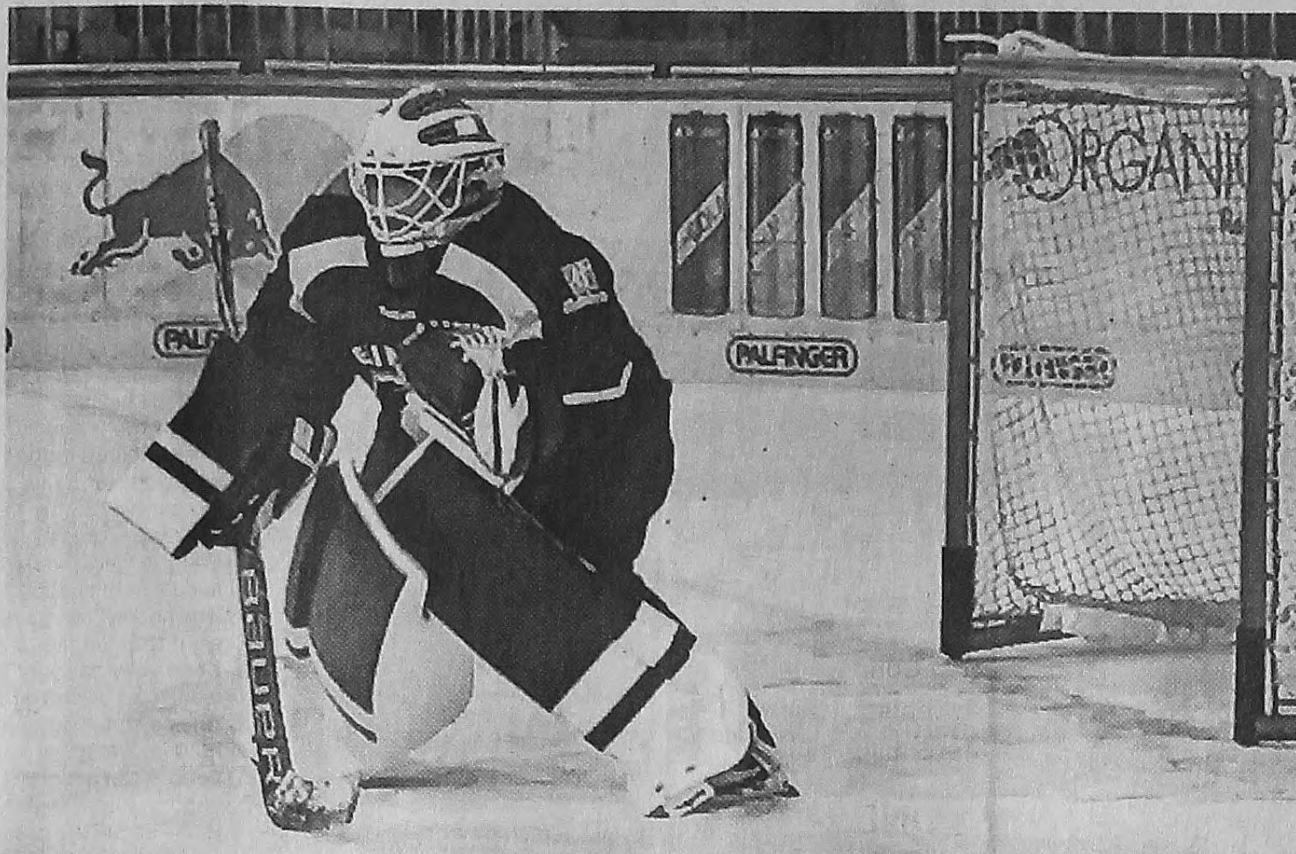
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EUROPEAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY



Allie Carter, a Salem High School grad, tends goal during a recent practice for the DEC Salzburg Eagles. JEFF CARTER

PUCKS & PASSPORTS

Salem graduate gets chance to pursue two favorite passions, hockey and world travel

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Allie Carter is getting quite a head start on her bucket list.

Not only is the 24-year-old Carter getting to play women's professional hockey, the Salem High School alum is traveling all over Europe as part of the experience.

"I have been to Europe a handful of times and I realized how much I enjoyed exploring parts of the world that have such a different way of life," said Carter, a goaltender who signed with the DEC Salzburg Eagles of the European Elite Women's Hockey League. "Being able to travel and play hockey at the same time is a dream come true."

Carter — who grew up playing locally for Little Caesars and Victory Honda — went on to play between the pipes at Lake Forest (Ill.) College, where she graduated in 2016 with a degree in economics.

Knowing the "numbers game" the way she does, she quickly realized there might be precious few years in which she could travel Europe and keep her hockey career alive.

"I knew I wasn't ready for my hockey career to be over before I started my senior year in college, so I started reaching out to teams in Europe," Carter

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Allie Carter gets ready to take her equipment inside the Red Bull Salzburg Eisarena for practice. JEFF CARTER

PREP FOOTBALL

Sofran excited to again be part of Boys Bowl

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com

Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice and Novi Detroit Catholic Central are again matched in the Boys Bowl and David Sofran is excited to be a part of it.

The Catholic League stalwarts renew their historic gridiron rivalry in the 73rd Boys Bowl classic Sunday at Father Richard Elmer Stadium on the CC campus. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.

Sofran will experience this year's battle from a different perspective.

Instead of wearing Brother Rice's black and orange, Sofran will be dressed in CC's blue and white.



Sofran

Sofran, a Brother Rice graduate who went on to coach at his alma mater for 16 years, three years as the head coach, is now an assistant to new Catholic Central head coach Dan Anderson.

Sofran was dismissed as Rice's head coach following the 2016 season, when the Warriors finished with a 7-4 record, losing to neighborhood rival Birmingham Groves in the Division 2 district championship game.

He admits it will be a bit strange peering across the sidelines at the school that was such a formidable part of his youth and adult life.

"I guess I'm going to be on the other sideline that I'm not used to being on for this game," said Sofran, who grew up in Farmington Hills. "My brother-in-law went to Catholic Central, my uncle went there and I had a cousin who went there, so even as a player, we played at (Pontiac's) Wisner Stadium. Sometimes my family would sit on the CC side, even though I was playing for Brother Rice.

"So the rivalry was even in my own family," he added. "It's one of those things, now the people who were at CC have fully embraced me as being part of the Shamrock family."

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GOING BOWLING

What: 73rd Boys Bowl football game
Who: Catholic Central vs. Brother Rice
When: 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24
Where: Father Richard Elmer Stadium on the CC campus
Series: The overall series between the teams is tied at 30-30-1; Rice holds a slim 18-17-1 series advantage in the Boys Bowl

BOYS LACROSSE

Livonia Raptors drive interest in prep team

Tim Smith
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Lacrosse is growing in popularity by leaps and bounds across Livonia, with a big assist to the Livonia Raptors youth program.

And hopes continue to abound that a unified Livonia high school lacrosse team could soon get the go-ahead to form a team in the Livonia Public Schools district.

Eric Young, who heads up the Raptors (which have U-9, U-12 and U-14

boys teams), recently met with an administrator in the district and has plans to have a second meeting in the near future.

Raptors spokesperson Paula Young said now is a good time to get something going in Livonia as "boys and our coaches are passionate about lacrosse and hope to continue to play in high school."

The Raptors teams practice and play home games at Bentley Field, beginning in March and continuing until June.

In addition to league games, the

Raptors also participate in the Cranbrook LAX Jam, Great LAX Bay Classic in Saginaw, Eagle Jam Tournament and Sting Shoot-out (at Detroit Country Day).

According to Stacy Jenkins, communications administrator for Livonia Public Schools, the district did an athletic survey in the spring to gauge interest in adding lacrosse, bowling and skiing as high school sports offerings.

The school board is expected to soon

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From left, Livonia Raptors 14-U players 14U) Ethan Waldo, Ethan Young and Teddy Mazaris are freshmen at Livonia Stevenson. They hope to continue playing lacrosse for their high school. PAULA YOUNG

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CARTER

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wrote, responding to questions in a lengthy email. "I knew of a couple former teammates who played in Europe after college, plus it combines my two favorite things, playing hockey and traveling, so playing hockey in Europe seemed like an amazing opportunity."

Didn't give up

She needed to persevere, of course. "It was hard to find contacts for teams in Europe, but I did a lot of research to find emails to reach out to," Carter wrote. "I sent emails out to over 20 teams displaying my interest to play in Europe, along with a hockey resume of my stats and accomplishments through the years."

"The teams that did respond said they either already filled their import spots or they weren't looking for a goaltender import."

That was during summer 2016, immediately following her graduation from Lake Forest. Unable to find a 2016-17 team to play for, she was told to stay connected in case something opened up in the near future.

"The assistant coach told me to stay in contact for the next season and they would also be looking for forward imports as well," Carter wrote. "I got the assistant coach in touch with my best friend who I grew up playing on Little Caesars with, Cassidy Tucker (of Plymouth)."

"She was going to be a senior forward at Princeton University and wanted to play in Europe the following season. Both of us stayed in touch with the coach throughout the (2016-17) year."

"At the end of the Salzburg Eagles season, the coach reached out to us and asked if we wanted the spots for the 2017-18 season."

Going for it

Although Carter was working full time as a risk analyst, "I knew this was too good of an opportunity to pass up. I decided to quit my job and sign with the Salzburg Eagles."

Carter moved to Austria about a month ago and began training for the 2017-18 season with practices at Red Bull



The four imports are (from left) Hannah Behounek, Cassidy Tucker, Allie Carter, and Marissa Redmond, on a day trip to Zell Am See, a lake in Austria. COURTESY ALLIE CARTER

Salzburg Eisarena.

Although it helps big time to have Tucker on the team with her, along with other "imports" Hannah Behounek and Marissa Redmond, it has been a relatively seamless transition to European life.

And communication hasn't been as much of a problem as one might think.

"The new head coach is from Finland and is able to speak Finnish and some English, while most of the girls on the team are fluent in German and English," she continued. "So the coach communicates to all of us in English, since that is the only language everyone can communicate in."

"The language barrier hasn't been as difficult as I thought it would be, but I would like to learn German to be able to say and understand the basics. The native language in Austria is a dialect of German, but German would be the language I would study."

She's realistic

Hockey is the daily grind, if you will. But there is a magnificent backdrop featuring everything from day trips to Zell Am See (a lake in



Allie Carter and teammates are dressed in traditional Austrian fashion, dirndls, before going to a Kirchtag (festival) in Salzburg. COURTESY ALLIE CARTER

Austria) to kicking it at a Kirchtag (festival) in Salzburg. For the latter, players dressed in traditional Austrian fashion — dirndls.

The economics graduate also fully understands that the chance to play women's pro hockey in Austria, Italy, Germany, Hungary and Kazakhstan is not going to set her up for life.

"The team covers health insurance, the apartment, any team travel costs and gives us

the time to be homesick," Carter wrote. "I Facetime my family and friends a couple times a week to catch up, but it's similar to being away in college."

"My parents helped me move to Salzburg and plan on visiting a couple times to watch me play and sightsee a bit. I also have friends already planning trips to visit, which gives me something to look forward to. Having one of my best friends from home playing on the team with me has helped with being so far from home."

Tough as nails

When Carter is on the ice (she takes after her dad, who also was a goalie, by the way), she is a bulldog competitor who plays bigger than her diminutive size might suggest.

"Carter is a great competitor and loves hockey," Lake Forest head coach Carisa Wahlig told Natalie Bober for an article in the Chicago Tribune. "She can handle pressure, be counted on by her teammates and is one of the hardest working goalies I've ever had the pleasure to coach."

Stats back up that statement. In 36 games

ALL ABOUT ALLIE

Who: Allie Carter, 24, 2011 Salem High School graduate. **What:** Carter, whose parents are Jeff and Theresa Carter, is a goalie playing professionally in Austria, in the European Elite Women's Hockey League. Her team is the DEC Salzburg Eagles and she is one of four North American "imports" on the roster. Also on the squad is her best friend, Cassidy Tucker of Plymouth.

Why: After Carter graduated in 2016 from Lake Forest (Ill.) College, where she played goal and earned a degree in economics, she was not ready to give up hockey.

So far, so good: Language with Salzburg Eagles teammates and coaches has not been as problematic as it might have seemed from the outset when Carter signed with the team.

About the league: Carter, whose siblings include 21-year-old sister Jenna and 26-year-old brother Kenny, both Salem grads, said the EWL is "very comparable to middle of the pack D-III college hockey" with a total of eight teams in five countries.

Keep your day job: The team gives players a monthly stipend and covers insurance, housing and travel costs.

Follow the action: Go to eishockey.org/category/ewhl. Home games are streamed on Facebook ([facebook.com/DEC.Salzburg.Eagles/](https://www.facebook.com/DEC.Salzburg.Eagles/)).

with the Foresters, she gave up just 1.61 goals and registered a .929 save percentage.

Yet, Carter knows on which side her bread is buttered. Hockey is great and so is travel. But at some point, it will be back to reality.

"Women's hockey isn't something you can really make a career out of, which is sad, but it's the truth," Carter wrote.

"Playing hockey in Europe never was meant to be a career move, but more so a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

"I'm looking forward to this season and, depending on how it goes, I would be open to coming back for another season if given the chance, but eventually I plan on moving back to the States and starting my (business) career."

But who can blame Carter for rolling the dice as long as she can — especially when everything's coming up hockey pucks?

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LACROSSE

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review results of that survey, Jenkins added.

Parents of Raptors players are optimistic that something can be launched to bring the sport into Livonia high schools.

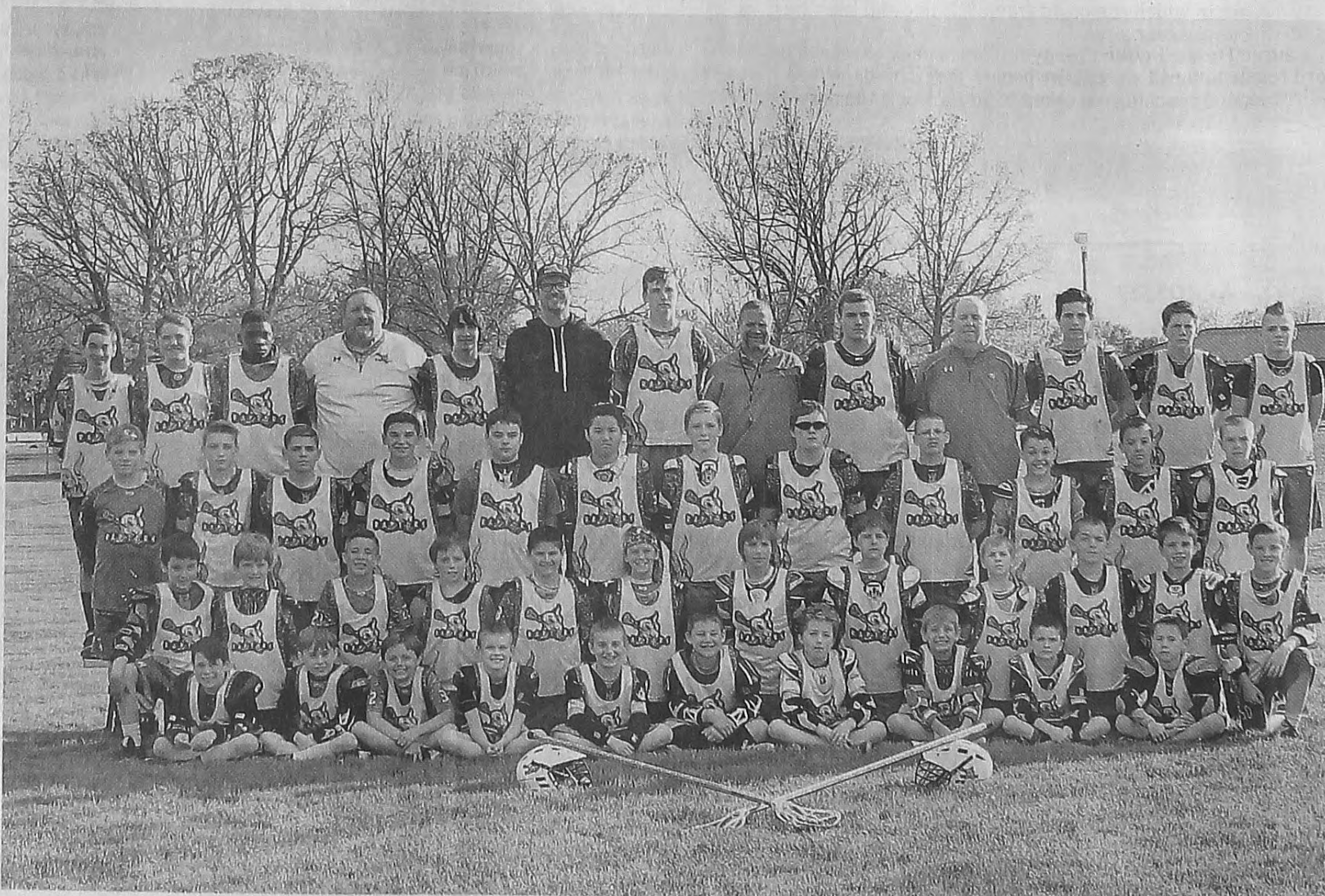
"My son Colby has been playing lacrosse for four years," Kellie Dummer wrote in an email. "He will be in 10th grade at Churchill High School this year. He has played lacrosse on several different teams, including a Northville parks and rec team and a travel team out of Canton."

"Not until he was able to join the Livonia Raptors, two years ago, did he really feel he had found his team. We have enjoyed playing other local teams and traveling to tournaments with the Raptors."

Amy Slitti added that the Raptors are good for helping youngsters on and off the field.

"The director and coaches do an excellent job teaching game technique, sportsmanship and leadership skills," Slitti said. "You can see the players' confidence grow while having fun at the same time."

"This past season was our fourth year with the



Boys lacrosse players with the Livonia Raptors want to play at the high school level. LIVONIA RAPTORS

Raptors program and camaraderie has been nothing short of amazing."

Dummer added that

many families in Livonia Public Schools are hopeful that their boys will be able to keep playing the sport during high school

years. "Our family and many others are hoping to continue this momentum into a high school team for

Livonia Public Schools," she said. "These boys shouldn't have to leave their home school district or city to continue to play

lacrosse, a sport which is growing in popularity."

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Road to state finals goes through No. 2 Mercy

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Farmington Hills Mercy's volleyball program has been nothing short of sensational this millennium.

Since 2000, the Marlins have captured 16 district championships — 14 straight since 2004 — four regional championships and they have played in two final fours. In 2010, Mercy lost the state championship game to Catholic League rival Bloomfield Hills Marian.

Veteran head coach Loretta Vogel, in her ninth season after taking over for Ed Moeller in 2007, believes continuity has keyed the program's success.

"I think what makes us successful is the coaching staff remains fairly consistent," said Vogel, who is assisted by Mallory Kopa, Andrew Thompson, Derek Williams and Charisse Youmans. "We've all worked together, we know each other and everyone has the same philosophy, so that makes it easy."

"Whether it's our JV or our freshman programs, they are trained with the same concepts," she added. "I truly believe it creates that success. There is never a surprise. Every year, it's the same thing."

A postseason oddity

While the wins keep piling up, there has been a bit of an oddity to Mercy's state tournament lives lately. The Marlins have suffered season-ending losses to the eventual state champion in each of the past three years.

In 2014, Mercy captured the regional crown, but lost in the quarterfinal to Romeo, which went on to defeat Novi in the Class A state title game. The past two seasons, Novi ended Mercy's season in the regional championship game and went on to win back-to-back state titles.

"I guess we like to look at it as they have to get by us," Vogel said. "We've really faced some competitive programs over the years on this side of the state. There's Romeo, Dakota has had a strong program, there's Seaholm and the list goes on. On this side of the state, there are some very successful programs."

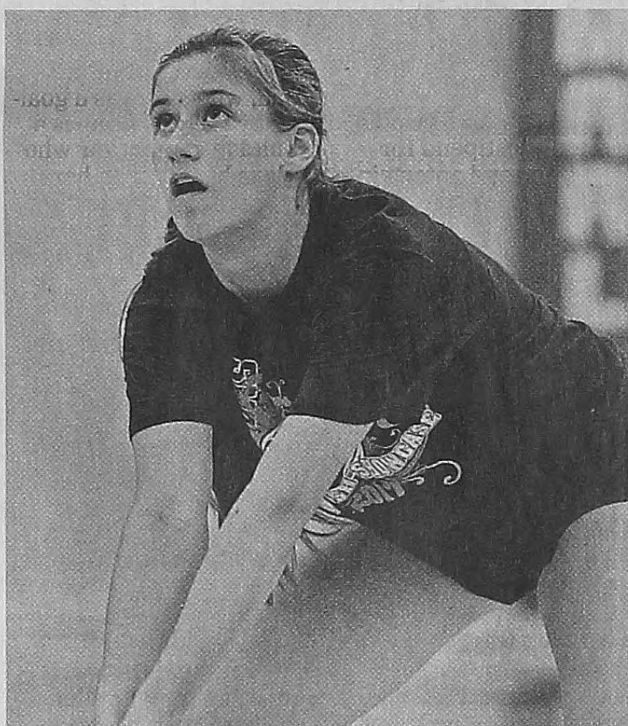
Lauren Hunter, a Milford resident in her fourth varsity season, said Mercy has always played well, but other teams have earned the right to advance.

"I think of it as more of a good thing and it's not really frustrating that we lost to those teams," Hunter said. "I feel like (the other teams) won the state championship and they deserved it. I feel like we went out of the tournament to the right team. If we would have beaten them, I think we could have won the state championship."

Mercy, with eight



Senior outside hitter Lauren Hunter provides Mercy with a key weapon around the net and strong leadership skills. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Sophomore Kayla Shields helps Mercy's defense from the back end as a libero. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

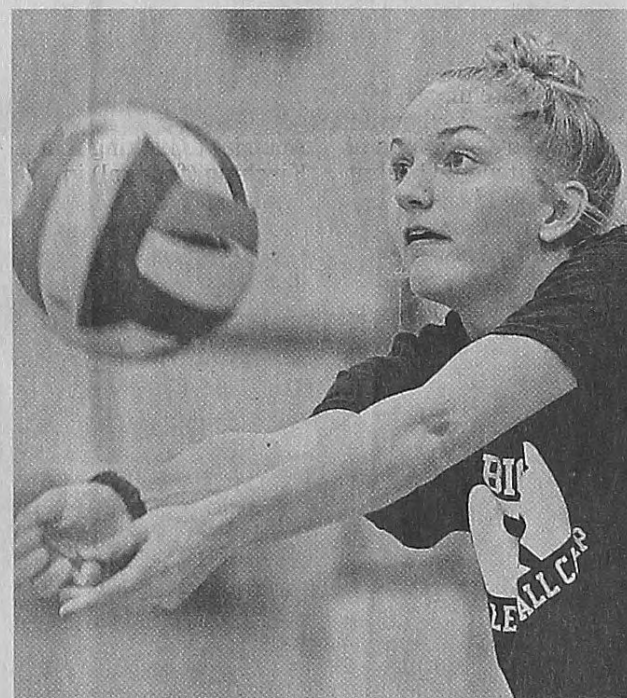
returning players and a key starter back in the fold, has its sights set on another strong season. The roster includes players from all four classes, including three freshmen.

The Marlins are ranked No. 2 in the state, trailing only Rockford, by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association. They own a 15-3 record — two losses to Rockford — and already have scored championship

hardware after winning both the Notre Dame Prep and Mercy tournament titles.

"I'm happy where the girls are at right now," Vogel said. "I think the girls really put in the time. We just come in every day at practice and we work on things. We always try to step back and realize what we do in practice today."

"I just know how today went and I expect to see those skills tomorrow. Let's just try to per-



Logan Beyer is a returning junior outside hitter for Mercy, which has won 14 consecutive Class A district championships. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

fect what we worked on today," she added. "And that's the extent of where I look. I'm just worried about tomorrow. I think the kids understand that, because that is what's demanded from me."

A competitive group

Vogel's two seniors are Hunter and Libby Miodonski.

Hunter heads into the 2017 campaign as one of Mercy's top outside left-front hitters. An honorable mention all-state

pick last year, Hunter is also considered a strong on-court leader.

Miodonski missed all of last year because of an ACL injury, but remained close to the program by serving as a team manager. Vogel is overjoyed to have her back on the court.

Juniors Logan Beyer (outside hitter), Grace Kane (defensive specialist), Emily Susitko (outside hitter) and Mallory Conrad (middle hitter), plus sophomores Kayla



Loretta Vogel, in her ninth season as Mercy's volleyball coach, believes continuity keys the program's success. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

CLASS A STATE RANKINGS

1. Rockford (20-1)
2. Mercy (13-3)
3. Lake Orion (25-3)
4. Novi (12-2)
5. Clarkston (14-6)

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Shields (libero) and Jess Mruzik (outside hitter) are a few other players Vogel is counting on. Mruzik made third team all-state last year as a freshman.

"Everyone has done some really nice things for us," Vogel said. "The girls are very competitive and I think that's what makes this year special for everyone."

"I think the strength of our team is that we think the game. We have that strong mindset," she added. "We get excited, but it's not a guessing game with us. We have a true thought process."

Looking to improve

Mercy simply looks to improve by the time the Catholic League and state tournaments roll along. The Marlins would love to add a 15th straight district crown to their showcase and challenge for a spot in the final four.

"I knew we would be good this year, but I am very impressed with the level of play of the new varsity girls this year," said Hunter, a freshman on the 2014 team that lost in the quarterfinals to Romeo. "They are very mature and they know what's expected of them. They all know how to work hard and do their part."

"I have been playing with some of these girls for the past three years and we have a lot of returning players who were starters coming back. We play well together and we understand each other's personalities. We understand how to motivate one another and we know how to get a lot out of one another. We're a confident team."

"I definitely think we can get far in the state tournament again. This year, we're on a different side of the bracket," she added. "So I definitely think we can win our district, win our region and, hopefully, get to the final four. That's our main goal."

SOFRAN

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Assimilated nicely into CC

Over the summer, Sofran accepted the job as Catholic Central's admissions enrollment manager. He later agreed to assist Anderson by serving as quarterbacks and receivers coach.

Sofran has assimilated nicely into the Shamrocks program, although he admits there is still a sentiment for the Warriors players he once coached.

"I feel like it's one of those things, like I've known those kids at Rice so well and there is all positive feelings for the types of kids they are," Sofran said. "Yet, at the same time, the staff at CC, the community and the players at CC have been amazing at welcoming me into their campus."

"I'm a CC staff member now, so I'm obviously rooting for the Shamrocks to be successful," he added. "But I do have a heart for the guys at Rice, because I've known them since they were freshmen. It should be a great game and, being the Boys Bowl again, it's

a special rivalry and I feel blessed to be a part of it and see both sides of it."

The teams enter their annual clash each with a 2-2 record. Oddly enough, the teams have met 61 times over the years and the series is dead even at 30-30-1.

A special game to play

Sofran is well aware of what it's like to both play and coach in the popular Boys Bowl. He said it's a special game to play.

"It's funny. The coaches have joked a little bit with me about being a

Brother Rice alum," he said. "I've kind of jokingly said that, if you just exchanged jerseys on both teams, you really wouldn't notice the difference in the kids because they all work hard, they're coachable and they love playing the game."

"They're fortunate that they get to play in the game. I get to see it as a coach, but it's great to be part of the game as a player and that's what matters. It's an important game (this year) in the standings for both programs and I know Brother Rice will be prepared and ready and I know we

will as well.

"It's good Catholic League football and it is what it is," he added. "It's a great rivalry because it's two great programs and two great schools which have had a lot of tradition."

Catholic Central began the Boys Bowl in 1944, when it hosted Boys Town out of Nebraska. The game ended in a 14-14 tie at Briggs Stadium (later Tiger Stadium) in Detroit.

Brother Rice and Catholic Central first hooked up in 1966, with the Warriors winning 40-21 at the University of Detroit. The teams

played continuously in the Boys Bowl until 1997. Since then, they have been matched as Boys Bowl opponents in 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2015.

Catholic Central won the last meeting against Brother Rice — Sofran's second year as the Warriors head coach — 35-7.

Brother Rice leads the Boys Bowls series, 18-17-1. The tie was in 1968, when they played to a scoreless deadlock at the University of Detroit.

Last year, the Shamrocks defeated Warren DeLaSalle in the Boys Bowl, 17-7.

BOYS SOCCER

Martin enjoying new life as Seaholm's varsity goalkeeper

Marty Budner
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Zachary Martin is making the most of his first year on Seaholm's varsity boys soccer squad.

The Maples had a wealth of goalie talent last season, including seniors Joey Kopmeyer and Matt Roskiewicz. Kopmeyer started the majority of games, led the Maples to the Division 1 district championship and finished his career as an all-state honorable mention



Vince

selection.

Martin waited in the wings, gaining valuable playing time as the junior varsity's starting goalie. Now a senior, Martin has successfully made the jump to varsity and is backstopping the Maples to great results.

Second-year Seaholm head coach Jared Vince said he explained to Martin last year that playing junior varsity might be the best thing for him, since Seaholm already had two established varsity goalies.

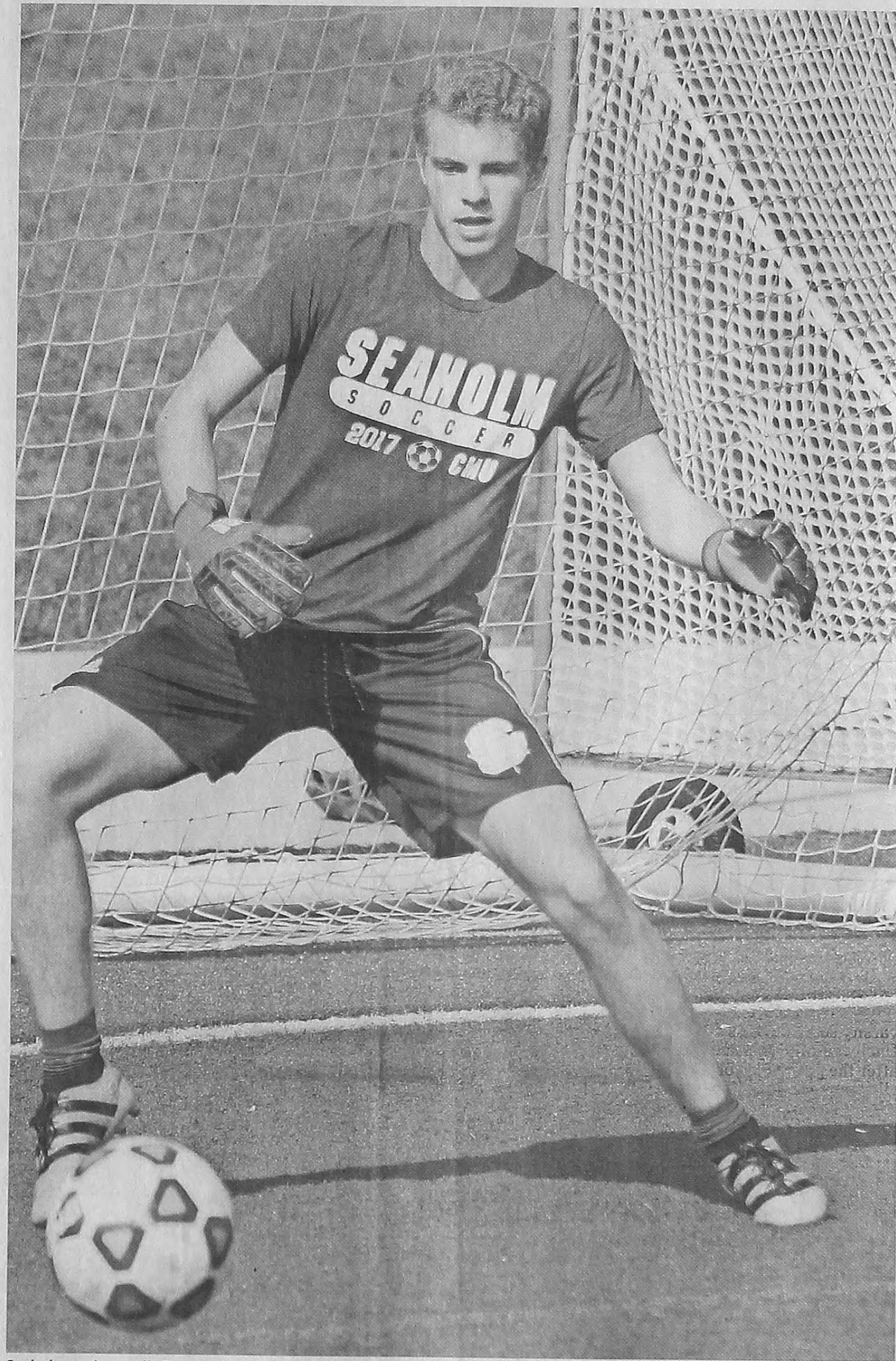
"(Kopmeyer) was going to get the lion's share of time on varsity because he deserved it at the time," Vince said. "And I had that conversation with (Martin), because I knew he should have been a varsity player, but he just wasn't going to get any playing time behind Joey and our backup Matthew Roskiewicz, who also was a fantastic goalie.

"Zach was 100 percent OK with being a starter on JV and he was a leader for that team," he added. "He got almost every minute of playing time with the JV and that was the hope, is that he got a lot more experience and playing time so that, when he did get to varsity, he'd have those minutes under his belt. I do think it helped him. It's better to play than to sit and watch."

Learning experience

Martin acknowledged that last year was a tremendous learning experience. He knew he wasn't going to get much action with Kopmeyer between the pipes.

"(Kopmeyer) was a very good goalie. I looked up to him and he taught me some stuff," Martin said. "He taught me how



Seaholm senior goalie Zachary Martin is excelling in his first year as a varsity player. MARTY BUDNER

to warm up and I just loved watching him. I loved watching how he played and how hard he played. I watched how he was a good leader and I try to be the same way."

Martin has helped lead Seaholm to a 5-2-4 record this fall, posting four shutouts through the first 11 games and with a .570 save percentage and

a 1.36 goals-against average. He's also stopped a couple of penalty kicks.

For his most recent efforts — which included a sensational performance against district rival Groves, when he posted a 10-save shutout — he was voted as the Hometownlife.com Athlete of the Week.

"I had a great game

against Groves. They out-possessed us and they were getting a lot of shots on us," Martin said. "I was lucky that I guessed right and came up with a couple big saves and I was happy with how I performed.

"I love the way my defenders have been playing in front of me. They have participated

in the shutouts, too. It's not just me," he added. "There have been a couple games that we tied that I think we could have done better, but we're looking pretty good right now."

Vince couldn't be happier with Martin's play. "Zachary is a leader on the team in so many ways. He's a vocal leader

and he's kind of like my second coach on the field," Vince said. "He's a good guy who all the other players look up to. And on top of that, he's a fantastic goalkeeper.

"He has composure and confidence and has come up with some big saves for us so far this year. He came up with key PK saves against Groves and Harrison and that's just a couple highlights of a lot of highlights for him. We just count on him out there.

"He has a boldness and an awareness which allows him to make saves," he added. "He's quick and agile and doesn't give up. He plays with a ton of confidence."

Another strong season

Seaholm is in the midst of another strong season despite the fact it is returning just four starters from last year's squad, which finished with a 10-3-5 record after falling to Grand Blanc, 2-1, in a very tightly-played regional semifinal game.

Returning seniors Hagen Cunningham, Grant Davis, Ryan Ramaekers and Taylor Ufford have played key roles in helping Seaholm contend for the OAA White Division title this year. The Maples are in a heated battle with North Farmington, Lake Orion and Groves for first place.

Cunningham leads Seaholm's offense in total points with five goals and four assists. Ramaekers (four), senior Zachary Ziegler (four) and sophomore Jake Krivan (three) are the Maples' other multiple goal scorers through 11 games.

Davis, Ufford, senior Noah Fritz and junior Nick Nowacki are the defenders who have been so helpful in keeping the opposition from gaining quality scoring chances on Martin.

"It's a brand new team in a lot of ways, with a lot of kids new to varsity," Vince said. "We've had a couple injuries with starters who are out for the season, but they are all brothers. They are totally united and they are great with each other on and off the field.

"They have this desire to win and they don't give up," he added. "We're developing, working as a unit together and figuring out where everyone fits. It's been really good so far. I've inherited a good program."

GIRLS SWIMMING

Plymouth alums come back to lead Wildcats

Tim Smith
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The Plymouth girls swim and dive team is being led by a former standout performer, Emily Weiner.

She takes over the Wildcats' helm, four years after finishing her prep career as captain of Plymouth's swim squad.

Weiner, 22, demonstrated leadership capabilities back in high school, too, as a captain for three years.

After high school, she went to Michigan State University, where she earned a degree in education.

In addition, she coached a summer club team in Ann Arbor for five years, helping instruct swimmers be-

tween ages 5-17.

Another Plymouth alum also joins the new coaching staff as one of Weiner's former Wildcats teammates, Lydia Plencner, is the assistant swim coach. Plencner also was a captain for two years at Plymouth and has coached a summer club team in Canton.

Both are joined by returning dive coach Allison Turner.

Plymouth's roster includes Liz Breda, Vy Nguyen, Abby Boyer, Regan Peregord, Sneha Sundar, Alyssa Yang, Molly Baumgart, Chrissy Brown, Grace Maclellan and Sanjana Nagamangala, who all have had early season success at dual meets.

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Plymouth's varsity girls swim and dive team has a new coaching staff. From left are dive coach Allison Turner, head coach Emily Weiner and assistant swim coach Lydia Plencner.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Livonia United finally gets the green light

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After some stops and starts, high school girls in the Livonia Public Schools district finally will get the chance to play prep hockey.

The fledgling girls team will be called Livonia United and will include players from the three high schools in the district — Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson.

A logo is in the works, with McGowan Sport Shop in Livonia to make the uniforms.

"I wasn't going to give up or take no for an answer," coach Janine Mar-

tinez wrote in a text message. "This is a Livonia team that needs to skate in Livonia to get support from family, friends, younger girl hockey players and classmates.

"This season will be a rough one, but we need to start it now and not wait after 15 years."

Martinez struggled for a couple of years to turn an idea into reality. Soon, that reality will hit the ice as players will begin practices Oct. 30 at Devonaire Ice Arena. Games in the Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League are set to begin in November, with the first home game Nov. 13

at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena.

According to Martinez, the complete schedule is still being finalized. There will be fundraisers at Buffalo Wild Wings and Panera, with 20 percent of restaurant sales to go to the team. An email blast also will be sent by Livonia Public Schools.

In an email, Martinez said the team needs as much community support as possible.

"We could use a few more players," she wrote. "We are making history and hoping (for) many years and success to come."

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Among players likely to be part of the Livonia United girls high school hockey team is goalie Maddie Marciw. The team recently received the OK to compete during the 2017-18 season.

BOYS SOCCER

Plenty of action as Seaholm, Groves play to scoreless tie

Marty Budner
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Neither Seaholm nor Groves scored a goal as they renewed their cross-town rivalry on the pitch Thursday, but that didn't mean the game was devoid of action.

Far from it. The teams put on a dazzling display of physical, emotional soccer at Falcons Field before an enthusiastic crowd.

The Maples controlled the first part of the opening half, while the Falcons finally found their legs later and took over play just before halftime. Groves played most of the second half at Seaholm's end without denting the net.

"It was a fun game of soccer to watch tonight," Groves head coach Jonathan Turner said.

Goalkeepers Zachary Martin from Seaholm and Christian Williams from Groves were simply outstanding.

Following are five takeaways from the entertaining Oakland Activities Association White Division battle:

PLAY OF THE GAME

Martin, Seaholm's senior goalkeeper, easily was the star of the game.

Martin made the key play by stopping Groves midfielder Alberto Whitmer on a penalty kick seven minutes into the second half. After being taken down in the box, Groves' senior captain was awarded the PK, which he launched to the middle right side of the goal. Martin lunged to his left, reached as far as he could and knocked the ball away.

But Martin wasn't done.

The ball stayed in play and the Falcons picked up the rebound. Martin picked himself up and blocked a point-blank shot. Again, the ball went to the far right of the field and Martin was forced to make a third save to keep the game scoreless.

"Yeah. I'm pretty good on those (PKs). I just keep the players guessing," said Martin, who has now stopped three PKs in a row. "I have to get on my defense to get there if I save it, but sometimes they are just waiting for me to save it. But, I thought I played a good game today and I was happy with my performance.

"There were a lot of shots," he said. "I thought we played hard. We didn't possess well. They possessed well and tired us out. They got a lot of shots on us but luckily I was able to hold up."

Martin finished the game with 10 saves in registering his third shutout of the season. Martin is playing superb in the net in his first varsity season as he's finally getting a chance after the graduation of all-star goalie Joey Kopmeyer.

Turner said Martin, who has a 1.37 goals-against average, simply turned the game around. "Obviously, the PK you want to get, but their goalie made a great save," Turner said. "(Alberto Whitmer) did a good job and put it to where he needed to put it, but the goalie just made a heck of a save. Kudos to him.

"We didn't convert on those chances after the PK. That's soccer unfortunately," he added. "That's why I love soccer and hate soccer at the same time."

CHRISTIAN COMES THROUGH

Williams was overshadowed by Martin's excellent performance, but the returning Groves goalie was forced to make a few key saves himself to keep the Maples off the scoreboard.

The biggest save, perhaps, came midway through the second half.

Forward Hagen Cunningham, Seaholm's second-leading scorer this season, made a run down the left side. As he turned



MARTY BUDNER
Seaholm's Nick Nowacki sends the ball downfield on a free kick during Thursday's OAA battle against Groves.

the corner into the box, Cunningham snapped a shot that forced Williams into a diving save.

Williams also stopped Cunningham with a sliding save as time expired in the first half.

It was two of four saves he made in the game — two in each half.

"Christian did a great job," Turner said. "For 75 minutes, he didn't see

any action, then for, like, one minute he sees something and he had a chance to stand on his head and he did it. Their goalie was a lot busier in the second half."

FRUSTRATING NO DECISION

Turner wished his squad could have put home one or two of its numerous scoring oppor-

tunities.

Groves enjoyed 10 shots on goal compared to Seaholm's four, but the Falcons couldn't dent the net behind Martin. The result left the Falcons with a 4-4-3 record. The Maples are 4-1-3.

"We controlled most of the game in the second half and we just didn't find a way to connect at the end," Turner said.

"But that's soccer sometimes. They were definitely putting numbers behind the ball and kind of protecting the back there. It was hard for us to kind of find that."

Groves did kick the ball into the Seaholm net with 11 seconds left in the second half. However, the refs had blown the ball offside and the Maples had obviously let the play go by.

"I think the one at the end there was pretty close to being inside," Turner said. "It looked close but, either way, that's soccer. One of the hardest things to do in soccer is score a goal and that's what happened tonight."

YELLOW CARDS ARE PULLED

The aggressive play at both ends of the field resulted in five yellow cards being pulled as the referee maintained control of the game.

Both teams were given one yellow card in the first half. Groves had two yellow cards in the second half — one to an assistant coach on the sidelines — and Seaholm had another.

"When you play a rivalry, things just tend to pick up," Turner said. "These guys know each other and they want to go out there and battle and it just tends to be a little bit more physical, which is part of the game. We expected that."

"I always say the first tackle should be the hardest, because it sets the tone of the game," he added. "Seaholm did a good job. They came out and they were prepared and (Seaholm head coach) Jared (Vince) did a good job. We just didn't find the net tonight, which was unfortunate."

HEAT OF THE NIGHT

The unusually warm evening resulted in a number of players cramping up throughout the battle. At one point in the second half, a player from each team had to be attended to for cramping.

AMATEUR BASEBALL

High School Fall Baseball League gives players unique chance

Baseball season doesn't have to end in summer for high school players thanks to the High School Fall Baseball League.

The HSFBL is a network of wood bat fall leagues covering multiple states, including Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Florida and California. Each league plays up to a six-week regular season, including a league tournament.

League championship

teams earn a berth into the HSFBL Championship Tournament to compete for the HSFBL title.

The HSFBL is open to all incoming high school players (2018-21 grads) and 2022 grads entering eighth grade who are recommended by coaches.

The Varsity Division includes seniors, juniors and any underclassmen with varsity playing experience or a recommendation.

The JV Division features sophomores, freshmen and any coach recommended eighth-graders.

Players register individually and can request to play with teammates. High school and travel teams that want to enter the league can also request to roster players on the same team.

Leagues play each Sunday and each league plays at a partner college during the regular season. Players receive a

Pro Model Wood Birch Bat, Dri-fit Team Jersey and College ID Profile with registration.

The top talent in each league is chosen to play in the HSFBL All-Star Exposure Games in partnership with the Crossroads Baseball Series. Player information is sent out to a network of college coaches across the U.S.

The HSFBL was started in 2008 by Indiana University alum and former Seattle Mariners

prospect Eric Blakeley.

"Our goal from the beginning was to offer a fall baseball experience like no other," Blakeley said. "By incorporating a strong blend of competition, college game days, team power rankings, seeded playoffs and All-Star Exposure Games, the HSFBL has proudly given kids a great opportunity for fun, competitive baseball in the fall."

"The HSFBL allows players to continue developing skills in the fall

without a huge commitment of time, traveling and money that accompanies summer travel baseball. The power rankings, all-star games and playoffs bring that edge of excitement for the players."

The HSFBL also utilizes the latest in social networking for game updates, weather alerts and important announcements.

For more information, go to www.HSFBL.com.

MASCOT SEARCH UNDERWAY

USA Hockey looking for new Rushmore

Tim Smith
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If this sounds like your idea of fun, USA Hockey Arena needs you!

» Can you skate?
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» Do you relish the chance to go out on a limb — er, out on the ice?
» Do you care if you are seen in public wearing a bald eagle costume?
» And are you full of energy, have a fun-loving spirit and want to help promote the sport of hockey to new, young and even longtime fans?

If so, you should stop what you are doing and give Connor Small a phone call at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

The arena is on the lookout for a new Rushmore mascot for the 2017-18 National Team Development Program season, but needs interested candidates to step it up by Oct. 1.

"At first glance, it seems fun, easy and maybe just a little goofy," said Denise Ronayne, director of sales and marketing for USA Hockey Arena. "You almost think ... who couldn't do that? I mean, you just put on a fuzzy costume and act silly. But it's really much more than that.

"It's hard to really capture or explain the immense value that our mascot brings to each game. The way in which our mascot welcomes and interacts with our fans, especially our youngest fans, is likely the first time a fan has ever had a chance to interact with our brand one-on-one.

"And fans are very smart. They can tell pretty quickly if this mascot is true to the team and loves his job."

Ronayne described Rushmore as a "big skating and walking, non-talking representative of our brand. When our players are on the ice, Rushmore's working hard to do what he can to add the memories of coming to a Team USA game."

Small, who works in marketing operations at USA Hockey Arena, can



The most recent Rushmore mascot has a blast with young fans at a USA Hockey NTDP game. The program is looking for somebody to fill this "bird's" skates.

RENA LAVERTY

at 734-453-8400, ext. 317, or email at Connor.Small@usahockey.org.

ADULT TICKET PACKAGES: USA Hockey Arena is offering new ticket packages for the 2017-18 NTDP season, it was announced Wednesday.

The Adult Hockey Package is a price-reduced season ticket package being offered to all USA Hockey registered adult hockey players, while the Youth Hockey Pass is being offered as a \$99 season-long pass for registered youth hockey players ages 12 and under.

"We want our USA Hockey family to come experience USA Hockey Arena," said Scott Monaghan, senior director of operations for the NTDP. "These packages offer great value to our USA Hockey community and are a great way to see some of the best young

players America has to offer."

The NTDP also has several ticket packages for the general public, including the recently added College Six Pack option that features collegiate match-ups with Michigan, Michigan State, Ferris State, Miami, Adrian and Utica.

The NTDP also offers a full 36-game season ticket package, as well as flexible 36-game, 10-game and six-game flex packs.

More information about all NTDP tickets packages is available at the arena box office (14900 Beck Road) or by calling 734-453-8400.

The home opener for the regular season is 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, when the NTDP Under-18 team plays Miami University.

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Rushmore leads a patriotic wave during a 2016-17 NTDP contest. RENA LAVERTY

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

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Boys tennis

SEAHOLM 5, GROVES 4: It was simply a matter of singles vs. doubles in this battle between the Birmingham Public School rivals Sept. 19. Seaholm won the five doubles matches. Groves won the four singles matches. All nine flights were decided in straight sets, with the top two doubles flights decided via tie-breakers. Seaholm senior Charlie Appleford and sophomore George Vukovic defeated Groves' sophomore duo of Aerik Joe and Nick Haddad at No. 1 doubles, 6-2, 7-6 (4). At No. 2 doubles, senior Owen Cross and sophomore Jonny Cross from the Maples topped the Falcon team of junior Alex Nader and Yanis Boussarsar, 6-2, 7-6 (3). The closest singles match was at No. 4 flight where Groves junior Ian Rosenwasser slipped past Seaholm freshman Owen Claar in two tough sets, 7-5, 6-4. The other three Falcon singles winners were junior

Gabe Liss (No. 1), junior Gabe Vidinas (No. 2) and freshman Jonah Liss (No. 3).

NORTH FARMINGTON 6, FARMINGTON HARRISON 3:

On Sept. 13, visiting North Farmington got the best of district rival Harrison in a number of hard-fought matches. Sophomore Scott Katz earned the Raiders' lone singles victory with a 6-4, 7-6 decision over Vijay Sriram at No. 1. The Raiders swept the five doubles flights, starting at No. 1, where junior co-captain Srihari Srinivasan and sophomore Tyler Poirier powered to a 6-3, 6-3 win over Harrison's duo of Filip Jevtic and Sahej Kohli. The other North Farmington doubles wins were the teams of senior co-captain Keith Jackson and junior Rosuke (No. 2), senior Mitchell Alekman and sophomore Jackson Jozwiak (No. 3) and junior John Goodman and freshman Nick Cherney (No. 4). North Farmington's No. 5 team which scored a straight-set win included Keegan Kenrick and Asa Turkmani.

GROVES 5, CLARKSTON 4: On Sept. 14 at Clarkston, visiting Groves registered the close victory. Singles

players Gabe Vidinas (No. 2) and Ian Rosenwasser (No. 4) each won in straight sets. The winning Falcons doubles teams included Alex Nader and Yanis Boussarsar (No. 2), Aidan Bauer and Ari Sherman (No. 3) and Joe Behrmann and Will Hess (No. 4).

NORTH FARMINGTON 6, AVONDALE 2:

On Sept. 20, North Farmington registered this easy OAA White Division triumph. Junior Srihari Srinivasan and sophomore Tyler Poirier registered an impressive comeback three-set victory over the Avondale duo of Max Mulka and Ben Gratsch, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. North's No. 4 doubles team of John Goodman and Nick Cherney cruised to a 6-2, 6-0 victory. North Farmington senior Vikram Thirupathi won a thrilling match at No. 2 singles, defeating Avondale's Vikas Chanduri in a tense tie-breaker, 6-7, 6-2, 12-10. Raiders junior Satvik Suneja won at No. 4 singles in straight sets.

Girls swimming

HOLLAND INVITATIONAL: On Sept. 16, Birmingham Groves won the annual invite with 489 points. Senior captain Camille Roach (200

free) and Nicole Bastian (100 breast) earned state-cut times. Taylor Moilanen took first in the 100 (56.02) and in the 200 free relay with teammates Roach, Nikki Barnas and Juliette Cerny (1:43.06). Kalya Hendricks (100 back), Julia DeMarco (100 back), Ellie Chalifoux (diving), Francesca Buttazoni (diving) and Hanner Deighan (100 breast) also had strong showings. Byron Center, Bloomfield Hills Marian, Holland, Detroit Country Day, Jensen and Okemos were the other participating teams.

CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD 110, BLOOMFIELD HILLS 75: In a non-league battle between neighboring schools, Cranbrook Kingswood swam past Bloomfield Hills. Cranbrook Kingswood won all three relays, including the opening 200-yard medley behind the efforts of Justine Murdock, Hale Oal, Sydney Allison and Charlotte Trunsky. Their time was 1:55.42. The other individual Crane winners were Camille Misra in the 200 free (2:03.01) and 500 free (5:25.84), Gwen Woodbury in the 200 IM (2:14.33), Jordan Murrell in the 50 free (26.10) and

Murdock in the 100 fly (1:02.52). The Bloomfield Hills winners were Michaela Peil in the 100 breast (1:12.54), Sydney Woods in the 100 back (1:01.48) and Meghan Threlkeld in the 100 free (58.42).

Boys cross country

HOLLY INVITATIONAL:

Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice placed fourth in the highly-competitive Holly Invitational on Sept. 16 with 179 points. Senior Mike Tremonti, in his second varsity season after transferring from Bloomfield Hills, was the overall winner in a time of 16:01.4. He was named the meet's Champion of Champions as the outstanding runner. Alec Miracle (seventh in 16:32.), Grant Davey (15th in 16:44.9) and Jacob Hannawa (54th in 17:49) were other Rice runners placing among the top 55. Dan Serra was Rice's other scorer, placing 102nd. "This was our best race of the year, no question about it," veteran Brother Rice head coach Bob Stark said. "It's one of the biggest meets in the state."

BROTHER RICE 29, CATHOLIC CENTRAL 30: On Sept. 18 at Kensington Metropark, Rice slipped past arch rival Catholic

Central to remain undefeated (2-0) in Catholic League action. Mike Tremonti, Alec Miracle and Grant Davey all finished in 17:09 to tie for first place overall. CC's Luke Perelli was fourth in 17:32. Dan Serria (11th), Jacob Hannawa (12th), Joe Berg (13th) and John Cardellio (14th) were other Warriors finishers.

Boys soccer

NORTH FARMINGTON, BLOOMFIELD HILLS 0:

North Farmington and Bloomfield Hills battled to this scoreless draw Sept. 19 at Bloomfield Hills. North Farmington goalie Zac Shuk had a strong effort in net to post the shutout for the OAA White Division contenders. The Raiders are 5-2-3 overall and 3-1-2 in the White.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 2, BIRMINGHAM ROEPER 1:

Plymouth Christian scored a pair of second-half goals to get past visiting Roeper in the MIAC match Sept. 14.

Volleyball

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 3, BIRMINGHAM ROEPER 0:

On Sept. 19, the host Roughriders feel to Oakland Christian in straight sets.

KLA A ROUNDUP

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Boys cross country

SALEM WINS AUTUMN CLASSIC: On Sept. 16 at Bay Point Beach in Washington Township, Salem won the annual Autumn Classic with 76 points. In second place was Warren DeLaSalle with 131 points. Salem's top finisher was Bryce Paine, fifth with a time of 17:53. Other Rocks to finish the 5,000 meter race in under 20 minutes were Jacob Vick (13th, 18:16), Alec Teodori (16th, 18:24), Gabe Demetter (19th, 18:34), Owen Parks (20th, 18:34), Luke Jakubik (26th, 18:44), Aaron Profozich (36th, 19:01), Nick Ontko (37th, 19:01), Collin Swisher (41st, 19:10), Kanden Cho (59th, 19:35), Preston Pierce (64th, 19:40), Gary Zhang (68th, 19:45), Matthew Jira (72nd, 19:51) and Reed Barker (76th, 19:53). There were 246 participants.

CANTON 15, FRANKLIN 46: At Cass Benton Park on Sept. 19, the Chiefs (3-0) defeated Livonia Franklin with five runners crossing the finish line before the first Patriots performer (Jackson Nordbeck, 17:54). Canton's pacesetters included medalist Shane Andrews (16:53), Grant Hoffmeyer (second, 17:09), Garrett Nagelhout (third, 17:40), Daniel Jimenez (fourth, 17:44) and



Andrew Lake (fifth, 17:46). In seventh for Canton, following Nordbeck, was Braden Heimbaugh (18:00). The next two Franklin finishers included Russell Rusnell (18:00) and Grant Rudd (18:05), who finished 8-9, respectively.

Girls cross country

NORTHVILLE WINS TRI-MEET: On Sept. 19, freshman Yasmine Mansi (19:18) and Ana Barrott (19:20) finished first and second to lead the Mustangs (6-0) to a double-dual meet KLA A Gold Division victory over Howell, 15-49, and Brighton, 19-38, at Cass Benton Park. Other top 10 finishers for Northville included Emily Gordon, fourth (20:01); Olivia Harp, fifth (20:02); Keira Courtney, seventh (20:38); and Olivia Maase, ninth (20:52).

FRANKLIN 25, CANTON 30: In a hard-fought match Sept. 19 at Cass Benton Park in Northville, the Patriots edged the Chiefs. Medalist was Erin Seibert of the Patriots, with a time of 20:24. She was followed by Canton's Anna Nagelhout (second, 20:47) and Carmen Bruchnak (third, 20:59). In 4-5 were Franklin's Allyson Stabler (21:27) and Emily Esker (21:45). In sixth was Canton's Olivia Blaufuss

(22:09). "Our team is battling some injuries and illnesses and had to work hard to beat a good opponent today," Franklin coach David Bjorklund said. "Several kids really stepped up when called upon to get the job done for us."

PATRIOTS STRONG: Livonia Franklin also enjoyed success Sept. 15 at the MSU Spartan Invitational, held at Forest Akers Golf Course. The Patriots placed 13th out of 41 teams with 463 points. Leading Franklin was Erin Seibert, who placed 25th overall with a time of 20:19.5 and earned a medal for finishing in the top 30. Allyson Stabler (21:46.5), Ashley deGuise (22:17), Emily Esker (22:36.4), Caroline Hardy (22:38.3) and Hailey Kutruks (23:18.3) also finished. "It was a tough day out there, one of the hottest days we have run this season," coach David Bjorklund said. "I was proud of how the kids handled it and persevered through the race. Erin had a goal of being a medalist this year and achieved that."

SALEM 15, JOHN GLENN 50: The Rocks coasted to a KLA A division dual meet win over Westland John Glenn, taking the first seven places. For Salem, medalist was Gina Gumbel (22:52), followed by teammates Brooke Kalis (second, 22:53), Reagan Justice (third, 22:53), Olivia Millen (fourth, 22:53), Esha Bingi (fifth, 22:53), Mary Kelly (sixth, 23:05) and Sophie Jeffers (seventh, 23:05). Franklin's

top finishers were Kelly Nugent (23:33) and Madie Price (23:35).

PLYMOUTH WINS DOUBLE DUAL: Arwa Hararwala's 20:32 was the No. 1 time among runners in the Sept. 19 double dual including Livonia Churchill and Wayne Memorial. Following Hararwala for the Wildcats were Londyn Swenson (20:43), Lily Tiplady (21:49), Lola Merrill (22:03) and Rachel Glovatsky (22:17).

Boys soccer

NORTHVILLE 1, STEVENSON 0: In a battle of Division 1 state-ranked teams, the No. 6 Mustangs (8-2-1, 6-1) got a pair of second-half goals Sept. 19 to beat No. 2 Livonia Stevenson (8-1-1, 5-1-1) in a key KLA A Gold Division clash. Senior Owen Marshall scored the game-winning goal after Felipe McCarthy was fouled in the box for visiting Northville. Andrew Mitchell followed with an insurance goal off a beautiful cross from Paul Kearis. Goalie Reggie Spencer (three saves) posted the shutout.

CANTON 9, HOWELL 2: The visiting Chiefs (6-2-4, 5-0-2, 2-0-1) rolled to victory Sept. 19, sparked by Avery Olson's hat trick and two goals by Jordan Fourney and Nick Avram. Chipping in with single goals were Nick Yono and Alex Heyde. Fourney and Brett McGue each had two assists, with single helpers by Jake McGue, Tyler Turko and Kyle Kulas.

PLYMOUTH 6, WAYNE 0: Three goals by Justin

Wojcik paced the Wildcats to this KLA A road win Sept. 19.

PLYMOUTH 5, HARRISON 0: On Sept. 16, Justin Wojcik had one goal and three assists while Caleb Crawford (goal, assist) and goalkeeper Ryan Schmatz (shutout) sparked the Wildcats to a win over Farmington Harrison.

CANTON 5, FRANKLIN 1: On Sept. 16, the Chiefs rolled to victory behind two goals from Nick Yono and single markers by Tyler Turko, Brett McGue and Kyle Kulas. Canton improved to 5-2-4 overall, 4-0-2 in the KLA A and 2-0-1 in the division. Chipping in with assists were Jordan Fourney, Nick Avram and Avery Olson while Sean O'Meara earned the win in goal.

Boys tennis

SALEM 8, DEXTER 0: The Rocks swept Dexter Sept. 20 in a non-conference match, which served as a nice tune-up for the KLA A conference tournament (Oct. 7). In singles play, the Rocks featured wins by Eric Liu (No. 1), Jason Zheng (No. 2), Parshva Sanghvi (No. 3) and Ajay Bharathan (No. 4). Liu won his flight 6-0, 6-0. Salem continued the winning trend in doubles action. Wins were posted by Andrew Clarke-Aneesh Sabnis (No. 1), Ryan The-Nihal Lingal (No. 2), Neel Shah-Justin Kuhn (No. 3) and Roenik Master-Rahul Rao (No. 4).

PLYMOUTH 8, CHURCHILL 1: The Wildcats won their sixth straight meet with this win Sept.

19.

Volleyball

GRAND BLANC 3, PLYMOUTH 0: The visiting Wildcats fell short despite solid games from Kenna White (seven kills, seven digs), Gabi Kuchka (five kills, six digs), Lauren Wheeler (five digs, 13 assists) and Hannah Ramer (a season-high 11 blocks).

BEDFORD INVITATIONAL: Hannah Grant led the way with 69 digs on the day and setter Rachel Holmes added 85 assist-to-kills Sept. 16 as Northville (21-5) swept the competition, capturing the Temperance Bedford Invitational with a 27-25, 25-22 win over the host Kicking Mules. Other victories came against Chelsea (25-23, 25-21), Carleton Airport (25-6, 25-13), Ida (25-12, 15-25, 15-13), Brighton Charyl Stockwell Academy (25-19, 25-23) and Grosse Ile (25-9, 25-12). Other top performers for Northville included Christina Valentini (26 kills), Brianna Maccoux (24 kills, 30 digs), Clare McNamara (24 kills), Gabi Fisette (49 assists, 10 aces), Ally Zayan (13 aces, 24 digs), Morgan Rodgers (20 kills), Jenna Boksha (14 kills, 19 digs); and Michael VanAcker (10 kills).

Girls golf

PLYMOUTH 165, FRANKLIN 182: On Sept. 19 at Fox Hills, Plymouth was sparked to a KLA A win over the Patriots by Erin Johnson (36) and Shae Zydeck (38). Chipping in with a 44 was Sara Vohra.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Vanderlinden's Air Force experiences Rocky Mountain high

Brad Emons
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Ron Vanderlinden's coaching career in college football has spanned nearly 40 years and his job never seems to get old.

The Livonia native has worked under some of the game's most legendary coaches, including Bo Schembechler (Michigan); Bill McCartney (Colorado), who was his high school coach at Dearborn Divine Child High; Gary Barnett (Northwestern); and Joe Paterno and Bill O'Brien (Penn State).

Vanderlinden also spent four seasons as Maryland's head coach (1997 through 2000), but his latest stop has proven to be a slice of heaven after he landed in Colorado Springs at the Air Force Academy, which played Saturday at Michigan.

His view out his office window is spectacular, to say the least, just three football fields away from the edge of the Rocky Mountains.

"I was out here nine years (at Colorado) and it was really a blessing, because I can't imagine a better place to live," said Vanderlinden, who is in his fourth season as the Falcons inside linebackers coach. "It's a gorgeous place and you're working with America's finest young men. And our coaching staff has nine or 10 coaches that are Air Force Academy grads, so such quality group of guys and coach (Troy) Calhoun is a terrific head coach, terrific person. So it's been wonderful coaching here and coming back to Colorado, living in the Rocky Mountain State, where there is so much to do and see."

After spending 13 seasons at Penn State, Calhoun gave Vanderlinden an unexpected call and asked: "Are you interested in coming to Air Force?"

Without hesitation, Vanderlinden said, "Absolutely. I didn't need much encouragement."

After playing under McCartney for Detroit Catholic League powerhouse Divine Child, Vanderlinden spent four seasons as the starting center at Albion College, where he made a All-MIAA twice and helped the Britons to a perfect 9-0 record in 1976.

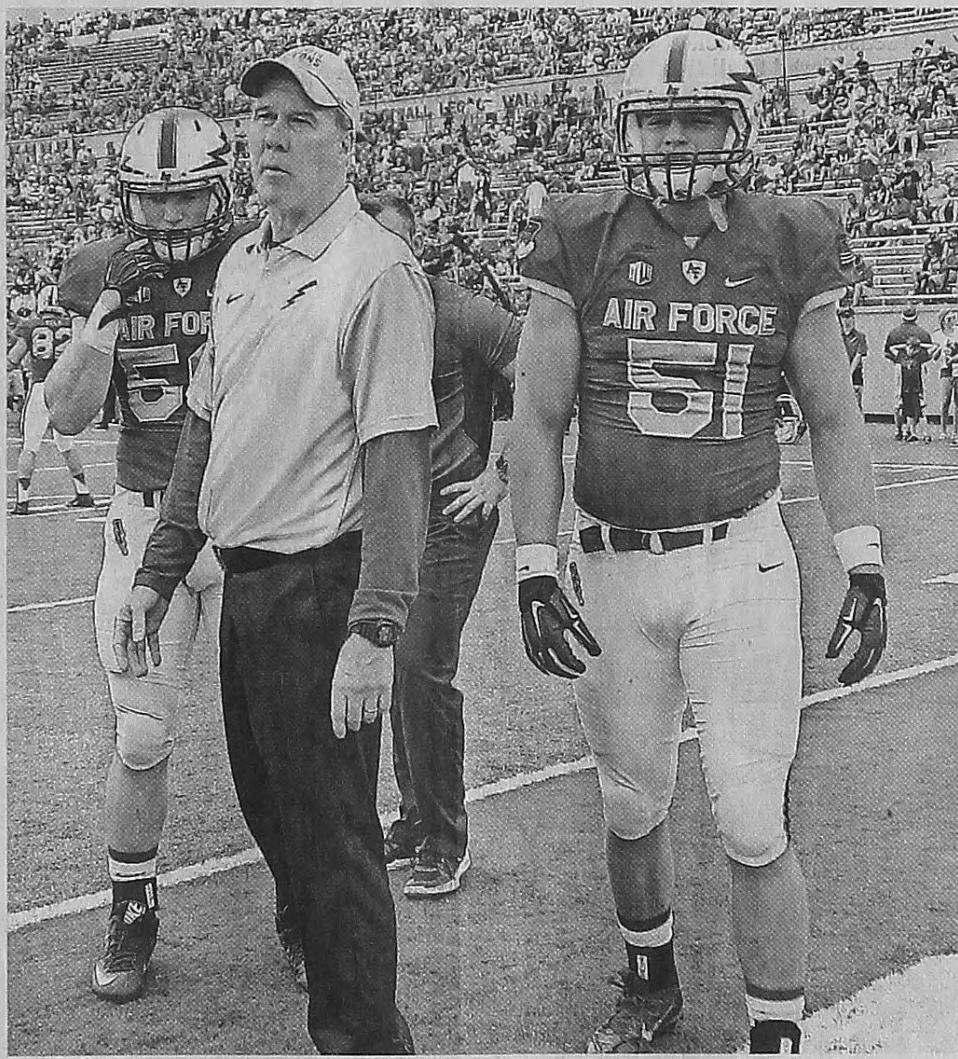
After graduating from Albion in 1978, Vanderlinden got his coaching start as a graduate assistant at Bowling Green, where he earned his master's degree before moving to U-M in 1979-80 as a graduate assistant.

"It was such a neat experience growing up in Livonia and being a fan and having a chance to work for somebody I respected and such a legend," Vanderlinden said of Schembechler. "Just an awesome experience. My high school coach Bill McCartney was the defensive coordinator and that even enhanced the whole experience."

Vanderlinden was hired as a full-time coach at Ball State (1981-82) before reuniting with McCartney for a third time when he served as a defensive assistant at Colorado from 1983-91. The Buffaloes captured the 1990 national championship, along with three straight Big Eight championships.

From 1992-96, Vanderlinden served as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Northwestern, where he played a part in the reversal of fortunes of a struggling football program into a two-time Big Ten champion. Northwestern led the nation in scoring defense in 1995 and played in its first Rose Bowl since 1936 against Southern Cal.

In 1997, he was hired at Maryland, a team without a bowl game and only one winning season since 1990. In both the



Livonia native Ron Vanderlinden is the inside linebackers coach at the Air Force Academy. AIR FORCE ATHLETICS

1999 and 2000 seasons, Maryland narrowly missed achieving a winning season and bowl game bid by losing its finale and ended with back-to-back 5-6 records.

Maryland improved significantly during Vanderlinden's tenure, winning more games in 1999 than the previous two years combined.

His staff also recruited players who would be instrumental in the team's meteoric rise in 2001 to an ACC championship, a Bowl Championship Series game and a top 10 final ranking, but after four seasons and a 15-29 record, he was relieved of his duties in College Park and was off to Penn State.

Better known as

"Linebacker U," it was there he developed a vaunted linebacker unit that included 2005 Butkus and 2005-06 Bednarik Award winner Paul Posluszny, a consensus All-American, along with 2006 All-American and 2007 Bednarik Award winner Dan Connor.

Also part of that talented linebacker corps was Livonia Clarenceville High's Tim Shaw, who played six seasons in the NFL (before being diagnosed in 2014 with ALS).

"This is my 40th year and I feel very, very fortunate to have worked for not only outstanding football coaches – because you can make an argument for any one of them because they're a Hall of Famers – but

they're also outstanding human beings," Vanderlinden said. "And coach Calhoun is the same, so I've been really fortunate to work for ethical, really good people who are also outstanding football coaches."

Vanderlinden has witnessed the transformation of college football in many different regards during his lengthy career, starting with the elimination of preseason two-a-day practices.

"It's not the grind it used to be," Vanderlinden said. "And I think television has influenced the game greatly with all the start times and stop times. Instant replay has changed the game – and I think in a positive way." Finding and recruiting

prospects has also changed dramatically during his coaching career.

"Everything is about facilities in recruiting," Vanderlinden said. "And I think the sportsmanship has taken a back seat in some regards to just the whole bragging and recruiting part of it."

Meanwhile, defending opposing new-age offenses also presents its own unique challenges, with the passing game and running quarterbacks.

"We're an option team, but so there are so many spread teams – out of the shotgun – that run the quarterback effectively and make you defend it," Vanderlinden said. "And now the run-pass option part of the game – we refer to it as the RPOs – where it's a run called, but it's the quarterback's discretion whether he wants to throw it or hand it off. That has really changed the game defensively, as well. If you watched the Ohio State and Oklahoma game, they were throwing that ball down the field. But they were running a run play, but the quarterback (Baker Mayfield) was just slinging it. So it really makes it hard to defend that."

Calhoun, in his 11th season at Air Force, is 78-53 overall. He is an Air Force grad who also spent time in the NFL as an assistant at both Denver and Houston. The Falcons are coming off an 10-3 season and bowl win in 2016.

Air Force won its season opener Sept. 2 over VMI, 62-0.

The 61-year-old Vanderlinden isn't contemplating retirement just yet. The view out his office window is just too good to pass up.

"I still enjoy the game, the young people and it's a great place," he said. "I take it day-to-day."

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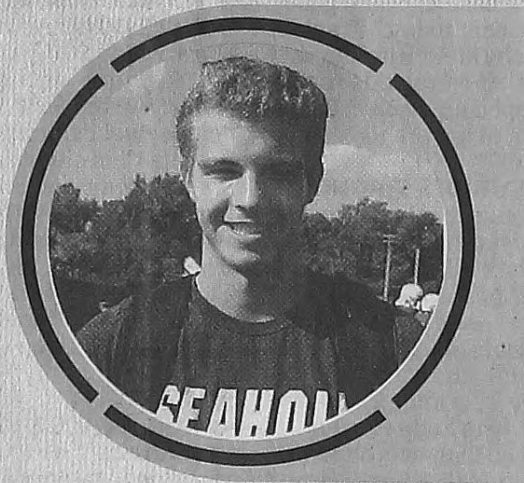


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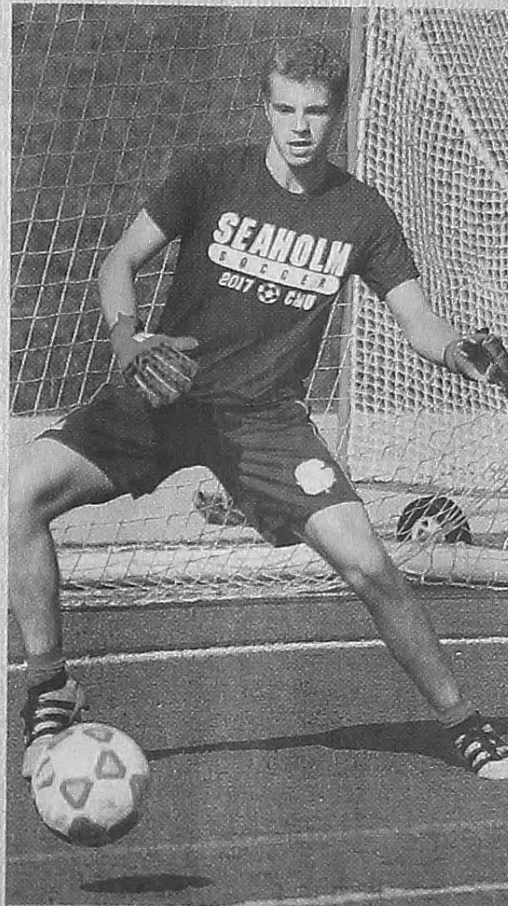
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ZACHARY MARTIN

BOYS SOCCER SENIOR BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM MAPLES

WHAT HE DID: In his first year as a starting goalie, Martin helped Seaholm salvage a 0-0 deadlock against district rival Groves on Sept. 14 with a sensational 10-save performance that included a dramatic stop of a second-half penalty kick. Counting a recent shutout of Oxford, Martin now has four shutouts on the season with a 1.37 goals-against average. Readers came out in droves to vote for their favorite prep athletes. With the highest vote total this year,



Seaholm's Zachary Martin received 20,066 votes to edge out Northville volleyball player Hannah Grant with 17,575 votes.

WHAT HE SAID ABOUT BEING NAMED AOW: "My family was really excited and they were all really going hard on the voting. They were excited to see my name up there so they voted a lot, and the same for our school. They tweeted it out and I got a lot of votes and I'm happy about that. It's an exciting honor." Martin also credited his teammates, especially his defenders, in helping him register the shutout.

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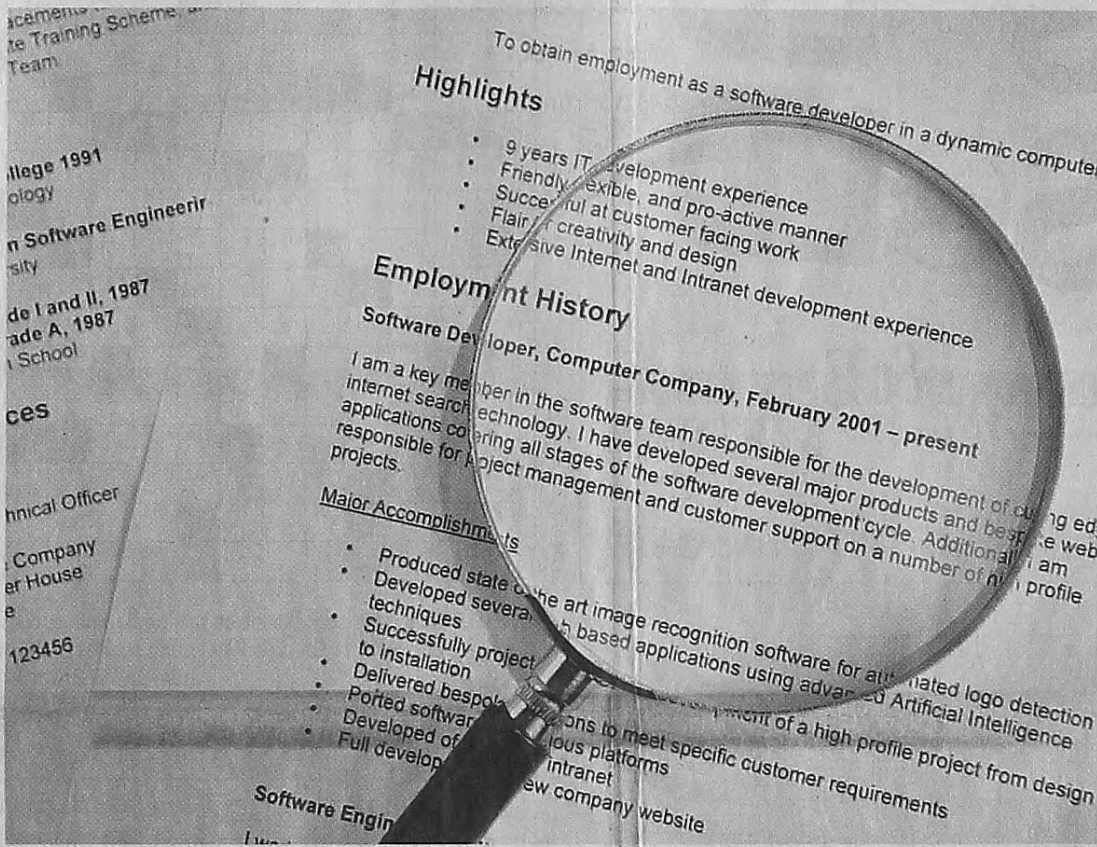
YOUR LOCAL JOB LISTING FROM LIVONIA OBSERVER

6 ways to handle gaps in employment

BY PETER JONES
 THEJOBNETWORK.COM

Have you had to bounce around a bit? Worried your recent job history will appear a bit erratic to potential employers? Though job hopping is becoming less and less stigmatized, and more and more employers and recruiters are sensitive to the particular challenges of the marketplace and the current economy, there are still some situations where it's best to downplay all your job activity. Here are six ways to handle employment gaps on your resume:

- 1. Summarize**
 If you don't already have a summary paragraph at the top of your resume, now's the time to add one. Use it to define yourself and then to guide the recruiter through the bullet points and information she's about to take in. Use it to show how best to interpret your multiple recent job changes, and what narrative to take away from that. Giving a recruiter a greater narrative should stick with him or her. And, if you're worried that recruiters might think you'd be a flight risk, emphasize in your summary that you are looking for a long-term position, or to be somewhere for the long haul. Get out in front of



- 2. Find coherence**
 If you can find a narrative to connect all of your hopping, then you're golden. Perhaps these were all positions within the same field, or were taken in hopes of rocketing up the ladder or learning new skills. Or, if you've hopped from industry to industry, you could emphasize the work you do

- 3. Fudge the months**
 If you can get away with taking out the months in your dates, and just leaving the years, then you can give the illusion of having worked at a place longer than you did. Using years only helps you to

- 4. Focus**
 Concentrate on three or four of your recent jobs and flesh them out in more detail than you normally would. Then make a more summarized section on previous employment, including multiple

- 5. Be honest**
 If you were laid off as the result of a merger or acquisition, or you were a contract worker, then some of your hopping was not your fault. It is totally OK to explain this on your resume. A quick parenthetical (formerly X Company) next to the company name will be a good start. Your summary paragraph will also help here.
- 6. Try a hybrid**
 If all else fails, the hybrid resume might be for you. This is a new way of thinking about the resume, emphasizing your skills first, and your bulleted, chronological history second. Choose four to five responsibilities or skills or job facets that you've excelled in, across all of your jobs, and sell yourself as a prime candidate. By the time the hiring manager gets to the second page with your list of actual job experience, she'll already be convinced you can do the job.

Peter Jones is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com, where this article was originally published. He investigates and writes about current strategies, tips, and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.

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HURRICANE HARVEY BATTERED FORD AND HOUSTON; LED BY MARK LANEVE, FORD HAS BEEN PUSHING BACK



By Dale Buss

Many automakers have stepped up with aid programs to help Houstoners cope with the destruction they experienced from Hurricane Harvey and Floridians handle the ravages of Hurricane Irma.

But Ford might have come readier and heavier than many for Harvey.

About 80 percent of Ford's 115 dealers in metro Houston took on some sort of wind or water damage, and about a dozen suffered "really catastrophic damage including much of the dealership and their inventory being underwater," Mark LaNeve, Ford's Vice President of US Sales, Marketing and Service, told me.

"The first bad weekend I must have had 300 text messages personally from dealers," he added.

Ford had learned procedurally how to most effectively address such major catastrophes in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and Hurricane Sandy in 2012. There was a checklist of 55 to 60 items awaiting activation when Harvey rolled in.

But LaNeve brought an extra measure of experience to the challenge

of helping lead the company and its dealers to the other side of Harvey: He had extensive auto industry experience from previous stints, and when he was Allstate's CMO beginning in 2009, the company hatched its still-running "Mayhem" advertising campaign.

LaNeve talked with me about how Ford is trying to help overcome the very real mayhem caused by Harvey and Irma:

Q: How did Ford handle the weather crisis in Houston?

LaNeve: It start[ed] with getting some assessment of whether our employees are OK, our field-service team and parts depot. We believe there are about 115 dealers in the immediate affected area. Did they need any assistance? Are their people accounted for? Thank God, miracle of miracles, we didn't get any reports about losses like that.

Then following up on that is really damage assessment to try to get our dealers back in business, help them to rebuild. Through our credit arm and getting them onto the ground with insurance adjusters through their subsidiary, American Road, [we] could get checks cut and dealers could continue to make payroll and take care of their people.

Now as, part of the back end of that process, we're trying to rapidly refill



Mark Laneve

inventory both new and used and meet what seems to be almost immediate demand for vehicles. But while this was going on, dealers on their own in Texas and through their state association had committed close to \$1 million for relief of affected dealers and their dealer base.

[Dallas Cowboys owner] Jerry Jones had a telethon last week to raise money for the general relief fund and to contribute to the Red Cross and United Way and other charities; they donated an additional \$200,000. We not only matched that \$1.2 million but also another \$300,000 in matching funds from Ford Motor Co. We believe that gets us to \$3 million easily.

And our charitable foundation had already put up \$500,000 in various

relief efforts to American Red Cross, Salvation Army [and others] and made donations to some of the various first-responder organizations, including Ford Transit vans. We sell so many vehicles into the first-responder units and have relationships with them across the country; we feel a special affinity with those folks.

Q: For Ford owners, you've also got a program called "Texas Is Family," which offers flooding victims a benefit that not too many people get to experience.

LaNeve: Yes, the final piece is that as tragic as it is, people need to get their lives started back together. So we wanted to make it easy for people to get replacement vehicles.

On the new vehicle side, we talked

to a lot of dealers who talked to customers, and customers were traumatized and were in a big hurry to get a new vehicle. The easiest thing to do is to offer our Ford employee price. From what I understand over the weekend [dealers] already wrote a lot of business, and that's an incremental incentive.

Q: How does the response align with the Ford brand?

LaNeve: Part of the DNA of your brand is the values and how you react.

Are you consistent in your value system? Ford [has a very distinctive] DNA; it's family, heritage, progress. And we're very much—I've worked at other car companies and Ford feels different, and it's a family company. When we're with our dealers they feel part of our family.

Q: What is likely to be the impact of Harvey on auto sales, and therefore on Ford, across the country?

LaNeve: Our top priority is the security of our people and helping everyone to get people back on their feet. But our experience from Katrina is that business is soft as people get their feet back under them. Then you've got a snap-back effect and, over a four- to six-month period, sales are back to normal or even a bit positive

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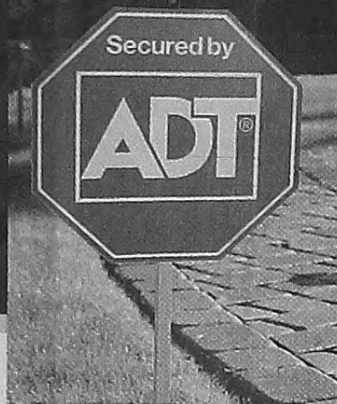
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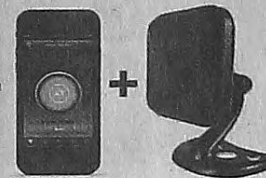
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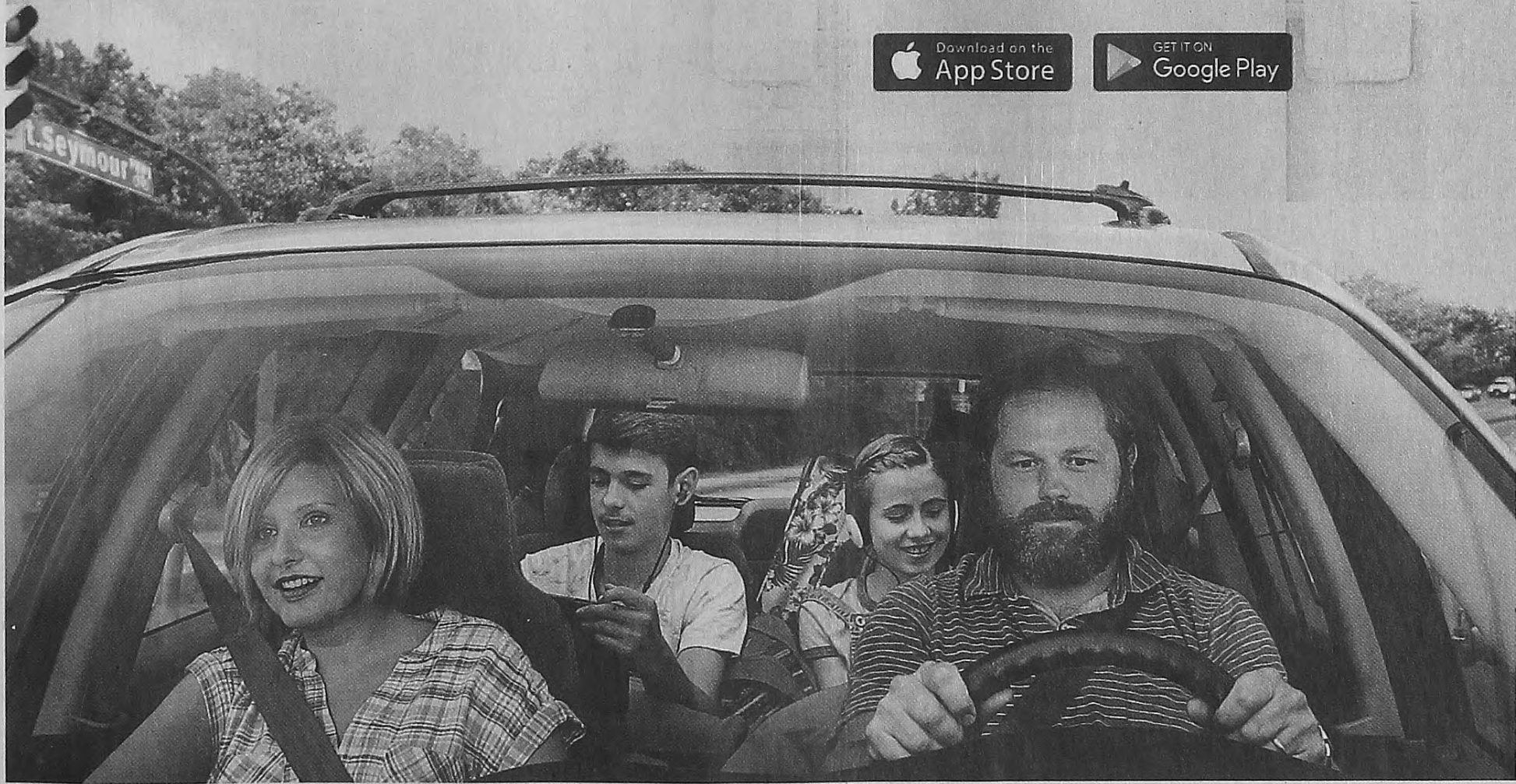
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