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## Two-hotel complex could replace I-275/Ann Arbor Road eyesore

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Two new hotels are planned on Plymouth Township's east side, ushering in a major makeover of a longtime eyesore that once housed Steak and

Ale and Bennigan's, southwest of I-275 and Ann Arbor Road.

Developer Akram Namou said the 190-room, two-hotel complex includes Aloft by Marriott and Residence Inn by Marriott. He is hopeful the hotels can open in two years, with construction possibly starting next fall.

The latest plans come as western Wayne County has witnessed an uptick in new hotels in places such as Canton and Livonia.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise lauded the latest plans as a way to spruce up the I-275 and Ann Arbor Road area with next-generation

hotels.

"These are not your average hotels," he said. "They're very hip and trendy. They're very impressive, chic hotels."

Heise said the hotels will refresh a site that had become a persistent eye-

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Owen and sister Lillyah are all smiles while visiting with Santa. KELLY DOBSON

## Santa helps Canton kick-start holiday season

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Pat Williams has a 2½-year-old grandson, which brings home the holiday season in a good way for him.

That's why he was so happy Wednesday to be at the Summit on the Park, helping Santa Claus ring in the holiday season by lighting the township's official Christmas tree.

It was the highlight of the 39th annual event, for which Santa arrived with a Canton Township Fire Department escort.

"It's a fun event," said Williams, the township supervisor. "It brings the whole family together. The choirs and the little kids with Santa ... it's a great time."

In addition to Santa's arrival — he later visited with children and listened to their wishes — visitors got to see Santa's reindeer and saw an ice-carving demonstration, then listened to the

Dodson Elementary School choir's third-, fourth- and fifth-graders sing holiday songs.

It was a debut evening for the choir, formed just last month under the direction of Ginger Thorne-Herrmann.

"We wanted to take our beautiful singing voices and the joyful message of the Christmas season out into the community," Thorne-Herrmann said.

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## Village Theater at Cherry Hill to host circus New Year's Eve

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will welcome The Detroit Circus for a special New Year's Eve performance at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31.

Spectators will be amazed by this locally-based, animal-free circus that features performers who specialize in high-flying aerial antics on fabric, trapeze and lyra. Additional acts will in-

clude contortion, juggling, feats of mind-bending strength and acrobatics. Past New Year's Eve performances of The Detroit Circus have sold out at The Village Theater each year since 2015.

The Detroit Circus is entirely composed of Detroit-area performers who were discovered by founder Micah Adams. During their performance,

skilled aerialists will dance, weave and flow through the air, while aerial hoop performers display flexibility as they contort and spin with grace, poise and astonishing strength. The Detroit Circus is suitable for all ages.

Tickets are \$22 and can be purchased at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org), in person at the box office from 10 a.m. to

2 p.m. Monday through Friday by phone at 734-394-5300. Tickets can be printed at home or held in will call at no extra charge. If available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to program time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.



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### CANTON LIBRARY EVENTS

#### 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.

#### On the Spot Tech Help

**When:** 5-7 p.m. each Wednesday and noon to 2 p.m. each Saturday

**Details:** A team of tech-savvy volunteers has been assembled at CPL to help you find the answers to those tech

issues you can't quite figure out on your own. Whether you need help while working on a project at one of our computers, setting up an email address or downloading an app on your phone, we can help.

#### 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](http://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 oppor-

tunity 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](http://www.cantonpl.org) for a full December program schedule.

#### Preschool Storytime

**Details:** Preschool storytimes feature longer books, flannel board and rhymes designed for children ages 3½-55. 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. Registration is required and you can pick a Monday or a Friday session. Go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://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. Registration is required. Go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) for registration and schedule.

#### Teen Boredom Busters

**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. Drop in for Origami Lucky Stars 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27.

#### Perler Party

**When:** 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13

**Details:** Perler beads and patterns will be on hand. Come make yourself a coaster, ornament, or other decorative piece. For ages 11-18. No registration required.

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### HOTELS

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sore. "I think it's an excellent fit for that site," he said. "This is the premier gateway to the entire Plymouth community. This (development) will make a great statement."

Architect Scott Bowers said the five-story Aloft hotel would face toward Ann Arbor Road, with the six-floor Residence Inn behind it. He said they will be connected by a restaurant, bar and fitness area.

Bowers said Aloft is geared toward guests who typically stay one to three days, while Residence Inn is intended for business travelers and others who may need to

stay for several days. Namou said the hotels are among the newer designs by Marriott, but they still have areas to accommodate special events such as wedding parties, business meetings and special-event banquets.

Development officials said the plans are in the early stages and, therefore, they had no architectural renderings to depict these specific hotels.

The plans, submitted as a planned unit development, or PUD, still face numerous stages of approval by Plymouth Township. Township rules that require at least five acres for a PUD would have to be changed to accommodate the hotels on a smaller site.

Heise said he is en-

couraged the hotels would replace a "shabby" area that "gives a bad image to people coming into the community."

He said the location is ideal for hotel guests, because it is between Detroit and Ann Arbor, close to Detroit Metropolitan Airport and has easy access to interstates.

Namou declined to estimate how much of an investment the hotels represent in Plymouth Township, simply calling it "a large investment."

It comes after a \$25 million, two-hotel project in Canton that brought new Fairfield Inn & Suites and TownePlace Suites to Ford Road and I-275. Those lodgings also are under the umbrella of Marriott properties.

And in Livonia, a new Holiday Inn Express has opened at Schoolcraft and Inkster roads along with a new Hampton Inn on Schoolcraft, east of Middlebelt.

In Plymouth Township, the Inn at St. John's is converting a monastery retreat center into a 120-room hotel, doubling the number of guest rooms on the St. John's site on Five Mile, east of Sheldon, among other changes on the property.

Mike Abdulnoor, one of the owners of the new Canton hotels, said the area is desirable for new hotels because of its proximity to the airport, interstates and large companies such as Yazaki North America, Inc.

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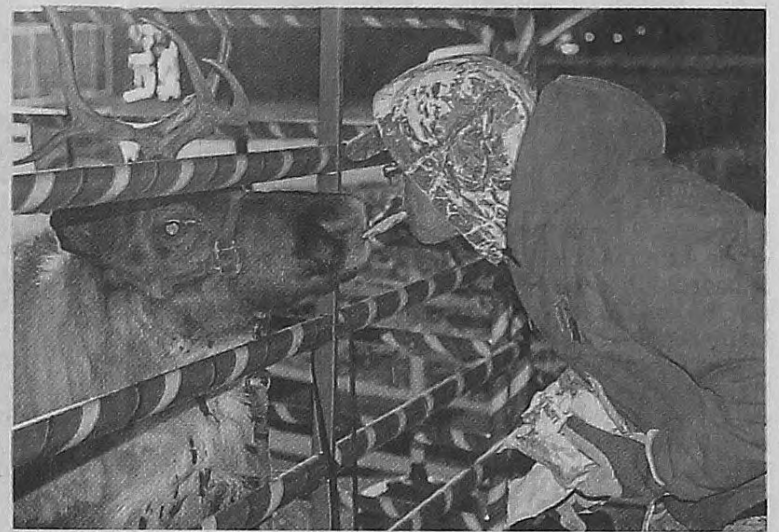
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Carolers sang holiday songs during the festivities. KELLY DOBSON



Brian Rezeppa shares a treat with Rudolph the reindeer. KELLY DOBSON



Outside the Blox worked on a custom ice sculpture of a reindeer. KELLY DOBSON

## HOLIDAY

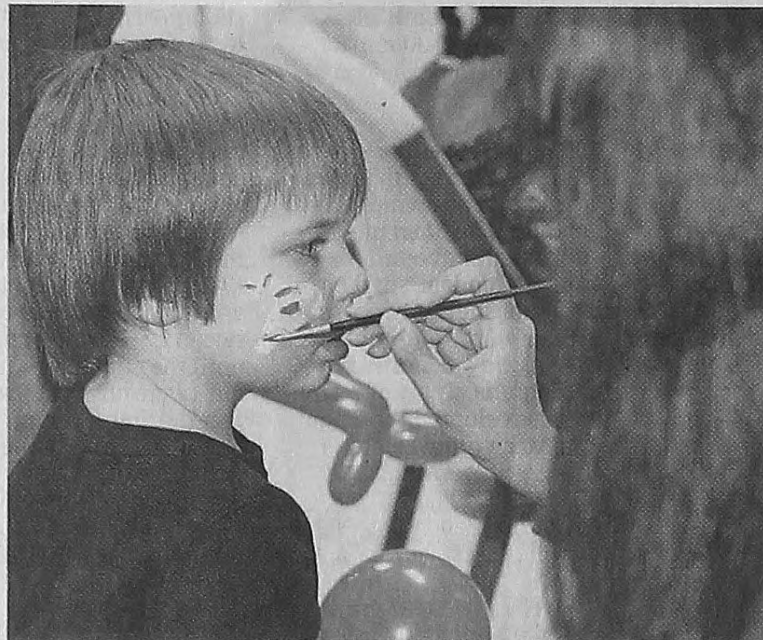
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Inside the Summit, visitors saw demonstrations of holidays from around the world, including places like Guatemala, Israel, Canda, Kenya, China and Greece; saw performances from Canton Brass, and sampled food from places like Busch's Market, which opened in Canton in March.

Several nonprofit agencies — Camp A.B.L.E., the Canton Goodfellows, Detroit Rescue Mission, Open Door Food Ministry and the Miracle League of Plymouth — were on hand to provide information about their various activities.

Gabe Schuch's family has lived in Canton for 14 years, but had never experienced the tree lighting ceremony. But when his wife Rowena read about it in the township newsletter, the couple decided it was time.

They and their children, 11-year-old Jordyn and 3-year-old son Jack (whose birthday is coming up), were in the shivering crowd of hundreds who



Three-year-old Wyatt Griffin gets a candy cane painted on his cheek at the Canton tree lighting event. KELLY DOBSON

braved temperatures in the mid-30s to watch Santa's arrival and the tree lighting.

"We hadn't done it before, so we thought we should come over and see it," Schuch said. "It's great to see everybody

come out. We've seen neighbors we haven't seen in a while. This kind of event draws a crowd."

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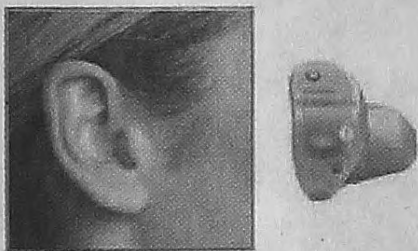
Two-year-old Isla samples the frosting at the cookie table. KELLY DOBSON

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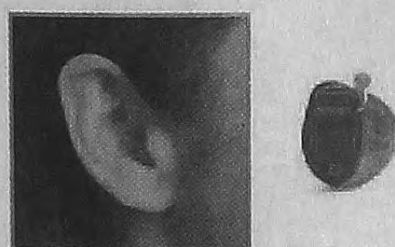
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# Livonia's Ray honored as Veteran of the Month for December

James Ray, a World War II veteran from Livonia, was honored as the December 2017 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

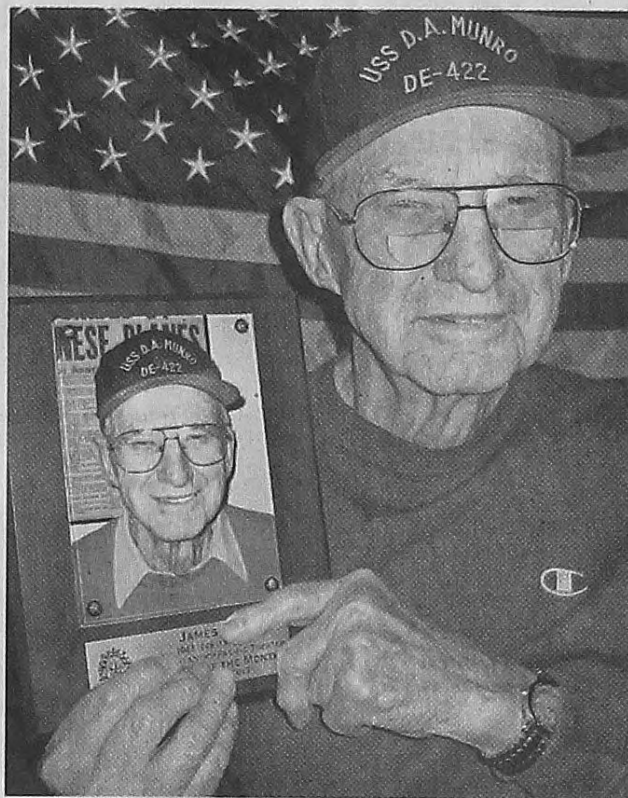
Ray served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-46 and the U.S. Navy Reserves from 1946-50. He was born and raised in Eldorado Ill., a small town in southern Illinois with a population of 4,500. He graduated from Eldorado High School in spring 1943 and went to live with his brother on the east side of Detroit. He was working at the Bower Roller Bearing Plant when he turned 18 and received his draft notice. He went back home to Illinois to enlist and joined the navy. "I decided on the navy," Ray said, "because, I just didn't want to meet my end at the bottom of a muddy foxhole."

In November, he was put on a train and sent to Great Lakes Naval Base near Chicago for eight weeks of basic training. He was next sent to Philadelphia for two weeks training as a water ten-

der. A water tender, or WT, is a first-class petty officer aboard a steam-powered ship in charge in a fire room. He "tends" water to the boilers, sees that fires are properly cleaned and stoked, etc. Ray was the sent to Norfolk, Va., Naval Base, where he completed his training and was assigned to the newly commissioned destroyer escort ship USS Douglas Munro DE-422.

Its first assignment was to escort the USS Vixen PG-53 gunboat, which was carrying the commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet on a tour of the Caribbean defenses and also assessing the strength of the German U-boats in the Atlantic. A month later, it was sent to Casablanca, Morocco, to escort the USS Kasaan Bay CVE-69 aircraft carrier back to the U.S. for deployment to the Pacific theater.

"It was a rough journey across the Atlantic," Ray said. "I was so sick, I couldn't leave the engine room for three days." On Dec. 7, 1944, the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor, the ship left Norfolk and headed for the



Livonia resident James Ray is the Veteran of the Month for December from the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32.

Pacific.

"We passed through the Panama Canal on Dec. 17," Ray said, "then passed the Galapagos Islands and Bora Bora." After exercising at Manus Island off the coast of

Papua New Guinea, it sailed to Biak, Schouten Islands, to pick up a convoy of LSTs and merchant ships bound for Lingayen Gulf, in the Philippines. It returned to San Pedro Bay, Leyte, and then, Dec. 20, sailed to escort a convoy of army tugs to Subic Bay. Upon its arrival a week later,

the ship was assigned to screen a mine-sweeping unit clearing the San Bernardino Strait and the approaches to Manila Bay and also supported naval and amphibious operations on nearby shores.

The ship operated at Subic Bay, patrolling for subs and escorting ships until May 6, 1945. From May 19 to July 5, USS Douglas Munro served in the assault and occupation of Borneo. "I could hear the big guns going off from down in the engine room and knew all hell was breaking loose," Ray said. "I had to go look and went topside to see the shore being blown up. It was quite a sight. We were situated around the perimeter of the attacking force to protect them from being attacked from the sea, so we were far enough off-shore that we were never fired upon."

Next it escorted supply convoys from Leyte, bombarded enemy positions and served as an antisubmarine patrol vessel. It also escorted transports from Ulithi to the Philippines from July 19-26 and then patrolled against submarines between Leyte and Okinawa until the end of the war. It left Leyte on Sept. 6 to join the South China Force, arriving in the

approaches to the Yangtze River on Sept. 19. The ship served with this force until Jan. 5, 1946, when it got underway from Hong Kong for the west coast, arriving Feb. 1 at San Francisco. Next stop was San Diego on March 30 to decommission the ship.

Ray was sent to Great Lakes and discharged May 19, 1946. He went back to Illinois to see his parents for a couple of weeks, then to his brother's home in Detroit. He met Wanda, a girl from Tennessee, at a bowling alley and, in 1948, they were married. They lived in Inkster for 30 years before moving to Livonia in 1987. Wanda died in 2011 after 63 years of marriage. They have two sons, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Ray retired in 1985 as a claims adjuster and a loss control examiner for a local insurance company. He is a longstanding member of D.E.S.A. (Destroyer Escort Sailors Association) and also a member of American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Ray attended the S.A.L. December membership meeting, where his story was read and a plaque was presented to him from Livonia Trophy, with his picture and service information. An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule of the American Legion Hall. The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend its monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, in Livonia.

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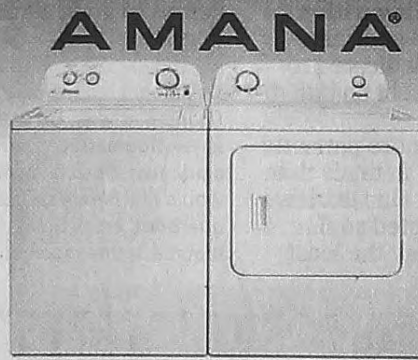
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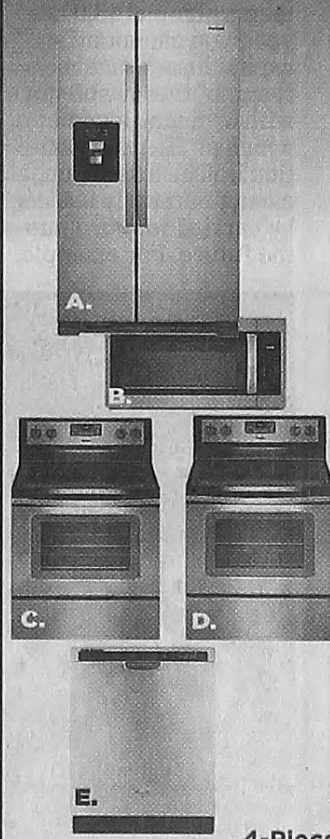
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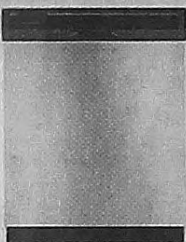
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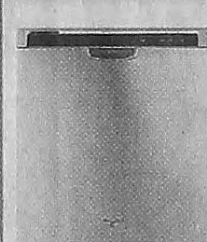
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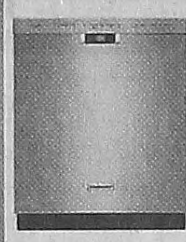
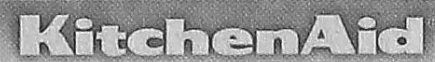
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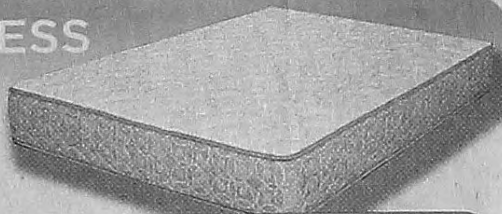
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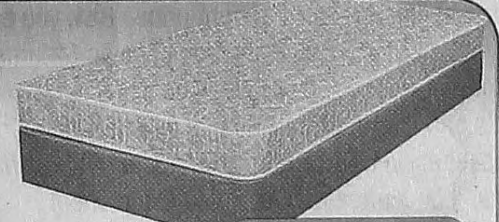


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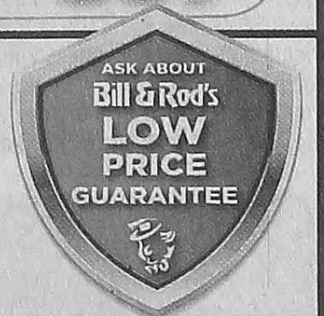


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*It is not more patriotic to pay more in taxes than you have to. Our tax laws are constructed so that taxpayers pay the least amount of taxes legally possible.*

**Q: I have a tax question that I hope you can help me with. This year, I have taken some significant losses on my stock portfolio. A few years ago, I invested a substantial amount of money in a new start-up company. I knew it was somewhat of a gamble, but I was convinced that the stock would take off. Earlier this year, the company went into bankruptcy and went out of business. As a result, I have about \$100,000 in losses. My tax guy said because I don't have any gains, I can only use a very small portion of the loss. I went to see another tax person and they recommended I withdraw \$100,000 from my IRA and use**

**the distribution to offset the taxes. He said it was aggressive, but he thought there was a good chance the IRS would let it slide by. My question to you is, do you think I should do it and, if not, do you have any other suggestions?**

**A:** I don't think offsetting your stock losses with an IRA distribution is too aggressive — I think it is just unquestionably wrong. The laws and regulations are very clear on this point: Other than a nominal \$3,000 a year, you cannot offset capital losses that are a result of the sale of stock with ordinary income, which an IRA distribution is. The losses you cannot currently use can be carried forward into the future. For example,

if the capital losses were \$100,000 and you offset \$3,000 in the current year, you can carry over \$97,000 in losses to future years.

When the tax person told you it was aggressive to offset capital losses with an IRA distribution, it's sort of like saying that Hurricane Harvey caused some water damage in Houston. The hope that the IRS will let it slide by is not a good way to handle your taxes. If the IRS does not let it slide by and catches you, as I am sure it will, in addition to the taxes you would owe, you would also be liable for interest and penalties.

It is important to remember that you sign your tax return and ultimately are responsible

for its accuracy. You have to be careful whom you take tax advice from and whom you let complete your return. Just because someone knows how to complete a return does not mean they're qualified to give tax advice; just because someone knows tax laws does not make them qualified to prepare returns. Completing a tax return is totally different than giving advice on taxes. When it comes to taxes, you need to make sure you are dealing with a professional and someone who is dedicated to staying current on our tax laws.

It is not more patriotic to pay more in taxes than you have to. Our tax laws are constructed so that taxpayers pay the least

amount of taxes legally possible. When there are gray areas in our tax law, there's nothing wrong with using them to your advantage. However, you should always make sure there's some basis in the law for your interpretation. If not, the IRS will eventually catch up with you and not only will it assess you with taxes, interest and penalties, but you'll also have your fair share of grief. The bottom line: yes, it's OK to be aggressive when it comes to your taxes, just don't be stupid.

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# Former kennel owner's animal abuse trial begins

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Shellean Polovich said the four dogs she recovered from a Livonia residence back in August definitely showed signs of neglect for quite some time.

The dogs, which belonged to then-Farmington Hills resident Mary Gabriel, were handed off to Livonia resident Kelly Dettore, who had been watching them the previous few days.

When Polovich, a Livonia animal control officer, arrived and looked at the animals at Dettore's home, she knew something wasn't right.

"They had a very strong odor of urine and

feces and had ear infections," she said. "The dogs were urine- and feces-soaked."

Gabriel, 74, was later charged with four counts of animal neglect and four counts of keeping unlicensed dogs, all misdemeanors. A bench trial in Livonia's 16th District Court began Tuesday afternoon, with city prosecutors and defense attorneys presenting witnesses before Judge Sean Kavanagh.

Gabriel ran the Chien d'Or Kennel on Rollcrest Street near 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads in Farmington for years, though the business's website indicates the property is currently for sale. Gabriel's attorney indicated back in October that she was in the

process then of moving to Rose Township in north-west Oakland County.

Polovich testified that she was called to Dettore's home in late August on the report of too many dogs at the residence. When she arrived, she found the dogs had fleas, ear infections and feces matted in their fur. They were taken from the home and brought to the Michigan Humane Society in Westland, where they were examined by Dr. Clarissa Funke, a shelter veterinarian.

She said all the dogs showed various signs of neglect, including fleas or flea dirt present in their fur, ear infections and matted feces in their



Gabriel

fur. One dog, she said, had feces matted in several places, including at least one place she wouldn't normally see it.

"It was dangling off the edge of the ear (of one dog)," Funke said.

Dettore, who herself faces a single misdemeanor charge after striking a deal with city prosecutors to testify in Gabriel's case and have several others charges dropped, said she received the dogs the evening of Aug. 25.

She said she noticed some odor on the dogs and bought some shampoo to try to clean the dogs. She kept them in her home, split between a crate provided by Gabri-

el and a makeshift area created by rearranging couches in her living room. The dogs would be left outside to relieve themselves in her backyard, where it's possible they may have gotten into a tent set up days before for an outdoor camping experience for her daughter.

### 'The basement dogs'

Gabriel has had several run-ins over the years with Oakland County and the city of Farmington Hills. Oakland County declined to renew her kennel license back in June, plus she faced a zoning violation back in 2015 by the city.

Hannah Orow, a 17-year-old girl who worked at Chien d'Or Kennel in July and August of this

year, testified that several of the dogs in question of the case were often referred to as "the basement dogs," as they were kept in crates downstairs and let out only to relieve themselves.

She was charged with keeping the dogs' areas clean, though said it was clear conditions weren't up to par.

"I was concerned the first day I walked in there," she said.

The trial will resume after 3.5 hours of testimony Tuesday. Kavanagh scheduled the trial to pick up at 11 a.m. Dec. 12 in his courtroom in Livonia.

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## Relieve holiday stress with these tips

The holidays are upon us. Amidst the joy and celebrations, office and family parties, traveling and shopping, there can be stress and everyone is vulnerable. Many life events are difficult to pull off without stress.

Symptoms can be psychological, physical or both. Irritability, worrying, headaches, poor sleep, gastrointestinal distress and high blood pressure are just a few of the many symptoms of stress. Some have learned how to identify triggers.

### Stress management

In addition to identifying sources of stress, it's important to learn to anticipate times that you'll be finding yourself under stress. Anticipation of an event is the first step toward gaining control. Anticipation needs to be accompanied with an optimistic mindset, such as "I know the work of taking care of all the details of the family Christmas party is going to be stressful, but I know it will be temporary and I'll manage." In addition to anticipation and acceptance, using common sense regarding a balanced diet, avoiding excessive alcohol consumption, exercise and



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getting adequate sleep are all very important. Moderation is the key. Too much or too little of anything can aggravate stress.

### Controlled breathing

Normally when we breathe, we only use the top third of our lungs. By doing abdominal breathing, the entire lungs are put to work and more oxygen reaches the brain quickly. Take a few slow, regular breathes and then exhale completely for as long as you can. Your next breath will automatically come from your abdomen. Keep this breathing rhythm going and you may find yourself relaxing quite quickly.

### Muscle relaxation

You can learn to train your muscles, from head to toe, to become more deeply relaxed. Pick a quiet place and an uninterrupted 20 minutes and concentrate on tensing your feet and then relaxing them. Then do the same with your legs, abdomen, lower back,

neck and head and, finally, your arms and hands. Feel the difference between the tense muscles and the relaxed muscles. Combine the controlled breathing technique with the progressive muscle relaxation and you can learn to bring your stress level down.

### Visualization

Finally, after achieving relaxation, spend some time enjoying it and think about a quiet, peaceful, tranquil scene. For example, you might imagine yourself on the beach in the warm sun or floating on a raft on a lazy summer day. The more you practice, the better you'll get at these stress-reducing techniques. Actually, the level of relaxation that can be achieved in this way is greater than when sleeping. The nervous system is more active during sleep than while in a deep state of relaxation.

### Worry control

People who are chronic worriers tend to build up stress without recognizing it, sometimes until symptoms of serious health problems take over. Generalized anxiety is a condition for about 4 percent of Americans. For sufferers of

this condition, worry goes beyond a normal degree and stress reactions take their toll physically and mentally. A tip on preventing yourself from falling into this category is setting up a half-hour worry period. This may sound unusual, but it can help to contain daily worry. Develop a "what if this happens?" list and counter it with another list of "so what if this happens, then I'll do such and such." It may be difficult, but it's important to try to focus on the present.

The holidays can bring out the best and the worst in all of us. Being mindful of proneness to stress, identifying triggers, practicing stress management techniques and taking care of yourself can all be beneficial. Remind yourself that you are the only one who can best care for your own personal needs to manage, reduce and, hopefully, avoid stress during the holidays and all of the other days of the year.

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## Samaritas receives grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation

Samaritas recently received a \$50,000 award from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation to address mental health concerns among people served by the Samaritas Family Center in Westland.

The two-year grant will allow Samaritas to bring a licensed family therapist on-staff at the family center, which provides accommodations and support for families experiencing homelessness. The Samaritas Family Center has a strong partnership with Wayne State University and the University of Michigan School of Medicine to provide a one-day-per-week health clinic on-site, which addresses physical health concerns. However, mental health has not been part of the services provided.

There has been much research about the co-occurrence of mental illness, chronic physical health conditions and economic instability. Among the homeless population in Wayne County, a disproportionate percentage of individuals suffer from all three. Many people served by the family center need treatment to address behavioral health prob-

lems so they can achieve permanent housing without enduring another cycle of homelessness.

"We are grateful for this award and the support from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation toward addressing mental health concerns for the people we serve at the family center," said Sam Beals, Samaritas CEO. "This is a huge step forward in empowering families experiencing homelessness with the tools they need to be successful in achieving permanent housing and economic stability."

This grant will provide behavioral health screening for family center families, using a screening tool known as VI-SPDAT, within five days of arrival to the family center, to determine behavioral health needs. Samaritas professionals are optimistic that the additional resources and treatments will lead a majority of people served by the family center toward permanent housing once they leave the shelter.

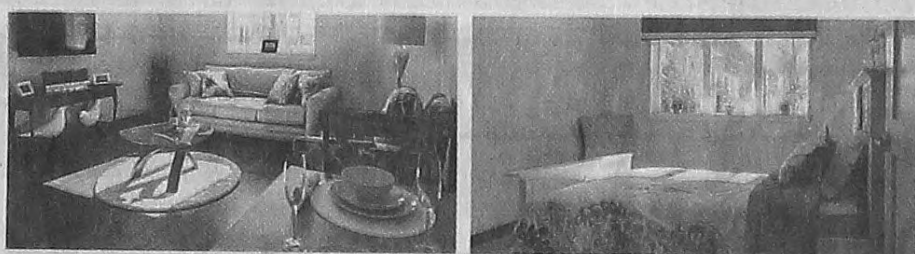
Samaritas has operated the family center in Westland for 25 years. This is out-Wayne County's only emergency shelter for families experiencing homelessness.

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## Magician Aaron Radatz returns to Village Theater

Las Vegas magician and Michigan native Aaron Radatz will be returning to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton for one show only, at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22. Tickets range from \$18 to \$24 and can be purchased online at [www.cantonvillage.com](http://www.cantonvillage.com) or by calling 734-394-5300.

Radatz, who was just recently featured on the global TV sensation "Masters of Illusion," will be presenting his show of magic and comedy. "This is one of the shows I am always excited about all year as I get to return to my home state and entertain during this magical season," Radatz said.

A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the Humane Society of Michigan. In addition, Radatz's new children's book, "The Adventures of Dingo the Dog," will also benefit the Humane Society with a portion of each book sale benefiting the organization.

Radatz was born and raised in Detroit and began his magic career at age 6. He continued honing his craft while attending Catholic Central High School and Central Michigan University, where he recently received the Outstanding Alumni Award.

Radatz is no stranger to the Detroit area, with performances over the years for General Motors, Chrysler, Soaring Eagle Casino, Andiamo's, Jeff Daniels, the Detroit Tigers and several others.

# Guns and divorce: Nine things you need to know

**Q: I am about to file for a divorce and my husband has several handguns and rifles in the house. Our marriage has been volatile and I am concerned about my safety and the safety of our children. What should I do?**

**A:** We are in the aftermath of the most horrific shooting tragedy in the history of our country. Fifty-eight people died in the horrific shooting Oct. 1. It happened in Las Vegas, but can happen anywhere.

In my divorce practice, gun issues have come up on many occasions. Divorce can be volatile under the best of circumstances and safety is of paramount importance.

I have had clients murdered by a spouse during a divorce. There was an incident several years ago when a divorce was finalized and the husband, who was to vacate the house by court order the next day, barricaded himself in the marital home in an



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upscale West Bloomfield neighborhood. Police were called and, tragically, a West Bloomfield police officer was killed and then the man turned the gun on himself, resulting in a murder/suicide. This house was two houses away from where my grandchildren were living.

Guns are everywhere. Emotions are high and a divorce can trigger a tragedy.

Following are some steps that I recommend to my clients that I

would like to share with you:

1. If you are concerned, get any guns out of the house and have them held by another family member or friend in a secure place. You can always remove the guns and put them into a storage locker for safe keeping.

2. I once had a case where my office was holding the rifles during a divorce. This is something that I do not recommend.

3. Many police departments will put guns or other weapons into storage for safe keeping until there is a further directive. Check with the local authorities where you live.

4. You can always file a motion with the court to make sure that guns are safely stored until the case is resolved.

5. Possession of guns after a divorce can be an issue and this is something that I have negotiated on numerous occasions.

6. I once had a case where I walked into a deposition and my client pulled out a handgun. I immediately grabbed it and it was put in a safe and secure place. This was many years ago and is something that I don't recommend.

7. In another high-conflict divorce, a client pulled a gun and started shooting over the heads of the two attorneys and the other client. This was in a law office conference room in the Renaissance Center in Detroit. The bullets remained for many years as a reminder of how a tragedy can occur.

8. The key is to be safe rather than sorry. If there is any doubt, get any weapons out of the house before you file for a divorce.

9. Talk to your attorney and explain the situation when you are strategizing as the best way to move forward once you have decided to file for a divorce.

Divorce is known as crazy time, when even the most rational human beings sometimes lose it!

I urge you to err on the side of caution. Guns and divorce can be a very toxic brew. This is not a matter of gun control. It is a matter of making sure that no one is killed during the traumatic times that go hand in hand with a divorce.

These are my thoughts. What are yours?

*Henry S. Gornbein specializes in all aspects of family law. He is a partner in the Birmingham law firm of Lippitt O'Keefe Gornbein PLLC, where he heads the family law unit. He is creator and host of the award-winning cable television show "Practical Law," with more than 800 episodes aired to date. He is the author of the book "Divorce Demystified, Everything You Need To Know Before You File For Divorce." Contact him at [hgornbein@lippittokeefe.com](mailto:hgornbein@lippittokeefe.com) or 248-646-8292.*

### PUBLIC NOTICE Regular Meeting

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting December 19th, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting; to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

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# DIFFERENCES START CONVERSATIONS

With equality for all a goal, Chris Lassiter gets people talking

**PATRICK HITE**  
STAUNTON NEWS LEADER  
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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 Americans doing exceptional things, visit [onenation.usatoday.com](http://onenation.usatoday.com).

STAUNTON, Va. — It's a solemn Chris Lassiter, not flashing the smile that the 41-year-old is so well-known for around his hometown of Staunton, Virginia.

He's sitting on the front steps of his house situated in a historic African-American neighborhood of this small city in the Shenandoah Valley. It's two days after the violence of Charlottesville, and although Staunton is 45 miles and a mountain range away, the Unite the Right rally, the clash of supremacists and protesters and the one violent death, have taken their toll here, too.

Lassiter looks into the camera and tells those watching him on Facebook Live that he understands it can be emotionally draining. He tells them that he feels a bit distraught over everything that happened. It's still difficult, 48 hours after the events, to comprehend what happened.

But then, in typical Lassiter form, he also tells the viewers that he wants to do whatever he can to be part of the solution. And so he invites those watching to join him the following Saturday morning for an hour of prayer.

And then he extends another offer. "Right after that, just a couple of friends and I are getting together to talk," he says. "The friends who have said, 'Hey, I'll come' are a diverse group, so it will be different cultures, different takes on theology, all of that stuff. We're just going to get together and talk and help each other work through it."

Anyone who wants to join the group is welcome.

How much can talking help? Lassiter believes a lot.

One of Lassiter's favorite sayings is "Proximity breeds compassion." He has seen far too many arguments over social media, arguments that resolve nothing and ratchet anger, leaving everyone

## CHRIS LASSITER

Age: 41

Location: Staunton, Virginia

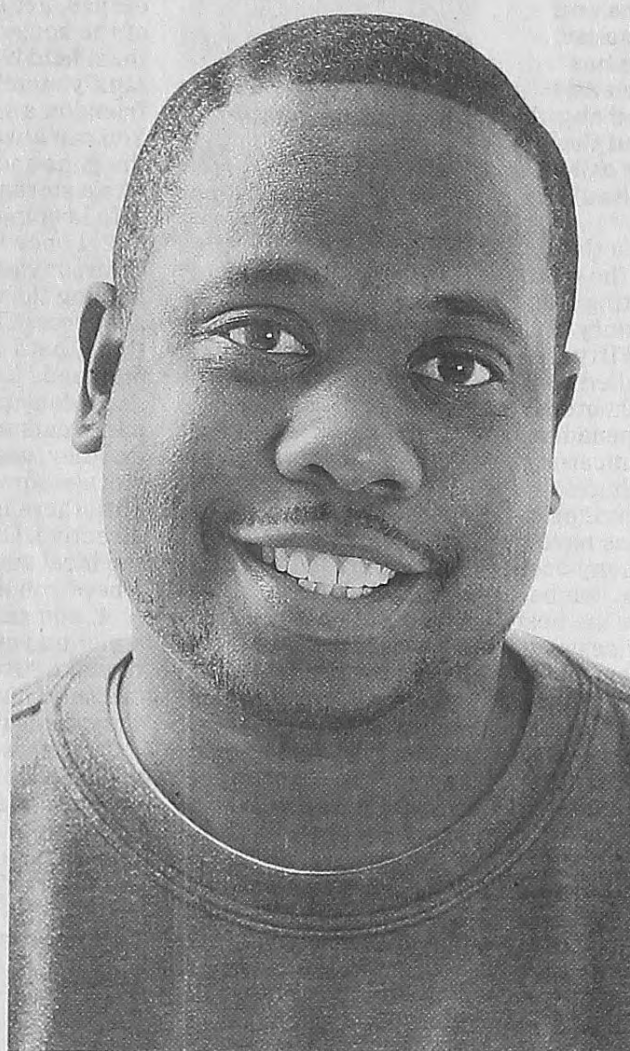
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Chris Lassiter believes organizing community discussions can help start a healing process. MIKE TRIPP/STAUNTON NEWS LEADER



## Q&A WITH CHRIS LASSITER

### What does it mean to be an American?

I think the first thing I think about as an American is privileged. I've been to parts of the world that don't have running water. Not only do I have running water, I control the temperature of the water. I love the melting pot aspect of America, and my neighborhood is a prime example. As an African-American, I'm well aware of the many painful chapters in America's history, too. We appreciate what we have in America, and my friends and I work where we see areas that need justice and reconciliation.

### What moment motivated you to become part of this effort?

In 2005, I got to meet the legendary John Perkins of the Christian Community Development Association in Los Angeles. His strategy of living in the neighborhood where you want to make a difference shaped the trajectory for my wife, Emily, and me. I've met so many people I'd consider true heroes at Urban Youth Workers Institute and the Legacy Conference in Chicago who have inspired me.

### What gives you hope?

The apostle Paul tells the church in Colossae that the meta-narrative of the Bible concludes with the creator reconciling all things. Right now our world is both beautiful and broken. The promise is that one day it will only be beautiful, and so we work toward healing the brokenness and restoring the beauty in our own small way here.

### What concerns you?

It's hard not to look at the most recent school shooting or similar events in the world and not feel a great deal of concern for the world we are passing on to my five kids.

### What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I guess I hope to accomplish two things. The first is to create an environment where people can again be friends with people with opposing views, or at the very least agree to disagree as we work together to see our society flourish. The second is to create a template for others that is the opposite of shouting past one another on social media. ... it takes time, humility, empathy and kindness to invite someone with opposing views out to lunch or into your home.

more entrenched.

But, he believes, having face-to-face talks with those who disagree with you can actually start the healing. "A huge part of being human and showing you that I value you is taking the time to listen," he said. "And not just listen to form a response, but just listen because you're important enough to listen to."

He knows the black experience in the United States has been a painful one.

He admits that can be infuriating. At the same time, he wants to stay focused on the end goal of equality for everyone.

"It's all justice for all people at all times, and doing that graciously," Lassiter said. "And at the end I think that helps you fight for reconciliation rather than just your own people group."

After Charlottesville, he held a com-

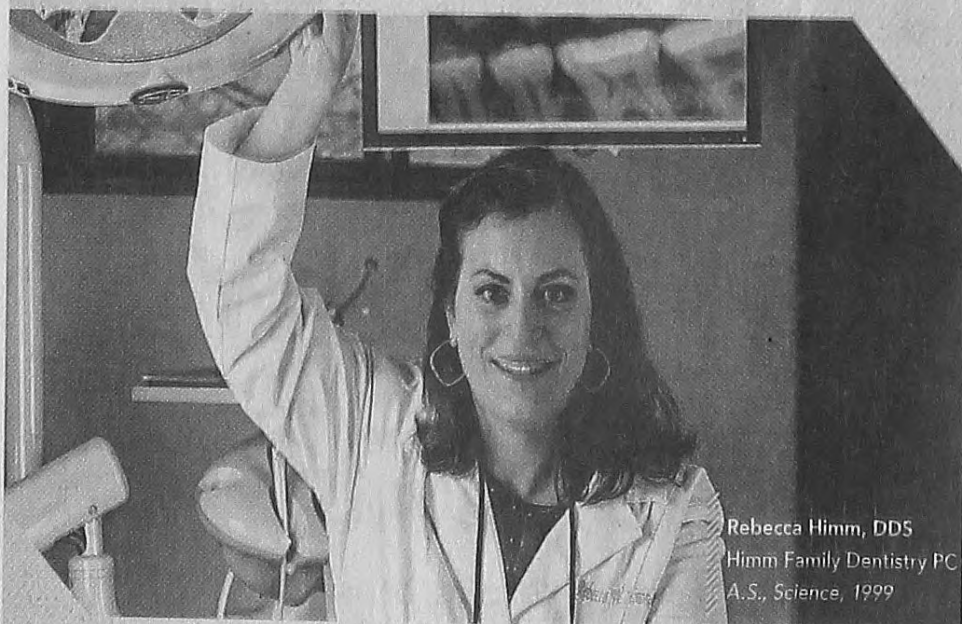
munity discussion on both a Saturday and Sunday morning, a week after the violence. One of the discussions was at a coffee shop and the other at a fast-food restaurant. Combined, the two sessions drew more than 30 people.

"We had more people and we probably also had a more diverse group than we've had."

He has been a teacher in the high school from which he graduated. He has been a Young Life leader, he has led Bible study for incarcerated youths, he has been a campus minister. He's been a newspaper reporter. Lassiter is constantly trying to find ways to serve the community he loves.

"One of the things I wanted to do," he said, "was put the personhood back in people as we have those conversations."

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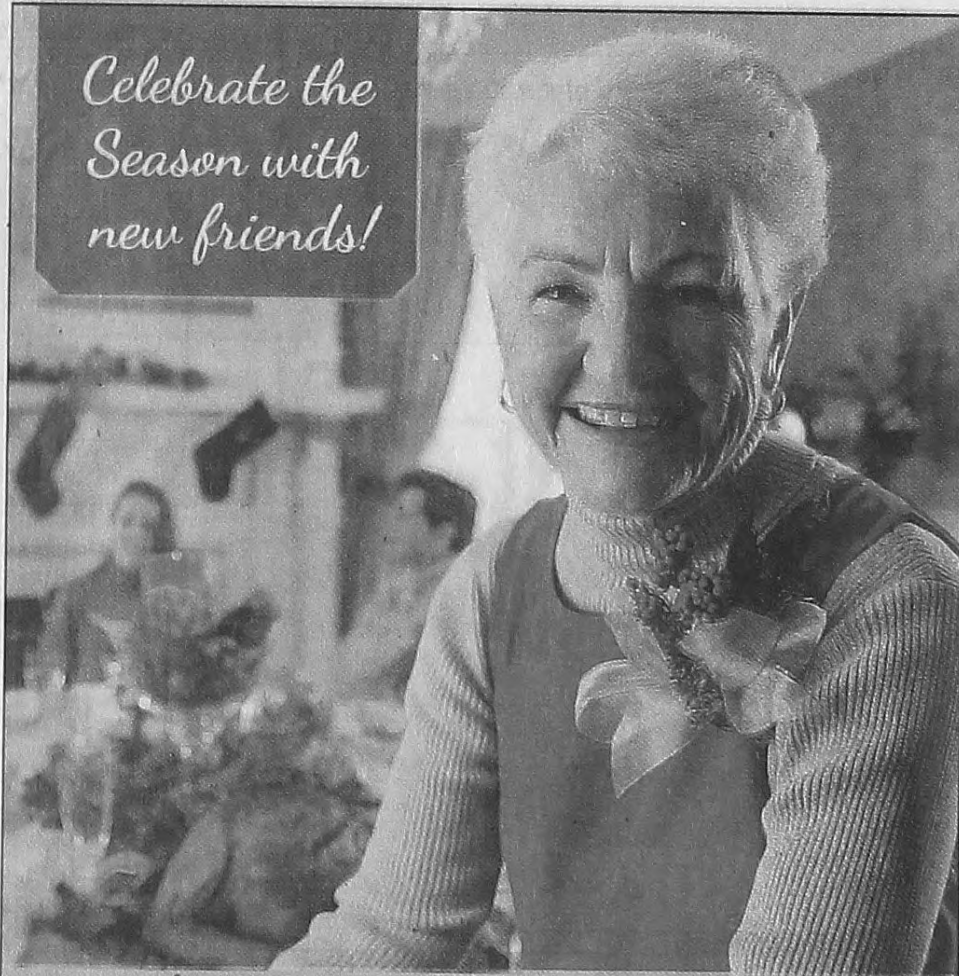
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### Village Theater art exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will exhibit the collected works of the Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild in the Gallery@VT through Jan. 1, 2018. Works on display include a wide variety of fiber art, such as basketry, beading, bead embroidery, bead weaving, kumihimo, crochet, doll making, dyeing and painting, embroidery, felting, garment design and construction, hand-made paper and book art, knitting, knotting, quilting, sewing, spinning, weaving and surface design.

The exhibit is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, during public performances at the theater and by appointment by calling 734/394-5300. The gallery is closed holidays.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. For more information, 734-394-5300 or go to [www.cantonvillage theater.org](http://www.cantonvillage theater.org).

### 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](http://www.detroitbluessociety.org)).

There is a \$5 donation at the door and bring your dancing shoes.

Tuesday, Dec. 12, for its debut appearance with the Elks will be The Sax Maniacs Band. Performing will be Terry Burton on vocals, Ray Wise on guitar and vocals, Tom Hunter on bass and vocals, Joe Bruglio on drums and vocals and Dave "Dr. Z" Daniele on keys, sax and vocals.

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.

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](http://www.plyaa325.com) or email [jazzattheelks@gmail.com](mailto:jazzattheelks@gmail.com).

### A visit from St. Nick

St. Nicholas will be visiting Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth Township, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13. Bring children, grandchildren, friends and family to hear the story of the origin of Santa Claus.

### 3D Photography Club

The 3D Photography Club will hold its next meeting 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road.

All are invited to come and see the award-winning 3D images. The meetings are free to attend and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

The meeting will begin with the annual holiday potluck dinner, with live musical performances from some members. There will also be an exhibition of stereoview cards made by members and many 3D items on display and for sale.

For more information, go to

[www.Detroit3D.org](http://www.Detroit3D.org) or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

### Central City's Christmas Broadway spectacular

"The Most Explosive Christmas Show Around Town," Canton's Christmas Broadway spectacular, is scheduled for seven performances Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 14-17, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Times are at 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and noon and 4 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$24 and are on sale at the Village Theater box office or online at [www.CantonVillageTheater.org](http://www.CantonVillageTheater.org). Tickets are reserved seating.

For more information, go to [www.CantonVillageTheater.org](http://www.CantonVillageTheater.org) or call 734-394-5300.

### 'Christmas Carol' at the PARC

"A Christmas Carol — The Musical" is being performed at the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex, 650 Church Street, Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 14-17, by Forever After Productions.

General admission tickets are \$10 and are



The Sax Maniacs Band will perform Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge.

on sale for all performances, set for 7 p.m. Friday through Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, at [www.iheartforeverafter.com](http://www.iheartforeverafter.com), by calling Shirley at Forever After Productions

at 734-547-5156 or at the door. Enter via Door 24 from Adams Street parking lot at rear of building.

Go to [www.iheartforeverafter.com](http://www.iheartforeverafter.com) for additional information.

### 88.1 The Park sponsors 'On the Beat'

Radio station 88.1 The Park will partner with local police departments to give the community a chance to

understand how local law enforcement works. Officers have agreed to answer the community's questions on policing and law enforcement on the "On the Beat" program, which will air Monday, Dec. 18.

The station aired the first "On the Beat" in September. Community members submitted questions regarding traffic rules, police responsibilities and more. 88.1 The Park is accepting questions for the December program. Questions can cover any topic effecting our local police departments. Your questions can be submitted at [881ThePark@gmail.com](mailto:881ThePark@gmail.com) by Dec. 14.

88.1 The Park is a local radio station that is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

### Mitten Theater presents 'Knife Before Christmas'

The Mitten Theater will host the premiere of "The Knife Before Christmas," an original murder mystery production that runs at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15 and 22. The Mitten Theater

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# Obituaries

## TODAY'S OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES

Name	Age	Town, State	Death Date	Arrangements
*Chruscial, Edward Harold	72	Canton	02-Dec	David C. Brown Funeral Home
*Gatto, Gregory	86	Dearborn Heights	03-Dec	John N. Santeiu & Son, Inc.
*Weisbrod, Elizabeth Jean	93	Trenton, MI	24-Nov	Bliley's Funeral Home

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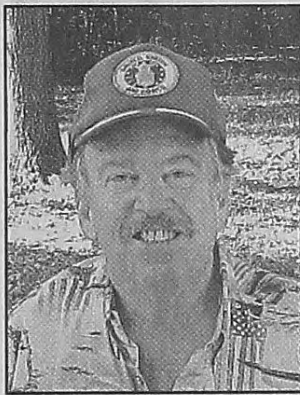
**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** - Age 86, December 3, 2017. Beloved husband of the late Mary. Dear father of Anthony, Patty and Michael (Kris). Grandfather of Brendan, Marisa, Olivia and Ava. Gregory was the owner of Roman Forum Restaurant in Canton. Funeral services were held. Family suggests memorials to Michigan Diabetes or Angela Hospice. [www.santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeiufuneralhome.com)

### Kathleen Leahy

**ROCHESTER HILLS** - Kathleen (Hendrickson) Leahy, 82, Rochester Hills. Our beloved mother & friend passed away on November 30, 2017. After a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease, Kathy passed away surrounded by love with family by her side. Memorial donations may be made in Kathy's name to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

### Edward Harold Chruscial

**CANTON** - Age 72, long-time Canton resident, died Saturday at the VA Medical Center in Ann Arbor, after a courageous battle with Leukemia. He was born July 1, 1945 in Steubenville, OH, son of Edward & Charlene Chruscial. He proudly served in the U.S. Air Force during Vietnam. He was a commercial airline pilot for numerous years before he retired. He loved air planes, flying, air shows, bowling, road trips-camping and canoeing. He was also a musician. He played his accordion on the Ed Sullivan show when he was twelve years old. Ed was a member of New Hope Church. Survived by five children: Rene Foggo of Coral Springs, FL, Tony (Lesley) Clark of Hastings, MI, Melinda (Phillip) Chruscial-Clemons of Ypsilanti, Heather (James) Janisse of Northville and Candice Chruscial of Belleville, 9 grandchildren and one great-grandchild on-the-way. Preceded in death by his wife Gloria, also daughter Torey Clark. Visitation 2-8 PM Friday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville (734-697-4500) with a 6 PM Time for Sharing. Funeral 11 AM Saturday, December 9, 2017 at New Hope Church, Canton. Interment Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)



### Elizabeth Jean Weisbrod

**TRENTON, MI** - Elizabeth Jean "Betty" Weisbrod, 93, departed this life peacefully on Friday, November 24, 2017, at home, surrounded by family and her caregiver. Known to all as simply "Mom," she was preceded in death by her husband, John Arthur Weisbrod; and her three brothers, Karl, James and Robert Schwartz. Born in Fenton, Iowa, Betty graduated from Fenton High School in 1941. She received her degree as a Registered Nurse from the School of Nursing at Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines in 1945. While serving at a veteran's hospital in New York City that year, she was reunited with a decorated WWII Navy lieutenant from her Iowa hometown. Following his recovery from injuries sustained during the initial assault to retake Iwo Jima, the couple married in 1946. Betty and John moved to Trenton, Michigan, where he was employed as a product designer for Ford Motor Company until his untimely death in 1962. While in Trenton, Betty worked as a private practice nurse. However, her first love was music. She taught piano lessons, served as church organist at Faith Methodist Church and frequently played for musical productions for the Wyandotte Community Theater. She continued to play the piano until a few months before her death. Betty moved to Richmond in 1980 to live with her daughter with whom she stayed for the last 37 years. She is survived by her son, Mark C. Weisbrod (Susan) of Canton, Michigan; her daughter, Mary Louise Linhart (Ted) of Richmond, Virginia; her granddaughter, Samantha Weisbrod; as well as two step-granddaughters and three step-great grandsons. Abiding by her wishes, there will be no visitation. Burial will be private. Betty's abiding passion was for Barksdale Theatre and all animals, large and small. Accordingly, in lieu of flowers, please consider the Muriel McAuley Fund of Virginia Repertory Theatre or the Richmond SPCA. Online condolences may be made at [www.blileys.com](http://www.blileys.com).



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is located inside of PARC (Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex), 650 Church St. Tickets are \$45 at theknifebeforechristmas.brownpaperticket.com, but early bird tickets are available for \$40 while supplies last. They will be \$50 at the door. Groups of 10 or more can contact Vince Sabatini at 609-233-0226 or vince@mittentheater.com. Ticket price includes a strolling hot and cold hors d'oeuvre and dessert buffet. Food may be limited for non-reserved tickets; door ticket prices will be reduced to \$25 in this case. A \$50 prize will be given to the best detective of the night. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Show is rated PG-13. This production is not appropriate for children. Contains coarse language, sexual innuendo, mythical creatures, scenes of violence (including an extended death scene) and singing. For more information, go to MittenTheater.com.

### Barefoot presents 'Almost, Maine'

The nonprofit Barefoot Productions Theatre, 240 N. Main St., in Plymouth will present "Almost, Maine" through Dec. 17. Show times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$17 to \$19, with student and senior discounts at [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com). For more information, call 734-404-6889, email [admin@justgobarefoot.com](mailto:admin@justgobarefoot.com) or go to

[www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com).

### Living Nativity at Lake Pointe Bible Church

Lake Pointe Bible Church, 42150 Schoolcraft, in Plymouth invites the community to come to a live Nativity scene 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23. Included will be the babe in swaddling clothes in the manger, young shepherds watching over their flocks of sheep and goats and the wise men bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The hallelujah chorus will entertain visitors with song, while a roaring fire will keep them warm. Refreshments will be available during the free, interactive, family friendly event. The living Nativity scene will take place in

the field in front of the church and will proceed rain or shine. Visitors are advised to dress warmly. Parking is available in the rear lot. Overflow parking is available across the street at the Plymouth Senior Station, 42375 Schoolcraft Road.

### Hats for the Homeless

Plymouth Community United Way is gearing up for the annual Hats for the Homeless drive, scheduled to run through Dec. 29 in an effort to keep our homeless community warm during the winter months. New and handmade items can be dropped at the PCUW office from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Friday. Should your company or group like to par-

ticipate by hosting a drive on-site or like to sponsor items like coats or blankets, contact Randi at 734-453-6879, ext. 5. For more information, go to [www.plymouthunitedway.org](http://www.plymouthunitedway.org).

### Baseline Folk Society

The Baseline Folk Society continues its 13th season at The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, at 774 N. Sheldon Road. 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.

### AARP TaxAide looking for volunteers

Every year, AARP provides free income tax preparation services for seniors and other moderate income families from February through April. AARP is looking for new volunteers to become tax counselors. You should know how to use a computer and the internet, and be experienced with income tax preparation.

Training will be provided to learn the tax software and tax law, to prepare you for certification. Training classes in early December and in mid-January are being scheduled now. Volunteers are expected to be active about one day per week during the tax season.

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Sam and Jessica Mass were like many millennials who graduated from college at the height of the recession: they left Michigan and went to Chicago.

But several years later, the couple opted to get into the family business and move back to Michigan. Today, they're the new owners of Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 27777 Schoolcraft, buying it from her father several months ago.

"We moved west a little bit to try and find some jobs and I got lucky and found a job in Chicago practicing," he said. "We were lucky to have the opportunity to take it over."

The couple, who met while they attended Detroit Country Day School in Beverly Hills, found work in Chicago after Sam Mass graduated from law school. When Jessica's father, William Burton Johnson, decided it was time to sell the business, he opted to pass it along to his daughter and son-in-law. They've operated the business since September.

"It was about family and opportunity to buy the business," she said. "My dad really wanted to retire."

"He just needed a break."

In addition to owning Burton Manor, the couple also runs Karas House, 23632 Plymouth, in Redford.

Her family has worked in the catering business for decades and has owned and oper-

ated Burton Manor the last 20 years. Looking toward retirement, Johnson said it was the perfect opportunity to reunite his family in Michigan.

"I wanted them to come home from Chicago," said Johnson, a Livonia resident. "It's been fun, but it's time."

Johnson's father began a catering business in the 1953, working out of the hall at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Livonia and then out of a bakery on Plymouth Road, then moving to a banquet hall in Westland and before retiring in the 1960s. Johnson bought the catering business in the 1970s. Later, he ran Karas House in Westland, moving to Redford in the early 1980s. Johnson, who said his father was a Livonia special police officer in the 1950s, then bought Burton Manor in the 1990s, which was formerly called Roma Banquets.

### Moving forward

The banquet hall is hoping to connect with larger brands for things such as honeymoons, dresses and tuxedos so that brides and grooms can get info on everything they'll need leading up to their wedding day, a move that they hope make the hall an attractive option for couples from across metro Detroit.

They're currently renovating a room in the executive office to display the partnerships, as well as a sample display of items such as chairs, chair covers and linens.

"So it's a one-stop place for everybody," Sam said. "Just trying to make it easier."

Burton Manor holds nearly 1,000 events a year, including weddings, corporate events, funeral wakes, birthdays and city events. The State of the City has taken place at the center, while this year's Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, which featured former Detroit Lions kicker Jason Hanson, took place there.

With the couple's background — his in law and hers in culinary arts — they're able to separate some aspects of running the business. When it comes to food, Sam said he hands that off to his wife and the hall's executive chef.

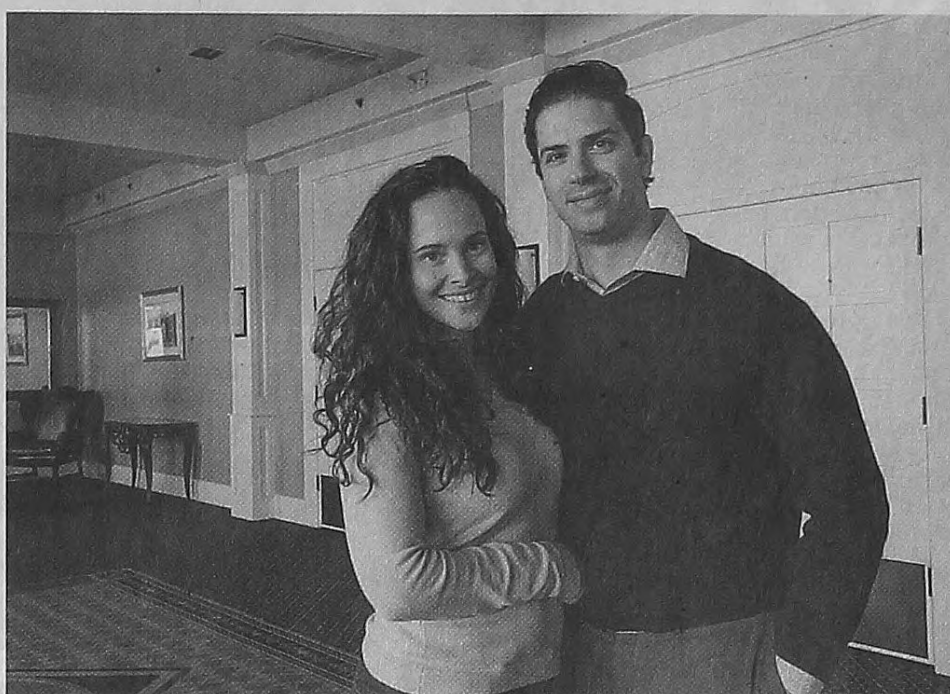
"They're the culinary masterminds," Sam said. "I stay out of their way in the kitchen."

The couple, who currently live in Sterling Heights, but hope to move to the Livonia area with their children, said they are excited at the opportunities at the banquet center, especially with all the development in the Schoolcraft/Inkster area: two new hotels have opened, new restaurants and shops have popped up along Middlebelt and plenty of renovations are taking place at other businesses in the area.

"You see it when it wasn't developed," he said. "Now, you've got the two brand-new hotels, you've got the whole shopping center to the west, you've got the distribution center right behind us."

"It's really encouraging."

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The husband and wife team of Sam and Jessica Mass moved back from Chicago to become the third generation in the business. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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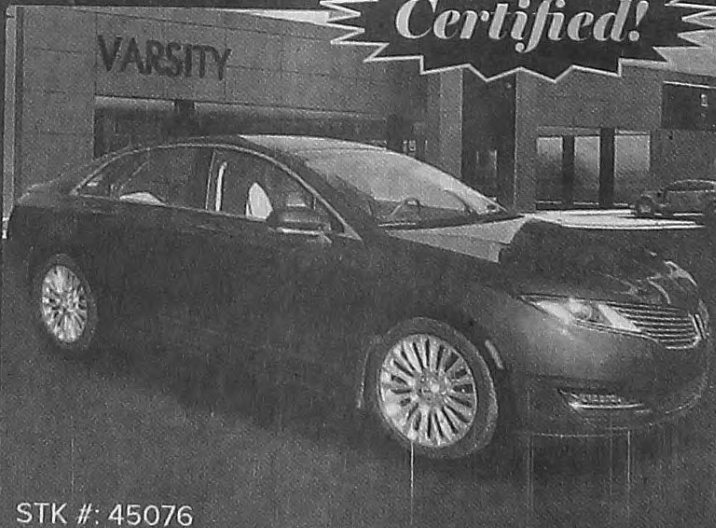


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PREP WRESTLING

## Franklin enters post-Atienza era

John Glenn Rockets on title quest; Salem also primed for season; Stevenson in rebuilding phase

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Will Livonia Franklin's varsity wrestling team be a victim of the football team's success?

With several key wrestlers literally late to the mat due to football — the Patriots' Johnny DiPonio, Marino DiPonio and others helped their team reach the Division 2 football championship

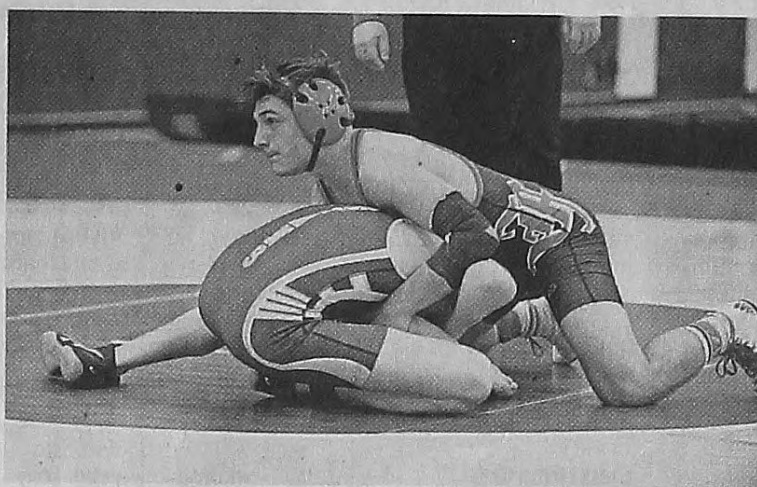
game Nov. 24 — longtime wrestling coach David Chiola had to wait a while to get his full squad together for pre-season workouts.

"I think this season will start out slowly," Chiola wrote in an email to the Observer. "Our football team made it to the state finals and quite a few of our wrestlers are on the team, so we got a bit of a late start."

Chiola's worries might turn out to be short-lived. On Wednesday, Franklin won the Livonia City Wrestling Meet for the third consecutive year.

Individual champions were Russ Rusnell, Howie Whitaker, Jacob John-

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Johnny DiPonio (top) gains an advantage against Livonia Stevenson's Max Davidek during a 2016-17 match-up. DiPonio is among a handful of Franklin football players now switching over to wrestling season. TOM BEAUDOIN

COLLEGE RECRUITING



Senior Carter Stagner, who was Seaholm's second-leading tackler in 2017, will play D-I football next year at Eastern Michigan. MARTY BUDNER

## Seaholm's Stagner commits to Eastern Michigan football

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Carter Stagner committed to play football at Eastern Michigan University last summer. The Seaholm senior's visit to the Ypsilanti campus the first weekend of December only confirmed his belief Eastern is the place he wants to continue his gridiron career.

Stagner, who had also considered

Ball State, said he will sign his official letter of intent to play for the Eagles later this month.

"After I committed to Eastern Michigan, I decided that's the only school I wanted to take an official visit to," Stagner said Tuesday after a ceremony inside Seaholm's media center, which recognized nine Maples who are headed off to college to play their respective sport. "I just got back from my official visit this past weekend and,

after going out there, it only reassured me that that's where I wanted to go.

"The coaching staff there is incredible. They are all very nice people and they can relate with the players. I didn't know a whole lot about Eastern. It was sort of one of the schools that was out there for me, possibly, but I didn't look too much into them until one of the coaches actually came and

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BOYS BASKETBALL

## Canton outmuscles No. 2-ranked Belleville

Big games by Meredith, Noah Brown spark Chiefs to season-opening win over fast, physical Tigers

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

About a month earlier, Belleville's No. 1-rated Division 1 football team was knocked out of the postseason by the Canton Chiefs in a heart-stopping district championship game.

On Tuesday, players from both of those teams became reacquainted on the basketball court in the 2017-18 season opener.

In a contest with plenty of energy, emotion and full-speed action, the Chiefs came away on top again at Bob Blohm Court, 65-61.

One of several Canton football-basketball players to make an impact was senior forward Chase Meredith, who tallied 18 points and 10 rebounds and was a physical menace as far as the Tigers were concerned.

"I would definitely say there was a little (carry-over) fire," Meredith said. "Belleville basketball team is very good, so we had to come out and play a good game."

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Driving the baseline is Canton's Vinson Sigmon (left) against Belleville's Davion Williams. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



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## BOYS HOCKEY

## Franklin's past meets present on special night

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Nostalgia permeated the air Dec. 1 at Livonia's Devonaire Ice Arena.

But an alumni night for Livonia Franklin's varsity boys hockey program could be launching something special for the future.

One of the Patriots' first captains, Dan Longeway (1974 graduate) and longtime head coach Terry Jobbitt participated in pregame ceremonies, which were emceed by current coach Dan Phelps.

"I played defense, I wasn't fast enough to play anything else," Longeway said with a laugh following the festivities. "We had a league of our own in Livonia, it was Franklin, Churchill, Stevenson, Bentley. ... The games were played at what was called Ford Field, which is now Eddie Edgar."

"It was indoor. Our first year, they didn't have glass, so it was still

fencing ... we practiced here at Devonaire. It's much nicer now."

When Longeway played (1972-74), the head coach was Paul Ferguson. The original team, in 1970-71, was coached by Ron Hellier and Bob Golata was the captain.

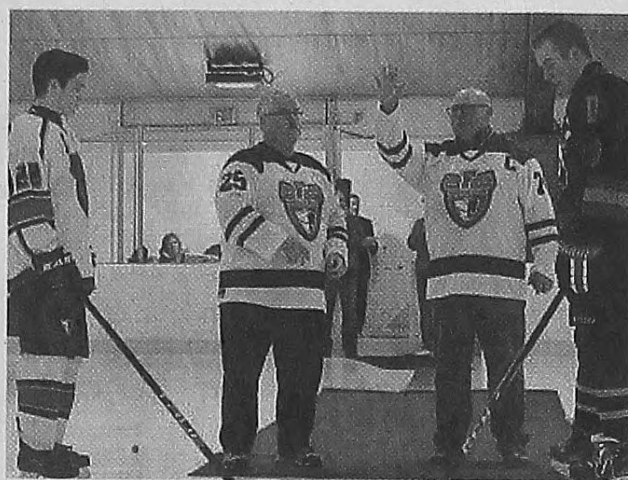
During the 1980s, Jobbitt took over the team and coached it for 25 seasons.

"Dan Phelps is an excellent coach, putting on a program like this, getting all the alumni involved," Jobbitt said. "I think it's a fabulous idea. ... Hopefully, we'll bond (and) get Dan more of an alumni association. That's what he wants to do."

## Center stage

Longeway and Jobbitt both dropped a puck at center ice, with players from the current Franklin (co-captain Jonah Pollack) and Dearborn Unified teams (Andrew White) sharing the moment.

Franklin then made it a truly special evening



Livonia Franklin's original captain, Dan Longeway, waves to the crowd before he and longtime Patriots coach Terry Jobbitt both drop a ceremonial first puck Dec. 1 at Devonaire Ice Arena. Flanking them are current Franklin co-captain Jonah Pollack (left) and Dearborn Unified captain Andrew White. TOM JUDGE

with a 5-1 win. Scoring two goals each were Trey Ziebol (four-point night) and Jacob Cox (three-point night), with the fifth goal scored by Ric Anderson.

The winning goalie was co-captain Will Augustine as the Patriots improved to 4-1-1 on the young season.

A number of friendly

faces from Franklin's past packed Devonaire (admission was free, but they were asked to fill out questionnaires to gauge interest in ongoing alumni events and activities).

Longeway shook hands with one of his Franklin teammates, Harold Vella. They posed for a selfie and briefly

kibitzed about decades gone by.

"I've been waiting for this for a long time," Longeway said. "Just to see Franklin hockey come back, to see the school come back and just to be part of it."

"Hopefully, the program takes off. It's exciting for us, just trying to give back a little bit."

According to Phelps, in his second season as head coach, Devonaire was chosen for the alumni night instead of Eddie Edgar because "it's close to the campus and it used to be a quasi-home for Franklin. ... It brings a nostalgic twist of the neighborhood and the community right around Franklin."

## Tradition matters

Phelps said he is hopeful that the event will bring old friends together and spark a connection with the current program. But it is important for today's players to honor the past.

"The current team, we're trying to instill in them a culture we're

trying to develop," Phelps said. "Part of that is, we have a poster at Eddie Edgar, 'From Our Past We Forge Our Future.'

"We want these guys to honor and understand that, because 20 years goes by fast. Someday, these guys we hope a tradition can be carried on and they'll be part of it."

Phelps added that he wants to get something started that has staying power.

"You think about the great schools, the Notre Dames, the Harvards, all the great collegiate schools," Phelps said. "Even great preps like Catholic Central and Divine Child and Orchard Lake St. Mary's, their alumnus are a big part of their programs."

"We're trying to do that here with Franklin. It's in a very embryonic state."

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## WRESTLING

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son, Nick Zajdel, Ethan Cooper, Jake Swirple and the Diponio brothers (Johnny, senior, 130 pounds; Marino, junior, 145; Rocco, freshman 125).

And Marino DiPonio was the meet's "most valuable" wrestler.

"I really didn't know what to expect today," Chiola said about the city meet. "Many of our guys were wrestling up one and even two weights of where they will eventually be, but they were able to pull it off."

"Our conditioning and technique isn't where I want it to be, but it's further along than I thought considering the late start the football players got. This was nice, because we were able to do it with only two seniors in the lineup."

Johnny DiPonio is one of the seniors, along with Whitaker (119) and 215-pounder Emmanuel Willie.

It might take a while for the lineup to jell, but the Patriots should again be competitive in the KLAA. They are now in the KLAA Black Division instead of the former South.

Of course, the team has a huge void left by the graduation of two-time state champion Nathan Atienza (now wrestling at Michigan State). The squad (district champion last year

after posting a 21-10 record) also lost Devin Viscaw to graduation.

"I like that we have a really good mix of experienced kids and new kids in the lineup," Chiola said. "It's a pretty good freshman class, but we have some veteran kids that have to step up this year. I think once we get everyone down to weight, we'll have a pretty solid team."

"We'll definitely have some holes, but I like how they've been working. We have some team and individual goals we have set; hopefully, we stay healthy and keep improving."

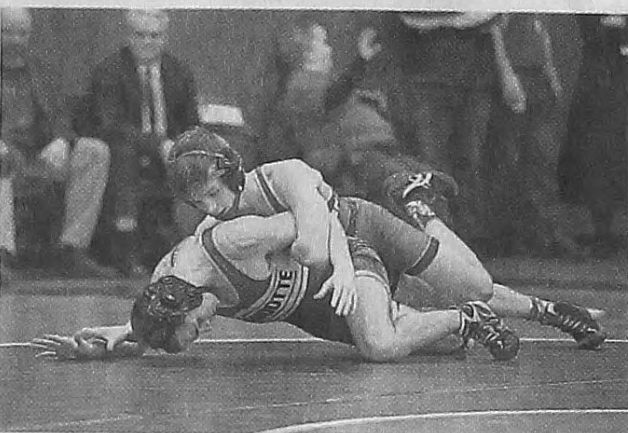
In addition to Whitaker, Willie, Johnny DiPonio and Marino DiPonio, the 2017-18 lineup will include returnees such as juniors Johnson (140), Rusnell (112), sophomore Swirple (heavyweight).

Promising newcomers are freshmen Rocco DiPonio, Jager Kwiatkowski (103) and Nick Jaynes (130).

## Mars to spark Rockets

Westland John Glenn head coach Bill Polk, entering his 20th season, once again is overseeing a loaded lineup — and he didn't lose an elite all-stater to graduation the way Chiola did when Atienza left the Franklin fold.

Senior Mikey Mars, who was an individual state champion in 2016 but lost in the 2017 finals at 119, is back and mov-



Part of an impressive 2017-18 roster is Westland John Glenn senior Mikey Mars, shown during a match from last season. FILE PHOTO

ing on up to the 130-pound weight class.

Other all-state returnees include seniors Isaac Lefler (135) and Anthony Gibson (145) and junior Kyle Borthwell (125) and Polk estimates they could be part of a large group — perhaps as many as 12 — who will find their way to the podium at the 2018 finals.

With the abundance of talent, John Glenn could have a season matching or surpassing 2016-17 (29-7 overall, including KLAA South Division, conference, association, district and regional championships).

The Rockets remain in a tough division (KLAA Black in the new-look association) with Livonia Franklin and Salem, among others.

Given that run of success and with Mars still around, the Rockets will now look to scale the last hurdle and win it all.

"We are looking to

take the next step as a program toward a state title," Polk said. "We had a great year last year, qualifying for the team finals and taking eight individuals and placing six."

"Several of those wrestlers are back this season and will lead the way for more accolades. We are loaded with hard-working talent and look forward to seeing who will be the next group of all-state wrestlers."

A newcomer to watch out for is freshman Ty Cowan as the Rockets map out long-term success.

## Salem is 'Rock' solid

Despite the graduation of state qualifiers Bruce Haslitt, Akash Rai and Taj Traylor, fourth-year Salem head coach Jeremy Henderson (entering his ninth season with the program) is optimistic that 2017-18 will be a successful year.



Stagner



DeWald

won the school's Nick Deanne Memorial Leadership Award this past season.

Defensively, Stagner led Seaholm last season in tackles for loss (nine) and sacks (four). The 17-year-old Birmingham resident registered 55 total tackles, second on the team. He was in on 12 tackles in a game against Rochester and totaled nine tackles against OAA White champion and Division 3 state finalist Farmington Harrison.

"Carter's non-stop motor on the field this year was inspiring to his teammates," DeWald said. "One play during the Bloomfield Hills game, he came close to

sacking the quarterback, only to have the quarterback throw to his check down route.

"Carter then got off the ground and chased the receiver down, making a TD-saving tackle 50 yards down the field," he added. "That hustle and heart can't be coached, that is just how he is wired and that is why he will be successful at the next level."

## Realizing potential

Stagner got called up to varsity his sophomore year and that's when he began to realize he had the potential to be a good football player.

He simply began working hard to improve his overall game, making terrific progress after taking defensive line classes at Wayne State University, where he upgraded his pass-rushing moves. He also changed his diet in an

effort to gain more weight.

Stagner said current defensive line coach Steve Jarrett and former Seaholm defensive coordinator Adam Korzeniewski — now Brother Rice's head coach — both played a huge role in his development.

All the hard work has paid off handsomely and the reward is a scholarship to Eastern.

"In the beginning, I didn't really think about getting a football scholarship all that much," Stagner said. "In my freshman year, I thought it was just going to be four years of high school and that was probably going to be it."

"From sophomore year to junior year is when I started to think about it a little more. After junior year is when I decided this is something that I wanted to do. I wanted to put all my

athletes, so we should be in good shape, which we will rely on like we do every year.

"I see us taking another step forward trying to get a handful of kids to the state tournament and, hopefully, earning another team district title."

## New era for Spartans

John McCurdy is entering his first season as head coach at Livonia Stevenson and he expects it to be a year of development.

"This season will be a growing year for our program," said McCurdy, who comes over to Stevenson from Dearborn Heights Crestwood. "We have no seniors this year, which presents us with the unique opportunity to coach for the future right now."

"As a team, we never lose, we either win or we learn. We preach to the kids to set proper goals, do the work to make them happen and hold themselves accountable. We have a great group of kids and we plan to grow together as a program. We get better every practice, every run and every lift and we plan to get better every meet."

One of the key wrestlers McCurdy will rely on for points is junior Tyler Whiteside, a returning regional qualifier in the 215-pound weight class.

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## STAGNER

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recruited me at school.

"I started to talk to him and he invited me to a camp over the summer," he added. "Once I went out there to a camp, they offered me that day and that's when it really started to take off with Eastern."

## 'Perfect mindset'

Veteran Seaholm head coach Jim DeWald noted Stagner has the perfect mindset to play Division I football.

"I am very excited for him and his opportunity," DeWald said. "He has worked very hard during his four years here at Seaholm. (EMU head) coach (Chris) Creighton has done a great job at EMU and his message and coaching style will fit Carter perfectly."

"In order to play D-I football, many things have to line up. First of all, you have to pass the eyeball test, then you have to have the athletic ability and, finally, and most importantly, you have to have the correct mentality and work ethic."

"Many kids have one or two of the traits listed, but in order to make it, you have to all the traits," he added. "Carter's mentality and work ethic has been a D-I mindset since he came to Seaholm. That mindset is a credit to his parents and his upbringing."

Stagner, a 6-foot-4, 215-pound lineman, was a captain who made his presence known on both sides of the ball. The three-year varsity letter winner figures to play defensive end at Eastern.

Stagner was voted Seaholm's Lineman of the Year in both his junior and senior seasons and

effort into going to college and this is something I needed to do.

"I'm very excited to get my career started at Eastern Michigan," he added.

DeWald, who played football at Western Michigan University, has no doubt Stagner can make an impact at Eastern.

"I see a very successful college football career for Carter," DeWald said. "Playing D-I football is not easy — only the strong survive. He is strong I am excited to watch him in the future. It was an honor to coach him."

Stagner is one of 12 Seaholm players who have moved on to play college football since DeWald took charge of the program in 2012. DeWald expects Stagner's teammates Nick Lang and Vaish Siddapureddy to be added to that list in the coming months.

COLLEGE RECRUITING

# College-bound Plymouth athletes sign early

**Tim Smith**

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There is still plenty left to do before Plymouth senior student-athletes walk across the stage and snag their diplomas.

But it's always a good thing to have college plans wrapped up earlier rather than later.

For Logan Dziadzio, Evan Good, Ethan Byrnes, Paige Saunders, Erin Johnson and Anthony Crump, that's exactly what they have done — all six announced Nov. 15 they had signed to play their respective sport at the collegiate level.

**Baseball duo**

Dziadzio will play second base beginning in 2019 at Madonna University. He will take a .372 batting average and 3.5 grade-point average a few miles east to the Livonia campus.

"I just wanted to get it done (signing) before I started working out for the season," Dziadzio said. "So I'm solid with where I want to go, just be done with my signing, so I already know where I'm going to be after the season's over."

He described his style of infield play as "aggressive" and said he can't wait to become a Crusader.

"This was like a really big step in my life," Dziadzio said. "Ever since I was a little kid, I've always been wanting to continue my career with baseball and I thought Madonna was just a really good choice for me."

Ditto for third baseman/pitcher Good, slated to play Division II baseball at Northwood University in Midland.

Last year, Good had an excellent season hitting (.485 average) and pitching (4-1 record).

"I'm very blessed and it's always a good thing knowing you'll play four more years of the game you love," said Good, who came to Plymouth from Dearborn Divine Child during his freshman



Six Plymouth student-athletes recently signed national letters of intent (from left): Logan Dziadzio, Evan Good, Anthony Crump, Erin Johnson, Ethan Byrnes and Paige Saunders. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

year.

Good said that the decision to change schools proved to be the correct one on many levels.

"I came here and I was able to be myself," Good said. "I just felt really good here, it felt like home."

Their coach with the Wildcats, Jason Crain, was on hand for the signing ceremony.

"Logan's a little spit-fire. I tell people all the time that kid can play," Crain said. "I'm excited he's getting this opportunity. They have good coaches at Madonna. I think Logan's going to be in a great spot there."

"Evan found himself a nice home at Northwood. ... He has the tools to really take it to the next level and he's a fierce competitor, too."

**Running down a dream**

According to Byrnes, an all-state cross country runner at Plymouth, his choice to go to D-II Wayne State University has him excited about his college career.

Byrnes narrowed

down his list from about 10 colleges to a handful and, ultimately, decided the Detroit campus was his best choice.

"Once I started visiting schools, then it was just a matter of choosing the school that felt right to me," Byrnes said. "When I walked onto Wayne State's campus, it immediately felt like home to me. I'm more of a city guy."

"Just the feel for the campus, a huge campus, coming from P-CEP, which is one of the biggest high school campuses in America, it's nice to transition to a big (college) campus and be comfortable with it."

Byrnes said he won't have trouble transitioning from the 5K distance in high school meets to the 8K he'll need to compete with the Warriors — he's used to hard work.

"I think high school, especially under (Plymouth coach) Jon Mikosz, has prepared me to work even harder in the college level," Byrnes said. "We do a ton of hard workouts; we get the reps in."

**Saunders is 'Golden'**

Division I's Oakland University is where Saunders will compete in women's track and field.

Saunders will take a record-breaking prep career to the Golden Grizzlies; she owns Plymouth records in the long jump (18 feet, 6.5 inches) and on two relays.

"At first, they weren't in my radar," Saunders said. "But then I decided to take a visit there and really loved it."

Before then, Saunders has two Plymouth teams to compete on. This winter, she will do floor, beam and vault with the gymnastics team; in the spring, she'll close out her prep track and field career.

Saunders actually is a relative newcomer to track and field, entering just her second season. She has a much longer background in gymnastics.

"Track was a new thing for me (last spring). I tore my rotator cuff my sophomore year doing (club) gymnastics," Saunders said. "I decided

to give high school gymnastics a try because it's more low-key."

"I just needed a spring sport, so I decided to do track and I like it."

Performing in one sport helps her in the other, she said: "Definitely, the strength I had coming from gymnastics definitely helped me in the long jump."

**Grand Valley-bound**

Johnson could have waited until the high-profile National Signing Day in early February to make her college intentions official, but she decided to close the deal now. She will play Division II golf at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, near Grand Rapids.

"It's like a weight lifted off my shoulders," Johnson said. "I have no more stress because that's part of the recruiting process. It's really stressful. So I'm glad to know where I'm going and have it all planned out."

Ever since visiting the campus (and knowing that former Plymouth teammate Katie Chipman

golfs for GVSU), Johnson had one college destination in mind.

"I knew I wanted to go to Grand Valley," she said. "So as soon as (the coach) offered me, I accepted it because I love the campus."

Johnson cited Plymouth coach Dan Young as having made a big impact on her rise as a golfer. "He pushed me because he knew I had potential and could be as good as Katie (Chipman) and make it to where I wanted to be," she said.

**He'll be a Bulldog**

Crump worked harder than many teens during the off-season in order to get quicker and stronger.

That effort — as well as his considerable skills as a basketball point guard — paid dividends when the 6-7 Crump signed to play at D-I University of North Carolina-Asheville.

"It's a big moment for me and I'm proud to say I'm a Division I player," he said.

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## CANTON

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The Chiefs (1-0) outscored visiting Belleville 10-6 over the final five minutes, helped by Tigers' 6-9 offensive stud Gabriel Brown being hampered by foul trouble.

Brown still finished with a game-high 25 points, including a pair of electrifying dunks in the third quarter — when a 21-point third quarter lifted Canton in front 51-48.

**Making them work**

Chipping in 14 for Belleville was Davion Williams, also a football cornerback.

"We were just trying to do our best to limit them (Brown and Williams)," Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy said. "I think, for the most part, there were a couple bad stretches, but Noah Brown, I can't say enough about the way he tries to guard people and how hard he makes it for people to score."

"I bet if you asked Gabe Brown, he had to work for his points tonight."

For those with short memories, Noah Brown played nose-to-the-grindstone defense for Canton's football team, too.

Canton opening the season over the team ranked second in the preseason polls "shows

everyone's underestimating us this year. We got a good team and I think we can really compete," Meredith said.

The Chiefs, meanwhile, also were sparked by a couple of players who were not on the football team.

Junior guard B. Artis White registered 18 points and three steals, while senior guard Eian Barker (18 points) and junior guard Vinson Sigmon (six points) all were thorns in Belleville's side.

"I just got stronger, doing pushups in the weight room and more growing," White said about his increasing role as a physical presence. "And getting my confidence higher and higher."

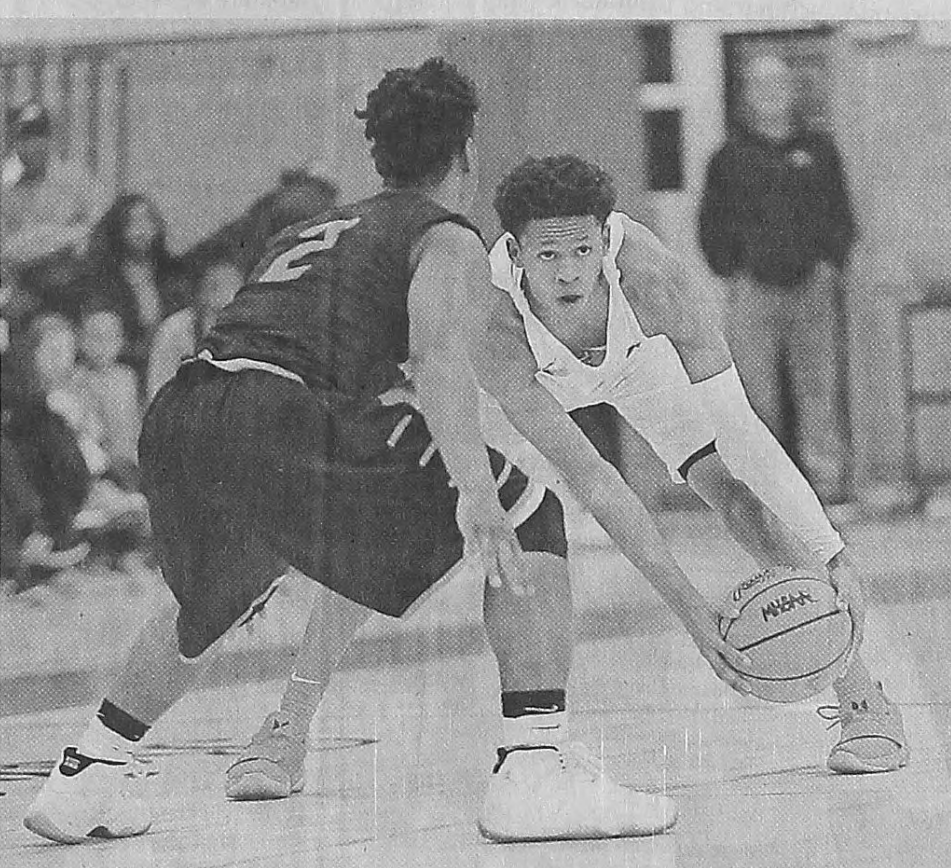
"This team, we've been together for a while. I call them my best friends, my brothers. All team chemistry."

Following are several takeaways:

**CANTON GRIT**

Leading 61-57 late in the fourth quarter, Noah Brown hit the floor to grab a loose basketball. That led to a nifty offensive play, with Sigmon dishing a pass to Meredith for the layup.

Moments later, with Meredith stationed down low, Belleville's Williams could not get a clear path to the basket and missed a dunk attempt. Barker went the other way and scored with a nice drive through the lane, opening



Canton's B. Artis White (right) looks to make a move around Belleville's Cameron Smiley during Tuesday's season opener. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

up a 65-61 edge for the Chiefs.

**BATTLE IN THE PAINT**

With Meredith and Brown, the Chiefs' forwards were able to hold their own down low against some big, talented opponents at both ends of the floor.

"No fear," Reddy said. "They try to block a lot of shots and I think our guys around the rim were excellent tonight. We missed a couple bun-

nies, two easy ones we could have made, but I think we made a lot of (baskets) around the rim that we didn't make last year. And we did a nice job getting fouled and getting Gabe Brown in foul trouble."

**TERRIFIC TRIO**

Reddy said White, Sigmon and Barker were spark-plugs against the Tigers.

"Those three guys are tough covers. They're

really good basketball players," Reddy said. "They got a good skill set, they can score at the rim and they can shoot it."

**DON'T FLINCH**

The Chiefs let an early lead slip away and walked into the locker room at halftime tied, 31-31. And there were stretches in the second half when Belleville had the momentum.

But, stressed Reddy,

the 2017-18 Chiefs apparently have some key intangibles that might not have been on the squad last season.

"We've talked a lot since day one, our meeting on the first day of practice, about not flinching this year," Reddy noted. "Last year, we were real close to being a good team. We just lost a lot of close games, a lot of one-possession games. And we've talked a lot about not flinching. We talked about that again at halftime. And if they make a run, we're not flinching."

"Our guys get the credit, because it was 55-all there for a while and the game could have gone either way. We just made a few more plays than those guys."

**STATEMENT GAME**

It was just the first game of the season, yet Reddy said earning a 'W' against a standout squad like Belleville could potentially yield benefits months down the road.

"This is what we've tried to do for nine years, (since Reddy took over the Chiefs), play good teams in the non-league," he said. "And we're just trying to get as good as we can get to by the time March rolls around. Obviously, playing a team like Belleville is going to help you do that."

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PREP ROUNDUP

# North Farmington rolls past W.L. Northern

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## Girls basketball NORTH FARMINGTON 54, WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 39:

Sam Cherney played a huge role in this 15-point victory Tuesday as she registered an impressive double-double with 22 points and 17 rebounds. She added four blocked shots on the defensive end. Maya Kelly netted 10 points with four rebounds. Abby Hanus (six points), Madisyn Hoke (four points) and Natalie George (four points, five steals) also contributed to the offense. Khyra King-Ealy and Molly Simpson each hit a three-pointer. The undefeated Raiders (2-0) host West Bloomfield on Monday in their third straight home game to open the season.

**SALEM 32, SEAHOLM 23:** Visiting Plymouth Salem mustered just a little more offense than Seaholm in this non-conference game played Tuesday evening. The teams were tied 6-6 all after the first quarter and Salem skipped to a 19-15 halftime lead. Salem held on by outscoring Seaholm 13-8 over the final two quarters. Emma Stricter and Madalyn Simko each hit double figures with 12 and 10 points, respectively, for Salem. Seaholm's leading scorer was Riley Annear with eight points. Seaholm next hosts Lake Orion on Dec. 15.

**MERCY 44, DIVINE CHILD 43:** Farmington

Mercy opened Catholic League action at home Tuesday with this exciting one-point victory over Divine Child. The Marlins held a slim 29-27 halftime lead, but trailed 39-26 going into the fourth quarter. Mercy outscored the Falcons by an 8-4 margin in that final 12 minutes to win. With the game tied at 43-all, Mercy's Jess Mruzik hit one of her two free throws which turned into the winning point. Divine Child did not connect on its last shot. "It was a real hard-fought game," said Mercy coach Gary Morris, whose team is now 3-0 overall. "It was kind of sloppy at times, but both teams competed hard. We played hard to pull out the win and I am happy with that." Free throws proved the difference as Mercy made 15 of 28 while Divine Child hit five of eight. Julia Bishop (12 points) and Alexis Roberts (10) each hit double figures for the Marlins. Mruzik finished with eight points and teammate Bella Dugas added seven. For Divine Child (0-2), Emilie Reinhardt (14 points) and Maddie Rzepka (13) led the way offensively. Mercy plays at Macomb Lutheran North on Tuesday.

**MERCY 50, UTICA FORD 13:** Farmington Mercy's defense stood out in this non-conference game Dec. 2 which was part of the Calihan Challenge. The Marlins exploded to a 17-2 advantage after the opening quarter and went on to the easy 37-point triumph. Mercy did not allow the young Ford cagers more than five points in any quarter.



Farmington's Jake Justice (holding sign) is surrounded by teammates after posting his 100th career victory in wrestling Wednesday.

"Ford is a team which graduated a lot of seniors last year," said Mercy head coach Gary Morris. "They're inexperienced, but I like how our team kind of came out and took care of business, you could say." Jenna Schuller led the Marlins with 15 points and teammate Jillian Smith added 13. Bella Dugas (seven points) and Lindsay Lukowski (six points) also made notable contributions. "I'm happy with the win and everybody got significant minutes so that was a nice thing," said Morris, whose team made 10 of 19 free throws. The 'Calihan Challenge' matches opponents from the Catholic League and the Macomb Athletic Conference. Mercy begins Catholic League play Tuesday at home against Dearborn Divine Child.

**MARIAN 50, WARREN COUSINO 28:** Bloomfield Hills Marian got past last year's Class A state semifinalist in the Calihan Challenge Saturday at Calihan Hill on the University of Detroit Mercy campus. The Mustangs started slow against the Patriots, leading by just three points (17-14) at halftime. However, Mary Cicerone's squad broke

through with a 33-14 second-half scoring advantage en route to its second win in as many games. Olivia Moore (15 points) and Samantha Peterson (11) both hit double figures for the Mustangs. Cousino's leading scorer was Mackenzie Cook with 17.

## Boys basketball

**ROEPER 62, OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 51:** Birmingham Roeper opened the boys basketball season Monday with this 11-point triumph over Auburn Hills Oakland Christian. The Roughriders were led by Josiah Smith who mustered a game-high 23 points. Evan Akkashian and sophomore Jacob Gladey netted 15 points apiece for Roeper. Elisia Adams led Oakland Christian with 21 points.

## Boys hockey

**TROY 5, FARMINGTON 3:** Farmington had a strong opening period, skating to a 2-1 lead, but could not keep up the energy the rest of the game and fell to host Troy Wednesday at the Troy Sports Center. Farmington's first two goals were tallied by Will McCarthy and Joe Carbone with assists going to

Carter Wells, Eli Arnold, Tanner Neill and Tony Eaton. Carbone closed out Farmington's scoring with a late second-period marker. Farmington is now 2-3-2 overall and 1-1 in the OAA Red Division. The Falcons were scheduled to play in the D-3 Challenge this past weekend in Gaylord.

**ST. MARY'S 5, BROTHER RICE 2:** The teams were tied 2-2 after two periods but visiting St. Mary's iced the battle with three-third period goals Wednesday at the Oak Park Ice Arena. Nick Marone and Garrett Moore scored for the Warriors. Luke Kafati and Ethan Nystrom assisted on both goals. The Eaglets had five different goal scorers — Nick Cloud, Tony Clark, Hunter Baudino, Bradley Ruppel (penalty shot) and Preston Hazelton (empty net).

**FARMINGTON 7, CLARKSTON 4:** On Nov. 30 at the Detroit Skating Club, Farmington trailed 3-2 after the opening period but rallied for the three-goal victory. The line of Tanner Neill (one goal, six assists), Collin Rea (four goals, one assist) and Joe Carbone (two goals, three assists) accounted for all the Farmington goals. Farmington goalie Nick Rogers made 24 saves on the 28 shots he faced.

**LAKE ORION 7, NORTH FARMINGTON-HARRISON 0:** On Nov. 30, Lake Orion scored two goals in each of the first two periods and iced the game with three more in the third at the Detroit Skating Club. On Nov. 25, the Flyers dropped a tough 6-5 non-conference game to Pontiac Notre

Dame Prep. With the back-and-forth game tied at 5-all, Prep scored the game winner with just second seconds remaining. North Farmington-Harrison did not score a goal in its previous two games and has been shut-out three times so far on the young season.

**TRENTON 4, BROTHER RICE 1:** This game played Dec. 2 at the Kennedy Ice Arena was a lot closer than the final score indicates. The host Trojans were ahead most of the game until the Warriors tied it in the middle of the third period. However, Trenton scored twice into the empty net to account for the final three-goal victory margin. Rice's lone goal was netted by Ethan Nystrom on assists from Jack Owen-Turner and Luke Kafati. Nic Moody scored twice for Trenton. Each team had 28 shots on goal.

## Wrestling

**FARMINGTON 42, NOVI 41; NORTHVILLE 54, FARMINGTON 19:** Farmington opened the wrestling season Wednesday by splitting a pair of non-conference matches. Anthony Averietto (112 pounds), Jake Justice (135 pounds) and Jack Higley (130 pounds) each logged two wins. Justice pinned Northville's Joey Nagy at the 1:10 mark of the first period to register his 100th career victory. Higley defeated Northville's Ayush Triucdi (14-3 decision) and Novi's David Shim (pin at 2:22).

**NORTH FARMINGTON IN NORTHVILLE QUAD:** Junior captain Anthony

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Seaholm student-athletes (bottom, from left) Linnea Anderson, Michael Arpasi, Nikki Carey and Haley Dolan and (top, from left) Zoe Gaffney, Olivia Graham, Rachel McCardell, Emily Rooney and Carter Stagner announce their college commitments Tuesday inside the school's media center. MARTY BUDNER

## Seaholm student-athletes announce commitments

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Seaholm High School's media center was the center of excitement Tuesday as nine student-athletes announced their college commitments in front of family, friends, classmates and even a number of their coaches.

After a few opening statements from long-time Seaholm athletic director Aaron Frank, each student told the crowd where they planned to attend college to continue their athletic careers. The 15-minute ceremony ended with a grand photo session.

"Everyone here at Seaholm is proud of all nine of these student-athletes, who have really excelled in the classroom as well as the field of competition," Frank said. "We're very excited to watch them grow and shine and represent our school for the next four years."

"I think it's a great individual accomplishment for each one of them," he added. "But it's also a time to reflect on the teamwork and everything that goes into that success — teammates, coaches, parents and family. It's just a great reflection of teamwork that allows them to get to the next level like that."

Following is a list of Seaholm's student-athletes and the sport they plan to play in college:

**LINNEA ANDERSON:** A state champion swimmer, Anderson will swim at the University of Connecticut. "I chose UConn because of the amazing team atmosphere, athletics and academic opportunities," Anderson said. "I'm so excited to become part of an amazing team and can't wait for the next four years."

Anderson, the team captain this past season, helped lead Seaholm to a fourth-place finish at this year's Division 2 state meet and was a member of the 2016 state championship team. During her career with the Maples, she was a three-time state champion, a six-time All-American and a 14-time MISCA all-state performer.

**MICHAEL ARPASI:** Another standout swimmer, Arpasi will take his talents to Denison (Ohio) University.

"Swimming for Seaholm and coach Tom (Wyllie) has been an important and enjoyable part of my high school experience," Arpasi said. "I have made lifelong friends, learned the rewards of hard work and feel well prepared for the challenges of college swimming at Denison University."

Currently in his sec-

ond year as a team captain, Arpasi will enter this year's Division 2 state meet as the defending 100-yard butterfly champion. He is the school record holder in the 100 fly.

**NIKKI CAREY:** Carey served as Seaholm's volleyball captain this past season and will play at Cumberland (Tenn.) University next year. "I am thrilled to be able to continue to play the sport I love at a school that is a great fit for me," Carey said. "Go, Phoenix!"

Playing for head coach Heather Lippert, Carey made the all-OAA and all-regional teams. A member of the National Honor Society, Carey also earned academic all-state honors this year and is a two-time Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Award recipient.

**HALEY DOLAN:** Dolan will swim next year at Boston College, where she is excited to begin a new career. "I chose Boston College for the outstanding coaching staff, atmosphere, academics and amazing team," Dolan said. "As soon as I arrived on campus, I felt right at home. I can't wait to become an Eagle!"

Dolan had an outstanding four-year varsity career at Seaholm, where she was a three-time relays state champion and a one-time individual state champion (last year as a junior in the 50 free). She also managed four All-America and 10 all-state honors.

**ZOE GAFFNEY:** Gaffney is an all-star soccer player who will be a two-year varsity captain for the Maples come next spring. As a sophomore, she gained all-league and all-district honors while being named the team's best midfielder.

As a junior, she was all-league, all-region and all-state and was named the best midfielder and most valuable player. Gaffney also was Seaholm's leading scorer last year to win the Golden Boot award. She will attend Liberty (Va.) University.

"I have felt that Liberty University is a very special place from my first visit on campus," Gaffney said. "I'm excited to have the opportunity to continue my academic and athletic career there."

**OLIVIA GRAHAM:** Graham will play her fourth varsity season next spring as a member of the girls soccer team.

She plans to play college soccer next year at Nova Southeastern University. Graham won Seaholm's Golden Boot award as the leading scorer in her freshman season in 2015 and earned all-league and

all-district honors in the process.

Last year as a junior, she was named all-league and all-district for the OAA Blue Division champion Maples. She also was a team captain at Seaholm and her travel team.

In addition, Graham played varsity football this past fall as the team's starting field-goal kicker. "I'm really glad I did it," Graham said about playing football. "It was a lot of fun."

**RACHEL MCCARDELL:**

Once a runner, always a runner. McCardell couldn't fathom the thought of not competing at the college level, so Seaholm's track and cross country standout will take her talents to the Big Ten's Northwestern University.

"Running has always been something important to me and the idea of quitting after high school wasn't right," McCardell said. "I am very excited to continue my academic and athletic career at Northwestern University."

In cross country, McCardell is a three-time all-state star who also raced to league championship and regional runner-up honors during her prep career. She helped lead the Maples to the Class A state championship in her freshman and sophomore seasons. In track, she has earned all-state honors in two events.

**EMILY ROONEY:** Rooney, a member of Seaholm's 2015 Class A state championship squad, served as a cross country captain the past two years. She will continue running cross country and track and Columbia University.

"I am extremely excited for Columbia, because I know that it will push me to become a better overall individual, student and athlete," she said.

Rooney was all-region, all-county and all-state cross country in both 2016 and 2017. She also was the individual league champion and regional runner-up in 2017.

**CARTER STAGNER:** The three-year varsity player and team captain will play football next fall at Eastern Michigan University.

"I'm excited to join the Eastern Michigan football team," Stagner said. "Being a part of the team will encourage me to push myself, both academically and athletically."

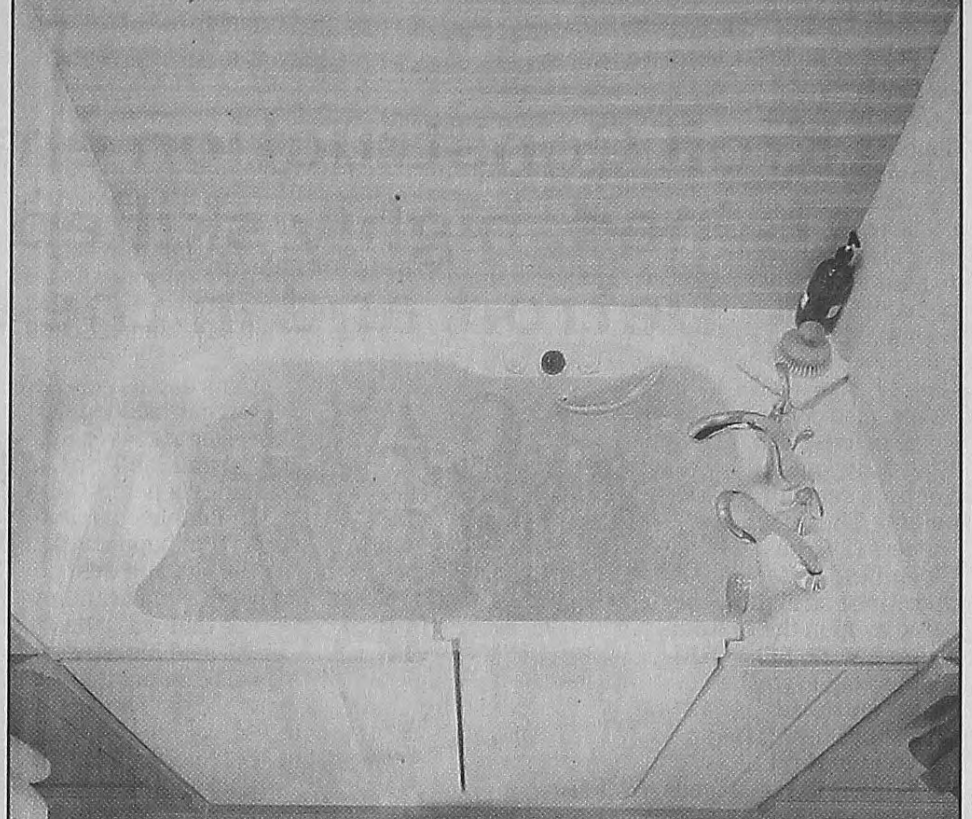
Stagner was Seaholm's Lineman of the Year in both his junior and senior seasons. He was also named to the underclassmen Dream Team and was given the program's Nick Deanne Memorial Leadership Award this fall.

Scott Hampton also won both his matches for the Raiders, including an impressive pin over Northville's 135-pounder. North's Jason Wade split his two heavyweight matches.

### Gymnastics

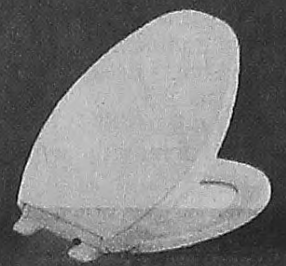
**FARMINGTON UNIT-IED 140.7, CANTON 134.25:** Farmington United opened the gymnastics season with this dual-meet victory over Canton on Tuesday.

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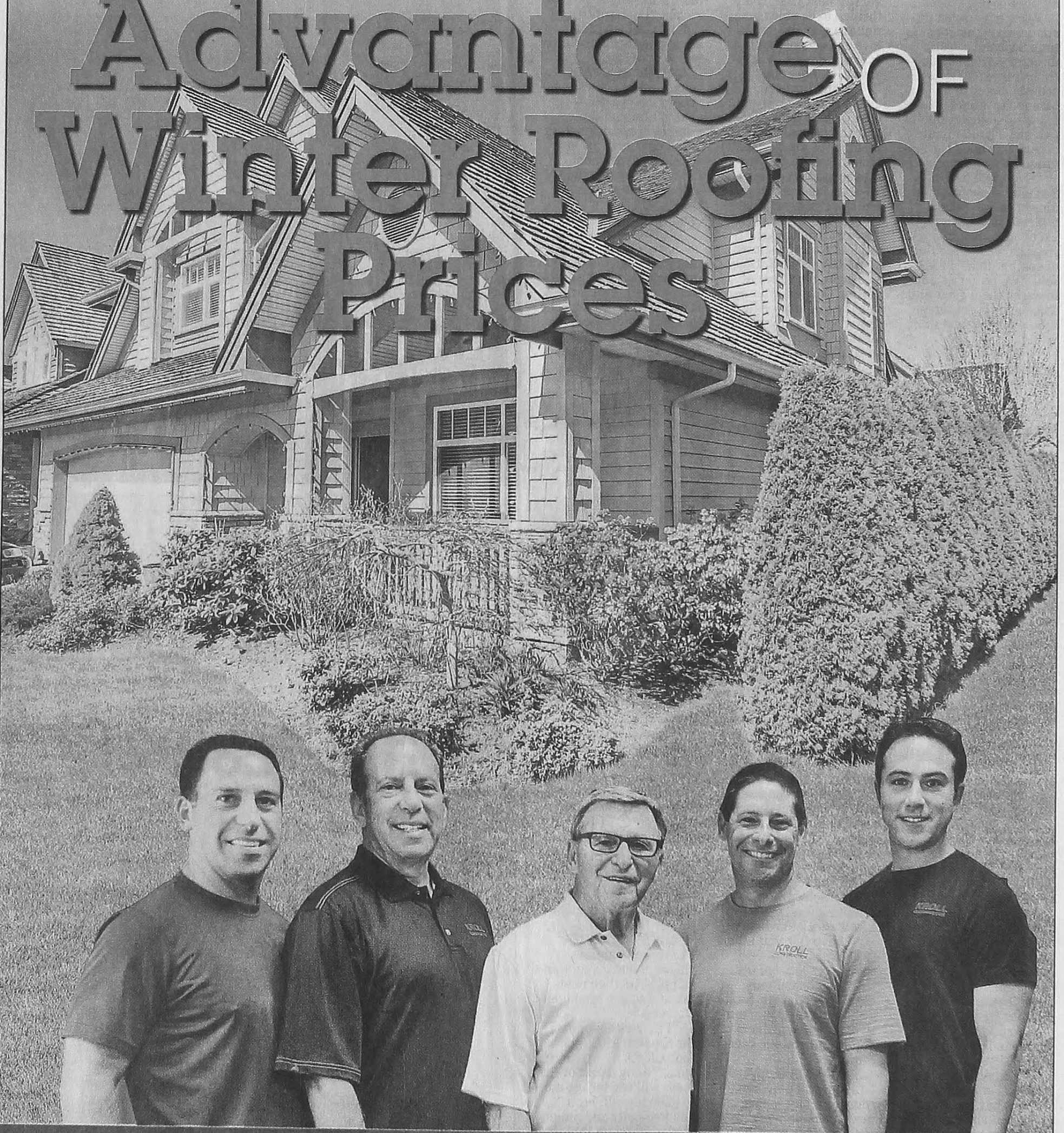
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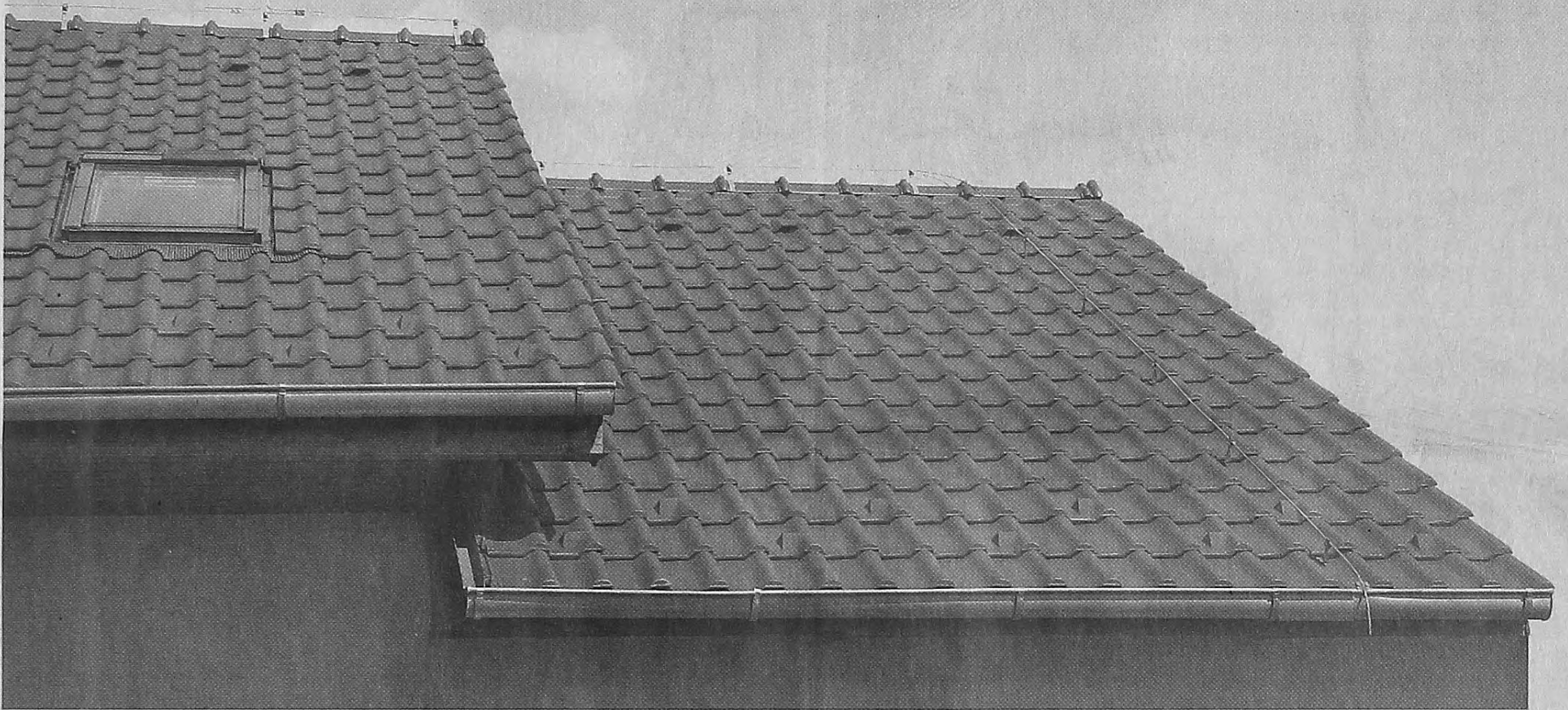
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## 10 ways to identify a fake job posting

BY PETER JONES  
 THEJOBNETWORK

The job market is hard enough to navigate without having to worry about a job posting that turns out to be a scam — or even just a dead end. Save your precious time and energy by being on the lookout for these simple signs that something just isn't right:

**1. The company has no online presence.**

You do your due diligence and try to verify the person, the company and the job listing and nothing is turning up in your online search. You can stop right there and step away. Legit jobs always have some sort of online trail.

**2. The recruiter's email doesn't match their company.**

You get an email from a recruiter who claims to represent a fabulous and well-known company. The company logo might even be at the bottom of the email. Look closely — does the email they want you to send materials to not end in the official company name (theircompany.com)? If the email associated with the posting or the invitation is a personal one (think Hotmail, Gmail, Yahoo, etc.), you might want to take a pass. And don't respond and attach any personal documents unless you're sure you're dealing with the real deal.

**3. You found it via a random social media post.**

While it is possible to land a great job you found through social media,



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chances are if it's just posted there — or sponsored or advertised — it's probably not as sweet a deal as it seems. Remember that the overwhelming majority of jobs are referral based, come through legitimate channels or are posted on vetted job boards. Resist the idea that you can just surf Facebook and get hired.

**4. They claim "No experience necessary."**

Sure, maybe the job they're offering is entry level. Maybe they offer training. But if the posting leads with "No Experience Necessary," you can be almost certain there's a catch you won't

like. Most employers want you to come equipped with some skills.

**5. The language is sloppy.**

If the ad isn't well written, contains spelling or grammatical errors, is sloppily punctuated or IN ALL CAPS, consider it a red flag. A real job posting will be professional and polished.

**6. They ask for an interview via chat or text.**

You should be wary if your first interview is scheduled on some type of text messaging service. While remote interviews are becoming increasingly common, that means phone calls and

Skype, not a typed conversation in a chat window.

**7. Anything about it is too good to be true.**

You're hired immediately! The salary is crazy high! They contacted you out of the blue! When can you start? (Hint: If a job seems too good to be true, it probably is too good to be true.)

**8. Everything about it is vague.**

If you can't tell from the posting exactly what your role would be at the company, that's a problem. A bigger problem is when you can't really tell what the company does and get a sense of its mission or history. If all of this is very vague, leave this one in the "no" pile.

**9. They want money.**

If you're asked to pay anything — such as a fee to apply or for a software program to send in your application materials — consider the job a scam. A general rule of thumb: Never give your money away to total strangers.

**10. Your gut says no.**

The bottom line: Keep an eye out for these and other warning signs, but your best alarm system is your own gut instinct. Does something seem off to you? If so, let it go. There are other jobs out there.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Delers (to)
  - 5 Pretenders
  - 11 Animistic religion of northern Asia
  - 20 Adored star
  - 21 How bed linens are often sold
  - 22 Audio product introduced by Bose in 1993
  - 23 CHARM
  - 26 Spending jag
  - 27 — ed Eurdice"
  - 28 "Ben—"
  - 29 SEE
  - 34 Citi Field MLB team
  - 37 Clothed very shabbily
  - 38 Prefix with color
  - 39 Fleecy beast
  - 42 Lose vigor
  - 43 Not difficult
  - 44 HEIGHTEN
  - 48 Grows older
  - 50 Daisy cousin
  - 51 California's Point —
  - 52 Was of use to
  - 56 See 29-Down
  - 58 "Nothing — it seems"
  - 60 FALL
  - 65 Suffix with host
  - 68 Certify
  - 69 Actress Ortiz or Gasteyer
  - 70 Ghost shout
  - 71 Marketing space in a newspaper, e.g.
  - 74 "Li'l ol' me?!"
  - 75 STEAL
  - 79 Donne, e.g.
  - 81 Lead-in to history
  - 82 E.T.'s human friend
  - 83 Ranch rope
  - 86 Fizzy drinks
  - 90 Holiday song
  - 91 SUPPLY
  - 95 "Aloha Oe" instruments, for short
  - 99 Crux
  - 100 Czar's edict
  - 101 See 103-Down
  - 102 Mint-family herbs
  - 104 Gets more narrow
  - 107 CHANGE
  - 110 — mouse?"
  - 111 Davis of "Hot Stuff"
  - 113 Eventual oak
  - 114 ERASE
  - 122 Proper noun in an atlas
  - 123 Ripped thoroughly
  - 124 Huge-scale
  - 125 Person on both sides of an issue
  - 126 Treats with malice
  - 127 Gas brand
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Spill-catching wear
  - 2 Poem of laud
  - 3 "Amazing!"
  - 4 Ramp for accessing a ship
  - 5 Gem sides
  - 6 Ghostly linkup
  - 7 Jay-ell linkup
  - 8 Psychic "gift"
  - 9 Stimp's bud
  - 10 Small porch
  - 11 Small bird that builds edible nests
  - 12 Visible air
  - 13 Chevy's Sonic, before 2011
  - 14 Many adults
  - 15 Don Marquis — and Mehitabel"
  - 16 Poet Tate
  - 17 "It really seems to me..."
  - 18 Moral failure
  - 19 Pithy remark
  - 24 Math subj.
  - 25 Cave beings
  - 29 With 56-Across, compete to obtain
  - 30 Suffix with czar
  - 31 LAX info
  - 32 Madras "Mr."
  - 33 Female sib
  - 34 Turner of an insurrection
  - 35 "Tall" story
  - 36 Mil. officers
  - 40 Rd. relative
  - 41 Physicist linkup
  - 44 Funny Foxx
  - 45 English noble
  - 46 Special time
  - 47 Strikes (out)
  - 48 Heady drinks
  - 49 Docile
  - 52 Actor Driver
  - 53 "No" from a higher-up
  - 54 Italian wine area
  - 55 Luge surface
  - 56 Ariel, e.g.
  - 57 Large elliptical fish
  - 59 Not volatile
  - 61 Ferrari British mil. branch
  - 62 Ridesharing app
  - 63 Stir
  - 64 Curly's bud
  - 65 Ferrari who founded Ferrari
  - 66 Riverbed deposit
  - 67 "Keep it in"
  - 72 Secluded valley
  - 73 Arm of Israel
  - 76 "Don't worry"
  - 77 — dixit (unproven assertion)
  - 78 Cat cry
  - 79 Chi-omega
  - 80 Alley —
  - 83 Gave temporarily
  - 84 Kind of blue
  - 85 Of the region just north of the Antarctic Circle
  - 87 Female gametes
  - 88 Catastrophe
  - 89 Antarctic penguin
  - 90 Scale part
  - 92 Toys — (chain for kids)
  - 93 TV "Science Guy"
  - 94 Ruhr article
  - 95 Turnpike toll, e.g.
  - 96 Takes for ransom
  - 97 Wallach of "Nuts"
  - 98 Old aviation inits.
  - 102 What pull-ups work
  - 103 With 101-Across, thus far
  - 105 Actress Durance
  - 106 Evaluated
  - 108 Sends cell messages
  - 109 Unclear
  - 111 Kind of gel
  - 112 Unchanged
  - 114 Photo —
  - 115 Deli staple
  - 116 Cut off
  - 117 Fizzy drink
  - 118 Geller from Israel
  - 119 Bottom-line
  - 120 Prefix with gender
  - 121 Prefix with friendly

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6	3	1	9	5	8	7	2	4
8	9	4	7	2	1	6	3	9
4	1	3	8	7	2	9	6	5
7	5	8	7	1	9	6	3	2
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### WORDS

- APPLE
- ASSIST
- ATTACK
- BACKHANDER
- BENDER
- BLOCKER
- BUCKET
- BUTTERFLY
- CAGE
- CATCHER
- CHECKED
- CHIPPY
- CROSSBAR
- CROSS-CHECK
- DEFENDER
- DEFENSE
- DELAY
- DIVE
- ENFORCER
- FIGHTING
- FORE CHECKING
- FULL STRENGTH
- GATE
- GOAL
- GOALTENDER
- HAT TRICK
- HELMET
- NET
- OFFENSE
- OFFSIDE
- PASS
- PENALTY
- POSSESSION
- PUCK
- STICK
- ZONE

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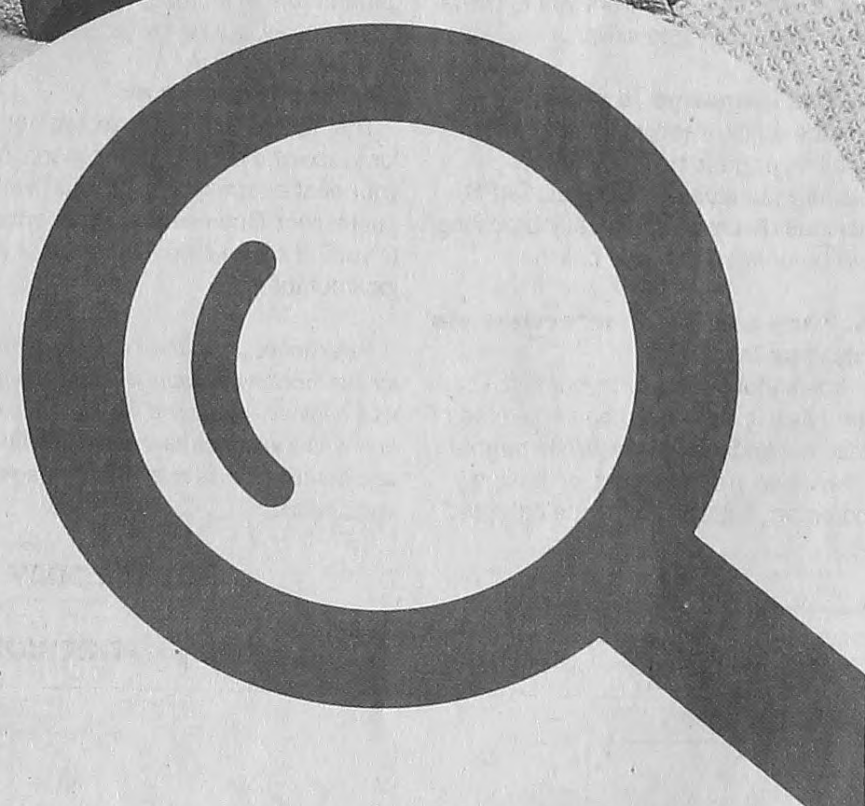
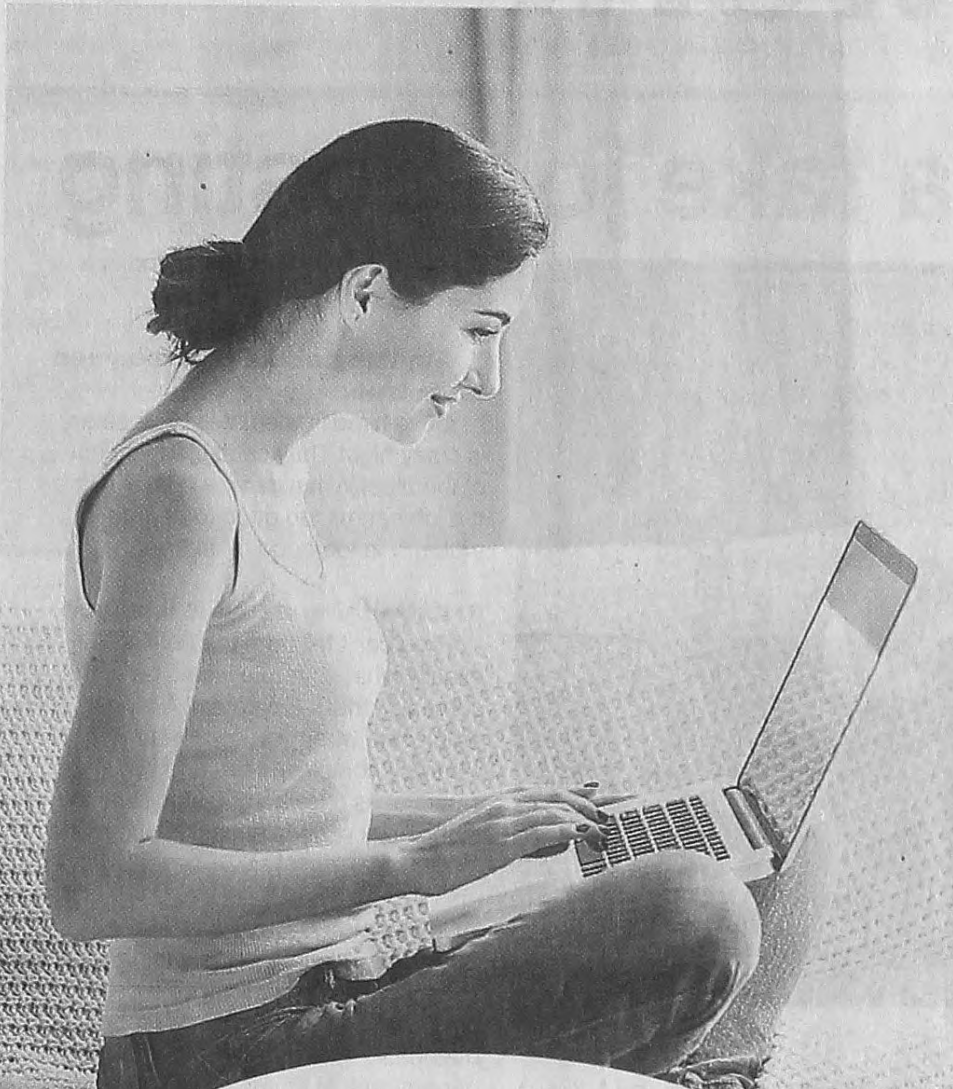
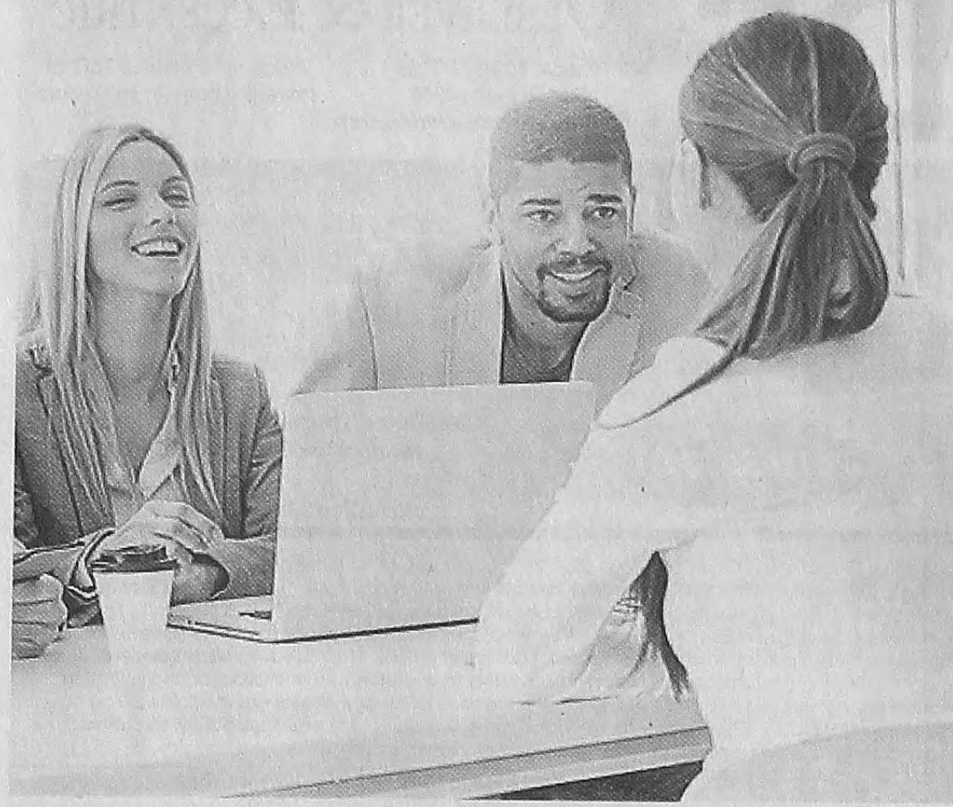
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 5 PRETENDERS  
 11 ANIMISTIC RELIGION OF NORTHERN ASIA  
 20 ADORED STAR  
 21 HOW BED LINENS ARE OFTEN SOLD  
 22 AUDIO PRODUCT INTRODUCED BY BOSE IN 1993  
 23 CHARM  
 26 SPENDING JAG  
 27 — ED EURDICE"  
 28 "BEN—"  
 29 SEE  
 34 CITI FIELD MLB TEAM  
 37 CLOTHED VERY SHABBLIY  
 38 PREFIX WITH COLOR  
 39 FLEECY BEAST  
 42 LOSE VIGOR  
 43 NOT DIFFICULT  
 44 HEIGHTEN  
 48 GROWS OLDER  
 50 DAISY COUSIN  
 51 CALIFORNIA'S POINT —  
 52 WAS OF USE TO  
 56 SEE 29-DOWN  
 58 "NOTHING — IT SEEMS"  
 60 FALL  
 65 SUFFIX WITH HOST  
 68 CERTIFY  
 69 ACTRESS ORTIZ OR GASTEYER  
 70 GHOST SHOUT  
 71 MARKETING SPACE IN A NEWSPAPER, E.G.  
 74 "LI'L OL' ME?!"  
 75 STEAL  
 79 DONNE, E.G.  
 81 LEAD-IN TO HISTORY  
 82 E.T.'S HUMAN FRIEND  
 83 RANCH ROPE  
 86 FIZZY DRINKS  
 90 HOLIDAY SONG  
 91 SUPPLY  
 95 "ALOHA OE" INSTRUMENTS, FOR SHORT  
 99 CRUX  
 100 CZAR'S EDICT  
 101 SEE 103-DOWN  
 102 MINT-FAMILY HERBS  
 104 GETS MORE NARROW  
 107 CHANGE  
 110 — MOUSE?"  
 111 DAVIS OF "HOT STUFF"

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 A Y O E E T S Z E G V B A Y E T C E G E  
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 B E E Z S S P T S T T C R G L E S F T P  
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 B D G H N E I O L H G O C L E I H N A C  
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 F R Z H S E C P F R H N G B M Z C E M F  
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# Car Report

## BEFORE AND AFTER ITS CONTEST WITH A DASHING DEER, 2018 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE COMES OUT A WINNER



By Dale Buss

'Tis the season for deer-car crashes, and I had my first one several days before Thanksgiving. Good thing my wife and I were in the new, 2018 Chevrolet

Traverse. We were completely enjoying the new version of the SUV when it became our best friend for unforeseen reasons.

We became part of a growing national automotive-safety problem that is likely to cause many thousands more collisions in Michigan and across the country before, someday, self-driving automobiles perhaps could eliminate them.

Until the fateful moment, we'd been enjoying the redesigned Traverse, which has a sleeker exterior appearance at the same time that it provides 7 percent more room behind the first-row seats than the outgoing model, 10 percent more behind the second row, and 17 percent more behind the third row.

We had a lot of stuff to haul around to a lot of places, and I didn't have to worry for a second that this capacious vehicle wouldn't be able to handle it — and protect it all from the elements.

Indeed, Traverse's cargo volume is the biggest in its still-growing class of three-row SUVs. Also, the 2018 Traverse



The larger, leaner, more capable 2018 Chevrolet Traverse.



Traverse after the deer encounter.



The unfortunate victim.

provides 58.1 inches of front-hip room so that driver and passenger can stretch out.

I found the driving dynamics of the new Traverse to be very comfortable whether it was empty or fully loaded. It was stable, steering was deft, and with its 3.6-liter V6 engine, 310 horsepower and 266 pound-feet of torque, I

never was left wanting more from the accelerator.

Unfortunately, all of that enjoyment was interrupted by our intersection with an unlucky deer. On a road just west of Traverse City, the animal darted across the path of the Traverse from right to left, and with my quick-twitch intuition I did the right thing by not swerving. So

there was a good outcome for us: The air bags didn't go off and we weren't injured. We didn't veer into causing a problem for other motorists.

In any event, the crash obliterated the front left fender and headlights of the fine-looking Traverse and crimped the driver's door. After it became evident that debris from the crash also poked a slow leak into the left-rear tire, the friendly manager at Williams Chevrolet in Traverse City — who fixed the tire for free — figured the damage to the three-row utility vehicle was about \$5,000 to \$6,000.

But impressively, the car held up well

protective factor to attribute to the fine engineering of the new Traverse, how much to the fact that we simply were in any big and heavy vehicle that stood a pretty good chance against a smallish deer, and how much to the particulars of this encounter.

Unfortunately, the deer ended up dead in a gnarled, unsightly heap on the side of the road just several steps from where I hit its haunches at about 55 mph.

Deer crashes are a huge problem for motorists in many parts of the country, and it's a growing one. Michigan alone has nearly 50,000 crashes reported each year, and it is one of the states where motorists are most likely to encounter the creatures who seem out of their element loping across roads and freeways.

So the deer-automobile contest between irresistible momentum and very moveable objects will continue.

But just like many people who hit a deer, I wondered: Why are there so many deer-car crashes? Is it purely a matter of randomness?

Some experts think not — that the weirdly high number of intersections between these handsome animals and cars is partly due to other factors such as that most accidents happen near dawn and dusk, when deer — and commuters — are most active.

Whatever the reasons, the scourge continues. May you avoid becoming part of it.

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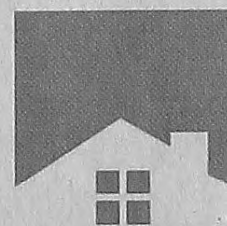




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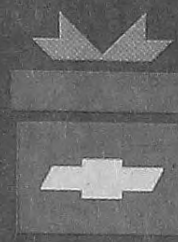
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