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## District spreads RESA wealth

### Officials distribute funds to schools for upgrades

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There was some question last fall whether Wayne RESA intermediate school district officials would be able to pass a request for a 2-mill enhancement millage that would provide millions of extra dollars for Wayne County's 33 public school districts.

Superintendent Monica Merritt and other officials in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district are glad they did. The millage, which passed fairly easily in the county, is providing P-CCS some \$5.9 million in additional revenue that Merritt has called "game-changing."

"We've cut-cut-cut and we were starting to bleed and it was starting to affect our programs," Merritt said. "With

the enhancement millage money, we were able to not only stabilize programs, we've been able to enhance. How exciting is that? We haven't been able to do that for so long."

The district, one of the state's largest, had been due to get some \$6.7 million, but recent changes made to the Educational Achievement Authority of Michigan and Wayne County tax collection rate shaved revenue to \$5.9 million for fiscal year 2017-18.

"When you look at a \$165 million budget, \$6 million doesn't feel like a lot,"

Merritt said. "But it's done so much for us."

First concern was class size — long a stressor for the district — which had crept up for the 2016-17 school year. Enhancement millage funds allowed the district to drop numbers back to 2015-16 levels: 26 per class in K-2; 28 in third grade; 30 in grades 4-5; 31 in grades 6-8; and 32 at the high schools.

The rest of the money went into the district's general fund and a large per-

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Brian Weaver and Matthew Soules talk about the new location and the job skills they learn in the program. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Defendant stole guns, cars in crime ring

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A 19-year-old Ypsilanti man, nabbed in a crime ring busted by Canton police, has pleaded guilty in a case that involved stolen guns, cars and credit cards, court records show.

Saviontray Antonio Scott is facing sentencing Feb. 22 in Wayne County Circuit Court after he pleaded guilty to charges of receiving and concealing stolen firearms and a stolen car. He also pleaded to a felony firearm charge that comes with a mandatory two-year prison term.



Scott



Moore

In return for his guilty plea, authorities agreed to dismiss other charges, including counterfeiting, amid allegations that police executed search warrants in Detroit and Ypsilanti and seized counterfeit money and a printing press.

Scott becomes the fourth of five defendants to accept a plea deal since Canton police last October broke up the crime ring. Detective Lt. Mike Steckel has said authorities seized five guns and 17 credit cards and recovered

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## Unpack those boxes

### Western Wayne Skill Center moves to former Livonia elementary school

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Moving can be a stressful time. Moving an entire academic program to a new, retrofitted building can be even

more stressful.

But despite all the challenges that come with it, the leadership of the Western Wayne Skill Center say it's been fairly seamless since opening last week in Livonia.

"I would say the students have done

a fabulous job transitioning," WWSC Principal Patrick Mies said. "They didn't have to get used to a new school with a new teacher. They're still in the same class with the same friends and

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**Library board meeting**

**When:** 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15  
**Details:** CPL is governed by a six-member Library Board of Trustees of community members elected quadrennially on a non-partisan ballot. The board the third Thursday of each month. You are invited to attend.

**Teen Boredom Busters**

**When:** 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, and Tuesday, Feb. 27  
**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. Upcoming schedule: Feb. 15, T-shirt tote bag; Feb. 27, button making.

**K Club Winter Fun**

**When:** 2-3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19  
**Details:** Winter fun and exploration will be the topic of this K Club program intended for children ages 4-6. Science, math and creative skills will be used as we form melting snowman and rummage through a tinker tray to design our own individual snowflakes. Our festivities also include a "brisk" story or two and ice cream. Registration required.

**Family Reading Night - Caldecott Medal**

**When:** 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20  
**Details:** CPL's Family Reading Nights continue to be an excellent ongoing celebration of literacy, sharing stories and fun. Participants will experience engaging themes coupled with exciting activities and this month, we're reading books that won the Caldecott Medal in recognition for their illustrations. We'll also include the winner of the Canton Public Library's Mock Caldecott Medal at this Family Reading Night. This program is for children ages 4-9 and their

families. Registration is required.

**American Girl Club**

**When:** 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21  
**Details:** Join us as we learn about a different American Girl character at each meeting through crafts, games and activities. We will explore both the historical characters and the modern day girls. No prior knowledge of the books or character is needed. If you have an American Girl doll, feel free to bring her. This program is open to ages 8-12 and registration is required. Upcoming schedule: Feb. 21, Melody (Detroit, 1964).

**STEM Curiosity**

**When:** 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22  
**Details:** Children ages 7-10 interested in science, technology, engineering and math will learn something new each month in a STEM topic. Get introduced to concepts through presentations, active exploration, and creative projects. Registration required. Go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) for registration and more information.

**Teen Writers' Studio**

**When:** 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24  
**Details:** Meet other teens who share

the same passion of writing and creating as you for writing exercises, brainstorming, feedback and more. You will never be required to share your work, but if you'd like to, this is a safe space and judgment free zone. Your stories and poems produced during these sessions will also be bound together at the end of the school year, creating a book or zine of your work. This program is open to all middle and high school students.

**Special-Needs Storytime**

**When:** 4-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24  
**Details:** This is a sensory-friendly storytime filled with stories, songs and sign language especially designed for young children with developmental delays and disabilities. Upcoming schedule: Feb. 24, Love Letters ... Stories about the Alphabet.

**Sunday Afternoon Music Series**

**When:** 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25  
**Details:** The Canton Public Library is partnering again with the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Jazz Band for a series of Sunday afternoon performances. Stop in and warm up with some great live music.

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two stolen cars.

Scott's plea averted a jury trial. His decision leaves just one defendant, 19-year-old Destiny Capri Moore of Wayne, facing trial for her alleged role in the theft ring.

Moore had remained on the loose since October, until she was captured in early January in Washtenaw County and turned over to Canton police. She is now facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges of unlawful driving away of a stolen car, receiving and concealing a motor vehicle, identity theft, receiving and concealing stolen property worth less than \$20,000 and three counts of identity theft.

Steckel has said charges against the

five defendants arose from a two-week crime spree in October. He has said authorities began making arrests after catching some of the suspects breaking into garages Oct. 21 near Sheldon and Cherry Hill in Canton.

Police recovered a Cadillac Escalade stolen from Canton and a Jeep Liberty stolen in Ann Arbor.

Earlier court records revealed that 19-year-old Kobie Tyree Richardson of Ypsilanti pleaded guilty to receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle, stealing a financial transaction device, or credit card, and breaking and entering a vehicle causing damage.

Records also had shown that 17-year-old Elliott Deshawn Montgomery of Ypsilanti pleaded guilty to receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle, stealing credit cards and larceny from a motor vehicle.

And a court clerk has said 19-year-old

Carolyn Danielle Hoskins of Ypsilanti pleaded guilty to one count of receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle, fraudulent use of a credit card and breaking and entering a motor vehicle.

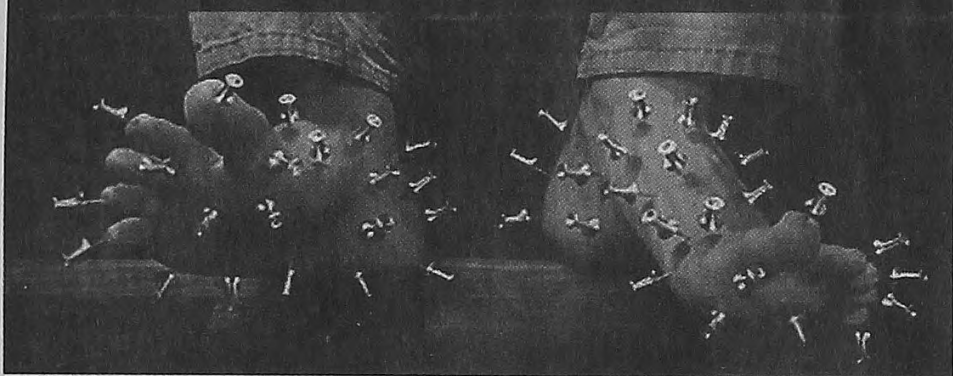
Wayne County authorities said they could not release details about the sentencing — and penalties — of Richardson, Montgomery and Hoskins, under the terms of their pleas.

A court clerk has confirmed, however, that Hoskins's plea agreement includes a stipulation that she can keep the charges off her record if she stays out of trouble.

It couldn't be confirmed if the same is true for Richardson and Montgomery.

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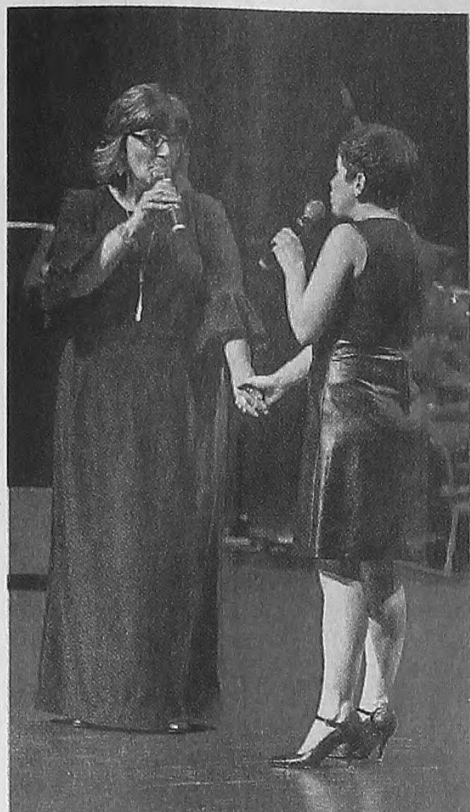
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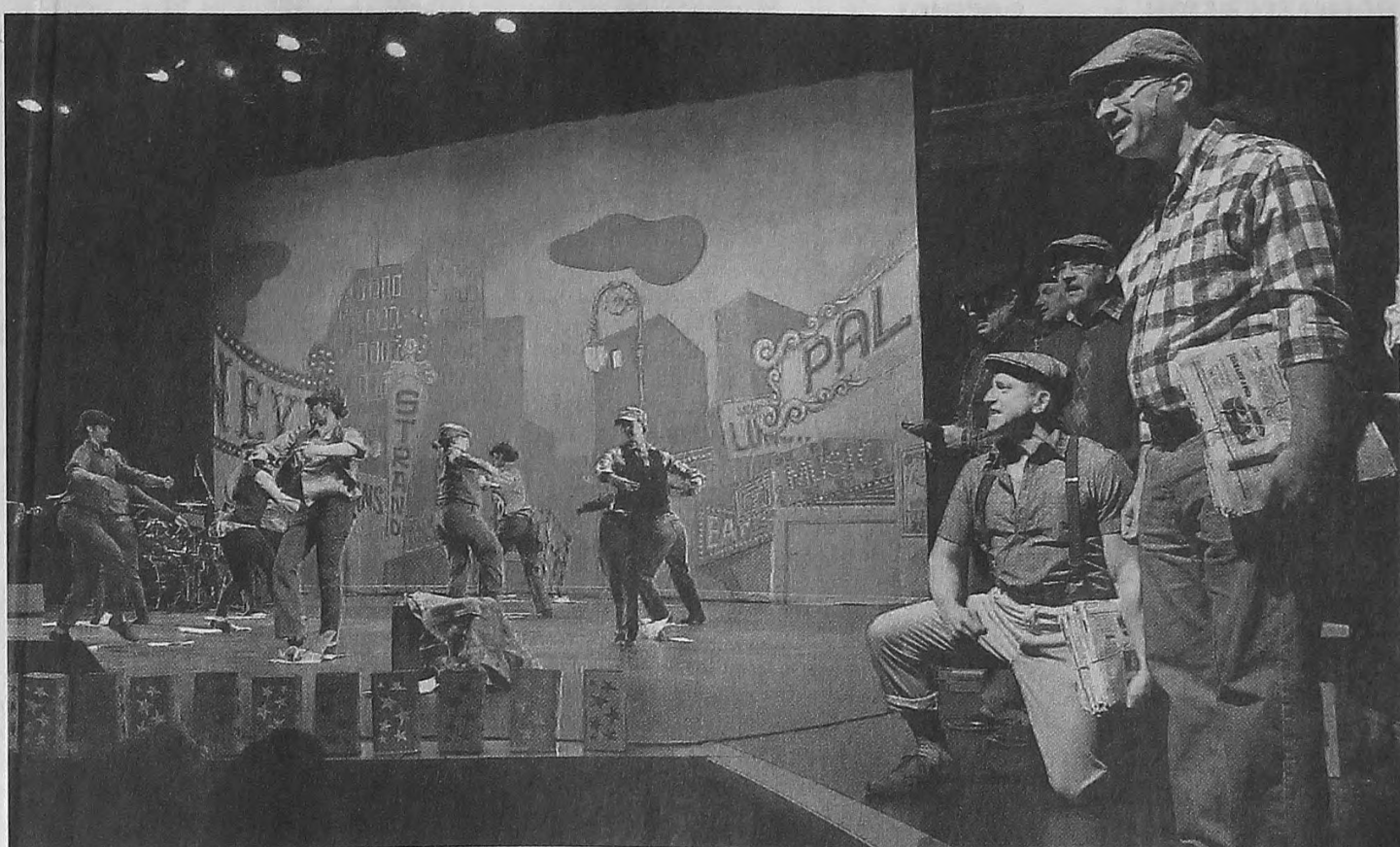
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# Cabaret raises money for Relay for Life

Canton lifted the curtain and brought on the show tunes Wednesday at the Village Theater.

A huge audience ready to enjoy an evening of music provided by some 20 local performers, all to raise money for the Canton-Plymouth Relay for Life.

One of those local performers was Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams. In opening remarks, Williams said the success of the show wasn't a surprise.

"Events like these remind me of a big thing about our community," Williams said. "Canton gives back."

Megan Schaper, Relay for Life community development manager for Canton, Plymouth, Westland and Ypsilanti, couldn't have been happier with the way the show turned out.

"The sold-out show was simply amazing," she said. "Tickets will sell very fast next year."



The event, which organizers said was four years in the making, raised nearly \$14,000, including tickets, the silent

and general donations.

The money is being donated to the American Cancer Society Relay For Life

There's no doubt that show director Denise Staffeld is the driving force behind "Life is a Cabaret," a benefit for Relay for Life of Canton-Plymouth. This is the opening number of Act 1, "Another Openin', Another Show," featuring the entire cast. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

of Canton and Plymouth. Funds raised support cancer research, patient programs, information and services that are available to all who need it via cancer.org or 800-227-2345.

Among the selections performed Wednesday: "Seasons of Love" from "Rent," "The Impossible Dream" from "Man of La Mancha," "Newsies" from "King of New York" and "My New Philosophy" from "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," among others.

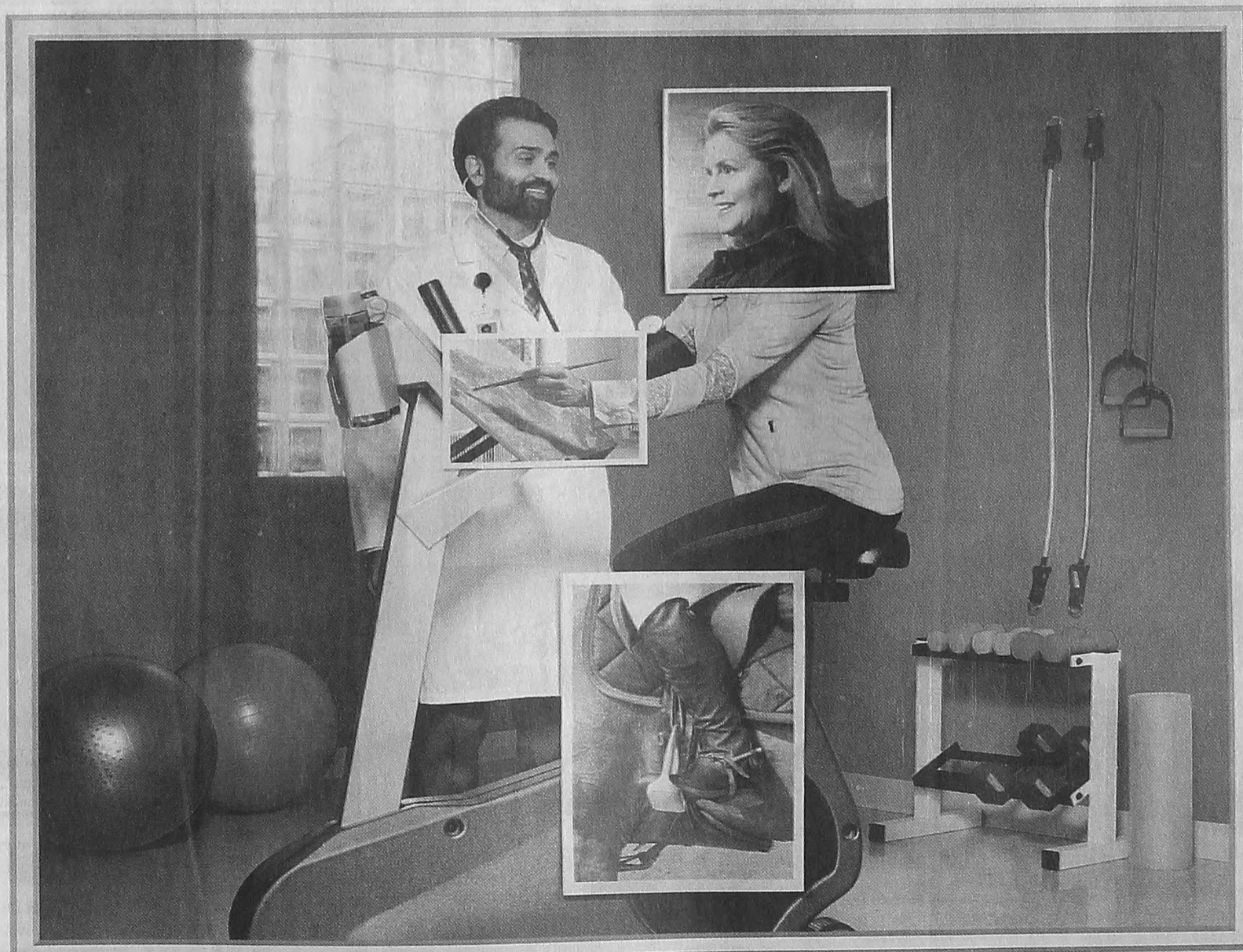
"This is a great way to kick off Relay," co-chair Denise Staffeld said.

Groups teaming to offer the cabaret are the Women's Life Society Chapter 827, Chicks for Charity and the American Cancer Society. Staffeld also is looking for event sponsors and can be reached at dstaffeld@boaa.com.

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centage of it was shifted directly to individual school buildings. The administration gave a total of \$50,000 — \$40,000 for enhancement programs, \$10,000 toward school improvement plans — to each school in the district.

Each building, in turn, decided how best to spend that money for itself, without directive from the administration. School officials had to come up with a proposal and run it through proper channels — “We’re all about being fiscally responsible. ... We want to show how (enhancements) align with the big picture,” Merritt said — before being allowed to implement anything.

Among some of the enhancements:

- The district hired some 90 teachers.
- Smart boards and other advanced technology and interactive materials.
- Field trips, which have been cut in recent years.

“It’s an opportunity for kids to get places we couldn’t get to, because we’d cut field trips,” Merritt said. “So they’re able to see the things they’re learning about in action.”

- Character elements such as Leader in Me and Postive Behavior Intervention Support materials.

“Some of our character education things have been really cool,” said Nick Brandon, the district’s director of communications. “Several of our buildings have invested in those kinds of programs, which are really important for us to add. Character education is something we want to continue to work into our curriculum.”

Merritt said teachers and building administrators were told to come up with their own plans without having to rush or worry about losing the money if they didn’t use it.

That attitude, she said, allowed teachers to be creative and innovative.

“We gave them until June, so they didn’t feel like they had to spend-spend-spend ... we didn’t want them to feel like they were going to lose it,” she said. “When’s the last time they could say they have this money and they’re not going to lose it?”

“It’s been a game-changer,” she added. “People are

ignited and getting their creative juices flowing again.” Corrin Stamatakos is a Plymouth-Canton parent with skin in the game, with three children — a kindergarten, a third-grader and a fourth-grader — attending school in the district.

When the campaign for the enhancement millage began, and knowing district officials were restricted from advocating a “yes” vote, Stamatakos took it upon herself to get educated about the millage’s intentions.

Stamatakos became a grass-roots spokesperson in favor of the millage request.

“I could say factual things the school district couldn’t necessarily say,” she said. “We were able to work together very well. I could say very candidly, as a community member, as a parent in the district, ‘here’s how this affects our kids.’ It was a unique time for me to act as a community spokesperson.”

After spending much of her energy last year educating first herself and then the public, Stamatakos said she’s pleased with the way the district has handled the millage revenue.

“I was very concerned about this being executed effectively ... what you’ll see is really incredible,” she said. “They put the decisions back in the hands of the local schools. They said, ‘Hey, what does your school need?’ They really empowered the schools to use the revenues they received in ways they needed to use it in order to succeed.”

Merritt can’t commit to how millage revenues will be used in future years — there are five more years — but said the plan will be “fiscally responsible,” with class-size reductions a chief focus.

But she also knows legislation could affect how the district uses the money.

“We have to be mindful there could be a cliff now with recent decisions that have been made in legislation,” Merritt said. “The worst thing that could happen is that now we have to go cut these wonderful enhancements. They’re part of the reason we’re growing and the morale is turned around and that our teachers are able to do what they need to do.”

“We need to adjust each year to say what our priorities are and make sure we don’t come to the end of the millage saying, ‘What happened?’”

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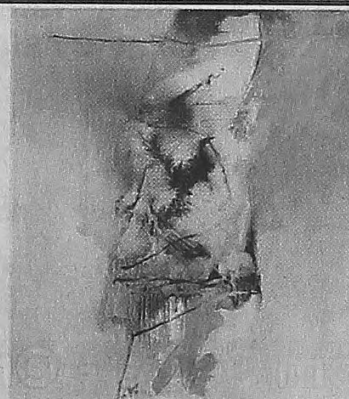
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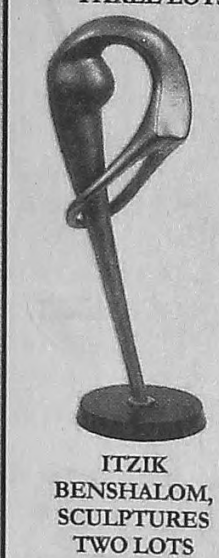
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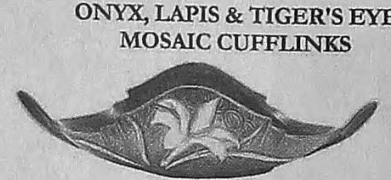
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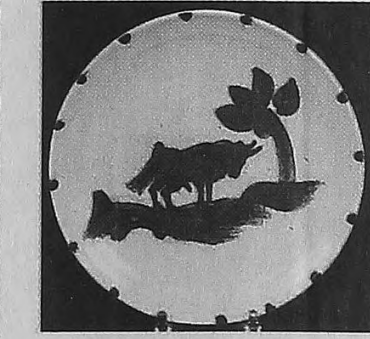
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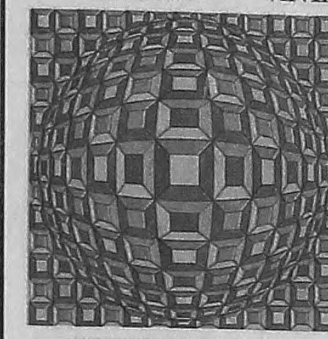
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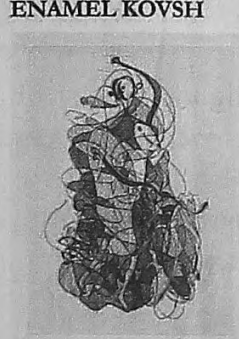
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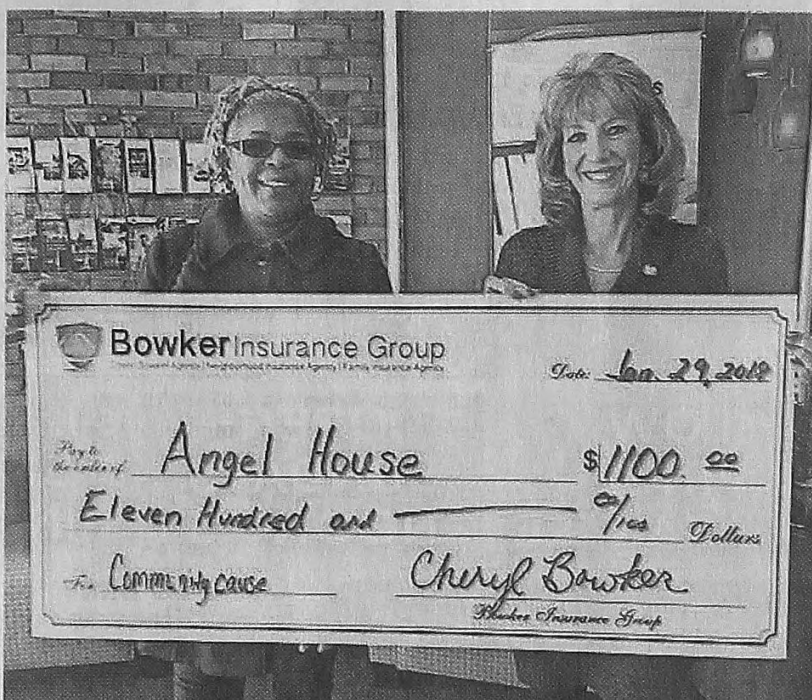
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Nick Russell's Baptist childhood taught him to seek Truth and that search ironically began his journey to Catholicism. As a teenage convert, he still wandered away, as many teens do, for almost 10 years before rediscovering his ultimate Truth in the Catholic Church.



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More than \$1,000 was raised for The Angel House recently by the three Cheryl Bowker Allstate agencies. The Angel House assists abused women and their children by helping them to relocate to a shelter far away from the reach of their abuser. They are also provided with pre-funded debit cards. Other services provided by The Angel House are CPL classes, support groups, and education seminars on escaping domestic abuse. The Cheryl Bowker Agency in Livonia, the Family Insurance Agency in Canton and the Neighborhood Insurance Agency in Plymouth teamed up to raise the funds. The Angel House is hosting a Royal Purple Evening Tea 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Tickets are \$10; call 734-469-4853. Pictured are Cheryl Bowker, Allstate owner, and Karen R. Lewis, Angel House founder.

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## Sales Event Offers Special Savings on New Homes and Villas

## Limited-time manufacturer incentives in Ann Arbor, Canton, Novi and Northville

Toll Brothers, the nation's leading builder of luxury homes, is hosting a National Sales Event going on now through February 19, 2018. The event offers home buyers the opportunity to get money-saving incentives to help build the home of their dreams.

This limited-time offer gives home buyers even more buying power to get the most out of Toll Brothers' extensive option selections to customize their homes. They will also learn about the quality of product and service that has earned Toll Brothers its place as the #1 Home Builder Worldwide on the FORTUNE Magazine "World's Most Admired Companies®" list four years in a row.

During the National Sales Event, home buyers can choose from townhomes and villas to single-family homes and gorgeous home sites in communities situated in the most sought-after locations throughout southeast Michigan — at a great value. Once they purchase their home, buyers work with designers at the new Toll Brothers Design Studio in Plymouth to create breathtakingly beautiful home by choosing from literally hundreds of fabulous options.

In addition, Toll Brothers offers several homes throughout Metro Detroit with quicker move-in time frames or immediate occupancy. For the latest availability, visit QuickDeliveryHomes.com.

To take advantage of this opportunity offered only through the National Sales Event, buyers must make a deposit by February 19. Incentives will vary among

communities and will comprise a package of savings created specifically for this event, so buyers should contact their community of interest and speak with a sales representative to learn more.

**Low-maintenance Villas in Novi**

Located in the heart of Novi on the east side of Novi Rd., just south of Ten Mile Rd. is Ridgeview Villas. Several luxury villa designs range from 2,041 to 2,676 sq. ft. and most offer a first-floor master suite. Residents will enjoy low-maintenance living and paved walking paths leading to The Sports Club of Novi, a dog park, and an ice arena. Pricing begins in the upper \$300,000s. Quick move-in villas are available. For details, call (248) 904-8515.

**Luxurious Living in Northville**

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**Popular Villas in Ann Arbor**

Kensington Woods is located on the north side of Scio Church Road, just west of Maple Road. Low-maintenance luxury villas feature an exceptional list of included features in a stunning setting with pricing from the low \$400,000s. A model home is now open. For details, call (734) 769-

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North Oaks of Ann Arbor is situated in a stunning 109-acre setting surrounded by towering trees and open meadows. Spacious townhomes range from 1,861 to 2,180 sq. ft. with two-car garages, storage space, and several options including a rooftop terrace. Pricing starts in the upper \$300,000s. Luxury Villas will be release for sale soon. To join the interest list, contact the sales team.

A clubhouse with a fitness center, yoga room, billiards, great room with fireplace, verandas overlooking the lap and wading pools, locker rooms and a play park is now under construction.

North Oaks is located minutes from the University of Michigan's north campus, the VA Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, and downtown Ann Arbor. Children attend acclaimed Ann Arbor Schools with the elementary and middle schools just 3 minutes away. For details, call 734-224-6686.

**Opening Soon in Ann Arbor**

Trailwoods of Ann Arbor, a new community of single-family homes tucked into a gorgeous setting with Ann Arbor schools on Ann Arbor's west side will be opening in February 2018. An interest list is being formed. To join, call (844) 838-5263.

**Resort-class Amenities in Canton**

Westridge Estates is the only new community in Canton offering resort-style amenities, including a clubhouse with fitness room, gathering room, kitchenette, locker rooms, pools, sand volleyball court, children's

play park and walking paths. Westridge Estates is located just south of Ford Road west of Ridge Road, and home prices start in the upper \$400,000s. For more information, call 734-844-0279.

**Selling Fast in Canton**

Hamlet Pointe and Hamlet Meadows are located within the existing community of The Hamlet offering an exceptional location close to Plymouth-Canton schools, the Ford Road Shopping District, expressways, parks and the quaint Cherry Hill Village.

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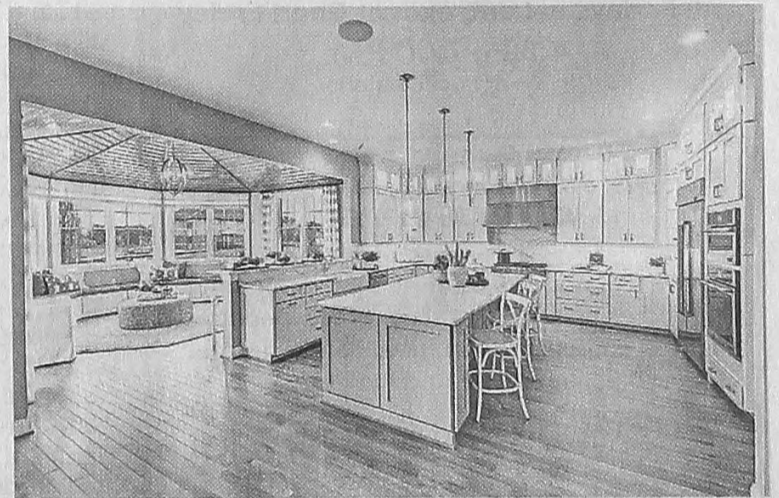
details, visit The-Hamlet.com or call 734-398-5939.

**Last Chance in Novi**

This is it! Only one opportunity remains at Island Lake of Novi! This premier resort-class community features a 170-acre lake, clubhouse with pools and fitness room, boat docks, beaches, parks, walking paths, tennis and sand volleyball courts. The Woodlands features 1/3- acre home sites and acclaimed South Lyon schools. One quick occupancy home is available. For details, call 248-770-4264.

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The Canton Farmers market will host three indoor off-season markets at Summit on the Park.

# Canton Farmers Market to host off-season markets

The Canton Farmers Market will return with special off-season markets during February, March and April at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, in the banquet lobby. The markets will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, March 25 and April 22.

A variety of local food growers and producers have signed on to participate in these off-season markets, including Cheesecakes, Etc. (featuring cheesecakes and various baked goods); Good Times Kettle Corn; Holy Cannolis (featuring cassata cupcakes, baklava, Italian cookies, plus gluten-free items); Alley Farms (featuring pork and chicken cuts, bacon,

sausage, brats, Canadian bacon); Lula Bre's Sweet Eats (featuring artisan jams/jellies, hot fudge sauce, handmade fudge); Bobilin Honey; Goose-neck Coffee Co.; The Pasta Shop (featuring fresh, dry pasta, frozen sauce); Simply Gourmet Fresh (featuring salsa, tortilla chips, queso dip, tamales, burritos, gourmet butter); Spice Grrrl (featuring various spices/herbs); The Cheese People; Detroit Gourmet Nut Co. (featuring maple walnuts, pecans and cashews); Kapnick Orchards (featuring apples, apple cider, apple butter, nut butters, pies, doughnuts, breads, breakfast items, fudge, frozen blueberries, winter squash); Pick Michigan (featuring chicken/duck eggs, homemade corn and flour tortillas, seasonal produce, herbs and fruit); Prochaska Farms (featuring hoop house produce); and Jalapesto (featuring jalapeños and jalapeño popcorn).

"Preparations are well underway for our off-season markets that will provide a fun destination for

families and individuals who value healthy, local food options," Canton Farmers Market coordinator Sheree Buckman said. "Our goal is to create a unique shopping experience for our market-goers, while supporting our local farmers and producers and expanding access to fresh, healthy food sources."

In addition to more than a dozen food vendors, several artisan vendors will be on-site, including Minfly Creations (featuring Michigan-themed items such as pillows and metal works, recycled sweaters, plus mittens, scarfs and headbands) and Bill's Folly (featuring re-purposed vintage books, tins, cigar boxes, plus household items made into lamps). AuNaturel Shea will be selling shea body butter and lotions, sugar scrubs, lip balms and more.

Additional activities will be available Feb. 25, including a free kids craft, where children of all ages can make their own stress relief balloon. Musical entertainment

will also be provided by Ryan Brake. Market-goers may also pick up a tasty lunch from this month's featured food truck, Hero or Villain.

Bridge Card and Double Up Food Bucks transactions will also be accepted. Tokens may be purchased at the Canton Leisure Services table. Market-goers can also visit with Summit on the Park's health & wellness personal trainers to get answers to essential training questions. Plenty of parking is available toward the back of the Summit's parking lot. Market-goers are encouraged to enter through the banquet doors.

The new season of the outdoor Canton Farmers Market will begin Sunday, May 13, and will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday through Oct. 14, in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road.

For more information, go to [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org)/496 or contact the market coordinator at [cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org](mailto:cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org) or at 734-394-5375.



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Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 1, 2018 for the following:

The City of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority is currently seeking bids for the Restoration of the Central Parking Structure. The bid opening is scheduled for Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. It will take place in the Commission Chambers on the 2nd floor of City Hall which is located at 201 S Main, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

There is a MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting February 13, 2018, Tuesday, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the City of Plymouth City Hall, 201 S Main, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

Please visit the City website for detailed information on how to review/obtain a copy of the bid specifications: <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/bid>

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

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Music at the Elks

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

Big Ray & the Motor City Kings will perform in celebration of Mardi Gras, Tuesday, Feb. 13. Members include Big Ray Haywood on sax and vocals, Davey Fender on guitar, Mike Rupprecht on keyboard and vocals, Louis Eurns on drums, and Richard Bright on bass 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.

In addition, the West Side Ramblers will provide a free concert of Dixieland/bluegrass 5:30-8:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Burger Night. A limited menu is available.

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

Montessori school open house

The Plymouth-Canton Montessori School is hosting an open house for prospective students and their families 9-11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15. PCMS teachers and staff will provide classroom tours and enrollment information for the 2018-19 school year. Classes will be in session, so this is a great opportunity to see what authentic Montessori classrooms look like.

The school is located at 45245 Joy in Canton and is an independent nonprofit educational community that provides an individualized learning environment for children, ages 18 months through 6 years.

For more information, go to www.pcmontessori.org, email pcmontessori@sbcglobal.net or call 734-459-1550.

Fish dinners

The Plymouth VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill Street, will host fish dinners during Lent 5-7 p.m. each Friday through March 30 (no dinner Feb. 16 due to a scheduling conflict).

Diners can get cod or walleye, baked or fried. There will also be shrimp and chicken strips available. All dinners include french fries, baked potato or mac and cheese, along with cole slaw, a roll and butter. Coffee is on the house, all other drinks are available on a cash basis. There is also a dessert table and 50/



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50 drawings.

Baseline Folk Society

The Baseline Folk Society begins its 2018 season at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, at 774 N. Sheldon Road. Performances include 10 open-mic artists and then the feature act at 8 p.m. Headlining Feb. 17 are Alex and Maggie Zakem.

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.

The season schedule is available on its Facebook page. For more information, email bfsresident4u@gmail.com.

Plymouth STEAM workshop

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department announces a stop motion animation workshop for children ages 6-15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street.

Students will be taught by Alex Thomas, a professional stop-motion animator who worked on Cartoon Network shows. They will learn animation techniques such as speed, weight, timing, easing and more through various exciting mediums and activities. Also included is a DVD of all animation created by the students during the workshop, a prize raffle and a snack.

Cost is \$69 for city residents and \$54 for non-residents. Registration can be found online at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or by calling 734-455-6620 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Polish Night at K. of C. hall

The Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, in Livonia will host a Polish Night scheduled for

The American Cancer Society will host a free kickoff event open to the public for a celebration of the Relay For Life of Canton and Plymouth, set for 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at Tony Sacco's Pizza, 1663 N. Canton Center Road.

The event will be open house-style and will include a photo booth, light pizza and salad buffet, along with music and information on how you can join the American Cancer Society and participate Relay For Life.

The Relay For Life event will be held May 19 at Heritage Park in Canton. This season, the event is looking to raise more than \$200,000 and celebrate more than 220 survivors and their caregivers.

Go to relayforlife.org/CantonPlymouthMI to learn more about the kickoff event or Relay For Life event or contact Megan Schaper at 248-663-3417 or Megan.Schaper@cancer.org.

Village Theater exhibit features Gross

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, will exhibit the collected works of artist Raymond Gross in the Gallery@VT, through Feb. 26.

The exhibit, titled "Brushes, Pens & Pencils," features numerous works from Gross's 50-year career as an artist. Gross, a Canton resident, has taught in the Van Buren Public Schools district as an elementary art teacher, as well as a middle school assistant principal.

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 on holidays.

For more information, go to www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Diabetes support group

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

5:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17. The event will include Polish food and dancers, as well as music by the Kielbasa Kings. Tickets, \$30 each, are available at the bar.

Canton Lions euchre fundraiser

The Canton Lions Club Foundation will hold its annual euchre fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Plymouth Elks Club, 1700 Ann Arbor Road. Doors open at 6 p.m. and play begins at 7 p.m. Register by submitting all players' first and last name and email address to MiCantonLionsEuchre@gmail.com or call 734-844-3949 by Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Entrance fee is \$20 at the door (cash or check payable to "Canton Lions Club Foundation"). There is a 25-cent penalty per player for each euchre. There will be more than 25 raffle basket items and a 50/50 raffle as well. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, six for \$5, 15 for \$10 or \$20 for a double arm length of tickets.

There will be complimentary sloppy joes and chips, plus a cash bar. Cash awards will be paid to the top three players based 35 percent of entry fees.

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"Overall, to their credit, they've done a wonderful job."

The Western Wayne Skill Center focuses on continuing education for young adults ages 18-26 who have gone through high school and have some moderate cognitive impairments. The 175 students who attend learn living skills, such as cooking, doing laundry, working in a woodshop and landscaping, to name a few. Students attend the center from several districts across Wayne County, including Livonia, Wayne-Westland, Redford Union, South Redford, Garden City, Northville, Plymouth-Canton, Westwood, Romulus and Van Buren.

The Livonia Public Schools-run center formerly operated at 8075 Ritz in Westland, but moved last week into the former Garfield Elementary at 10218 Arthur in Livonia. Garfield closed at the conclusion of the 2016-17 school year, along with Cass Elementary School, a decision done by the LPS school board in 2016.

During the meetings where the LPS school board deliberated on the future of the two elementary schools, it was also decided the district would relocate the WWSC out of its building in Westland. The decision to move it to Garfield came last year, LPS spokeswoman Stacy Jenkins said.

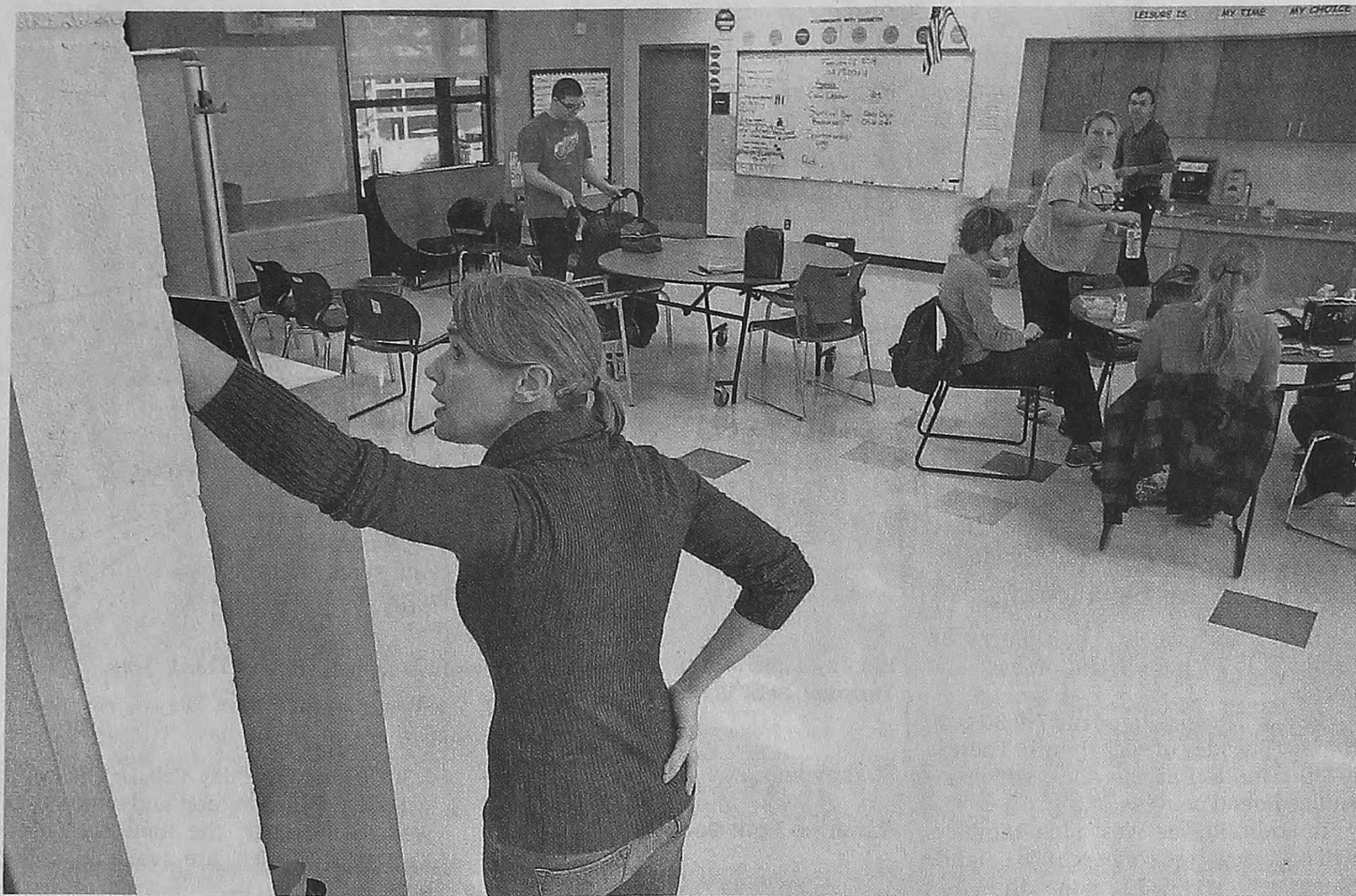
Mies said converting a former elementary school into an educational facility for young adults was no small task. Many aspects of the school needed to be changed, including increasing accessibility and making it more a space young adults can connect to.

"We would not be able to just move into another elementary school, given the age of our students and the size of our students and the fact we have students in wheelchairs," he said. "We have doors that were widened, bathrooms that were made larger."

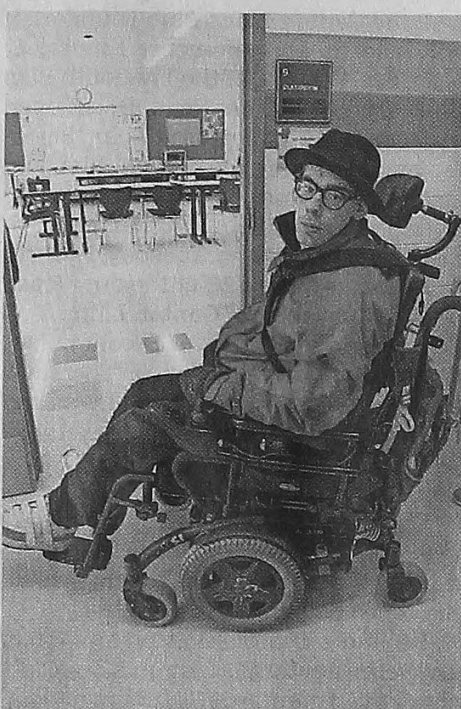
The former WWSC in Westland is expected to be torn down and the property sold. The school board voted in the fall to approve the sale to Infinity Homes.



**Patrick Mies is principal at the Western Wayne Skill Center.**



**Teacher Elizabeth Craven checks the student list, posted on the wall, at lunch time.** BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



**John Sondergaard waits for a bus ride. He spends a half day at the center.** BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

It's expected the land occupied by the former WWSC, as well as the former Nankin Mills Elementary, will be developed into residential housing. The sale of the property has not yet been finalized.

Mies said the transition has been a smooth one, with students taking courses in modified classrooms. Those students will typically leave the school and get involved with an outside activity to better prepare them with the skills needed as an adult.

"We place a strong emphasis on getting our students into the community setting, where they have an opportunity to use the work skills that they learn here in the classroom setting and apply them in real-work settings in the community," Mies said.


One of those students who is employed as a result of his work is 24-year-old Matthew Soules, who works five days a week at Rosedale Elementary in Livonia during the lunch hour. Soules,

who also assists at the Jackson Early Childhood Center as a part of his coursework, secured the job recently and looks forward to going each day.

"It's fun," he said. "I like it." LPS Superintendent Andrea Oquist said the recent move is a plus for the center and its new location will provide a great opportunity for the students.

"Our Western Wayne Skill Center provides invaluable vocational and life skills training for our young adults. These programs are led by outstanding, caring staff who provide for the unique and individual learning needs of the students in the program," she said. "We are so thrilled to be able to provide such a wonderful facility for this program at the newly renovated Garfield Community School."

Contact David Veselenak at [dveselenak@hometownlife.com](mailto:dveselenak@hometownlife.com) or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak.



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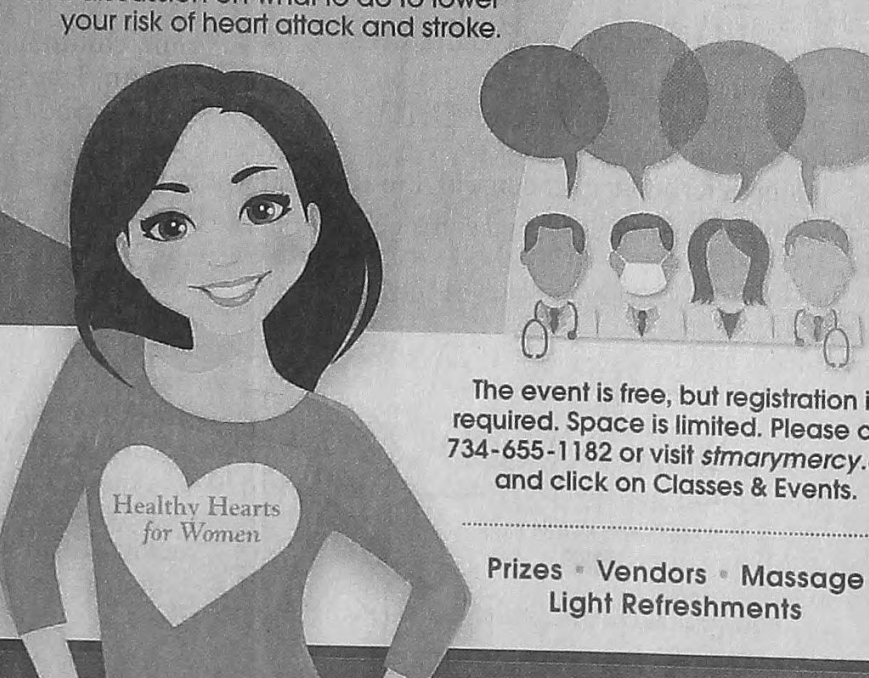
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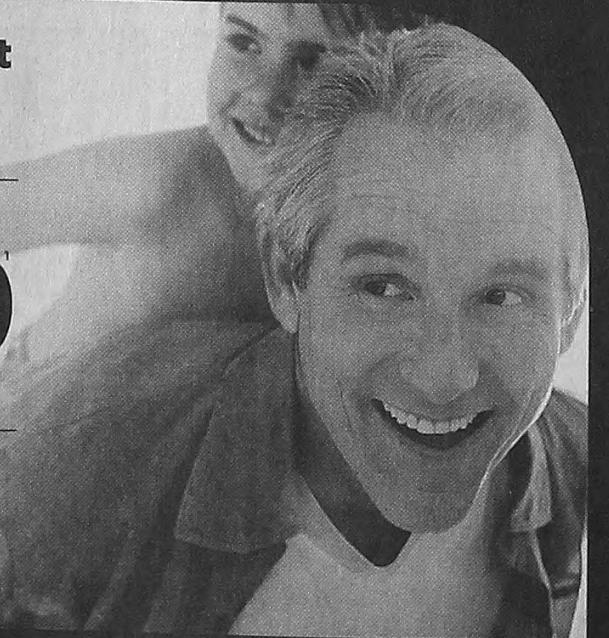
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# After divorce, examine all aspects of estate planning



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Rick Bloom  
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**Q: I have a couple of questions I hope you can help me with. My situation is, I am divorced with two adult children. I am still working and plan to work at least another 10 years. My first question deals with my will. I did my will a few years before I was divorced and haven't made any changes. The will basically leaves everything to the spouse and, if she's not around, then to my two children. My question is, do I need to change the will now that I'm divorced or is she automatically excluded because of the divorce? My second question deals with the property settlement. I have to make a lump sum payment to**

**her in another two months. I can either sell one of my investments or I can refinance my house at 4.5 percent. What option would you do?**

**A:** First, with regard to your estate plan, I do recommend that you redo it. It is good business that, when you get divorced, you revise your estate plan to reflect your current thoughts. When you leave your estate plan as is, it leaves things up to interpretation and potential fights. After all, the probate court can hold that since you did not make a change after your divorce, it was your intent to continue to have your ex as the beneficiary. To make things clear and to remove the risk of fights and costly legal battles, I strongly recommend that you redo your estate plan.

Don't forget: When you do your estate plan, not only should you redo your will, but also your medical and durable powers of attorney. What many people also

forget is to change their beneficiaries. You may have beneficiaries on insurance policies, IRAs or even on your brokerage account. It is important that you review all your beneficiary designations and make changes where necessary.

With regard to where you should get the money for the lump-sum payment, I think it comes down to whether you believe your investments will earn more than the after-tax cost of the mortgage. For example, if the after-tax cost of the mortgage is 3.5 percent, do you think your investments will earn more than 3.5 percent after taxes? If you're a long-term stock market investor, over the long run your investments should earn more than the cost of the mortgage. If you're investing in things like CDs and U.S. treasuries, it is unlikely that they will earn more than the mortgage is costing you. If you have those types of investments, I would lean toward liqui-

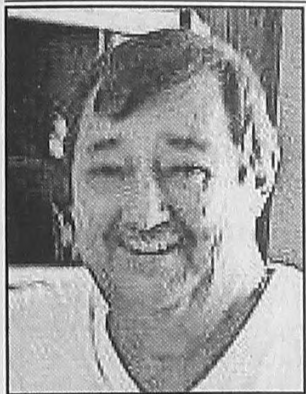
dating those investments as opposed to refinancing your home. If you have a stock portfolio and are looking long term, I would go the mortgage route. The key is to focus on what you are investing in and the returns.

I always recommend to individuals that, whenever they have a change in their family situation — birth, death or divorce — they review their estate plan. Whether you need changes depends upon your individual situation. In the great majority of situations, when it comes to a divorce, it is a clear sign that your estate plan needs to be redone.

Good luck!

*Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like him to respond to questions, email [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).*

## Obituaries



**Thomas N. Dietz**

**WESTLAND** - February 7, 2018 at age 70.

Beloved husband of Cindy. Dear father of Deanna (Keary) Kerkhof and Tanya (Mike Bona) Dietz. Loving grandfather of Brenda and Trevor Kerkhof. Brother of David (Pat) and the late Daniel and the late James (Bettie). Also survived by several nieces and nephews and sister-in-law, Janice (David) Classon.

Services were entrusted to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland — (734) 522-9400. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org) or Kidney Foundation, [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org). Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at [griffinfuneralhome.com](http://griffinfuneralhome.com).

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**Gretchen Maricak**

**WESTLAND** - February 6, 2018 Age 65.

Dear sister of Vanessa Garavaglia (Marco). Loving aunt of Marco Garavaglia. Also survived by numerous cousins and her cat "Guindon." Family will receive friends Sunday 2-7 p.m. with Rosary at 6 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Royal Oak, 248-549-0500. Funeral Mass Monday 11 a.m. at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 4300 Walnut Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, MI 48323. Visitation at church begins at 10:30 a.m. Memorial tributes to the church, Lawrence Technological Institute Affleck House or Karmanos Cancer Institute. View obituary and share memories at [AJDesmond.com](http://AJDesmond.com)

### Willodene L. "Billie" Powers

**NORTHVILLE** - Willodene L. "Billie" Rich Bullerdick Powers, age 73, formerly of Richmond, Indiana, died Thursday, February 1, 2018. Born February 22, 1944, in Richmond, Indiana, to John Joseph and Jean Louise Eubank Rich, Billie lived in the Richmond area most of her life. Over the past few years she had lived and spent time with her daughters in New Hudson, Michigan, and Seattle, Washington.

Billie earned a master's degree in education from Ball State University and was a retired elementary educator. Billie was passionate about education, her family and friends. Through her significant contributions, Billie will be forever a teacher.

Survivors include her daughters, Kristin (Robert) Hinshaw of Northville and Karissa (Jeffrey) Jagacki of South Lyon, Michigan; grandchildren, Sarah and Thomas Hinshaw and Adam and Grant Jagacki; brother, John Randall "Randy" (Patty) Rich; and cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Powers; son, Ryan Paul Bullerdick; and her parents.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday April 21st in Richmond, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to: Alzheimer's Association, 50 East 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240 ([alz.org](http://alz.org)) or Oak Pointe Church, 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48374. Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at [www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com](http://www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com)



**Shirley Stone**

**JACKSON** - age 92.

Beloved wife of the late George Stone for 47 years. Loving mother of 4 sons, Allen (Char), Keith (Marleen), Ken (Cinda) Stone and 2 daughters, Kathy (Dennis) Kolehmainen and Diane Bastarache. Dear sister of Catherine Beach. Also survived by 12 Grandchildren, 6 Great-Grandchildren and several nieces & nephews.

Memorial Services, Saturday, April 28, 2018, 11:00 AM, Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland The family would like to extend a Thank You to Legacy Assisted Living Center and Southern Care Hospice. Please view and send tributes to, [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com)



### Irene Bertuca

**GARDEN CITY** - age 91, February 5, 2018.

Beloved wife of the late Angelo. Loving mother of Vincent (Debra Hughes) Bertuca, Lawrence Bertuca, Marlene (Gary) Young and the late Kenneth Bertuca. Dear grandmother of Tyler Francis Wagner.

Funeral Service was held at the RG & GR Harris Funeral Home, Garden City. IN LEIU OF FLOWERS, please make a donation to Beaumont Hospice either by mail (Beaumont Health Foundation, PO Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007-5802) or by phone (248-551-5330) Please share a memory of Irene at [www.rggrharris.com](http://www.rggrharris.com).



### Lillian Francis DeHart McCann

**LIVONIA** - Lillian was born February 22, 1930 in Weatherby, Missouri to Donald and Olive DeHart. She lived on a farm, loved chickens and got her first pony when Grandpa took her to the neighbor's place a few miles away. He bought her Nina, a little black and white painted pony. Grandpa left her to ride the pony home alone. It was a different era.

Lillian moved to Dearborn just as she was ready to begin high school. She attended Dearborn High School where she was active in field hockey and played the sax in the jazz band. She was an active supporter of her school and sold drinks to support the teams out of a Coca Cola cooler that her Dad had.

Her father, Don had a used car lot on Michigan Avenue, and he let his daughters drive the convertibles, it was good advertising. Mom drove a bright blue 1940 Packard convertible in high school, loading all her friends into it until the police would call Grandpa to shut her down. In 1948, Lillian went to Hillsdale College and joined Chi Omega Sorority. On the recommendation of a sorority sister, she accepted a date from a young man, only to find out later that it was my charming father. They were married within the year, October 6, 1949. The next July they welcomed their daughter Kathleen Jerre, then a year later a second daughter Maureen Mary, James Charles arrived in 1955 and Wade DeHart in 1960.

Lillian was active in the City of Livonia even while raising four children. She was an active member and President of the Lawyer's Wives. She was Chairperson of Livonia Town Hall where she brought in speakers like Lowell Thomas and others of his caliber. She was also Vice-President of the Livonia Historical Society and assisted in bringing many historical homes, churches and businesses together to form Greenmead Historical Village. She was a



Girl Scout leader and arranged for her troop to meet Helen Keller when she was speaking in Detroit. Lillian loved her horse Alfie and taught others, including niece Catherine, and granddaughters Amy Nickin, Katie McCann, and Meghan Kaminski to love riding. She was a volunteer riding instructor at John Ivory Farms, and a member of the Livonia Women's Golf League for over 20 years. James and Lillian traveled the world for pleasure, to view historical sites, and to ski.

Lillian is survived by her husband, Judge James R. McCann, children, Kathleen McCann and husband Norm Nickin, Maureen McCann, James C. McCann and his wife Linda, Wade McCann and his wife Gosia. She is also survived by grandchildren Amy and Eric Eiken-Sluyter, Jodi and John Prince, Christopher Nickin and Paula Fournier, Rian McCann Kaminski, Michael McCann, Meghan and Tom Varney, Amy and Mark Micallef, Katie McCann, Trevor McCann and Josie Hern, Tyler McCann and Sarah, and great-grandchildren, Serena, Riley, Finn, Jagger, Makenzy, Kylee, Kaiden and Haily. Lil is also survived by her sister Lu and husband Gene Lehmann and many nieces and nephews. She was dearly loved and will be so missed.

A Funeral Service for Lillian will be held Monday, February 12, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Harry J Will Funeral Home, 3700 Six Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan. The family will receive close friends and family on Sunday, February 11, 2018 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, at the funeral home. A burial will occur following the funeral at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, 34205 5 Mile Rd, Livonia, Michigan 48154. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Lillian's memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy for the McCann family may be shared at [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com).

# Brady Rymer and The Little Band That Could to perform at Village Theater

Brady Rymer and The Little Band That Could, one of today's premier entertainers of children and families in the country, will perform a special kid-friendly show at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.

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Rymer has toured and recorded with RCA roots-rock band From Good Homes for 13 years, sharing the stage with the likes of Bob Dylan, Dave Matthews and the Grateful Dead's Bob Weir, before parenthood expanded the scope of his music to include young and old alike.

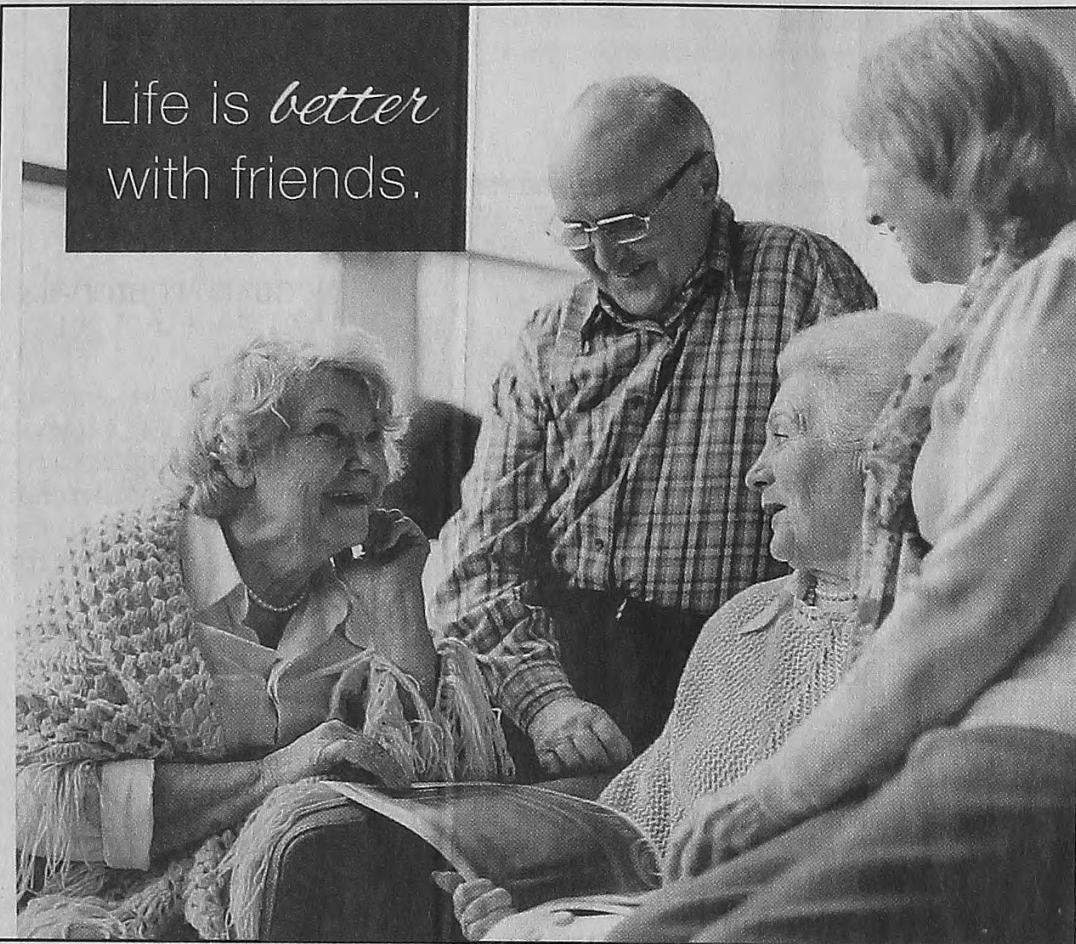
Rymer has also been involved in a compilation of songs produced by Hip Hop Public Health for First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move campaign. In addition, he has worked with and performed for kids with autism, Asperger's syndrome and related disorders and he is a featured performer and composer for ASHA's Listen To Your Buds Campaign, a hearing health public education campaign to provide parents and children with information about safe usage of personal audio technology. Rymer also serves on the education board of the Long Island Music Hall of Fame, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and celebrating the region's musical heritage.

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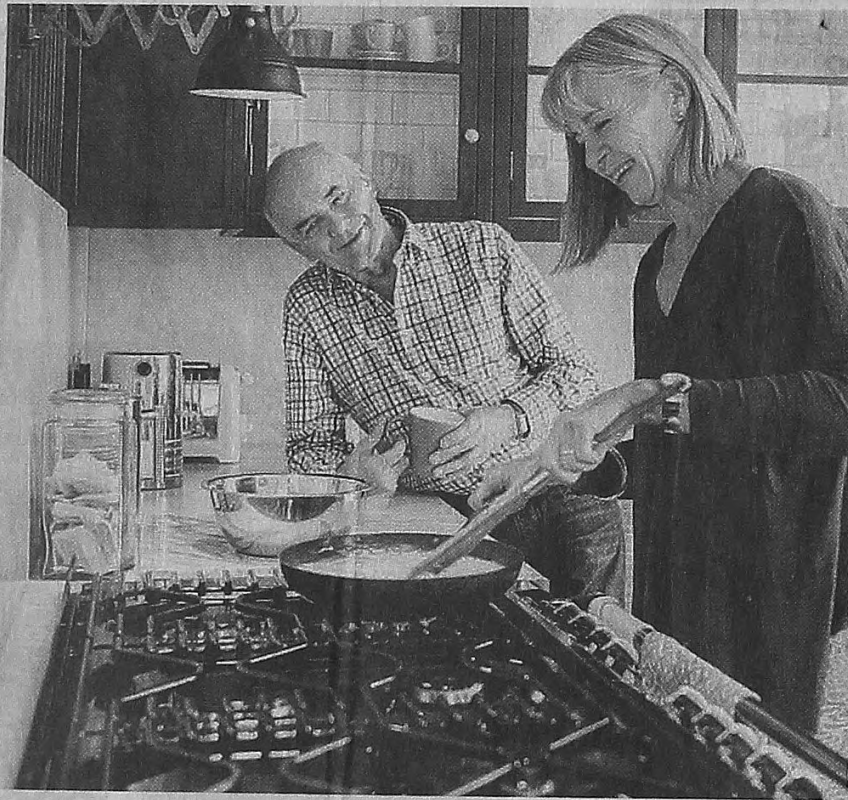
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# Canton teen selected as top youth volunteer

Alyssa Ewell, 18, of Canton and Abigail Diuble, 13, of Manchester were named Michigan's top two youth volunteers of 2018 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. As state honorees, Alyssa and Abigail both will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip in late April to Washington, D.C., where they will join the top two honorees from each of the other states and the District of Columbia for four days of national recognition events. During the trip, 10 students will be named America's top youth volunteers of 2018.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, now in its 23rd year, is conducted by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Alyssa, a senior at Canton High School, was student coordinator last year of her school district's Relay for Life, which raised \$30,000 for the American Cancer Society. With her grandmother battling pancreatic cancer, Alyssa had a very personal reason to assume this leadership role when a teacher asked her to take the job. "She had seen my work last year raising \$12,000 to grant a wish for a young girl through the Make-A-Wish Foundation," Alyssa said. "She exhorted me to become a general in the war against cancer."

After meeting with Michigan's Relay for Life coordinator to set up a plan, Alyssa recruited students to help and began delegating tasks. She took steps to involve more than 20 schools in her school district, made fliers to get the word out to the community, assembled resource kits to help her leadership team of students coordinate activities during the event and held an "advertising" day to pitch the project to potential donors and sponsors in the business community. In addition to running the actual relay walk, Alyssa and her team planned a Spirit Week at her school, trick-or-treating for little kids, a faculty "kiss the pig" fundraiser, a lip-sync

competition, a cancer survivor walk, a raffle, and a luminaria ceremony. "While a considerable amount of money was raised, the most rewarding part of this experience was learning I could be a catalyst for action," Alyssa said.

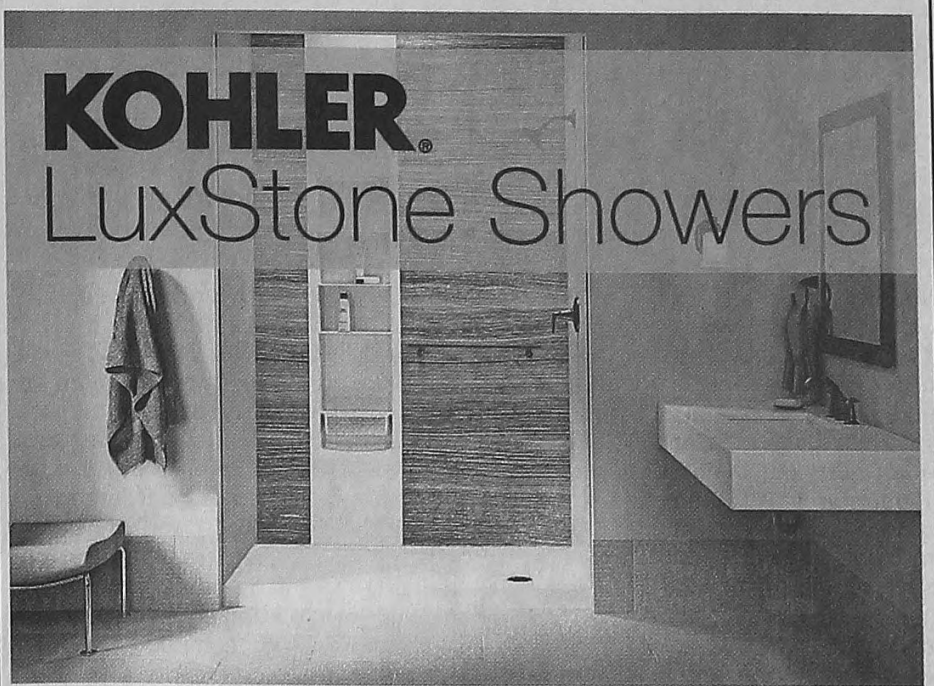
The program judges also recognized eight other Michigan students as distinguished finalists for their impressive community service activities. Each will receive an engraved bronze medallion. They include:

■ Allison Heath, 17, of Bloomfield Hills, a senior at Bloomfield Hills High School, who developed a program that offers music-loaded iPod shuffles to 1,500 patients a month at a Detroit cancer institute, providing comfort and distraction during treatments. A long-time volunteer and student researcher with the institute, Allison also developed a behavioral study to measure the impact of music on cancer treatment.

■ Caitlin Jodway, 17, of Westland, a senior at Franklin High School, who organized a swim-a-thon that drew more than 100 swimmers and raised \$24,000 to help a student with muscular dystrophy buy a wheelchair-accessible van. Caitlin then worked with her teammates to deliver leftover food from the event to feed more than 40 men and women living on the streets of Detroit.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards represents the country's largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteer service. All public and private middle level and high schools in the country, as well as all Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs and affiliates of Points of Light's HandsOn Network, were eligible to select a student or member for a local Prudential Spirit of Community Award. These local honorees were then reviewed by an independent judging panel, which selected state honorees and distinguished finalists based on criteria including personal initiative, effort, impact and personal growth.

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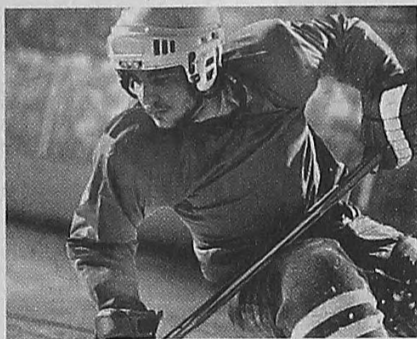
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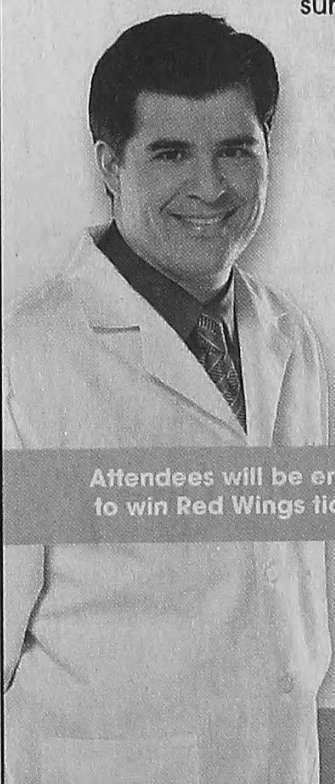
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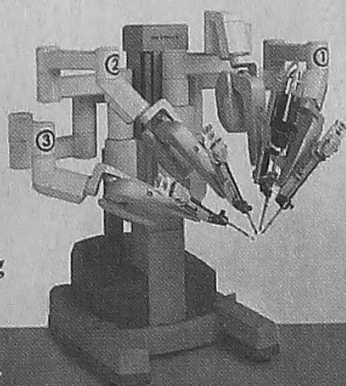
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# Sports

## INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY

# Five Nations promises thrills

Top prospects will be on display at USA Arena

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Yes, South Korea might be the main focus of the hockey world beginning this weekend at the 2018 Winter Games in Pyeongchang.

But USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth also will be hosting some exciting February hockey of an international variety. The Under-18 Five Nations Tournament is scheduled to take place from Tuesday through Saturday, Feb. 13-17, with the U.S. and four other teams on the docket.

The building (14900 Beck Road) will be jammed with National Hockey League officials and scouts who will be filling notebooks with musings about dozens of players considered the cream of the crop in the 2018 NHL Entry Draft.

In addition to the U.S., the round-robin tournament will include Russia, Sweden, Finland and the Czech Republic.

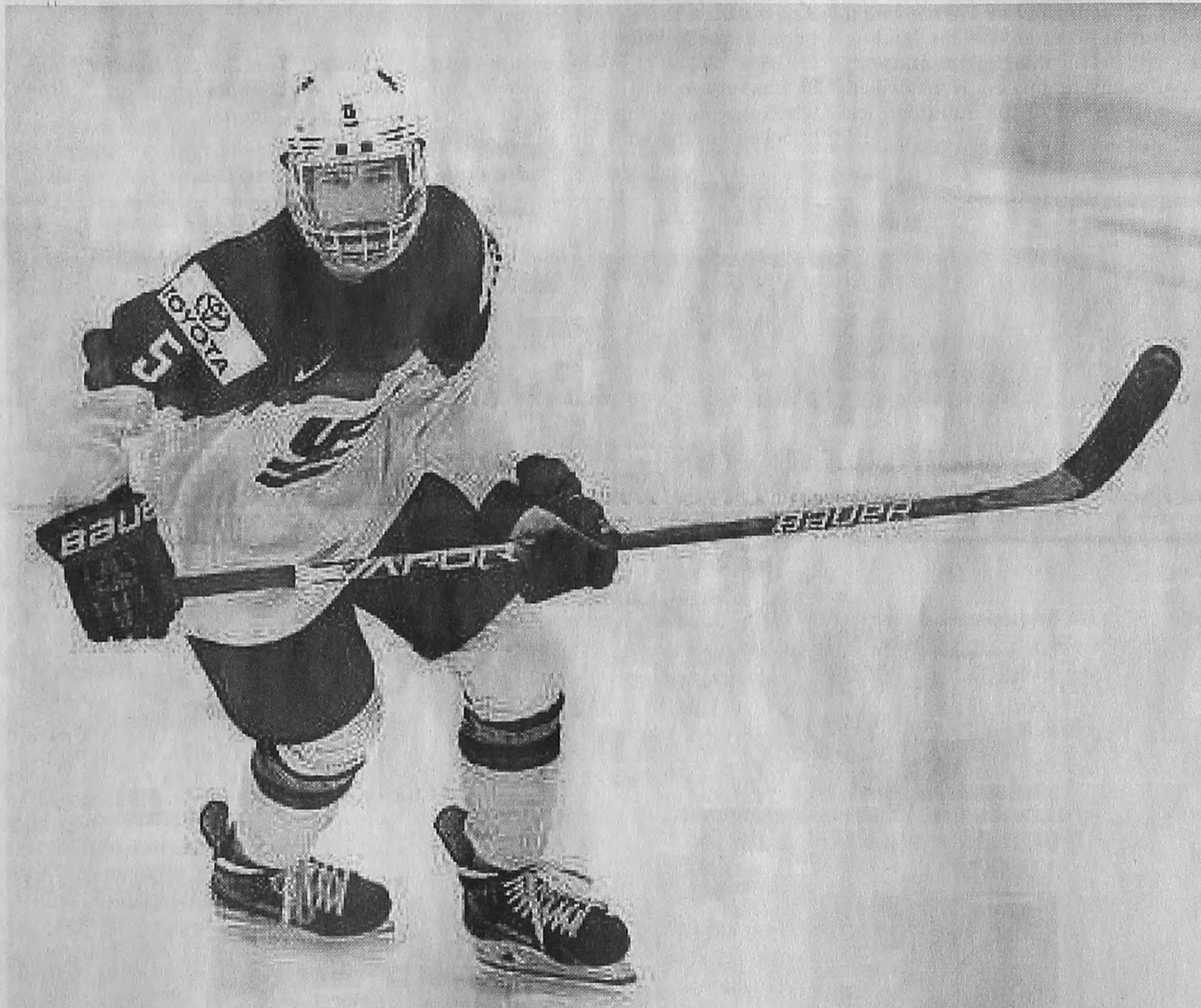
"The ones who have been here for any international event know they're fun, the games are great," said Scott Monaghan, senior director of operations for USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, which is based in Plymouth. "(During) the women's

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Andrei Svechnikov, shown playing for the Muskegon Lumberjacks, is projected to be the No. 1 pick in the 2018 NHL Entry Draft. He will play for Russia in the Five Nations Tournament. JENNIFER ROLLENHAGEN | MUSKEGON LUMBERJACKS

## INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY



Farmington Hills resident Megan Keller will spend the next fortnight in South Korea as a defenseman for the U.S. women's hockey team. KELLER FAMILY PHOTO

# Keller ready to make Olympic Games debut

Farmington Hills resident a veteran of U.S. squads

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Megan Keller has represented the United States in international hockey for six years now.

The 21-year-old Farmington Hills

resident has played in venues across the world — from Canada to the Scandinavian countries of Sweden and Finland to Hungary. She even skated in her own back yard last April at the USA Arena in Plymouth, which hosted the annual women's world championships, winning a gold medal with a thrilling 3-2 overtime triumph over arch-rival Canada.

Keller will now add a new experience to her ever-expanding hockey resume.

The left-handed shooting defenseman will play in her first Olympic Winter Games when the women take to the ice this week in the XXIII Olympic Games in PyeongChang, South Korea.

Playing in the Olympics has always been one of Keller's goals. Her time has come and her parents, Lynn and Greg, couldn't be prouder.

"I think the best thing I can say is,

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Detroit Country Day not missing a beat

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Detroit Country Day's girls basketball team is in the midst of another stellar season.

The defending state champion Yellowjackets are 12-2 and again sit atop the AP's Class B state rankings. Their lone losses are to Wayne Memorial (No. 7 in Class A) and Detroit Edison (No. 3 in Class C).

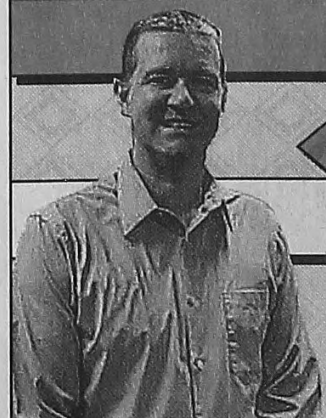
DCD's success may be a surprise to some, considering the losses of graduated all-state players Destiny Pitts and Tylar Bennett, but not to co-captains Kaela Webb and Maxine Moore. Simply put, the Yellowjackets have not missed a beat and the veteran leaders intend to keep it that way.

"We knew it wouldn't be the same as last year, because we had lost Destiny and Tylar, who really were valuable assets on the floor," Webb said. "But we are winners, first. It doesn't matter who gets the most points or anything, it's just a matter if Country Day wins at the end of the day (then) we're all hap-

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Frank Orlando, the state's winningest girls basketball head coach, is flanked by Detroit Country Day's 2017-18 co-captains Kaela Webb (left) and Maxine Moore. MARTY BUDNER



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## Keller

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when you watch your kids live out their life-long dreams, it doesn't get any better," Greg said. "Megan has a stencil above her bed that says, 'Dream until your dreams come true' and that's really been the case with her. She has pursued this dream with a passion and it's been a life-long goal of hers since she was little. We are so happy and proud for her."

Lynn echoed her husband's remarks. "It's always so exciting to watch her put that USA jersey on and compete for the country," Lynn said. "You know when they were here in April, that was our first time to watch her at that national level. We had seen her at the U-18s and the U-22, but to take that next step is amazing. It's great to see her get what she wanted."

### A year off of school

Keller was so intent on making the U.S. Olympic team, she prepared by taking a year off from her studies and playing career at Boston College. The 2014 North Farmington graduate has played three years of hockey for the Eagles, where she has honed her defensive skills to the level she is considered one of the country's top defenders.

Keller eventually will complete her senior year at Boston College, where she is majoring in communications, but first she has some business to tend to in PyeongChang.

"The players had an evaluation camp after (the 2017) world tournament in May and, at the end of August, they went down to the Tampa Bay area for what they called a centralization camp," Lynn said. "They trained down there and played a series of games. They've played Canada several times around the country and in Canada."

Keller learned to play hockey at an early age, primarily by playing with her



Shortly after winning the women's world championship last April in Plymouth, U.S. defenseman and North Farmington graduate Megan Keller poses with her mother Lynn. FAMILY PHOTO

older brother Ryan and other boys around her home and later at the Farmington Ice Arena. She played in boys leagues through the Pee Wee Division before turning to all-girls teams, landing a spot with the Livonia Knights and with the nationally-renowned Honeybaked AAA program out of the Suburban Ice Arena.

Keller ultimately earned invitations to U.S. development camps and the U.S. Women's National Team Camp in 2014. She is also a three-time Women's National Festival invitee.

"Ryan played at Michigan State and he was very good to (Megan) growing up when she was younger," Greg said. "She knocked around with him in the drive-

way and played street hockey with him and his buddies. He toughened her up a little bit.

"Megan has been very fortunate from an early age to have a great bunch of youth coaches who made the game fun for her," he added. "They had the right perspective. They made the game fun and she developed, through them, a love for the game at a young age. It's been a long, lengthy climb for her (to make the national team) and she's made it."

### Watching in person

All that hard work has paid huge dividends for Keller.

Lynn and Greg, who have never been to South Korea, will have the good fortune of sharing Megan's dream as they will watch her play in person. They are hoping to witness a women's hockey gold rush in South Korea.

"In the Olympics in Sochi, the U.S. had the lead, but lost to Canada in overtime," said Greg, who played Division II college in his native Pennsylvania. "It's a pretty fierce rivalry and they play each other a bunch of times leading up to the Olympics and there is no love lost between them."

"Of course, they are all very excited about having the opportunity to compete in the Olympics and compete for a gold medal," he added. "Megan wants to be a part of that and she wants to help the U.S. bring home the gold medal. It's going to be awesome. We love watching our kids compete and we're really looking forward to it."

Women's ice hockey made its Olympic debut in 1998 and the U.S. defeated Canada to capture the gold medal in that inaugural tourney. Canada has won gold in each of the four Olympics since then, defeating the U.S. on three of those occasions.

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## Five Nations

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world championship, the USA-Canada games just rocked.

"We hosted a Five Nations in February two years ago, that was the younger age group, U-17s. We had a fantastic final game with USA-Russia. The building was packed and it was rocking."

"This is a bigger event, because it is the last event before the U-18 World Championship, the next-to-last time the NHL teams and scouts can see all these kids. And there's probably going to be upwards of 60 kids that are ranked in the draft from these five countries."

The U.S. roster will feature several draft-eligible players ranked in the top 25 of North American skaters as determined by NHL Central Scouting. On that list are forwards Oliver Wahlstrom (No. 7) and Joel Farabee (No. 11), defenseman Mattias Samuelsson (No. 17), forward Patrick Giles (No. 19) and defenseman Bode Wilde of Birmingham at No. 22.

The U.S. team also will be bolstered by 17-year-old forward Jack Hughes, certain to be a top draft choice in 2019.

But fans will have the chance to watch the No. 1-rated North American player in right wing Andrei Svechnikov. The second-year standout on the Barrie Colts of the Ontario Hockey League will suit up during the tourney for Russia.

### A feast of pucks

The week-long hockey smorgasbord — five single-admission doubleheaders are on the menu Tuesday through Saturday — will feature some tasty servings.

On Tuesday, after the Czech Republic squares off against Finland (3:30 p.m.), the U.S. will face Sweden at 7 p.m.

The U.S. then skates at 7 p.m. Wednesday against the Czechs (preceded by the 3:30 p.m. game between Finland and Russia).

On Friday, the 3:30 p.m. game is between Sweden and the Czechs; at 7 p.m. will be the highly anticipated U.S.-Russia tilt.

On the tourney's final day, Russia and Sweden drop the puck at 3:30 p.m., with the U.S.-Finland match-up at 7 p.m.

Two-game passes are \$7 Tuesday through Thursday and \$15 Friday and Saturday.

"You're going to see probably 10 or 15 of the top 30 NHL draft picks out there," Monaghan said. "And in terms of the competitive part of it, it's just awesome. It's always been the thing I love the most about what we do."

"When it's USA vs. Russia, USA vs. Czech, we're playing for our country. And for these 22 kids here, that's part of why they signed up."

USA Hockey broadcaster Pete Krup-



One of the offensive threats for the U.S. during Five Nations will be forward Oliver Wahlstrom. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

### WHO TO WATCH

Steve Kournianos of *The Draft Analyst* website ([www.thedraftanalyst.com](http://www.thedraftanalyst.com)) provided his detailed take on which players should be top of mind and on the radar of fans attending the Five Nations Tournament at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

**Russia: Andrei Svechnikov (right wing)** — Svechnikov, a sniper with the Ontario Hockey League's Barrie Colts, is arguably the top 2018 draft prospect to participate at next week's competition in Plymouth. He's a dynamic goal scorer with speed and size who has been a top point producer at several international tournaments.

**Sweden: Adam Boqvist (defenseman)** — A strong argument can be made that Boqvist would be in the running for first overall at the draft had fellow countryman Rasmus Dahlin not been eligible. Boqvist is a phenomenal skater with a blistering shot who can be next to impossible to slow down.

**Finland: Rasmus Kupari (center) and Jesperi Kotkaniemi (left wing)** — The jury is still out on which one of these two talented forwards will be the first Finnish prospect to get his name called at the NHL draft and there's a good bet this tournament will weigh heavily in the eventual outcome, especially when you consider the quality of competition. Kupari is a flashy center with tricks up his sleeve, whereas Kotkaniemi plays more of a well-rounded game in all three zones.

**Czech Republic: Jakub Lauko (center)** — Among the players likely to pull you out of your seat is this speedy pivot, who played for the Czechs at the U-20 world junior hockey championship and has spent the entire season with Chomutov of the elite Czech Extraliga.

**United States: Jack Hughes (center)** — As dynamic a duo as line mates Oliver Wahlstrom and Joel Farabee have been, there is a strong chance Hughes — an extraordinary playmaking center — will be the first overall pick in the 2019 draft. Although both Wahlstrom and Farabee are locks to go high in the first round of this year's draft, it isn't a stretch to think that most of the NHL scouts who attend will be just as eager to see Hughes work his magic against older competition.

sky added that the U-18 Five Nations is "really a unique tournament" that hockey-loving fans in metro Detroit should

check out.

"It's something you're not going to see anywhere else in the Detroit area,"



Birmingham's Bode Wilde, a defenseman for the U.S. U-18 NTDP team, will compete during the Five Nations tourney, scheduled from Feb. 13-17 at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

Krupsky said. "These teams play for their country, they're fired up to play for their country, I think the hockey is still pure."

"They're not playing for big contracts, they're not playing for money. They're playing for the crest on their jersey."

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## PREP GYMNASTICS

# Farmington has another stellar outing at Canton Invitational

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Farmington United, competing in its first meet since losing star gymnast Elisa Bills to injury, showed it still has the fabric of a champion.

The United squad won the prestigious Canton Invitational on Jan. 31 with 141.375 points. Northville (140.475), Livonia Blue (140.400) and Rockford (140.300) were close behind, while Salem was a distant fifth (138.765 points).

The victory in the 17-team field certainly impressed longtime Farmington United head coach Jeff Dwyer.

"I was impressed with the team. I was hoping for a top five finish," said Dwyer, in his 32nd season as head coach. "This was really a surprise. I got home that night and I was just thinking it was a great win. I didn't expect it. I was expecting to be up there, but I wasn't expecting to win it."

"It's tough competing without Elisa, who was a state champion last year," he added. "I just told my team we have to keep rowing the boat — and they did. The season still has to continue. We just have to march on and see what we can do."

## Depth keys big triumph

United's depth proved the difference as senior Emily Stecevic, juniors Kacey Noseworthy, Ava Farquhar and Shelby Smith, sophomore Lily Tyler and freshman Allison Schultz all produced valuable points.

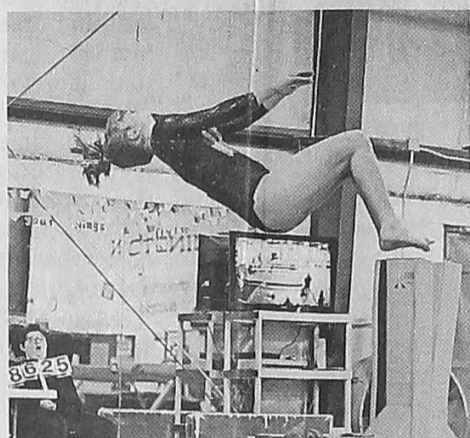
Noseworthy won the all-around competition with a score of 35.95 and Stecevic was third all-around at 35.625. Farquhar also made the top 10 all-around by scoring 34.925, good for ninth place.

Noseworthy was second off the vault (9.25) and on bars (8.8), tied for fourth on floor (9.25) and 15th on the balance beam (8.65). Stecevic tied for sixth on the bars (8.625), tied for seventh off the vault (8.875), was eighth on the beam (8.875) and tied Noseworthy for fourth on the floor.

Farquhar's top two performances



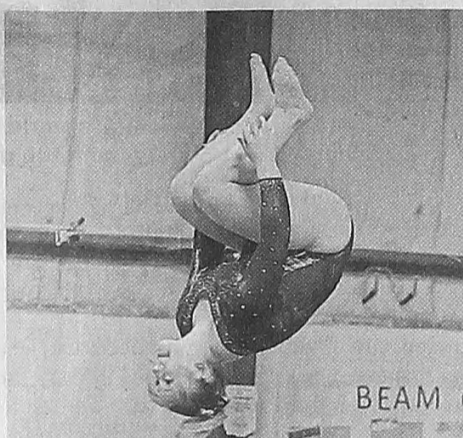
Farmington United again showed its prowess to win the recent high-quality Canton Invitational. MANDY FARQUHAR



Junior Ava Farquhar placed ninth all-around for Farmington United at the recent Canton Invitational. KATHY BURNS

were on bars (8.5) and balance beam (8.825); she placed 10th in both. Smith tied for sixth on bars (8.625), Tyler tied for 12th off the vault (8.775) and Schultz was 14th on the uneven bars (8.4) for their best showings.

"For us to do what we did, all the girls had to hit and they all hit," Dwyer said. "We had a pretty solid meet. It was almost like they were going through practice routines, they were just doing what they do."



Junior Shelby Smith competed in three events to help lead Farmington United to the Canton Invitational crown. KATHY BURNS

"Shelby is in these big meets now and is learning how to perform under pressure and she is handling it. She had a really solid meet and kudos to her. The all-around finishes by Kacey, Emily and Ava were huge."

"Lily Tyler was able to get a good score on the vault and I give a lot of credit to Allison Schultz, who was in three events as a freshman," he added. "It was a great experience for her and she did a really good job."

## 'Have to keep going'

The Canton Invite marked the second time this season that Farmington United got the best of Northville. Dwyer knows his team must keep improving, because it will face another tough challenge from the Mustangs at the fast-approaching state regional tournament, set for March 3 at Walled Lake Central.

"Northville is really a good team and they moved into our regional this year," said Dwyer, who hopes to have Bills back for the regional. "I think whatever team has a better overall day, they are going to win it. It's going to be a tough one. I think we are two equal teams, actually."

"I'm just happy with this team. It seems like they like competing and they stay loose. I have a good team. Even the girls who aren't competing are really good at firing the other girls up and that really helps to have a bunch of teammates cheering for them."

"But like I told the girls, they're only as good as their last meet, so they have to keep going," he added. "There are a lot of good teams out there."

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## Country Day

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py. "As captains, we had to figure out what we needed to do as a team to get us a state championship before we get out of here," she added. "I think the adjustment we really had to focus on coming into this year was that everyone's role had changed. I had no doubt at all that we could come in and pick up where we left off last year."

Webb, who is headed to Providence, and Moore, headed to Western Michigan, are determined to add on to Country Day's sterling tradition, which includes a dozen state championships and 16 state-title game appearances — both state records.

"I think what's working for us is that we are really playing together cohesively as a team," Moore said. "As a team, I think we have to play a little stronger defensively, but I know that we have all the tools offensively."

"I definitely expected us to be playing like we are," she added. "If we just continue to give a full-out effort, I think that will get us to where we want to be."

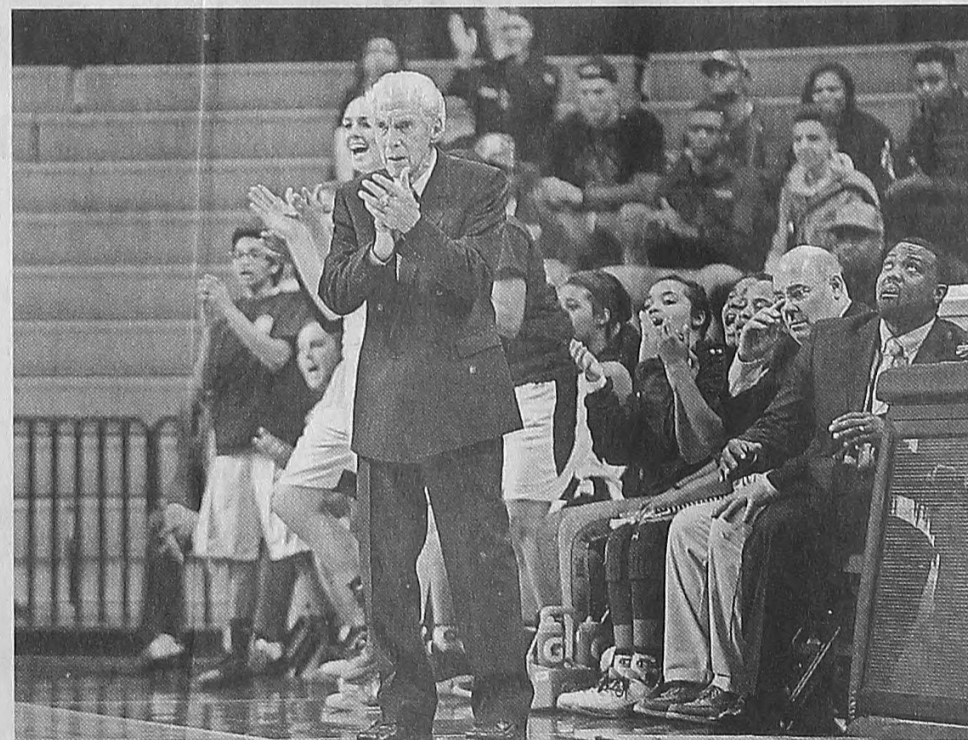
## Returning trio leads roster

Country Day's success this season has been centered around the standout returning trio of Webb, Moore and junior Jasmine Powell.

A four-year varsity player, Webb stood out the moment she arrived as a freshman, when she scored a game-high 20 points to lift Country Day past Haslett for the 2015 state title. She's currently averaging 16 points per game and providing spirited guard play again this season.

Moore is a rock-solid 6-0 forward who averages in double figures and leads the team in rebounding, averaging six per game. Like Webb, she's been a member of DCD's 2015 and 2017 state championship teams.

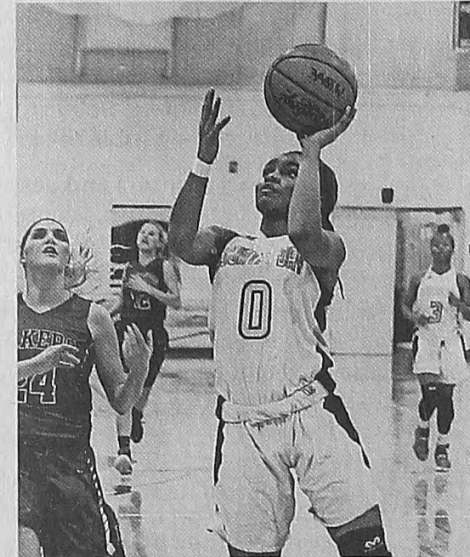
"Kaela and Max are both playing well and are doing a nice job of being leaders for us," said longtime DCD head coach Frank Orlando, who will turn 75 in



Head coach Frank Orlando is hoping to lead Detroit Country Day to its 17th state championship game appearance in his 37 years at the school. FILE PHOTO



Veteran forward Maxine Moore, who will play next year at Western Michigan University, is Country Day's leading rebounder. FILE PHOTO



Senior Kaela Webb is a four-year varsity veteran who is looking for her third state championship at Country Day. FILE PHOTO

March. "Kaela is a fantastic player. She does it all. She can play the off-guard and she can play the point guard. She

sees the floor very well. Max is just a steady player who rebounds very well." Powell, a lightning-quick point guard

in her third varsity season, is averaging 11 points per game while leading the Yellowjackets in assists.

DCD's two other starters are junior guard Maddie Novak (10 points per game) and junior forward Adrian Folks (13 points per game). Country Day's top players off the bench include senior guard Destiny Lewis and 6-foot-1 junior center Morgan Morrison.

"We've had balanced scoring and that's been the key for us this year," Orlando said. "We average, like, 65 points per game and that's a definitely strength for us."

"Plus, our chemistry is real good. They get along good and they try to do the best they can," he added. "I would say we need to work on our defense. We have given up more points this year than we have in the past, but the good thing is we score more."

## Preparing for state tourney

Since DCD plays an independent schedule, the state tournament is always the focus.

Detroit Country Day will host a Class B district later this month that will include Center Line, Clawson, Ferndale, Ferndale University and Madison Heights Lamphere. The Yellowjackets have captured 20 straight district titles and will be heavily favored to extend the streak.

Orlando, the state's winningest coach with 774 victories, believes this team is capable of making another strong tournament run.

"It's been a formidable challenge, but things are going real well for us," said Orlando, in his 51st year of coaching — the last 37 at Country Day. "But I think this is a team that can compete for the title again."

"Whether we do it or not will depend on them. If they have the right attitude going into the playoffs, we can make some noise," he added. "I hope we will play some good basketball in the state tournament."

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## PREP ROUNDUP

# Seaholm scores big swim win over rival Groves, 97-89

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Seaholm upended district rival Groves, 97-89, Wednesday in an OAA Red Division boys swim meet at the Seaholm Aquatic Center.

Groves won six of the events, including two relays. The host Maples won five swim events, including the meet-clinching 400-yard freestyle relay.

Seaholm's double-winner was senior sprinter Michael Arpasi who touched first in both the 50 free (21.38) and 100 free (47.51). Junior Samuel Hoover won the 500 free (4:58.41) and sophomore Iain Bukowski took the 100 fly (54.22) as the other Maples individual winners. The Seaholm foursome of Arpasi, Hoover, junior Aidan O'Neill and Bukowski combined to take the 400 free relay in 3:22.01. Groves was a distant second — more than six seconds behind — in that event.

The lone double-winner for Groves was senior Patrick Seidel, who took the 200 IM (1:59.27) and the 100 breast (1:00.11). Sophomore A.J. Zako (200 free in 1:47.82) and senior Robert Hagner (100 back in 55.74) were the other Falcons winners. The Falcons foursome of Hagner, Seidel, sophomore Jackson Gugni and junior David Helton took the opening 200-yard medley relay in 1:38.13. Junior Hunter Reilly, Helton, Gugni and Zako combined to win the 200 free relay in 1:29.95.

## Boys basketball

**SEAHOLM 58, ROYAL OAK 42:** Seaholm (OAA White) hosted Royal Oak (OAA Blue) Tuesday and netted this OAA crossover victory. Brady Flynn led the Maples with a game-high 21 points and teammate Cooper Mixon contributed 17. Joe Binkowski led the Ravens with 19 points.

**INTER-CIT BAPTIST 54, ROEPER 41:** Roeper trailed by only three points at halftime, but the host Chargers surged ahead to stay with a 22-8 third-quarter outburst. Evan Akasian paced the Roughriders with 14 points and teammate Jacob Gladney added 10.

**HARRISON 59, BERKLEY 51:** Harrison had a pair of double-digit scorers Feb. 2. Sophomore Eddie Lenton (16 points, six rebounds) and senior Kenneth Wesley (15 points, four steals) off the bench led the Hawks. "It was simply a good all-around team effort and win," first-year Harrison coach Jarrell Hogan said.

## Girls basketball

**MERCY 48, LADYWOOD 21:** Host Farmington Mercy wrapped up a share of the Catholic League Central Division regular-season crown Feb. 2 on parents night. The Marlins never trailed, leading 14-5 after one quarter and 27-6 by halftime. "It was parents night and it



Senior co-captain Bella Dugas helped lead Mercy to a Central Division triumph over Ladywood. MARTY BUDNER

was a nice win because we got to play a lot of kids with a lot of minutes," Mercy coach Gary Morris said. "We had nine kids who scored and that was nice. I thought we played well at both ends of the floor — we shot the ball well and we defended well." Junior Annie Treharne led the offense with 13 points as the game's lone double-digit scorer. Senior Bella Dugas had seven points, while freshmen Julia Bishop, Alexis Roberts, Lindsay Lukowski scored six points apiece. Abbey Rippen led Ladywood with a nine-point effort. Mercy (13-2) posted a 10-2 Central Division mark and tied for first place with Bloomfield Hills Marian. "It was a nice way to finish up the Central Division," Morris said.

**GROVES 63, SEAHOLM 23:** OAA White Division co-leader Birmingham Groves held a 20-2 lead after one quarter and dominated this game Friday. Eleven different players scored for the Falcons, who canned 23 field goals, including four treys, to Seaholm's 10. Groves was led by senior Kayla Nelson's game-high 15 points. The next highest Falcons were sophomore Ellie Ruprich (11), senior Sha Carter (nine) and senior Kendall Pollard (seven). Seaholm's high scorers were junior Elise Carter with five and junior Lily Grills, senior

Riley Annear and sophomore Meredith Owens with four each. Groves is 12-2 and 8-1 in the OAA White.

**SOUTHFIELD A&T 49, NORTH FARMINGTON 41:** North Farmington's second-half rally was not enough to overcome a first-half deficit Tuesday in this OAA Red Division battle. The Raiders trailed 8-1 after the first quarter and 28-17 at halftime. North outscored the host Warriors by a 24-21 second-half margin, but fell short. Molly Simpson led the Raiders with 17 points and three assists, while teammate Sam Cherney added 14 points, 12 rebounds and eight blocks. Hailey Samples chipped in eight points and six rebounds for the Raiders (11-5 overall, 6-3 Red).

**GROVES 41, ROCHESTER 28:** Groves improved to 13-2 overall Tuesday. Jasmine Worthy led all scorers with 15 points, while Groves teammate Lauren Palmer also hit double figures with 10. Groves is 9-1 in the OAA White and shares first place with Royal Oak.

## Boys hockey

**FARMINGTON 4, HARRISON-FARMINGTON 1:** Farmington shot out to a 2-0 lead and skated to this victory Saturday. Joe Carbone and Kris Kozoro (eventual game-winner) scored first-period goals for the winners. Carbone finished with a hat trick after scoring a goal in each of the final two periods. Tanner Neill registered a pair of assists, while Collin Rea, Danny Heffron and Carter Wells also were credited with assists. Farmington goalie Grew Eaton made 18 saves to notch the win. The victory lifted Farmington to 8-7-5 overall and 4-5-2 in the OAA Red Division.

**FARMINGTON 2, ROCHESTER UNITED 2:** On Jan. 31, Farmington scored twice in the second period and finished with this draw in OAA Red Division play. Kris Kozoro and Tanner Neill scored for the Falcons.

## Girls skiing

**MARIAN 16, LADYWOOD/SACRED HEART 20:** Junior Olivia Weymouth won both of her runs Tuesday to lead the Mustangs at Alpine Valley. Senior captain Madison Rosiek was second overall, while sophomore Emily Anschuetz was fifth and sophomore Laurant Scolari took eighth.

**CATHOLIC LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP:** Marian placed fourth in the Catholic League championship meet Wednesday. Sophomore Emily Anschuetz was seventh in the giant slalom and ninth in the slalom to reach the podium twice. Madison Rosiek was fifth overall in the giant slalom. Ainsley Vanneste, Laurant Scolari and freshman Lauren Emerson also had notable performances for the Mustangs.

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## BOYS HOCKEY

# Rice skates to another tight triumph over NDA

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Brother Rice and Notre Dame (Wis.) Academy met Feb. 2 for the third time in the past four years in the annual MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase at the Kennedy Recreation Center in Trenton.

Both of their previous two games ended in a 1-0 Rice victory. Incredibly, the teams played to the same result this year.

Talented Rice junior defense Ethan Nystrom scored a goal late in the second period that stood up as the game-winner.

"I know we've had great games and we've had close games in the past," said second-year Brother Rice head coach Ken Chaput, whose team hiked its overall record to 9-8-1-1. "Both coaches were talking and we like playing each other. It's fun hockey. It's fast hockey. It's not usually chippy, it's just good, old-fashioned up-and-down play.

"I wouldn't say I was expecting another low-scoring game, but I was expecting a tight game if both teams played hard," he added. "We've had our ups and downs as of late, but we played well tonight and that was good to see."

Nystrom's goal came with just five seconds to play in the middle period on a long shot from the point that found its way into the net. Senior defender Will McLellan and senior forward Dominick DiPonio drew the assists.

"It was one of those situations where it was late in the period and we wanted to get it deep and it just got by (NDA goalie Bo Buckley)," Chaput said. "I don't know if (Buckley) was screened or not. But you know what? I told the boys we'll take it, because they really worked hard in that second period and really carried the play down at that end.



Brother Rice forward Nick Dippre (right) and Notre Dame Academy forward Bryce Poshak fight along the boards. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

They deserved it."

Brother Rice senior goalie Pierce Cadieux stopped all 14 shots he faced to notch his first shutout of the season. Notre Dame entered averaging four goals per game, but could not slip one past Cadieux, although the Tritons did hit two posts.

Notre Dame did pick up its play throughout the second half of the final period, outshooting Rice by a 7-5 margin in the last 17 minutes. However, Cadieux and the stellar play of defenseman McLellan, Nystrom, Joe Gammichia and Nick Deppre helped preserve Cadieux's shutout.

"Pierce played well and he was solid and the team did a nice job in front of him," Chaput said. "That's a very good program over there and we've played them many times over the last nine years since I've been here. So we expected a lot and we love playing them."

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## PREP WRESTLING

# Seaholm captures team district over Southfield

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At last year's Division 1 wrestling team district tournament, Birmingham Seaholm lost in a close semifinal match to host Southfield A&T. The Maples avenged that disappointing defeat Wednesday.

Head coach Neil Tuomi's Maples captured the team district title with a 36-30 victory over Southfield A&T. Seaholm advanced to the title match with a nice 52-21 triumph over city rival Groves.

The team district crown is Tuomi's sixth in his eight years as head coach. He will tell you this one was the most satisfying.

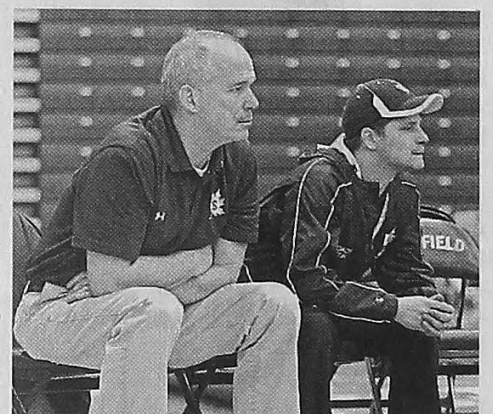
"It was awesome," said Tuomi, whose team posted a 14-10 overall record, which included a 0-5 mark in the OAA Red Division. "This was the best we wrestled all year, by far. Every single kid on the team wrestled so good and that doesn't happen too often.

"This was the most satisfying, because we beat quality teams and our kids beat kids who had beaten them before," he added. "It was a great because Groves beat us earlier this year. And Southfield won the (OAA) White (Division) and we beat them, so that was awesome."

The key match for Seaholm against Southfield was at 125 pounds, where freshman Jackson Vance registered a 3-1 victory over Garrett Johnson, an Oakland County meet placer.

Vance, who placed fourth in the Oakland County meet at 140 pounds, was one six Seaholm wrestlers who won two matches.

Marcus Manzo, a 171-pound senior who placed sixth at the Oakland County meet, registered a last-second 8-4



Head coach Neil Tuomi (left) led Birmingham Seaholm to its sixth team district title in his eight years as head coach Wednesday. FILE PHOTO

victory over Southfield's Derek Carter. In the semifinal match, Manzo defeated Groves' Jacob Smith who had placed third at the Oakland County meet.

In each instance, Manzo defeated wrestlers who had beaten him earlier this season.

Senior Nick Law (145 pounds), who holds the school record for wins with 145, senior Dominick Campbell (152), junior Chase Mentag (189) and freshman Cayden Donley (103) were Seaholm's other double-winners.

Seaholm now advances to the regional round of the team state tournament, where it will meet highly-regarded Hartland in one semifinal. The other regional semifinal will feature Walled Lake Central vs. Warren Mott.

Hartland will host the regional. Tuomi is assisted by Steve Stein, Bruce Amake, Curtis Trimble, Jon Tappan, Jerry Bugarelli and Matt Twomey.

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COLLEGE RECRUITING

# Howie's decision to go to EMU not just about football

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Ever since Alex Howie's mom Cindy died in August 2015 after a long battle with cancer, the Salem offensive lineman vowed to do whatever it took to honor her memory.

That mission actually began the day following Cindy Howie's death, when Alex participated in the Rocks' Blue-White scrimmage.

During a brief, informal National Signing Day ceremony Wednesday, Howie made it official that he'll be playing Division I football at Eastern Michigan University — the same place his mom attended.

Among those on hand at Salem High School were his dad Dennis, along with Salem football head coach Kurt Britnell and defensive coordinator Kevin Biga.

"The last two years of high school, I went into every day thinking, 'I want to make her proud,'" Howie said Wednesday. "That's just the motivation that pushed me every day."

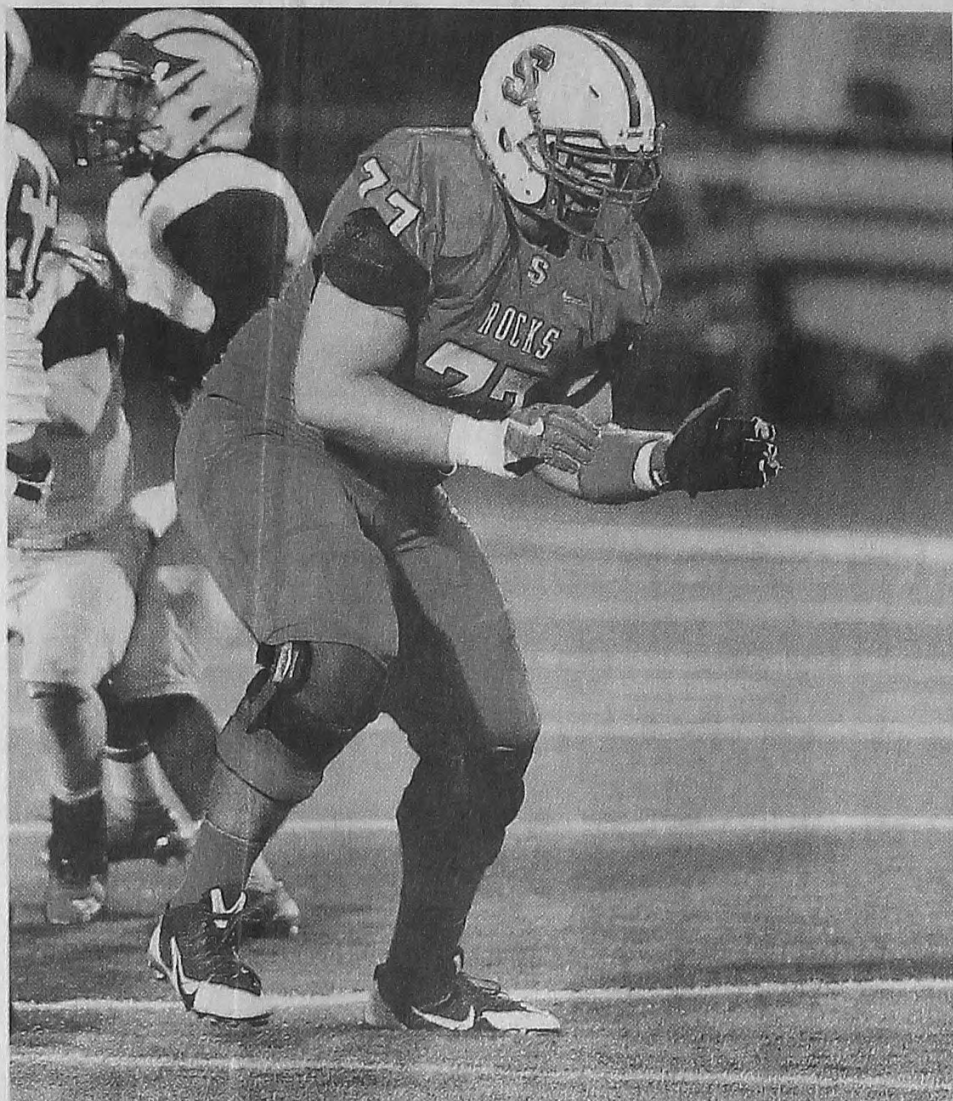
"I know she always wanted someone to play in college, she wanted to see her son play in college. I have two older brothers; they decided not to (play college football). They had opportunities, but (Nick) is going to law school and (Ben) is in the Marines right now. When I saw I had an opportunity, I wanted to take every bit of advantage of it."

Britnell, who said he has had a close bond with the Howie family for a number of years, said the offensive guard's decision was about football and finding a comfortable spot.

But honoring the memory of his mother indeed might have played a role.

"That was a long battle that Cindy went through. Maybe it's part of it, she went to Eastern," Britnell said. "That might be a special thing for him, you know? Just to kind of live vicariously and knowing that she was there at some point."

Howie, a 6-4, 310-pound player with outstanding agility and speed for an athlete of his size, finally chose between



Salem offensive lineman Alex Howie, shown during his senior season, will play football at Eastern Michigan University. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Eastern and the U.S. Air Force Academy.

"It came down to gut feelings, where I felt more comfortable," Howie said. "To me, the place where I felt more comfortable and more at home was the place I could really thrive and develop in."

EMU coach Chris Creighton and his staff are planning for Howie to be red-shirted as a freshman, with an eye on the 2019 starting lineup. He could play guard, but might also move to center at some point.

### Chance to prosper

Waiting for the right time is OK with

Howie, a four-year standout for the Rocks who cut his teeth growing up as a young player at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

"I'm going to just hit it running," he said. "Do my best these next couple months before I arrive on college and try to best prepare myself for what's going to happen."

"In my red-shirt year, (I'll) just try to be the best I can be and try to help the team as much as possible."

According to Britnell, the sky is the limit for Howie when he finally does crack the Eagles' lineup against competition in the Mid-American Conference.

"I think he has a high ceiling," Britnell said. "Just from an overall strength perspective and a football perspective and athleticism perspective, I think he'll do well and prosper there."

Britnell added that Howie — consistently ranked one of the state's top prospects the past couple of years — always was as strong player. But he ramped it up considerably in 2017, a season capped by Salem's first playoff berth in 25 years.

"He just had that finisher mentality, a little bit of a nastiness to him this year that we didn't see as much his junior year," Britnell said, "and his character is unmatched."

"I love him, I love his family. He's the third brother to come through here. Being close with his dad and, obviously, going through everything with the family with his mom, they're just a special family."

### Stepping up

Howie said he took a big step forward during summer 2017, when he trained at Barwis Methods in Plymouth.

"My junior year, I played at about 290 and that was the first off-season where I didn't play basketball," said Howie, also a thrower for Salem's varsity boys track and field team. "I wasn't used to it, so my weight jumped up to 330."

"And then (last) summer with Barwis Methods, I dropped back down to 290 and I was much lighter and explosive on my feet."

That is certain to be a winning combo in the MAC as the Eagles continue an impressive rebuild under Creighton (who just completed his fourth season at the helm).

"They're on the upswing and he can be a part of that," Britnell said. "It's a building program. He's been a part of that here and took us to the next level. Maybe he can do that, be a part of that at Eastern."

"With their facility upgrades, it's a special class (of 2018) they've built and he can be a part of it."

In some way, so will Cindy Howie.

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## PREP ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



# ASHLEY CRISCENTI

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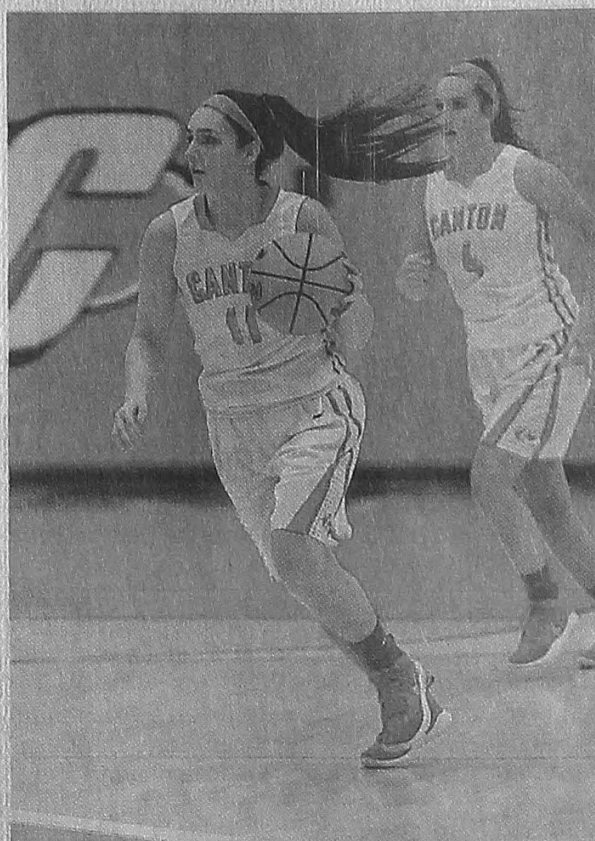
Criscenti was nominated for her strong performance in all facets on Feb. 2 against

Livonia Franklin. She registered a double-double, with 14 points and 10 rebounds (along with five steals) in the Chiefs' 54-18 victory.

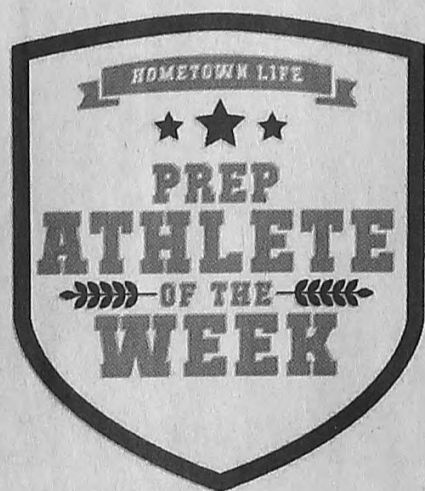
"My team came ready to play with great defense and we shared the ball very well on offense which gave me some great opportunity," she added.

The weekly honor is icing on the cake of what Criscenti said has been a "very special" senior season.

"We have some big wins against Novi and Salem," she said. "I've also had an amazing coaching staff who have made this season the best one yet."



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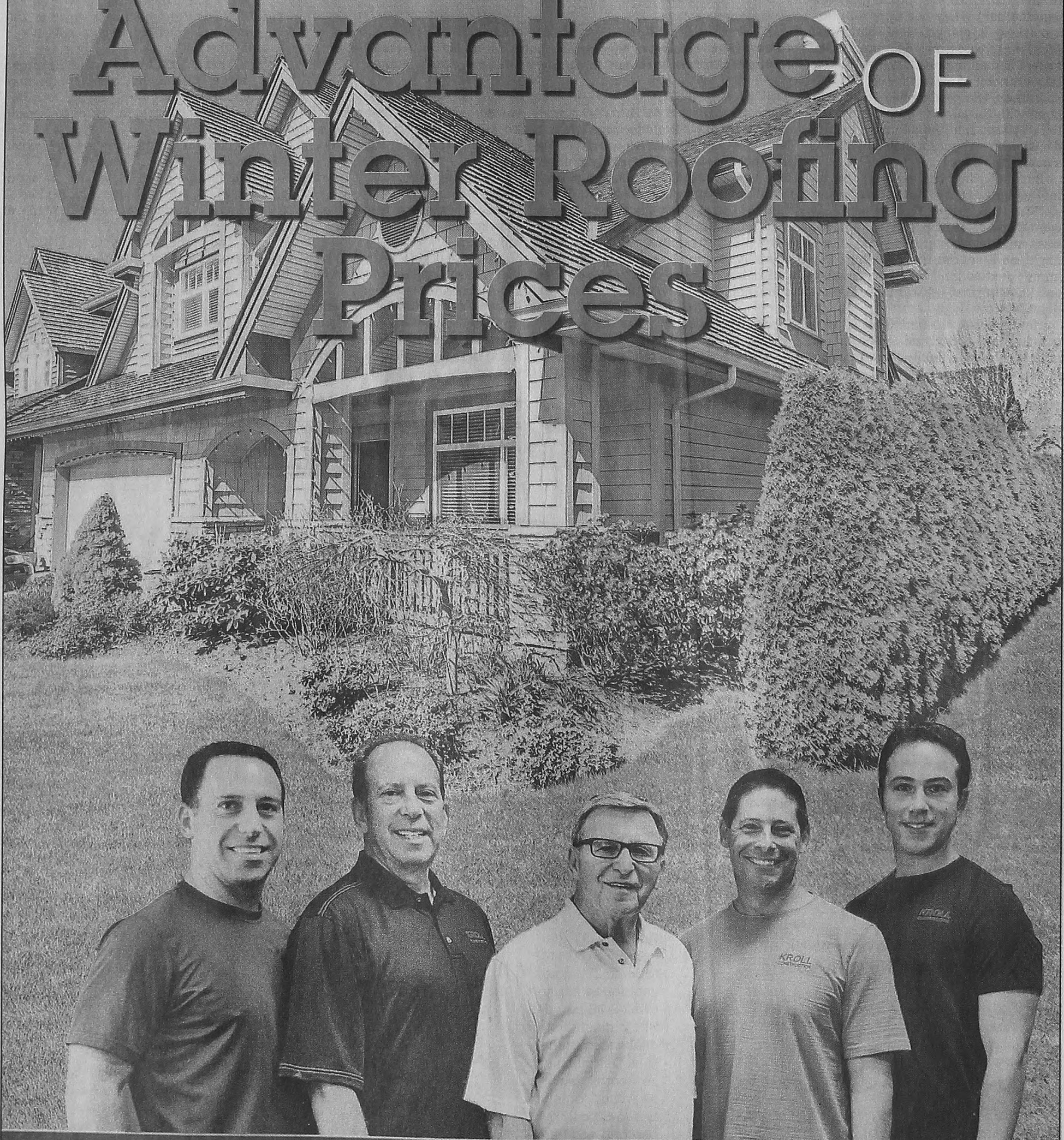
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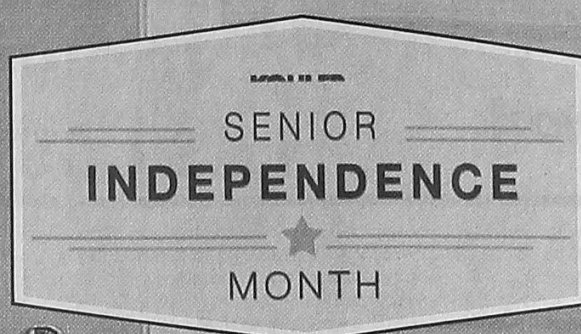
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## Older workers should watch for these trends

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Attention baby boomers — not all trends are created equal. Each year, we see a variety of new workplace trends take hold, which often vary by industry, geography and even individual demographics. One of these factors is age — simply put, there are factors in the job world that affect older individuals differently, based on their level of experience, personal needs, comfort level in a rapidly changing work environment and longevity in the job market.

Baby boomers (individuals born between 1946 and 1964), face some unique issues and challenges in the work world. This aging population possesses a wealth of experience, knowledge and expertise, but is growing older in a workplace that increasingly prizes youth and vitality, and many are approaching the age where retirement is a consideration. According to a recent Pew Research Center study, approximately 29 percent of the workforce in the United States — which represents approximately 45 million workers — is part of the baby boomer generation. Although this number continues to shrink each year, it's still a significant amount of people. Therefore,



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it's worth taking a closer look at the trends these older workers can expect to encounter in today's workplace.

### More flexible work arrangements

Although this may not seem like much of a departure from the norm for younger workers, older workers who are typically more used to the traditional Monday to Friday, 9-to-5 office arrangement may need some time to get used to the changing notion of what it means to be "at work." Advances in technology have made it easier than ever before to work remotely and telecommute — and older workers will get the

opportunity to take advantage of the flexibility this allows.

Baby boomers who work in fields in which telecommuting is a viable option and possess the technical knowhow can expect to encounter more flexible work arrangements. This is often a good thing, allowing for a faster, easier and less expensive commute to the office — which might just mean walking into another room in your house.

### Rise in contract employment

Another trend that may hit baby boomers harder than their younger counterparts is the change in how employers

are hiring individuals to meet their needs. Many companies are embracing leaner approaches to staffing by using technology to get more work done with less people on their payrolls.

Companies are also increasingly relying on unorthodox work arrangements, relying more on contract, freelance and part-time workers to get things done.

These new workplace arrangements typically don't include benefits like medical and dental insurance, which usually become more essential as workers get older, so workers are going to have to get creative and seek out

alternative means for coverage. Another element missing from most forms of contract employment is retirement benefits, which will impact how workers prepare and save for retirement in the future.

### Delaying retirement

A growing trend that many older workers are facing is the notion of having to delay exiting the workforce for as long as possible.

According to a recent article by U.S. News & World Report, this can be attributable to a wide range of factors, including older workers not having enough money saved, needing health insurance, desiring to stay active and productive and simply enjoying working and passing on their knowledge and skills to a new generation of employees.

These are the biggest trends older workers can expect to encounter in 2018. Those employees who will prove most successful in coping with a rapidly evolving workplace will stay one step ahead of these shifts and strategize accordingly.

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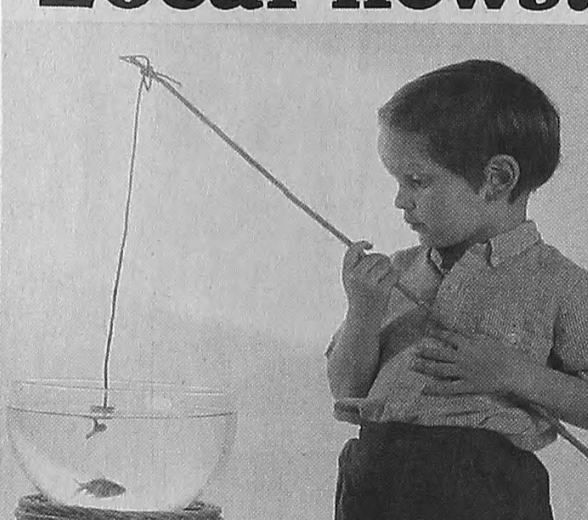


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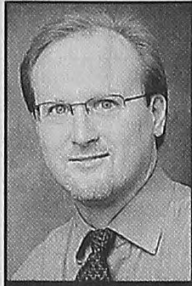
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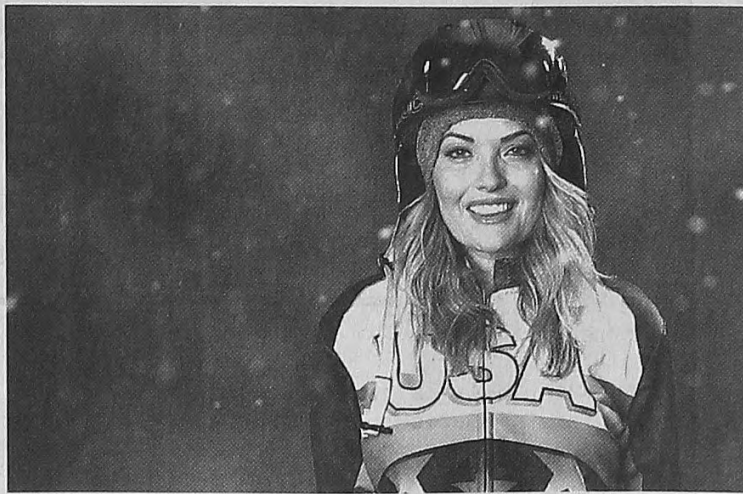
Auto brands have always been Super Bowl advertising stalwarts, but as the robust U.S. sales boom has leveled off over the last year or so, the Big Game may be looming as a less attractive platform.

So far, Lexus, Toyota, Kia and Hyundai have been the only nameplates to confirm that they'll be fielding advertisements during Super Bowl LII in Minneapolis on February 4. That is following a Super Bowl in 2017 which pumped \$70.7 million into game network Fox's coffers, according to Ad Age, a 38-percent decline from the \$113.4 million that the network snared from car advertisers during the

game just three years earlier. With 2017 U.S. sales representing the first annual decline in eight years, automakers may just be keeping more powder dry to finance new needs such as more robust consumer financing incentives.

Other factors include the fact that some brands that have been big Super Bowl advertisers in the past increasingly rely on other "tentpole" TV events where they've got a primary or sponsorship position; Audi, for example, now expends a lot of resources annually on its partnership with TV's Emmy Awards. Cadillac has been focusing on the Oscars.

In any event, Toyota is returning to the Super Bowl with two 60-second spots, one of which will focus on its extensive Winter Olympics sponsorship; the games are in Japan this quadrennial. The company sat out



Veteran paralympian Amy Purdy is part of Toyota's winter marketing

last year's Big Game after running ads annually from 2012 through 2016.

Lexus plans a tie-in with the new movie Black Panther by Marvel Studios, with the protagonist driving a Lexus LS 500. Kia's teaser for its ad in its ninth straight Super Bowl shows car-racing icon Emerson Fittipaldi checking out the new Kia Stinger performance model at a race track.

Hyundai has been running a teaser for its Super Bowl LII ad that promises it will "surprise millions" one year after the widely acclaimed Hyundai "live" ad in last year's Big Game in which it "surprised three families" by connecting them with their loved ones in the military thousands of miles away. The brand has said that this year's ad will also involve content generated on game day and that it will boost Hyundai's considerable efforts to help battle pediatric cancer.

Hyundai also plans a spot to promote

CEO Sergio Marchionne declaring this week that FCA can become a "top performer" financially – to believe the company won't participate this year.

If FCA was eager to show its colors in the past when things weren't quite as rosy as now – remember the iconic commercial with Eminem called "Born of Fire," and the ad, "Farmer," which included the late Paul Harvey in an authentic voiceover, for instance – the company certainly will be eager to now.

As for General Motors, at least one of its brands usually has participated in the Super Bowl, but Buick for sure has indicated it is sitting out, planning instead to focus on its substantial sponsorship of March Madness.

Ford doesn't advertise in the Super Bowl anymore, often preferring to occupy a TV slot right before the actual kickoff of the Big Game. And Honda has said it's sitting on the sidelines this year.



Hyundai's new small SUV, Kona, will be in its Super Bowl advertising.



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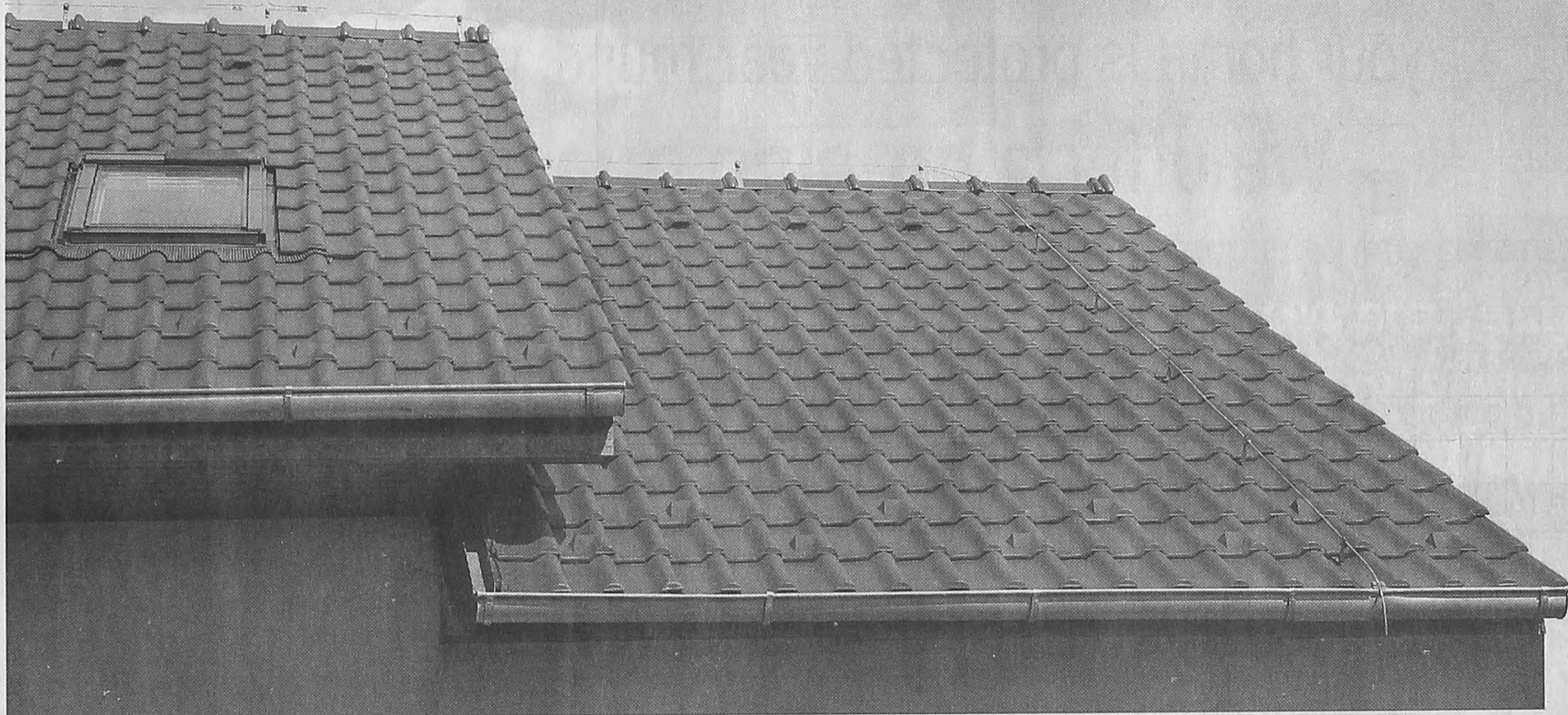
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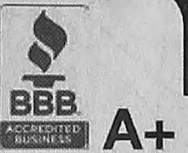
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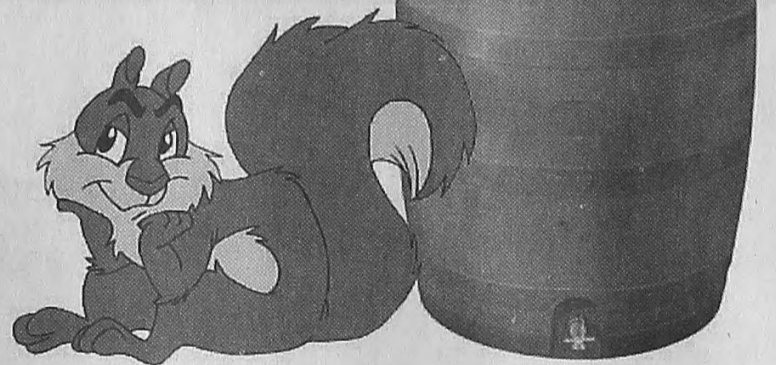


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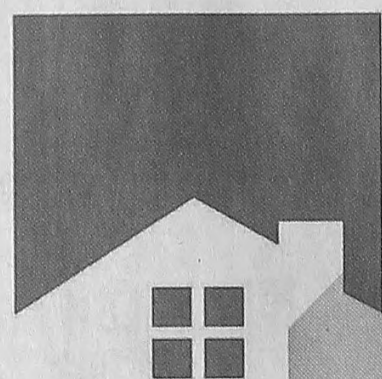
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