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## Heise drops out of House race

He throws his support behind Kowall in 11th District

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Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise has abruptly ended his campaign for the U.S. House 11th District seat and thrown his support to fellow Republican Mike Kowall, the Michigan Senate floor leader.

Heise, a former state legislator, said he chose to bow out because he believes Kowall has the best chance among GOP candidates to win the seat of U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Birmingham, who chose not to seek re-election.

Heise said his own chances to win the seat dimmed after Kowall entered the race.

"I've been in the political world long

enough to know how the cards are going to be dealt and I just didn't see a clear path to victory, given his entry into the race," Heise said Tuesday. "I think, ultimately, he has the best chance of winning in November. I think he's going to be hard to beat.

"I think this was the right move for me and the right move for the Republican Party of the 11th District," he added.



Heise

Kowall, reached by phone in Lansing, called Heise's decision "rather unexpected," but said he welcomes his support.

"It was nice of him to endorse me. I was a little overwhelmed at how quickly it all happened," said Kowall, who formerly served in the state House and as White Lake Township supervisor and planning commission chair.

"I just want to take things to the next

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Anthony Wesley waited hours for people to unburden themselves from the detritus of failed relationships, but nobody showed. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## CUPID WINS THE DAY

Junk King gets stood up despite Valentine's Day offer to ex-couples

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The Junk King didn't get much love in Northville on Valentine's Day.

The Clawson-based hauler of unwanted goods — from valuable household and office furniture to "straight-up trash" — had a dump truck stationed downtown Wednesday and driver Anthony Wesley was ready to help victims of bad breakups give their exes' stuff the

old heave-ho at no charge.

It was part of a Junk King publicity campaign, duplicated in other cities around the country, to include the jilted (or the jilters, for that matter) in a holiday centered on romance: They could have a cleansing, cathartic experience by dumping belongings left behind by their former significant others.

"They put the spin on it that it's clutter" and that getting rid of it means a

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Near the end of a three-hour shift, however, the Junk King still had no customers. "I'm just sitting here waiting. That's about it," David Wesley said.

## City officials declare health crisis around opioid abuse

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Wayne and Oakland county officials made headlines last fall when they announced they would sue manufacturers of opioids. Now, several communities, including Livonia, are preparing themselves in the likelihood they'll be doing the same thing.

The Livonia City Council voted at its last regular meeting Jan. 29 to declare a public health and safety crisis in the city because of the increased use of opioids in the last few years. The vote, which was unanimous, marks the city's first step in joining a potential lawsuit against pharmaceutical companies surrounding the recent increase in illegal activity with the substances.

"It's the first step in commencement of litigation against manufacturers and wholesalers and distributors of opioids," said Don Knapp, Livonia's city attorney, who drafted the declaration. "That public nuisance, as I understand it, will be one of the counts in the complaint that is filed against the manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors of opioids, because there's been a large saturation of these controlled substances in communities like Livonia."

The lawsuit Livonia hopes to be a party to, if filed, would hope to secure funding to reimburse the city for the increased costs it's had combating the influx of opioids in the city.

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# Opioids

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Knapp said it was typical for the city to see just shy of 40 overdoses a year between 2012 and 2015. That number jumped to 68 in 2016 and increased again to 86 in 2017.

"It's obviously becoming a big problem, not only for Livonia, but for Wayne County and the state of Michigan," he said.

## 'Next big tobacco'

No dollar amount for damage calculations has been determined for the city, something Knapp said would come at a later date.

The suit Livonia would join, which is being handled locally by Southfield law firm Sommers Schwartz, would consist of several communities across several states, including Canton Township, which declared a public health crisis surrounding opioids in December.

Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams said he is working with leaders in other communities on this and he believes this is going to be a big case.

"This is the next big tobacco," he said.

Knapp said a judge in Ohio is coordinating the discovery process for cases that span several states, a process called multi-district litigation. Knapp said it's expected a case could be filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan later.

Livonia Councilwoman Cathy White said she understands the effects these drugs can have on a community, especially after a relative of hers battled addiction after being prescribed drugs after a surgery. She said she recently read a report that 175 Americans die every day from drug overdose, roughly the same number of people that can fit in a Boeing 747.

"They went on to make the point that if a plane was crashing every day, you'd be sure that people would be on top of it," she said. "So the fact that this has been going on for a while now is just further evidence that leaders in the communities, leaders in the state, really need to step up and address this issue."

Staff Writer Darrell Clem contributed to this report.

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# 4-year-old brings marijuana canister to Canton school

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A school social worker found a canister of marijuana that a 4-year-old child had taken out of her backpack at a Canton school, leading to child neglect charges against her mother.

According to a police report, the 35-year-old Westland mother had placed her medical marijuana and a bathing suit in her daughter's backpack when she was going to spend two nights at a hotel — and apparently forgot about it.

The social worker saw the canister after the girl, a preschool Head Start student, took it out of her backpack Feb. 6 at Walker-Winter Elementary, on Michigan Avenue in Canton.

The situation was reported to the school principal, who contacted Canton police.

Canton Deputy Police Director Chad Baugh said the incident should serve as a warning to parents to keep all medications safely away from children.

"I would ask parents to consider any kind of medicine as potentially lethal or troublesome for children if they come into contact with it," Baugh said. "We have to keep our medicines away from our children."

The social worker had gone to the preschool room to help with children's nap time when she noticed the canister. School officials already had become concerned that the girl was missing half of her Head Start classes.

The child initially told the principal that she found the canister in her room at home and put it in her backpack, the police report said.

Police found 10.8 grams of marijuana in the canister.

During an investigation, the mother told police she had recently been staying in Allen Park with her husband and several other relatives. She told police she had planned a two-night getaway at a hotel and used her daughter's backpack for her belongings.

The marijuana was still in the backpack when the girl was taken to school.

The incident resulted in the mother facing a charge of child neglect.

Even though the mother apparently left the marijuana in the child's backpack by mistake, Baugh said it's no excuse.

"It's important for all of us to remember that sometimes we have to slow down in life and think about safety," he said.

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# Heise

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level," he said, adding later, "I think my chances are pretty good."

Kowall is in his eighth year in the state Senate after winning two consecutive four-year terms.

Heise, as a former state House member, worked with Kowall in the state Legislature and said he considers him a friend and a respected lawmaker. Heise said he and Kowall had similar, "pragmatic" voting records in Lansing.

"He's very capable. He clearly will have the support of the political establishment in Oakland and Wayne coun-

ties," Heise said.

Heise is in the second year of his first four-year term as Plymouth Township supervisor — a position he won as a write-in candidate against former Supervisor Shannon Price amid a wave of voter discontent in the township.

"I love Plymouth Township. I love my job here," Heise said. "I'm totally committed to doing my best for the people of the township and the rest of us on the board (of trustees). We still have a lot of work to do."

"It's a great job. It's a great responsibility and I love going to work every day," he added.

Heise has said he believes Kowall will appeal not just to a narrow swath of voters, but to an increasing number of in-

dependent voters who can sway the election in what has been a Republican-leaning 11th District.

In dropping out of the race, Heise urged other GOP candidates to unite behind Kowall.

Other candidates seeking the 11th District seat include Republicans Lena Epstein, Kerry Bentivolio, Kristine Bonds, Clint Kesto and Rocky Raczkowski and Democrats Haley Stevens, Dan Haberman, Suneel Gupta, Fayrouz Saad and Tim Greimel.

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# Foundation hosts career fair for veterans

The Canton Community Foundation will host its inaugural career fair for all military veterans from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Take5 Lounge at Madonna University.

This is a free event and registration is not required.

More than 20 employers will be present and ready to do on-site interviews, including Beaumont Hospital, Mannik & Smith Group, Busch's, MSA Transpor-

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Representatives from Madonna Uni-

versity, Lawrence Tech and Washtenaw Community College will be on hand to discuss registration and programs for veterans.

There will also be veteran service officers and representatives from veteran organizations on hand to discuss individual situations.

"The Canton Community Foundation has made veterans a priority for many years with its annual veterans summit,"

said Beth Meade, CCF's managing director of donor relations. "This career fair allows us to serve veterans of all ages and backgrounds in helping them transition back to civilian life. It is our mission to help those who have served and protected our country."

For more information, go to [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org) or call Meade at 734-495-1200.

## CANTON POLICE BRIEFS

### Teen who cuts herself taken to hospital for help

A 13-year-old Canton girl who has been cutting herself on the arm was taken to a hospital by a police officer to get help.

The girl's mother called for help Monday evening after she told her daughter she was taking her to a hospital, prompting the teen to flee from home, a police report said.

The latest incident came as the mother had taken her daughter's cell phone from her. The mother told police

the girl has a history of cutting herself, the report said.

A police officer found the girl and took her to a hospital, where her mother signed her into an emergency room in hopes of finding help.

Experts say cutting is a way for some people to cope with painful emotions, intense pressure, troubling relationships and a desperate desire for relief from bad feelings.

### Hit and run

A 64-year-old Romulus woman told authorities she was having head pain after her vehicle was struck from behind

by another motorist in Canton, pushing her car into another vehicle in front of her.

The crash happened about 12:45 p.m. Feb. 11 on Michigan Avenue, at Haggerty. She had stopped for a red traffic light when her car was hit, a police report said.

The other driver fled the scene. The victim told police she couldn't provide a description of the other vehicle.

### Retail theft

A 30-year-old Westland man is accused of going on a shopping spree Feb. 11 at a Canton retail store without paying

for the merchandise.

The man chose a Sony soundbar for a television, a Blu-ray player, cat food and paper towels, then tried to leave the Walmart on Ford Road without paying, a police report said.

The man went to a self checkout station, but only scanned a TV remote before trying to leave the store with merchandise totaling \$240, the report said.

A store employee confronted the suspect, who admitted he tried to steal the items, police said. Police were summoned and the suspect was taken into custody for retail fraud.

— By Darrell Clem

## Junk

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fresh start, Wesley explained.

Near the end of a three-hour shift, however, the King still had no customers.

"I'm just sitting here waiting. That's about it," said Wesley, who had appeared that morning on WJBK-TV (Channel 2) to plug the Valentine's Day service.

The Junk King truck was parked outside My Salon Suites on Main Street. Owner Alpesh Trivedi, who leases salon space to hair stylists and other beauty-related businesses, said a public relations agency had contacted him to float the idea, which meant publicity for his

business, too. "I said, sure, why not, you know?" Trivedi said.

Some women had stopped to pose for photographs. "They thought the idea was excellent," Wesley said.

Wesley, who lives in Sterling Heights, has been with Junk King Detroit for about three years. The business serves the entire metro area and prides itself on being a "green" disposal business, recycling about 60 percent of what it takes in, according to its website.

Junk King Detroit, Wesley said, works with recyclers and organizations that resell donated goods. "You're trying not to dump," he said.

Though he hadn't gotten any takers (or should that be givers?) Wednesday, Wesley had plenty of stories about couples and their possessions.

One woman "changed it up a little bit"

right after her soon-to-be ex-husband left the house, he said, telling Wesley to take some of his things, like golf clubs and archery equipment, that hadn't been included in the original work order. He didn't argue.

Another time, though, when a woman wanted him to haul away her husband's brand-new riding lawn mower, he declined.

Though Wesley tries not to get caught in the middle, he said, sometimes it's inevitable, as when half a couple tells him to take away this or that, but the other says, no, leave *that* but take *this*.

"You come across some unique people," he said.

There are sad stories of the non-romantic variety, too, such as the businessman who suffered a life-altering

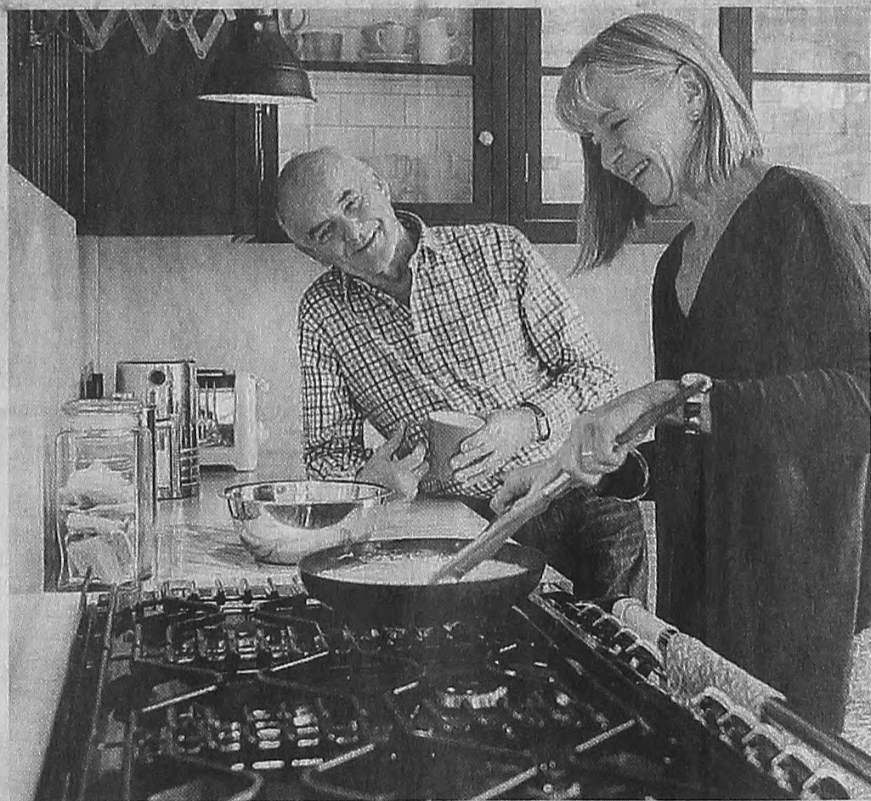
stroke just after buying \$20,000 worth of office equipment. He wasn't going to work anymore and he and his wife didn't want to deal with it.

"Circumstances. Everybody's different," Wesley said. "They wanted to hurry up and downsize."

He makes a face when he talks about cleaning out frat houses in Ann Arbor, obviously not his favorite kind of job. "Trash. Straight-up trash," he said.

Wesley has a modest philosophy when it comes to accumulating things of his own: If he can pay his bills and travel, who needs it? "More stuff, more problems," he said.

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**PLYMOUTH POLICE BRIEFS**

**Woman's online Social Security account hacked**

A 68-year-old woman notified Plymouth Township police after someone apparently hacked her online Social Security account and changed her personal information, a police report said.  
 The woman told police the online intruder changed information related to her bank account and email address.  
 The woman said the Social Security office told her that the culprit must have somehow obtained her personal information and used it to make changes to her account.  
 She learned of the situation in a letter sent to her informing her that changes had been made to her account.  
 The woman told police she wasn't yet aware of any other fraudulent activity that had occurred using her personal information.

**Stalled-truck troubles**

A Westland man's troubles only got worse after his Ford F-150 stalled and he had to seek help pushing it off Ann Arbor Road, near Interstate 275, a police report said.  
 Police arrived on the scene Feb. 6 and learned that the man was waiting for a tow truck. A routine investigation revealed the man had a warrant for his arrest

out of Westland for driving with a suspended license. Then, police found a small mason jar containing marijuana, rolling papers and a grinder. He was cited for possession of marijuana as his legal problems mounted.

**Unwelcome guest**

Police were called to the Hilton Garden Inn on Sheldon Road after a drunken man fell asleep in the lobby, a report said.  
 Police arrived at the inn about 10:45 p.m. Feb. 7 and found a man who was described as severely drunk. He was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia for treatment.

**Cars vandalized**

Vandals broke out windows of two cars parked in the lot of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet on Plymouth Road, a police report said.  
 Police were notified that windows were broken out on a 2018 Chevrolet Malibu and a 2018 Chevrolet Cruze. The incidents happened sometime prior to 1 p.m. Feb. 5.  
 Nothing was taken from either vehicle.

— By Darrell Clem

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**Family Reading Night - Caldecott Medal**

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**American Girl Club**

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**STEM Curiosity**

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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. 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.

## Teen Boredom Busters

**When:** 3-5 p.m. 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. 27, button making.

# Tipping Point Theatre seeking play submissions

Tipping Point Theatre is calling for short play submissions to its eighth annual play writing competition, the Sandbox Play Festival. Submissions will be evaluated by producing artistic director James R. Kuhl to select which scripts move on to the finals. The selected scripts will be performed during summer 2018. Attending crowds will vote for audience favorite and a panel will judge a first- and second-place winner.

Tipping Point's Sandbox Play Festival is designed to encourage and increase exposure for Michigan theater artists. Tipping Point Theatre employs roughly 90 artists per year and is the midst of its 11th season as a professional equity theater. Tipping Point is also searching for actors and directors that are looking for opportunities to "get in the sand" and work on creating new theater. This is an excellent opportunity for actors, directors and playwrights

looking to showcase their work.

Guidelines for submissions include: must be original; no adaptations or collaborations; new works encouraged; plays that have received staged readings or workshops are eligible; playwrights may submit multiple plays; running time of less than 15 minutes; and cast limit of four.

Deadline for submissions is Sunday, April 15. They should be sent to [Natalie@TippingPointTheatre.com](mailto:Natalie@TippingPointTheatre.com) or 361 E. Cady St., Northville, MI 48167.

Finalists will be announced at the beginning of May. The exact number of plays that will be presented at the festival depends on available space, time and production requirements after the selection of the top prizes.

Judge will select plays to be performed during the Arts and Acts Festival. The winning play will be announced after the final performance.

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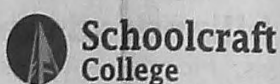
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# Lineup announced for Greater Farmington Film Festival

Farmington-Hills based nonprofit organization kickstART Farmington has announced the film lineup and schedule for the 2018 Greater Farmington Film Festival. The festival takes place March 1-4 with a selection of recently released feature films and documentaries that engage the heart and mind, explore important contemporary issues and inspire action.

Tickets are on sale now at [www.gffilmfest.com](http://www.gffilmfest.com) and are \$6 each or a full festival pass can be purchased for \$30 (six films for the price of five; the children's film "Best of the NY International Children's Film Festival" is presented free).

For more information, go to [www.gffilmfest.com](http://www.gffilmfest.com). kickstART Farmington is a non-profit arts organization that aims to strengthen the community through the arts.

The schedule includes:

### "Citizen Jane: Battle for the City"

Documentary, directed by Matt Tyrnauer, 92 minutes. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 1, Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road

In 1960, Jane Jacobs's book "The Death and Life of Great American Cities" sent shock waves through the architecture and planning worlds, with its exploration of the consequences of modern planners' and architects' reconfiguration of cities. Jacobs was also an activist, who was involved in many fights in mid-century New York, to stop "master builder" Robert Moses from running roughshod over the city. This film retraces the battles for the city as personified by Jacobs and Moses, as urbanization moves to the very front of the global agenda. Many of the clues for formulating solutions to the dizzying array of urban issues can be found in Jacobs's prescient text, and a close second look at her thinking and writing about cities is very much in order. This film sets out to examine the city of today through the lens of one of its greatest champions.

Join us for a panel-led community conversation following the film. Trailer: <https://youtu.be/hKjktjntspFA>

### "The Breadwinner"

Animated, directed by Nora Twomey,



"Liyana" is one of the movies selected for the Greater Farmington Film Festival.

94 minutes. 7 p.m. Friday, March 2, Farmington Civic Theater, 33332 Grand River Ave.

Parvana is an 11-year-old girl growing up under the Taliban in Afghanistan in 2001. When her father is wrongfully arrested, Parvana cuts off her hair and dresses like a boy in order to support her family. Working alongside her friend Shauzia, Parvana discovers a new world of freedom — and danger. With undaunted courage, Parvana draws strength from the fantastical stories she invents, as she embarks on a quest to find her father and reunite her family. Equal parts thrilling and enchanting, "The Breadwinner" is an inspiring and luminously animated tale about the power of stories to sustain hope and carry us through dark times.

Nominated for the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature. Trailer: <https://youtu.be/OKnJ5ZulqEk>

### "A Season in France"

Drama (French, subtitled in English), directed by Mahamat-Saleh Haroun, 100 minutes. 9:15 p.m. Friday, March 2, Farmington Civic Theater, 33332 Grand River Ave.

Abbas, a high school teacher in the Central African Republic, has fled his war-torn country with his two children.

They now live in France, where Abbas works at a food market, while applying for political asylum. A French woman, Carole, falls in love with him and offers a roof for him and his family. When Abbas's application is rejected, they face a crucial decision. Trailer: <https://youtu.be/mCaoJpObtk>

### "The Best of the New York International Children's Film Festival"

Animated, various directors, 65 minutes. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 3, Farmington Civic Theater, 33332 Grand River Ave.

A diverse community must put aside their differences to enjoy a tasty meal in "Stone Soup" (France/Belgium), a hungry creature devises a way to get his fill in "Tiger" (Germany) and a young croc enjoys a tasty treat in "Crocodile" (Germany). With visually innovative animation and many Audience Award winners from New York International Children's Film Festival 2017, this selection is truly delicious for children of all ages. Trailer: <https://youtu.be/fubu-AnUDNI>

### "Liyana"

Animated/documentary, directed by Amanda and Aaron Kopp, 77 minutes. 7 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Farmington Civic Theater, 33332 Grand River Ave.

A Swazi girl embarks on a dangerous

quest to rescue her young twin brothers. This animated African tale is born in the imaginations of five orphaned children in Swaziland who collaborate to tell a story of perseverance drawn from their darkest memories and brightest dreams. Their fictional character's journey is interwoven with poetic and observational documentary scenes to create a genre-defying celebration of collective storytelling.

### "Bending the Arc"

Documentary, directed by Kief Davidson and Pedro Kos, 102 minutes. 9:15 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Farmington Civic Theater, 33332 Grand River Ave.

A powerful documentary about the extraordinary team of doctors and activists — including Paul Farmer, Jim Yong Kim and Ophelia Dahl — whose work 30 years ago to save lives in a rural Haitian village grew into a global battle in the halls of power for the right to health for all. Epic, yet intimate, the film is a compelling argument for the power of collective and personal vision and will to turn the tide of history. Trailer: <https://youtu.be/OjJmWZrmpcE>

### "Rebels on Pointe"

Documentary, directed by Bobbi Jo Hart, 90 minutes. 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 4, Holocaust Memorial Center, 28123 Orchard Lake Road

Exploring universal themes of identity, dreams and family, "Rebels On Pointe" is the first documentary film celebrating the world famous Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo. The notorious all-male, drag ballet company was founded more than 40 years ago in New York City on the heels of the Stonewall riots and has a passionate cult following around the world. The film juxtaposes intimate behind-the-scenes access, rich archives and history, engaging character driven stories and dance performances shot in North America, Europe and Japan. "Rebels on Pointe" is a creative blend of gender-bending artistic expression, diversity, passion and purpose. A story which ultimately proves that a ballerina is not only a woman dancing, but an act of revolution in a tutu. Trailer: <https://youtu.be/erhZtNMZYb8>

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**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](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us) or by calling 734-455-6620 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Music at the Elks**

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

The Ramona Collins Quartet will perform Tuesday, Feb. 27. Collins is on vocals, Cliff Monear will be on keyboards, Jeff Pedraz on bass and Sean Dobbins on drums. Go to [www.ramona.collins.com](http://www.ramona.collins.com).

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

**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](mailto:MiCantonLionsEuchre@gmail.com) or



The Ramona Collins Quartet will perform Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Jazz @ The Elks.

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.

For more information or to contact any volunteer for the Canton Lions Club, email [MiCantonLionsClub@gmail.com](mailto:MiCantonLionsClub@gmail.com).

**Relay For Life kickoff**

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](http://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](mailto:Megan.Schaper@cancer.org).

**Benefit fashion show**

To help bring awareness to the problem of local human trafficking, Pearls of Great Price Coalition, a local Christian coalition, is hosting a Fashion for Freedom fashion show dinner 6:30-9 p.m. Monday, March 5, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, in Plymouth.

The fashion show will feature human trafficking survivors. Speakers from Sanctum House and Vista Maria will give short talks on how their organizations are helping survivors to heal and rebuild their lives.

The event includes a dinner, desserts and a cash wine and beer bar. Some proceeds will be used to support Sanctum House, the first southeast Michigan safe home for female human trafficking survivors ages 18 and older. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at [fashionfreedom.eventbrite.com](http://fashionfreedom.eventbrite.com).

**Baseline Folk Society**

The Baseline Folk Society continues its 2018 season, 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.

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](mailto:bfsresident4u@gmail.com).

**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](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org).

**Movie premiere at St. John Neumann**

St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, in Canton will host the world premiere of the latest Footprints of God film starring Steve Ray, "ELIJAH & ELISHA: Conscience of the Kingdom," at 7 p.m. Friday, March 9.

The film runs 1:15, followed by a reception with light refreshments. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and talk with Ray, as well as to purchase the DVD and have it autographed. Tickets are \$5 and proceeds will benefit the seminarians at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit for their Desert Experience in Israel.

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [www.goo.gl/12RcT9](http://www.goo.gl/12RcT9) or call St. John Neumann at 734-455-5910.

**St. Mary to hold wellness expo**

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will be holding a free health and wellness expo, hosted by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at the Friendship Station Senior Center, 42375 Schoolcraft, Plymouth. It is a drop in event and everyone is welcome.

Topics will include blood pressure checks, chair exercise, fall prevention, diabetic education, signs and symptoms of a stroke, pneumonia prevention, diet education, education on advance directives and plan in a can. Educational material and handouts will also be available.

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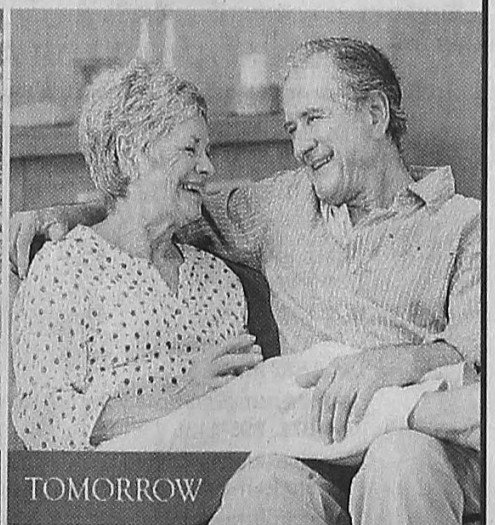
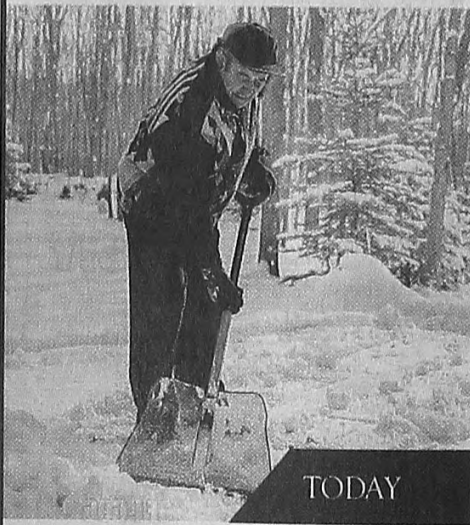
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# Contest explores age-friendly cities of the future

**Matt Jachman**  
hometownlife.com  
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In Valdada, in the year 2065, senior citizens get help from Herbie, a robotic personal assistant that can cook, clean, have conversations and even use Braille to communicate with the visually impaired.

"It looks like us, but it's animatronic," said Joseph Waller, an eighth-grader from New Era Christian School, who explained Valdada — and Herbies — to visitors at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. "It's made by Apple, so you know it's good."

In Kutali, where it's 2232, older people routinely interact with college students and seniors can get groceries or prepared meals delivered by drones. Implanted microchips keep track of individual dietary needs, which are relayed to the central food emporium so that meals can be customized.

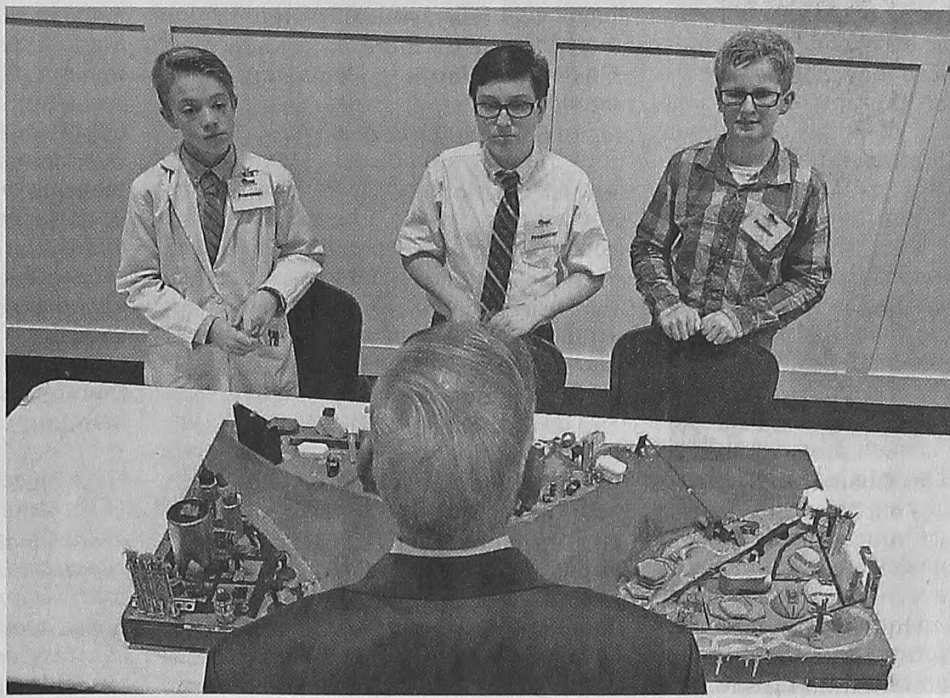
And in Stratified, in 2150, seniors benefit from moving walkways, get household help from an AVCS, or advanced voice command system, and can ward off the effects of Alzheimer's and dementia with a memory chip implanted in the temporal lobe.

These imaginary towns and several dozen others were on display at SCS during the Michigan Future City competition.

Organized by the Engineering Society of Detroit, the contest has middle school students plan various aspects of a city of the future — the economy, infrastructure, transportation, food sources, health care, education and more — and build models of them, largely from cast-offs and recyclable materials. "The Age-Friendly City" was the theme for this year's challenge.

The contest develops students' research and writing skills (an essay about each city is required), as well as the technical skills used in putting together the models. Students also polish public-speaking skills, as each team has to present its city to judges who are professional engineers, plus answer questions from them and other Future City visitors.

"They like the teamwork. They like the collaboration aspect," said



"Scientist" Travis Dombroski, interviewer Bradley Teeple and "retiree" Nathan Duff answer questions from Dinesh Seksaria. The team is from Trinity Lutheran School in Utica. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

teacher Leandra Edwards-Brandel, adviser to the team from Geisler Middle School in Walled Lake, where Future City was an after-school activity for a team of nine students. "They're all, academically, pretty driven students."

The Geisler team put together Stratified, population 75,000, located on what is now Puerto Rico. They gave themselves an

extra challenge by siting Stratified in the aftermath of a nuclear disaster; the city is partially underground and, because the air is contaminated, the above-ground portion is protected by a dome.

Kutali, planned by eighth-graders from St. Valentine School in Redford Township, also rose following a disaster: The city was built on the ruins

of George Town, on the Grand Cayman island in the Caribbean, a city that had been destroyed by storms in the year 2054.

Edward Austin, a presenter for St. Valentine, said open communication among members of the Future City team was important in coming up with a successful project.

"You really have to be an open person when you're doing projects like this," Edward said. "You want to make sure you're all working together to

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**Edward Austin**  
St. Valentine School student

achieve the same goal." St. Valentine placed second to the team from St. John Lutheran School in Rochester. That team's city, Copper Valley, population 132,000, is planned for the year 2132 in the community now known as Butte, Mont.

In Copper Valley, seniors are assisted by strain energy (the energy used in walking, for example) that is recaptured by special sensors, solar power is harnessed to melt snow on the roads to make traveling safer and food production is accelerated by feeding excess carbon dioxide to plants in domed farms. As in Kutali, seniors and college students learn from each other.

The St. John team now moves to the Future City finals, which are in Washington, D.C., next month. Last year's St. Valentine team went to the finals.

Joseph, the eighth-grader on the New Era Christian School team, said he enjoyed the tin-

kering required in putting the Valdada model together.

"It was great," he said. "We got to do all the engineering, wires and stuff I've never done before."

Teacher Phil Morse, the New Era team's adviser and also principal of the school in New Era, which is north of Muskegon, said it was his school's first trip to the Future City contest.

"I'm hooked," he said. "I think this is a great thing for kids."

Doing the presentations took students out of their comfort zones, he said, but were good preparation for similar assignments they'll face in high school and college.

Morse liked the model-building, too. "They had to start from scratch, start from scratch and build the entire city from nothing," he said.

Contact Matt Jachman at [mjachman@hometownlife.com](mailto:mjachman@hometownlife.com).

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The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, March 6th Organizational meeting 12:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 7th First meeting 3-9 pm  
Thursday, March 8th Second meeting, 9-4 pm  
Monday, March 19th, Final meeting 9-12 pm

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointments only. COMPLETED 2018 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Monday, March 19, 2018 by 12:00 pm.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be received by Monday, March 19th, 2018 by 12:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

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# Therapy choir helps mark Brain Injury Awareness Month



**Our Mental Health**  
L.J. McCulloch  
USA TODAY NETWORK -  
MICHIGAN

Studies show that every 21 seconds, someone in the U.S. has a traumatic brain injury. A common source of brain injury is motor vehicle accidents. Michigan is the only state that continues to have full no-fault auto insurance, which can cover catastrophic injuries for life.

The Brain Injury Association of Michigan is a valuable asset for those afflicted by a traumatic brain injury. More people than you can realize have been helped because of the Brain Injury Association of Michigan and Michigan's no-fault auto insurance law.

There are many components to the treatment of traumatic brain injury, including emergency services, acute hospital care, step-down rehabilitation

programs, outpatient TBI rehabilitation and numerous other team treatment modalities. These may include physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, surgery, disability adjustment therapy, social reintegration and music therapy.

March is Brain Injury Awareness Month in Michigan. The first week of March has been designated Choir Therapy Awareness Week in Michigan. You see, choir therapy has become one of the several sub-modalities of treatments for traumatic brain injuries as well as many other neurological disorders. Its value is seen most when integrated with other rehabilitation strategies.

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan was created two decades ago with only one singer and one volunteer voice. Soon, there were five members who gave their first public performance at the Brain Injury Association of Michigan's annual conference/dinner. Since then, TCM

has become a nonprofit organization that provides choir therapy for groups in Oakland, Macomb and Livingston counties.

As studies continue to show, the performing arts provide a positive contribution to the recovery of brain injury survivors and many others. Since its inception, TCM has expanded to offer services, not only to TBI survivors, but people with autism, Down's syndrome, stroke, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's and other neurologically and psychiatrically compromised individuals.

TCM is proud to announce its upcoming 20th annual concert from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, in the beautiful Rotunda at the Michigan Capitol Building. This show is free of charge and open to the public.

The choir lives by the motto, "It's about more than just singing." This is because membership in the choir does not require good singing skills or talent. Members consistently demonstrate

gains in self-esteem, a sense of belonging to a part of their community, development of friendships and re-entry into the community. In addition, there is the opportunity to be helpful to others by raising awareness in a manner which is pleasing to listening audiences and also imparts inspiration and hope that audiences can take home and share with others. For 20 years, it has been a win-win situation for all who have been involved.

For more information, go to <http://therapychoirs.org/> or <https://www.biami.org/>.

*Leonard J. McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is a certified brain injury specialist and is board certified in traumatic stress, mental health, addictions and social work. He can be reached for a courtesy consultation at his Farmington Hills office at 248 474-2763, ext. 222.*

# Time to consult attorney is before business breakup



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom  
USA TODAY NETWORK -  
MICHIGAN

**Q:** For about 10 years, I owned a small business with a friend of mine. Last year, we decided to part ways and I bought her out. We were a Subchapter S corporation and, basically, I gave her cash and she gave me her stock in the business. The breakup was very amicable and everything went very smoothly. We probably should have used the services of an attorney, but we didn't feel we needed one. The problem is, I just received notice from the IRS that we owe back taxes for 2016. I talked to our accountant and he agreed that the IRS was correct and that I owe the money. I went back to my former partner and told her that she should pay half of the tax liability. My thought was that we were still

partners in 2016 and, thus, she should be partially responsible. To my surprise, she said she was not responsible and she would not contribute. I am thinking of hiring an attorney and suing her, but I wanted to know your thoughts. My question to you is, from a legal standpoint, do you think that she is responsible for half of the taxes?

**A:** I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but from a legal standpoint, based upon what you have told me, I do not think she is responsible.

There are two ways to buy a business. You can buy the assets of a business or you can buy the stock of the company. Even though they sound like they're the same transaction, they have different legal implications. When you buy the stock of the business, you are also buying any of the business liabilities, known or unknown. The 2016 tax assessment is a liability and, thus, the

business would be responsible for those taxes.

As opposed to buying the stock of a business, many business purchasers will buy the assets of the business. The consequence of this transaction is that you are not assuming any outstanding liabilities of the business. If someone bought the assets of a business and the IRS came in and assessed additional tax liability, the purchaser would not be responsible for those taxes.

Because there are legal and tax implications when you buy a business, my recommendation is to always consult with a business attorney. I recognize that, in transactions between family members or friends, it can be awkward to hire an attorney, but it shouldn't be. An attorney can make sure that all the I's are dotted and the T's crossed and everyone knows what their responsibilities are.

A lot of people think if you hire an at-

torney, what you're really saying is you don't trust the other person. As far as I'm concerned, nothing can be further from the truth. The reason you hire an attorney to represent you is you don't want what's happening in the situation at hand to happen to you. Whenever there is a sale involving a business, it's a good idea to have an attorney represent you — and only you. The attorney will have much more experience in handling these types of transactions and will know what the potential issues are. Yes, attorneys can be expensive, but in the great majority of cases, it's a small cost to pay to protect yourself.

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 your questions, email [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).*

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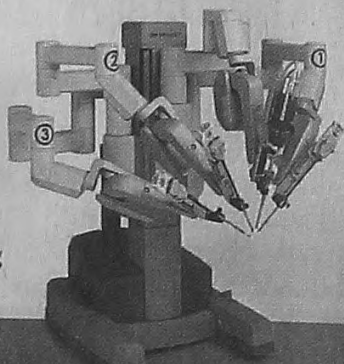
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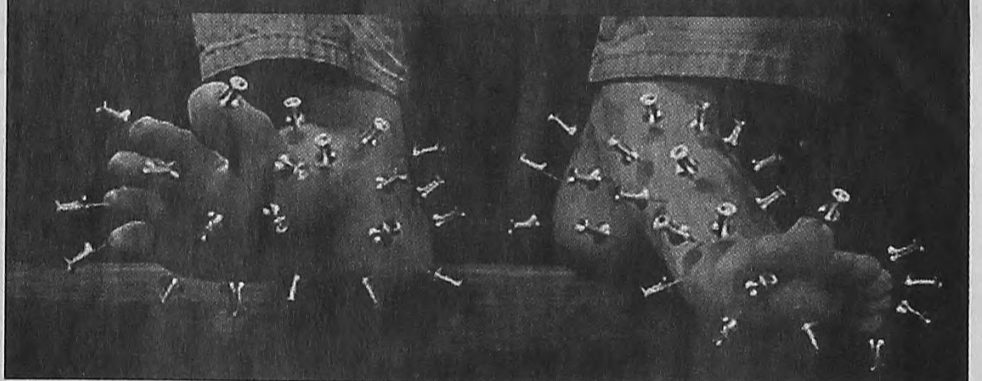
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# DEMENTIA CARE ROCK STAR

**Teepa Snow known worldwide as innovator in care for patients**



## Dealing With Dad

Dan Dean  
USA TODAY NETWORK -  
MICHIGAN

Two by two, eight caregivers and the loved ones with dementia they care for are greeted by a 63-year-old bundle of energy named Teepa Snow.

Her long, gray locks bounce about her lime green, button-down logo shirt as she excitedly dances, sings and does whatever she can to meet each patient where he or she is at.

While strategically holding both hands of Farmington Hills resident Bob King, Snow breaks out in song.

"When the red, red robin, comes bob, bob bobbin' along ..."

King, dressed in a gray cardigan sweater that matches his full head of hair, does not respond to Snow's prompts to have him finish lines of the song. Instead he shuffle-walks with his head tilted to the floor into the activity room of the Brown Center on the campus of the Jewish Community Center, where Snow is giving a care-partner training seminar.

"There'll be no more sobbing, when he starts throbbing, his own sweet song ..."

King suffers from Lewy body disease and his wife, Claudine Heldt-King, is his care-partner. They are typical American baby boomers whose lives have been thrown into upheaval by the onset of dementia, a disease the Alzheimer's Association estimates will kill one in three seniors.

## What do they have left to give?

Snow is an advocate for those living with dementia and has made it her personal mission to help families and professionals better understand how it feels to live with the associated challenges. Her techniques center around understanding we are dealing with people whose brains are dying, but instead of focusing on what they can no longer do, she chooses to understand what they have left to give.

"If all you are doing is wanting back what you can't have, how well are you caring for that which is present?" she asks the group. "What do you see in the person in front of you that gives you a sense of purpose and value ... and 'why do I keep doing this?' Unless we can find something we like, it is real hard to do the job of care support."

At the Brown Center, love seats and armchairs are arranged in a semicircle, with Snow moving about answering questions and demonstrating techniques. Film producer Keith Famie is filming the entire thing for his documentary "On the Front Lines of Alzheimer's & Dementia" (<http://ontodayfrontlines.com/alzheimers/>) and included in the group are my sister and dad.

"When it comes to dementia, it is always the relationship that should be coming first, not the outcome of a particular encounter," Snow explains to the group.

I know from experience how frustrating it is to communicate with someone who has dementia from caring for my dad. Snow uses an example of getting a patient out of their chair. She explains that asking two or three times and then eventually raising your voice is a useless tactic, but an easy road to go down when you don't know better.

"The thing that doesn't change in the brain of someone who is with dementia is the ability to remember negative emotions," she said. "What they don't remember is what we did to cause them. What they will remember is, 'I didn't like that.' So the next time you make the mistake of leaning over and saying, 'stand up!' somebody might say, 'go to hell.' One of the very last skills people lose is the ability to swear or say ugly things ... then the only way they have to express they don't like what you are doing is to hit you."

"When you feel the urge to shove your hand at someone - that is called caregiving," she added. "So what we want to do is say, 'hey' (she waves and holds out her hand as if to shakes hands) and offer your hand. That is called care-partnering, because what I did first was get connected, before I tried to do anything. The most important thing is the relationship of the moment."

**Caring for others started early in life**



Teepa Snow greets Bob King, who has Lewy body disease, at the Brown Center singing his favorite song "When the Red, Red Robin." DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Snow's approach is curated from more than 40 years of experience using compassion and knowledge. She first helped care for a dementia patient when her grandfather moved into the family home when she was age 8. As a teen, she became a nursing assistant, then she went on to Duke University and, with an undergrad degree, started working various related jobs.

Snow became part of the first graduating class with a master's in occupational therapy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She started Positive Approach, LLC, in 2005, offering education to family and professional care-partners all over the world.

What she brings to dementia care is lacking during what is considered by most dementia experts as a national and worldwide crisis. Her techniques are widely sought after, but she is one of a very few dealing with care knowledge and training while communicating on a relationship level patients can understand.

The reality is that Alzheimer's and dementia have no cure. It is a fatal disease that comes with a huge expense, not only financially, but from a quality-of-life perspective for both the care provider and patient.

"We are in the crisis. It has arrived, we just have not realized it," she said. "It's scary that I am the big fish in the pond. ... But if I go over to England, they will say, 'You are like a rock star in dementia.'"

"Do you know how crazy this is that we don't have more rock stars in dementia? It is just not OK," she added.

## Where is the plan?

"We are where we were with cancer 25 years ago or where we are today with autism, depression, bipolar disease," she said. "It is the same kind of idea. People are still way, way back."

"People keep wanting to wish it away - 'Well, if we find the cure.' Well, what are you going to do until then?" she said. "Family member after family member needs help. People are still isolated, they feel there is still a huge stigma. There is this thought that when people get dementia, their brain stops. Well no, it doesn't. So we better figure out what they can still do, because that is what's going to get them in trouble ... combined with what they can't do."

Snow is not shy about talking about the lack of a unified plan to deal with the crisis, whether from a national or state legislative point of view, lack of training in the medical field and training requirements in care facilities, not to mention citizens caring for loved ones.

"There needs to be requirements," she said. "The U.S. is supposed to have some kind of a plan. We don't have a plan. We really don't. All states are supposed to have a plan. Even states don't have a really consistent plan."

"If we don't make that a norm, then how are we going to change anything?" she added.

A dementia plan for Michigan was outlined in 2003 and later updated in 2011 by a team co-chaired by Judith Heidebrink, director of the Michigan Department of Community Health, and Peter A. Lichtenberg, director of the Institute of Gerontology and the Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute at Wayne State University.

The Michigan Dementia Coalition set out to update the plan with these goals: increase in support for family caregivers; best practices in dementia detection, assessment and care management; advocate for dementia-friendly policies and promote highest quality care standards in long-term care; and increase early intervention and support by promoting public awareness.



Teepa Snow talks with patients and care-partners during a training session at the Brown Center on the campus of the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"The Michigan Dementia Coalition made many contributions across the state in helping persons with dementia, their families and those who care for them," Lichtenberg wrote in an email. "We need a renewed commitment to that type of statewide effort by our Legislature."

The work is continuous with a goal of

getting the state Legislature to buy in to the 2018 state plan and provide resources to fund its goals and objectives, Lichtenberg noted.

Changing the culture is a slow process. It is why what Snow is doing is important. In addition, the work of Famie and his documentary are going to go a long way in bringing this unrecognized, unwanted, but very devastating crisis in front of an audience that may or may not ever need the information. But the odds are overwhelming that if you are a baby boomer today or the child of a baby boomer, you will have a personal encounter with dementia.

Those are odds that eight care-givers gathered in a small activity room one Friday afternoon in West Bloomfield know all too well.

"Wake up, wake up, you sleepy head

"Get up, get up, get out of bed,

"Cheer up, cheer up the sun is red,

"Live, love, laugh and be happy ..."

Dan Dean is managing editor for Observer & Eccentric Media and hometownlife.com. He writes an occasional column on dealing with dementia. Follow him on Twitter and Instagram @hteditor.

## Obituaries

### Helen L. Coloske

LIVONIA - age 88, a long time resident of Livonia, MI passed away peacefully on Sunday February 11, 2018 at Brookdale of Farmington Hills, MI, a private memory care facility. She was born on June 8 1929 to Michael and Eva Hartmeyer.

She married Robert H. Coloske on September 24, 1955. wishing to have a large family. They had 9 children, which included 3 sets of twins. Following the unexpected death of her husband, Helen went to work as a secretary and eventually worked as an executive secretary for Schostak Brothers of Southfield, MI until she retired.

She loved gardening, music and spending time with her companion dog, Daisy. She treasured spending time with her grown children and watching her grandchildren grow. She enjoyed making family Sunday dinners and hosted all Holidays.

She is survived by her children Linda Abram, Carol Kuhn, Suzanne Thomas, Marilyn Coloske, David Coloske, Steven Coloske, Laura Krause and Alan Coloske. Also, her sister Marian Carey, nephew Michael Carey along with 17 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Helen was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister-in-law Beverly Intihar and daughter Christine Wahl. She will be remembered as a smart and strong woman and a great and loving mother, grandmother and sister.

There will be a Memorial Service in the Spring, on Saturday April 28, 2018 at 1:00 PM. It will be held at the East Chapel at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, MI where she will be laid to rest with her husband. A luncheon will follow for all family members and friends. Her family would like to give special Thanks to all the care takers and staff at Brookdale who treated her like family. Memorials can be made in Helen's name to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

### Mary Jo Bomgren

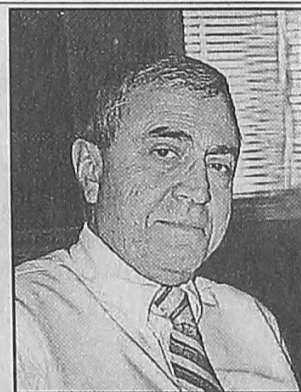
FARMINGTON - age 64, passed away on Monday Feb. 12, 2018.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jonathan Bomgren, and daughter, Hilary Michalak. She is survived by her daughters Emily (Paul) Klein & Mallory Michalak; her brother, Richard (Erlene) Kuitunen; her sister, Elizabeth (Charles) Gervase and her beloved Great Dane, Bette.

She will be remembered for her work advocating on behalf of people with disabilities as a teacher, lawyer and volunteer at her church and for instilling in her daughters the value and importance of the sauna.

A Memorial Visitation will be held Monday, February 19th from 4-8 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington. A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday at 10 AM, February 20th at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Rd., Livonia, 48152. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to Living Water Ministries at [www.elcalivingwater.com/maybomgren](http://www.elcalivingwater.com/maybomgren).

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William "Bill" Morris

CANTON - age 84, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

Beloved husband of Lucy for 50 years. Loving father of Andrew (Ruth) and Stephen (Tamara) Morris and Suzie (Bill) Palms. Loving papa of Emily and Rachel Palms and Audrey Morris.

A Memorial Service will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Rd., Canton, Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018 at 4 PM. A Visitation will be held from 3-4 PM.

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# Sports

## INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY

# Michigan flavor for U.S. victory

Wilde, DeRidder, Gruden lead U.S. in Five Nations opener

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Two international hockey powers met Tuesday at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

But the 5-1 U.S. victory over Sweden in a U-18 Five Nations Tournament match-up definitely was Michigan made.

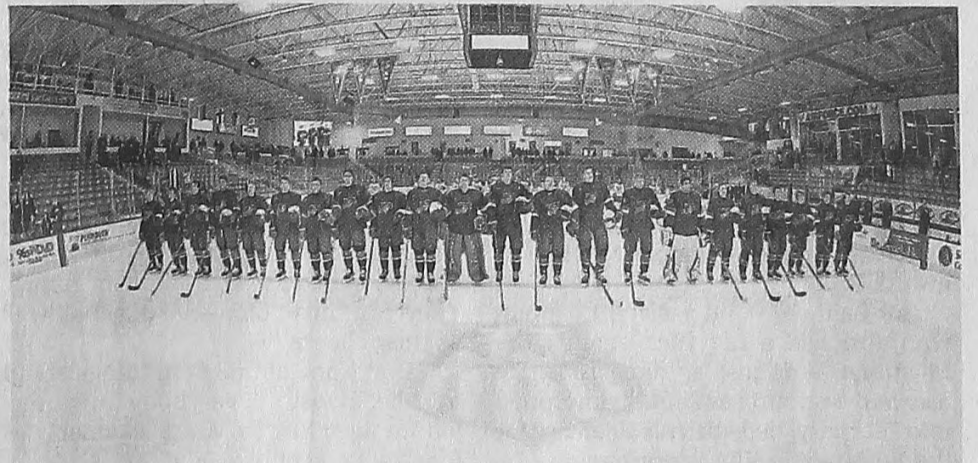
Three players who hail from the state were instrumental, with Birmingham defenseman Bode Wilde registering a goal and two assists, Rochester forward Jonathan Gruden potting an early goal and Fenton goalie Drew DeRidder solid

between the pipes with 22 saves. "We've only ever competed in these tournaments in other countries, whether it's Canada, Switzerland, Czech (Republic)," Wilde said. "We've kind of been all over. It was really cool to get a game here on home soil, in our rink. There's still a few more, so we're excited."

DeRidder said it was great that fellow Michiganders Wilde and Gruden had strong games.

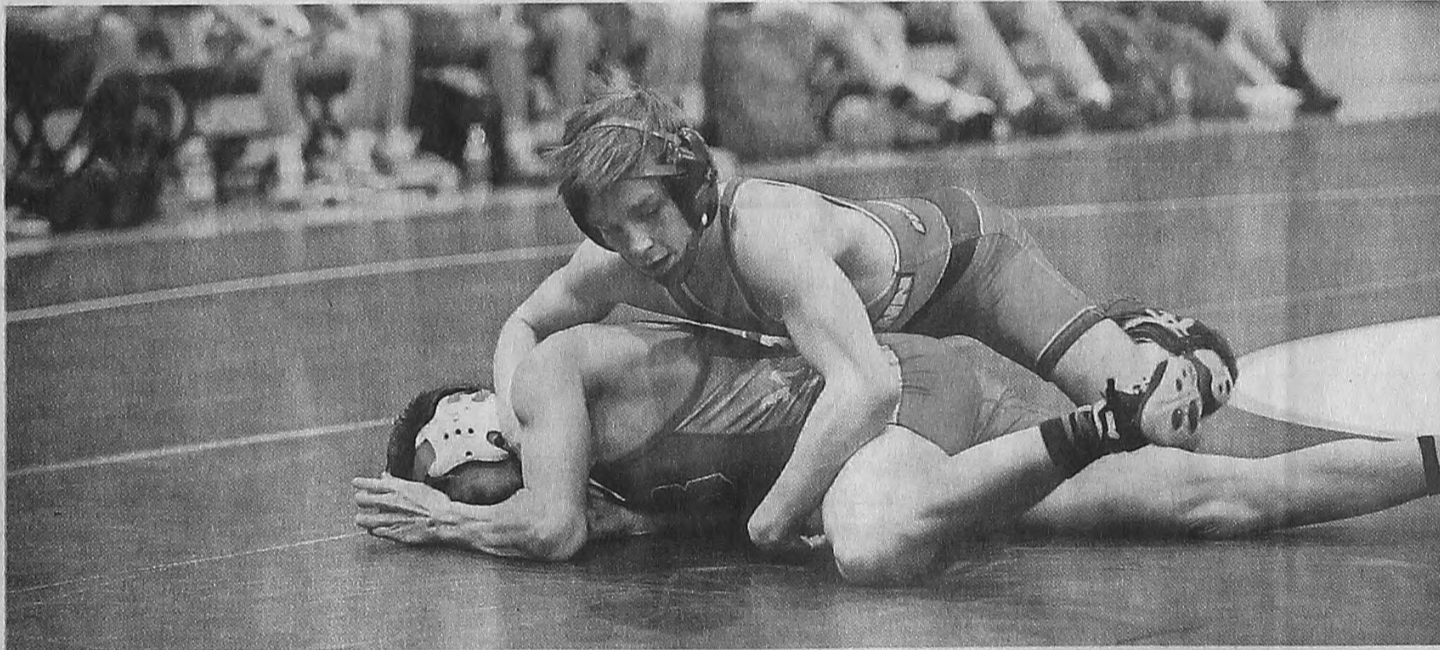
"Bode was on my first AAA team, so I've grown up playing with him and against him," DeRidder said. "Those are

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With the logo honoring the late Jim "J.J." Johansson front and center, U.S. and Sweden players stand and listen to the U.S. national anthem after Tuesday's game. The U.S. won, 5-1. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

## D-1 WRESTLING TEAM REGIONAL



Westland John Glenn's Mikey Mars (top) gains advantage over Temperance Bedford's Trevor Bair during the 130-pound bout. TOM BEAUDOIN

# ROCKETS SOAR TO VICTORY

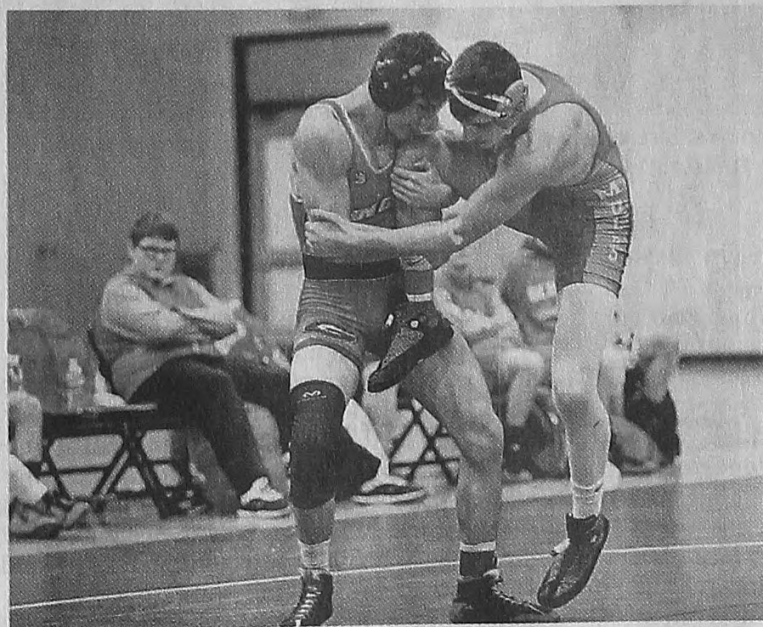
Early dominance sparks John Glenn to second straight regional crown

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Like links in a perfect chain, a string of Westland John Glenn wrestlers got on the mat Wednesday and exited with points in the bank for the Rockets in the Division 1 team regional final against Temperance Bedford.

Before the Mules knew what happened, they were down 35-0 at Saline High School and the Rockets had plenty

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Battling in the 152-pound match are John Glenn's Anthony Gibson (left) and Bedford's Neil Antrassian. TOM BEAUDOIN

## PREP SKIING

# Marian's Weymouth sizzles at regional meet

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Olivia Weymouth put on a show Wednesday at Pine Knob in the Division 1 regional ski meet.

The Bloomfield Hills Marian junior stood out as the top skier among a field of more than 130 boys and girls representing 12 teams. Weymouth raced down the hill first overall in both the slalom and giant slalom races.

Weymouth, a three-year varsity veteran for the Mustangs, won the morning slalom race in a time of 34.09. Colin Stewart from Bloomfield Hills was second in 34.40 and Kaylee Richardson from Rochester Adams third in 34.47.

In the afternoon slalom race, Weymouth won in a time of 39.34. The next two finishers in that event were Dominick Shoha and Stewart — the Bloomfield Hills co-captains — in respective times of 39.37 and 40.01.

Needless to say, it was a monumental afternoon for Weymouth.

"It was great (to be the overall winner)," said Weymouth, who also won both events at last year's regional. "One of my biggest ski role models right now is (Olympian) Mikaela Shiffrin and she has on the back of her helmet an abbreviation 'always ski faster than the boys.' So it's really cool and I agree with her philosophy."

"It gets you motivated, because the

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## BOYS HOCKEY

## Seniors lead Plymouth to top of rankings

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A three-headed monster's never looked as good as Plymouth's top forward line of Jack Chumley, Tim Baldwin and C.J. Mullenax.

They are terrorizing Kensington Lakes Activities Association opponents in recent weeks, propelling the Wildcats to the top of the boys hockey state rankings for Division 2 — not to mention the Super 10 as spotlighted on Michigan High School Hockey Hub.

And all three Plymouth seniors are hard-working, team leaders with a nose for the net and a drive to close out their high school careers in championship style.

Veteran Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento knows he has a beauty of a trio sparking his team to a 14-3-1 record as of Feb. 2. The Wildcats also were in first place in the KLAA Black Division with a 9-2-1 mark.

"They all wear a letter for a reason," Vento said. "Wearing that jersey means something to them and their work ethic on and off the ice is just contagious."

Team captain and third-year varsity player Chumley is the proverbial straw that stirs the drink, with 17 goals and 27 assists (44 points) in 18 games following successive three-goal hat tricks against Northville. Both games were 6-3 Plymouth wins. He now is on the so-called watch list for the prestigious Mr. Hockey award.

But Baldwin — an assistant captain who also had a hat trick against the Mustangs — is just as dangerous. He also had 44 points as January morphed into February, tied with his linemate for the No. 1 spot in KLAA scoring.

And don't forget about Mullenax, the "glue guy" who had 30 points following the Northville sweep Jan. 26-27. Oh yes, Mullenax also is an assistant captain.

## Good soldiers

"They're all willing to do whatever it takes," Vento said. "Nobody's afraid to go in the corner, nobody's afraid to win a battle. They're just doing whatever they got to do and it's one guy after the other."

"They don't care who gets the limelight as long as at the end of the day we get a 'W,' that's all they're concerned about, that's their mentality."

Following a recent practice, the teammates talked about how they have meshed as a unit while carrying the baton as Plymouth looks to finish the reg-



Plymouth's top forward line of (from left) Jack Chumley, Tim Baldwin and C.J. Mullenax is instrumental in sparking the Wildcats' recent surge to the top of the Division 2 state rankings. ED OLEPA

ular season strong and charge into the D-2 tourney.

"We've got a really good line, so we've been clicking all year," Chumley said. "It doesn't matter who's scoring, we're all putting the puck in the net and just sharing the opportunities."

"We've had a lot of good chemistry over the years, it's just finally coming together and we're clicking well as a line. Everybody's rolling and we're just having a good time out there."

Chumley, who is described as the "sniper" of the group, stressed that the trio doesn't mind doing the gritty work that is needed for a team to win games. They can finish offensive plays as well as their checks.

"That's one of the great things about our line," he said. "Everybody can do any job we need him to. We're all smart defensively and offensively."

Baldwin, in his second season on the varsity, joked that Chumley is the guy who can go top shelf for his goals, whereas he is happy to take them any way he can get them.

"That's Chumley, for sure," Baldwin said with a laugh, when asked about which player on the line gives goalies the most fits. "I definitely feel this team has a lot more talent (than recent seasons) and we're all a closer team."

"We all have one common goal and that's to win the state championship. It doesn't matter who's scoring the goals, it's about winning the games."

## Not just talent

According to Baldwin, key reasons the line continues to have success are

familiarity, chemistry and old-fashioned elbow grease.

"It's been awesome. There's a lot of talent on this line," Baldwin said. "We've all been together for a while for, like, three years now, so we all know who has what."

"Chumley, he's the speed guy, he gets around guys and has a good shot. C.J. is the down-low grinder guy and I'll just be in front just finessing to get the puck through."

Providing a harder-edged element to the line is Mullenax, another third-year varsity standout.

"I love playing with them, I know exactly where they're going on the ice because we've been together for so long," Mullenax said. "We got good chemistry. I just love playing with them."

"I guess I'm the grinder guy. I like getting in the corners. ... I always end up getting hit, but I'm glad to make plays out there."

Mullenax said the back-to-back wins over Northville weren't about them, however, another example of how their selflessness and team-first attitudes are so endearing to coaches.

"It was just two good games all-around," Mullenax said, flashing a gap-toothed hockey smile. "We were doing really good in the neutral zone, stopping them and getting the puck back in, putting pressure on them. I thought we were really aggressive in those games."

## Work remains

But for as successful as they have been this season, they know their work is far from over for 2017-18. Plymouth is

battling Livonia Stevenson for the KLAA Black title, as well as for D-2 supremacy (both teams are toggling back and forth in the top spots).

And Feb. 27, the Wildcats and Spartans will square off in a D-2 pre-regional game at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia. As unfair as it might look, one of the state's best teams will be knocked out of the postseason before it really begins.

"We're confident and we know what we did in the past, what we learned from the past and how we can fix that and build off and just do whatever we can to get a win in playoffs," Chumley said. "Hopefully, we can make a deep run."

"We've talked about it a little bit," Mullenax said about the Stevenson playoff game. "I'd rather see that (match-up) more at the end of the playoffs. But I'm fine playing them in the beginning. It's going to be a good game with two good teams."

Regardless of the outcome, Plymouth's "Production Line" plans on emptying the tank. Vento is certain of that.

"Yeah, they're very talented, there's no doubt about it," Vento said. "But they work hard and they do things right. They play 200 feet. They're just complete hockey players."

"They compete shift after shift, they do not take a shift off."

Hat tricks aside, maybe Chumley-Baldwin-Mullenax is more of a "Persistence Line" than anything else.

Either way, that combo is pretty much a hockey coach's dream.

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## Wrestling

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ammunition to prevail 41-22 and win their second consecutive regional title.

"Obviously, we just got a row of kids that have done this all year long. We get a ton of bonus points,"

said John Glenn head coach Bill Polk, whose team moves on to the D-1 quarterfinal Friday, Feb. 23, at Wings Stadium in Kalamazoo. "And if we start at the right weight, before you know it, it's 35-0 like it was in this

Bill Polk

dual meet.

"My big guys, we usually win some, lose some. It goes back and forth for the rest of the dual. But with that six-seven guys in a row, it's hard for any team to come back on us."

The Rockets (28-3) opened the regional with a 65-6 victory over Belleville; Bedford got past the host Hornets in the other semifinal, 57-24.

Two of John Glenn's big guns, senior captains Mikey Mars and Anthony Gibson, did their usual part with wins against both opponents.

In the Bedford match-up, Mars needed just 1:43 to pin Trevor Bair. He improved to 45-0 on the season.

Gibson (43-3) gutted out a 4-2 win over Neil Antrassian to put John Glenn up, 32-0.

Mars is the school's career wins leader with 210 (against eight losses), while Gibson has more than 150 career victories.

"We kind of did what we came here to do. I think we did everything we wanted to," Mars said. "I think our team is a lot more motivated this year. I see a lot of our guys putting in a lot of extra work in and they're working a lot harder this year."

## Tough from the start

According to Gibson, the Rockets



Westland John Glenn's varsity wrestling team celebrates at Saline High School after winning the Division 1 team regional. TOM BEAUDOIN

"started at the weight class we wanted (119), so we just went out there, did some hard-nosed wrestling and got the lead early. That's all we needed."

Caleb Meekins opened the final with a hard-fought 7-5 victory over Cade Sutterfield in a match delayed several times by Sutterfield's bloody nose.

Following with a 15-0 major decision win was 125-pounder Kyle Borthwell. Then came pins by Mars, Isaac Lefler (in 2:10 at 135) and Shawn Brown (in 2:31 at 140) and the rout was on.

The Rockets tacked on three points when Brenten Polk defeated Jeff Johnson 7-4, making it 29-0. Gibson and 160-pounder Graden Bowen also won via decision to open up the 35-0 advantage.

The Mules started to claw back in a too-little, too-late bid when Colin Jagielski edged John Glenn's Chase Kersten in overtime.

## Another chance

With the regional win, the fourth such triumph in the last decade, the Rockets now look to scale the quarterfinal hurdle that stopped them in 2017 — when top-seeded Macomb Dakota won, 26-25.

That heartbreaking loss is something both Mars and Gibson have used as motivation to help the Rockets make another championship bid.

"We were actually coming back from a deficit. It came down to the last match and we lost by a point," said Mars, a University of Michigan commit. "So I feel like that was in a lot of our seniors' minds. They've been working really hard this year not getting pinned and not giving up team points."

"It's been a collective effort and I think we can do good there."

Gibson is also feeling confident about what John Glenn might accomplish at Wings Stadium.

"We just got to go out there and wrestle to our ability," he said. "If everybody goes out there and does their job, then we'll advance to the finals."

Polk said the team could go in as a No. 3 or 4 seed, as opposed to the sixth seed last season. The brackets for the rest of the tournament are expected to be unveiled Sunday.

Obviously, the Rockets (28-3) will look to avoid going head-to-head with powerhouse Novi Detroit Catholic Central in the quarterfinal.

"I think CC is in a class of their own

this year, looking at results of what they've done to everybody," said Polk, in his 20th season at the John Glenn helm. "But the (other) seeds, we've all wrestled each other and it's gone down to the last match."

"So a lot of it's going to depend on who wins the coin flip and who gets the match-ups they want."

Meanwhile, a contingent of 10 John Glenn wrestlers were scheduled to compete Saturday at the D-1 individual regional at Saline. That group included Mars, Gibson, Meekins, Borthwell, Lefler, senior Brandon McCollum (130), Brown, Brenten Polk, Ty Cowen and Kersten.

## DIVISION 1 TEAM WRESTLING

## REGIONAL FINAL

Feb. 14 at Saline High School

## JOHN GLENN 41,

## TEMPERANCE BEDFORD 22

119: Caleb Meekins (JG) won by decision over Cade Sutterfield, 7-5.

125: Kyle Borthwell (JG) won by major decision over Mason Rimmer, 15-0.

130: Mikey Mars (JG) pinned Trevor Bair in 1:43.

135: Isaac Lefler (JG) won by pin in 2:10.

140: Shawn Brown (JG) p. Conner Frantz in 2:31.

145: Brenten Polk (JG) dec. Jeff Johnson, 7-4.

152: Anthony Gibson (JG) dec. Neil Antrassian, 4-2.

160: Graden Bowen (JG) dec. Vito Lucarelli, 3-0.

171: Colin Jagielski (TB) dec. Chase Kersten in OT, 4-2.

189: Hunter Gandee (TB) p. George Schwenle.

215: Blake Wingate (TB) dec. Jacorey Scott, 11-2.

289: Austin Emerson (TB) p. Donald Farris in 1:37.

103: Ty Cowen (JG) won by forfeit.

112: Chase Grzegorzczak (TB) dec. Ethan Collins, 8-1.

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## PREP WRESTLING

## Seaholm leads list of regional qualifiers

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Birmingham Seaholm leads a contingent of 17 area wrestlers who will advance to the regional round of the wrestling individual state tournament.

The Maples, who recently captured their sixth team district title in the past eight years, had six wrestlers who placed fourth or better at the district tournament Feb. 10 at Birmingham Groves High School.

The host Falcons have four who moved on to the state tournament's next round, while Brother Rice has two and Bloomfield Hills and North Farmington one apiece.

The individual regional tournament was scheduled for Saturday at Hartland and also included qualifiers from the Grosse Pointe North district.

In Division 2, Farmington managed to get three wrestlers through to the regional at the district hosted by Warren Fitzgerald. Farmington's regional qualifiers were scheduled to go Saturday at Warren Woods Tower, along with the Gibraltar Carlson district qualifiers.

Following is a list of regional qualifiers by school:

**SEAHOLM:** Seaholm had a pair of district runners-up in senior Nick Law (145 pounds) and freshman Jackson



**Groves sophomore Damon Dunbar (left) wrestled to the D-1 district championship and is headed to the regional with a 36-3 overall record.** FILE PHOTO

Vance (125).

Law, who holds Seaholm's all-time career wins record, will take a 40-7 overall mark into the regional after winning two of his three district matches. Law easily defeated his first two opponents via pin — Amir Covington from West Bloomfield and Devin Pietila from Hartland. In the 145-pound championship match, Law lost an 11-6 decision to Walled Lake junior C.J. Davidson.

Vance won three matches before losing in the district championship. Vance, who is 28-10 on the season, defeated Jefferson Rodgers from Groves (pin at 1:41), Pierce Muthui-Edwar from Warren Mott (5-3 decision) and Brandon Munson from West Bloomfield (pin at 5:30).

The prep rookie then met top-ranked Kyle Kantola from Hartland in the championship match and lost in a third-period pin at 5:24.

Senior Dominick Campbell (152) placed third after defeating Brother Rice sophomore Ohannes Sarkisian in the consolation match. Campbell also defeated Sarkisian in his opening match before falling to Walled Lake senior Liam Kinjorski in the semifinal. Campbell takes a 32-16 record to the regional.

Junior Chase Mentag (189 pounds, 28-13 record), senior Jack Burdick (140 pounds, 27-21) and senior Nick Manzo (171 pounds, 27-21) all placed fourth in their respective weight classes.

**GROVES:** The host Falcons produced the area's lone individual district champion in sophomore Damon Dunbar who raised his record to 36-3.

Dunbar, seeded second at 130 pounds, defeated Seaholm's Mentag by a technical fall in his opening match and then advanced to the championship match with a semifinal victory over Walled Lake's Jack Greenstein (pin at 3:48). In the final, Dunbar took out top-seeded Carter Hankins, a senior from Hartland, with a 5-1 decision.

Seniors Micah Mydloski (140 pounds, 31-9 record) and Jacob Smith (171, 31-6) both placed third while senior Nathan Campbell (33-9 record) took fourth at 160 pounds.

**BROTHER RICE:** Sophomores Charlie Nelson (119 pounds) and Ohannes Sarkisian (152) both placed fourth in their weight class. Nelson is 19-11 on the season while Sarkisian takes a 17-16 record into the regional tournament.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS:** Black Hawks junior Kobey Caldwell placed third at 125 pounds. Caldwell won three of his four matches, including a 4-3 decision over senior Joseph Bakal in the third-fourth place match. Caldwell takes a 28-5 record into the regional.

**NORTH FARMINGTON:** Junior Scott Hampton dropped his opening match and rebounded nicely with three straight victories to place third. In the third-fourth place match, he avenged that lone loss by registering a 9-8 decision over Jack Greenstein of Walled Lake. Hampton is 26-8 heading into the regional.

**FARMINGTON:** All three of Farmington's regional qualifiers placed third in their respective district tournament weight classes. Seniors Jake Justice (130) and juniors Anthony Averiette III (112 pounds) and Jack Fowler (145) each went 3-1 to earn third place. Justice (34-9 record), Fowler (26-13) and Averiette (24-8) all have more than 20 wins this season.

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## Hockey

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the only kids I knew really well coming into the program, so it's cool to see them doing well and just be able to go through this journey with them."

Other goal scorers for the U.S. were forward Jack Hughes (goal, two assists), forward Oliver Wahlstrom and defenseman Mattias Samuelsson. Chipping in two assists was forward Jake Wise.

Sweden's Filip Hallander spoiled DeRidder's shutout bid with a beautiful shorthanded goal with four seconds left in the second period.

Wilde scored one of three power-play goals for the U.S. as Sweden ran into penalty trouble. He took a slap shot from the middle of the blue line with 5:01 to go in the second period that beat screened Sweden goalie Jesper Eliasson (28 saves).

The power-play goals in the third period, scored by Wahlstrom and Samuelsson, also came on long-range blasts with traffic in front of Eliasson.

"We were just making sure we moved the puck quickly to take advantage of their penalty kill and get them moving a little bit out of position to open up all those lanes for those goals," Wilde said. "Typically, you don't get tons of power plays in international play, so if you capitalize on them, that's huge.



**Jack Hughes (left) of the U.S. gets a jump on Sweden's Linus Nassen during Tuesday's game.** RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

"As long as we can keep it rolling, keep our percentage high on the power play, that will be really nice."

U.S. head coach Seth Appert said his team started to succeed on the power play when it simplified its attack, rather than trying to spin fancy passes around the rink.

"Much as you want to snap the puck around and make these cute little sauce passes and make plays through the box, usually none of that stuff matters," Appert said. "In the second half of the game, we had more of a shooting mentality on the power play."

Here are several takeaways:

**WINNER'S TUNE**

The Five Nations tourney follows typical USA Hockey protocol in that the

only national anthem that gets played is that of the winning team at the conclusion of each contest.

So the teams make their way out onto the ice and line up to drop the puck, rather than stand along the blue lines to hear the pregame anthem — normal procedure for all pro and minor league games.

**OFF THE HOP**

It just took 1:20 for the red light to be lit, as Gruden buried a cross-crease feed from linemate Jake Wise on the game's first shot.

Wise sent the puck across the front of the Sweden net and Gruden one-timed it inside the left post.

"They're a great team. They're considered probably the best (U-18) team in the world," Appert said about Sweden. "So for our guys to have some success early I thought was important."

**POINTS TAKEN**

Each of the five teams will play four games, with each regulation win good for three points in the tournament standings.

Teams that need overtime to finish off an opponent get two points, with one point banked for an OT loss.

At the end of the week, the first-place team will be determined by final point tallies.

"It's hard. We're going to have four games in five days, like everybody else does here," Appert said. "It's a pretty

even birth year. Some years, there's one or two teams that separate.

"It feels like all five of these teams could win this tournament and win the (U-18) world championship."

**FEELING A DRAFT?**

Rasmus Dahlin, the Swedish defenseman considered the top-ranked prospect of the 2018 NHL Entry Draft, was not in Plymouth because he is playing at the Winter Olympics in South Korea.

But virtually every other top prospect will be on the USA Hockey Arena ice during the tourney, including Russia forward Andrei Svechnikov, the top-ranked player in the North American rankings, because he plays for Barrie of the Ontario Hockey League.

**BODE'S WELL**

Even though Wilde had a power-play goal and two assists, Appert thought where the 6-2, 195-pounder really made an impact was when the teams were playing at even strength.

"I thought five-on-five, he might have been our best player," Appert said. "I thought he was unbelievable five-on-five. He was so hard defending, he transitioned the puck like you want your stud defenseman to transition the puck."

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## Skiing

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boys are usually stronger," she added. "So I have to work hard in the gym and make sure I can keep up with them, squatting and sprint as fast as them. So if you always want to be faster than the boys you have to keep up with them in the gym and on the hill."

**Returning to form**

Weymouth is returning to form after a knee injury kept her from competing for half the season. She returned to capture the giant slalom title and place second in the slalom race at the recent Alpine Division championships. She is the lone Mustang to qualify for the annual SEMSL championships Feb. 20.

With her outstanding regional showing, Weymouth qualified for the state meet set for Monday, Feb. 26, at Boyne Mountain as an individual. At last year's state meet, Weymouth was second in the giant slalom and did not finish her slalom race.

"Today, I just wanted to make it to states," Weymouth said. "I have been battling the flu and I was hoping to ski as well as I could and it turned out really well and I was excited about that. I just wanted to make it down the hill without any major mess-ups.

"I'm hoping for the overall win in at least one of the events at state, if not two," she added. "I know I'm going to have some pretty solid competition from Marquette and from different individuals who were in this race today and some other individuals."

Longtime Marian head coach Robert



**Marian junior Olivia Weymouth registered the fastest times among all competitors — including the boys — in both the slalom and giant slalom races at Wednesday's Division 1 regional at Pine Knob.** DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Rhoades said Weymouth is one of southeast Michigan's premier skiers.

"Olivia was definitely the fastest one out here today," Rhoades said. "She has been working really hard on her training and working on her race tactics and technique and she's starting to really hone in, that is to be one southeast Michigan's premier skiers.

"She is so smooth and compact and just explosive. Putting in that much effort and intense training does pay off. The more you work out, the more you train the better you get and I think Olivia is proof of that, because she puts out 100 percent every time she goes out there.

"She has recovered enough (from her injury) to get back and get her high school races in that she's required to

have and score for the team," he added. "She is a great leader and a mentor for our younger girls. She is definitely a good role model for them."

**Other individual qualifiers**

Weymouth was not Marian's lone individual qualifier.

Senior captain Madison Rosiek, a three-year varsity skier and a high-level soccer player, placed 10th in the slalom with a time of 45.97 to earn a state-qualifying spot. It's her first time as a state qualifier.

"Madison skied a very smart race today," Rhoades said. "She didn't hit the gas pedal too hard, but she did just enough to sneak into that 10th-place

spot to qualify. She skied very well. It's a great feeling for her to qualify and I'm very happy for her.

"Madison has also been a great mentor to our younger girls," he added. "She really takes the time to explain things. She has worked her way up on her own. She is always training to get better. She may not have that natural talent on skis like Olivia, but with her hard work, she has become one of the better skiers down here."

The Bloomfield Hills girls did not qualify as a team, but the Black Hawks will have a pair of representatives in senior Grace Dillon and Catherine Coates.

Dillon is qualified in both events after finishing fifth in the slalom (42.01) and giant slalom (35.51). Coates skied to 10th place in the giant slalom (36.40) and will ski at states in that event.

"Grace has been an anchor of our team since she joined us as a ninth-grader," Bloomfield Hills head coach Rob Brown said. "She was our MVP as a ninth-grader and I suspect she will be it again this year.

"Grace was a little bit of a surprise this year. She has been solid, really consistent and you can always count on her," he added. "But she kind of put a little more caution to the wind and really stepped up her regional results this year. We're looking forward to her having a good state meet."

Individually on the boys side, North Farmington-Harrison's Mitchell Krass qualified in the slalom by placing 10th in 41.64. Brother Rice's Colin Condit also qualified in the slalom after placing 14th in a time of 42.33.

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PREP SKIING

# Birmingham girls, Bloomfield Hills boys qualify

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Under sunny skies and mild temperatures, Wednesday's Division 1 state regional ski meet at Pine Knob turned out to be a delightful day for the Birmingham Unified girls and Bloomfield Hills boys teams.

Birmingham, coached by Justin Janssen, finished second in the girls team standings with 115 points, 13 points behind regional champion Rochester Adams, which won with 92 points. Clarkston grabbed the third and final team qualifying spot with 136 points.

On the boys side, Rochester Adams won with 57 points, followed by Clarkston with 66 and Bloomfield Hills at 101.5.

The Division 1 state meet will be held Monday, Feb. 26, at Boyne Mountain.

It marks the second straight season Birmingham's girls have qualified for state and Janssen couldn't have been happier. Birmingham was fourth at last year's state meet.

"Last year was the first year we made (states) in the four years that I've been their coach and I think the first time they made it in some 10 years," Janssen said. "Coming into this year, we knew we had a strong team, but we've had lots of injuries, so coming into today, we knew we had to ski smart, get down the hill, ski clean and we could make it. And they all executed on that."

"At the end of our slalom run, our fourth girl made it down clean and we knew we were going to be in the top three to go to states, although we didn't know where. It was definitely an exciting moment. It is really a satisfying feeling. Now we're excited to go to Boyne Mountain and see what we can do, just like last year."

"I knew this team was absolutely capable of (qualifying for state again)," he added. "We lost two girls from last year, but some of our current seniors from this year have really stepped it up. That really helped and then we already had a deep team in terms of our four, five and six girls. They really improved all year."



The Birmingham Unified ski team is a Division 1 state meet qualifier for the second straight year following its regional performance Wednesday at Pine Knob. Team members include Kate Bridges, Maya Rice, Kelly Pierce, Maria Sagante, Nia Kepes, Grace Latek, Isabelle Sims and Maria Ferrari. The coaches are Justin Janssen (head) and Todd Hoover (assistant). MARTY BUDNER

### Bridges leads Birmingham

Birmingham was led by senior Kate Bridges, who placed second in the slalom (40.13) and fourth in the giant slalom (35.43). Bridges, who has qualified for states in each of her four years on the team, was second in slalom and fifth in GS at last year's state meet.

"I was definitely satisfied with the way I skied today," said Bridges, the top skier at Mt. Brighton all season. "My main goal was just to qualify (for states). Being a senior, I wanted to go one last time. I'm hoping to be the slalom champion (at state), but mainly I just want to have fun."

"My giant slalom race was a little rough ... the snow was soft and I didn't handle it as well as I thought I would, but I brought it together in the second run," she added. "In the slalom, I was very happy with both runs."

The other scoring skiers for Birmingham were Maya Rice (12th in the slalom and 13th in the GS), Kelly Pierce (17th in both races) and Maria Sagante (22nd in giant slalom and 28th in slalom).

"Kate's a great skier and she won ba-

sically everything in our league this year," Janssen said. "Today the goal was we wanted her to do well, but it's a team sport and we wanted to make states as a team. She held back a little bit, but still did really well. And we are going to states as a team."

### Captains pace Bloomfield Hills

The Bloomfield Hills boys were led by the dynamic duo of Colin Stewart and Dominick Shoha. The senior captains finished third or better in each race to lead the Black Hawks into the state finals for the second time in three years.

Stewart won the giant slalom in 34.4 and placed second in the slalom with a time of 40.01. The four-year varsity veteran qualified for states as an individual last year in the slalom.

"I was really happy with the GS and, in slalom, I just really wanted to make it down so my team could go to states. I was really happy with how the day went," Stewart said. "I really wanted the whole team to go to states this year. I think I perform better when I have the whole team there to back me up."



Nate Busch of Bloomfield Hills skis the slalom course. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"This year, the goal is just to have fun at states, but hopefully put together four solid runs," he added. "I didn't do well at the divisional, so I'm happy that I did a lot better today."

Shoha won the slalom race in 39.37 and took third in the giant slalom in 34.62. He placed 12th as an individual qualifier last year in the giant slalom.

"It was a good race all together. I loved the conditions we had for slalom," Shoha said. "The snow was super grippy and I felt like unstoppable. I felt really good and I'm happy that I did well this year."

"The biggest thing was us coming together as a team and we really wanted to make it down the hill, so we could go to states as a team," he added. "It will be a good time at states. There will be different competitors on a different hill up there, so we just want to do as best as we can and get some good runs down."

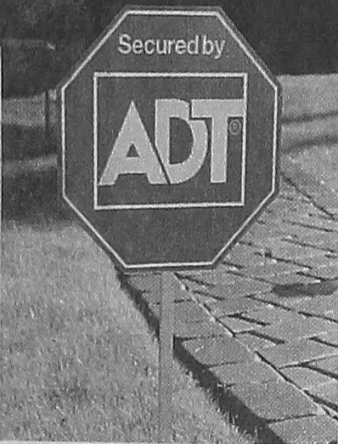
Bloomfield Hills' Hunter Halstead was 18th in the giant slalom (36.15) and 20th in the slalom (43.67). The team's other scorers were Nathan van Duijvenbode, who was 24th in the slalom (44.90), and Nate Busch, who took 32nd in the giant slalom (36.80).

Lennert Krueger (giant slalom) and Matt Coates (slalom) were the other Black Hawk racers.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

# North Farmington and Seaholm capture victories

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**Webb**

a lot better defensively over the next two quarters." DCD senior Kaela Webb scored a game-high 16 points, while Adrian Folks also hit double digits with 13. Jasmine Powell (nine), Maddie Novak (eight) and Maxine Moore (eight) also had notable performances. Ilena Garrett led Pioneer with 14 points.

**NORTH FARMINGTON 62, FARMINGTON 41:** North Farmington claimed the unofficial city championship Tuesday with this triumph over Farmington from the OAA Blue Division. The game was close throughout the first half, with the visiting Raiders up by three after the first quarter (14-11) and five at the half (22-17). North Farmington, from the OAA Red Division, took control with a 22-8 third-quarter scoring advantage. Senior Sam Cherney led the Raiders with a sterling double-double that included 24 points and 12 rebounds. She also contributed six blocks. Molly Simpson added 14 points and Maya Kelly finished with eight points, five steals and five rebounds. Khyra King-Ealy (six points), Natalie George (five points, six assists) and Hailey Samples (three points, five rebounds) were other notable Raiders performers.

**SEAHOLM 33, BERKLEY 32:** Seaholm prevailed in this OAA crossover game Tuesday in Birmingham. The Bears (Blue Division) held an 18-16 halftime lead, but the Maples (White Division) bounced back with a three-point second-half advantage. Seaholm's Meredith Owens led everyone with a game-high 13 points. Teammate Lily Grills finished with five points. Berkley's top two scorers were Olivia DiCarlo (12) and Lauryn Thomas (eight). Seaholm raised its record to 3-14 overall.

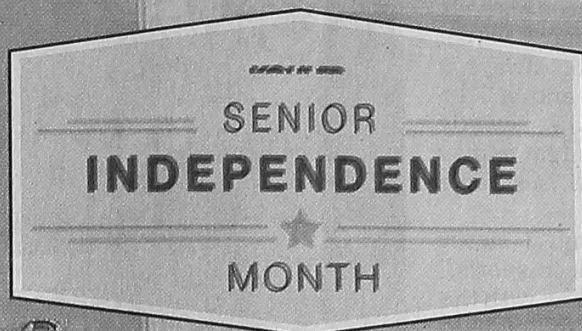
**COUNTRY DAY 51, ANN ARBOR PIONEER 38:** Country Day (13-2), the defending Class B state champion, started a little slowly Tuesday after a two-week layoff. Pioneer came out soaring and went up 21-14 after the opening quarter. However, the Yellowjackets regained control with a 39-5 scoring outburst over the next two quarters. "We hadn't played in a while and we were a little rusty," veteran DCD head coach Frank Orlando said. "We started playing

**GROVES 55, ADAMS 42:** On Monday in an OAA crossover game, Groves (OAA White Division) defeated Rochester Adams (OAA Red Division). Senior guard Sha Carter led the scoring parade with 30 points, including three treys. Lauren Palmer finished with eight points and Ellie Ruprich seven for the Falcons. Eight different players scored for the Highlanders.

**ATHENS 43, SEAHOLM 22:** The teams were tied 6-6 after the first quarter, but the visiting Red Hawks went up 23-14 by halftime and led the rest of the way Monday in this OAA White Division game. Meredith Owens and Julia Bell were Seaholm's leading scorers. The game's lone double-figure scorers were Madeline Crum (11) and Isabelle Crum (10) from Athens.

**MERCY 45, LUTHERAN NORTH 15:** Mercy opened the annual Catholic League tournament with this first-round victory Feb. 10. The Marlins held a 25-7 halftime lead and never allowed North more than six points in any quarter. Freshman Julia Bishop led Mercy with 11 points. Senior Bella Dugas (eight), freshman Ellie Tisko (six) and freshman Alexis Roberts (five) were Mercy's other top scorers. "We just got off to a very good start and were pretty efficient offensively and good defensively as well," Mercy head coach Gary Morris said. "It was nice because we were able to get a lot of girls some playing time and we had 10 players who scored." Mercy hiked its record to 15-2.

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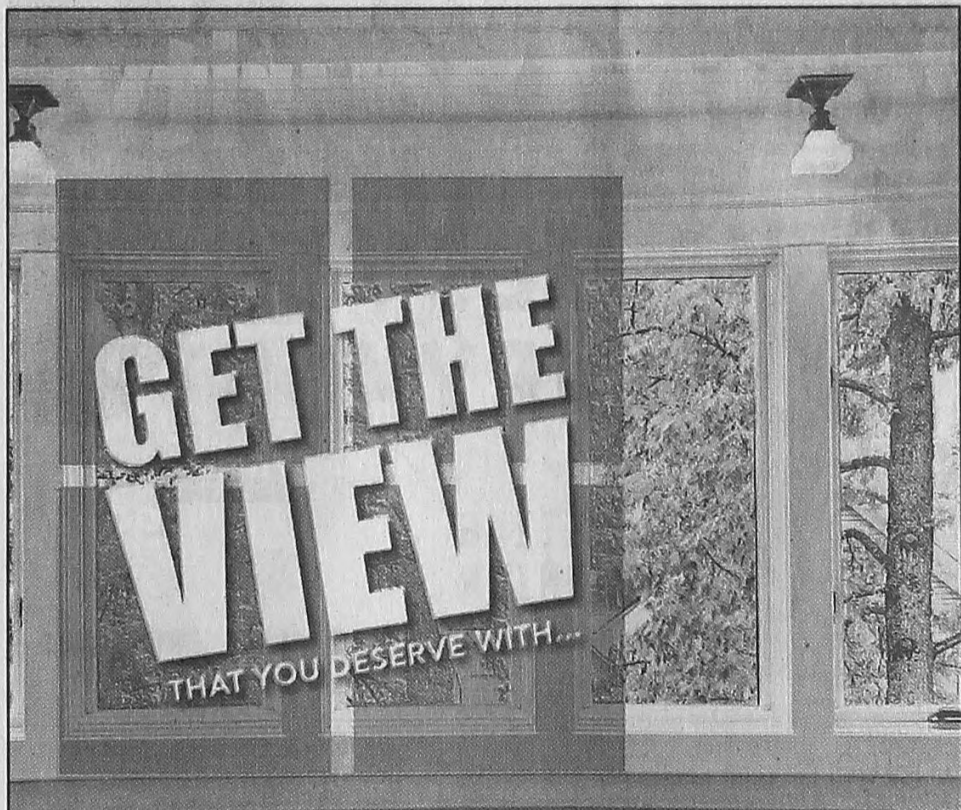
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## COLLEGE RECRUITING

## GC's Castonguay is ready to serve at Air Force

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Eian Castonguay is quick with a quip and even quicker to raise his hand when those who depend on him need his help.

The 17-year-old Castonguay, a senior at Garden City High School, always is there for his football team and he'll be there for his country — he recently signed a national letter of intent to play defensive back for the U.S. Air Force Academy.

"Obviously, it's amazing. I never thought I would get this far in sports," Castonguay said about signing with the Air Force Academy, located in Colorado Springs, Colo. "But it's definitely a true blessing and an experience I'm looking forward to. A huge stepping stone I'm going to use towards my life."

He said he had some interest from Michigan schools such as Wayne State University and Central Michigan University, but "since the Division I offer came along and it was a full-ride scholarship, it was hands-down (that he would go to the Air Force Academy). It's huge. It's almost like Harvard or U-M."

"I spend five years at the college itself, going to school, and then right after I do serve for a minimum of five."

## A real 'D-I kid'

Castonguay is thought to be the first Cougar football player to receive a full-ride scholarship from an NCAA Division I university, Garden City head football coach Jim Baker said. He added that the previous "D-I type kid" was Mike Sparks in the 1999-2000 school year.

"We've been fortunate the last couple years, we've had some great kids, a lot of Division II-type kids, Division III-type kids, NAIA-type kids," Baker said. "But this is our first real Division I kid. It's fun to have been coaching him."

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Garden City also had a second foot-



Garden City senior Eian Castonguay (center) is all smiles after signing with the U.S. Air Force Academy. He is flanked by Garden City athletic director Garrett Simpson (left) and football coach Jim Baker. SUBMITTED



Eian Castonguay (left), shown breaking a long run for Garden City, recently signed to play D-I football at the U.S. Air Force Academy. FILE PHOTO

ball player sign with a university. Cam Walter will play tight end at Lawrence Technological University.

"(Walter) has the ability to do some things," Baker said. "He has great hands, athletic ability, he can get open and do some things in the open field. He's just a smart kid. He knows how to play the game."

Baker said Castonguay's character as a young man is just as important — if not more — than his ability to close in fast on opposing receivers in the backfield. Castonguay also is an all-state sprinter for Garden City's varsity boys

track and field team.

"They're all just in love with him," Baker said. "He's a real humble kid; he's got a lot of athletic ability. He's a three-sport star here at Garden City. He's confident, but he's humble and I think they fell in love with those qualities about him."

"He looks out for his teammates. He's always asking about other people. He's not very selfish and I think that's what they really like about him."

Castonguay, a four-year varsity football player at Garden City, helped fill an injury crisis by changing positions dur-

ing the 2016 season.

"We had a lot of injuries and we had to move him to middle linebacker," Baker said. "The type of kid he is, he didn't complain or anything. He just came down and played, even though that's not his natural position."

"It was one of those situations where we needed someone to fill it and I raised my hand," Castonguay said. "I was willing to do it. That's trench work, I had the big body, but I've always had the competitive nature and do what I had to do. It worked out for that time."

## Primed for success

That kind of selflessness and team-first attitude bode well for a successful career at the Air Force Academy.

"The Air Force Academy is kind of like a Harvard or Yale on steroids," Baker said. "So they look for smart kids, but they look for leaders, future leaders, and qualities in people that are different from other athletes."

Castonguay's fun-loving personality also is a winning characteristic for any football player and he'll bring plenty of that with him from Garden City to Colorado.

"I'm kind of a comedic guy," he said. "Always a smile on my face, never letting anything bother me."

That doesn't mean he doesn't have a serious side. Castonguay carries a 4.1 grade-point average and is taking an Advanced Placement course in English.

He also understands that a lot of people back in the small Wayne County city will be pulling for him to excel on and off the gridiron at the Air Force Academy.

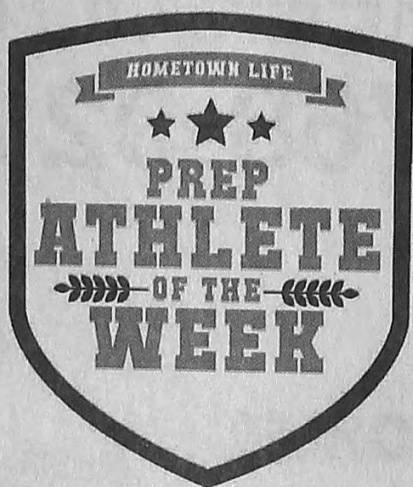
"It's definitely daunting; it's on my shoulders," Castonguay said. "There was one time where I was worried I wasn't going to get offered at all. It just proves the fact, if you have the skill you will be found, even in small 2-by-3 (mile) Garden City."

"It just proves the fact, if you work hard enough you will definitely find your dreams."

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS MARIAN MUSTANGS

Olivia Weymouth won a two-way race for Athlete of the Week honors.

The Bloomfield Hills Marian junior finished with 10,363 votes (44.7 percent of total votes cast) to edge out Livonia Franklin's junior wrestler Russell Rusnell who compiled 9,868 votes (42.6 percent). The next closest Athlete of the Week nominee was White Lake Lakeland junior skier James Wenzloff who managed 2,646 votes (11.4 percent).

"I heard about (the Athlete of the Week nomination) through Twitter. I was tagged in a Twitter and I then sent it to Facebook so my family could vote for me," said Weymouth. "I thought it was an awesome opportunity to win Athlete of the Week. I thought it was pretty cool because it just shows the dedication I've put into the sport."

**WHAT SHE DID:** Weymouth captured the giant slalom and placed second in the slalom at the recent Alpine Division championships. The 17-year-old Oakland Township resident was the lone Marian skier to qualify for the annual SEMSL championships on Feb. 20.

Weymouth, in her third year of varsity, is back to form after recovering from a

knee injury.

"In the beginning of the year I didn't race in any high school meets because I had the knee injury," Weymouth said. "I was out because my fibula, tibia and knee were out of alignment with each other and I was trying to get those worked back together."

"My doctor let me back to race and my team let me back," she said. "I started racing again I think three weeks ago. Things are going pretty well for me."

**THE COACH'S PERSPECTIVE:** Marian's veteran head coach Robert Rhoades is not surprised at Weymouth's success. He said she is not only a team leader, but also one of its hardest workers.

"She is so smooth and compact and just explosive. Putting in that much effort and intense training does pay off," said Rhoades. "The more you work out, the more

you train the better you get and I think Olivia is proof of that because she puts out 100 percent every time she goes out there."

"She's been a great leader, a mentor for my younger girls. I have a really young Marian team with freshmen and sophomores," he said. "She is definitely a good role model for them. She can show them the right line down the course, literally."

**PLANS FOR THE REST OF SEASON:** Weymouth qualified for the Division 1 state meet as an individual this past week with an impressive regional showing. She was the top skier overall, beating the field of more than 130 races — boys and girls included — to win both the slalom and giant slalom races for the second straight season.

The CUSSA and FIS experienced skier is hoping to do well at the state championship meet scheduled for Feb. 26 at Boyne Mountain.

"I'm hoping for the overall in at least one of the events at state, if not two," Weymouth said. "I know I'm going to have some pretty solid competition from Marquette and from different individuals who were in this race today and some other individuals."



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PREP GYMNASTICS

# Farmington sweeps two events to get by Birmingham

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The Birmingham Unified gymnastics team found itself matched up Feb. 8 against perennial state power Farmington Unified.

Visiting Farmington remained undefeated in dual meets by beating Birmingham in three of the four disciplines en route to a 140.25-133.05 triumph. Farmington is now 6-0 on the season, while Birmingham fell to 8-4.

Birmingham head coach Rebecca Bajorek knew Farmington would provide a good measuring stick for her team. The second-year mentor liked what she saw as Birmingham rose to the occasion with its best score of the season.

"We were kind of stuck around 130. This was our highest score and we didn't even have our full strength lineup in tonight," said Bajorek, whose team is coping with a few injuries. "I learned that our girls kind of step up a little more when we go against the more experienced teams.

"They were looking forward to this meet, because they knew they were going to see some other good gymnasts," she added. "I was happy with the outcome tonight."

Longtime Farmington head coach Jeff Dwyer also liked the way his squad performed. He said the team met its goal of landing a few more state qualifying scores for the upcoming regional.

"We are at that point of the season where we are done with our big invites and now the focus is getting everyone qualified for the regionals," said Dwyer, whose team pulled off big emotional wins at the recent Jeanne Caruss and Canton invitational tournaments. "I like what we did tonight in the respect that, sometimes you come off those big invites and it's hard to go back to dual meets.

"We had a pretty good score tonight and the kids seemed pretty energetic,"

he added. "Some of the girls are rested and they didn't throw all their tricks, but again, the focus was on getting girls qualified for states. We have three more duals left and we need to get more girls qualified, because we're going to have a very tough regional."

### Bars and beam sweep

Farmington swept the top three spots in the uneven bars and balance beam to easily win those events. It also took two of the top three spots in winning floor exercise.

Kacey Noseworthy (8.7), Emily Stecevic (8.35) and freshman Ally Schultz (8.3) were the top performers on bars. On the balance beam, Farmington's three placers were Ava Farquhar (9.2), Noseworthy (8.95) and Stecevic (8.95).

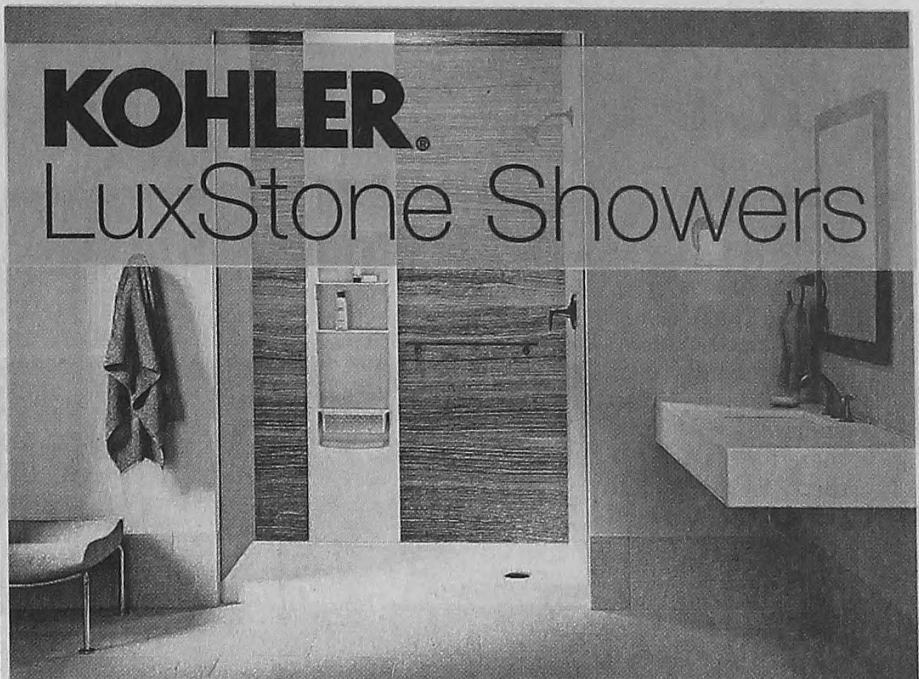
In floor exercise, Noseworthy collected her second win of the night by scoring 9.45. Stecevic was second at 9.375.

Birmingham's vaulters had a strong evening. Senior Emily Rooney took first with a score of 8.75, while junior Jenna Whitelaw (8.7) and senior Payton Moloney (8.65) were right behind. Farmington's Abby Coleman registered 8.65 to tie for third.

Moloney, who attends Groves, had a season-best score on floor exercise, placing third with 9.1 to prevent a Farmington sweep in that event.

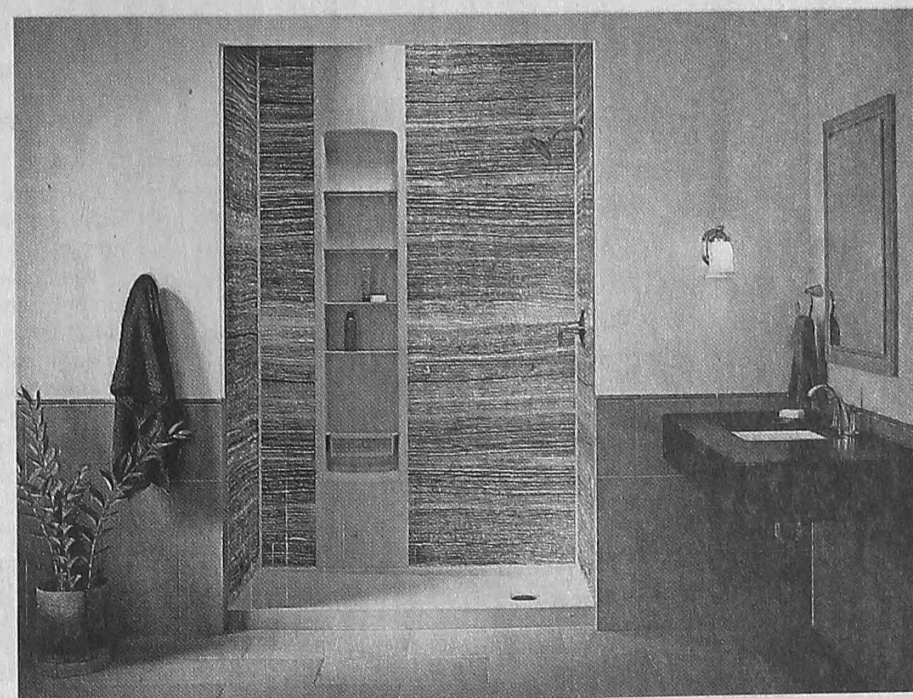
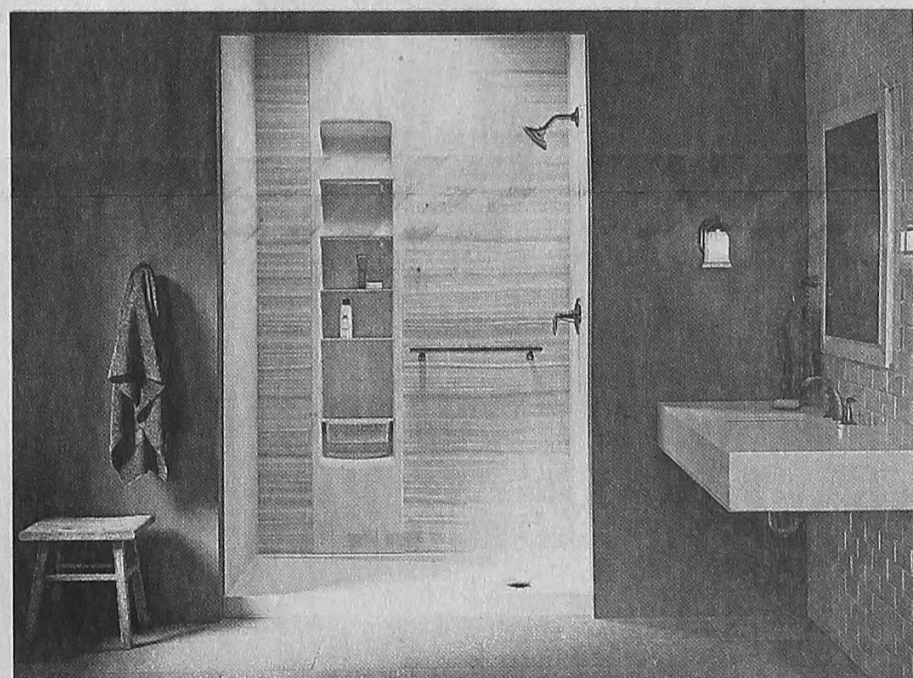
"Payton Moloney was one who was injured at the beginning of the season," said Bajorek, a Royal Oak Shrine graduate and former Birmingham assistant who took over the program last year. "The judges love watching her on floor, because she's very energetic and she was very excited because she is a senior and this was her last home meet of the season. And I thought our sophomore Amelia Givens probably had one of her better meets tonight."


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## Make winning small talk in a job interview

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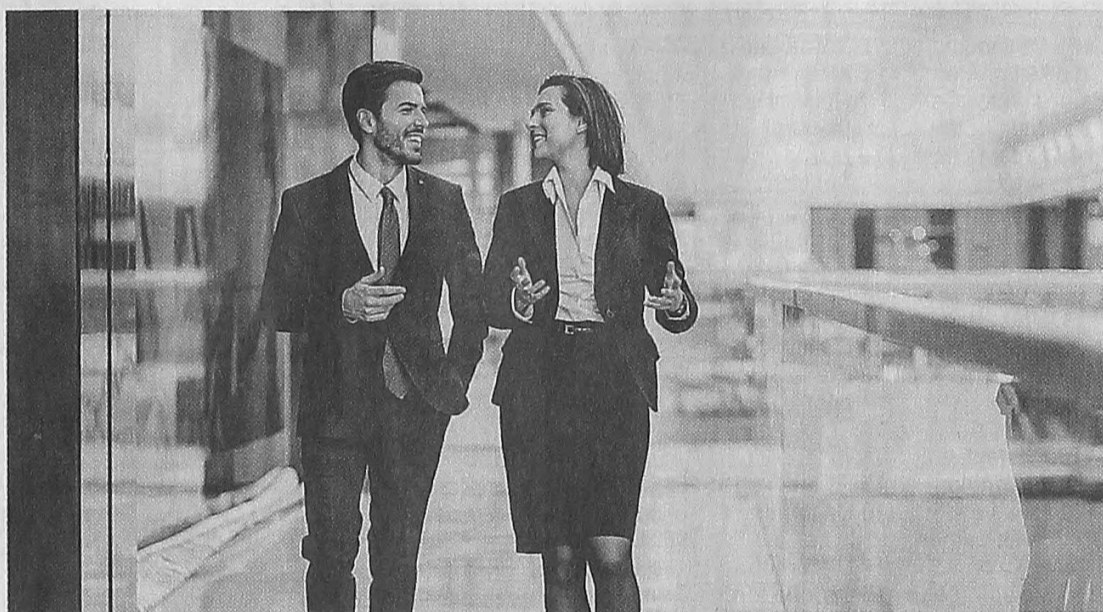
While there are a number of key factors to focus on as you prepare for an interview, from a well-polished resume to an impeccable outfit and talking points about your past accomplishments and why you're the perfect candidate for the job, one area that often gets overlooked is the value of "small talk."

The truth is, small talk is actually an essential component of the interview process. Often, our very first and last impression, before and after the nuts and bolts of an interview takes place, is made over small talk. Think of the walk from the reception area, the few initial moments of "settling in" to the room where the interview takes place, and the final goodbyes over a firm and confident handshake — these are all opportunities to make a positive and memorable impact.

Let's review some effective strategies for making sure you put your best foot forward when making small talk in a job interview:

### Stay positive.

You may have had a terrible morning on your way to the interview where everything went hilariously wrong —



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your alarm didn't go off, you knocked over a steaming hot cup of coffee, and you nearly burnt a hole in your shirt while ironing it and eating breakfast at the same time. But do you want this to be the first impression your interviewer has of you? Whining about the challenges you overcame to get to the interview on time is not a good idea.

Starting or ending an interview with negative small talk will surely work against you when they're making a hiring decision.

Instead, smile, project confidence and a positive outlook, and try to turn your small talk into an opportunity to be

complimentary. Talk about how nice the office is or the pleasant weather or commute over, drop a comment about a nice plant or piece of artwork that your interviewer has. The goal is to make the interviewer think that you'd be a pleasant person to have around if hired.

### Avoid controversy.

You definitely want to leave the impression that you'll be a great fit within a company's workplace culture. However, if an interview takes the tone of a casual conversation, this doesn't mean that all conversation topics are okay to bring up. Do your best to avoid such hot-button areas as politics

and religion, and try to refrain from getting too personal, which may make an interviewer uncomfortable or think that you have boundary issues.

### Use context clues.

Whenever you're first getting to know someone new, that's typically when you're most open and receptive to context clues about how best to proceed in a conversation. An interview is no different. Look for clues to help build your small-talk game.

Is your interviewer's office filled with dog photos and he or she drops a casual dog reference into the conversation? Try to inject a mention about

your own love of dogs, and if you have a dog yourself, even better!

The best way to bond with someone is to discover the things you have in common.

Context clues can also help you determine what conversation items to avoid. Does the interviewer wince or look uncomfortable when you make mention of something? Pay attention to this, and change the subject, fast.

### Are you ready for small talk?

Whether or not you like small talk, you need to be prepared to handle it when you're going on interviews. You can't rely on your resume to "speak for itself" — remember, most interviewers are looking to get a sense of what sort of person you are and what it would be like to work with you, in addition to gauging your professional abilities. Be sure to treat each interview as an opportunity to get to know someone new and make a positive connection, and you'll be sure to make a great impression!

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- ACROSS**
- 1 — Mart (retail giant)
  - 4 Hushed "Hey!"
  - 8 Part of PETA
  - 15 Some snakes
  - 19 Extra refrigerator convenience
  - 21 Pre-euro Greek coin
  - 22 Scrutinize, with "over"
  - 23 Extremely bad weather, e.g.
  - 25 Deep purple
  - 26 Skating great Yamaguchi
  - 27 Canton-born architect I.M.
  - 28 Big cracker brand
  - 30 Drink name suffix
  - 31 Offering at a memorial service
  - 37 Org. for Michelle Wie
  - 40 '60s psychedelic
  - 41 Nero's 1,006
  - 42 Apply an oily liquid to
  - 43 Folding art
  - 46 It glances off the bat and counts as a strike
  - 49 A while ago a blaze from spreading
  - 50 Prevention of "Hey!"
  - 53 Madden "Dracula" director Browning
  - 54 "— doin'!" ("Forget it!")
  - 55 Melt
  - 58 Dunne of movies
  - 60 Slow, tempo-wise
  - 64 Not less than
  - 69 To be, at the Louvre
  - 70 Longtime tech ad slogan (and a hint to this puzzle's theme)
  - 73 Essence
  - 74 Actress Dawson
  - 76 Hip-hop record label
  - 77 "— suggest that ...?"
  - 78 About
  - 80 African land
  - 83 Some vinyl records
  - 84 Philately item
  - 88 Clash between social groups
  - 93 Beseech
  - 94 Husky-toned
  - 95 Ominous
  - 96 "All of Me" director Carl
  - 98 Little hotel
  - 99 Notable time stretch
  - 101 One writing briefs: Abbr.
  - 102 Efforts to protect ecosystems, say
  - 108 Simile middle
  - 109 — avis
  - 110 Existential declaration
  - 111 How very close games are won
  - 115 Mixed breed
  - 117 Calamitous effects
  - 122 Love god
  - 123 Deep green
  - 124 Repeal
  - 125 Desiccated
  - 126 Late-night flights
  - 127 Draws on
  - 128 Here-there linkup
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Laundry detergent brand
  - 2 Aspire PC maker
  - 3 — Strauss jeans
  - 4 Trilogy start
  - 5 Yarn bundle
  - 6 Minute div.
  - 7 Recurring themes
  - 8 Murphy of "48 Hrs."
  - 9 Prefix with glyceride
  - 10 Toque, e.g.
  - 11 Here, in Arles
  - 12 C minor, say
  - 13 Prenatal test, briefly
  - 14 Track racer's windup
  - 15 iPhone extra
  - 16 Comforting in sorrow
  - 17 Discretion
  - 18 College term
  - 20 Text or email
  - 24 Dweeby sort
  - 29 Buddhism school
  - 32 Film director Eastwood
  - 33 "Hurry up!"
  - 34 Half of a zygote
  - 35 Cairo's river
  - 36 When morning ends
  - 37 More exalted
  - 38 In advance of
  - 39 Bridge parts
  - 44 Skin ailment
  - 45 Dairy sound
  - 46 Conclusion
  - 47 Blowup stuff
  - 48 "— to Be You"
  - 51 "Imagine —!"
  - 52 Helped
  - 53 Saddlery tool
  - 57 Supped
  - 59 School lobby gp.
  - 61 Many a PC image file
  - 62 Bite, break or bruise
  - 63 "August: — County"
  - 65 Mileage rating gp.
  - 66 Send in via helicopter, maybe
  - 67 Diamond-shaping method
  - 68 Abounding in prickly plants
  - 70 Grafton's "— for Innocent"
  - 71 Saw edge
  - 72 Apple desktop
  - 75 Hip-hop music
  - 77 Stupid
  - 79 "— Day Will Come"
  - 81 Jack Sprat's dietary rule
  - 82 Genetic cell stuff
  - 84 Family appellations
  - 85 Value highly
  - 86 Rabble-rouser
  - 87 Diner list
  - 89 Beef cut
  - 90 Sunbathes
  - 91 — Reader
  - 92 Tilting
  - 94 One walking
  - 97 Flub up
  - 99 Gabor and Mendes
  - 100 French composer Jean-Philippe —
  - 103 Felon's deed
  - 104 Competed in a regatta
  - 105 Fruit coats
  - 106 "— hope so!"
  - 107 Butter substitutes
  - 112 Thom — star Jared
  - 114 River of Flanders
  - 116 Mao — -tung
  - 118 In advance of
  - 119 Low coral reef
  - 120 Bullring shout
  - 121 Victims of NFL sacks

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-128 indicating starting positions for the clues.

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## Car Report

### FORD DEBUTS ALL-NEW ECOSPORT, WORTHY NEW EXPEDITION SUVs WITH BIG MARKETING CAMPAIGNS TIED TO WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES



By Dale Buss

Ford has been caught a little light lately on appealing and up-to-date SUVs and CUVs, but one all-new and one hugely overhauled new model in those segments should

go a long way toward getting the brand its fair share of those booming categories.

And Ford's marketing brain trust wants to make the most of the launch of an all-new generation of the hulking Ford Expedition as well as a brand-new nameplate in the EcoSport subcompact CUV.

Ford's SUV sales have risen by 28 percent over the last six years, but the brand has needed some new sheet metal to optimize the watershed shift that's been taking place in the US market toward SUVs, CUVs and trucks and away from the traditional sedans where Ford has done well over the last decade.

"Right now our momentum is strong and we're adding these to increase that momentum in parts of the industry that have been underserved by competition or are just growing so fast," Lew Echlin, Ford's marketing-communications manager, told me.

Specifically, Ford is bringing out its three-row Expedition at a time when the oldest millennials have begun buying big utility vehicles in droves, for their growing families. Everyone



Ford hopes to win in a new segment with its first-ever EcoSport.

from Volkswagen to Subaru has been leaping into the large-SUV segment, but the largest entries in the category have continued to be dominated by General Motors, with its Chevrolet Suburban and Tahoe, and GMC Yukon. Ford means to make its long-existing Expedition a relevant player in that category again.

The campaign for Expedition, titled "We The People," involves a message of unifying Americans and also showing off the capabilities of the massive and accommodating new vehicle.

At the same time, EcoSport, a new small SUV based on the same mechanical platform as some of Ford's small cars, is meant to snap up the many Americans who are turning toward that segment and away from the small sedans where Ford has had such a strong presence over the last decade. Ford is targeting downsizing baby boomers as a key market for the

new EcoSport.

Ford is using a "First-Evers" theme with EcoSport, telling the stories of real people who get to experience something for the first time with EcoSport's assistance, and an accompanying social-media campaign built around Americans' "first-ever" desires. One of the ads, for instance, involves a mother and a daughter who go on a "night ski" run.

As usual, Ford sat out Super Bowl TV advertising this year. But it's gearing up its new campaigns for Expedition and EcoSport to use the Winter Olympics from South Korea as a springboard. I talked with Echlin about this exciting season for Ford marketing:

**Do you agree with critics that Ford needs some good new SUVs?**

Obviously we're coming off of one of our biggest years in SUVs. We had an all-time record set [last year] for Escape, an all-time record set for Edge, and Explorer saw its

best sales performance since 2005. We've been talking with dealers and other stakeholders and looking at EcoSport and Expedition to be largely incremental business for us. Expedition has been completely redesigned and redone and EcoSport being the first one there.

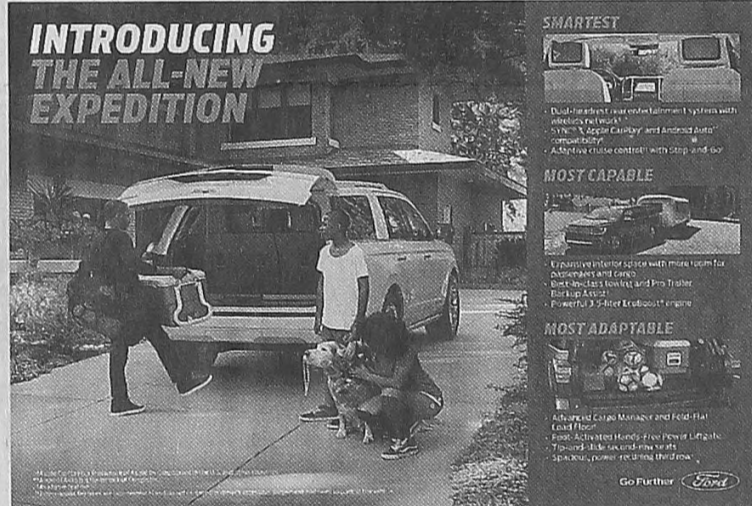
**It's interesting that you see volume for the new Expedition being incremental. Why would that be? That nameplate has been around a long time.**

We do believe there will be a large degree of incrementality. Eighty percent of the segment is made up of products from [GM] and that's the non-luxury segment. We think these customers are largely underserved. They have third-row seats you can't sit in perfectly; we have third-row seats you can cross your legs in. We have technologies in [the new Expedition] product that are light years in front of the competition and light years in front of where the past

Expedition has been. We look at this as unlocking a lot of pent-up demand for choice in the marketplace.

**And EcoSport: It's interesting that you're aiming this specifically at aging boomers.**

The product is clear, and we're not being shy about it, that this is really an upgrade for people. As they're downsizing they're actually upgrading. If you're in a five-year-old Focus or Civic this product will be a substantial upgrade, not just because of real SUV capability but because of the stuff in it. In the EcoSport SE package it has, moon roof to swing gate, a tremendous amount of content. We're looking at the segment as an opportunity for people buying a new vehicle for the first time or empty nesters who have time on their hands. They have a huge opportunity for an upgrade and to treat themselves to something rather than just saying they're downsizing.



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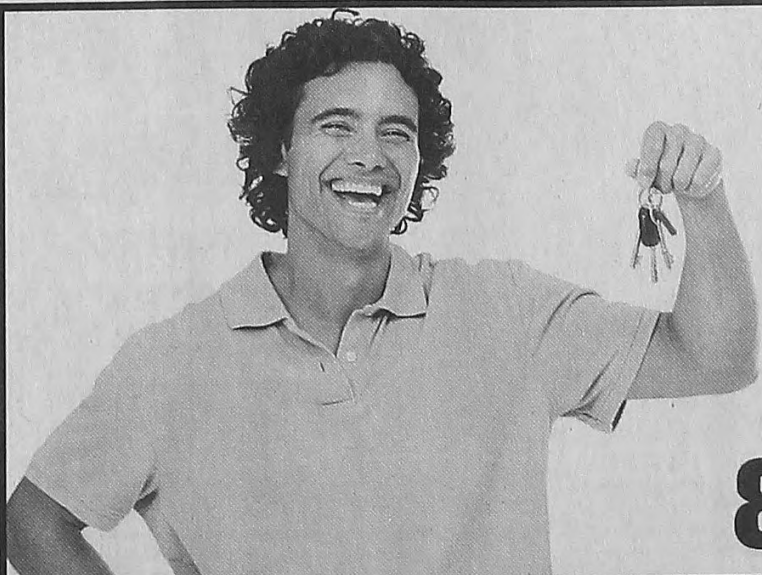
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