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## Canton grad making mark in Hollywood

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Ryan Schwinke lives 10 minutes from the Hollywood Walk of Fame, a short drive from the southern California coast and 2,200 miles from Plymouth's Isbister Elementary School, where his fast-rising cinematic career got off to a promising start.

"I had to do a film project in fourth grade comparing the state of Nevada with Michigan," Schwinke said last week while discussing his introduction to film making.

"I was pretending to be a TV news re-

porter and, when the camera was on, I'd say, 'Hi, I'm Ryan and I'm in Nevada' or 'Hi, I'm Ryan and I'm in Michigan.' Then I'd say something about each state."

Anyone who has seen YouTube videos of Schwinke's work won't be surprised to learn that the then-9-year-old earned an 'A' for the project.

And the high marks have cascaded onto his resume ever since.

### A creative mind

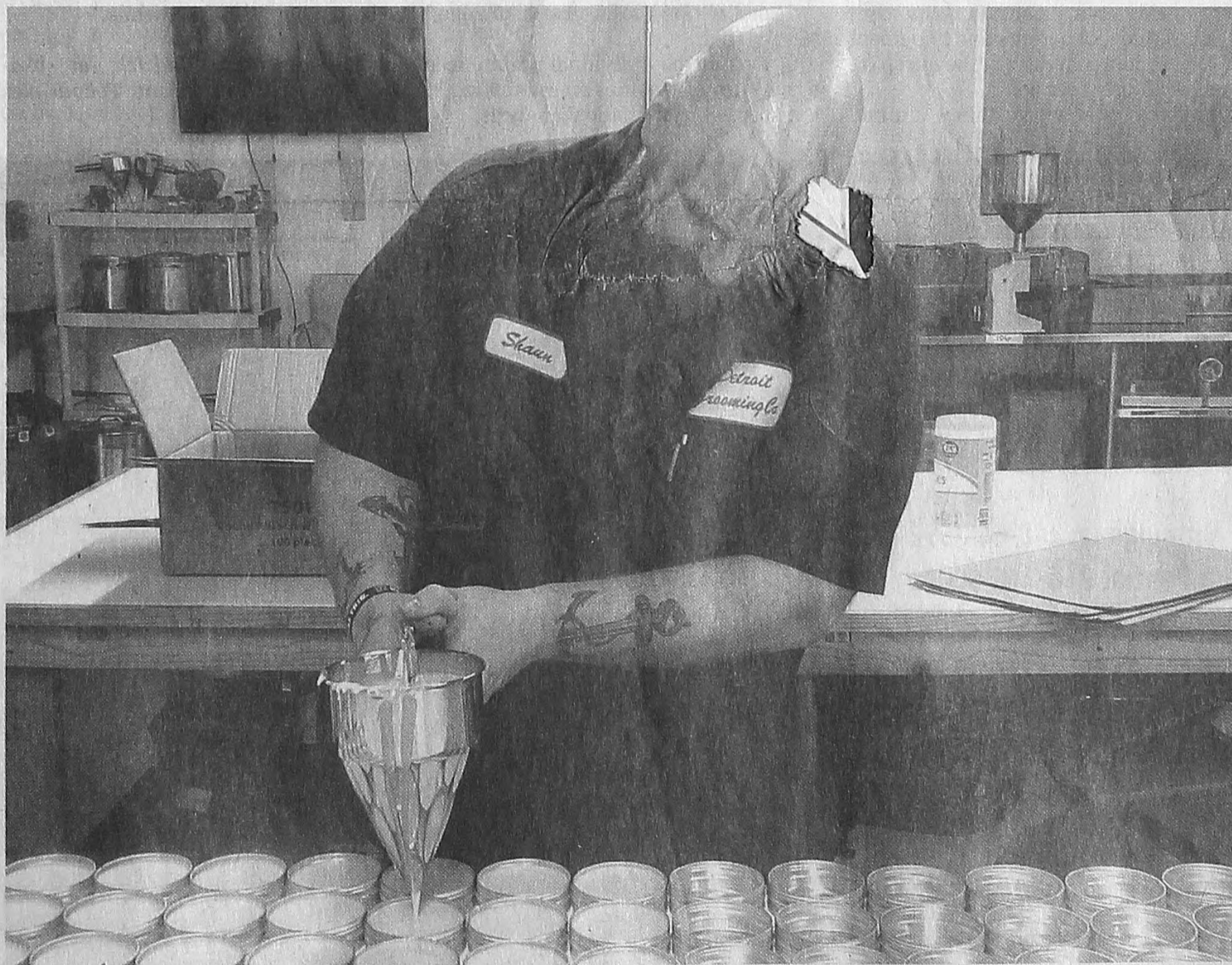
A 2012 graduate of Canton High School, Schwinke now resides in Studio

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Ryan Schwinke served as a videographer for Michigan State's football program for three years.

## Hairy situation



Shaun Walford fills product jars by hand at Detroit Grooming Co. SHARON DARGAY

## Rise, fall and rebirth of Detroit Grooming Co. a comeback story

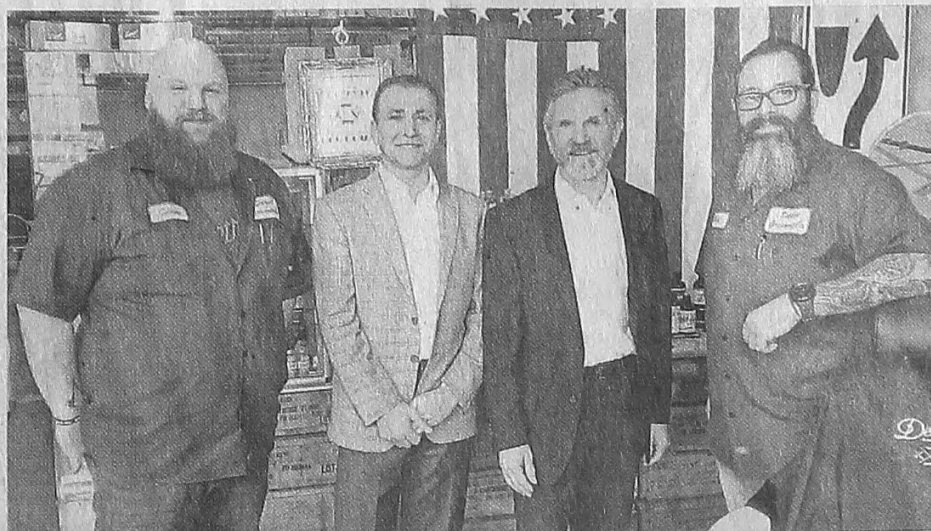
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Detroit Grooming Co. is a story of success and setbacks, gain and loss, revival and rescue — and a whole bunch of good-looking beards.

The Ferndale-based company sells 120 men's grooming products that are made by hand and contain natural ingredients. It's best known for its beard oils and butters.

Mike Haddad of South Lyon and Shaun Waldron of Westland launched the business in 2013, grew and diversified their product line and were taking in \$1 million in revenue by 2016. A year

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Shaun Walford, Victor Simon, Stephen Henes and Mike Haddad are partners in Detroit Grooming Co. SHARON DARGAY

## Survey shows support for school start-time change

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If the initial results of a Plymouth-Canton Community Schools survey of district stakeholders regarding a shift in school start times is any indication, there is support for a change of some kind.

What kind of change — if any — is made is still anybody's guess as the district continues its month-long search for input. If any change is made, district officials pointed out, it would be for the 2019-20 school year.

The P-CCS School Start Time Survey, conducted in partnership with K-12 Insight from Nov. 15 through Dec. 1, produced eight models for possible start times.

The district's school start time committee — made up of parents, district officials and building administrators — spent a lot of time looking at the results of the study before initially bringing forward two new models and a third model that would leave everything the same.

"There were a lot of conversations about different models," said Nick Brandon, the district's director of communications and marketing. "The committee ended up looking at two models there were deemed the most plausible and cost-neutral."

More than 8,000 people took part in the survey, either taking advantage of links provided by K-12 Insight or using the public link on the district's website. Participants in the survey included:

- 4,443 parents/community members, 94 percent of whom identified as parents of current students
- 831 staff members
- 3,391 students (the survey was open to students grades 6-12)

"We didn't have to work terribly hard to get participation," Brandon said. "We had incredible response, which lends credibility to the survey."

The three models most prominent in the survey:

- Model A — Moves everything forward 30 minutes. High school would

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# P-CEP Winter Guard earns second in world

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Winter Guard placed second April 14 in the Scholastic Open division at the WGI Color Guard World Championships in Dayton, Ohio. The team, composed of 24 P-CEP students, presented three performances of its program, *The Artist is Present*.

In the preliminary round, the team had a first-place finish in its block with a score of 91. In the semifinal round, the team received a score of 92.7, qualifying it for the final round. P-CEP competed against the top 15 Scholastic Open teams in the world in the final round and received a score of 95.45 – just a couple of points behind the first-place team, Park Vista High School from Lake Worth, Fla.

"I'm very proud of the group this year," coach Lucas Schmidt said. "All of the girls have worked really hard to tackle all the extremely difficult things we



The P-CEP Winter Guard placed second at the WGI Color Guard World Championships. JULIE ALDLHOCH

The Plymouth-Canton Winter Guard team members include Lindsey Adl-hoch, Sophia Aneshansel, Alyssa Aznavorian, Tatiana Battagin, Melanie Boudreau, Bella Buchart, Enya Chen, Grace Chinitwintz, Catherine Christenson, Alexandra Clemens, Hailey Deptula, Rori Kennedy, Avery, Matthews, Allison Mattson, Amanda Mykrantz, Praina Pannu, Sami Parker, Hannah Passerman, Kaleigh Pyko, Elise Reed, Madison Rosol, Kiana VanNest, Elizabeth Varton and Allie Walter.

The coaching staff includes Schmidt, Seth Williams, Anna Berry and Katie Hopkins.

In addition to its showing at the world competition, the P-CEP Winter Guard was ranked first in the state in the Scholastic Open division April 7 at the Michigan Color Guard Circuit Championships.

have thrown at them all season long. They've had great success and continue to inspire those around them, including me."

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## Survey

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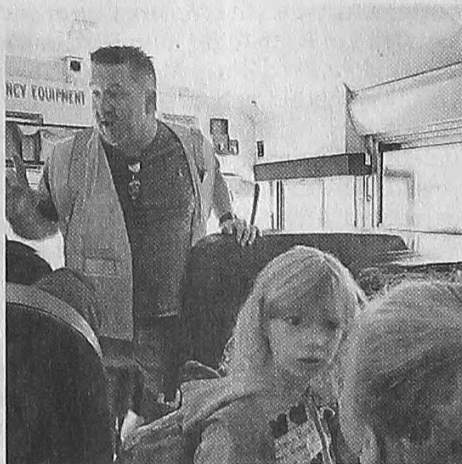
start at 7:40 a.m. and end at 2:42 p.m.; middle school would start at 8:35 a.m. and end at 3:32 p.m.; and elementary school would start at 9:20 a.m. and end at 4:28 p.m.

■ **Model B** – Shifts start times dramatically. Under this model, elementary school would start at 8 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.; high school would start at 8:45 a.m. and end at 3:45 p.m.; and middle school would start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m.

■ **Model C** – Leaves everything as it is now. High school starts at 7:10 a.m. and ends at 2:12 p.m.; middle school starts at 8:05 a.m. and ends at 3:02 p.m.; and elementary school starts at 8:50 a.m. and ends at 3:58 p.m.

Superintendent Monica Merritt pointed out that one of the major decisions will be the expense, particularly for transportation. In the survey, 53 percent of elementary parents, 30 percent of middle school parents and 19 percent of high school parents say they drop off their children at school.

Shifting the start times around



Buying new buses and finding more drivers could be a \$6 million-per-year challenge if P-CCS officials decide to change school start times. BRAD KADRICH

would likely produce more students riding the bus and necessitate the purchase of more buses. Merritt said that cost could be as much as \$6 million per year.

"Cost will be the biggest challenge," Merritt said.

A look at the individual preferences by sub-group provides an interesting, if not surprising, statistical analysis:

■ Current and future parents are nearly evenly split between moving up everything 30 minutes and leaving it the same. Some 57 percent prefer moving up start times 30 minutes, while 54 percent prefer leaving it the same.

■ Not surprisingly, 67 percent of students showed support for the 30-minute-later start time for school.

■ Also not surprisingly, 67 percent of staffers support leaving things the way they are.

That could turn out to be an important number, because negotiations of teacher contracts will be a key factor in whether anything changes. The survey is ongoing and other models will be discussed in the future.

While they're deliberating, Board of Education Vice President Kim Crouch said the district should consider the reasons for potentially making a change, then worry about how to get it done.

"We need to focus on the way and then we figure out the how," Crouch said. "We need to get to a decision on this one way or the other. We've been talking about this for a while."

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# Hollywood

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City, Calif., a suburb of Los Angeles, where he works for mOcean, an entertainment marketing company that produces, among other things, trailers for major motion pictures and print and video promotion material for television shows.

No two days are alike for the personable assistant editor — and that's just the way he likes it.

"I do a lot of technical stuff to make the trailers and other projects as dynamic as possible," he said. "A lot of times, what we do is vital to a film's success, because if people don't like the trailer, they may not go see the movie."

"It can get a little stressful at times, because we're dealing with deadlines. But whenever I start getting stressed out, I remind myself I'm not a doctor and people's lives aren't on the line."

Among Schwinke's many supporters back home in Michigan is Janet Sutherland, a P-CCS visual arts instructor who Schwinke tabbed as one of his biggest influences in high school.

"I'm not surprised at all by his success," said Sutherland, who had Schwinke in classes beginning his sophomore year. "Ryan knew from the time he was in 10th grade what he wanted to do and he was very focused to reach his goals."

"I think two of the things that make Ryan so successful are that he gets along with everybody and he has a great sense of humor. He's truly a student of his craft."

## Spartan for life

After graduating from Canton, where he lit up social media platforms with his well-crafted sports videos, Schwinke took his production talents to Michigan State University (right down the road from his parents' alma mater, the University of Michigan), where he was hired to work as a student video intern for the Spartans football program.

"I would do everything from help produce two-minute highlight videos for the upcoming game to film practices for the coaching staff," he said.

Among Schwinke's claims to fame: His footage was used in Fox Sports Detroit's "Spartan Football All Access" TV series.

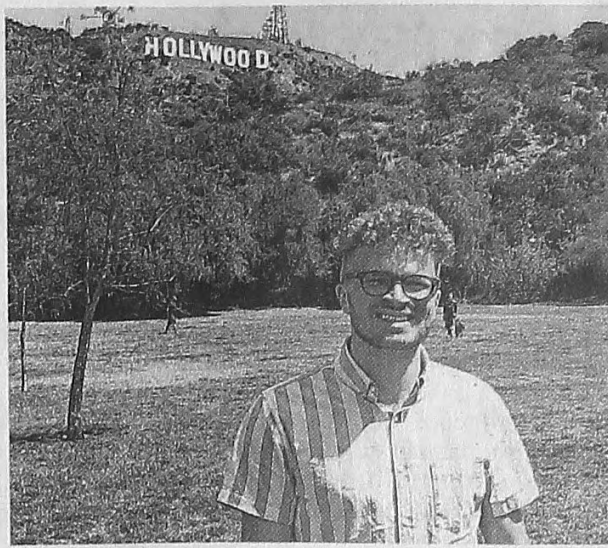
## Gridiron glory

During Schwinke's three years with the MSU video crew, the team won a Rose Bowl, a Cotton Bowl and a Big Ten championship.

More than a coincidence?

"No, definitely coincidence," he said with a chuckle. "I wish I could take credit for all that success, but I had nothing to do with it. It was definitely fun, though."

For his efforts, he was presented with a Big Ten championship ring — and some everlasting memories on the sidelines of Spartan Stadium.



Plymouth native Ryan Schwinke has made it to Hollywood at the age of 25.

Even though his work and talent were exemplary at MSU (he graduated in four years with a bachelor's degree in media and information), Schwinke — like all aspiring college students seeking a job in a super-competitive field — needed a break to end up in Hollywood.

Cue Craig Murray, the CEO at mOcean and a graduate of Michigan State University.

"Mr. Murray worked with the football team at Michigan State when he went there, so I had some built-in connections (to mOcean)," Schwinke said.

"It was kind of crazy how fast everything happened. I was on the stage graduating from Michigan State on May 5 and, on June 1, I was moving to Los Angeles."

Schwinke's job as an assistant editor at mOcean demands a ton of technical skills, an ocean of creative thinking and a keen eye for what millennials like himself will find appealing.

"For example, we'll watch an entire movie, then decide on the scenes in the film that would make a great trailer," he said. "I love what I'm doing. I'm more of a two-minute trailer-type guy than a full feature film guy."

Although Schwinke works in Hollywood, he hasn't gone Hollywood.

"My friends back home ask me what (landmarks) I live by and if I see a lot of movie stars, things like that," he said with a smile. "I tell them I live 10 minutes from the Hollywood Walk of Fame and 17 miles from the beach, but everything is so spread out here."

"And, honestly, I haven't really seen any stars walking around. I usually don't hang out in the same places they do."

The way Schwinke's career is ascending, that could change very soon.

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Author Louise Borden, an award-winning children's book author, heard about the Reys' escape from the Nazi invasion. Over the course of several years, Borden spoke, wrote and emailed with people in England, France, Germany and Portugal who had known Margret

and H.A. Rey. Borden traveled to many small towns and cities based upon the addresses found in letters and work diaries the Reys' wrote in 1936-40 when they lived in Paris.

Borden's research and book about Margret and H.A. Rey's amazing story inspired the exhibit, "The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey" based upon Borden's book "The Journey that Saved Curious George." The exhibit features photographs of the Reys, illustrations by Allan Drummond and several keepsakes, including H.A.'s copious notes in his pocket diary detailing their five-month wartime escape from Paris to New York. The exhibit is recommended for ages 12 and older.

The exhibit is open Sunday through Friday and is free with museum admission or membership. Hours are 9:30

a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday and 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday. The center is wheelchair accessible with free parking. For more information, go to [www.holocaustcenter.org](http://www.holocaustcenter.org) or call 248-553-2400.

Holocaust Memorial Center annual membership begins at \$50 as a general member, which includes free admission for one year, member-only events and exhibit previews, advance notice of special events and exhibits, use of the Library Archive and reciprocal admission at other Holocaust museums. Those wishing to further support the Holocaust Memorial Center can become a sustaining member, which begins at the supporter level for \$100 annually and includes two museum passes for friends.

## EMU closing Livonia campus

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It seems a longtime satellite campus of Eastern Michigan University will fly out of Livonia later this summer.

The Ypsilanti-based university said it would not renew its lease for its satellite campus, located at 38777 Six Mile, near Interstate 275.

Geoff Larcom, an EMU spokesman, said the university would not renew its lease, which expires June 30.

EMU continues to operate off-campus locations in Detroit and at Henry Ford College in Dearborn.

The university is transitioning more of its programs as more students seek hybrid or fully online degree programs.

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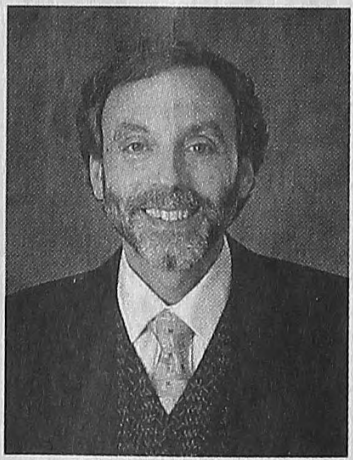
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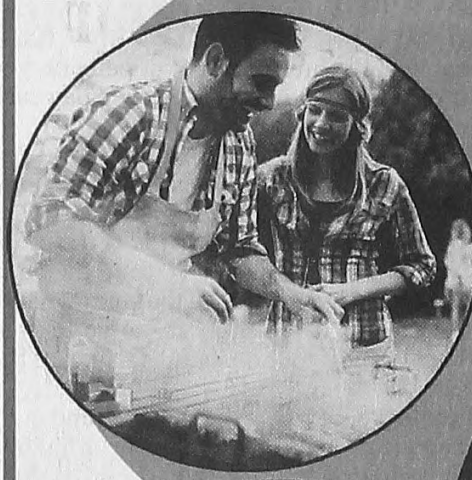
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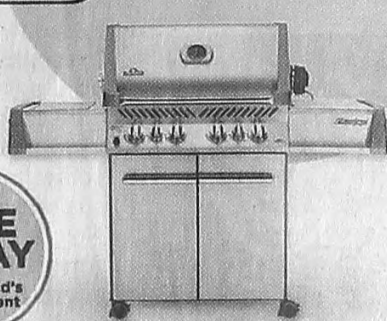
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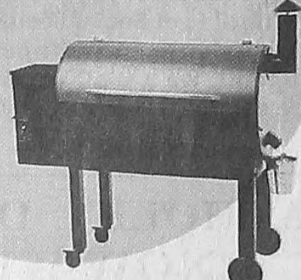


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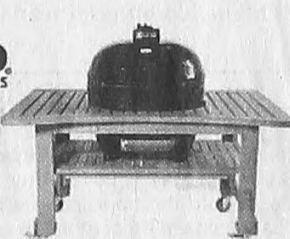
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**Money Matters**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

**Q:** I have a mortgage issue that I hope you can help me with. I am in my late 50s and I just got married again to a man a few years older than me. We have decided to buy a new home. We currently live in my house, which is free and clear and worth about \$300,000. We are looking at a condominium that will cost us about \$400,000. We plan to use the equity in my house, but the question is, what we should do for the extra \$100,000? My new husband doesn't have any savings. He has a pension and Social Security, which covers his expenses, but that's about it. My financial situation is that I have about \$200,000 in an IRA and about another \$150,000 outside the IRA in the bank. I'm also still receiving payments from my ex-husband to cover my expenses. I get those payments for about another six years, until I get Social Security. At that time, I will also get a share of my ex's pension so, from a living standpoint, we are all set. My question to you is, where should I get the \$100,000 from, the bank or

my IRA? Also, my new husband thinks the house should be in both our names. Another question is, if I pass away first, does the house go to him or does it go to my children? You should know the older I get, the more conservative of an investor I am.

**A:** In reviewing your situation, I would recommend that you get the extra \$100,000 from the bank as opposed to your IRA. My reasoning is, if you take the \$100,000 from your IRA, that money is taxed to you as ordinary income; you would lose approximately one-third of that money just for taxes. You really would have to pull out more like \$150,000 to net \$100,000. Since the money in the bank is readily available and there are no tax consequences, I think the smart move is to use the money in the bank.

I always tell people you should never let the tax tail wag the dog, but that doesn't mean we forget about taxes. In the situation at hand, it is clear that taxes are a major factor. You're not doing something for tax reasons alone, but making the decision based upon what is financially best for you.

As a side note, I do like the fact you are paying cash for the home. Considering the new tax law, it appears in the future you will be taking the standard deduction vs. itemizing. When you look at what the mortgage is going to cost you, which will be in the 4-percent area,

vs. the return you're getting on your CD after taxes, which is probably in the area of one-half percent, you can see that it makes good financial sense to pay cash for the home.

With regards to your second question, if you put your husband's name on the deed as husband and wife, what that means is if you should predecease your husband, he would then be the sole owner of the property. It also works the other way; if your husband should predecease you, you would be the sole owner of the property. If you want the property to go to your children, it's best to keep your husband's name off the deed.

I see this situation a lot where there is a second marriage and one spouse has resources and the other one does not. I also see many situations where both parties are going into a second marriage with resources, but also have children from previous marriages they want to protect. Before the parties tie the knot, I generally recommend the couple consider a prenuptial agreement. A prenuptial agreement is a way of not only protecting the children, but also can protect the parties in case the marriage does not work. Prenuptial agreements are no longer just for the wealthy, they can be beneficial to just about anyone. In fact, in today's world, considering that people are getting married later and later in life, it's not unusual to use a prenuptial agreement even for first marriages.

I recognize there is sometimes a stigma with prenuptial agreements and it could lead to some strain and discomfort in the relationship. That being said, I also would remind you that we are adults and we have to sometimes discuss some uncomfortable issues — this is one of those times.

Not all prenuptial agreements are adversarial; in the majority of situations, the parties are able to find common ground. If you are about to get married, particularly if it's not your first time, you need to honestly look at your finances and ask yourself what happens if your spouse predeceases you or if the marriage does not work. These are important issues and we owe it to ourselves to handle these issues head on.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

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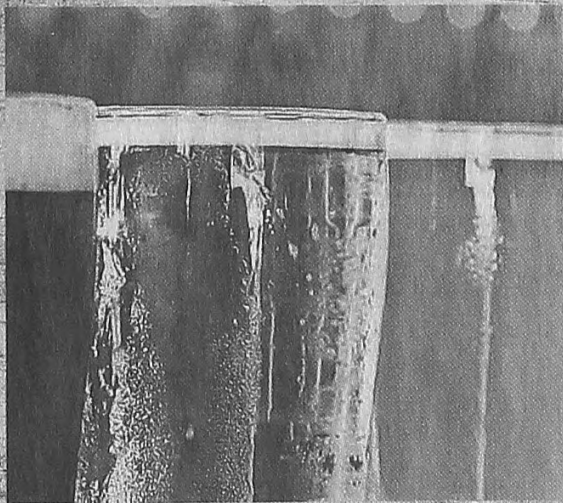
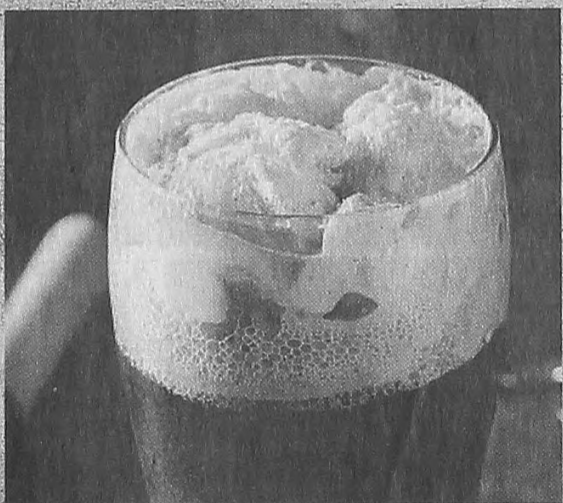
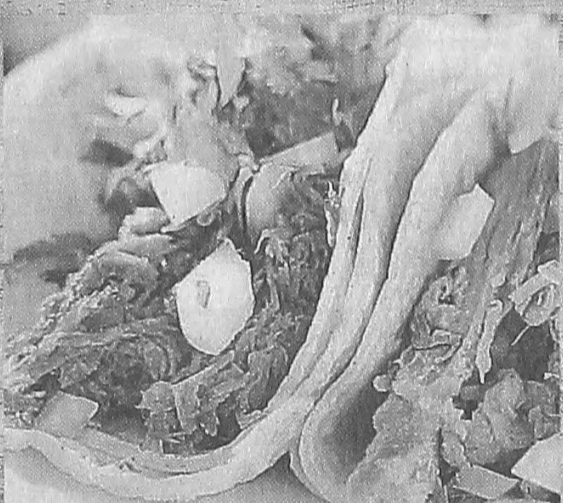
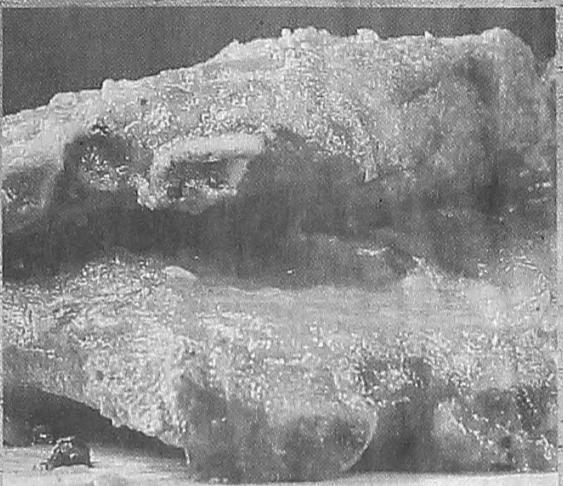
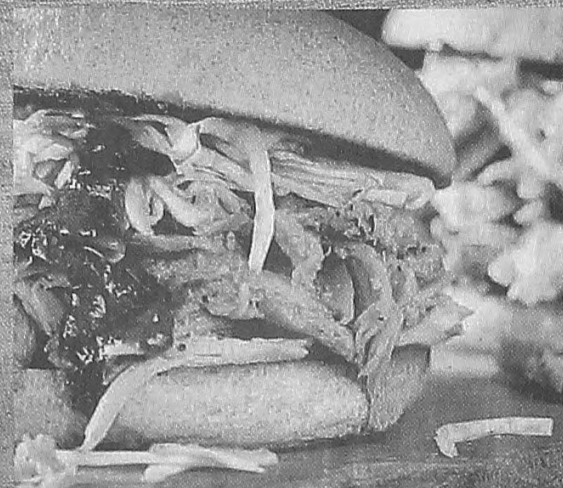
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# A brief look back: Old man winter

**Pamela A. Zinkosky**  
Special to Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Last Sunday's picturesque ice-covered trees and suspended icicles could have been scenes from February instead of April. Like a late April Fools Day prank, winter reared its head with freezing rain, causing not only dicey commutes, but more than 300,000 area power outages.

While the recent ice storm has certainly caused its share of inconveniences, the Detroit area has seen worse. In fact, southeast Michigan's biggest snowstorm on record — more than two feet of snow — occurred just a bit earlier in April than our recent ice storm.

Here's a look at some historical winter storms and their effects on local residents.

■ **April 8, 1979:** Similarly timed to our recent spring ice storm, this one caused 100,000 power outages and seven deaths.

■ **Jan. 26-27, 1978:** Called the Great Blizzard of 1978, this storm dropped 19 inches of snow on the Detroit area and came with very powerful winds. The storm's path was wide, affecting residents throughout the Great Lakes area, Ohio Valley and Canada. In a retrospective report, the National Weather Service noted that Interstate 75 was closed for three days, Interstate 475 near Toledo was closed for six days and the Ohio Turnpike was closed for the first time in its history.

■ **March 1-5, 1976:** This late-winter ice storm lasted several days and caused widespread power outages. A March 8, 1976, Observer article called it "the worst ice storm to hit southeastern Michigan in more than 20 years."

■ **Dec. 1, 1974:** The second biggest Detroit-area snowstorm topped off at 19.2 inches on Thanksgiving weekend 1974. A Dec. 5, 1974, Observer headline read: "20 inches sets record for the 20th century" and called the storm "a vivid reminder of what Michigan winter is all about." Some reports put this storm at 19.3 inches of snow, as another inch or so fell Dec. 2.

■ **April 6, 1886:** March 1886 was going out like a lamb, with 50-degree-plus temperatures and the smell of spring in the air. But just after midnight April 6, the snow started falling, leaving 24.5 inches on the ground by mid-day. "Tuesday, April 6, will ever be remembered as one of the stormiest days ever experienced in Michigan," reported an April 10, 1886, Milford Times article. "The wind blew from the northeast, piling the snow in huge drifts, completely blockading the highways and putting a

complete stop to all travel," the article reported.

■ **1842-43:** Earlier 1800s winters were no picnic. Less precise recordings are available from that time, but sources like Nathan Power's diary indicate that the winter of 1842-43 was particularly brutal, with plenty of snow (Power records many days of good "sleighting" weather) and livestock deaths. Power, a Farmington founding father and school teacher, wrote this about the 1842-43 winter: "This is set down as the coldest and most snowy and longest winter that has been 50 years. The first thawing day was on the 1st day of 4th mo., and there was as much snow on the ground on that day as perhaps had fallen in the 5 proceeding (sic) winters."

Have an idea for a history article? Contact Pamela A. Zinkosky at [pazink@yahoo.com](mailto:pazink@yahoo.com).

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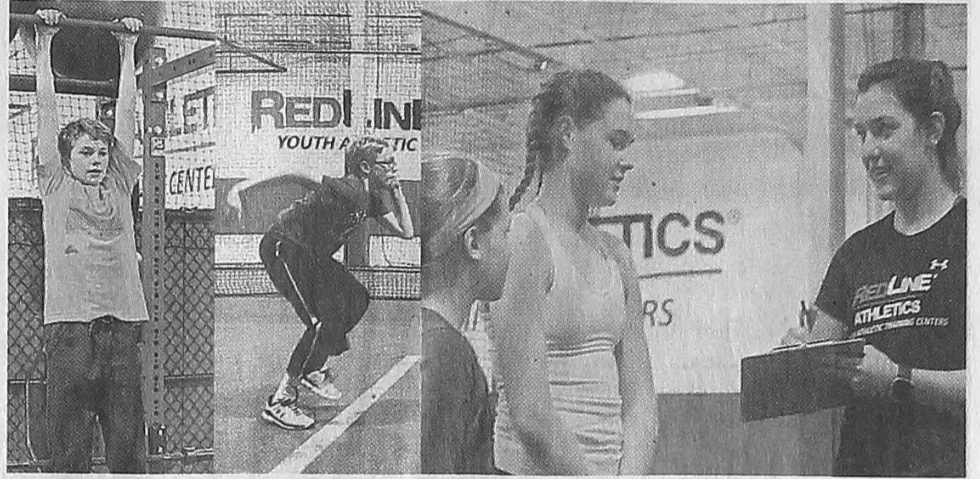


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# Grooming

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later, they watched it all come crashing down as a falling out with another partner led to a lawsuit and receivership. The company was shuttered in March 2017 and prepared for sale to the highest bidder.

"Of the buyers in the room, there was one that hadn't even contacted us. They were just going to take it and formulate their own stuff," Haddad said. "They were just going to buy the brand. That would have been a nightmare scenario, because this is your baby and someone was just going to take it out from you."

There were two potential buyers who wanted to hear more about the founders and their company. Stephen Henes and Faiz "Victor" Simon had walked through Detroit Grooming Co.'s 7,000-square-foot building and saw potential. Henes lives in Birmingham and is president of staffing agency d.Diversified Services. Simon, a Bloomfield Hills resident, is managing director of real assets for Simon Group Holdings in Birmingham.

## Buyers

"I got a random phone call on a Sunday afternoon and it was Steve Henes," Haddad said. "He told me, 'I want to hear more from you, because you guys are the creators.' I gave him the whole story. He said, 'Honestly Mike, you've caught me on fire.'"

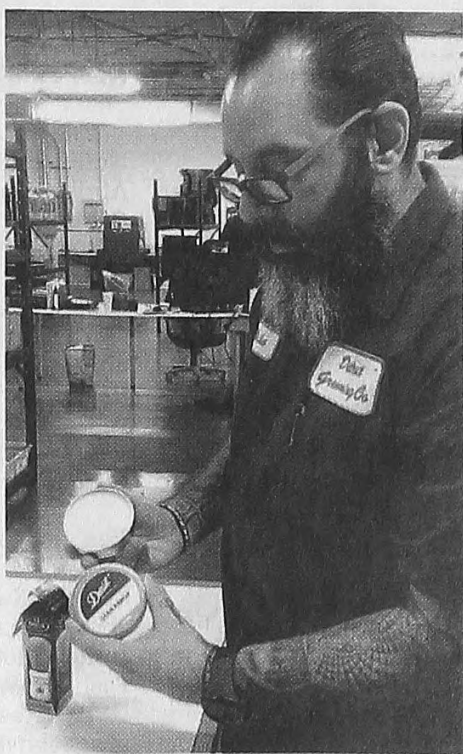
Next came a face-to-face meeting. "We sat down for a burger and a beer and went over the finer points of what this company means to us as founders," Haddad said. "They said, 'We're not touching this without these guys on board.'"

Henes said he and Simon initially thought no one else would be interested in buying the company.

"We thought we could low-ball it, get it for five cents on the dollar," Henes said. "But what happened was the receiver had a first bid on it, which we won, and then he went to the court and two other individuals wanted to bid on it. It was like an auction."

The pair paid more than three times their initial offer, but consider the business "a gem."

Haddad and Walford went back to work at Detroit Grooming Co. in July 2017 and the business reopened Aug. 21, the day of the total solar eclipse.



Mike Haddad shows a product named in honor of Glen Arbor. SHARON DARGAY

eliminated 20 products and added 10 new items, including a cherry-scented candle.

"I've been looking at analytics on who's buying on our website. Over 30 percent are women purchasing our products," Henes said. "Our target market really is (ages) 18-34."

Some women buy the men's products for themselves. They use the Belle Isle beard butter to treat split ends in their hair and the Orchard Lake beard oil to soften cuticles.

Most of the products are named after Michigan cities and connect scent to locale. The Traverse City brand, for example, combines cherry and tobacco fragrances. Cedar Springs beard oil is scented like cedarwood.

Seventy percent of sales are through the company website, with barbershops, salons and other retailers accounting for the other 30 percent. Henes hope to increase retail sales and says 80 additional retailers came on board during the past seven months, including the museum at The Henry Ford, The Henry Hotel in Dearborn and the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City.

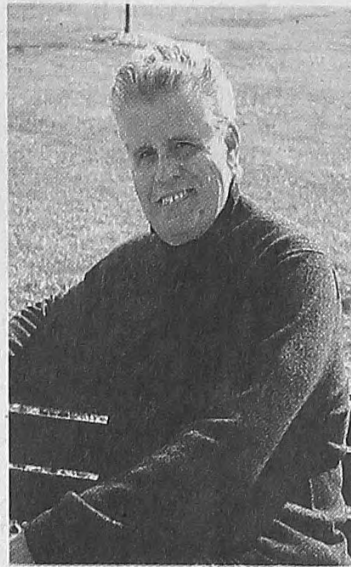
Detroit Grooming Co., 2615 Wolcott, Suite E, has limited retail hours. Call 877-294-5826 for more information or go to [www.detroitgrooming.com](http://www.detroitgrooming.com) for a list of barbershops and salons that carry its products.

## Growing the business

After its re-launch, the partners

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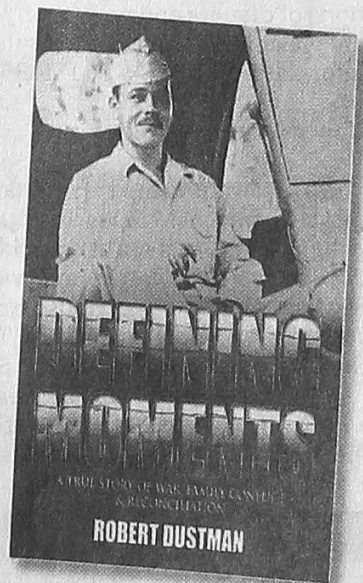
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**Music at the Elks**

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.

On Tuesday, April 24, Ragtime to Rock 'n' Roll will perform. Four great pianists will talk about the history of blues and jazz: Matt Ball, Kerry Price, Jarrod Champion and Jon Milan.

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).

**Infant mortality talk**

Living Word Church, 46500 N. Territorial Road, in Plymouth is hosting the founder and director of the Luke Project 52 Clinic from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 26. He will speak on the clinic's efforts to lower the infant mortality rate in southwest Detroit and beyond.

The event will include the speaker, lunch (free-will offering) and music by the Momentum Singers. Donations of diapers and new/gently used baby boy clothes are welcome. All ages are invited to attend. For more information, call 734-664-4486.

**Candidate 'speed dating'**

Do you want to meet candidates, but don't like to sit through speeches? An is an opportunity to sit in small groups with Democratic candidates for governor, the U.S. House 11th District and western Wayne County districts for the state House and Senate and county commission is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road.

The Democratic Clubs of Western Wayne are sponsoring this free event. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. and the talks will begin at 7 p.m. Reserve your spot by pre-

registering at [northvilledems.eventbrite.com](http://northvilledems.eventbrite.com).

**Spring walk in Miller Woods**

Celebrate spring with a walk in historic Miller Woods Nature Preserve. Tours will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 29, leaving every half hour; tours last about 60 minutes. The native spring flowers will be blooming soon and you can enjoy a guided walk through the woods to learn about the flowers, unique trees and the history of the Miller family.

Entrance is on Powell Road, east of Ridge Road, in Plymouth Township. No dogs or strollers. You must be able to walk on unstable surfaces due to large tree roots. For more information, go to [millerwoods.com](http://millerwoods.com) or call Cheryl Bord at 734-459-7666.

**Friends of the Library author luncheon**

The Friends of the Plymouth Library will host a luncheon featuring author Michael Zadoorian at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 16, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 768 N. Territorial Road, in Plymouth. Tickets are \$30 and reservations will be accepted through noon Wednesday, April 25.

Zadoorian, a native of Detroit, has written three novels and one collection of stories: "Second Hand" (2000), "The Leisure Seeker" (2009), "The Lost Tiki Palaces of Detroit" (2009) and "Beautiful Music" (May, 2018).

**'Annie' by Spotlight Players**

The Spotlight Players troupe will perform the hit musical "Annie" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 27-28 and May 4-5, as well as 2 p.m. Sunday, April 29 and May 6.

Tickets are \$15 to \$18 and available at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org). Tickets can also be ordered over the phone at 734-394-5300, ext. 3, or purchased at the box office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each weekday. If available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to show time.

**New exhibit at Village Theater**

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will exhibit the works of artist Haydar Alyasiry through Saturday, April 28, in the Gallery VT, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. Originally from Iraq, Alyasiry's oil paintings, pastels, and watercolors reflect his passion for his roots. More than 40 works will be on display in this exhibit, titled "Eve for Eternity."

The exhibit is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, one hour prior to and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment. The Gallery@VT is closed each holiday. For more information, call 734-394-5300 or go to [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org).

**Tea and fashion benefit show**

Delta Kappa Gamma will sponsor a tea and fashion show 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road. Fashions will be from the Coral Sash in South Lyon.

Tickets are \$40 and proceeds go to fund educational scholarships and grants. For ticket information, call 734-459-5009.

**St. John Neumann spring festival**

St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Road, in Canton will host a spring festival 6-9 p.m. Saturday, April 28, to benefit poor and disadvantaged people in Canton. There will be a Mexican-style dinner, hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream and music by the Earth Angels.

Cost is \$20 for adults and \$5 for children. Call Cheryl at 734 738 6624 or email [clk1928@comcast.net](mailto:clk1928@comcast.net) to reserve a spot.

**Southeast Michigan Flute Association**

The Southeast Michigan Flute Association flute choir will present The Sounds of Spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Living Word Church, 46500 N. Territorial Road, in Plymouth. The free program will be under the direction of William J. Underwood III.


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# Obituaries

## Alice M. Chorkey

FARMINGTON HILLS - Alice M. Chorkey, passed away April 12, 2018. Devoted wife of William "Bill" for 63 years until his passing in 2008.

Proud matriarch of seven children, 14 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. Mother of Lorraine, Susan Wilts, Janet, Karen (James) Renaud, William (Gia), Nancy (Mark) McMacken and Lois Dabrowski. Daughter of the late John and Julia Wozarik. Also survived by sisters Beverly Domby and Corrine Chervekowsky, sister-in-law Irene Chorkey, brother-in-law Edward "Archie" Jeffery and many nieces and nephews.

Alice had a huge life, filled with family, business and travel. She considered herself "an ordinary person who lived an extraordinary life." Graduating from Detroit's Southwestern High School at age 15, her innate intelligence and capabilities served her well. In the early 1960s, she worked with Bill to found ACE Controls; along with members of the Larry Ellis family, they built it into the world leader in deceleration technology. As V.P. and an officer of ACE, Alice broke new ground as a capable businesswoman in the male-dominated fluid power industry. Some of Alice and Bill's children later became involved in the business during the family's 38-year ownership, while several daughters founded and ran their own businesses. Alice and Bill provided strong role models as people who built extraordinary lives out of personal strength and determination. Their example and expectation that their children would do the same set the bar high and provided the confidence to achieve. Alice and Bill traveled the world on business and later for pleasure, generously inviting family members to join them. Alice lived a full life, devoted to her family, employees and friends.

Funeral services have taken place. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Please share memories at [www.mccabe.funeralhome.com](http://www.mccabe.funeralhome.com)

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## Ronald J. Weber

LIVONIA - Age 70, April 17, 2018. Beloved husband of Cynthia for 50 years in September. Loving father of Justin (Amy) and the late Jason and Jacqueline. Dear grandfather of Jacob and Alexander. Brother of the late Diane Shamberger.

Ron was a graduate of the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts. He served his country proudly in the Air National Guard. He was the President and co-owner of his family owned technology company. Ron loved all things cars, contemporary and especially muscle. He loved Motown music. He enjoyed spending time with family at their home in Houghton Lake, visiting new restaurants and traveling.

Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Wednesday, April 25, 2018, from 3 pm until his Memorial Service at 7 pm.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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## Jacqueline "Jackie" McCarthy

- - Jacqueline "Jackie" McCarthy nee Fertal, age 93, at long last at rest April 12, 2018. Jackie grew up in Calumet and moved to Detroit, with her sister and mother, Alma, to a two-room house in Brightmoor with no running water. She graduated from Redford High and worked at the Detroit Times where she met her husband. Jackie raised her family in Detroit and Farmington, sending her children to Catholic schools. She was the St. Fabian School librarian and a long-time employee of J.F. Cavanaugh in her second career. Her children and their friends knew she did not suffer fools and appreciated her quick wit and unmistakable candor ("How much do you weigh?"). Jackie was a Michigan State Lottery winner, the self-proclaimed inventor of the post-it note and porcupine balls, and an early consumer advocate (demanding a free case of green beans for a half-full can). After retirement, she enjoyed travel and her grandchildren. Jackie also loved card parties, books, "Breaking News" and lots of movies. Jackie is survived by her sister, Rita Belanger, and children Dennis (Jeri) McCarthy, Terry (Jeanne Hanisko) McCarthy and Eileen (Chris Gardner) McCarthy. She was "Teen Grandma" to Kimberly, Colin, Chloe, Max, Ryan and Owen (all of whom exceeded her stature by age 10), and great grandchildren Magnolia and Colt Maverick. She is also survived by nieces and nephews and their families. Committal Service, Saturday April 21, 2018 10:00 a.m. at Glen Eden Memorial Park Cemetery Chapel, 35667 Eight Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation ([www.jdrf.org/illinois/](http://www.jdrf.org/illinois/)). Funeral info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com)



## Dorothy Mary Shute

TECUMSEH - Formerly of Livonia, MI, Dorothy passed away on April 15, 2018 at Cambrian Assisted Living. She was 89. She was the beloved wife of Richard T. Shute (deceased) and mother to her children: Michael (Brenda) Shute; Gail Shute; Kathleen (Fred) Scott; and Susan (Michael) Wothke. Dorothy was the proud grandmother of 12 grandchildren and GiGi to 16 great-grandchildren with one more due in July. Dorothy was born in Lawrence, MA on June 8, 1928 to John and Mary (Poole) Mulcahy, their only child. She fell in love and married Richard Shute in 1946. Richard's work moved the family from Massachusetts to Michigan in 1953 where they stayed and raised their four children. Theirs was a beautiful love story cut short with Richard's passing in 1988. Dorothy filled her life with family, her dogs, friends and loved to travel. She enjoyed modeling historical clothing with the Questers and outings with her church groups at Ward Presbyterian Church. In addition to her husband, Richard, she was preceded in death by granddaughter, Danielle Shute.

The family will be receiving friends at a Memorial Service on Saturday, April 28th, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Rd, Northville, MI 48168. Visitation at 11 am with services at 12 noon. Luncheon to follow at the Church. In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family respectfully asks for donations to the Humane Society, an organization very dear to her heart.



## Bonita G. McDermott

LIVONIA - Bonita passed away April 16, 2018 at 90. Beloved wife of the late James. Loving mother of Cynthia (Rick) Bergquist & Steven P. McDermott. Dearest grandmother of Christopher, Tori, & Sarah. Preceded in death by grandson Rick. A chapel committal service was held 11am Thursday at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Livonia Goodfellows. To share a favorite memory and/or photo of Bonita and to sign the online guestbook, please visit [www.turowskifuneralhome.com](http://www.turowskifuneralhome.com).



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& friends

## J. Harold Ellens

FARMINGTON HILLS - Dr. J. Harold Ellens, a long-time resident of Farmington Hills, MI, died peacefully at home with his family on April 13, 2018. He was born in McBain, MI in 1932 and served his community and country as a pastor and US Army chaplain during his entire adult life. He was a well-known author, lecturer and scholar. He is survived by Mary Jo (Lewis) Ellens, his spouse of 63 years, two sisters, one brother, seven children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

## Phyllis Delaney Hildebrandt

AGE 92. MARCH 5, 2018 - Loving mother of Madge Hildebrandt Klais (Albert Edward), Kim Hildebrandt (Ann), Susan Hildebrandt Burch (Charles) and the late Kevin Hildebrandt. Dear grandmother of 6 and great-grandmother of 2.

Memorial Celebration will be held on Friday, April 27th, from 11:00 AM-1:30 PM at Longacre House in Farmington Hills, MI. [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)

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# Sports

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USA HOCKEY

## Title bid foiled, U-17s turn to playoffs

U.S. team qualifies for postseason in USHL

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

A storybook regular season came within a sentence or two of having the perfect ending for USA Hockey's National Team Development Program.

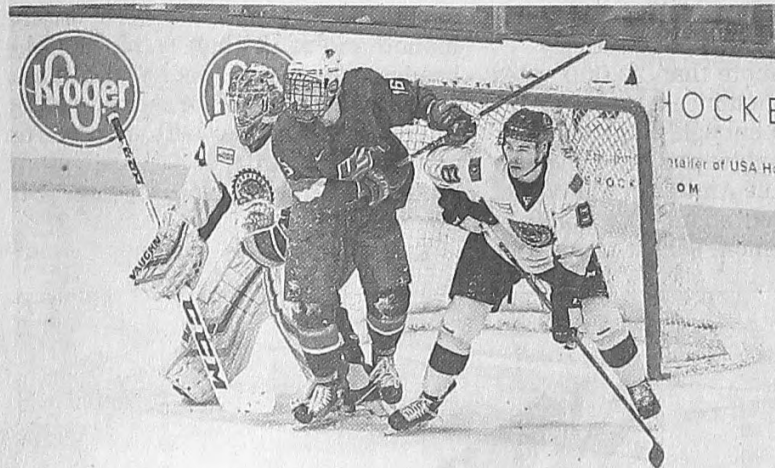
Needing a victory April 13 against Muskegon to clinch the USHL's Anderson Cup (for overall champion) and down, 5-4, the U.S. U-17 team had a six-on-four advantage in the final two min-

utes and put on a furious bid to tie the game and force extra time — which would have added a point in the standings.

Unfortunately, the Lumberjacks held on to the one-goal victory to spoil any chance of the U.S. (including games played in the USHL by the U-18 and U-17 teams) winning the Anderson Cup.

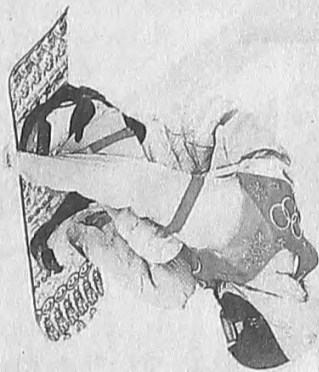
"It's been a while since the NTDP made the playoffs, so coming into this game we really wanted to win this game," U-17 defenseman D.J. King said. "Obviously, Anderson Cup was on the line there, that was a real stinger. But we

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U.S. player Erik Middendorf camps out in front of Muskegon goaltender Keegan Karki. RENA LAVERTY

WINTER GAMES



Kyle Mack competes in the men's snowboard big air final. PETER CASEY | USA TODAY SPORTS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## West accepts coaching job at Henry Ford College

**Marty Budner**  
hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Marc West is headed back to college. After four years as boys basketball head coach at Birmingham Groves, West resigned to accept an assistant coaching job at Henry Ford College in Dearborn.

West, who will continue to teach chemistry at Groves, said he had not been searching for another job nor was he pursuing a dream job as a college coach. It was simply an opportunity that presented itself following the 2017-18 season and he decided to bounce into it.



"At the end of the season, I had a chance to talk with a couple of other guys on their coaching staff and see what their interest was and kind of what my interest was at the college level and what role I could play with their staff," West said. "It was kind of neat to see them play and talk about the game at the college level and see what that opportunity would entail. Once we got talking, it just all kind of worked out."

"It was one of those things that just kind of happened. It was not a situation where I had an application out and I wasn't actively searching. It just kind of came up in conversations with guys I had coached with in the past and, like I said, they had a need and it kind of fit what I could do for them and it was a great opportunity for me."

"It happened kind of quickly and it was pretty unexpected," he added. "You always think about college and, playing ball at Kalamazoo, it's always kind of in the back of your mind. But I'm definitely not looking to travel around and chase a college job like some of these guys have to and moving from state to state."

**.500 mark at Groves**

West came to Groves at the beginning of the 2014-15 season following a

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# SILVER LINING

Olympic medalist Mack returns home to meet and greet fans at event

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Kyle Mack was used to a certain amount of anonymity.

Not anymore. After soaring to a silver medal in the big air competition at the recently-concluded Winter Olympics, Mack's recognition factor is flying to new heights these days.

"I mean, everyone always says 'congratulations' and it's crazy that people actually know who I am now," Mack said. "The support coming from everyone around here has been insanely amazing. I pretty much can't go anywhere without someone recognizing

me now, which is kind of weird."

The 20-year-old West Bloomfield resident and former Brother Rice student figures to gain even more fans Sunday, as he's the featured celebrity in a community celebration of his colossal February feat in frigid South Korea.

Mack will sign autographs, take photos and mingle with people in a special meet and greet set for 1-3:30 p.m. at West Bloomfield High School's football field. The event, sponsored by Boyne Country Sports and Motown Digital, will include raffles, concessions and free giveaways.

Mack is looking forward to it.

"We're giving away some snowboards, some skateboards, a bunch of hats, so everyone who wants to come out and hang down there, it's going to be a good time," Mack said. "I can't wait for it. I'll be signing autographs, taking pictures. I'll have my medal with me

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Silver medalist Kyle Mack in PyeongChang, South Korea. MARIANNA MASSEY | GETTY IMAGES

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

# South Lyon's Bonk wins first spring voting

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South Lyon's Alexis Bonk survived a big week of voting to claim this spring's first hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week honors.

Bonk, a pitcher on the Lions softball team, finished the three-day voting period with 10,757 votes (48 percent of the total cast). Farmington junior goalie Alex Thomas was a strong second with 7,252 votes, while Seaholm soccer captain Zoe Gaffney (2,658 votes) and Seaholm golfer Henry Scavone (1,590) finished third and fourth, respectively.

There were more than 22,000 votes cast for the six nominees.

Interestingly enough, Bonk said her grandmother first learned that she was nominated for the Athlete of the Week.

"I first learned about (the nomination) when my mom sent it to me and

she said my grandma sent it to her," Bonk said prior to Thursday's Lakes Valley Conference match-up with Milford. "I don't know how my grandma found out about it. I heard it was out through most of the school from my coach and another teacher. I'm excited to be picked as Athlete of the Week."

**What she did:** Because of the crazy spring weather, South Lyon has played only two games, a doubleheader against White Lake Lakeland.

Bonk, a right-hander in her second varsity season, excelled both on the mound and at the bat in that doubleheader sweep by the scores of 16-1 and 20-3. She aided her own cause by going 4-for-4 in the opener with a home run and six RBIs. In the nightcap, Bonk blasted another round-tripper with three RBIs.

Even though the inclement condi-



Bonk

tions have limited action for everyone this spring, Bonk said it really hasn't affected her at all.

"We've only had the two games and I pitched good and hit good in both of them, so that was good," Bonk said. "The weather has been a little difficult with us. Being in Michigan, I'm used to the cold, so it really hasn't bothered me."

**All-star hurler:** Bonk captured all-district and all-KLAA honors last year for South Lyon, which this season is playing in the nine-team Lakes Valley Conference.

The 15-year-old South Lyon resident started pitching for her travel team, the Finesse Fast Pitch out of Total Sports in Wixom. It's a position she loves to play since it keeps her so involved in the game.

"With the new conference, we're playing different teams and it's fun to play teams we haven't played before,"

Bonk said. "I just like making a difference overall, because I have the ball and I'm able to be part of every play. I have pretty good speed and I have good spin on the balls, so I like to mix it between both.

"I think we're going to be pretty good this year, actually," she added. "I just want to make it farther than we did last year."

South Lyon head coach Dan DePaulis said Bonk was in the "14- to 15-win range" last season and is excited to have her on the mound this spring and the next two years.

"Alexis is a gifted and natural athlete with a lot of strength," DePaulis said. "She is a power pitcher and she can hit for power. The ceiling is very high for her in terms of what she can become as a player."

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Kyle Mack celebrates winning silver in the men's snowboard big air finals Feb. 23 during the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games at Phoenix Snow Park. ERIC SEALS | DETROIT FREE PRESS

## Mack

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and we're doing some raffles and stuff. I'm really excited and it's going to be really cool."

### Amazing Olympic debut

Mack's Olympic snowboarding debut was also "really cool." He did not have a great start, but the finish is something he'll cherish forever.

Mack never got out of the qualifying round of his first snowboarding event — slopestyle, contested at the beginning of the two-week Olympic format. The young snowboarder then had a few days to recover from that disappointment as big air was his last scheduled competition.

The slopestyle experience made him even hungrier and the end result was well worth the wait.

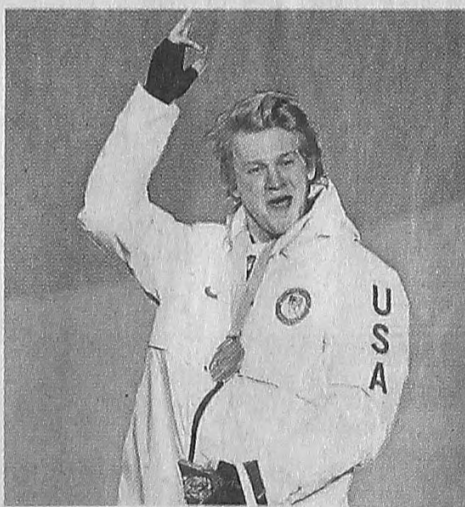
In the big air finals at the Alpensia Ski Jumping Centre, a venue where he felt comfortable since he helped test it when it was first built, he hit on two of his first three jumps.

The second jump was the arduous and frightfully-named Bloody Dracula, which he had not landed in practice but was nonetheless determined to attempt. Mack, however, expertly executed the trick when it counted most, which vaulted him into second place with one more round to go.

Mack fell on his third run and anxiously waited for other contestants to finish their jumps to see if he would medal. As it turned out, Canadian Sebastien Toutant took the gold medal and Mack held on for the silver.

"After slopestyle, I definitely wanted it and wanted to do as well as I could (in big air)," Mack said. "And then when I made finals, I was really stoked. I was, like, all right, let's give it all you got and that was my goal and it really worked out.

"When I landed my first two tricks —



Kyle Mack won silver in the men's snowboarding big air. JEFFREY SWINGER | USA TODAY SPORTS

the two hardest that I could do — I was blown away. I couldn't believe that I actually did it. I've done the grab and I've done the rotation (on the Bloody Dracula) in practice, but I had never done them together.

"So that was the first time I actually landed them together and that's what I needed to make it happen," he added. "I was pretty confident after I landed it that I could hang on to (the silver medal). But there were still some good riders after me and there was a chance I could have got knocked out. It all worked out amazing."

### Captivating career journey

The medal capped a captivating career journey that started when he was age 3. After honing his skills early and then competing in national and international competitions since 2012, he just missed an Olympic qualifying berth in 2014. But he maintained his high level of training and his fortunes took an upturn in 2016 by winning the U.S. Open in slopestyle.

After two more years of high-level competition, Mack then landed his first Olympic berth in his last qualifying

event, the Toyota U.S. Grand Prix, Jan. 20 at Mammoth Mountain in California.

The rest is history as he finally realized his Olympic dream.

"It was always a goal of mine. Even four years ago, when I just missed it, I kind of knew it could happen," said Mack, one of 26 snowboarders on the U.S. Olympic team. "I knew it was something I always wanted to do and it really worked out.

"It was a blast over there," he added. "They took care of the athletes really well. And to be there with all my family and friends was even better. I was just having a lot of fun."

Outside of his sport, Mack went to watch some hockey games and curling, plus hung out in the two Olympic villages while meeting athletes from other sports. He said the opening ceremony was "one of the coolest" things he did.

This is Mack's second trip home since the Olympics.

The first time was a short 48-hour period, when he was recognized at a Detroit Red Wings game. Mack returned to town Tuesday and will be here until April 25, when he leaves for a trip to the White House. He will also be one of the featured celebrities at a parade April 28 in Silverthorne, Colo., with fellow U.S. Olympians Red Gerard, a 2018 slopestyle gold medalist, and Chris Corning.

Mack is simply awed by the intense feedback he's received since leaving South Korea.

"I mean, it's been crazy and it's been a blessing," Mack said. "Everyone has been so cool. Anything that has come along with this has been unreal. It's, like, more than what I had ever expected. I mean, the whole experience of going there and competing was amazing in itself, but to walk away with a medal was the best thing that could have happened."

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## West

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seven-year stint as head coach at Madison Heights Bishop Foley. The Coldwater native led the Ventures to seven straight district titles and three Catholic League crowns.

During his time with the Falcons, West's teams accumulated a 44-44 overall record. Groves captured a Class A district championship in 2016 and finished with his best record at 16-8. Groves won the OAA Blue Division crown outright the following season.

Groves played in the OAA Gold Division in West's first year, then moved up to the OAA Blue for two seasons. This most recent season, Groves' first in the OAA White, the Falcons were competitive and finished with a 10-12 overall record. They lost in the Class A district title game to Farmington.

"This year, I was really proud of our guys," West said. "We moved up to the White Division and competed real well, got to 10 wins again, and we had a tremendous win in districts when we were able to beat North Farmington in double overtime. You look back and see what a special game that was.

"There were a lot of good times. I definitely enjoyed it," he added. "It always kind of goes back to the kids and you definitely remember them. I had some great guys to get to know. You get to know them in the classroom and around the school. It was a lot of fun all the way around."

### HFC a strong program

West heads to a Henry Ford College squad that has traditionally done well in the National Junior College Athletic Association. Last year, the Hawks were ranked among the top 20 nationally in NJCAA Division II before finishing with a 23-8 record and earning an honorable mention ranking.

Men's basketball is the oldest sport in HFC's athletic program, which has captured numerous state and regional titles. The Hawks won the NJCAA District 9 championship and a berth to the national tournament in 2009.

The Hawks are coached by Chris Shepard, a Warren native in his second year at the helm after coming over from Macomb County Community College.

"(Henry Ford) had a really, really good season last year," West said. "They won the league they're in at the junior college level. They just have had a ton of success and they have a lot of great players coming back and I'm excited to be part of it."

While West will be traveling to Dearborn to coach, he's happy to maintain his ties to Groves.

"You know, teaching at Groves and coaching there was a great set-up," West said. "The neat thing with this new job is that I can continue to teach at Groves. I love teaching there and I love the kids there.

"Our family is in Birmingham and going to Birmingham schools and we really enjoy that," he added. "This is just an opportunity to see what college is like while maintaining my job and keeping the kids here."

Groves Athletic Director Tom Flynn is currently accepting applications for the vacant varsity boys basketball coaching job. Candidates are asked to submit a cover letter and resume to T Flynn@birmingham.k12.mi.us. Deadline for submitting applications is May 4.

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COLLEGE SWIMMING

# McClelland dives to All-America honors

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Ryan McClelland grew up as a hockey fan and played the sport in high school. After graduating from Bloomfield Hills High School in 2016, he went on to John Carroll University, where he has become an All-America diver on the men's swimming and diving team.

Say what?

McClelland was a promising young diver with the Legacy Diving Club out of Oakland University. But he elected to quit diving after the sixth grade to pursue his love of hockey, which he played through his senior year at Bloomfield Hills.



McClelland

So after six years away from diving, how in the world did McClelland gain All-America status so quickly?

"Surprisingly, it came back pretty fast. I was shocked," McClelland said. "I don't know how that coordination was still there. But I started bouncing on the boards and thinking, 'I remember how this feels.' It felt a lot more comfortable than I thought it would.

"From there, it was baby steps just back to where I was and then surpassing that point from what I used to be able to do," he added. "And now, it's just become a really fun 'What in the world?' It just happened so fast."

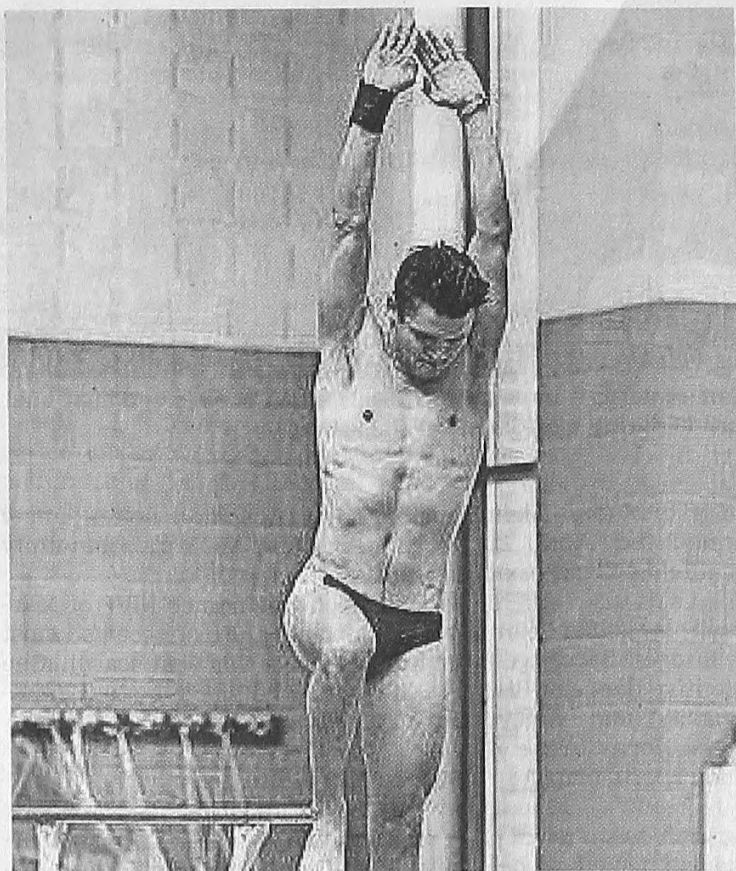
### Hockey slides by diving

McClelland would have loved to play hockey and be a member of the diving team at Bloomfield Hills High School. Since they are in the same winter season and the diving coach preferred that he didn't miss practice, he was forced to make a decision.

He chose hockey.

But entering his senior year, McClelland realized diving was going to be his financial ticket to college.

"I love hockey and the dream was to play in college, honestly," McClelland said. "But D-III doesn't offer athletic scholarships, but they do offer academic scholarships. I knew I needed to get



Ryan McClelland, a sophomore at John Carroll University, is one of the country's top Division III divers. PICASA

McClelland's diving totals improved at this year's nationals by 28.35 points (1 meters) and 44.3 points (3 meters) over his 2017 results.

He also was named the Ohio Athletic Conference's Diver of the Year for the second straight year, broke a school record (set in 1994) and set an Akron pool record on the 3-meter board and achieved a personal-best 3-meter score of 605.2 (11 dives).

McClelland said it's all about enjoying his time in the pool.

"I think it's just a love for the sport and the training process is really enjoyable," McClelland said. "I look forward to going (to the pool) every day. Success in the sport kind of happens, just as a result of having fun.

"My freshman year, I barely got out of the region meet to make it (to the NCAA finals)," he added. "But I kept improving and improving. I didn't really have competition during the season like I had at nationals, because everyone here doesn't have phenomenal divers. So I didn't know what to expect. And compared to last year, I did much better in terms of skill and that kind of sums it up."

### 'Very, very talented athlete'

Alright, in his 17th season as Legacy Diving's head coach and program director, is not surprised at McClelland's success.

As a young diving prodigy, McClelland showed enough promise by qualifying for the Junior Olympic nationals in his age division. He maintained that diving acumen, according to Albright, because of his natural talent and athleticism.

"Actually, I wanted to recruit him, but I knew he was going to JCU because they offered some type of scholarship that he's eligible for that I couldn't offer," said Albright, who also coaches Oakland University's men's and women's diving teams. "He's a very, very talented and gifted athlete. And so he came back after not diving for a while and, after just a pretty short period of time, he was able to get his skills back that he had before.

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that (scholarship) to come here and, really, the only way to do that was to figure out that I still kind of knew how to dive and I asked the (JCU) swim coach, 'If you can help me get this scholarship and put in a good word, I guess I'll try diving again.' He said he needed divers and so it all kind of worked out."

McClelland returned to Legacy Diving and sought out Larry Albright, his old coach. The two renewed pool acquaintances and McClelland eventually felt comfortable enough to pursue the sport at John Carroll.

It turned out to be a rewarding decision.

"I went back to coach Albright and I said, 'Hey coach, I guess I'm diving in college. Can you get the rust off my legs and help me learn how to do this thing again?'" said McClelland, who also ran cross country and track for the Black Hawks. "So all of senior year (at Bloomfield Hills), I was going to the pool and training with Legacy Diving at Oakland University.

"I knew he wouldn't want to work with me if I wasn't going to be that good. Really, just the fall and winter, I was thinking, 'Do I want to do this again?'" he said. "But by the spring time, I started to make the decision I can do this and I'm having so much fun with it. So why not do it in college?"

### A diving renaissance

McClelland, 20, has enjoyed tremendous success in his diving renaissance.

As a freshman at JCU, he qualified for the 2016-17 Division III NCAA Swimming & Diving championships in Texas, where he finished 12th off the 1-meter board (honorable mention All-America) and 17th on the 3-meter board.

He again qualified for the nationals this year, finishing with first team All-America honors in both diving disciplines late last month in Indianapolis. McClelland placed sixth in 1-meter (456.65 points) and seventh in 3-meter (477.6 points).

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COLLEGE RECRUITING

# Smith heads to Northwood to play basketball

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The last two months have been filled with excitement for Christian Smith.

The Farmington senior and his basketball teammates celebrated the program's first district championship in 20 years in early March after rallying to defeat Birmingham Groves for the title. Then, April 11, Smith signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at Northwood University in Midland, the school where his father played.

"Northwood has always been special to me, because my father Brian played basketball there (1993-95)," said Smith, a team captain. "And after touring the campus and talking to the coaching staff, I knew it was a perfect fit for me."

Smith, a four-year member of the boys basketball program, finished his senior season averaging 12 points per game and shooting 44 percent from the field and 85 percent from the free-throw line. He also led the Falcons in charges taken.

During the free-throw shooting contest held at the Michigan High School Athletic Association state finals last month in East Lansing, Smith placed third among a field of 20.

Smith is also a student council representative and a state chapter representative for Michigan DECA. He will soon have the opportunity to officiate in the Detroit Pro-Am, which is part of the ProVingGround Basketball League.

**Marian High School**



A group of 11 student-athletes from Bloomfield Hills High School signed national letters of intent April 13 during a ceremony at the school.

Three Bloomfield Hills Marian High School seniors announced April 11 where they plan to attend college next year.

Alexandra Robb will play golf at Keiser (Fla.) University, Bridgett Sacca will participate in competitive dance at Siena Heights University and Emily Schlabach will swim for Hope College.

Robb plans to study sports management.

"Marian coaches and teachers always encouraged me and helped me be the best that I could be," said Robb, an Oakland Township resident who is also a member of Marian's SADD and Ambassador clubs.

Sacca, a Bloomfield Hills resident, plans to study elementary education. She earned all-Catholic League honors as a member of Marian's dance team.

"Marian's role in my success has been huge," said Sacca, also a member of Marian's SADD and Ambassador clubs. "Not only in the classroom, but

pushing me to become a better dancer and better person. Marian's community is amazing."

Schlabach was named MVP of Marian's swim team and also received most improved honors this past season. She is a lifeguard who plans to study nursing.

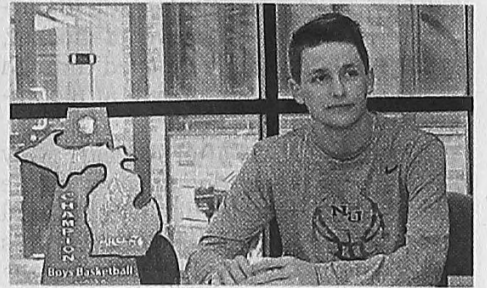
**Bloomfield Hills**

Eleven student-athletes from Bloomfield Hills announced their college intentions April 13. The group included four lacrosse players, three swimmers and one each from hockey, softball, basketball and baseball.

The lacrosse players were Paul Mucci (Illinois Wesleyan University), Lia D'Angelo (Niagara University), Jack Gogonis (Albion College) and Bradley Griffin (Ohio Northern). The swimmers were Claudia Flores Beruman (Illinois Tech), Natalie Harkonen (Hartwick College) and Michaela Peil (Bucknell University).



Marian seniors (from left) Alexandra Robb, Bridgett Sacca and Emily Schlabach signed national letters of intent April 11. MARTY BUDNER



Farmington senior Christian Smith will play basketball next year at Northwood University, where his father played during the mid-'90s.

The others who signed letters of intent were Brittany Koch (hockey at McKendree College), Megan Satawa (softball at Northwood University), Tyler Canfield (basketball at Indiana Tech) and Dugan Fife (baseball at Kalamazoo College).

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## McClelland

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"We worked with him until he went away to school. I personally am not surprised by his success, because I know what type of athlete he is. And he was very good when he was young. He was a national level diver, so he was already good at the point.

"Yeah, he was a bit rusty coming back, but athletes are athletes and his athletic ability is beyond most," he added. "I was more surprised to see him come back to diving than I am about his accomplishments."

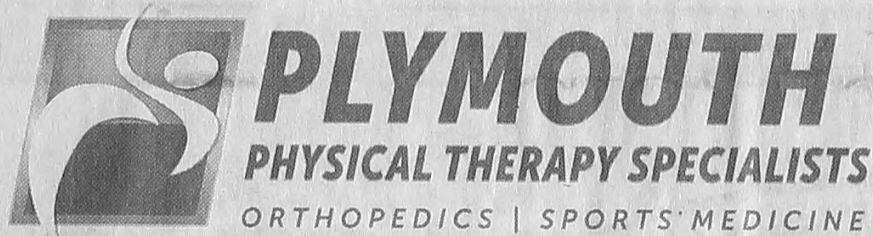
McClelland, who is majoring in marketing and communications in pursuit of a career in either sports broadcasting or media, has two years of college eligibility remaining and hopes to produce even better results in the future.

"I'm really looking forward to the next two years," McClelland said. "I'm staying in Cleveland all summer for an internship. So I'm just going to be diving because I love it so much. I really want to go top three next year."

"I know I can. But then again, sometimes you can have a good day and

sometimes a bad day," he added. "Diving comes down to consistency. I'm just working on getting consistent on every dive and that will be the key to placing top three next year."

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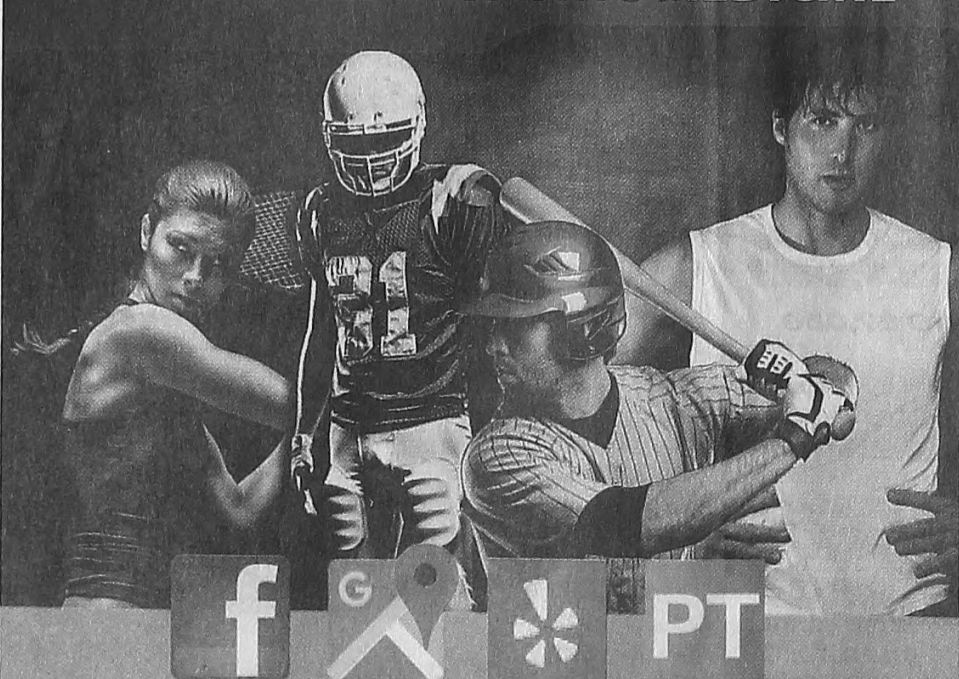


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**Basketball coaches needed**

Birmingham Groves and Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice high schools are searching for varsity boys basketball coaches.

Marc West recently resigned as Groves head coach to accept an assistant coaching position at Henry Ford College. He spent four years coaching the Falcons, taking them to a Class A district championship in 2016 and an OAA Blue crown in 2017.

Anyone interested in the job should send a cover letter and resume to Groves Athletic Director Tom Flynn at TFlynn@birmingham.k12.mi.us. Application deadline is May 4.

At Brother Rice, former head coach Ed Shaffer will not return next year as school administrators decided to go in a "new direction." Shaffer was head coach at Brother Rice for 11 years, accumulating an overall 111-123 record. The 111 wins are second all-time in Rice history, only behind the legendary Bill Norton.

According to Brother Rice administrators, the new head coach must be "committed to the mission of Catholic education and follow the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education while developing the mind, spirit and soul of every student-athlete."

Additionally, the head coach will be responsible for all aspects of the basketball program and must demonstrate strong leadership in player and staff development, sportsmanship, integrity and character development.

Anyone interested in applying should send a resume to Brother Rice Athletic Director Jeff Calcaterra at calcaterra@brrice.edu. Application deadline is May 8. Rice administrators hope to have a new coach by Memorial Day.

**USPBL news**

The United Shore Professional Baseball League is set to begin its third season Friday, May 11, at Jimmy John's Field in Utica.

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers, coached by Chris Newell, enter as the four-team independent league's defending champions. The Beavers figure to get plenty of competition again this year from fellow league members the

Utica Unicorns, champions of the inaugural season in 2016, Eastside Diamond Hoppers and Westside Woolly Mammoths.

The USPBL certainly seems to have made an impact in its first two seasons under the direction of owner and CEO Andy Appleby of Bloomfield Township.

Following are a few significant headlines heading into the USPBL's third season:

■ The USPBL will have 10 games — two per month — broadcast this season on ESPN3 as part of a Game of the Week series. The featured broadcasts include the opener May 11, the Home Run Derby and All-Star Game on July 7 and playoff games scheduled for early September.

"To have our games on ESPN3 is another wonderful milestone in the development of the USPBL," Appleby said. "The national platform will give us a tremendous opportunity to show off our great ballpark, family-fun atmosphere and quality baseball being played every weekend in historic downtown Utica."

Neal Ruhl will serve as play-by-play commentator.

■ Over its first two years, the USPBL had 20 players sign with Major League Baseball organizations. Since its inception, one of the USPBL's main missions was to give young players the opportunity to pursue their major league dreams.

"We consider the USPBL as a developmental professional baseball league for Major League Baseball," said Justin Orenduff, the league's director of baseball operations. "Therefore, it's important for our players to compete on a national stage and our games on ESPN3 will allow them to do that. We look forward to this great partnership moving forward to help promote these highly-skilled players."

■ If you're a singer and would like to sing the national anthem at one of the league's games this year, auditions will be held 4-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 26-27, at The Mall at Partridge Creek in Clinton Township.

Each performer will have 90 seconds to sing their rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" on stage. A panel of USPBL representatives, media, city officials and community leaders will be judging the event.

The panel will make selections based

on voice quality and stage presence.

**Support Miracle League**

Luke Thurswell, Nate Bloomfield, Jack Lewis and Wagner Carrel are 12-year-old baseball players intent on helping the less fortunate play the game.

The foursome, all Birmingham residents, will host a fundraiser 5-8 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at the Brooklyn Pizza in Birmingham to help raise money to sponsor a team with the Miracle League of Michigan. For those who wish to help the cause, just say "Miracle League" when ordering and 20 percent of the proceeds will go toward their mission.

The Miracle League, a part of Easterseals, is an organization for children with any physical or cognitive disability to enjoy the game of baseball. The boys are volunteering their time to be a buddy to one of the special-needs players during their games.

Brooklyn Pizza is located at 111 Henrietta Street.

**MHSAA Student-Athlete applicants**

The Michigan High School Athletic Association recently announced its 2017-18 Scholar-Athlete Award winners.

The program, in its 29th season and sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance, presents a \$1,000 scholarship to each winner.

This year, there were 1,422 applicants representing 396 member schools. All applicants were presented certificates commemorating their achievement.

Following are applicants from the hometownlife.com coverage area (finalists in bold):

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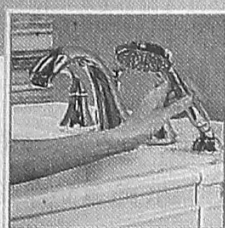
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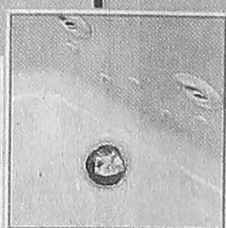
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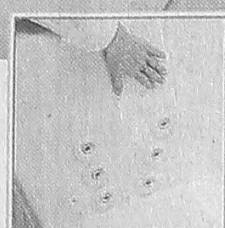
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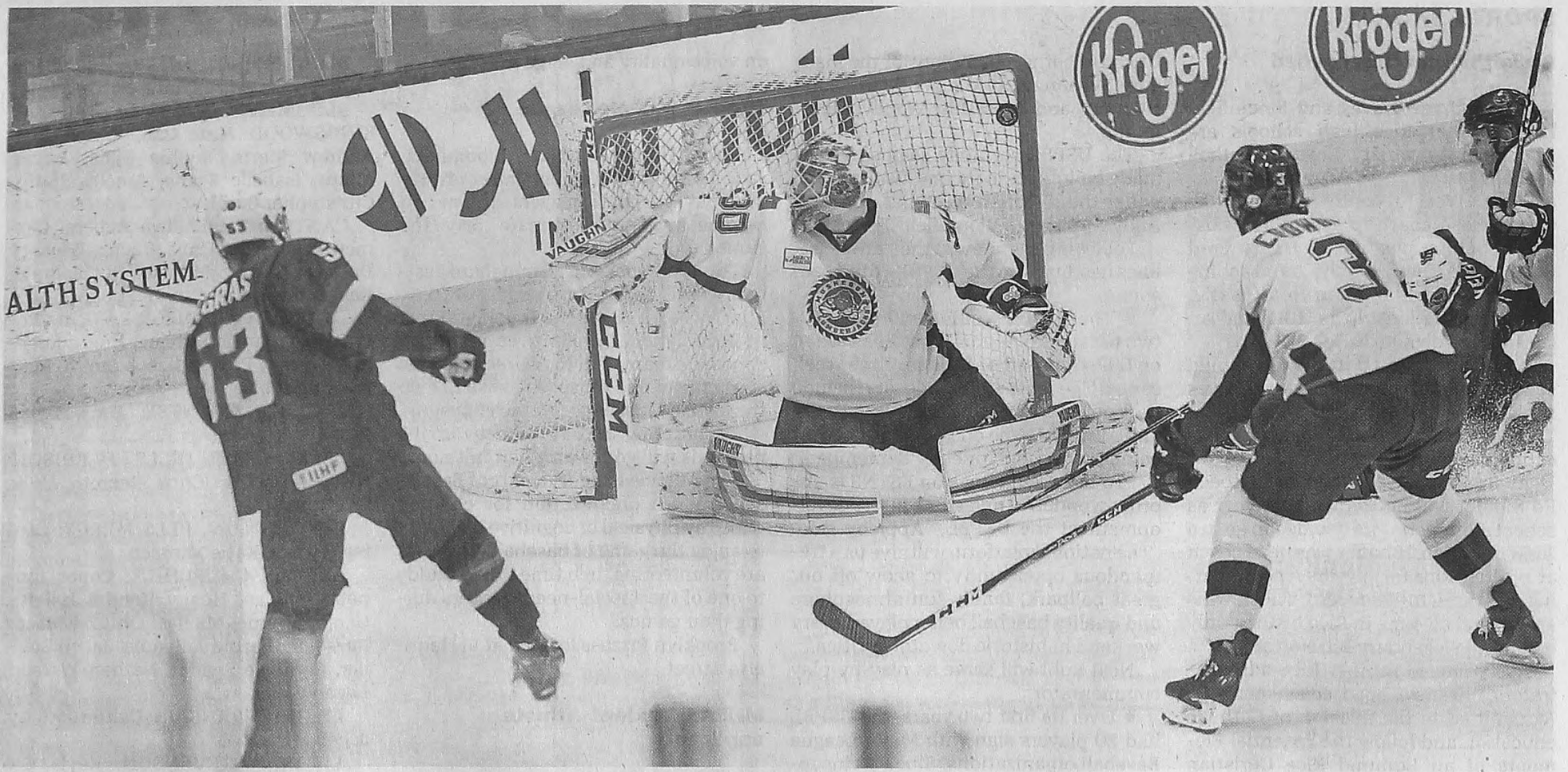
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Trevor Zegras (left) rifles a shot past Muskegon goalie Keegan Karki during the April 13 contest. RENA LAVERTY

## Hockey

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got to forget about that and we got to get ready for play-offs here."

Coupled with Waterloo victories April 13-14, the U.S. finished second in the league standings with 83 points (41-18-0-1); Waterloo (38-14-6-2) prevailed with 84.

So now, the focus turns to the USHL's Clark Cup

playoffs. With Eastern Conference champion Team USA making the postseason for the first time in six years — and with the U-18 team in Russia for the 2018 IIHF U-18 World Championships — it will be King's group that competes in the playoffs.

Team USA will open its playoffs this weekend, with a pair of games against the Chicago Steel at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. The games (7 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday) will be the first played at the Beck Road arena since the NTDP relocated from Ann Arbor in 2015.

If the best-of-5 series goes the distance, the deciding game also will be at USA Hockey Arena at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 29.

"I think we have a lot of players in here that are just great hockey players," King said about whether the U-17 team is sufficiently geared for postseason play against USHL teams that are older, bigger and stronger. "With the bigger teams, we just got to outwork them, use our speed, get pucks deep and just grind them out.

"We have a lot of guys that have really bought into the system. We have a lot of fast, skilled guys out there. I think we're ready for the playoffs."

Concurring was U-17 head coach John Wroblewski, noting that his team essentially has been playing play-off-style hockey for more than a month.

"Pretty much once March hits, there's a different

dial, a different temperature, a different octane in the games," Wroblewski said. "It just kind of turns up.

"Mistakes aren't as egregious, the games are a lot tighter, the goaltending, the systems, everything's just a little bit more efficient. And so there's a real hard-pressed effort for every guy that's out there to win at this time of year."

Wroblewski said he expects his team will quickly bounce back from the disappointing loss to the Lumberjacks.

"Yes, we've proven it. I do worry a little bit about where we're at with the season," he said. "It's been a long year, with international travel. And we play short-handed a lot, too. These other teams have affiliated players. When we're short, it's pretty much short.

"But it's a new season and our guys should be excited to be playing. I'm looking forward to seeing what you got."

Scoring goals for the U.S. against Muskegon were Trevor Zegras (the game's second star with a goal and an assist), Erik Middendorf, Marshall Warren and Owen Lindmark. Chipping in two assists each were Drew Helleson and John Beecher.

Making 25 saves was U-17 goalie Cameron Rowe, the game's third star.

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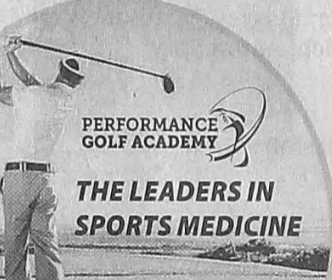
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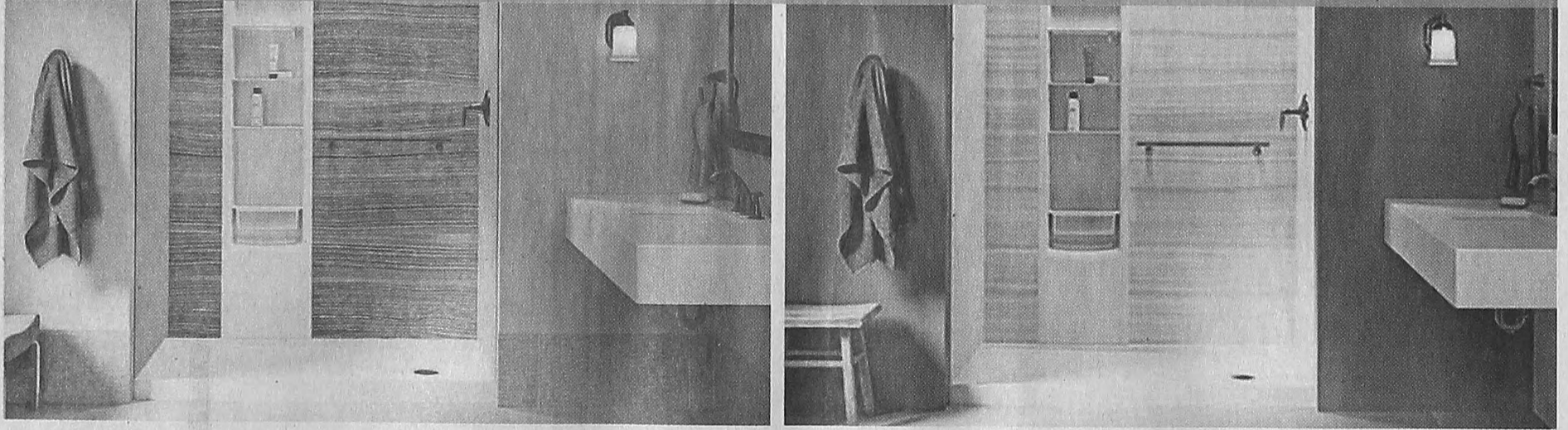
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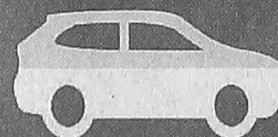
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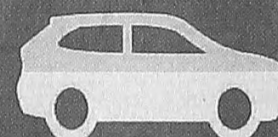
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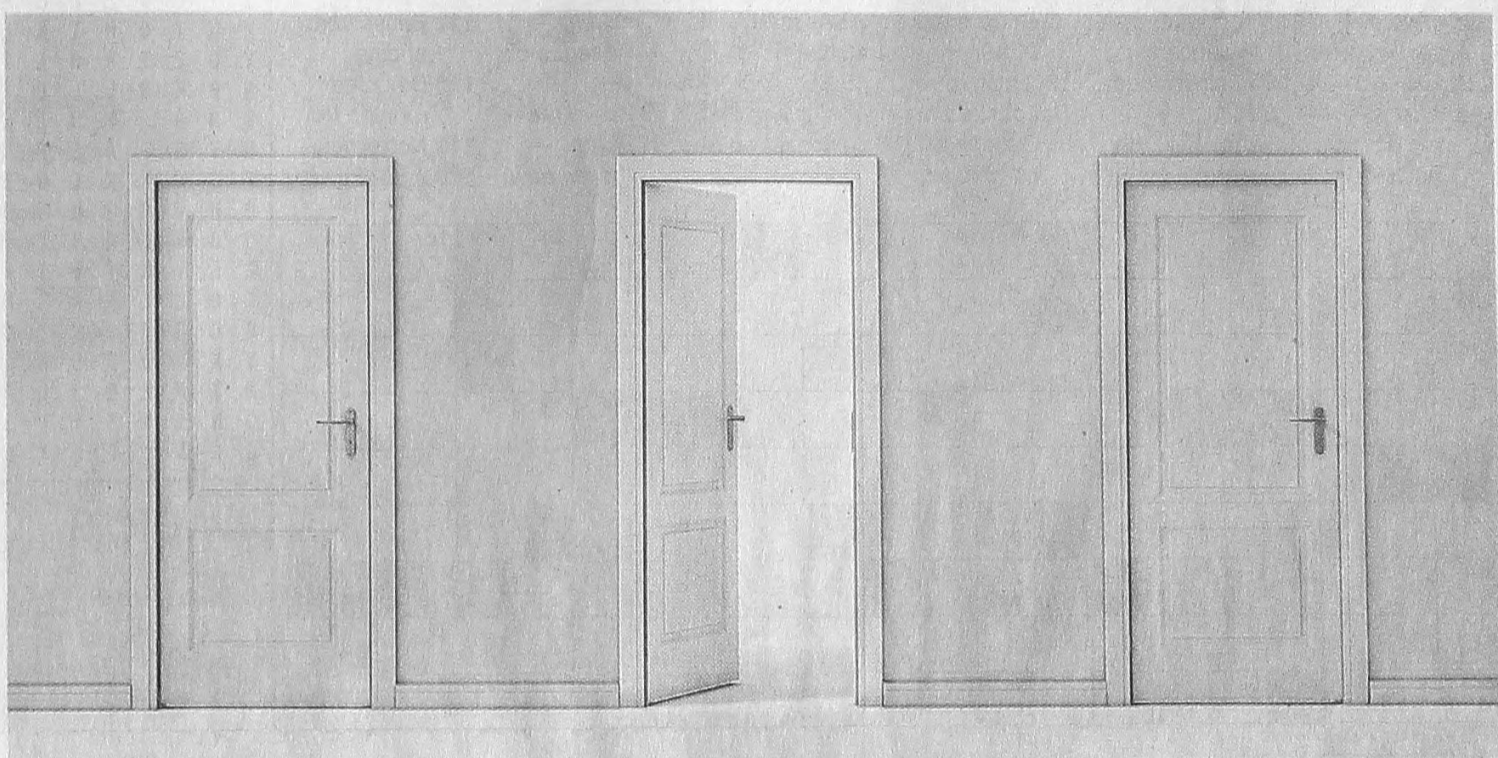
Either way, know that a layoff or a firing is not a life-ending (or even career-ending) thing. When it happens, the shock and devastation can lead to pessimism about your next steps. But try to keep these tips in mind if it happens to you:

### Know it's OK to grieve

Job loss is a huge change. Routine, stability, future planning — all of these are likely upended by the news. Let yourself feel the range of emotion after it happens, like anger, depression, fear and humiliation. You may try to put on a brave face, but don't try to quash the emotions altogether. Acceptance and moving on mean working through the feelings rather than ignoring them.

### Take it as an opportunity

No, really. It probably doesn't feel like one — I know when I got laid off, I felt pessimism creeping in right away. But soon I started to realize that I'd hated my job, and this was a chance to start over with-



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out having to make the tough decision to quit and walk away. This job loss does take away some of your own agency (we all want things to end on our own terms), but once it happens, embrace it as a chance to start over. Maybe it's time for a career change.

### Don't lie about it

You're going to need to move on to a new job, and that means finding a way to spin what happened at your last one. It can be tempting to lie about the circumstances under

which you left out of a sense of personal pride or fear of rejection, but don't do it. If you were fired for a reason, that will likely come up during reference or background checks (if it was serious).

On your resume, you don't need to be specific about what happened.

But you should be prepared to discuss it in an interview. "Why did you leave your last job?" is a common default interview question, and it's pretty much inevitable that you'll face it at some point.

If you were laid off, a response like "my position was eliminated" or "the company downsized" is totally acceptable.

If you were fired, you can give a general explanation as to why, and explain a) what you learned from it; and b) how that knowledge makes you a better employee.

Second chances are not impossible, but you have to make a good case for yourself.

Whatever the circumstances, remember that you're still alive, and you're still you.

The positive qualities you bring to the table are ultimately more important than your past, so as long as you take the time to learn from the experience and think hard about how to repackage yourself, you can turn a painful experience into a career opportunity.

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**SUBARU GIVES SOME LOVE TO SEDAN MARKET WITH NEW LEGACY, A CRUCIAL NAMEPLATE FOR GROWING BRAND**



By Dale Buss

Subaru has made its reputation — and most of its rising sales and share in the U.S. market — on the strength of utility vehicles such as Outback and Forester. And that's the category where the brand is doubling down with its new Ascent, Subaru's fresh entry in the seven-seater segment that is growing fast.

But one of Subaru's bread-and-butter nameplates has always been its Legacy mid-sized sedan, and with the substantially upgraded 2018 version, Subaru has shown that it wants to remain competitive in the car category even while so much of the industry's action has shifted to utilities.



The 2018 Subaru Legacy has been redesigned and improved throughout.

Legacy's claim to fame is that it's long been one of the very few all-wheel-drive sedans in the mainstream of the U.S. market, and that continues to be a primary attribute. In fact, it's the only entry in its class with standard AWD, deployed on stock Goodyear Eagle LS2 all-season tires.

In the roller-coaster winter that we've experienced in Michigan this year, with snowfall coming as late as mid-April, for the week that I drove Legacy I knew I didn't have to worry about whatever the skies threw at me. I was able to drive Legacy with confidence because of its standard all-wheel drive. And its performance on sometimes-icy roads was excellent.

But the 2018 Subaru Legacy is much more than that. Its design is at best utilitarian inside and out, but Subaru customers aren't primarily concerned with aesthetics — rather, performance. And in that way, Legacy comes through with flying colors, presenting a spacious and technology-filled interior, a comfortable ride quality, a smooth and fuel-efficient drivetrain, and all the safety features you'd expect from a brand whose advertising often leads with safety.

Legacy did receive styling updates for 2018 with new front and rear fascias, grille and headlights, with the idea of making the latest version look sportier. Still, Legacy's design is best described as conservatively clean.

Among the more consequential changes in Legacy for 2018 were a new central processing unit in its Starlink multi-media system, which means faster startup speeds and improved in put responses, all displayed on Legacy's eight-inch touch screen. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto also both work with Legacy.

The optional EyeSight system in Legacy includes adaptive cruise control, automatic emergency braking and lane-departure warning with lane-keep assist. And while Subaru doesn't make a lot of noise about its pursuit of autonomous driving, its automated-driving features are the equal of other brands. Its auto-braking system, for example, does a great job of slowing the car

substantially and quickly enough to keep you out of messes, but it isn't jarring.

Legacy for 2018 also comes with a reverse automatic braking system that will engage the brakes while backing up in hopes of preventing potential collisions.

When it comes to driving, Legacy also is a competent performer even when the all-wheel-drive isn't meeting tough conditions. It's got a 2.5-liter, four-cylinder engine that generates 175 horsepower and 174 pound-feet of torque, connected to a continuously variable transmission. The CVT also has been improved for 2018, for smoother engagement. Everything is smooth all around, in fact.

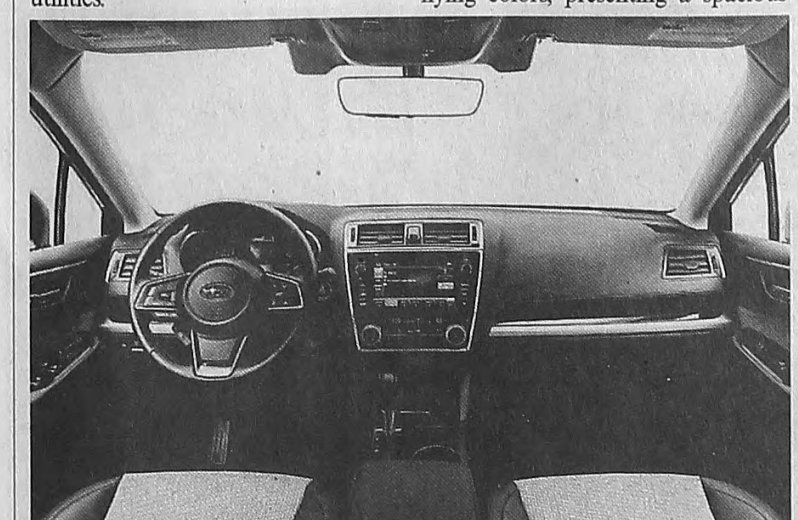
And if you upgrade to the 3.6-liter,

six-cylinder engine, available at the Limited trim level, you'll enjoy the kind of pick-up that Legacy deserves, with 256 horsepower and 247 lb.-ft. of torque. It costs an extra \$2,850 sticker.

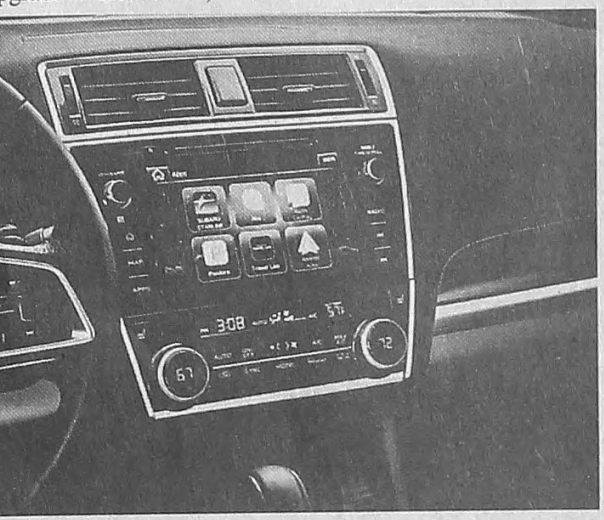
Mileage is a respectable 25 mpg in the city and 34 mpg on the highway for the four-cylinder model, though of course fuel economy slips for the six-liter.

In terms of interior room, there's plenty of it in both front and rear passenger seats in Legacy, and the trunk is spacious. The car makes the most of its mid-size footprint with interior dimensions that rival some full-size sedans — such as 118.6 cubic feet of interior room, just under the designation for a bigger classification.

Legacy may not be the most celebrated Subaru model. But it's an important entry as the brand continues its journey higher up the share ladder in a U.S. market where it's getting more and more love all the time.



The interior of the new Legacy.



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