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Hoops, tennis courts upgraded

Recreation master plan calls for more improvements

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Athletic fields throughout Canton Township will be undergoing a significant shuffle once the ambitious 2015 Patriot Park Master Plan is fully imple-

mented sometime in the (hopefully) foreseeable future.

Altogether, six new fields representing five different sports will be added to the recreation department's buffet of first-rate facilities — however, not until enough grants, donations or general funds are collected to cover the multi-

million-dollar price tag of the project.

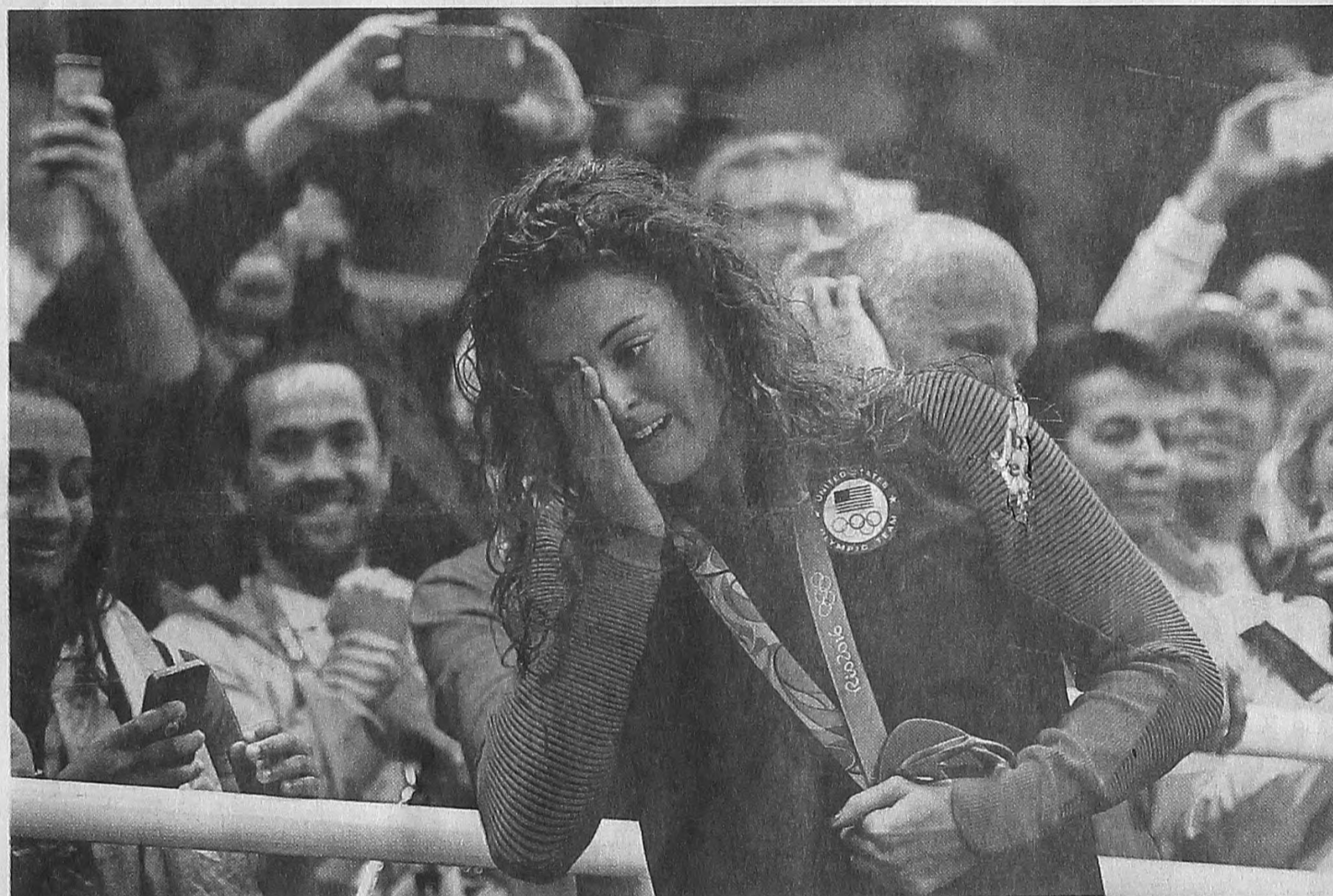
In the meantime, Canton residents will have to settle for the refurbishing of several basketball and tennis courts, which was originally scheduled to be completed June 15, but has been delayed slightly by the recent rainy weather.

Hoops courts at Griffin, Flodin and Freedom parks will be replaced with new surfaces, as will several tennis

courts throughout the township.

"Cracks in the surfaces on some of the basketball and tennis courts were getting to the point where the courts were almost unplayable," said Greg Hohenberger, director of Leisure Services. "The resurfacing will make the experience much more enjoyable for the residents."

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Allison Schmitt wipes away tears during the medal ceremony after the U.S. won the women's 800-meter freestyle relay gold at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. MARTIN BUREAU | GETTY IMAGES

Canton arson fire leads to attempted murder charges

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A Canton Township man is being held without bond in the Wayne County Jail on six charges of attempted murder and 14 other felonies stemming from a May 25 fire at a Canton mobile home park.

Stephen R. Zawodna, 55, was formally charged over the holiday weekend after his arrest May 25, hours after the fire at the Glen Ridge mobile home park on Old Michigan Avenue, according to township public safety authorities.



The fire at a trailer home was reported about 5:30 a.m. that day after a smoke detector alerted occupants to it, a Canton Public Safety Department press release read.

All six occupants of the trailer escaped unharmed, the press release said, and the fire was extinguished by firefighters.

Police identified Zawodna as the suspect and arrested him later that morning, the press release said.

He is charged with six counts of attempted murder, six counts of assault with intent to murder, six counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, one count of second-degree arson and one count of aggravated domestic violence.

Zawodna is also charged as a habitual offender, which could increase the length of any prison term if he is convicted. He is scheduled for a Friday, June 8, hearing in 35th District Court.

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A NEW PURPOSE

U.S. Olympian talks about depression with kids

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Allison Schmitt tapped her chest and had a powerful, direct message for millions of American children with depression or other mental health disorders.

"Put your hand over your heart, feel that beat and know that's called purpose," said Schmitt, a Canton High

School Hall of Fame swimmer and eight-time Olympic medalist in freestyle. "So you all have a purpose in this world and you're all loved."

Schmitt delivered her 90-second video pep talk to kids as part of the second annual #MyYoungerSelf social media campaign, linked to National Mental Health Awareness Month during May.

The campaign was launched May 1 by

national nonprofit The Child Mind Institute of New York and featured athletes, actors, authors and other celebrities reminding children that everybody — famous or not — deals with mental health issues.

According to a press release from The Child Mind Institute, an estimated 17.1 million children in the United States today "have or once had a mental health disorder — more than the number of children with cancer, diabe-

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Flodin Park's tennis courts and basketball court are being redone. ED WRIGHT

Recreation

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Patriot plan

The Patriot Park Master Plan, the guidelines of which were finished in 2015, is robust and widespread. Its design was based upon input provided by township residents.

The heart of the project is a 134-acre parcel of land just northwest of the intersection of Ford and Ridge roads.

Now consumed by nature, the site will eventually be the home of a complex that will feature six soccer fields as well as biking, walking and nature trails.

Hohenberger emphasized that although the new park will be anchored by soccer fields, other sports won't be taking a backseat to the popular activity.

"The idea is to move some of the existing soccer fields to Patriot Park and use the space we gain by those moves to add fields for other sports," he said. "It will be more efficient to have the bulk of our soccer fields at Independence and Patriot parks so that par-

ents with more than one player won't have to shuttle their kids all over Canton.

"The plan will have a positive impact on all sports, not just soccer."

Heritage Park will see a significant facelift once the project is enacted as the popular sports complex will add a fourth baseball field, a football field and a lacrosse field.

A second baseball field will be constructed at Flodin Park, while the two adjoining diamonds at Griffin Park will be transformed into a cricket field.

"We're currently in the process of completing the engineering and permitting for the plan, so that once funding is available, we're ready to go," Hohenberger said.

Hohenberger said a firm timeline for the Patriot Park won't be developed until money becomes available to the township.

Businesses or individuals who may be interested in donating funds toward the project are encouraged to contact Leisure Services at 734-394-5310.

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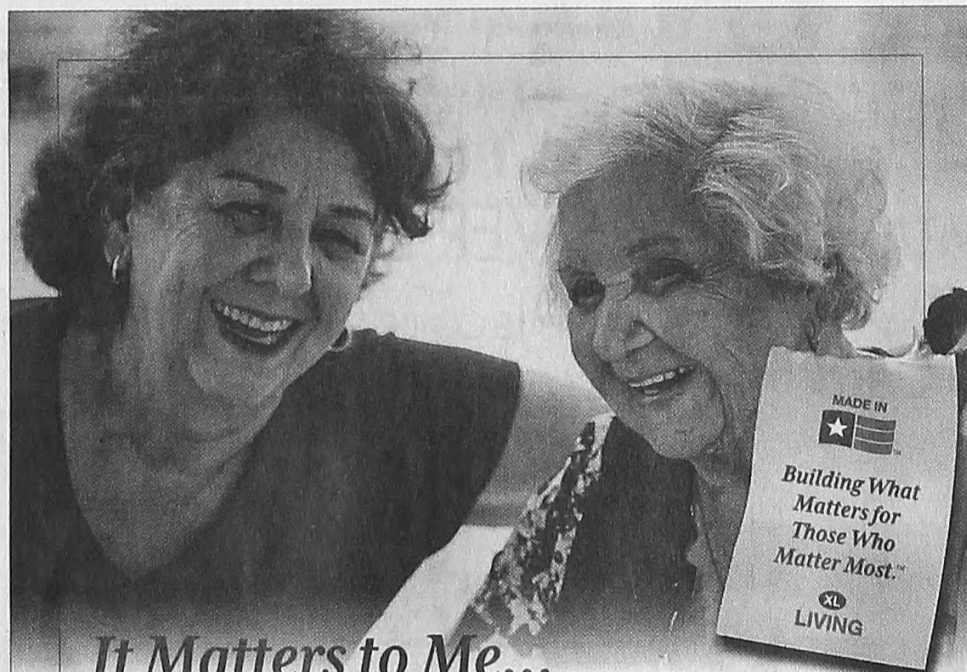
Eighth-grade students at All Saints Catholic School have been developing amusement-theme park ideas as part of a three-month-long STEM project. The assignment was to work in small teams to create an amusement park with specific, scientifically-based requirements. The parks had to include a spinning ride, a weightless ride, and rides focused on speed and height. Using every day materials such as Popsicle sticks, pop bottles, paper cups, and cardboard boxes, the student teams set forth to engineer their rides. Following the final presentations, science teacher Barb Zahari required each team member to write a reflection, which included details on how fellow team members performed their tasks and worked with the group. For more information, go to www.allsaintscs.com or call 734-459-2490.

GIRL SCOUTS DONATE COOKIES TO HEROES



Bentley Elementary Girl Scouts of Canton worked hard collecting donations to give to their chosen heroes. Brownie Troop 40762 and Daisy Troop 40374 asked customers to help support them and give cookies to the great teachers of Bentley Elementary, Northville Fire Fighters and the Canton Police Department. These Girl Scouts averaged 265 packages sold per Girl Scout. The two troops donated more than 100 packages to Officer Curry (above), the Canton Police Department school officer, Northville Fireman Dan Dipple and the teachers of Bentley Elementary.

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Four reasons to head to Livonia Spree in June

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School's almost out, which means it's almost time for the fun to begin.

Livonia Spree returns June 19-24 to Ford Field at Lyndon and Farmington roads. An annual celebration of Livonia becoming a city in 1950, this year's events will bring many of the favorites Spree-goers have grown to love.

Here are four reasons to check out at this year's Livonia Spree.

The music

What would Spree be without the music?

This year, the committee has decided to break out the big hair and head to the 1980s, with Rock Star headlining the festival Saturday night.

Celebrating all things '80s arena rock, the group plays hits from bands and artists such as Poison, Bon Jovi, Motley Crue, Def Leppard and many more. Rock Star's show will take the south main stage beginning at 7 p.m.

In addition to the headliners, plenty of Spree favor-



Carnival rides are among Spree's most popular attractions. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The Spree fireworks, launched near the Livonia Family YMCA, light up the sky. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

website as well.

The rides

Wade Shows will return with its traditional slate of thrill and kiddie rides for all ages. An official ride list hasn't been posted on the Wade Shows event page for the Spree, but plenty of options will be available for kids of all ages to enjoy.

Wristbands for unlimited rides are \$25, though an online pre-sale will take place before the Spree with bands going for \$16. They can also be bought in person at the following locations:

- Livonia Parks & Recreation, 15100 Hubbard
- Livonia treasurer's office, 33000 Civic Center
- Livonia Chamber of Commerce, 33300 Five Mile, Suite 212
- Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark

The fireworks

The biggest grand finale of them all, the annual fireworks show, will return Sunday night to wrap up the festivities.

The annual show will light up the sky near Farmington Road. Several roads surrounding the Spree grounds, including Farmington between Schoolcraft and Five Mile, will close several hours before the fireworks show. The show will kick off after 10 p.m.

The shuttle service will take Spree-goers between Ford Field and the civic center parking lot all day and after the fireworks.

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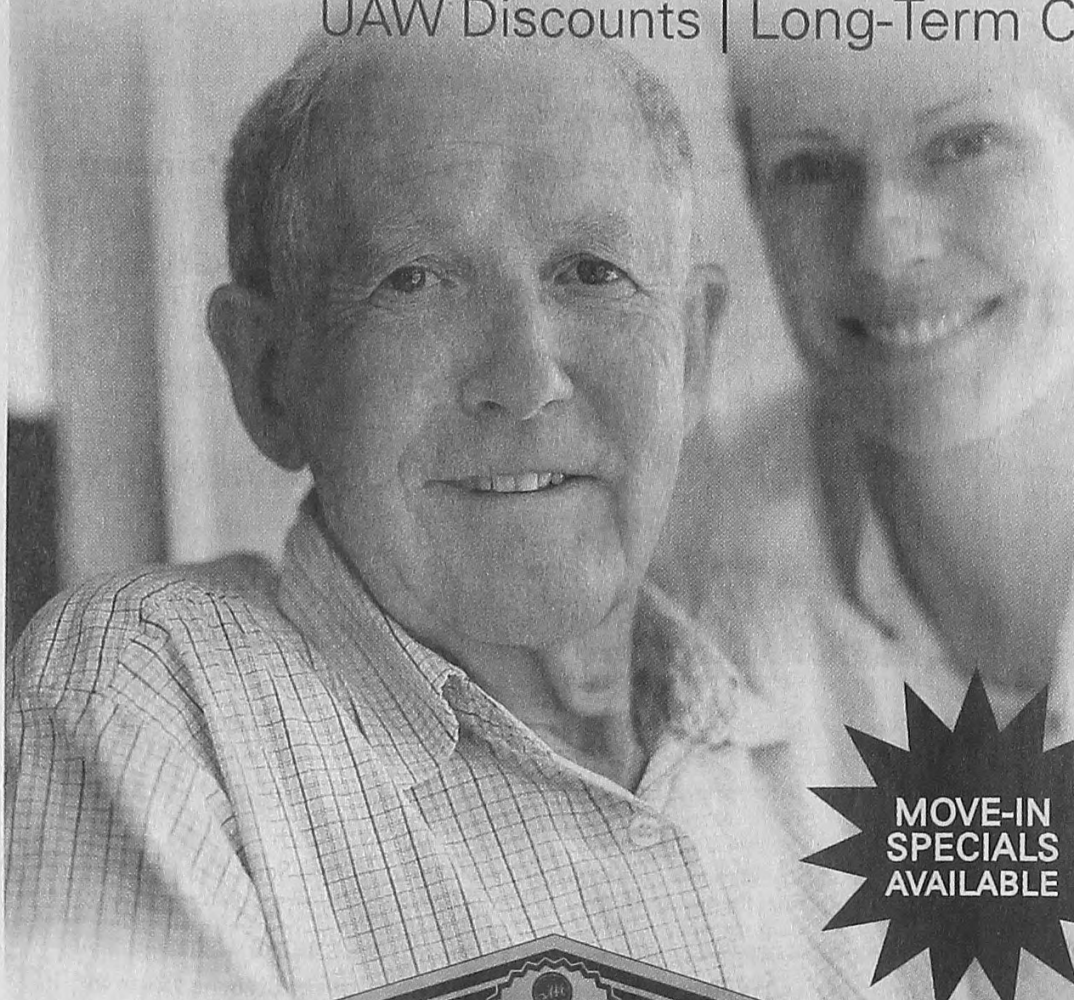
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Olympic medalist freestyle swimmer Allison Schmitt competes during the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio. MELISSA LUNDIE PHOTOGRAPHY

Schmitt

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tes and AIDS combined.”

Don't keep it in

Depression got Schmitt down over the years, but never totally out.

Yet after the 2012 Olympics, Schmitt stopped swimming in international meets. It took the friendship and advice of fellow Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps to help lift her out of her doldrums.

With encouragement from Phelps, she started to see a psychologist. Ultimately, Schmitt climbed out of the darkness and made a successful comeback — winning gold and silver medals at 2016 Rio Games.

So she knows about the benefit of finding ways to keep lines of communication open, no matter how difficult talking about her emotions might be at times.

“If I can tell my younger self what I now know about depression, I would say, ‘You’re not crazy, you’re not weird,’” Schmitt said in her video segment. “We’re humans, we all have emotions — whether it’s happy, sad, frustrated, angry, excited, silly. It’s OK to have those emotions, but it’s not OK to isolate.

“Have those hard conversations, those tough conversations. And then, know it’s not easy. The first time, maybe not the second time, maybe not the third, maybe not the 10th. But it allows the weight to get off our shoulders.

“It allows us to live more freely with the help of others. Remember, we’re all unique, we’re all loved and each person adds a special puzzle piece to this world.”

They're not alone

Schmitt and other celebrities, such as Lindsey Stirling, Ginger Zee, Charles Schwab, Jessica McCabe, Tim Howard and Adam Grabowski, created home-made, inspiring messages talking to “their younger selves.”

Those short videos were recorded on their smartphones and shared via Child Mind Institute’s social media channels and website (childmind.org).

The public got involved by sharing and liking videos on social media and uploading their own videos with hopeful messages to their younger selves.

Child Mind Institute president and founder Dr. Harold S. Koplewicz emphasized that the #MyYoungerSelf campaign strives to “eradicate the stigma that keeps the one in five young people who struggle with a mental health or learning disorder from getting help and reaching their potential.

“We all know and love these children — if it’s not your son or daughter, it’s a

niece or a nephew or your child’s best friend at school,” Koplewicz said. “#MyYoungerSelf represents our society, whether you’re famous or not, coming together to get these kids the help they need.”

Ready to listen

Soothing words can provide balm, whether from celebrities, family, friends or mental health professionals.

David Majchrzak falls into the latter category. He is a limited licensed psychologist at Oakland Psychological Clinic, where he tries to lift the veil of gloom for patients as young as age 12. Oakland Psychological Clinic has counseling centers in eight locations, including Bloomfield Hills, Livonia and Milford.

“Teens are under more pressures and challenges than parents and families know,” Majchrzak said. “And a lot of times, teenagers will try to be very strong and cope in the best way they can. But I think parents and society in general, the standards (on young people) are pretty hard.

“Kids don’t have the coping skills and they get swamped, then they get very depressed for ‘you’re not being perfect, you’re not being good enough.’ But they hold it to themselves, they don’t want to upset their teacher, their family, their peers.”

Majchrzak said there are too many “outcome-based” activities filling teenagers’ lives, including academics, social interactions and sports.

“There’s less of just being able to be themselves,” he said. “They feel it at their age, very much so, but they can’t place it. That’s where a lot of kids get stuck.”

Through efforts such as #MyYoungerSelf and by teenagers not being ashamed to talk to teachers, counselors or even psychologists, Majchrzak is hopeful that their feelings of despair will subside.

“The problem is never as big as you feel or think. You’re not a burden to anybody when you need help,” Majchrzak said. “Help is always there. Trust that others will listen or be there.

“You feel more empowered when you know you’re not the only one going through this. Those #MyYoungerSelf clips and that kind of support is awesome, because a lot of kids think, like, ‘It’s only me. I’m the only one who has this.’”

ABOUT CHILD MIND INSTITUTE: The Child Mind Institute is an independent, national nonprofit dedicated to transforming the lives of children and families struggling with mental health and learning disorders. Go to childmind.org for more information.

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Allison Schmitt signs a swim cap for 9-year-old Colin Witt of Livonia during a recent appearance at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. TIM SMITH

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New 'Cracked' eatery touts addictive menu

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Restaurateurs Jeff and Patti Neely have created a tempting menu that could prove addictive at their new eatery in Northville Township.

They even named it Cracked: An A.M. Addiction.

Bacon lovers, surrender. Cracked serves thick bacon in four flavors: candied, Cajun, sriracha and black pepper. Got a sweet tooth? Try the Funky Monkey pancakes with chocolate chips and sliced bananas, drizzled with peanut butter and chocolate sauce. Or give in to The Addiction, French toast stuffed with mascarpone Italian cream cheese and topped with salted caramel and a vanilla crème sauce, toasted coconut and fresh strawberries.

Cracked marks the 24th restaurant for the Neelys and their Michigan-based restaurant group, Inspired Concepts, including locations for Noodles & Co., Old Chicago pizza, Smashburger and Mt. Pleasant's 1950s-style Pixie diner, among others.

Cracked, however, is special. "This is my baby. We started this from scratch ourselves," Patti Neely

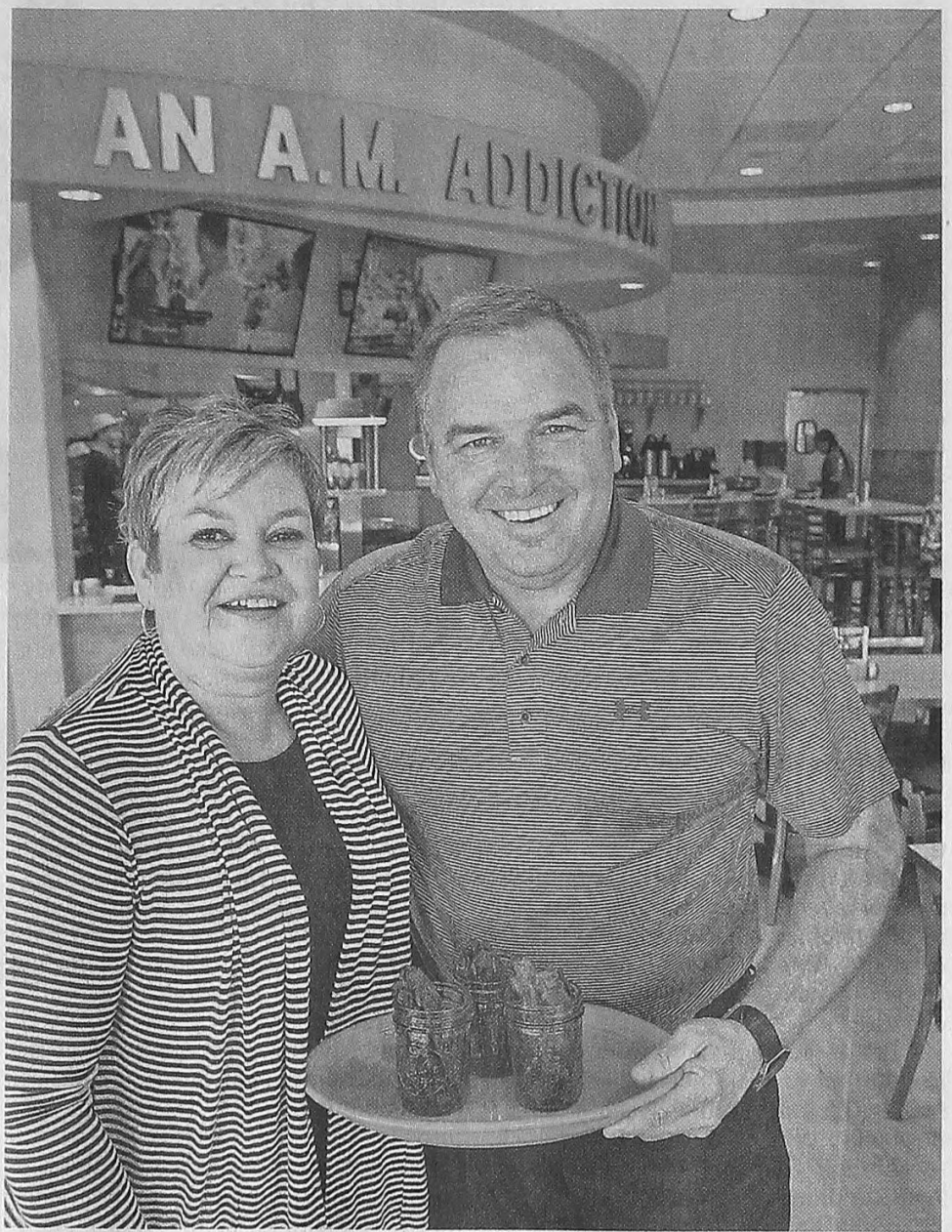


Cracked: An A.M. Addiction is open for business in Northville Township. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

said. Cracked, located at 17933 Haggerty Road, behind P.F. Chang's, has a stylish orange and teal decor. A place for breakfast, brunch and lunch, it even has a table and chairs that look like cracked eggs. Employees — or the "food innovation team," as Jeff Neely calls it — wear creative T-shirts. One has a fork with sunglasses and the letters WTF: Where's The Food?

And that's really what Cracked is about: The food. The Neelys — high

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Eatery

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school sweethearts turned restaurateurs — brought in renowned chef Jeremy Hargrove, who has worked with the likes of celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck, to help develop the menu.

Customer Julie Wiechman-Jarrett gave Cracked an enthusiastic thumbs up during her first visit. For lunch she had Lil' Gems, made of four little gem lettuce wedges with house-made green goddess dressing, bleu cheese, bacon crumbles and topped with two poached eggs

"I thought it was very good and the price was very reasonable (at \$8)," she said. "For a salad, it was very filling. I probably won't eat dinner."

More decadent customers might try the one-third pound PB and Jealously burger. The meat is half ground beef and half ground bacon laced with habanero strawberry jam and topped with a fried egg, fried bananas, cheddar cheese, more bacon and peanut butter on a buttered brioche bun.

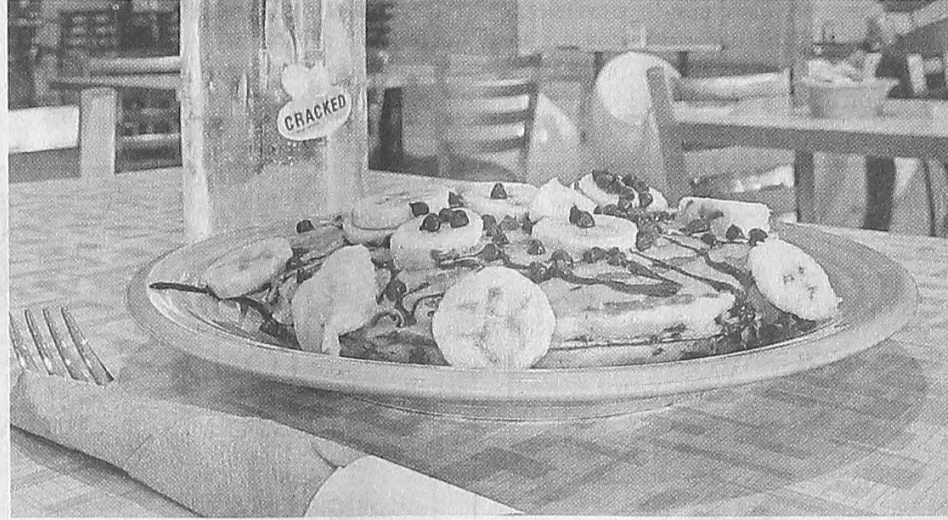
To be sure, Cracked offers healthier options, such as the Lemonberry HoYo, house-made Greek yogurt infused with lemon, honey and vanilla and topped with fresh seasonal berries and granola crumbles.

Residents of Lansing, the Neelys met in seventh grade, became high school sweethearts and married in 1981. Jeff Neely has about 40 years of experience in the restaurant business, once working as a Domino's Pizza assistant manager and working his way up to regional vice president based in Denver.

Long on their own, the Neelys strive



Shakshuka is a Mediterranean dish made of poached eggs in a spicy tomato sauce with cauliflower and feta cheese, served with ciabatta bread. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Funky Monkey pancakes come with chocolate chips and sliced bananas, drizzled with peanut butter and chocolate sauce. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

for perfection with every dish they serve. They say their food has been taste-tested with three of their four grandchildren who are old enough to eat at ages 3, 4 and 5. Their daughter Natasha, who handles their marketing, also approves and likes to use words like "eggs-cellent" and "eggs-citing" to describe Cracked.

Cracked partners with local companies such as Michigan-based Zingerman's Coffee Co. The restaurant also serves Stubborn Soda, with flavors such as agave vanilla cream, orange hibiscus and classic root beer. A full bar menu is in the works.

It's normal to wonder how the Neelys got the name for their restaurant. Patti Neely came up with the Cracked part and her son-in-law, Levi Martin, the company's chief development officer, chimed in with An A.M. Addiction.

The Neelys want their customers to feel at home when they are ordering items like the Cracked Candied Pizza, made with a candied sauce, mozzarella cheese, scrambled eggs and bacon.

The Neelys laugh easily. They seem to enjoy their latest venture. And they want their customers to savor the experience, too.

"We want our restaurant to be like you're coming into our home to eat," Jeff Neely said.

Cracked: An A.M. Addiction is open from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, go to www.crackedbreakfast.com.

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A trust will ensure wishes are met, even after death



Money Matters
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Q: I have a couple of questions with regard to estate planning that I hope you can help me with. I am in my early 70s and I have never done anything regarding a will or a trust. I've decided now is the time. My situation is, I am a widow with three adult children who are on their own. If you add everything in my estate, it's worth about \$1 million. My problem is, my three children are in different financial shape. My oldest son has been very successful and doesn't need my money. My other two children are much more in need. The problem is, they are totally irresponsible with money. If I give my two younger children money, I know they will blow it and have nothing to show for it. My attorney is a close fam-

ily friend and, therefore, I wanted to get my thoughts in order before I sit down with him.

A: I love that you're recognizing the reality that two of your children are fiscally irresponsible. The easy way out would be to give the kids the money outright upon your death and not worry about what they'll do with it. On the other hand, as a loving parent, the better thing to do is protect them from themselves. That is why I recommend you create a trust for your two fiscally irresponsible children.

You can create a trust that takes effect upon your death that will control your children's inheritance. You can provide that the trust distributes money to them on a regular basis over as many years as you choose. In addition, with a trust, you can also create provisions where (based on certain criteria that you set) other monies can be distributed to them on an as-needed basis. Basically, it

allows you to control your money and its distribution after your death.

One of the key ingredients to a trust is the trustee — an individual that will implement the trust based upon the criteria that you set. The trustee can be an individual, a group of people or even an institution such as a bank. There are pros and cons for each; the key is to find the type of trustee that best suits your situation. For example, it may seem obvious that your fiscally responsible child should be the trustee, but it may put him in awkward position and it may harm the relationship with the other two kids. A professional trustee would follow the terms of your trust, but they can be expensive. The best trustee for you is the one that best suits your situation.

Another tough issue is whether your fiscally responsible child gets his inheritance, if any, outright or is he also subject to the terms of the trust. There is not one right answer; again, it's what's best for your family dynamics.

Deciding on inheritances and how they are handled is not an easy decision. Every family is different, with different issues and situations. I encourage you not to do what your next-door neighbor is doing or what your best friend is doing, but what works for you. Remember, no one is entitled to an inheritance and the most important person to please is yourself, because it is your money.

I encourage everyone who doesn't have an estate plan to do one. You don't do an estate plan because you think something bad is going to happen, you do an estate plan because you love your family and you want to make sure that at all times they are protected. Having an up-to-date estate plan will accomplish that.

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



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'Chasing the Dragon' showing

The Northwest Wayne Chapter of Families Against Narcotics will show the acclaimed documentary film "Chasing the Dragon," followed by a panel discussion with experts from the FBI, the DEA and the U.S. Attorney's Office, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 4, at the LifeChurch Annex Building, 6900 N. Haggerty Road, in Canton.

For more information, contact nwwayne@familiesagainstnarcotics.org or call 248-767-9412. You can also find information and events at the Northwest Wayne Families Against Narcotics Facebook page.

Mariners Inn golf benefit

Mariners Inn will host its annual golf outing Friday, June 8, at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, in Plymouth for the public to help benefit its mission providing homeless men a shelter and rehabilitation facility for compassionate and holistic recovery.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The cost is \$150, which includes golf, lunch and admission to the awards dinner. The event also features on-course games and contests, a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and hole-in-one prizes compliments of Dix-on Golf.

For more information, sponsorship opportunities or to register, contact Erica Rakowicz at 313-962-9446, ext. 230, or go to www.marinersinn.org/events/golfouting.

Plymouth shred event

The city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will offer a shred day for all residents of both communities from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 9, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Residents participating must provide proof of city or township residence, which can be done with a driver's license, voter ID card, water bill or property tax bill.

Paper to be shredded shall be limited

to five banker boxes on each trip. Residents can make multiple trips throughout the morning, however. Documents can be in paper bags or boxes when brought to shredding. Documents in plastic bags must be removed.

For more information, email shred@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

3D Photography Club

The 3D Photography Club of southeast Michigan will hold its next meeting at 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington. The program will include a presentation of the best 3D images made by club members this season and the annual awards presentation.

The meetings are free to attend and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent. For more information, go to www.Detroit3D.org or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

Lions Club pancake breakfast

The Canton Lions Club Foundation will hold its annual pancake breakfast in conjunction with Liberty Fest 8-11 a.m. Saturday, June 16, in Heritage Park, 1150 Canton Center Road. There cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under.

The Canton Lions Club is a diverse group of men and women who have come together to earn funds to support those who are less fortunate. The Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. each Monday at Rose's Restaurant, on the corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hill roads. For information, call Bill Van Winkle 734 254-9404 or email govbill@wowway.com.

Music at the Elks

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

The legendary Kenny Parker Band, with special guest Jim McCarty returns Tuesday, June 12. Joining them will be Dan Devins on vocals and harmonica,

Mike Marshall on bass and Dave Marcaccio on drums. Kenny Parker and Jim McCarty are Detroit Blues Society Lifetime Achievement Award Honorees.

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

Salvation Army concert

The Salvation Army will host a free brass concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, in Canton. The concert will feature the award-winning Motor City Brass Band, along with performances from The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Divisional Band and The Salvation Army Youth Beginner Brass. Donations will be accepted to support the local Salvation Army music program.

YMCA Father's Day run

The Plymouth Family YMCA will be holding its annual Father's Day run Sunday, June 17. The program includes a quarter-mile fun run, a one-mile run, a 5K run/walk, a 10K run and a triple, which is competing in the one-mile, 5K and 10K and combining results for all three races for an overall time.

To learn more or register for the race, go to plymouthfathersdayrun.org or call the Plymouth Family YMCA at 734-453-2904.

Wounded Warrior benefit

Old Glory Flags and Flagpoles of Canton and Canton Leisure Services have joined forces to host The Lynn M. Bentley Memorial Walk, Talk and Yoga Event To Benefit The Wounded Warrior Project, with Dan Nevins, set for Saturday, July 28, in Heritage Park, adjacent to the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

This fundraiser is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.; participants are asked to arrive by 8:30 a.m. for check-in or registration. Nevins is a motivational speak-

er and nationally recognized Wounded Warrior and a retired U.S. Army staff sergeant

All proceeds will go to benefit Wounded Warrior Project. Tickets (\$20 online, \$25 the week of the event and \$30 on-site the day of the event, a portion of which is tax-deductible) are on sale at www.cantonfun.org. Veterans will be admitted free.

For additional information, go to www.cantonfun.org or call 734-394-5360.

Mother-Son Tigers game

The Plymouth Recreation Department will sponsor its inaugural Mother-Son outing Sunday, July 29, when the Detroit Tigers host the Cleveland Indians. A charter bus will leave from the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, at 10:30 a.m.

Event price (\$35) includes tickets to the game, as well as transportation to and from Comerica Park. Your little guy (ages 14 and younger) can enjoy free carousel and Ferris wheel rides throughout the day and at the end of the game kids can run the bases. Advance ticket purchase is required because space is limited.

Registration can be found online at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or by calling 734-455-6620 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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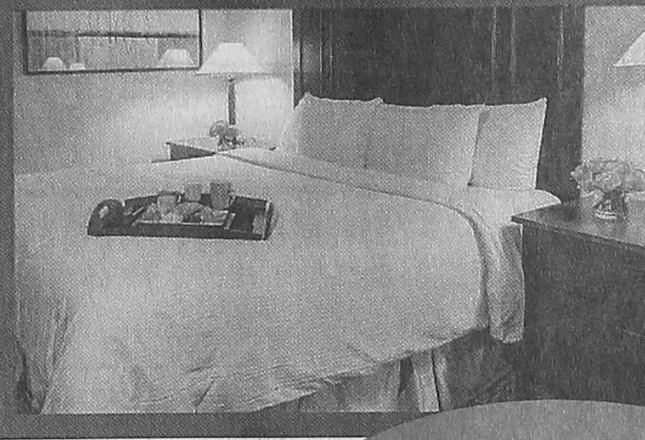
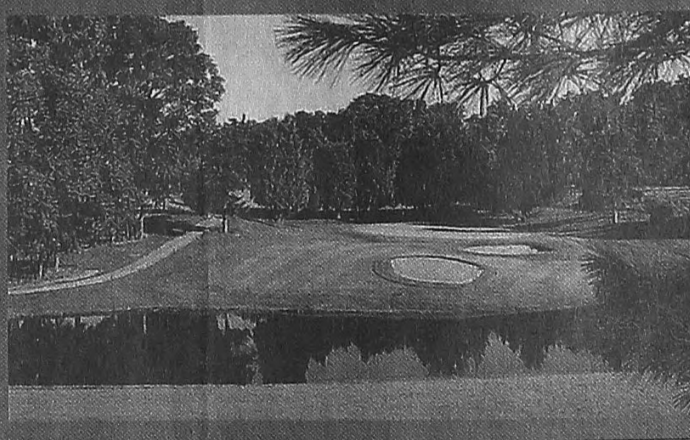
The Plymouth-Canton Optimist Club will be hosting its second annual dinner cruise at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, aboard The Diamond Belle on the Detroit River. It will depart from the Stroh's River Place dock for a 2½-hour cruise at sunset.

Dinner will be served and the cruise will include a cash bar and raffle opportunities. Tickets are \$49.25 per person, including secure parking. All proceeds go to support the youth programs the Plymouth-Canton Optimist Club provides to the community.

To reserve tickets, contact Pamela Batcho at PlymouthCantonOptimist@gmail.com or 734-502-5776. Reservations must be made before Wednesday, Aug. 1, and payment must be received by Wednesday, Aug. 15.

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Sullivan new CEO at Detroit Historical Society

Thomas C. Buhl, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Detroit Historical Society, announced recently that Elana Sullivan has been named executive director and CEO of the Detroit Historical Society after an exhaustive search. She assumes responsibility for the overall strategic direction, management and operations of the Detroit Historical Museum in Midtown, the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle and the Collections Resource Center, home to the city's collection of more than 250,000 historic artifacts, effective July 9, when longtime CEO Bob Bury steps down. Sullivan most recently served as chief advancement officer for Detroit

Country Day School in Beverly Hills and has spent her entire 28-year career in the nonprofit arena.

"I am honored and incredibly excited to have been selected as the society's next CEO," Sullivan said. "Detroit and its history are worthy of being celebrated, something the Detroit Historical Society has done so well for nearly a century. This is a remarkable time of growth in our city and I am proud to have the chance to be part of it."



Sullivan

Sullivan began her career in nonprofit

management and development in 1990 at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Michigan Chapter, holding numerous positions before joining the philanthropy department of Henry Ford Health System in 2001, where she spent nearly seven years. She returned to the MS Society-Michigan Chapter in 2007 and served as president for 10 years, leading the organization through a significant financial and cultural turnaround. Sullivan's efforts at the MS Society resulted in the organization receiving numerous workplace awards.

Sullivan participates regularly in community events, frequently raising funds for associated charities, and also

remains a committed volunteer for the National MS Society.

"This is an exciting transition for the Detroit Historical Society," Buhl said. "Elana brings a depth of experience and an enthusiasm for nonprofit growth and innovation that will serve the society well at this exciting juncture in our history. We look forward to continuing our positive momentum and growing our capabilities under her leadership."

The Detroit Historical Society is a private, nonprofit organization located in Midtown, the heart of Detroit's cultural center. For more information, go to detroithistorical.org.

Couple surveys damage after truck hits home

LeAnne Rogers
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The large boarded up area where there used to be a picture window and the smashed brick exterior of the home on Shiawassee doesn't reflect all the damage caused by a speeding pickup truck.

When the truck slammed into the house, it went through the living room and struck the dining room table and chairs, not to mention a 55-gallon fish tank.

"We've got a flooded basement. The fish tank (water) leaked to the base-

ment. It ruined our finished basement. All the fish died — I'd had the fish tank for 10 years," homeowner Joni Delikta said. "At least we're above the turf."

With the living room boarded up, Delikta said insurance company representatives have been telling her not to clean up or move anything. She shows dust on the couch in the family room located at the rear of the house. Dust and water were all over a loaded pantry in the basement.

The house is tagged as uninhabitable, but not condemned. Retired, Delikta is at the house with her two dachshunds — Quizzo and Meadow — trying

to keep them away from potential hazards from tiny bits of glass or contaminants.

The Deliktas were sleeping in a bedroom to the rear of their home, west of Inkster Road, when the Ford F-150 pickup truck left the roadway and drove in through the living room about 4:18 a.m. May 23.

"I thought the house had exploded. We couldn't walk down the hallway — there were bricks and glass down the hallway," Delikta said.

With the assistance of a Royal Oak police K-9, Farmington Hills police officers located a suspect at a home on St.

Francis Street, which dead-ends at Shiawassee, directly across from the Delikta home.

John Leonard Voskhul Jr. has been arraigned on charges of operating under the influence of a controlled substance, failing to report an accident and failing to identify himself after an accident. A not-guilty plea was entered on his behalf when Voskhul was arraigned in 47th District Court. He was jailed in lieu of \$25,000 cash/surety.

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Obituaries

Albertine (Abbie) Leonhard

BIRMINGHAM - Albertine (Abbie) Leonhard passed away peacefully on January 30, 2018. She was born August 8, 1926, the youngest daughter of Albert and Isabel Stoll in Birmingham. She attended Quarton Elementary School and Birmingham High School where she graduated in 1944. She continued her education at Hillsdale College where she was very involved in her sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma serving as president. Abbie met the love of her life, Stephen Leonhard, at Hillsdale and after their wedding moved to Rochester, NY where Steve worked for Eastman Kodak. They returned to Birmingham to her childhood home to raise their family, a daughter Debbie and a son Mark. Abbie worked for the Birmingham Public Schools for many years and loved helping her students, their families and her coworkers. She was very involved with the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham teaching Sunday School, helping with Hand in Hand and serving as a deacon. Her greatest joys were her family, her friends and her faith. She cherished her role as wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was blessed with wonderful friends whom she was always there for in celebrations and in support. And she had an unwavering faith in God. Abbie was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Martha Murphy and Betty Angelo and her son Mark. She is survived by her loving husband of 68 years Steve, her daughter Debbie and her husband Michael, her daughter-in-law Lynn, 5 grandchildren, a great-grandson and nephews Tom Murphy, Frank Angelo and their families. A graveside service will be held Saturday June 9, 2018 at 1:00 at Greenwood Cemetery with a reception following at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. In lieu of flowers, the family requests remembrances be made in her memory to the First Presbyterian Church or Hillsdale College.

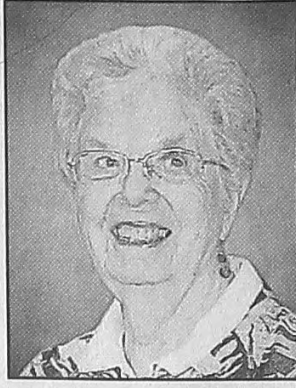
Christine Louise Wasielewski (Szilagyi)

ORANGE CITY, FL - Christine Louise Wasielewski (Szilagyi) passed away peacefully Tuesday, April 25th, 2018 in Orange City, Florida. Beloved wife of Ronald of twenty years who was beside her with sister-in-law Nancy Currie, son Keith Wasielewski and daughter Stacey LaRoché. Christine was born in Detroit, Michigan on August 28, 1944. She was 73. Christine was a R.N. for 30 years. She worked as a Pediatrics Nurse for 5 yrs. in Detroit and Portland, Or. and, then as Geriatric nurse for last 25 yrs in Livonia, Mi. and finished her career in 1995 in Westland, Mi. Christine is survived by her two younger sisters, Judith Anderson of Aumsville, Or., sister Melissa Szilagyi of Oceanside, Ca., brother David Szilagyi of Portland, Or., brother Jeffrey Szilagyi of St. Helens, Oregon, and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews. Christine and Ronald were members of St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland Mi. and St. Aidan's Catholic Church in Livonia, Mi. Christine was loved & will truly be missed by all, including her Detroit St. Bridgid Catholic School classmates.



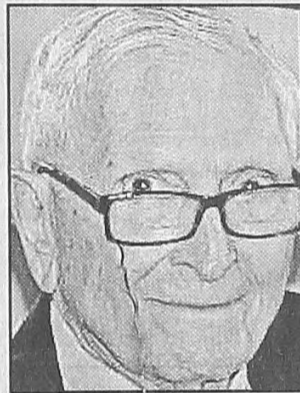
Joanna Peithman

BLOOMINGTON, IN - Joanna M. Peithman, 86, passed away Wednesday, May 23, 2018 surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Newman, Illinois on May 2, 1932. She attended the University of Illinois, graduating in piano performance and Music Education. There she met her husband Harlan W. Peithman and they married August 16, 1953. They moved to Michigan, where Harlan worked at Ford Motor Company. Joanna taught private piano lessons for 25 years. She worshipped at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, where she sang in the choir, played hand bells and accompanied many church musicals. She worked as a choral accompanist for 5 years at Bishop Borgess High School and was the accompanist for the Ford Motor Company Chorus. She retired with Harlan to Bloomington, IN in 1993, where she remained an active member of SAI. She managed the student musical instrument program, which provided instruments for metro Bloomington public schools. Joanna is survived by her loving husband of 65 years; daughters, Janet (James) and Lynn; grandsons, Noah, Matthew and Michael, and great-granddaughter Serenity. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the SAI Scholarship Fund, Nashville Symphony Orchestra or Charles Webb Foundation in Bloomington, IN. Condolences may be made online at www.AlexanderWestChapel.com.



Stephen Richard Maggio

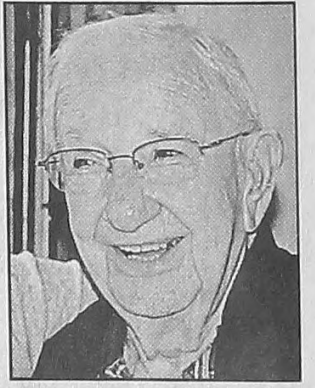
PLYMOUTH - age 87, of Buffalo New York, formerly of Plymouth Michigan; passed away on May 26, 2018. Beloved husband of 59 years to Kathleen. Dear father of Beth Maggio, Karen (Pat) Woelfel, Ellen (Todd) Doenitz, Lisa (Joe) Golicher and Kristina Maggio. Proud Papa of Meaghan (Joe), Gretchen, Halle (Jackie), Amy (Ryan), Andrew (Breanna), Patrick (Abby), Courtney, Kallie, Mollie, and Charlie. Caring brother of Phyllis Maggio Amenta. Stephen retired after 25 years as Vice President of Automotive Sales from Gulf & Western Corporation in Southfield. He proudly served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. When not with his cherished family, his happiest place was on the golf course, or at home with his beloved dog, Bridget, on his lap. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, 14 Pennsylvania Plaza, Suite 2110, New York, NY 10122. Arrangements were entrusted to Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth, MI 48170. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



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Franklin W. Walsh

LIVONIA - Franklin W. Walsh of Livonia, passed away on May 30, 2018 at the age of 95. He was the beloved husband of the late June M. Walsh; loving father of Carl Terry and his wife Kathleen, Valeri and her husband Daniel Laho, Sharon and her husband Gary Chretien. He was the proud Grandfather of 6, Great Grandfather to 13 and Great Great Grandfather of 3. He was predeceased by his father, mother and seven siblings.



Franklin served in the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps during World War II in the United Kingdom and Continental Europe. He was awarded the France & Germany Star, the Defense Medal and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal. He spent 35 years at Burnham Stoepel in Detroit as their Merchandise Manager. He enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling, wood working and refinishing furniture. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Family and friends are cordially invited to gather and share memories at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home located 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia, on Monday, June 4, 2018 beginning at 3:00 pm, with a service at 7:00 pm. Please share a memory at www.rggrharris.com.

Helen Marie (nee Ledford) Thomas

LIVONIA - Helen, age 87, died May 23, 2018.

Beloved wife of the late Merrill "Mert" Thomas. Loving mother of Tracey Conrad and Andrew (Joan) Thomas. Cherished grandmother of Zachary Thomas, Benjamin Thomas, Alexander Thomas, Monica Conrad and Nolan Conrad. Dear sister of Daniel (Ruth) Ledford and Sandra (Donald) Lynn and beloved aunt and cousin of many.



Helen was a dedicated music teacher in the Dearborn Public Schools for 27 years. She was a member of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church for 49 years. Helen loved singing in the choir, performing in church musicals, and hosting many memorable parties.

Visitation was held Saturday, June 2, at Harry J. Will Funeral Home. Funeral Service is TODAY Sunday, June 3rd at 3 PM at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 9601 Hubbard St. Livonia, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are appreciated to Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church Music Fund.

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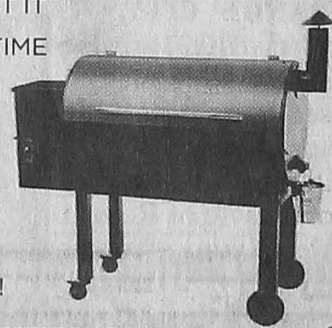
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Sports

BOYS BASKETBALL

Palmer takes over as Rice coach

Former Country Day assistant will replace Shaffer

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Brother Rice did not have to go far to find its new basketball coach.

Bloomfield Hills resident and former Detroit Country Day basketball player Rick Palmer will take over the Warriors program. Rice administrators released former head coach Ed Shaffer in mid-April to pursue "another direction."

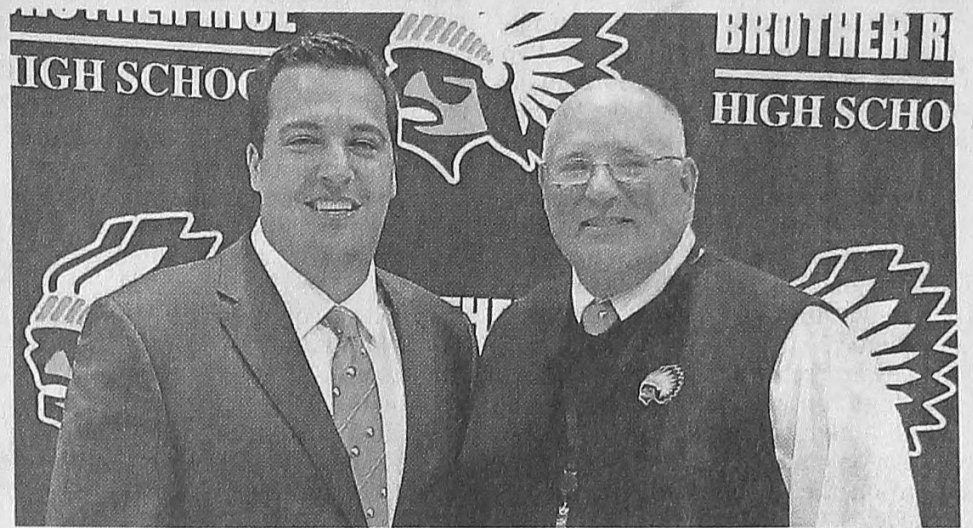
After an extensive search and interview process that included more than 20 candidates, Palmer officially was named head coach May 24 and formally introduced to the school community in a ceremony Wednesday evening inside Rice's gymnasium.

"Our search committee worked diligently in our process and coach Palmer became the clear choice to lead our program moving forward," Brother Rice athletic director Jeff Calcaterra said. "He understands the values of Brother Rice and our commitment to excellence in academics and athletics. He will be an active member of our community while instilling what it takes to be a top program in Michigan."

Palmer worked as an assistant coach for five years (2009-13) at Detroit Country Day, where he helped lead the Yellowjackets to five regional titles and two state championships (2010 and 2013).

He also was a graduate assistant at

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New Brother Rice basketball head coach Rick Palmer (left) takes a photo with athletic director Jeff Calcaterra during Wednesday's introduction assembly.

PREP SOFTBALL



Ladywood senior Allee Schellenberger and her mother Shannon, a 1989 Ladywood graduate, participate in the postgame circle celebrating the final softball game played at the Livonia school. MARTY BUDNER

ONE FOR THE AGES

Final game at Ladywood is a sentimental journey

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"OK. For the last time: play ball!"

And with those words uttered by veteran umpire Dick Gibson, the last athletic event at Livonia Ladywood High School — a softball game against long-time Catholic League rival Farmington Hills Mercy — was underway May 25.

The Blazers managed to keep things close for a while and held a 3-2 lead after three innings. However, a nine-run fourth inning proved the difference as the visiting Marlins went on to a convincing 15-5 mercy-rule victory.

But the afternoon was really a sentimental journey for the Blazers and their fans, including many alumnae who returned to witness the program's final

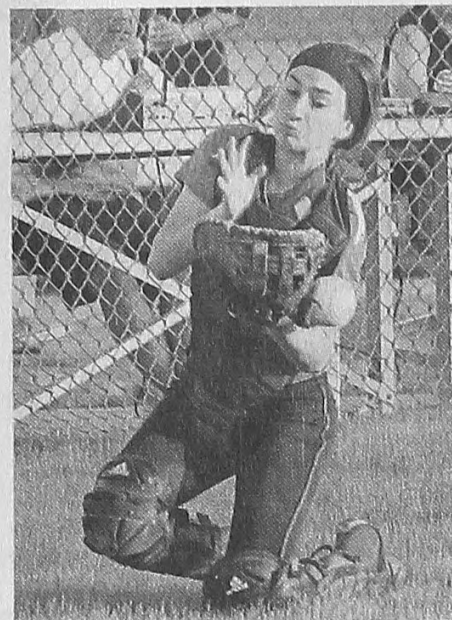
home game.

The school, which first opened in 1950, will close its doors for the final time next month after 68 years of sending young women out into the world with a faith-based education. The school's 54 seniors gathered for an emotional commencement ceremony May 24 at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia.

Three members of Ladywood's final graduation class — Liz Kemp, Allee Schellenberger and Anna Francone — are also members of the school's final softball team.

Following the game, a short ceremony was held on the infield as players from both teams and the Ladywood alumnae held hands in a circle, said a

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Ladywood junior catcher Bridget Polk attempts to track down a foul ball near the fence. MARTY BUDNER

BOYS GOLF

Plymouth earns ninth straight trip to state finals

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Going to the MHSAA Division 1 state finals has become a common occurrence for the Plymouth boys golf team.

The Wildcats, third a year ago, earned their ninth consecutive trip by taking the third and final qualifying spot with a four-player total of 329 at the regional tourney May 30 at Polo Field Golf Course in Ann Arbor.

Joining Plymouth for the state finals Friday and Saturday, June 8-9, at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows will be regional champion Ann Arbor Skyline (311), led by individual medalist Cameron Cowland's 72, and runner-up Ann Arbor Pioneer (328).

Saline, with 331, missed the cut by two strokes in fourth place.

Rounding out the 15-school field were Salem (340), Canton (344), Monroe (349), Ann Arbor Huron (361), Temperance Bedford (374), Jackson (392), Livonia Churchill (395), Wyandotte Roosevelt (400), Westland John Glenn (400), Southgate Anderson (410), and Ypsilanti Lincoln (440).

Junior Justin Lauer placed sixth individually with 79 to lead Plymouth, while other scorers for the Wildcats included sophomore Ian Smith, 10th (81); sophomore Josh Wein, 14th (82); and senior Timmy Baldwin, 26th (86). Freshman Luke Morris placed 53rd with 98.

Sophomore Josh German paced Salem in 10th with 81, followed by senior Justin Polce, 18th (83); senior Bryce Henderson, 26th (86); senior Jack McCarthy, 34th (90); and freshman Nathan Anton, 59th (100).

Canton juniors Jonhan Chen and Alex Heyde tied for 14th with 82 each. Other finishers for the Chiefs included seniors D.J. Jablonski (28th, 87), Patrick McDougall (39th, 93) and Charles Visger (46th, 95).

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Churchill's contingent consisted of senior Adam Sinclair, 49th (96); sophomore Keith Peterson, 51st (97); junior Andrew Czajka, 56th (99); junior Max Proulx, 65th (103); and senior Logan Welch, 66th (104).

John Glenn's four scorers included juniors Matt Wilkins, 38th (92); John Lachine, 46th (95); Gueseppe Crachiolo, 59th (100); and Ben Damion, 73rd (113).

Meanwhile, Wayne Memorial senior Andrew Aigeltinger shot 85.

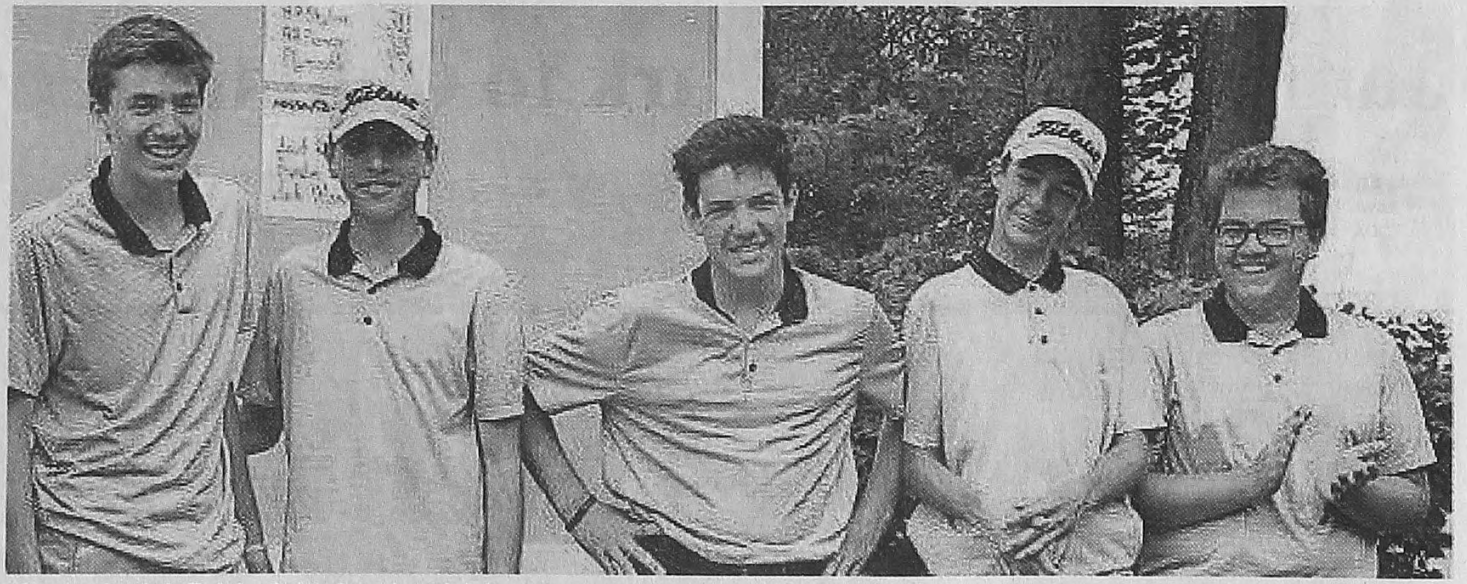
Pats qualify pair

Livonia Franklin, which did not figure in the team scoring, sent just two players to the regional and both qualified to become the first Patriots to earn spots in the state finals since Austin Stillman did in 2006.

Senior Jacob Kenward was runner-up to Cowland with 73, while sophomore Brandon Tirador shot 80 to tie for eighth along with Saline's Jack Woods to complete the three at-large individual qualifiers.

Kenward rebounded from a disappointing 92 on May 24 at the Kensington Lakes Activities Association tournament at Salem Hills by displaying good length off the tee and solid putting at Polo Fields.

"He played loose, there was no pressure whatsoever and it helped with him playing with the guy (Aigeltinger) from Wayne because he knew him," Franklin



Plymouth High finished third at the Division 1 boys golf regional to earn its ninth straight trip to the state finals.

coach Jason Rammler said of Kenward. "It was fun to watch finally. He had a good attitude out there because he usually gets down on himself, but he came through today. It's just a mental game. He can play with anybody, it just has to get it out of his head, that's all."

Despite a couple of hiccups, Tirador was solid again at the regional after just missing all-KLAA honors (top 18) the week before with 79.

"He had a couple of bad doubles (bo-geys) today, but all in all, played really good," Rammler said. "Putting-wise, it was good."

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The three at-large Division 1 boys golf individual qualifiers from the Polo Fields regional included (from left) Saline's Jack Woods, Franklin's Brandon Tirador and Franklin's Jacob Kenward, the runner-up.

Ladywood

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prayer and fondly embraced the final moments at the Michael V. Polsinelli Athletic Complex. Everyone then proceeded out to the center field fence to sign a banner underneath the scoreboard.

It was a bittersweet afternoon for them.

"It was kind of heart-breaking at tryouts, because it was the last year at Ladywood, so we really wanted to kind of make it fun," said Kemp, the left-handed slugging first baseman and four-year varsity participant who will play next year at Crown College in Minnesota. "It's really hard for me, because I'm going off to college and I wanted to come back and watch games, but now I can't."

"I think this is really a great program and I think it's sad that it has to go so soon when it has so many years of potential. I was really upset when I heard it was going to close.

"I wanted to come back and help coach in a few years and be a leader. I'll just have to leave this season and move on," the Northville resident said. "I didn't think it would go this fast, but it really has."

Ladywood head coach Jerry Twigg said he thought about the game all day and felt bad that the girls won't have a softball home to return to. The Blazers posted just four wins this year, but Twigg was more than satisfied with the effort his team played with in its final home game.

"It's a sad day, because it's history that's ending," said Twigg, Ladywood's coach for the past two years. "It's not really about me, though. It's about the girls. It's sad for me that it's ending, because it's sad for them because they don't get the opportunity to finish what they started."

"But it was a good day because the girls played hard and there were a lot of alumnae who came out to watch them play," he added. "They played exciting. They played hard and they played good."

Gathering of proud alumnae

Former head coach Scott Combs and his daughter Briana were present and they couldn't help but recall the softball glory days, which weren't that long ago.

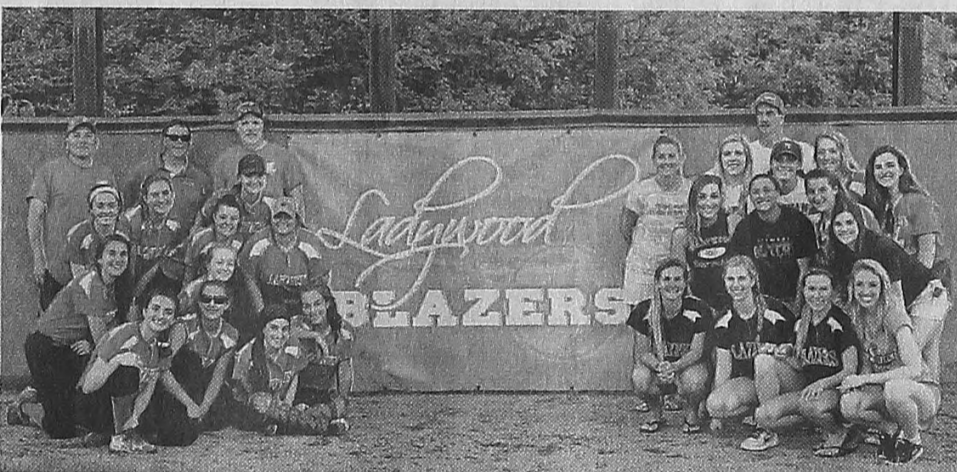
The Combses led Ladywood to its first softball state crown with a 4-0 victory over Saginaw Swan Valley in 2012. Two years later, the Blazers would again reach the championship game, only to fall to Stevensville Lakeshore by a run, 4-3.

In Combs's nine years at the helm, Ladywood advanced to the final four six times and won more than 350 games. Combs said it will be tough to drive past the school now knowing what had transpired during his coaching tenure.

"Obviously, it's bittersweet," said Combs, whose last year at Ladywood was 2016. "It's good to see everybody and we made a lot of memories. We had great, great kids who came through here who are now professionals who have graduated from college."



Former Ladywood head coach Scott Combs poses with Blazers alumnae Briana Combs (left) and Jenny Kelley. MARTY BUDNER



Livonia Ladywood's final softball team (left) poses with Blazers alumnae following the final game ever played at the Michael V. Polsinelli Athletic Complex. MARTY BUDNER

"We had a lot of success here and did well. Ladywood is a great place. I mean, everything you see here done to the field we did during our years here — new dugouts, new mats, new bullpens. And the girls here are top-notch — great students, great families and, obviously, very, very dedicated athletes."

"I live a mile away and I come by here probably 10 times a week," he added. "It's going to be really hard to know the fields are not going to be used by Ladywood kids and that this is the last class. But all good things come to an end."

Briana Combs, a 2012 Ladywood grad, pitched four years for the Blazers and then went on to star at Bowling Green. The Northville resident was proud of the legacy she helped leave at Ladywood.

"I just kind of feel like we set a standard here. We won the first state championship for softball in school history, so that was pretty cool," said Briana, who was a team captain in her first year at BGSU. "And we're all really close friends and that's why we're all here today. We absolutely wanted to be here and this school really means a lot to all of us."

"The biggest thing about being at Ladywood was just all the friendships I made," she added. "And my dad was my coach for my whole career and it was pretty important for my family."

Jenny Kelley, a 2010 Ladywood grad, was a second baseman who played four years of varsity softball. She was on the 2009 squad — the first Ladywood soft-

ball team that made it to the state championship game that lost to Niles.

"I was shocked when I first heard it was closing and it's sad," Kelley said. "There's not much that you can think of when the school that you went to for four years and have been part of closes."

A long history of success

Ladywood has enjoyed its fair share of Michigan High School Athletic Association athletic success over the years.

The Blazers have won state championships in volleyball (1988 and 1989, under head coach Tom Teeters), basketball (1983, under Ed Kavanaugh), cross country (1980, under Ray Prosser) and, most recently, softball (2012, under Scott Combs).

The athletic program has won countless Catholic League championships, including this spring's lacrosse team that won its seventh straight league crown.

Emily Wagner (Miss Basketball 1984), Combs (Miss Softball and Michigan Gatorade softball player of the year in 2012) and Mary Beth O'Dea and Laura Szwed (Miss Hockey winners) are just four of the many high-profile athletes who impacted Ladywood athletic programs over the years.

"All of our athletic programs have really had their high points at some point," said athletic director Emily Frikken, in her first year as athletic director and third year at Ladywood, where she

also served as a basketball and field hockey coach.

The official announcement of Ladywood's closing came late last year. So Frikken, a 2009 Warren Regina High School graduate, took particular satisfaction with Ladywood's fall athletic teams that enjoyed a great deal of success prior to finding out the school was closing.

For instance, the volleyball team made it to the final four and two golfers made it to the state finals. In addition, a Blazers diver and cross country runner qualified for states and the field hockey team won the Catholic League championship for the first time since 2011.

"It's so great that we accomplished so much in the fall before we even knew the school was closing," Frikken said. "It meant so much more to the girls and the school that we had such a successful fall."

"It's definitely been sentimental, especially during the winter athletic seasons, when we found out it was going to be closing. It was important for us as an athletic coaching staff to help keep the girls united as much as possible. The news really motivated them to become more united and, even more so, motivated them to do the best they could during their seasons."

"Obviously, everyone who works here or who has worked here or who has gone here is saddened by the news. But I think it's a testament to the community and the legacy that Ladywood has that we really became united."

"We had so many alumnae events that people came back for," she added. "It was so great to see people come back and celebrate the legacy that we have."

For the record, Ladywood finished with seven hits in its final game.

Junior Emily Paluk finished with two hits and two runs scored, including the program's final run in the fourth inning. Kemp had two singles, one RBI and scored a run. Schellenberger, junior Bridget Folk and freshman Rachel Paulin accounted for the other three Blazers hits.

Mercy lead-off batter Grace Nieto was 4-for-4 with three runs scored. The Marlins sent 15 players to the plate in their nine-run inning, when they pounded out nine hits, including two each by Emma Dompeirre and Caroline Carlson.

But the day was more the celebration of a storied program against a long-standing rival. In that sense, it was a success.

"We really wanted to celebrate the traditional rivalry with Mercy over the years," Frikken said. "We wanted to make sure we had one last game where we could invite alumnae, family and friends of the softball program, but more importantly, of Ladywood High School to come back one more time."

"This was the last official event that we hosted at Ladywood," she added. "So it's really a celebration for athletics and for the school. It was just a great day to celebrate."

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BOYS TRACK

James leads Oak Park to Oakland County repeat

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Even on a hot night, Donnie James wasn't afraid to take on the challenge May 25 during the 59th Oakland County Track and Field Meet held at Novi.

The senior proved to be the meet's speed demon as he swept all three sprint events as the Knights repeated as team champion with 74 points, while the host Wildcats were runner-up for the second straight year with 50.

James, who was named the Male Athlete of the Meet, accounted for 30 points, winning the 100-meter dash (10.82), the 400 (meet record 47.49) and the 200 (21.28).

"Running three events ... the 100, 200 and 400 back-to-back is kind of hard," James said. "Not a lot of people do it, but my coach (Robert Lynch) saw the potential in me and said I'll be able to do it. I'd say being able to P.R. in two events is a big deal for me right now. Obviously, I'm going to try and go stronger in my events and P.R. harder. Otherwise — for right now — it's a good day."

James was a definite threat to win both the 200 and 400 at Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 state finals at East Kentwood.

"Getting ready for a 46 (400) next week and a 20 in the 200," James said. "That's what I'm looking for right now."

James, meanwhile, who has interest from NCAA Division I schools, is focusing for now on a strong high school finish.

"As of right now, I'm undecided, but I do have people looking at me," James said.

Here are four other takeaways:

BARTON MVP NO. 2

Birmingham Seaholm, which placed third in the team standings with 44 points, got another sterling effort from senior Ben Barton, who won the 300-meter hurdles in a county record 37.66 and high jump (6 feet, 6 inches), as well as anchoring the Maples to a come-from-behind victory in the 1,600 relay (3:24.3).

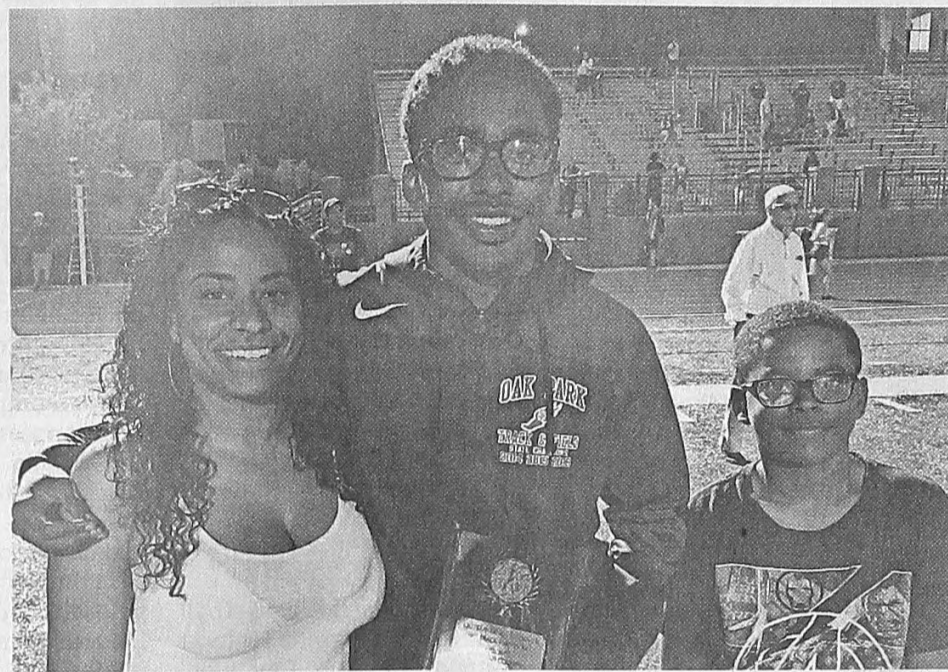
"He's always our guy of the meet, definitely," Seaholm coach Jason Bazner said. "It's amazing how he can bounce back in every race. You watch the workload he has to put in for meet — and we talked about it going in — and he said, 'Yeah, I want to do four events, because I'll be doing it at the state meet.' It's kind of been his goal all year to qualify in four events and with the help of his teammates he was able to do it in the (1,600 relay)."

Barton also placed second in 110 hurdles (15.0) to Lake Orion's Thomas Moreman (14.96).

"I think after losing that 110 hurdles, that really motivated him for the 300 (hurdles)," Bazner said. "To win like he did by two seconds is unbelievable. And we had him for a 48 (second) split in the 4 by 400. He was chasing guys down in the last 400 meters and he did the same thing last week at the regionals, when we became regional champs in the meet."



Seaholm's Ben Barton broke an Oakland County record in the 300-meter hurdles (37.66) that had stood since 1989. JERRY REA



Oak Park's Donnie James, with his mother Jovonne and younger brother Devin, was named the Oakland County Male Athlete of the Meet. BRAD EMONS

Barton, who is headed to Brigham Young, is a three-sport athlete who also played football and basketball for the Maples.

"He's an all-around athlete, but almost a better person," Bazner said. "He is just a great teammate and that's what he likes the 4 by 400 because he wants it for his teammates. He's an all-time guy."

ONE-TWO PUNCH

Novi seniors Nathaniel Wood and Gabe Mudel earned victories in the 800 and 3,200 with times of 1:53.93 and 9:19.45, respectively.

Mudel also ran a leg on Novi's first-place 3,200 relay (7:56.53), while defending his 3,200 county individual title.

"I was hoping somebody else would take the lead and would help pull me along," said Mudel, who is headed to Michigan. "It ended up where I pretty much led the whole way, which was fine, I guess. I was pretty much able to bang out the laps (71 seconds) like clockwork and just close fast and zero in. It was fun. I heard (Lakeland's Harrison Grzymkowski) breathing down me until 300 to go, so I knew kind of get the kick going and I did, I guess."

Wood, who plans to attend Michigan State, narrowly missed the Novi school record in the 800.

"I think it was perfect weather than what it's been before, so it was really nice," Wood said. "Our coach (Brad Moore) trains us really well and we peak when we're supposed to. My times have gradually been decreasing."

WILDCATS RUNNERS-UP

Novi coach Marsha Reid was pleased, for the most part, with her team's runner-up showing, but the Wildcats left some points on the track.

"It was a little bit mixed up and down. Our distance kids showed up today for us," she said. "The runner-up trophy definitely goes to them. We had some mishaps with our sprinters and what not in our relays. We knew we had a good shot at trying to go after it. Had a couple of injuries that knocked us back and a couple of things didn't go our way with sprints. All-in-all they ran a great 4 by 4 and the 4 by 8, again, set the tone."

Wood would normally run a leg for the 3,200 relay, but was saved for his individual race and it paid off.

"We were able to let Nate run fresh in the 800 and still come out on top," Reid said. "Miles (Brown) ran a great anchor.

59th OAKLAND COUNTY BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET
May 25 at Novi H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Oak Park, 74 points; 2. Novi, 50; 3. Birmingham Seaholm, 44; 4. Oxford, 43; 5. South Lyon East, 36; 6. (tie) Lake Orion and Southfield A&T, 32 each; 8. Walled Lake Central, 31; 9. (tie) White Lake Lakeland and Auburn Hills Avondale, 27 each; 11. West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills Harrison, 26 each; 13. Rochester Stoney Creek, 24; 14. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 21; 15. Farmington, 18; 16. Rochester, 17; 18. Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 13; 19. Birmingham Groves, 12; 20. Rochester Adams, 11; 21. Walled Lake Northern, 8; 22. (tie) Waterford Mott and Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep, 8 each; 24. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 6; 25. (tie) Pontiac and Waterford Kettering, 6 each; 27. (tie) Hazel Park and Bloomfield Hills, 5 each; 29. (tie) Walled Lake Western and South Lyon, 4 each; 32. (tie) Berkley, Royal Oak, Troy Athens and Ferndale, 3 each; 36. (tie) Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Southfield Christian, 2 each; 38. Birmingham Brother Rice, 1; 39. Troy, 1; 40. North Farmington, 0.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Jalen Edwards (A&T), 52 feet, 2; 2. Connor Merchant (WLC), 51-8; 3. Keon Walker (A&T), 49-9; 4. Jaelynne Barnett (OP), 48-3; 5. Ben Haas (Clarkston), 47-4; 6. Mike McCarthy (SLE), 47-3; 7. Lukas Shamoun (WLC), 46-1; 8. Donovan Pitts (Ferndale), 46-3.

Discus: 1. Edwards (A&T), 147-3; 2. Wright (SLE), 146-9; 3. Jordan Turner (Farm.), 143-8; 4. Nicholas Dell (Lakeland), 140-2; 5. Ben Krause (Oxford), 139-3; 6. Tanner Crookston (WLC), 138-7; 7. Curtis Rogers (Groves), 134-1; 8. Tre Harewood (Troy), 133-1.

High jump: 1. Ben Barton (Seaholm), 6-6; 2. Trey Townsend (Oxford), 6-6; 3. Anthony Romeo (Oxford), 6-4; 4. Dominique Stovall (Pontiac), 6-3; 5. David Vella (Lakeland), 6-2; 6. Michael Hardie (Mott), 6-2; 7. Matt Gilbert (A&T), 6-0; 8. (tie) Garrett Brehm (WLN), Robert Allen (NF), Colin Canning (BHC) and Lukas Mitrus (Rice), 5-9 each.

Long jump: 1. Jon Carter (SLE), 22-11; 2. Baba Conate (Avondale), 21-7; 3. Cannon (BHC), 21-1; 4. A.J. Abbott (WB), 21-1; 5. Kevin Jackson (WLN), 21-0; 6. Amari Abdul (LO), 20-5; 5. Ben Williams (Harrison), 20-5; 8. Stovall (Pontiac), 20-5.
Pole vault: 1. Sam Murray (Oxford), 12-9; 2. (tie) Hunter Williams (SLE) and Jake Perry (WLC), 12-6 each; 4. Paul Johncheck (Lakeland), 12-0; 5. Zach Dinverno (LO), 12-0; 6. Jordan Taiwo (WLN), 12-0; 7. (tie) Joshua Brucker (Novi) and Colton Plautz (WLC), 11-0 each.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Thomas Moreman (LO), 14.96; 2. Barton (Seaholm), 15.0; 3. Isaiah Johnson (DCD), 15.0; 4. Robert Patten (WK), 15.29; 5. Tyler Skibicki (LO), 15.5; 6. Darrin King (DCD), 15.57; 7. Shane Ross (Oxford), 15.72; 8. Daniel Mason (St. Mary), 15.83.
300 hurdles: 1. Barton (Seaholm), 37.66 (meet record); 2. Carson Jensen (Milford), 39.40; 3. Moreman (LO), 39.49; 4. Ross (Oxford), 39.65; 5. Cameron Wright (Oxford), 40.70; 6. Ramprasad Rajaguru (Farm.), 40.74; 7. Kotaro Seguchi (Roch.), 40.74; 8. Jacob Varanauckas (SLE), 41.13.

100 dash: 1. Donnie James (OP), 10.82; 2. Joe Stevens (Harrison), 10.83; 3. Sean Pitcher (Novi), 11.0; 4. Ralph Donaldson (Groves), 11.22; 5. Dwight Smith, Jr. (OP), 11.41; 6. Brenden Lach (S. Lyon), 11.50; 7. Chris Milner (WLN), 11.52; 8. Anthony Fox (WK), 11.54.
200: 1. James (OP), 21.28; 2. Vince Johns, Jr. (Avondale), 22.33; 3. Smith (OP), 22.40; 4. Donaldson (Groves), 22.40; 5. Nisarg Dharia (Novi), 22.45; 6. Jordan Maxwell (WB), 22.71; 7. Jordan Crawford (A&T), 23.05; 8. Lach (S. Lyon), 23.07.

400: 1. James (OP), 47.49 (meet record); 2. Jacob Williams (OP), 49.78; 3. Tyler Burrell (WLC), 50.26; 4. Malike Allen-Johnson (HP), 50.34; 5. Michael Woolridge (WLC), 50.49; 6. Adam Hilton (Stoney), 51.09; 7. Edward Watkins (St. Mary), 51.38; 8. Zach Schneck (Roch.), 51.41.

800: 1. Nathaniel Wood (Novi), 1:53.95; 2. Austin Remick (Roch.), 1:54.33; 3. Parker Raymond (Adams), 1:55.52; 4. Jack Rankin (St. Mary), 1:55.57; 5. Noah Fuerst (Mott), 1:55.85; 6. Marcus Jackson (RO), 1:55.99; 7. Drew Wenger (Lakeland), 1:56.54; 8. Jovonne Kirksey (OP), 1:57.14.

1,600: 1. John Pieper (N.D. Prep), 4:22.29; 2. Evan White (Milford), 4:22.38; 3. James Ohlsson (N.D. Prep), 4:23.64; 4. Dominic Bruce (Oxford), 4:26.14; 5. Matt Medaugh (Stoney), 4:26.43; 6. Nathan LaFramboise (Berkley), 4:28.00; 7. Luke Perelli (Detroit CC), 4:29.26; 8. Ryan Mulcahy (LO), 4:29.86.

3,200: 1. Gabe Mudel (Novi), 9:19.45; 2. Harrison Grzymkowski (Lakeland), 9:22.40; 3. George Nummer (Seaholm), 9:24.00; 4. Nicholas Fraser (N.D. Prep), 9:29.72; 5. Nick Trevisan (Farm.), 9:32.64; 6. Ulises Rodriguez (Oxford), 9:35.42; 7. Andrew Nolan (LO), 9:37.03; 8. Davery (Rice), 9:39.84.

400 relay: 1. Harrison (Moet Andrews, Roderick Heard, Williams, Stevens), 42.7; 2. Avondale, 43.53; 3. S. Lyon East, 43.63; 4. Farmington, 43.65; 5. Country Day, 43.66; 6. W.L. Northern, 43.92; 7. Ferndale, 44.04; 8. Lake Orion, 44.10.
800 relay: 1. West Bloomfield (Tre Mosley, Jason Harris, Lance Dixon, Maxwell), 1:27.87; 2. Oak Park, 1:28.30; 3. Harrison, 1:29.47; 4. Novi, 1:30.64; 5. Stoney Creek, 1:30.72; 6. Avondale, 1:30.72; 7. Southfield, 1:30.87; 8. S. Lyon East, 1:31.78.

1,600 relay: 1. Seaholm (Anthony Marx, Brody Longe, Vaughn Carman, Barton), 3:24.3; 2. West Bloomfield, 3:24.61; 3. Oak Park, 3:24.93; 4. Stoney Creek, 3:24.94; 5. Novi, 3:25.33; 6. Athens, 3:25.58; 7. Rochester, 3:26.94; 8. Adams, 3:27.07.

3,200 relay: 1. Novi (Matt Gustitus, Blake Maday, Mudel, Miles Brown), 7:56.63; 2. Stoney Creek, 7:58.37; 3. Oak Park, 8:01.99; 4. Bloomfield Hills, 8:07.93; 5. Adams, 8:09.16; 6. Lakeland, 8:12.13; 7. Southfield Christian, 8:12.59; 8. Lake Orion, 8:15.59.

So that's definitely a nice thing for our future in that sense. Nate coming back and being boxed in in that open 800 on the first lap and coming around in lane three, watching him come down the barrel was a great race to watch. Gabe (Mudel) going back-to-back as Oakland County champ in the two mile ... those two kids carried us and it was nice to see. They did a really nice job with it."

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GIRLS TRACK

Oak Park makes it five straight at county meet

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If this was a dress rehearsal for the MHSAA Division 1 girls track and field state finals, then Oak Park is more than ready.

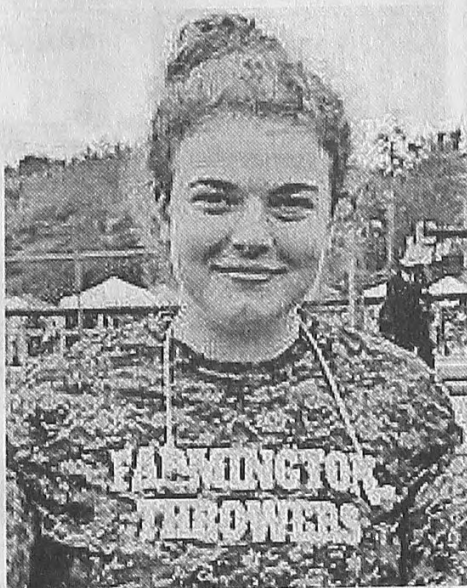
The Knights, last year's state runners-up and Division 1 champions the previous three years (2014, 2015 and 2016), made quite a statement May 25, scoring an even 100 points to dominate the 59th Oakland County meet for the fifth year in a row.

Lake Orion was a distant second with 59½, while Birmingham Seaholm placed third with 37.

Oak Park racked up 40 points alone with wins in all four relay races, while getting a meet record performance from the 400-meter foursome of Miyah Brooks, Aasia Laurencin, Kourtney Kennard and Jad Roundtree (47.28).

"Today has been great, obviously, some quality competition," Oak Park coach Brandon Jiles said. "Oakland County is one of the best counties around, particularly in track. The girls performed. We just kind of wanted to use this as a tune-up for the state meet, just keep moving forward."

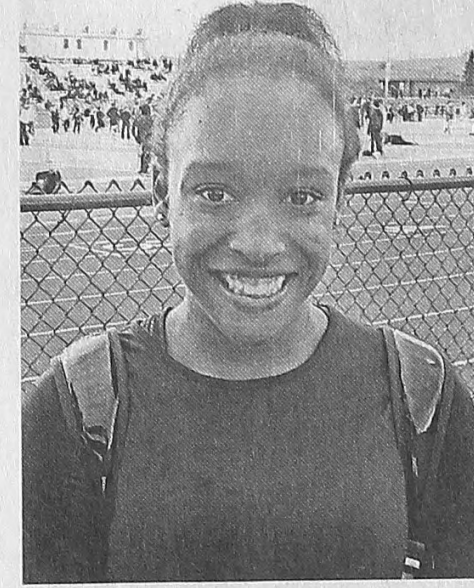
Laurencin, a sophomore, cruised to a



Pallett

victory in the 200 (24.47), while Coleman, a senior, won the 800 (2:11.53).

"We had so many good performances," Jiles said. "The 4 by 800 relay stood out to me. They dropped about 12 seconds off their season best. Doriann in the 800 and Aasia in the 200 and a good second-place time (13.77) to Grace (Stark) in the hurdles. The sprint relays had better hand-offs, so overall we were



Stark

really, really solid today. Had a couple of 800 runners (Jayla Jones and Maryiah Archibald) P.R. at 2:15, my second and third. We had a great day."

Here are three other takeaways:

PALLETT IS MVP

Farmington High phenom freshman thrower Valadian Pallett was long gone when it was announced she had won the

Female Athlete of the Meet Award.

Pallett swept the shot put (41 feet, 7 inches) and discus titles (128-2) to score 20 points to lead the Falcons, who tied West Bloomfield for fifth with 31 points apiece.

The ninth-grader has posted season bests of 42-7 in the shot put at the New Balance Invitational and 133-5½ in the discus at the Oakland Activities Association Blue Division meet.

"Val comes in having a lot of experience," said Farmington co-coach Kim Adams, who accepted the award on Pallett's behalf. "Her dad was a thrower, her brother was a thrower and her dad coached her for years. She's not coming in as a true freshman in terms of talent, ability and experience. She's wonderful to work with and she's really hit the weight room. She competes, she demands a lot of herself. She's great with her teammates and her teammates are great with her, so I'm just super-excited to be a part of it. And I'm excited for her, because she's got big dreams and I'm sure she's proud to have this award."

STARK EXCELS

White Lake Lakeland junior Grace Stark turned in another impressive per-

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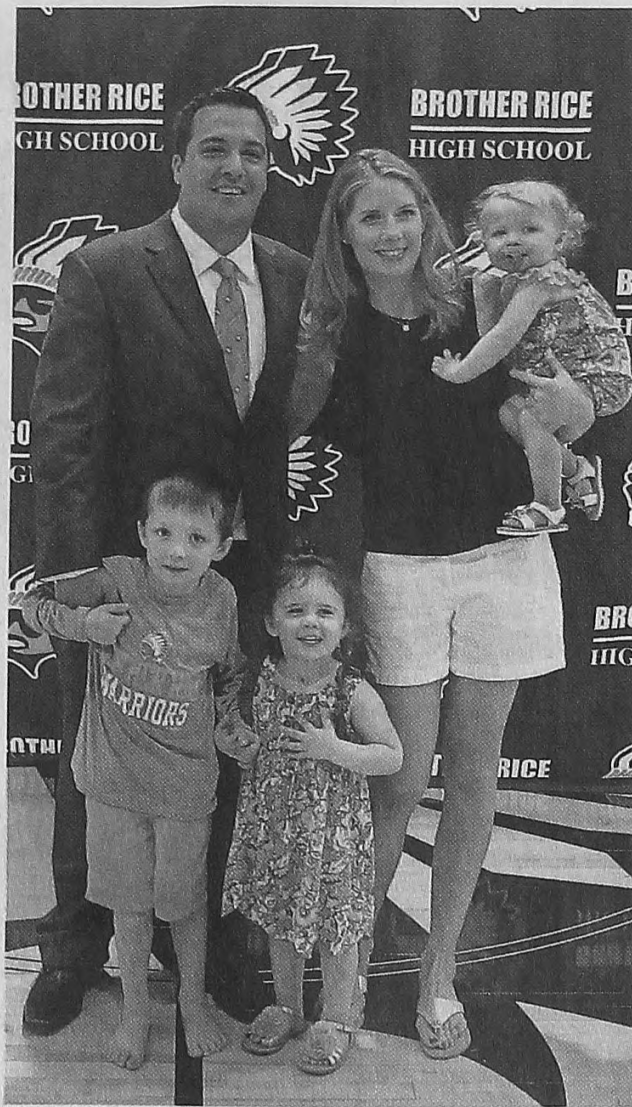
Lakeland (Wis.) College and worked as director of basketball operations at Bowling Green State University.

While the 34-year-old Palmer has served as a head coach on the AAU circuit, this is his first job as a high school head coach. He has not coached at the prep level since leaving Country Day in 2013.

"Brother Rice is an amazing place with a rich basketball culture, but even more so an elite athletic department," Palmer said. "I'm thrilled for the opportunity and, when the opportunity came up, I knew I was interested right away."

"Going through the interview process and kind of doing my due diligence, it just became really apparent that there is a real commitment to getting Brother Rice basketball back to where it's been in the past and trying to consistently compete for Catholic League and state championships. So I was thrilled to be selected and I'm really fired up to get going."

"I've been away from the high school coaching level for a couple of years," he added. "I've gotten to meet the players and, just being with them and just going through this process, I realized how much I've missed it. I thought it was time for me to be a head coach and the dream is finally coming true."



New Brother Rice basketball coach takes a photo with his wife Megan and children Trey, Maggie and Layla. Megan is a former assistant volleyball coach at Mercy who was an all-star athlete at Port Huron Northern High School. BROTHER RICE

Learning from legends

Palmer grew up in the area and began his basketball career playing on the fourth- and fifth-grade team at St. Regis. The self-proclaimed "Country Day lifer" went on to become a three-year letter winner at Detroit Country Day, where he served as a captain his senior season.

After graduating from DCD in 2002, Palmer went to Albion College, where he was a four-year letter winner and a captain on the 2005 Albion team that made the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Division III national tournament.

Palmer, a guard, helped lead the Brits to 88 wins in four years — a school record for career wins. Palmer and each member of the 2005 team was inducted into the Albion College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2015.

Palmer played for two highly-regarded head coaches — Kurt Keener at Country Day (nine state championships with 678 victories in 34 years) and Mike Turner at Albion (527 wins in 34 years).

Palmer said his basketball acumen originates with those men.

"I've played for legendary coaches. I obviously start with coach Keener and his reputation speaks for itself," Palmer said. "And at the college level, Mike Turner at Albion is another legendary Division III Hall of Fame coach."

"I've been really fortunate to just have been around great basketball minds my whole life," he added. "I think I get my coaching pedigree — I get little bits and pieces — from them. I'm hoping to do them proud as I start to take over the Brother Rice program."

Palmer plans to incorporate an up-tempo style of offense with an aggressive defense.

"I think in my five years at Country Day, we averaged over 75 points per game, so we're going to attempt to get up and down and run," he said. "Defensively, we're going to try to be a blue-collar team and get after you and get physical."

"You don't have much of a choice than to be physical when you play in the Catholic League," he added. "But that's the type of balance I'll be looking for. There are so many great coaches in the Catholic League and I'm looking forward to competing against them."

Returning to glory

Palmer has high expectations at Brother Rice, whose only state championship was in 1979 under head coach Bill Norton. The program has produced more than 30 all-state players, including former NBA champion B.J. Armstrong (1985 graduate).

However, the majority of those all-state stars played before the turn of the century. Rice has had only four all-state players since 2000, the last of whom was Kevonte Martin-Manley in 2010.

Rice competes in the tough Catholic League Central Division along with perennial stellar programs Warren De La Salle, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, U-D Jesuit and Detroit Catholic Central. The Warriors finished with four overall wins last season and were last in the league standings.

"I think if we can get to the level where we can compete with the upper level of our division in the Catholic League, we really believe that prepares you to contend in March," Palmer said. "That's going to be our goal. It sounds like a lofty goal now with where the program is, but that's the type of expectations I want."

"It used to be a 'state-championship-or-bust' environment at Brother Rice and I hope we can get comfortable working in that kind of environment again," he added. "I would love to get to that point and it's going to be a long road to get there and a long ways out at this point, but I think we have the tools to get there."

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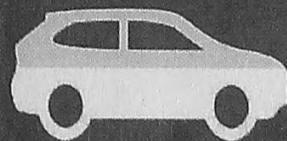
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formance, winning the 100-meter hurdles (13.47) and the 100 dash (11.77), both personal bests on the year.

As a sophomore, Stark was Division 1 runner-up in the 100 hurdles (13.62) and 100 dash (12.02) and was one of the favorites to win both titles Saturday at East Kentwood.

COMPETITIVE RACE

One of the most competitive races on the night was the 1,600 run, as Waterford Mott senior Katie Osika (4:49.55) held off stiff challenges from Seaholm's

Rachel McCardle (4:50.09), Mott teammate Rylee Robinson (4:53.03), a junior, and Milford junior Victoria Heiligenthal (4:54.43).

Other individual track winners included Melissa Symons (Lake Orion), 300 hurdles, 43.67; Roundtree (Oak Park), 400, 56.84; and Audrey DaDamio (Seaholm), 3,200, 11:00.58.

Other victors in the field events included Jenna Doyle (Troy Athens), high jump, 5-4; Kennedy Jackson (Walled Lake Western), long jump, 18-1/2; and Jessica Mercier (Waterford Kettering), pole vault, 12-6.

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FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Valadian Pallett (Farm.), 41 feet, 7 inches; 2. Nadia Harris (WB), 36-9/4; 3. Ti VanHorn (Harrison), 35-6/4; 4. Destiney Sandile (N.D. Prep), 34-11/4; 5. Lauren White (RO), 34-11/4; 6. Delana Willett (Mott), 34-8; 7. Maciah Lipsey (Groves), 33-8/4; 8. Micayla Martin (Farm.), 33-7/4.

Discus: 1. Pallett (Farm.), 128-2; 2. Olivia O'Brien (WK), 125-2; 3. Makayla Rawls (Seaholm), 119-8; 4. Martin (Farm.), 110-6; 5. Lipsey (Groves), 108-11; 6. Cecile Steck (Novi), 107-7; 7. Brook Willenborg (SLE), 107-4; 8. Paige Karbowski (WLN), 104-10.

High jump: 1. Jenna Doyle (Athens), 5-4; 2. Selina Shit (BHC), 5-3; 3. Alycia Lemme (RO), 5-2; 4. Hannah Hood-Blaxill (Novi), 5-2; 5. Brooke Kilyk (Brandon), 5-2; 6. Madison Fowler (DCD), 5-2; 7. Lily Mueller (SLE), 5-2; 8. (tie) Hannah Blakely (Mercy) and Colleen Campbell (LO), 5-0 each.

Long jump: 1. Kennedy Jackson (WLN), 18-1/2; 2. Olivia Lopez (B. Hills), 17-5/8; 3. Salena Prakah-Asante (BHC), 16-10/8; 4. Lauren Palmer (Groves), 16-8; 5. Sarah Daniel (Lakeland), 16-6/4; 6. Kaya Freeman (BHC), 16-5/4; 7. Autumn Glover (SLE), 16-4/4.

Pole vault: 1. Jessica Mercier (WK), 12-6; 2. Tricia Pierce (Brandon), 12-0; 3. Campbell (LO), 12-0; 4. Sarah Griffin (LO), 11-3; 5. Paulina Cole (WLN), 10-9; 6. Heather DeSampier (LO), 10-3; 7. Lauren Tracy (WLN), 10-3; 8. Tiana Phillips (Clarkston), 10-0.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Grace Stark (Lakeland), 13.47; 2. Aasia Laurencin (OP), 13.77; 3. Madison Eaton (LO), 14.61; 4. Ahvon Mitchell (DCD), 14.71; 5. Melissa Symons (LO), 14.72; 6. Grace Johnson (Troy).

300 hurdles: 1. Simons (LO), 43.67; 2. Lauren Fulcher (Troy), 44.09;

3. Rucker (Berkley), 44.41; 4. Meadows (Seaholm), 45.84; 5. Blakey (Mercy), 45.84; 6. Eaton (LO), 46.32; 7. Shae Harbaugh (Clarkston), 47.56; 8. Autumn Ellis (Harrison), 47.96.

100 dash: 1. Stark (Lakeland), 11.77; 2. Miyah Brooks (OP), 12.11; 3. Mackenzie Fields (Berkley), 12.18; 4. Alexis Officer (DCD), 12.50; 5. Chika Amene (S'field Christian), 12.57; 6. Katie Rush (WB), 12.65; 7. Genesis Bolton (Harrison), 12.83; 8. Leah Moir (B. Hills), 12.88.

200: 1. Laurencin (OP), 24.47; 2. Fields (Berkley), 25.14; 3. Isabella Davis (Stoney), 26.02; 4. Jordan Havery (WB), 26.28; 5. Kennedy Kilgore (Shrine), 26.77; 6. Charity Jones (WK), 27.07; 7. Rush (WB), 27.27; 8. Alexis Johnson (A&T), 27.77.

400: 1. Jada Roundtree (OP), 56.84; 2. Amene (S'field Christian), 57.52; 3. Mackenzie Sullivan (Mercy), 58.14; 4. Makayla Gates (OP), 58.87; 5. Allie Eriksen (Clarkston), 59.47; 6. Phylcia Hall (BHC), 59.55; 7. Abby Knapp (Milford), 59.61; 8. Samantha Potter (RO), 1:00.27.

800: 1. Doriann Coleman (OP), 2:11.53; 2. Megan Worrel (Troy), 2:12.95; 3. Sophie Novak (LO), 2:13.82; 4. Jayla Jones (OP), 2:15.30; 5. Mariyah Archibald (OPO), 2:15.99; 6. Anya Turner (Harrison), 2:17.24; 7. Josie Arnold (LO), 2:17.27; 8. Lia Munson (Farm.), 2:18.16.

1,600: 1. Katie Osika (Mott), 4:49.55; 2. Rachel McCardle (Seaholm), 4:50.09; 3. Rylee Robinson (Mott), 4:54.03; 4. Victoria Heiligenthal (Milford), 4:54.43; 5. Kyla Christopher-Moody (WB), 5:04.39; 6. Alexandra Case (N.D. Prep), 5:09.22; 7. Andrea Ruiz (Holly), 5:09.83; 8. Madeline Rehm (Lakeland), 5:10.96.

3,200: 1. Audrey DaDamio (Seaholm), 11:00.58; 2. Elizabetha Bulat (Roch.), 11:11.33; 3. Allison Sherman (LO), 11:11.33; 4. Maryam Sheena (WLN), 11:23.98; 5. Miranda Meyers (S. Lyon), 11:28.17; 6. Katie Huthwaite (Stoney), 11:28.21; 7. Ellie Kendall (Shrine), 11:28.68; 8. Gabrielle Feber (Berkley), 11:33.80.

400 relay: 1. Oak Park (Brooks, Laurencin, Courtney Kennard, Roundtree), 47.28 (meet record); 2. Country Day, 48.92; 3. Bloomfield Hills, 49.60; 4. West Bloomfield, 50.19; 5. Farmington, 50.51; 6. S. Lyon East, 50.99; 7. Lake Orion, 51.07; 8. Ferndale, 51.28.

800 relay: 1. Oak Park (Brooks, Roundtree, Kennard, Riley Donaldson), 1:39.54; 2. Bloomfield Hills, 1:45.06; 3. Southfield Christian, 1:46.20; 4. West Bloomfield, 1:46.93; 6. Adams, 1:47.33; 7. Seaholm, 1:47.33; 8. S. Lyon East, 1:47.72.

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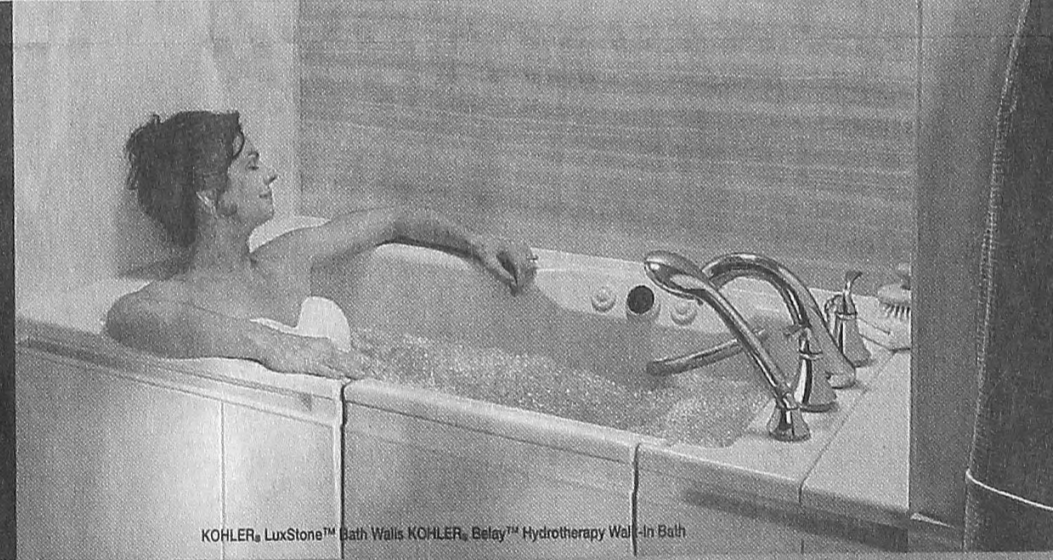
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Cherney leads North Farmington past Farmington

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North Farmington's Sam Cherney turned in another outstanding pitching performance Tuesday, beating both the heat and crosstown rival Farmington to begin the MHSAA Division 1 softball state tournament.

The lanky right-handed hurler seven innings of two-hit ball and struck out 13 batters in near 90-degree weather to lead the host Raiders to a 4-2 triumph in a Division 1 pre-district game. She fanned the side three times in the first four innings.

Cherney was in complete control, allowing a first-inning single by Lauren Johnson and a third-inning double by Robyn Banks. Farmington had just three other base runners, all on walks.

"It was really hot out there. Both Sarah (Fish), my catcher, and I were both feeling the heat, but we just fed off the energy of all of our teammates," said Cherney, who has more than 165 strikeouts this season. "Everybody had good energy throughout the game, so that made a huge difference.

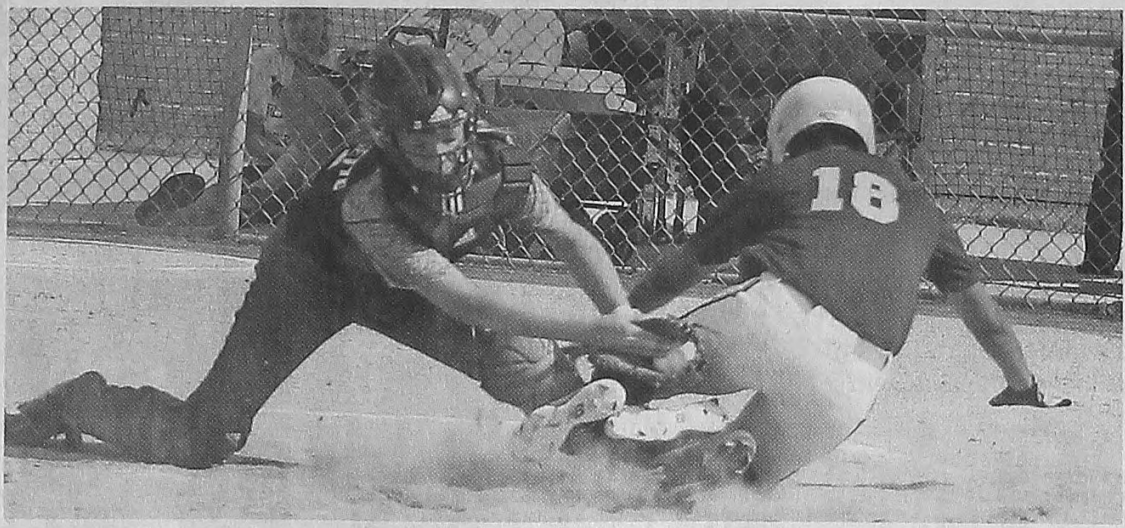
"I think it was tougher this time (against Farmington) because of the heat and we've seen each other a lot, so we knew what to expect," she added. "Both coaches coached really well. This feels great and I'm really excited about going to the district (semifinals)."

A third straight win

It marked the third time this season that Cherney and the Raiders defeated the Falcons, winning 4-0 back on April 10 and 6-5 on May 8, when they scored the game-winning run in their last at-bat.

Veteran North Farmington head coach Dave Brubaker did not relax Tuesday until the final out to complete the three-game sweep.

"We've seen (Farmington pitcher) Robyn (Banks) so many times and I was getting a little concerned because we didn't get a hit until we had a little blooper in there," Brubaker said. "She pitched a really good game



Farmington freshman catcher Lily Morrisette tags out North Farmington base runner Autumn Bulmer on a close play at the plate. MARTY BUDNER

and she came up with a really big hit for them.

"But Sam was outstanding today. I had a feeling when we went through their heart of the lineup in the sixth inning that, hopefully, we were going to have a little easier time with the lower end of their order batting coming up (in the seventh)," he added. "And Sam came in and dominated them. She's had quite a few of these kinds of performances this year."

The game was scoreless through the first two innings, although the Raiders nearly scored in the second. Sarah Fish led off the inning with a long double to left field and junior Autumn Bulmer, who came into pinch run for Fish, moved over to third on a fielder's choice by Molly Simpson. North Farmington's Jordyn Taylor then hit a roller to second base. Farmington's Caitlin Sheltroun charged the ball and threw a perfect strike to catcher Lily Morrisette, who tagged out Bulmer at the plate on a bang-bang play.

Farmington then came through with the game's first two runs in the top of the third.

Sheltroun and Johnson worked Cherney for walks and then Banks blasted a two-run double to left field. Farmington took a 2-0 lead, but that would prove to be its only runs. The Falcons' lone base runner after that was a one-out, sixth-inning walk to Banks.

"We wanted to take the lead early and see if we could get them down," Farmington head coach Stefanie Volpe said. "We did that for a couple of innings. We knew this district game was going to be a battle.

"I told my girls today that we had to do three things right — we had to hit it, we had to throw it and we had to catch it. We did all three, but we just didn't do all three things perfectly today.

"I think it's hard to beat anybody three times," she added. "We were confident. We were optimistic. I think we prepared well. We prepared for Cherney, but we let her get ahead of us and started swinging at pitches out of the zone."

Rallying for the win

North Farmington battled back in its fourth inning to take the lead for good.

Cherney, the four-year varsity veteran, sparked the eventual winning rally with a single and Fish followed with a walk. Simpson, the sophomore second baseman, followed with a double to left field that scored one run.

One out later, with runners at second and third, sophomore third baseman Maeve O'Hare smacked a two-run single that plated both the tying and game-winning runs.

North Farmington added an insurance run in the fifth on a bunt single by left fielder Sarah Williams, which brought home junior Izzy Randell, who had reached base on an error.

"Being the senior, I have the most experience, so I knew what I had to do and then everybody just started following through," Cherney said about authoring the winning rally. "Hitting is contagious, so once that started, we all started to make contact."

Meanwhile, Volpe was satisfied with the improvement her young squad showed this season. The Falcons had six seniors and five freshmen on their 14-player roster.

"We definitely had leadership on the senior end this year and we have freshmen who can easily be leaders next year," said Volpe, whose team finished 14-12. "Our season overall was good. Learning curves here and there, with wins against some good teams and losses to teams we should have beaten.

"Inexperience at certain positions kind of hurt us," she added. "I would have liked to have finished with more wins, but we always want a winning season and if we were one game over .500 it was a success."

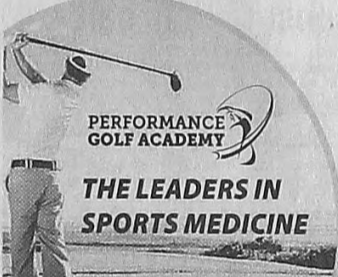
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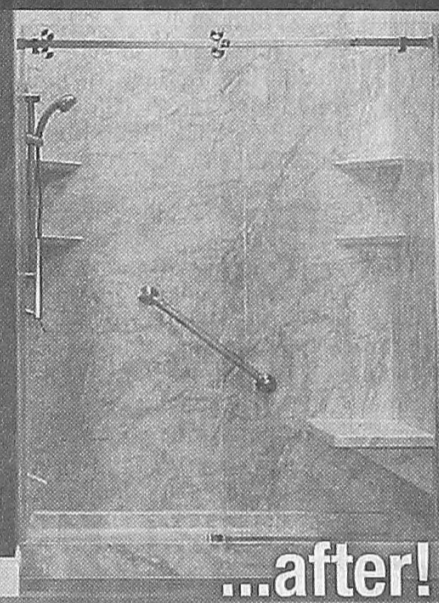
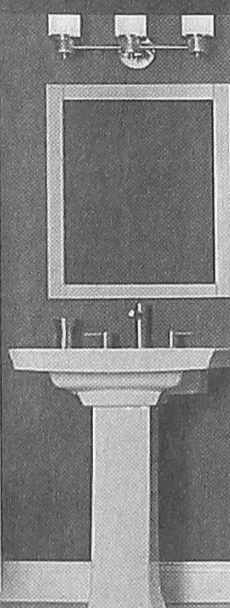
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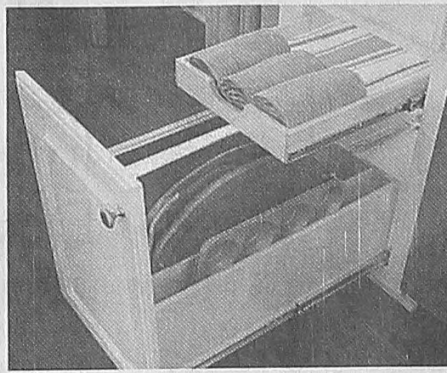
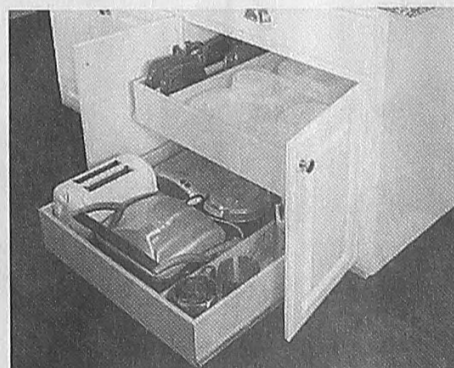
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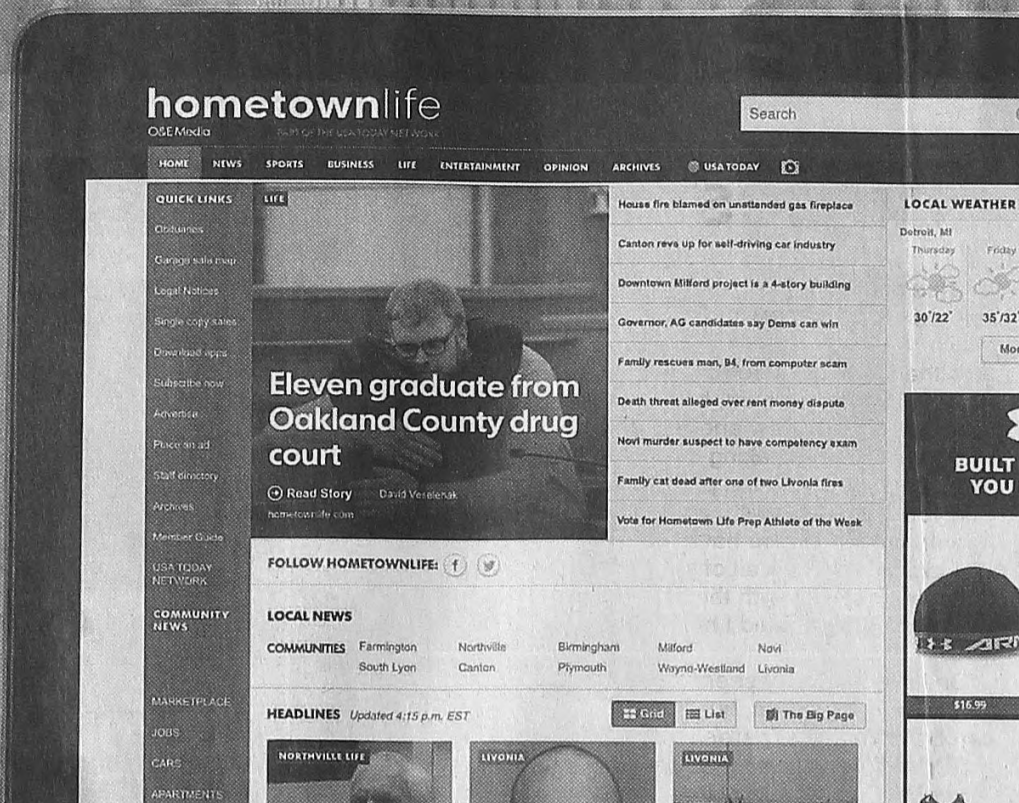
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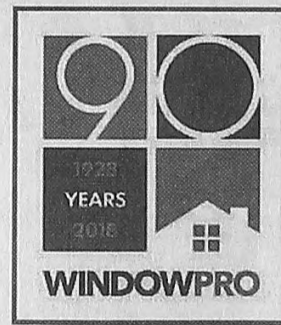


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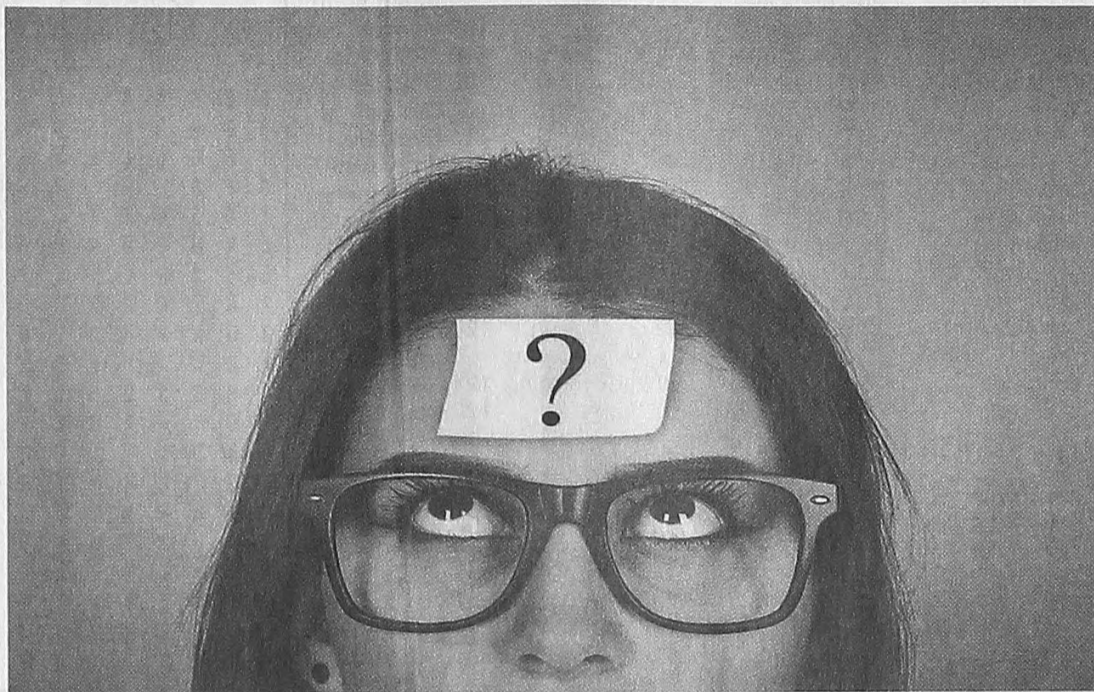
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Build your pitch

Your answer to the question should reflect a deep aware-



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ness of the requirements of the position that you're interviewing for, the needs of the company and the personality traits, skills and experience that make you an ideal candidate.

This means that you should always do your homework before getting to the interview, and you should be ready to confidently connect the dots between you, the employer and their needs. It never hurts to take a look at the keywords in the job posting and incor-

porate some of them into your answer. Still, you should always be ready to tweak your answer to reflect any new information you get during the interview.

Keep it brief

A good answer to the question should not be an endless soliloquy. Keep it short, simple and to the point.

Your one goal is to succinctly encapsulate why you bridge the gap between the position you're vying for and

the needs of the company. Think a minute or two, tops. Anything longer may exhaust the listener.

What makes you stand out?

It's always smart to keep in mind that for every good answer you have for every interview question that arises, there'll be a pack of other qualified candidates who are prepared with good answers, too. Make sure your response separates you from the crowd.

Anything that makes you unique and could be viewed as a potential checkmark in the "pro" column when hiring personnel are deciding about you is fair game.

Perhaps the interviewer mentioned that the company is seeking to expand its business internationally and you speak the language of a country that they may be looking to do business in — that could be a potential game changer. Try to have your own game changer in mind when facing this question. Not only will you seem well-suited for the job, but it will also show that you've done your homework and know what the company is all about.

"Why should I hire you?" is a question that has the potential to leave you rambling while not saying much of anything. Don't waste your opportunity to create a powerful, pointed answer. Your interviewer will be impressed with your ability to summarize all you have to offer in a focused soundbite — you'll look prepared, confident and responsible, all traits that are key to getting the job.

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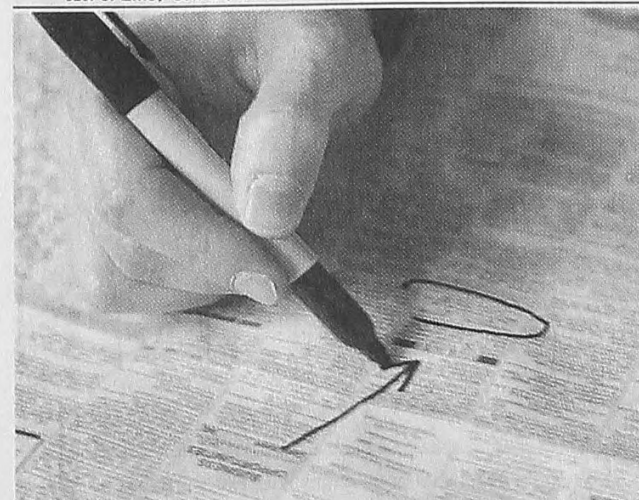
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SUNDAY PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 Put a cork in
- 8 Tribulations
- 15 Rival of Hertz or Avis
- 20 Very weak
- 21 Patty of the LPGA
- 22 Supped
- 23 Set a camel's cousin free?
- 25 In a devious way
- 26 Toyota model
- 27 Meadowland
- 28 Folk stories
- 30 Belt stabbers
- 31 Times Square lights
- 32 — -mo replay
- 33 Terrible-tasting stadium snacks?
- 36 Writer — Stanley Gardner
- 37 — -Z (complete)
- 38 Wood splitter
- 39 Reply to the invite
- 40 Baaing "ma"
- 41 Very light wood gradually decayed?
- 45 Annual
- 47 Low cloud
- 48 So-o-o slow
- 51 Piano pieces
- 52 Easter meat
- 55 Kitten cry
- 56 — de plume (pen name)
- 58 Tutti- —
- 61 Yale alums
- 63 Tall beast
- 66 Patronize
- 72 "It's so-o-o cold!"
- 73 Pastel color
- 74 Unearth
- 77 Brewer's kiln
- 78 California surfing spot
- 79 Yoko of "Two Virgins"
- 80 "— -la-la!"
- 83 — power
- 84 Cut short
- 87 Voyaging
- 89 Cooking competition reality show
- 92 2001 Sean Penn drama
- 95 Skier/shooter carbo-loading on tubular pasta?
- 100 iPhone game, often
- 101 Vitality
- 104 Singer Davis
- 105 "Livin' Thing" rock gp.
- 106 Load to bear
- 107 Merciless theater guide?
- 110 Monky title
- 111 "It's — cost you!"
- 112 Top-tier
- 113 Certain
- 114 River of Switzerland
- 115 Hank known for hitting
- 116 Ford debut of '55
- 118 Tune sung by a robed singer?
- 123 "Neon" fish
- 124 Biting insects
- 125 Laura — Wilder
- 126 So far
- 127 Hall of TV
- 128 Most profound
- 4 Runt's quality
- 5 Hocus- —
- 6 San — Obispo
- 7 Claimed
- 8 Bone: Prefix
- 9 Ostrich kin
- 10 Costa — Sol
- 11 Long fish
- 12 "Two and — Men" (sitcom)
- 13 Dorothy of the "Road" films
- 14 Tie-ups
- 15 Some plugs
- 16 Pastel color
- 17 In whatever place
- 18 Without harshness
- 19 Long, trying trips
- 24 Full-scale
- 29 Reason to turn green?
- 31 State east of Wyo.
- 32 Diner freebie
- 33 Rock's Rose
- 34 Sob
- 35 Act like
- 37 Tillage unit
- 38 Soaks up
- 42 \$20 bill dispenser
- 43 City bond, informally
- 44 Tip, as one's hat
- 46 With hands on hips and elbows out
- 49 TV beatnik
- 50 Arizona city on the Colorado
- 52 "You take it"
- 53 TV's Trebek
- 54 Ho Chi — City
- 57 Writer Puzo
- 59 Bath mat site
- 60 Take a shot
- 62 Stymies
- 63 Beetle larvae
- 64 Frenzied
- 65 — Bator
- 66 Red-brown
- 67 Meyers of "Late Night"
- 69 Doc's gp.
- 70 Disney frame
- 71 113-Across solo, often
- 75 Red Sea gulf
- 76 Green net user
- 80 Central Florida city
- 81 "— be in England ..."
- 82 Snicker part
- 84 Panini bread
- 85 Leg-warming blankets
- 86 Exemption from penalty
- 88 "Je t'—" (Luc's "I love you")
- 90 Physicist Curie
- 91 Diagram of a facility's layout
- 93 In the style of
- 94 Actress Kunis
- 96 Pothole filler
- 97 Dignify
- 98 Under-ground passages
- 99 That, in Spain
- 102 Levers' pivot points
- 103 Rolle with a sitcom role
- 108 Pied-à- — (apartment)
- 109 Homies' turfs
- 110 1980 Dom DeLuise film
- 111 Evaluate
- 114 Fizzy wine, familiarly
- 115 Poet Sexton
- 117 Not "dis," in Brooklyn
- 119 "Norma —"
- 120 Hotel
- 121 Relieve (of)
- 122 Post-Q run

SUDOKU

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Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

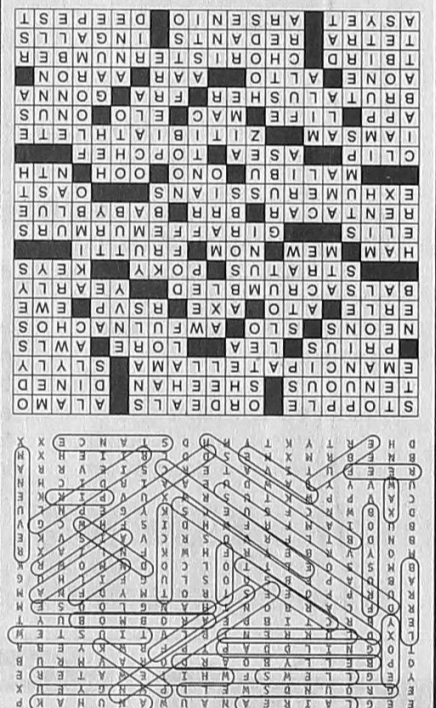
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ANSWER KEY



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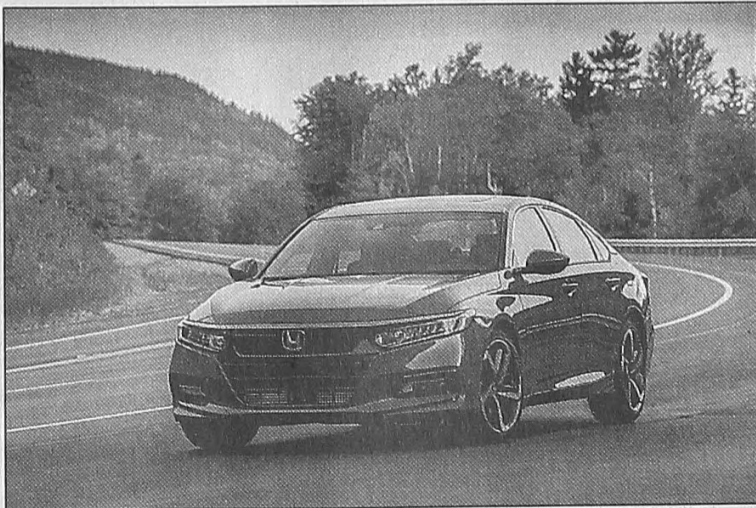
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HONDA, DEALERS STRIVE TO GET CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE RIGHT AS THEY DOUBLE DOWN ON STRENGTH OF ACCORD IN SEDANS



Honda is competing in a U.S. market where sales have been cooling off from record levels in 2016. In the brand's arsenal: One of the most solid brand reputations in the business; a fleet of fuel-efficient, stylish, high-quality vehicles; and a sterling sedan nameplate in the latest version of the venerable Honda Accord.



The 10th-generation 2018 Honda Accord remains one of America's best-selling sedans.

And as the "Trophy City" campaign for the 10th generation Accord attests, Honda isn't resting on its laurels. The car itself also speaks to that determination: At a time when some in the industry are questioning the very role and future of sedans, Honda is pouring support behind its iconic Accord to take advantage of other brands' inattention to the category, to solidify the car's relationship with existing Accord owners and to conquest for other buyers.

Count Honda's dealers and customer experience among the brand's advantages, too, and one that Peyton and his colleagues are working hard to enhance. He shares more about the Honda customer experience and marketing one of the industry's great marques in a Q&A:

Tom, what is the importance of the customer experience to Honda—and how has it evolved?

That's two-fold. There's the standard one view of the customer response, and we're doing that, a holistic view of the customer. We've gone to great efforts to tie in our e-CRM systems and databases and further inclusion of dealers as we go through this process, and ultimately serving up communications that are seamless from the start of the process, with shopping, to the conclusion of the process, with service reminders. And we're putting all the technologies

and databases in place to achieve that. We're down that road and hoping to get there sooner rather than later.

How are you leveraging technologies to strengthen and grow the brand experience?

From a marketing standpoint, customized messaging is important. That's going to be more appealing to the consumer: timely messages to people who are in-market or not in-market for a car. Being smarter and anticipating customer needs—in the world of telematics, it'll make us better and smarter in sending service reminders, not just sending an email. And there are mobile apps and websites where we do a better job of dynamically serving up information and content to the consumer as they engage with us. We can do better. Other industries frankly are leading the way on that, and we want to be a fast follower.

U.S. sales for the industry as a whole have leveled off. How has that affected Honda?

Sales are still trending toward record highs. They're really good. That's not to say that consumer trends aren't changing, though, and that's requiring us and others to make adjustments. But we're still in the high 16 [million dollars of sales annually] and low 17s ... that's still a very healthy industry. We're happy to be part of it. The good news is the forecasts are good for that going forward. We're managing our business to capitalize on that market strength. But there are changes.

Accord and Civic sedans are core to the Honda brand, and you've got a new Accord that you're marketing. How is Americans' turn away from sedans affecting you?

Accord is a great product—we're excited about it, customers love

it. We're still in the early phases. We continue to have an aggressive marketing plan for it. Just as our new Civic when it came out a few years back, we're able to help drive interest in the segment to some degree and hoping our quality products will continue to do that.

Speaking of Civic, you've put a lot behind the Honda Civic music tour and other experiential music marketing. How's that working for you?

We have invested a lot between Honda Stage and the Civic Tour. They continue to perform very well for us. More traditional advertising isn't as effective as it was for 35-and-under consumers. Music has been a fantastic pillar to reach that. We try to do it in a more authentic and organic way, and have had great success in doing it.



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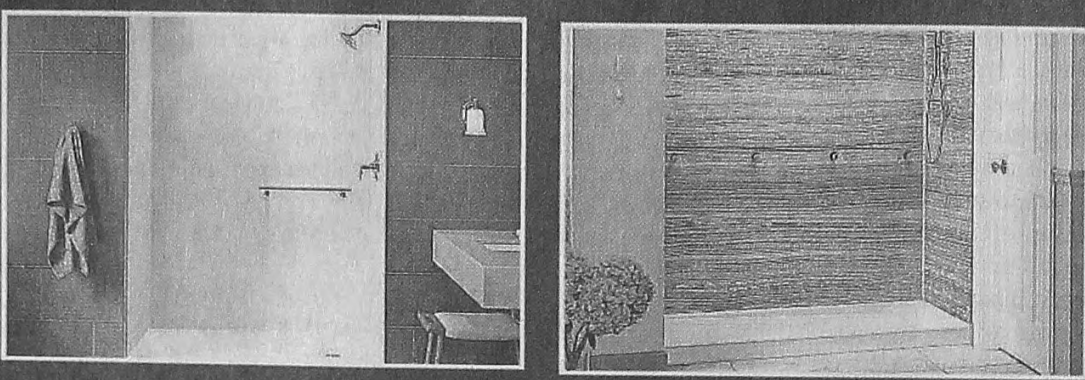
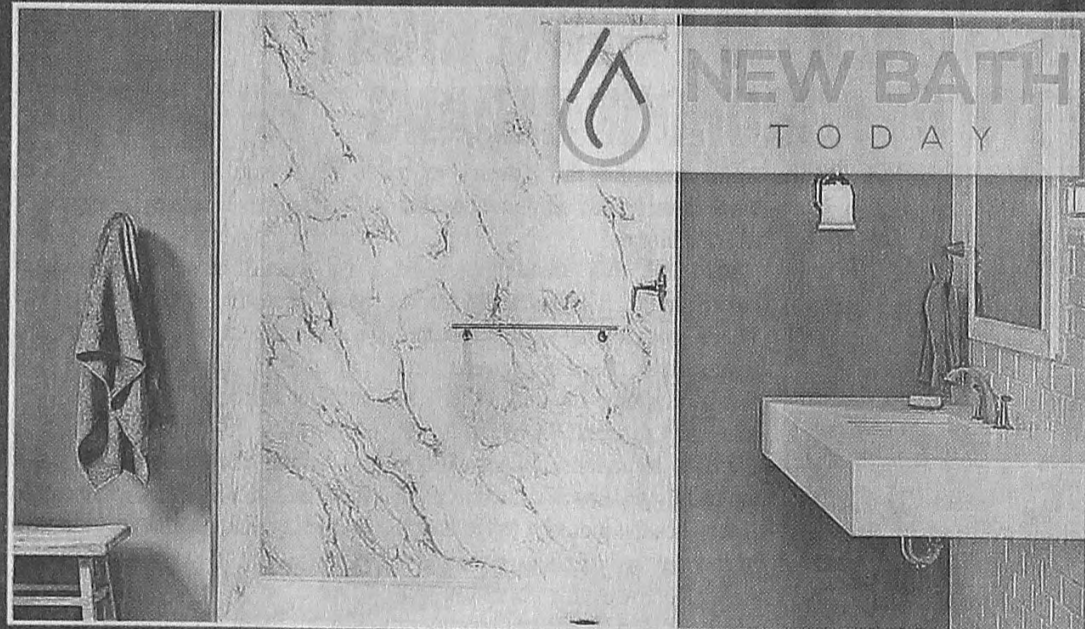
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