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## Mitchell pleads guilty to theft

### Ex-Plymouth Township parks chief stole property

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A former Plymouth Township official and area Republican political operative admitted in federal court Wednesday that he stole from the township while employed as director of parks and grants.

Mike Mitchell, 49, pleaded guilty to one felony count of theft from a government receiving federal assistance. Judge Terrence Berg, of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in Detroit, accepted the plea and scheduled sentencing for Thursday, Jan. 17.

In a brief prepared statement, Mitchell told Berg that in October 2016, while

employed by the township, he had township landscaping equipment delivered to his home.

"Instead of returning the equipment, I kept it for my own use," Mitchell said, adding that he also allowed a friend to have another piece of equipment "knowing it would not be returned."

Earlier, Berg had asked Mitchell if he was pleading guilty because he believed himself guilty. "I am, your honor," was his response.

The crime is punishable by up to 10 years in prison, but under a plea agreement, Mitchell could be sentenced to up to six months. U.S. Attorney Michael Bullotta, however, said the prosecution had made a non-binding recommendation that Mitchell be put on probation.

"There is no restitution in this case

because all of the property ... has been recovered," Bullotta said.

Berg referred to the case to the probation department for a pre-sentence report. Mitchell, dressed in a black suit and accompanied by his attorney, Mark Kriger, declined to comment as he left court.

Mitchell had been accused of the theft of a riding lawn mower worth nearly \$3,000, plus other smaller pieces of landscaping equipment that belonged to the township — items that were found in the garage of his Livonia home when police searched it after he left the township's employment, police said. In addition, police said, Mitchell, as parks supervisor, condoned the theft of a small utility vehicle, worth about \$5,000, by another man.

Now a resident of Rockford, Ill., Mitchell was officially employed by the township from June 2015 until Novem-

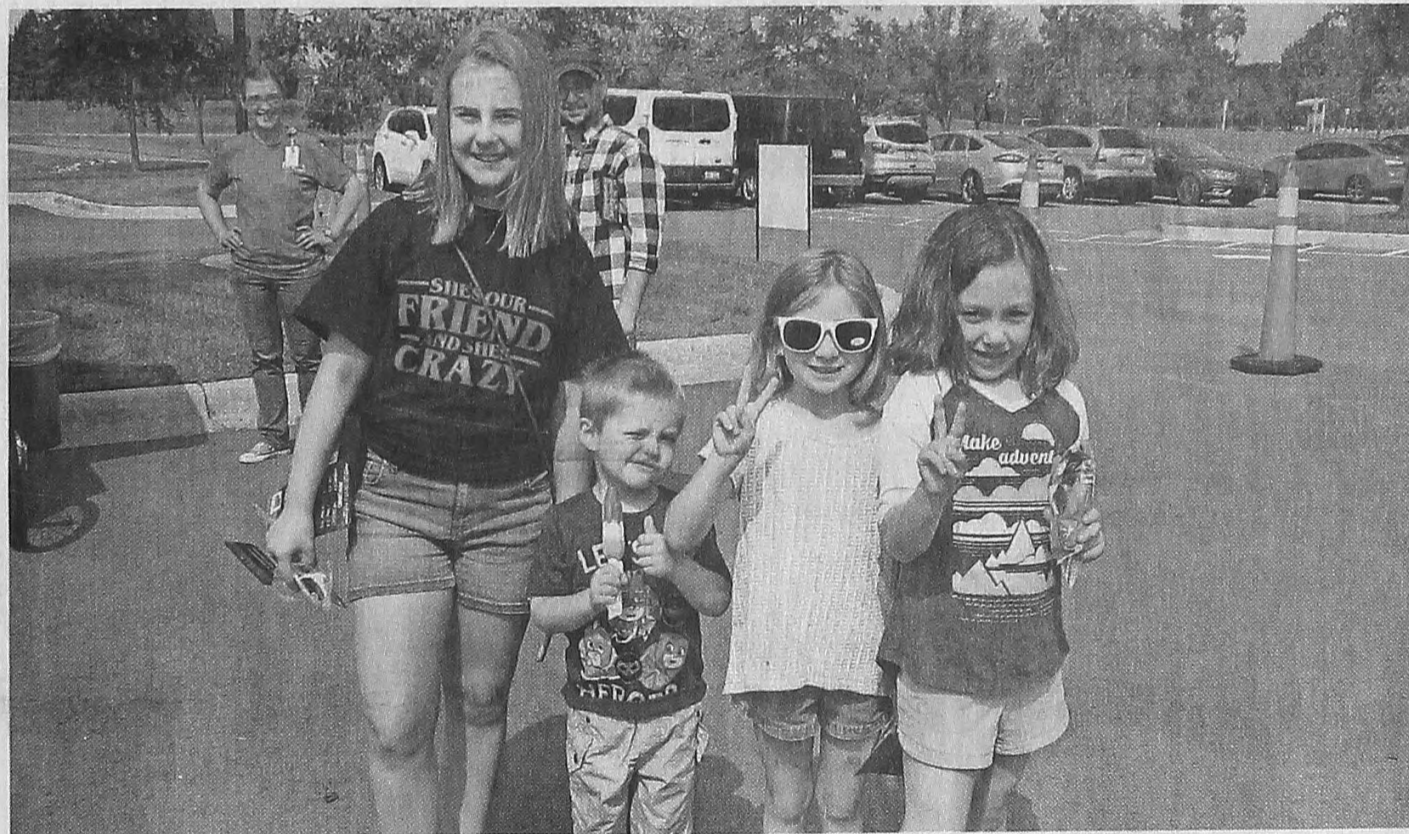
ber 2016. He was in charge of the parks department, a job that included oversight of the pavilion construction project that was under way at Plymouth Township Park at the time. He was also in charge of applying for grant funding for township projects.

The \$60,000-a-year job was created, by a split Board of Trustees vote, shortly after Shannon Price was appointed township supervisor in April 2015, following the resignation of Richard Reaume, who left midway through his third term. Mitchell had been an aide to Price while Price was a member of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners and was chairman of the Michigan 11th Congressional District Republican committee at the time.

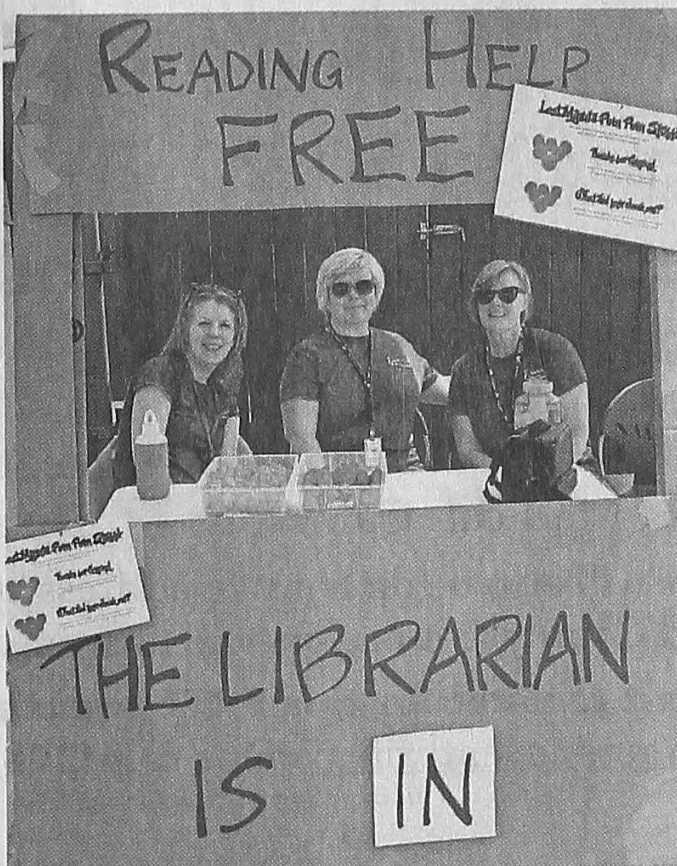
Price, ousted by current Supervisor Kurt Heise in the 2016 township Repub-

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## PARTY AT CANTON LIBRARY



Families and patrons came out Aug. 18 to enjoy the Canton Public Library's 62 Days of Summer Final Party, along with sheep, rabbits, ducks, alpacas, a horse, a calf and a donkey. Spending time with animals was just one of the many activities at the event, which approximately 450 people attended. The event capped off CPL's 62 Days of Summer, a string of activities that encouraged patrons to make the most of the season. The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. For more information, go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) or call 734-397-0999.



## Two Plymouth municipalities end fire dispute

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Ring the bell: The longstanding dispute between the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township over the payment of firefighters' pension obligations has been extinguished.

The neighboring municipalities are now on the same page following the city's presentation of a \$1.1 million check to the township as payment of pension obligations that have been smoldering since the dissolution of the joint city/township fire department in 2012.

"This is a historic day for the city and township," township Supervisor Kurt Heise said. "Our current township board inherited this issue from the previous administration and we were committed to resolving it without time-consuming and costly litigation that would have only benefited lawyers and not taxpayers."

Plymouth Township's former administration ended the joint fire department in 2012 for a variety of financial, contractual and political reasons. While officials were able to resolve the payment of retiree health care obligations in late 2016, the issue of pension payments remained a sticking point between the parties.

"The people of Plymouth elected us to solve problems, not make them worse," Mayor Oliver Wolcott said. "We are turning the page on the past and building upon our positive and professional relationship with the township."

Wolcott also thanked former Mayor Dan Dwyer for his leadership in the settlement discussions with the township that began in early 2017.

"We've had a great team from the city and township working many hours to resolve this issue," he added, "and we are all happy to get this behind us."

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# Brickworld returns to Suburban Collection

The Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, in Novi is again hosting Brickworld, a LEGO display and exposition, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 22-23. The event will fill 40,000 square feet with displays, interactive activities and vendors.

"The creations you will see at the show are labors of love to the hobby enthusiasts that make this happen," event organizer Bryan Bonahoom said. "The detail in the creations is phenomenal and the sheer size of some of these cre-



Kids building with the 20,000 LEGO bricks in a free build area. It is amazing what they create from their imaginations. BRICKWORLD

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Brickworld in some form. Plus, no Brickworld event would be complete without an incarnation of the Great Ball Contraption Rube Goldberg machine and trains.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. General

admission tickets are \$12.50 cash or \$13 credit card at the door and \$13 online. Kids under age 3 are free. Tickets are available at the door (unless/until the event reaches sellout) and online at <https://brickworld.com>.

## Mitchell

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lican primary, left office that November after Heise won the general election.

The thefts came to the attention of police, Chief Tom Tiderington said, when a parks employee realized that the utility vehicle, a John Deere Gator, was missing. An inventory of parks equipment showed several missing items, the chief said, and police began an investigation.

The investigation, he said, revealed that the riding mower had been delivered to Mitchell's home the day it was

purchased by the township, while the Gator was taken by another man after the township paid for repairs to it.

The case was eventually turned over to federal authorities to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, the chief said.

Had Mitchell not pleaded guilty, Tiderington said, authorities were prepared to come forward with evidence of other crimes, including time-card fraud amounting to more than \$16,000.

"There's a lot of discrepancy on when Mitchell actually left the township," Heise said Wednesday.

Heise called the Mitchell case "shameful" and said blame lies with Price and his supporters on the town-

ship board. Two of Price's key supporters, Nancy Conzelman, then the township clerk, and Ron Edwards, the longtime treasurer, lost their re-election bid in the 2016 Republican primary.

"I think this speaks volumes about the judgment of Shannon Price, his leadership and the people who appointed Shannon to run the township," Heise said.

Price did not return calls Wednesday afternoon.

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# One imprisoned, two found not guilty in armed robbery

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A Detroit man will spend at least seven years in prison for robbing a Plymouth Township man at gunpoint outside the victim's home in May, but two men accused of being the robber's accomplices were freed after being acquitted during a jury trial.

George L. Perdue Jr., 25, was sentenced Aug. 22 in Wayne County Circuit Court by Judge Prentis Edwards Jr. Perdue had pleaded guilty Aug. 7 — the day before his trial was to begin — to one charge of armed robbery and one charge of using a gun during a felony.

Edwards sentenced him to between five and 20 years in prison on the robbery charge and to the mandatory two years on the felony firearms charge; the sentences are to be served consecutively.

Perdue's earliest possible release date is May 1, 2025. He was given credit for 112 days for time served in the county jail.

Perdue had been identified by the victim as the gunman who, with another man, approached him as he took out the trash outside his home just before 3 a.m. May 2, a police report said.

The pair ordered the victim to the ground and told him to surrender his wallet, threatening to kill them if they did not, he later told police. The men took \$400 cash and a watch and fled to a car parked nearby, the victim told police. The victim was unhurt.

Perdue was arrested a short time later in Canton Township, at an apartment complex in the area of Haggerty and Palmer roads, near where a black Dodge Charger had been crashed into a tree and a fence and



Perdue

then abandoned. The Charger, which a Plymouth city police officer reported having stopped briefly on Ann Arbor Road just after the robbery, was thought to be the getaway car.

Also arrested at that time were Timothy C. McGhee Jr. and Kareem J. Gaskew Jr., who also faced armed robbery and felony firearms charges. McGhee was also charged with fleeing police.

A jury, however, Aug. 13 found Gaskew and McGhee not guilty of armed robbery, plus McGhee was also found not guilty of fleeing police, after a trial that had begun Aug. 8 in Edwards's courtroom, according to court records. With no armed robbery convictions, the judge then dismissed the felony firearms charges.

No gun was recovered in the case.

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## CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

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### Library closed for Labor Day

**Details:** The library is closed Sunday and Monday, Sept. 2-3. We will reopen at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4.

### Trivia Night at the Library

**When:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5  
**Details:** Participants compete for prizes by answering challenging questions. Bring a team or drop in on your own and connect with others. Light refreshments provided.

### Open LEGO Build

**When:** 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6  
**Details:** Join us for creative play and building with our collection of LEGO and Duplo Blocks. This program is intended for ages 7-14. Siblings welcome.

### Adult Writers Group

**When:** 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 and 22  
**Details:** Interested in writing? Share your work, get feedback and discuss the craft of writing.

### Family Storytime

**When:** 10-10:30 a.m. Sept. 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24 and 26 and 7-7:30 p.m. Sept. 11, 13, 18, 20, 25

**Details:** Family Storytime allows caregivers to actively engage with their children under age 5. With a youth librarian, build early literacy skills through meaningful stories, songs and play.

### Baby Storytime

**When:** 10-10:30 a.m. each Tuesday starting Sept. 11  
**Details:** Designed for babies ages 18 months and younger with an adult, Baby Storytime features simple stories, songs and rhymes. Registration required.

### LEGO Batman

**When:** 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12  
**Details:** Hear stories and build literacy skills through talking, writing, singing and playing. For families with children ages 4-9. Registration required.

### Lunch and a Book

**When:** Noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13  
**Details:** Bring your own lunch and discuss Jodi Picoult's "Small Great Things."

### Duct Tape Pencil Case

**When:** 4-5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13  
**Details:** Stop by our Teen Space for a passive brain break or study session or join us for our planned craft.

### Advanced ELL Book Club

**When:** Noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14  
**Details:** Advanced English Language Learners read and discuss books in English.

## Non-fiction Book Group

**When:** 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15  
**Details:** Discuss Laura Spinney's "Pale Rider: The Spanish flu of 1918 and how it changed the world."

## STEM Curiosity

**When:** 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15  
**Details:** Kids ages 7-10 learn the physics of music and engineer a solution to a proposed problem. Sponsored by All Saints Catholic School. Registration is required.

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**When:** 9-11 a.m. each Saturday  
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## Board Gaming League of Canton

**When:** Noon first Saturday of each month  
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## ELL Conversation Groups

**When:** 9:30-11 a.m. each Thursday and Friday  
**Details:** Practice speaking English in an informal setting with Community Literacy Council volunteers.

## Digital Download Drop-In Help

**When:** 10-11 a.m. each Friday  
**Details:** Get one-on-one help from our information desk. Bring your device and, if you are a Kindle user, your Amazon log-in information.

## ELL Reading Group

**When:** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday  
**Details:** Beginning or Intermediate English Language

Learners are invited to read together and discuss short articles, etc., in English with a tutor.

## Preschool Storytime

**When:** 10-10:30 a.m. each Monday and 1-1:30 p.m. each Friday  
**Details:** Preschool storytimes feature longer books, flannel board and rhymes designed for children ages 3½-5. Children must be able to sit independently and be attentive for 30 minutes. Parents may attend to help transition their child to this program. All parents must remain in the children's department. Registration required.

## ABC Activity Time

**When:** After every baby, preschool and family storytime, lasts 30 minutes  
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## Early Literacy Workshops

**When:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month  
**Details:** Starfish Family Services provides free, high-quality, early literacy training to day care providers, caregivers and parents. They teach topics developed by the independent nonprofit HighScope Educational Research Foundation.

## Trash pickup delayed by holiday

Due to the Labor Day holiday, GFL will not collect refuse, recycling or yard waste Monday, Sept. 3, and all collections next week will be delayed by one day. GFL will resume its regular collection schedule Monday, Sept. 10.  
 All refuse and recycling must be placed at the curb by 6:30 a.m. to ensure pickup. GFL will not pick up refuse or recycling that is placed past the sidewalk on private property. All recycling must be placed separate from your refuse on the opposite side of your driveway. For questions or more information on solid waste collection, go to [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) or call GFL at 844-464-3587.

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# JARC to hire 50 at career event Sept. 7

The Jewish Association for Residential Care, a Michigan-based 501(c)3 nonprofit and a premier residential services provider for people with developmental disabilities, has announced it will be hiring 50 direct care professionals at its career event scheduled for 3:30-6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, to bolster services provided to its 174 clients in 80 residential settings throughout metro Detroit.

The event will be held at the JARC headquarters, 30301 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills. Open positions include direct support professionals and respite/independent living workers.

Employees will provide personal assistance to individuals who have developmental disabilities. Working in a group home environment, they may assist with a variety of daily tasks, including personal grooming, meal preparation, feeding and light housework. Full paid training will be provided. There are no nursing skills required.

Starting wage for these positions is \$10.50 per hour and comprehensive benefits are included (medical, dental, vision, paid vacation and sick time and life insurance).

Applicants should come prepared with their resume, contact information for three professional references and two pieces of ID.

"This isn't your average job fair. Attendees will be leaving this event with full-time jobs that include a set schedule and comprehensive insurance," said Shainde Braunstein, JARC CEO. "Our team is our No. 1 asset. While many organizations in the direct care business do not offer guaranteed hours, set schedules or offer health insurances, JARC has committed to these values as a strong statement to our staff and the community. Because of this, our clients thrive in-kind."

All applicants hired at this event will also receive a \$100 starting bonus.

For more information, contact JARC at 248-538-6611 or email jobs@jarc.org.

# SOAR now accepting registration for fall lineup

SOAR, the Society of Active Retirees, has announced its fall lineup of more than 75 classes, outings, shared interest groups and special events.

A nonprofit, non-denominational, lifelong learning program, the SOAR fall series includes lectures in art, current events, dance, film, health history, literature, legal issues, opera, politics, science, sports, travel and more.

SOAR is affiliated with Wayne State University and the Road Scholar Institute Network. The program is among more than 400 linked with RSIN across the country and hundreds more in the U.S. and around the world. Billed as "health clubs for the brain," these programs serve audiences who want to

learn, grow and keep their minds sharp.

While the average age of participants at SOAR is 70 years and many members are retired, SOAR membership is open to adults of any age and role in life whose common interest is lifelong learning. SOAR serves more than 1,200 members from 57 communities in southeast Michigan. Most of its classes convene at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt Road, in Farmington Hills or nearby locations.

For more information about SOAR or to join, go to [www.soarexplora.com](http://www.soarexplora.com) or call 248-626-0296. Course catalogs for the fall 2018 term are available now. Registration begins Wednesday, Sept. 5, and continues through Friday, Oct. 5.

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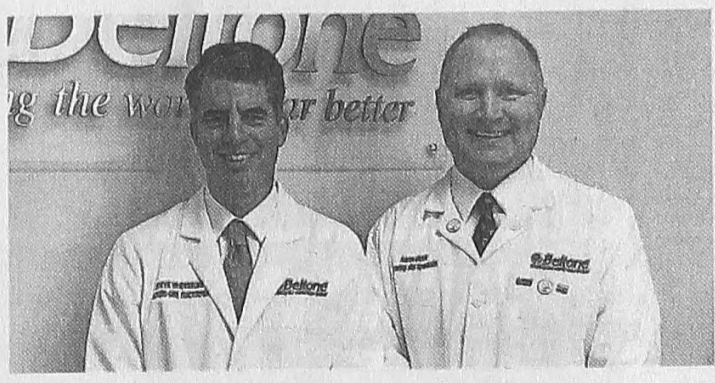
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# Father's annuity won't finance son's retirement



**Money Matters**  
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**Q:** I have a situation that I need some advice on. About 20 years ago, my dad (who was a widower at the time) decided to retire, sold his house up here and bought a home in Florida. He told me that Social Security will cover just about all of his expenses and, if he needed money, he would take some money out of an annuity that he had. At the time, he had over a half-million dollars in an annuity. As his health changed, he eventually sold his home and moved into an assisted-living facility. I just discovered that, about 15 years ago, he annuitized his annuity. My situation is, I'm in my early 60s, divorced with no dependents and was depending upon the balance of the annuity to fund my retirement. When my dad died recently, I was told that there was nothing left in the annuity and, thus, I will inherit nothing. My first question to you is, do you think he was scammed and that I have a case against the insurance company? My second issue is that I only have about \$25,000 set aside for my retirement; obviously, unless I get money from the insurance company, I will not be able to retire. Any suggestions on what I can do so eventually I will be able to retire?

**A:** I do not believe that you have a

cause of action against the insurance company and, even if you did, it's likely the statute of limitations has already run out. It is not unusual for someone to annuitize their annuity. Basically, when you annuitize an annuity, the insurance company guarantees you a set amount of money, generally monthly, that you will receive for the rest of your life. If your dad annuitized his annuity 15 years ago, it means for the last 15 years he has been receiving regular payments from the annuity company. I assume that when your father got to Florida and eventually settled into a lifestyle, that retirement cost him more than he originally planned. After all, what many people find in retirement — and it's something I constantly preach — is that you need a rising income for the rest of your life. In today's world, you cannot live on a fixed or a shrinking income.

When someone annuitizes an annuity, they are not being scammed or anything of that nature. If someone was on their death bed and an insurance agent convinced someone that they should annuitize their annuity, that would be one thing. That is not the situation in this case. Your dad received payments for a 15-year period. In addition, it is important to realize that, when your dad made the decision and if he consulted with the insurance agent or a financial adviser, their goal was to do what was best for your father's situation, not necessarily what is good for his beneficiary. Annuitizing an annuity is sometimes a good strategy, particularly for a conservative investor who wants a guaran-

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teed amount of money for the rest of their life. I don't necessarily recommend it for everyone, but I have recommended it in the past and will continue to recommend it to some people, depending upon their goals and objectives.

With you depending upon the annuity, it does put your retirement plans on hold. The first thing you should do is to go through your expenses and look for ways to prune costs so you can start an investment portfolio. Since you are working, you should look at whether the company has a salary deferral program, such as a 401(k) plan. If it does, you need to take advantage of it. You should put the maximum away, if possible. Saving in a 401(k) plan is an easy way to save, because the money comes directly out of your paycheck.

The key for you is to look for ways to cut your current expenses so that you can save more. In addition, you may have to adjust your thinking, as retirement for you may mean not fully retiring, but cutting back and working on a part-time basis. The reality is that starting to save for retirement in your

mid-60s is difficult. If you can stay at your present job until you're at least 70, it will allow you to substantially increase the amount of Social Security you will receive.

Whenever I meet with people and inheritances come up in the discussion, I always tell them they should never plan on an inheritance. It is a dangerous game when you depend upon an inheritance, because you never know what someone's going to be worth at the time of their death, nor do you know if their situation may change and you may not end up being the beneficiary. If you independently save for your retirement, then no matter what happens to the inheritance, you will be in fine shape.

Good luck!

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# Livonia company helps hospitals do their job

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What started as a small plumbing business operating out of Andy D'Ascenzo's basement has grown into a thriving Livonia company — now run by his two sons — that helps hospitals across southeast Michigan keep running smoothly.

It was 1966 when D'Ascenzo, then working from his Redford home, began making house calls to fix broken toilets, leaky pipes and other plumbing problems, while his wife Dolores helped run the home office. He incorporated his business in 1968 and watched it grow steadily until his death in 1984.

Now celebrating 50 years, Guardian Plumbing & Heating, Inc., thrives as his sons, Tony D'Ascenzo and Larry D'Ascenzo, carry on their father's legacy, though now their customers include the health care industry, the Detroit Renaissance Center, the Southfield Town Center and the Belle Isle fountain, among others.

Some of their highly skilled employees have been with the company more than 30 years and started as apprentices, a testament to Guardian's enduring success.

"This is a family," Larry said, "and that has everything to do with our success."

Tony, company president, has worked for Guardian since 1969 and took over as president when their father died. Larry, vice president of sales and service, came aboard six years later.

Guardian, located on Glendale Avenue, west of Stark, has carved out a niche in the health care industry in a six-county region, becoming the go-to company for repairs sometimes linked to life-sustaining medical equipment.

Company workers have repaired plumbing that delivers medical gases — oxygen, nitrogen and nitrous oxide — to hospital operating rooms. They have fixed plumbing leaks in the ceiling of a children's neonatal intensive care unit, all the while ensuring what Tony called "negative air pressure" to guard against room contamination that could lead to potentially fatal infections among children.

The latter work is paramount, particularly for patients with weakened immune systems, because as many as 90,000 people die every year from hospital-acquired infections.

Despite its growth, Guardian has at times faced tough economic times.

"We've lived through five recessions," Tony said.

During tough times, Guardian had to make a business decision whether to focus on serving the health care industry or the more recession-prone auto industry. Tony said the company could easily have folded if the wrong decision had been made.

Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright said Guardian is the



Vice President Larry D'Ascenzo and his brother Tony D'Ascenzo, company president, have carried on the legacy started by their father. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

type of family business that has found success and, in the process, helped make Livonia successful.

"It says something about the devotion they have to their customers — and the devotion their customers have to them," Wright said, adding that Guardian and other local companies "just show the type of city this place really is."

Guardian has big-name clients: Beaumont Health; Ascension Health, with St. John and Providence hospitals; St. Joseph Mercy Health System, including St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia; Henry Ford Health System; and McLaren Health Care.

And while jobs like repairing a hospital boiler might seem routine, Tony said it's imperative the job be done quickly and effectively to provide hot water that hospitals rely on to sterilize equipment.

Guardian has accumulated accolades over the years and is certified by industry organizations such as the American Society of Health Care Engineering. Tony is a member and past chair of Michigan's State Plumbing Board, within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. And Larry is treasurer of the Southeast Michigan Society for Healthcare Engineering.

The D'Ascenzo brothers said their ties to numerous local and national organizations have improved their knowledge and strengthened their company. Guardian also was named Contractor of the Year by the Michigan Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association in 2008.

"We're proud of our commitment to the highest quality service that has kept customers coming back for 50 years," Larry said. "We also wouldn't be where we are today without the dedicated employees who provide our customers with the best service around. Our commitment to the safety of our employees is just one way we treat them like family."

Guardian's first hospital customer was Metropolitan Hospital, which had facilities in Detroit and Westland, in 1969. Since then, the company's licensed pro-

fessionals have worked not only in health care facilities, but in high-rise office buildings, big apartment complexes, schools and industrial plants.

The D'Ascenzo brothers say the future continues to look bright for a company their father started in his basement.

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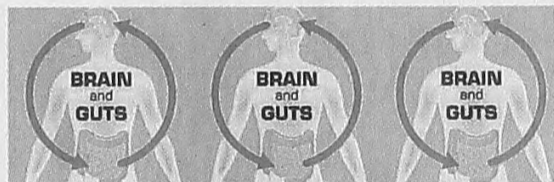
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Saturday, September 15 at 2:00

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### Canton Newcomers and Neighbors

The Canton Neighbors and Newcomers club invites all area women to the first event of its 47th season, called Rediscover Canton, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, the Hanford Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford Road. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, go to [www.cantonwomen.com](http://www.cantonwomen.com) or contact Nancy Ellenberger at 734-812-4119.

### New exhibit at Village Theater

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton will host a collaborative exhibit, featuring a work of 17 fiber artists from the Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild, through Sunday, Sept. 30. A special artist's reception and meet and greet will be held 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, that is free and open to the public.

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

### Compass monthly luncheon

Compass Christian Business Alliance Western Wayne is kicking off its second season of luncheons and guest speakers from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, when Phil Bahr, a certified public accountant and president of Ashes to Glory Foundation, will speak at Dave & Buster's, 19375 Victor Parkway, in Livonia. The fee is \$20 and includes lunch.

To sign up for the monthly luncheons, go to [michigancompass.org/westernwayne](http://michigancompass.org/westernwayne) or go to the group on Facebook at [compasswesternwayne](https://www.facebook.com/compasswesternwayne).

### 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](http://www.detroitbluesociety.org)). There is a \$5 donation at the door.

West Side Ramblers will provide free entertainment for Burger Night, playing Dixieland and bluegrass, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6. A limited menu is available 5:30-7 p.m.

The Lucas Rhoades Band will perform Tuesday, Sept. 11. Brett Lucas and John Rhoades both play guitar and sing. Joining them are Chuck Bartels on bass and Max Bauhof on drums.

The Motor City Brass Band will play a fundraiser concert 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14. The 32-member band and its founder and director Craig Strain are trying to raise money to replace \$46,000 worth of instruments that were recently stolen. Admission is \$25 and there will be a cash bar. For more information or to order tickets in advance, go to <http://www.mcbb.org/percussion/index.html>.

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

### Plymouth Fall Festival Taste Fest

The Plymouth Fall Festival Taste Fest will be 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, in the parking lot of Station 885, 885 Starkweather Street, under a giant tent.

Pre-sale tickets are \$15 and kids ages 5-10 are \$5. At the door, prices are \$20 and \$10. Under age 5 are free. Tickets can be purchased at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Station 885 or Friday, Aug. 31, at Music in the Air at the Civitan Booth. Pre-sale purchases end at noon Sept. 7.

This event is sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club and hosted by Rob Costanza of Station 885. There will be a cash bar, music and a party afterward. Call 734-459-1896 for more information.

### Hazardous Household Waste Round-up

Canton will hold its annual Hazardous Household Waste Round-up from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Division of Public Works Building, 4847 Sheldon Road. This event is open to Canton residents only and ID will be required.

Examples of acceptable waste include, but are not limited to, fluorescent light bulbs, oil-based and latex paint, paint thinner, turpentine, bug sprays, floor-care products, computers and scanners, dry cleaning solvents, rat poison, household batteries, propane tanks, mercury waste, antifreeze, brake fluid, diesel fuel, kerosene, motor oil and acids.

To obtain a detailed list of what is and is not acceptable please call Canton Public Works at 313-397-1011 or visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).

### Brew, Brats & Bands at the Barn

The ninth annual Brew, Brats & Bands at the Barn fundraising event is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Cady-Boyer Barn, located in Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton. Proceeds will support the Canton Historical Society.

Sponsors include Canton Leisure Services, Holiday Market, Liberty Street Brewing Co., Canton Brew Works, Beer-fests.com, Alphagraphics, Choice Insurance Agency, Edward Jones Investments, Busch's Fresh Food Market, J.B.'s Smokehouse and Kennedy Nemier Insurance Agency, Inc.

Admission includes seven drink tickets each good for a four-ounce beer tasting sample. Attendees will be able to choose from more than 50 different craft and specialty beers that will be available to sample. Brats with all the fixings will also be included with admission, as well as a keepsake beer tasting mug. Musical entertainment will be provided throughout the evening by Standing Room Only.

Tickets are \$25 if purchased before Sept. 1 and \$30 at the door. They can be purchased online at [www.beerfests.com](http://www.beerfests.com). Tickets can also be purchased in person at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, as well as the Canton Farmers Market, 500 N. Ridge Road. Designated driver tickets are also available for \$10. Additional beer tasting tickets are available for purchase; receive four additional tickets for \$5.

For more information, go to [www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org) or call 734-394-5314.

### ONESTAGE at Village Theater

TLC Productions is continuing its experimental theater production with the launch of ONESTAGE in September. ONESTAGE is a group of six one-act plays/musicals that will be performed Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8-9, as a single performance in the Biltmore Studio at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.

Show times are 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at [cantonvillagetheater.org](http://cantonvillagetheater.org). Tickets are also available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at 734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460 or in person at the Summit on the Park or at the door. Tickets should be purchased in advance as there are only 80 seats available for each performance. Time for all six plays is approximately one hour, with no intermission.

For more information, go to [mi.org/villagetheater](http://mi.org/villagetheater) or [tclproductions.org](http://tclproductions.org).

### Canton Do Good Expo

Canton will host its inaugural Do Good Expo 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, on the National Day of Service and Remembrance, which marks the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Canton Leisure Services will gather dozens of local nonprofit, volunteer and service-based organizations.

All ages are encouraged to attend this free event and take part in a hands-on community service project. Also, the following items will be collected in a special donation drive: canned or pantry food items, new socks, loose change; phone chargers, T-shirts and sweat-shirts, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, new toys and art supplies and winter hats and gloves.

For more information, go to [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call 734-394-5460.

### Mom2Mom sale

The St. John Neumann women's organization is accepting applications for table rental space for its Mom2Mom sale scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 15, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road in Canton. Email [bnolan6850@gmail.com](mailto:bnolan6850@gmail.com) for an application and more information.

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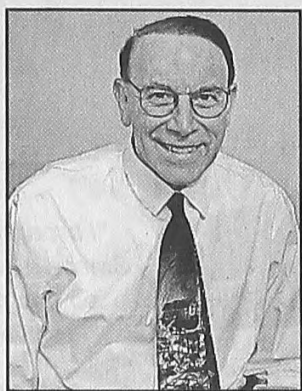


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## Dr. Richard James Meldrum

FARMINGTON - Dr. Richard Meldrum passed away on August 26, 2018 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his loving family - Maria his wife of 25 years, his daughters Wendy Michelle and Amanda Lacey Meldrum (Roy Holt), his brother Scott (Mary) and his niece and nephews. Richard was born on December 4, 1945 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to the late James and Evelyn Meldrum. He went on to become an orthodontist, and at age 25 he became the youngest professor of dentistry at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. He was the second orthodontist to open a practice in Farmington and had a thriving practice for 47 years. Richard was also a popular fitness instructor for over 25 years, with 19 years at Lifetime Fitness. Richard will be missed by many. Visitation will be held Tuesday, September 4th from 2-8 PM, with a Rosary at 7 PM, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Donations can be made in Richard's honor to the American Cancer Society, or the charity of your choice.



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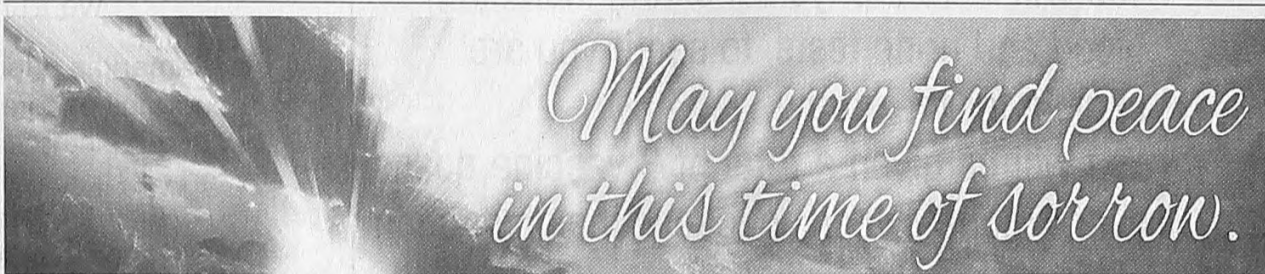
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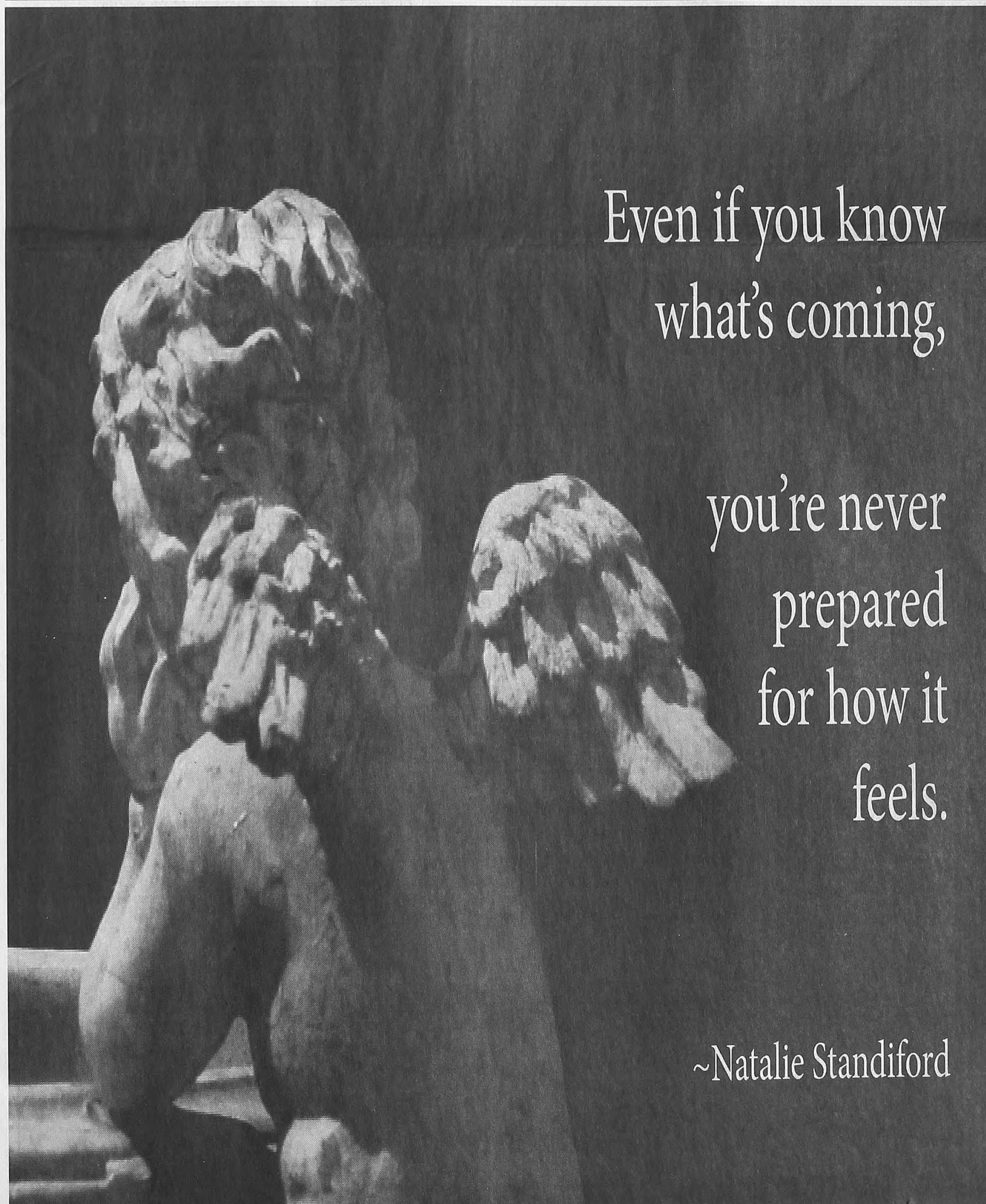
CHICAGO, IL - Marie V. Hughes, 90, formerly of Farmington Hills, Michigan, Chester, New Jersey and Savannah, Georgia, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on August 23, 2018 following a brief illness. Marie was a spectacular cook and avid bridge player, who loved to entertain friends and family. She was a loving and supportive wife to her husband Frederick Hughes, a long-time telecom executive and a former Mayor of Farmington Hills. Marie was a loving mother and grandmother, who enjoyed nothing more than spending time with her family. She was known for her quick wit, tremendous sense of humor and her spelling ability. She is survived, and will be sorely missed, by her children Liz (Ted White) Hughes, Amy (Ed McMahon) Hughes and Evan (Michelle) Hughes, and her grandchildren, Trevor Hughes, Maggie White and Ethan Hughes. She was predeceased by her husband Frederick. A private memorial service will be held.



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# Sports

GIRLS GOLF

## Schulz looking for big senior season

Bloomfield Hills senior has eyes on state title

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Mikaela Schulz enjoyed a simmering summer on the links.

The West Bloomfield resident captured the prestigious Golf Association of Michigan Junior Amateur state championship in late June at Michigan State University's Forest Akers Golf Course. At last month's sixth annual American Junior Golf Association junior tournament at Forest Lake Country Club, Schulz placed second by a stroke. She also was third at an AJGA tourna-

ment in Kentucky just prior to the Forest Lake tournament.

Although she struggled a bit in the AJGA's recent Randy Wise Junior Open at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden, Schulz registered her best summer ever on the national junior tour. She is excitedly looking forward to her final year of prep golf at Bloomfield Hills High School.

"Winning the (Junior Amateur) was an amazing experience and it's a great tournament," said Schulz, who won the tourney's stroke play competition to easily qualify for match play. "I played pretty solid there and I was happy with

my play. I always love playing in GAM tournaments.

"I also really enjoy playing in the tournament at Forest Lake, which is actually only about 10 minutes from my house. I know a lot of people from there and it's one of my favorite tournaments. I was happy with my play and was hoping to win it, but I just gave away too many opportunities and still only lost by one (stroke).

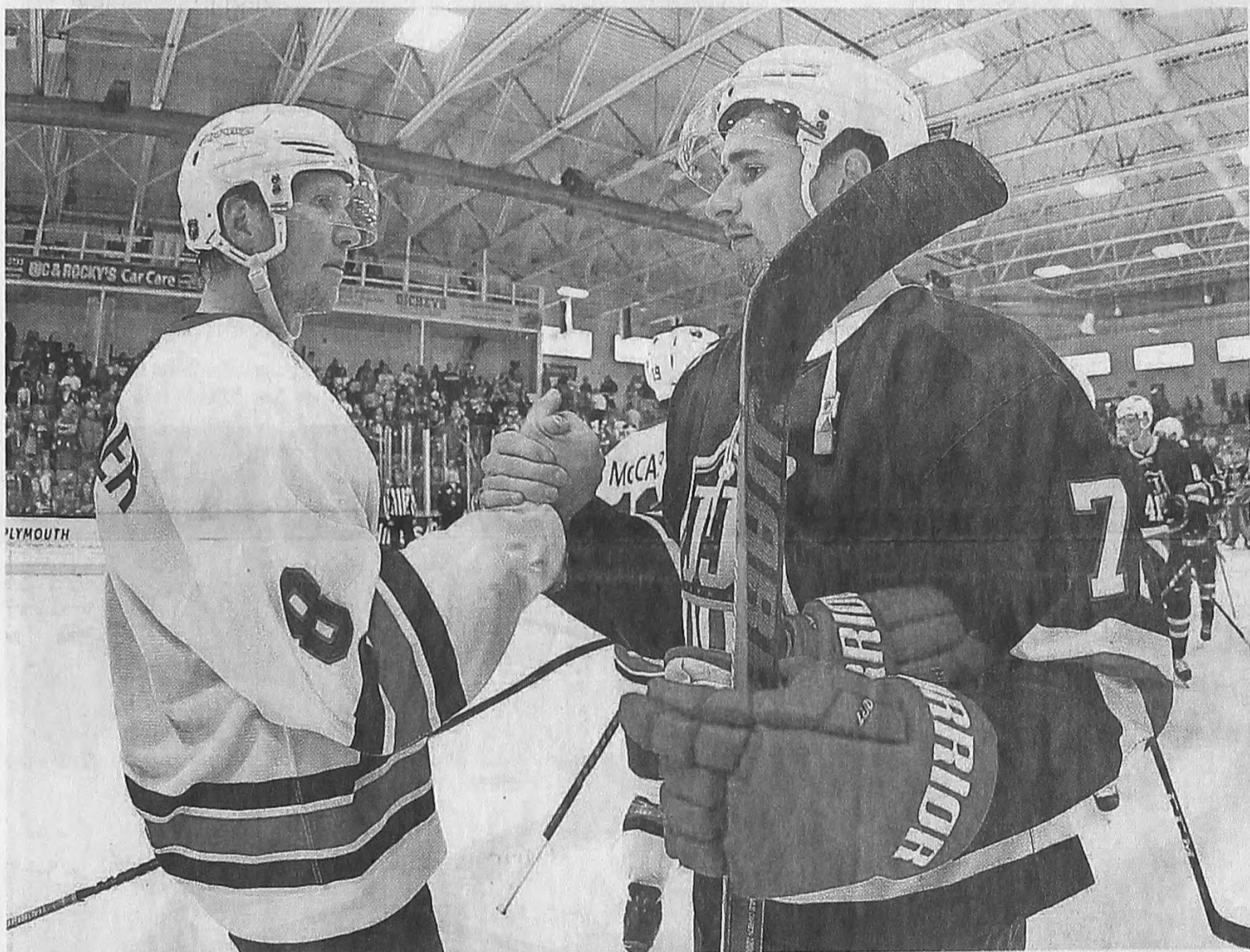
"I definitely had a pretty good summer and it's definitely helped boost my confidence. I've been playing with a lot of good, competitive juniors," she added. "Just to get that experience and know that I can compete with them is

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Mikaela Schulz is confidently approaching her final season of high school golf at Bloomfield Hills, with dreams of team and individual state championships. GREG JOHNSON

STARS & STRIPES SHOWDOWN



Following Sunday afternoon's Stars & Stripes Showdown in Plymouth, Detroit Red Wings teammates Justin Abdelkader (left) and Dylan Larkin greet each other in the handshake line. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

## NHL star players help honor Johansson's memory, legacy

Top American pros go the extra mile for 'JJ'

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When USA Hockey's Jim Johansson died in January, many NHL players such as Detroit Red Wings center Dylan Larkin were in the middle of an unforgiving schedule that prevented them from properly saying good-bye to the beloved man nicknamed "JJ."

But once summer rolled around, Larkin — a product of the USA Hockey National Team Development Program that Johansson devoted so much time and

energy to — thought there must be another way to honor him.

Of course, a hockey game fit the bill perfectly. Larkin was the catalyst for the inaugural Stars & Stripes Showdown, played Aug. 26 before a standing room only crowd at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

The Waterford native got on the telephone and recruited NHL players to fly in on their dime and toast Johansson's memory. Red Wings teammates Jimmy Howard, Justin Abdelkader and Luke

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**Dylan Larkin**  
Stars & Stripes Showdown organizer

PREP VOLLEYBALL

## Dunn's 16 kills leads Churchill past Canton

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Despite a six-point deficit in both the first and third sets, Livonia Churchill always seemed to have an ace up its sleeve during Tuesday's KLAA volleyball crossover against visiting Canton.

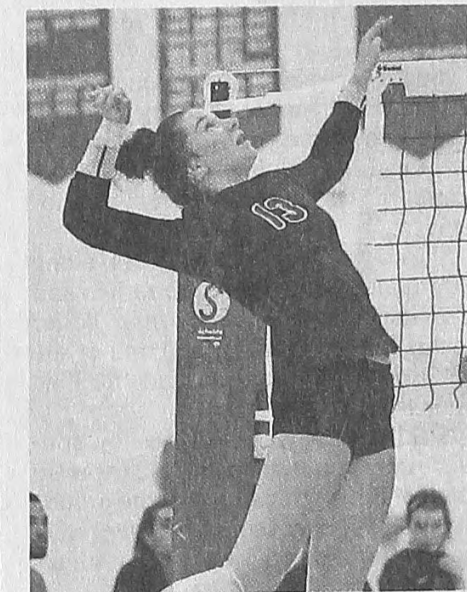
The host Chargers served a total of 11 aces and got 16 kills from junior outside hitter Sarah Dunn in a 25-22, 25-19, 25-19 victory over the Chiefs.

"Canton is a good team. We came out strong and we got down a couple, but we just had to pick up the momentum and come back," Dunn said. "And I think we all did a great job of that ... bring up the momentum, bringing it back together and pushing through."

Churchill, which improved to 6-3 overall, took an early 8-3 advantage in the first set, only to fall behind 17-11 before rallying as Dunn served an ace to close out the set.

"Serve receive we were a little iffy on, but we definitely brought that back

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Churchill junior outside hitter Sarah Dunn goes up for the kill against Canton. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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## GIRLS GOLF

## Bloomfield Hills is primed for top state finish

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In its brief five-year program history, the Bloomfield Hills girls golf team has placed among the top 10 at the Division 1 state meet four times.

The Black Hawks had back-to-back third-place showings in 2015-16 before finishing seventh overall last year in the D-1 state meet held at Grand Valley State University. In 2014, Bloomfield Hills was 10th.

Veteran head coach Brendan Harrington believes Bloomfield Hills has the tools for another top 10, if not top five, showing this year.

"Our first year, we did not make it to the state finals and we've been in the top 10 in the state each year since," Harrington said. "I think the best team I've ever had was two years ago, but they went against Rochester that year, which was the best team in the history of the state.

"I think this team, legitimately, has the best opportunity to finish the best of any team in the short history of Bloomfield," he added. "I really do. They are shooting well and we have a good corps of seniors who have been there for three

or four years and they have a good opportunity to do well. But golf is golf and you never know how it's going to work out."

Harrington's optimism stems from a highly skilled, extremely competitive and vastly experienced team that includes five returning golfers. In the season's first two tournaments, Bloomfield Hills placed first and third.

## Super Team leader

The Black Hawks are led by 2017 all-state Super Team member Mikaela Schulz.

A four-year varsity veteran, Schulz has placed at states in each of the past two seasons. She tied for second overall as a sophomore with 145 and took fourth last year with 152. She finished first in every event last season, including the prestigious Oakland County tournament, except the state finals.

Schulz was match medalist in Bloomfield Hills' first tournament Aug. 16 after carding 1-under 71 at Huron Meadows Golf Course, leading the Black Hawks to the team championship with a score of 313. The three-year team captain was participating in an American Junior

Golf Association Tournament and did not play in Bloomfield Hills' second tournament.

The University of Michigan-bound senior is a legitimate Miss Golf candidate this year.

"Mikaela has a great work ethic. The work ethic she brings is second to none," Harrington said. "You're talking about a girl who will finish a tournament and then goes to her home course at Tam O'Shanter to work on her game. She'll work on knockdown shots and works on shots she knows she should have done on the course."

## Solid roster all-around

Bloomfield Hills' other returning players include seniors Lizzy Pierce, in her second year as a captain, Cassidy Proctor, a very strong athlete, and Nicole Grace, along with sophomore Sanju Swamy.

Pierce, also beginning her fourth varsity season, was a Division 1 all-state player last year who shot a career-best state meet round of 168. Proctor, a three-year varsity player, and Swamy were Bloomfield Hills' other state-meet scorers last season.

"Lizzie Pierce can play golf, Cassidy Proctor has come out and played absolute dynamite so far and Sanju Swamy is better than what her scores have showed so far," Harrington said. "So we've done a lot better so far than what I anticipated. We're shooting very well right now.

"What I've noticed about my seniors is that they've come out very relaxed, which is going to allow them to play better golf," he added. "They seem to be enjoying their senior year and having a good time. As I coach, I want to keep that vibe going on the team. That's where my mentality is at."

Junior Paige Pierce and freshman Eryn Stern are new to the team.

With such a formidable lineup, Harrington is looking forward to the rest of the season. However, he admits with the likes of Northville and defending D-1 state champion Traverse City West, the state meet is going to be one tough egg to crack this fall.

"I think a top five finish would be amazing," he added. "Anytime you can finish in the top five, that is great."

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## Players

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Glendening were among those recruits.

Also competing during a loosely played contest that ended up with Larkin's Team Blue besting Team White, 14-9, were American-born NHL standouts such as Auston Matthews (Toronto), Patrick Kane (Chicago), Cam Fowler (Anaheim), Jacob Trouba (Winnipeg), James van Riemsdyk (Philadelphia) and Nick Foligno (Columbus).

## They wanted to help

"Not hard, not hard," Larkin said about how challenging it was to get enough players to fill two teams. "Guys have busy summers, busy schedules, it's a busy time of year right now with getting ready for training camp and the NHL season. It speaks volumes to the kind of person JJ was for all these guys to come out."

The game was the focal point for the gathering, but it was very much a Johannson celebration just the same.

Players on both teams wore uniforms with "JJ" prominent on the crest. A tribute video was shown before the ceremonial puck drop at center ice, where JJ's wife Abby, 2-year-old daughter Ellie, father Ken, brother John and sister Judy were gathered.

For the actual puck drop, Ellie, in her mom's arms, enthusiastically flung the puck several feet from the center ice dot — resulting in a warm-hearted reaction from the packed stands.

"It was amazing, an absolutely incredible outpouring of support for JJ," Abby Johannson said during a post-game press conference, with a sleepy Ellie still in her arms. "The fact the players organized it made it even more meaningful.

"Such a special day and something I know he would have been very proud of, the guys for pulling this together and everything ... I think he'd be slightly embarrassed that it was him they were doing it for."

All proceeds from ticket sales, along with money generated from raffles and an online auction, will be earmarked for the Jim Johannson Legacy Fund of the USA Hockey Foundation and the Ellie Johannson College Fund.

"I think that was really, really special," Abby Johannson said. "JJ was so proud of Ellie, I think he was the proudest father I've ever seen. It's really, really special that they'd want to do something to help Ellie.

"More importantly, while she may not remember this day perfectly, looking back, she'll have the opportunity to know a little bit more about what a special person her father was. ... I think she had a great time, as you can tell."

## Scoring blitz

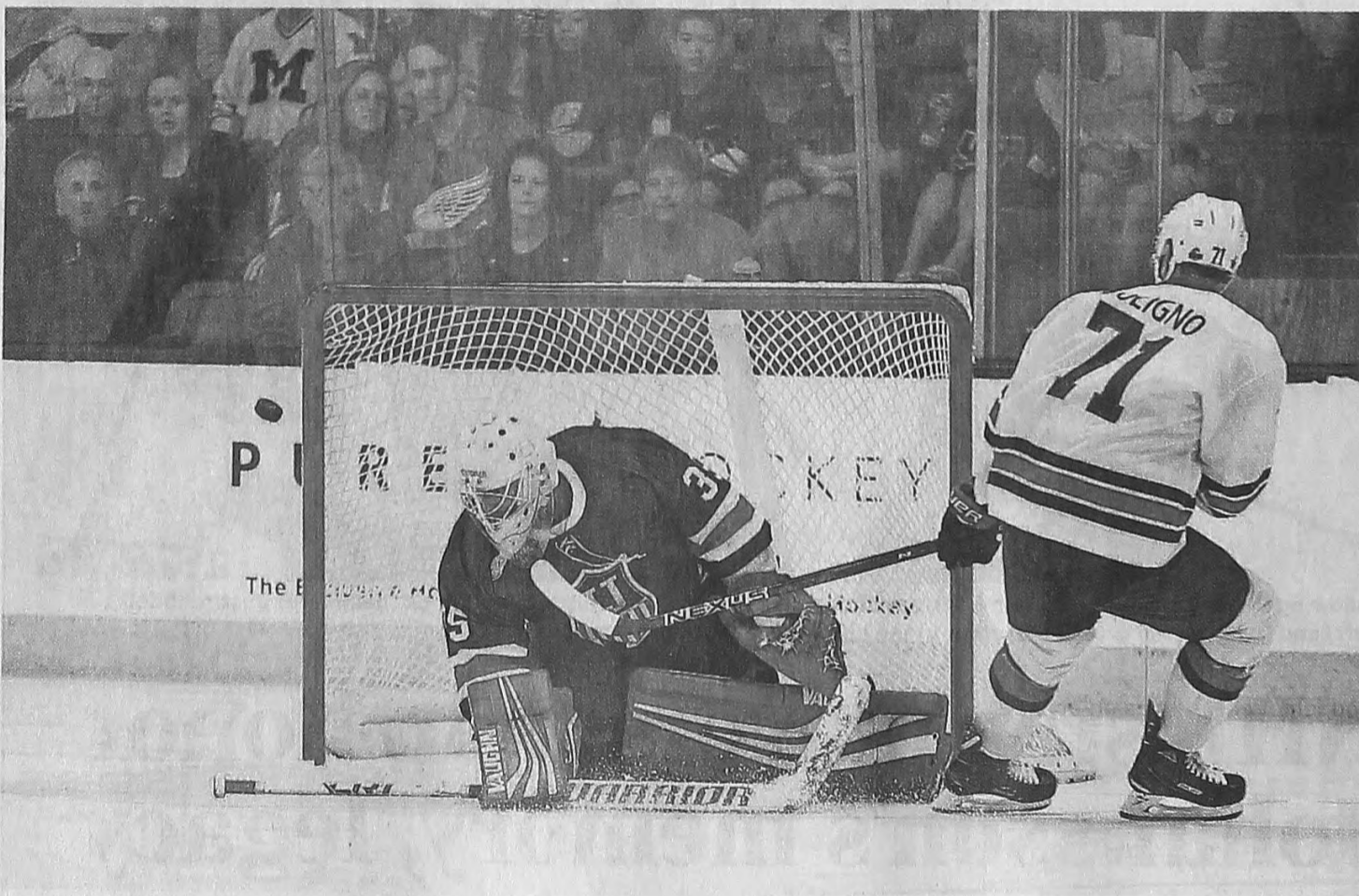
Hockey fans also enjoyed a scoring blitz, including four goals in the first five minutes. One of those was Kane's tap-in of a Larkin feed, beating Craig Anderson (Ottawa), left defenseman on the play.

Later in the first period, Abdelkader (Muskegon/Michigan State) cut into the left circle and ripped a low drive between Howard's goalie pads.

"(Howard) wasn't too happy. He came in after the first period and asked me what I was doing," Abdelkader said



Players pose at center ice with the Jim Johannson family before Sunday's Stars & Stripes Showdown. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY



Nick Foligno (Columbus) is denied on this scoring chance by goalie Jimmy Howard (Detroit) during Sunday's first period. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

with a smile. "He thought I was going to deke on him, but I know where to shoot on Jimmy once in a while. I've had plenty of practice. He wasn't too happy about that."

Abdelkader said the response to the benefit game was "just great to see. ... The first time you met him, you just felt like you knew him for your whole life. He made you feel at home, he made you feel comfortable. We miss him. This is a great way to honor him."

According to Howard, who like Larkin is an NTDP alum, participating in the game was the least he could do to honor Johannson.

"The first time I met JJ, I was 17 years old," said Howard, who made 10 saves in the first period before being replaced by Northville High grad and NTDP product Dylan St. Cyr. "Had a lot of great times with him, a lot of great times traveling, playing for world juniors, playing for the world championship. Over the years, I really got to know him well.

"It means a lot. JJ's very special. One way or another, he's helped every single guy in that dressing room, in both dressing rooms. So to be able to be a part of this event and come out here, be a part of the first one is extremely special."

Here are several other takeaways:

## U-M INFLUENCE

Larkin's Team Blue featured eight players from the University of Michigan, including current Wolverines defenseman Quinn Hughes (another NTDP alum), who was drafted in June by Vancouver.

"I'm not surprised, with Dylan and with all his connections," Howard said. "It was a lot of fun and I'd love to do it again."

## HOMETOWN HELP

In addition to St. Cyr, who filled in for Winnipeg goalie Connor Hellebuyck (Commerce), area players included Fowler (Farmington Hills), Patrick Sierloff (Ann Arbor/Ottawa), Jacob Trouba (Rochester/Winnipeg), Riley Barber (Livonia/Washington Capitals), Kyle Connor (Shelby Township/Winnipeg), Andrew Copp (Ann Arbor/Winnipeg) and Kevin Porter (Detroit/Bufalo).

## HELLO AGAIN

When the second period began, the goalies were St. Cyr and Alex Nedeljkovic (Carolina). The latter also was enjoying a return to his former arena, although Nedeljkovic starred for the Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League. On Sunday, Nedeljkovic had a rough time of it, giving up 11 goals on 35 shots.

The 5-foot-9 St. Cyr (Notre Dame) was outstanding in the middle period, making 14 saves; he wound up making 31 saves overall.

## FAN FRIENDLY

Before the game, a long line of fans waited to get autographs from coaches Jeff Blashill (Detroit), Tony Granato (Wisconsin Badgers), John Hynes (New Jersey) and David Quinn (New York Rangers).

It also was a time of great anticipation for Christie LaDouceur and Melvyn Mina of Sterling Heights, who were bringing 3-year-old daughter Emmer-syn to the contest.

"I'm friends with (USA Hockey's) Scott Monaghan and, obviously, JJ was his boss," LaDouceur said. "I met him quite a few times. Scott told me about it and I was, like, 'I'm in,' so we bought tickets. ... (Johannson) would be pretty humbled, I think."

Mina called the showdown "an awesome event. I think he'd be pretty happy."

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

# Farmington looks for strong season

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Farmington's boys and girls cross country teams finished third in the Oakland Activities Association White Division standings last fall.

Veteran Falcons head coach Chip Bridges believes both teams have the potential to at least equal, if not improve, those finishes this season.

The boys squad lost three of its top seven runners to graduation, including all-state standout Nick Trevison, along with Josh Saba and Nick Johnson.

However, Farmington does have some solid returning runners in seniors Paul Aren and Matt Denison, plus junior Nate Bowman. Sophomores Hayden Johnson, Andrew Spencer and Jacob Timko have shown significant off-season progress.

"Matt Denison and Paul Aren are the two seniors on the team and both have been training well through the summer months," Bridges said. "As leaders, they are setting a good example for the large group of younger runners that have joined this season."

"We believe Matt has the ability to qualify for the state meet this year and both Paul and Nate Bowman should have their best seasons," he added. "The quicker the freshman and sophomore boys push to get up there with Matt, Paul and Nate, the stronger the team will be. The boys team has the potential to be very competitive this season."

## Inch leads girls squad

The girls team is led by all-state runner Abby Inch, in her fourth varsity season. Inch qualified for last year's Division 1 state meet as an individual, placing 11th overall with a time of 18:06.9.

"Abby Inch should have a terrific season in her senior year," Bridges said. "We are working on keeping her paces consistent and moderate so that she feel really strong and confident through the season with the goal of having a top 10 finish at the state meet."

Inch will have strong support from junior Mary Jarvis, another returning runner who established herself as one of the team's top performers last year. Sophomores Abbey Carvey and Jenna Salhab should also provide important varsity depth.

Although the Falcons are an inexperienced group overall, Bridges anticipates the girls will improve as the season runs its course.

"We are also hoping that Mary Jarvis qualifies for the state meet," Bridges said. "We are working on building her



The foursome of (from left) Paul Aren, Hayden Johnson, Nate Bowman and Matt Denison are members of Farmington's cross country team which "has the potential to be very competitive this season."

**"The quicker the freshman and sophomore boys push to get up ... the stronger the team will be. The boys team has the potential to be very competitive this season."**

Chip Bridges  
Farmington cross country coach

mileage and to be more consistent with paces, so that she continues to get stronger both physically and mentally."

The Falcons compete in the OAA White Division, along with North Farmington, Bloomfield Hills, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, Troy Athens, Rochester and Royal Oak. The first of three OAA White jamborees is Sept. 5 at Oakland University.

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Mary Jarvis (left) and Abby Inch are experienced runners for veteran Farmington head coach Chip Bridges.

# Volleyball

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up," Dunn said. "The bench did a really good job of cheering us on and we just terminated the ball."

Churchill controlled the second set for the most part, building leads of 17-13 and 21-17 before closing it out on junior middle Mya Grant's block.

Canton took an 8-2 lead in the third, but Churchill fought its way back when senior middle hitter Summer Clark recorded her seventh kill of the night for match point.

"We have some big offensive weapons, so that gets the team fired up pretty quickly," second-year Churchill coach Kristin Clutter said.

Senior setter Grace Vaeth finished with 22 assist-to-kills, seven digs and two aces, while freshman defensive specialist Jordan Wozniak had six digs.

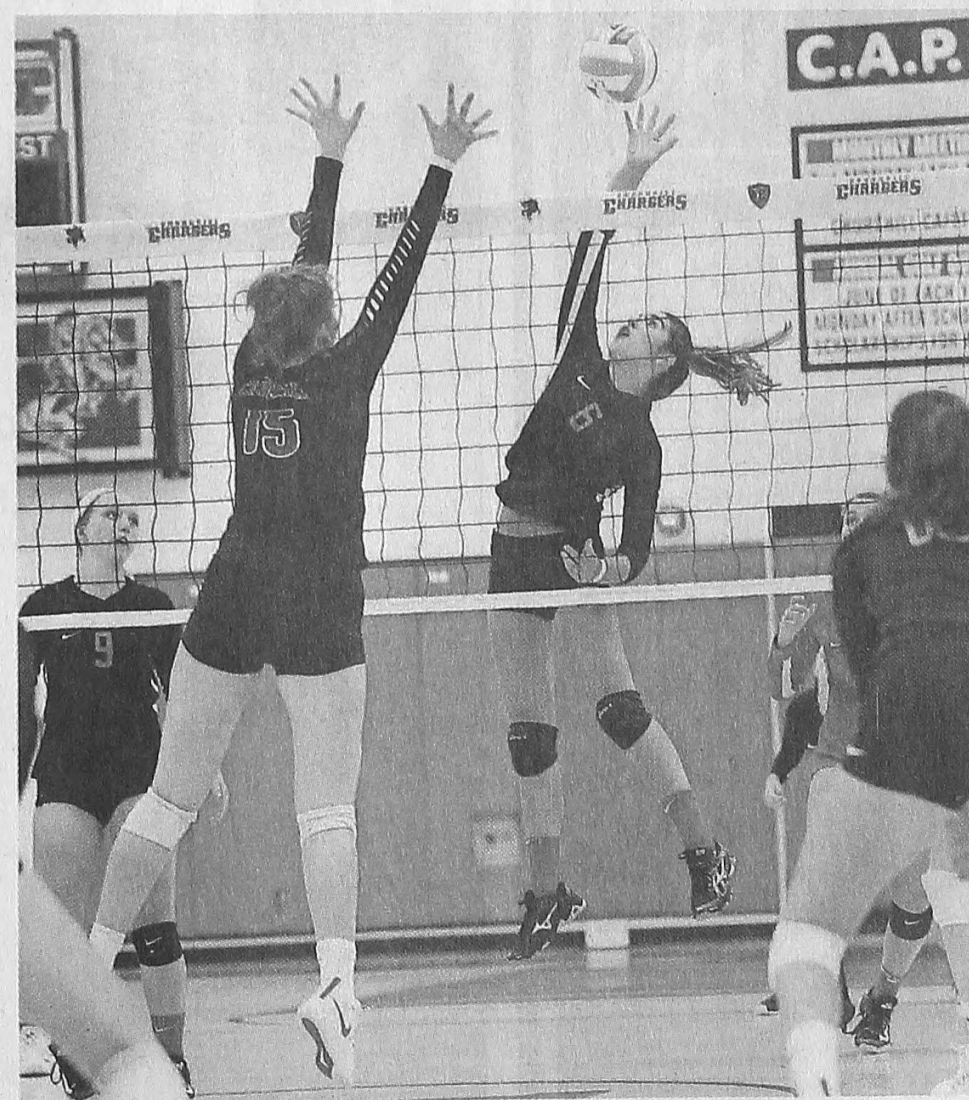
Senior Molly Chantres led with three aces, while Mary Claire Yost also added two for Churchill.

Canton had its moments, getting some strong attacks from junior Savannah Nelson, but the Chiefs couldn't sustain their offense.

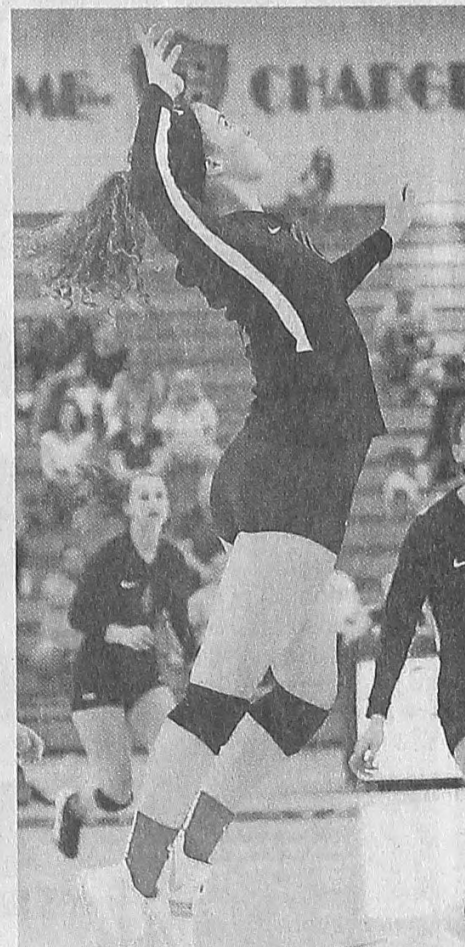
"We're a really young team. I graduated eight last year and my entire starting six," Canton coach Cricket Hughley said. "I actually have four sophomores on my varsity team, so that was a lot of them being intimidated and getting used to the pace of the game."

Building team chemistry and the new players getting used to each other is Hughley's biggest concern. The Chiefs finished runner-up Aug. 25 at the Mt. Morris Tournament after taking second in the silver division at Lake Orion the previous weekend.

"Like I said, I have four sophomores, five juniors and five seniors, so it's kind of like clique-y, so we're trying to develop that chemistry and talking more," she said. "I think our biggest thing to-



Canton's Miri Hazaar (right) goes high for the tip against Churchill's Summer Clark. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Canton's Maggie Adams rises up for the attack against Churchill. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

night was communication."

Every time it seemed Canton put together a run, Dunn would come up with a key kill.

"She's a beast," Hughley said. And Clutter likes what she sees so far this season from the junior outside hitter.

"She was pretty solid," he said. "We're working on some techniques so

she doesn't make as many errors, but she's going to be our go-to offensive weapon this year."

After losing their first two matches at the Portage Central Invitational, the Chargers rebounded to go 3-2.

"They're pretty resilient kids, they don't back down," Clutter said. "We're also kind of slow starting at sometimes, but all in all, these kids are tough and al-

ways play hard until the end." And for the Chargers, it's doing the all little things to improve as the season unfolds.

"As a team, we practice four hours a day and we always put in extra work," Dunn said. "And we're all putting in work outside, going to gym, running ... just trying to make everybody better and ourselves better."

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BOYS SOCCER

# Defense shines as Salem, Plymouth play to 0-0 tie

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Whenever P-CEP rivals Salem and Plymouth meet — whether in the humid heat of late August or cool, crisp autumn nights during the postseason — it is 80 minutes or more of leave-it-all-out-there soccer.

Tuesday, the KLAA West Division rivals battled as usual, this time to a 0-0 deadlock that ended after regulation.

Had it been a KLAA tournament or state district situation, with two 10-minute overtime sessions in a tie match (followed by a shootout), the players might still be out on the pitch.

"You look at two schools that would love to keep going and see that thing out," said Salem head coach Kyle Karns, whose team improved to 6-0-1. "But rules are the rules. We'll see them another day."

Plymouth senior forward Justin Wojcik, who was one of the Wildcats' most dangerous players in the contest, said "it would have been interesting if we had overtime."

Strong goalkeeping, by Salem senior Buraq Oral and the Plymouth tandem of senior Ryan Schmatz (first half) and junior Jack Reed (second half), kept the scoreboard empty.

With about 18 minutes to play in the contest, Reed and his defense warded off a dangerous Salem attack that came off a corner kick taken by sophomore Andrew Schwartz. The ball kicked around the box and came within inches of crossing the goal line.

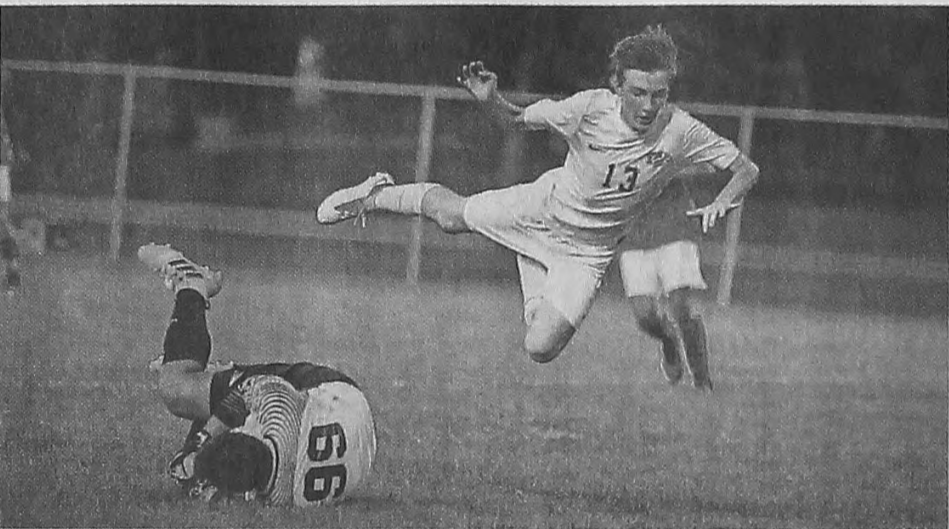
"We definitely had our chances. We had a lot of shots from outside the 18 that were dangerous, had some rebounds," Karns said. "We were certainly dangerous, we had our chances. But it's unfortunate when you just come away with zeros on the board."

Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich called it an "epic battle" that again showed the strong work ethic of his team, now 2-1-4.

"I thought our defense was stellar out there," Neschich said. "I thought we just needed to be a little more creative in the attacking third and it's our game. But tough team, it's always a battle, cross-



Keeping keen concentration on the bouncing soccer ball is Plymouth's Alex Bowser. MICHAEL VASILNEK | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Plymouth forward Caleb Crawford goes flying to avoid a collision with Salem goalkeeper Buraq Oral. MICHAEL VASILNEK | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

said. "At the start, we didn't do that, but later in the game, we caught up and started playing our game, playing our speed."

"I think we did well doing that, that's why the score stayed 0-0. If we would have played that same way at the start, we probably would have come out with a (win)."

One of Plymouth's best chances came in the second half, when Wojcik threaded the ball to senior Cade Ahlijian charging into the box.

But Salem sophomore Nolan Chaput got back in time to chip the ball away from Ahlijian.

"I think that sometimes in certain situations we struggle," Wojcik said. "But in other situations, we're very clinical. I think today Salem's defense and Salem's goalie played a really good game."

"We came off a really good win ... against Portage Central and I think that give us a lot of momentum into this game. I think the boys played really hard and really well."

Here are several takeaways:

**SHADOW TIME**

Another standout for the Wildcats was senior defender Alex Bowser, whose assignment was Salem senior scoring threat Bryan Rodwell.

"I played club with him for a while, so kind of had a joke, make him go left," Bowser said. "But really it's not letting him turn and run at you, because once he's running at you, he's hard to bring down. He's a big body and physical."

**GOING TO WORK**

Bowser added that the scoreless tie provided another example of how hard the Wildcats compete.

"I think we definitely can work hard," Bowser said. "In the game against Portage, it was physical. We had to work all 80 minutes and, even today, to keep it 0-0, trying to get that goal, trying to prevent the goal. I just love the team's work ethic and that's what I've seen most out of this group."

**NOT TOO EARLY**

Even though the 2018-19 school year hasn't officially begun, both teams weren't buying the notion that it was too early on the calendar for a bona fide Park rivalry game.

"I'd like to think at this point, these boys know that you shouldn't have to be told to get up for these types of games," Neschich said. "It's a rivalry game, there's a lot of history between all the schools."

"You shouldn't have to be told to get up for it, whether you're in school or not," Karns said. "These boys know each other from playing club and being in class together."

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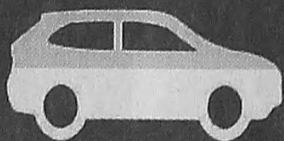
campus rivalry."

Clutch, hard-nose defensive efforts by Salem senior Hudson Shields short-circuited dangerous Plymouth rushes. In the first half, Shields slid to block an attempted feed from Plymouth senior Caleb Crawford to senior Sean Rucker.

Shields is getting additional minutes and responsibilities following the season-ending knee injury suffered last week by senior Gabe Dillon.

"We know they're a really good team and they have a fast pace, so we had to try to keep up with that pace," Shields

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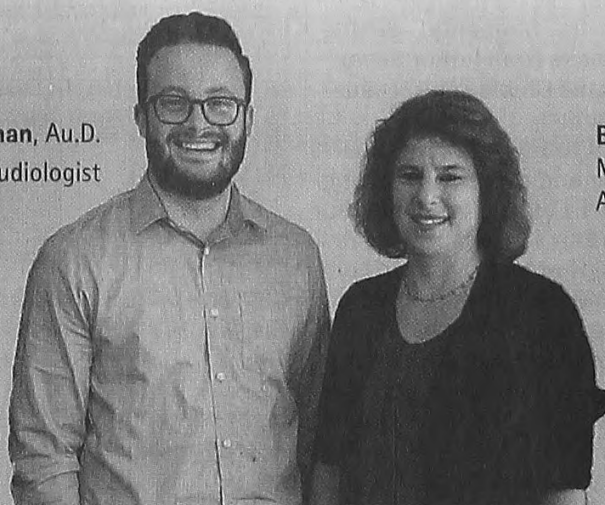
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# Schulz

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just really a confidence booster going into my senior year."

## Miss Golf candidate

Schulz has had a stellar prep career, to the point where she is considered a legitimate candidate for the 2018 Miss Golf award, which annually recognizes the state's top female golfer.

Last year as a junior, Schulz won every event she entered except the last one.

The Tam-O-Shanter Country Club member captured the prestigious Oakland County championship, the OAA crown and the state regional tournament at the Farmington Hills Golf Course. She was fourth at the 2017 state finals at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows golf course.

Schulz tied for second at states as a sophomore, but was not among the leaders in her freshman year.

Over the past three years, the University of Michigan commit's game has evolved significantly, both on and off the course.

Schulz's strengths are accuracy off the tees, which keeps her on the fairway, and a confident putter (Ping Answer). In addition, a workhorse training regimen has allowed her to improve overall club distance.

"I've improved my consistency as a player and just, in general, I've definitely improved a lot throughout the years," Schulz said. "I've trained really hard in the winter and gained distance with my driver and other clubs, which has really helped. And another big aspect I've really been working on is my mental game and preparing my mind for success. I do work pretty hard and it's been a big part of my success."

Veteran Bloomfield Hills head coach Brendan Harrington believes Schulz has all the tools — and now the motivation — to become the program's first individual state meet medalist. He's awed by her tireless work ethic and highly competitive nature.

"I truly don't believe I will ever see a work ethic that I've seen with Mikaela," said Harrington, who has coached golf in the Bloomfield Hills Public Schools district for 15 years. "You're talking about a girl who literally shot 1-under-par (in a recent tournament) and didn't even come into the scorer's table because she went out and chipped for 30 minutes because she was so upset at herself for hitting a bad chip on the 18th hole."

"She'll finish a tournament and go back to her home course, go to the driving range and just pound balls. She'll work on knockdown shots and other shots she knows she should have done on the course. She'll go out and do that on the range for two hours. It's really unbelievable. Her work ethic is second to none."

"And she is just so competitive. I see it all the time; she refuses to lose," he added. "She goes to every tournament knowing she is going to beat everyone. It's not



**Bloomfield Hills senior Mikaela Schulz is blessed with great talent, a strong work ethic and a strong competitive nature.** MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

whether she does it or not, but her mentality is that she's taking everyone down and I love that. That's awesome. She's just a lot of fun to watch and I'm really going to miss her next year."

## Pro relatives aid mentality

According to Schulz, she inherited her competitive nature from a pair of professional relatives.

Aaron Krickstein, Schulz's uncle, is a retired professional tennis tour player who is widely known for the epic five-set loss to a then-aging Jimmy Connors at the 1991 U.S. Open in New York. At one point the Grosse Pointe University Liggett graduate was ranked No. 6 on

**"I'm definitely pretty competitive and we're definitely a pretty competitive family. I mean, who doesn't like to win?"**

**Mikaela Schulz**  
Bloomfield Hills senior golfer

the ATP tour, finishing with 395 career victories.

In addition, her cousin Morgan Pressel is a current touring pro on the LPGA circuit. Pressel, a Florida resident, turned pro at age 17, won her first LPGA championship in 2007 and was a member of three U.S. Solheim Cup teams — earning her first berth in her second full year as a professional in 2007.

"I'm definitely pretty competitive and we're definitely a pretty competitive family," Schulz said. "I mean, who doesn't like to win?"

Schulz's summer success has continued with the Black Hawks. They recently began the season by winning the 22-team Highest Honors tournament at Huron-Meadows Golf Course. The Black Hawks posted a team total of 313, led by Schulz, who carded a 1-under round of 71.

Bloomfield Hills also had strong efforts from senior veterans Cassidy Proctor (sixth at 76) and Lizzie Pierce (eighth at 80). Freshman Esha Varchaski registered 85 in a strong showing.

The Black Hawks, competing without Schulz (who was playing an AJGA tournament), then placed a respectable third at the 19-team Sentech Services Girls Golf Tournament at Kensington Metropark. Pierce, a four-year varsity player and a team co-captain with Schulz, and Proctor led the way with respective rounds of 77 and 79.

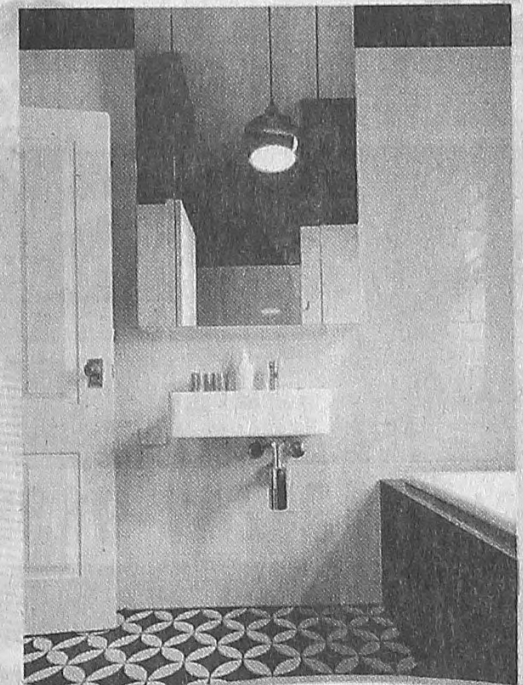
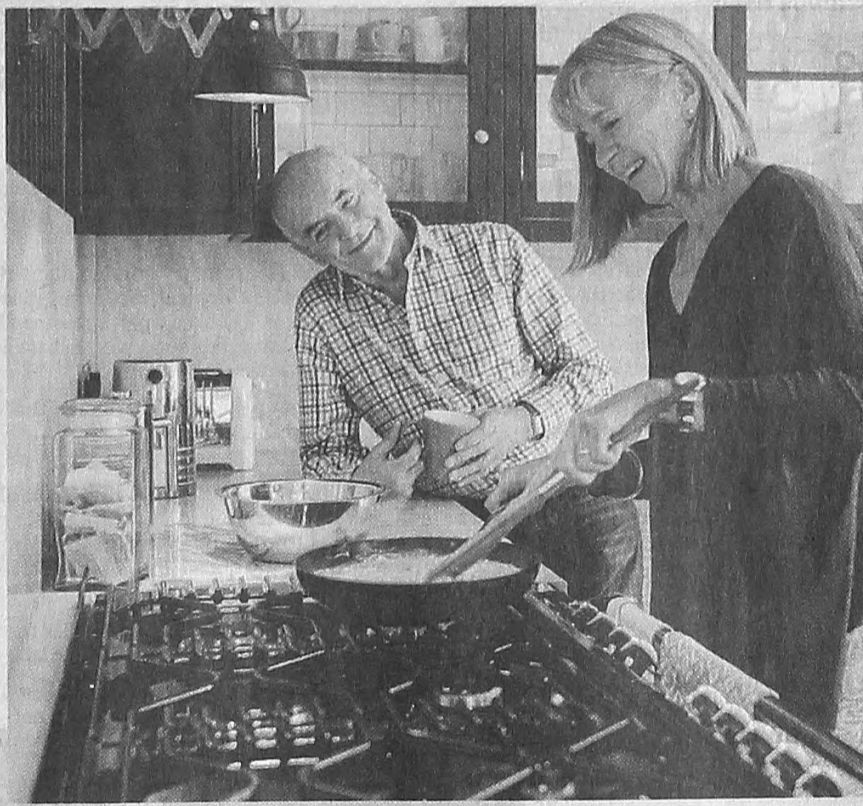
While Schulz is chasing her individual goals, her ultimate goal is to lead Bloomfield Hills to its first team state championship. The Black Hawks were seventh overall last year after taking third place the previous two seasons.

As one of five returning varsity players, Schulz would love to cap her senior season as a state champion — both individually and as a team.

"I'm definitely hoping to win the (individual) state title this year. It's been one of my goals since I've been playing at states," Schulz said. "I didn't play as well as I wanted to last year (at the state meet). I think I put a little too much pressure on myself. But this year, I'm pretty confident with my game going into my high school season and I'm just trying to play my game and see what I can do."

"I think we're going to have a really good team this year," she added. "Cassidy and Lizzie have both had scores in the 70s already and I'll try and go as low as I can and I think we can have some pretty good showings."

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SEPTEMBER 23, 2018**

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Plymouth District Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. It will be a Budget Work Study Session.

The District Library Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon (7) seven days' notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Sandra Young, Administrative Assistant, Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 at 734 453-0750 X 217.

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CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

A public hearing on the proposed 2019 budget for the Canton Public Library will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the library's Friends' Activity Room. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1600. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the library.

Eva Davis  
Library Director

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**INVITATION TO BID  
MAIN STREET BUILDING DEMOLITION  
NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The Board of Education of Northville Public Schools is accepting Prime Contractor firm bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the building demolition and site work at the Northville Public Schools, 501 Main Street facility.

Plans and specifications may be downloaded electronically and are available for review at the office of the George W. Auch Company, 65 University, Pontiac, MI 48342, (248)-334-2000, on or after **August 30, 2018**. Bid Package consists of Instruction to Bidders, Proposal Forms, General and Supplementary Conditions, drawings and pertinent trade specifications. Contact Scott Oswald or Shawn Debo for download instructions.

Your proposal will be accepted **NO LATER THAN 2:00PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 TO: NORTHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION-ROOM 307, 501 WEST MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE, MI 48167**. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M., September 13, 2018 at the Northville Board of Education-Room 104, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for THURSDAY, September 6, 2018 beginning at 2:00 pm beginning at main entrance lobby, 501 Main St, Northville MI. This meeting is not mandatory but highly recommended. Familiarity with the site is presumed as a condition of the bid.

All contracts to be entered into by the Northville Public Schools must and will comply with the equal opportunity laws of the State of Michigan.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet.

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Northville Public Schools, Board of Education or the Northville Public Schools, Superintendent. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Proposals must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Northville Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over \$23,881 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specifications. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the owner.

Ann Kalass, Secretary  
Northville Public Schools, Board of Education

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**INVITATION TO BID  
MAIN STREET BUILDING - ASBESTOS ABATEMENT PRIOR TO  
DEMOLITION  
NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The Board of Education of Northville Public Schools is accepting sealed Prime Contractor firm bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the asbestos abatement at Northville Public Schools, 501 Main Street facility, prior to demolition.

This project will be completed in October and November 2018, prior to building demolition activities and will include the removal and disposal of asbestos straight pipe insulation, asbestos pipe fitting insulation materials on fiberglass, non-asbestos carpet, asbestos floor tile, asbestos floor tile mastic, sinks with asbestos undercoating, windows with asbestos glazing and caulk, and doors with asbestos caulk materials.

Bid documents are available from Arch Environmental Group, 37720 Interchange Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335, (248) 426-0165, [www.archenvgroup.com](http://www.archenvgroup.com), starting Thursday, August 30, 2018, at 5:30 P.M.

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## How to work with an indecisive boss

BY ERIC TITNER  
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There's an unspoken truth in the world of work: Although we usually get to pick our jobs, we don't get to pick our bosses. If we're lucky, we get to work with the sort of boss who is a pleasure to be around — fair, pleasant, supportive, decisive and encouraging. If this is your reality, then count your blessings and try to appreciate your situation. However, if you have a boss who's something else, then it can pose some real challenges.

One category of tricky boss includes the one who never seems to know what he or she wants. They either constantly waste time dragging their heels and delaying making any type of clear decision, or they're forever changing what they tell you to do.

Both of these types can be quite difficult to work with and can really impact your ability to perform your job effectively. But it's not exactly easy to confront a boss who never seems to know what they want. So, what do you do when you're in this position?

### Learn your boss' quirks

Try your best to get to know your boss — including their decision-making behaviors and habits — as well as



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you possibly can over time. Although it can be tricky to expect the unexpected, as you get to know your boss more, you may get better at anticipating how they'll react to any given project or during any key decision-making moment, which may help minimize the ill-effects of their indecisive nature.

### Stay calm, even when you want to scream

Your best bet is to remain patient and do your best to anticipate your boss' needs — and shifts — and try to work with them, not against them. First off, an indecisive boss

is usually an anxious person by nature, and adding to their anxiety by developing an adversarial relationship with them will only serve to make matters worse.

With the way many workplaces are structured, you have to answer to your boss' professional whims, as fickle as they may be. Once you know your boss operates this way, brace yourself and expect it. Knowing the madness is coming makes it a little easier to swallow.

When you find yourself at a crucial point that requires a final decision from your boss, try and make the moment as

stress free as possible. Also, do your best to reduce any external distractions that may make it challenging for your boss to focus on the decision at hand. If it's your job to present your boss with information so they can make a decision, be as clear and straightforward as possible.

Try to approach your boss in a calm and patient manner when a decision needs to be made. This will help put them in their best mindset to determine what they want.

### Keep a paper trail

Although these strategies may prove helpful in a variety

of decision-making moments, chances are it won't completely fix the problem.

A boss who doesn't know what they want will likely remain this way — it's just human nature to revert to your "core programming," and making a lasting change is hard. That said, it would be helpful for you to get things from your boss in writing, so if they change their mind later on they can't hold you accountable if projects go over budget and off schedule.

Physical proof is always a good way to minimize the effects of their indecisiveness on your productivity and work reputation.

A boss who never seems to be able to make up his or her mind and determine what they want can be a challenging situation for you, but it doesn't have to be an insurmountable obstacle.

Use the strategies and advice provided here to make the best of a tough situation, and hopefully with a little time, experience and luck, things will get better (or your next boss will know what they want and when they want it).

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This amendment to the sign regulations of the Zoning Ordinance shall be effective eight (8) days following its publication date. Copies of the amendment may be viewed or obtained at the Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135 during regular office hours.

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**ACROSS**

- 1 After, in Paris
- 6 Paparazzi target
- 11 Speedy
- 15 Close loudly
- 19 Instant replay mode
- 20 St. Teresa's town
- 21 Guthrie of folk music
- 22 Snow beast of legend
- 23 Frenetic cartoon marsupial [#1]
- 25 Banging, as a drum
- 27 Bread type
- 28 Caviar eggs
- 29 It's not currently erupting [#2]
- 31 — distance
- 32 Capital of Kazakhstan
- 36 Kia model
- 37 Fragrant compound
- 38 "Just name it and I'll do it" [#3]
- 43 Zine staff
- 44 Sarcastic laugh sound
- 45 Dust bit
- 46 Direction of sunup
- 49 Real guy?

- 52 House-building charity [#4]
- 59 Shouts from cheerleaders
- 60 Recording studio control
- 61 Watch
- 62 Concave tummy part
- 63 Sauna spot
- 64 — tai (mixed drink)
- 65 Hive group
- 66 "Sorority Row" actress Evigan
- 67 Annual publication of Benjamin Franklin [#5]
- 73 Jonathan Swift's genre
- 75 Ark crafter
- 76 Egg case qty.
- 77 Prefix with con
- 80 Her "Hello" was a big hit
- 81 Horror film helper
- 82 Composer Franz
- 85 Singer Baez
- 86 What a green card grants an alien [#6]
- 89 Dated yet trendy

- 90 Be a vagrant
- 91 "Othello" baddie
- 92 "No kidding!"
- 93 — jongg
- 96 Available again because folks asked for it [#7]
- 104 Not silently
- 107 August sign
- 108 Old office note-takers
- 109 Ending with ethyl
- 110 Classic song by Rodgers and Hart [#8]
- 114 Platform that runs on Apple devices
- 115 Audiophile's stack
- 116 Certain shore area
- 117 1988 film about an old baseball scandal (and what this puzzle has?)
- 122 Bakery tool
- 123 Brother of Cain
- 124 Comic Anderson
- 125 Passover dinner
- 126 Cruel emperor

**DOWN**

- 1 Wandering
- 2 Seek the approval of
- 3 Capital of Dominica
- 4 Record label for Bowie
- 5 Take off from a high nest, as an eagle
- 6 Academy students
- 7 Mother of Cain
- 8 Ullmann or Tyler of film
- 9 Yale athlete
- 10 Dis-tressed?
- 11 Cloth
- 12 "Am not!" reply
- 13 Serb, say
- 14 Pooch in Oz
- 15 Matches up, as files
- 16 Papal envoy
- 17 Paid (for)
- 18 Tweens, e.g.
- 24 Army denial
- 26 Sicile, e.g.
- 30 Suffix with access
- 33 Sportscaster — Rashad
- 34 Weeper in myth

- 35 Not lifeless
- 39 Letters that follow pis
- 40 Converged
- 41 Tabby sound
- 42 — es
- 47 City in Iran
- 48 Tennis top
- 49 Wifely title
- 50 Ceiling
- 51 Book division
- 52 Brow or lash
- 53 Say for sure
- 54 With 56-Down, entwined like shoelace ends
- 55 Own (up)
- 56 See 54-Down
- 57 With 78-Down, tone deafness
- 58 Pro's vote
- 60 Cost to cab it
- 64 Singer Rita
- 65 Scornful cry
- 66 Dark mark
- 68 Gulf ship
- 69 Playwright William
- 70 Pigeon calls
- 71 Spy Mata —
- 72 Timber tool
- 73 Syrup base
- 74 Sugary drink
- 78 See 57-Down

- 79 1969 Beatle bride
- 81 "— la Douce"
- 82 Lutzes, e.g.
- 83 Bar of gold
- 84 Range
- 85 Taunt
- 87 Eatery check
- 88 Handy-andy's initials.
- 89 Evaluate anew
- 92 Low spirits
- 93 Remit, say
- 94 — Lorraine
- 95 Schnozz
- 97 Maker of an exact copy
- 98 Brewing pot
- 99 "SkBer —" (2002 hit)
- 100 Merges
- 101 Crack, as a cipher
- 102 Provided, as with talent
- 103 "— Rides Again" (old Western)
- 105 In — (not yet born)
- 106 "What's the —?"
- 111 Trolley car
- 112 Caftan, e.g.
- 113 Jail division
- 118 Debt doc
- 119 Chewed stuff
- 120 Not square
- 121 Once named

## SUDOKU

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

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I S G V X E L F V S S E C C A D I M D N  
G E T A D F X H H T F T B V V S I E C E  
S R B G T G J I N V F N H M S I S X E I  
G D C A M E B P T C K E B F A K W Y I L  
H D R E S E W M O A Y M B A T T S A S C  
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U T R N W T C G Y T F A P O E D G I H N  
Y A A D J Y I R N C C R K E R H W D X C  
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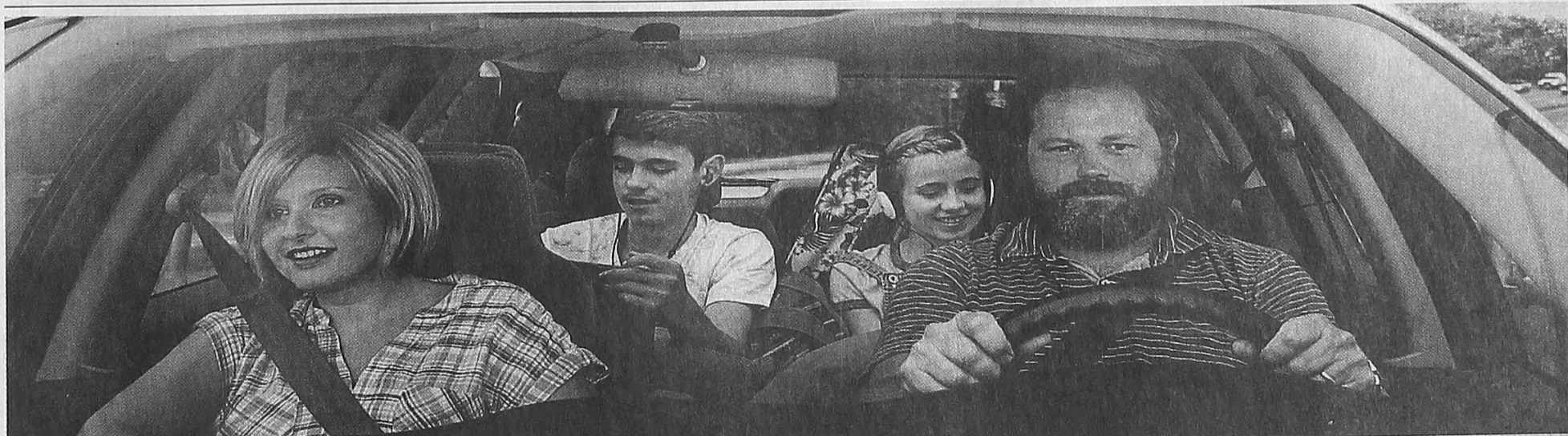
### WORDS

- ACCESS
- ANALOG
- BANDWIDTH
- BASIC
- CAPTCHA
- CERTIFICATE
- CLIENT
- DATA
- DEFRAGMENT
- DESKTOP
- DRIVE
- EMAIL
- ENCRYPTION
- FILE
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- FIRMWARE
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- GATEWAY
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- USER

### ANSWER KEY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
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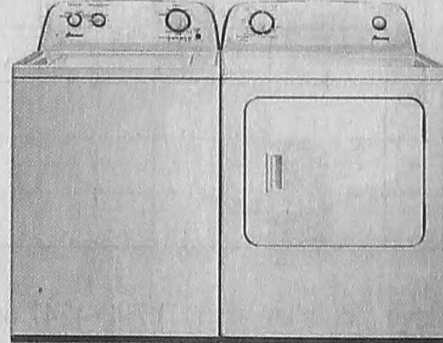


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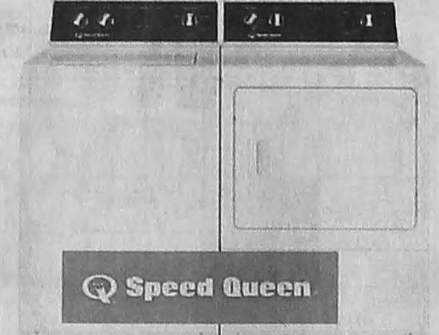
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