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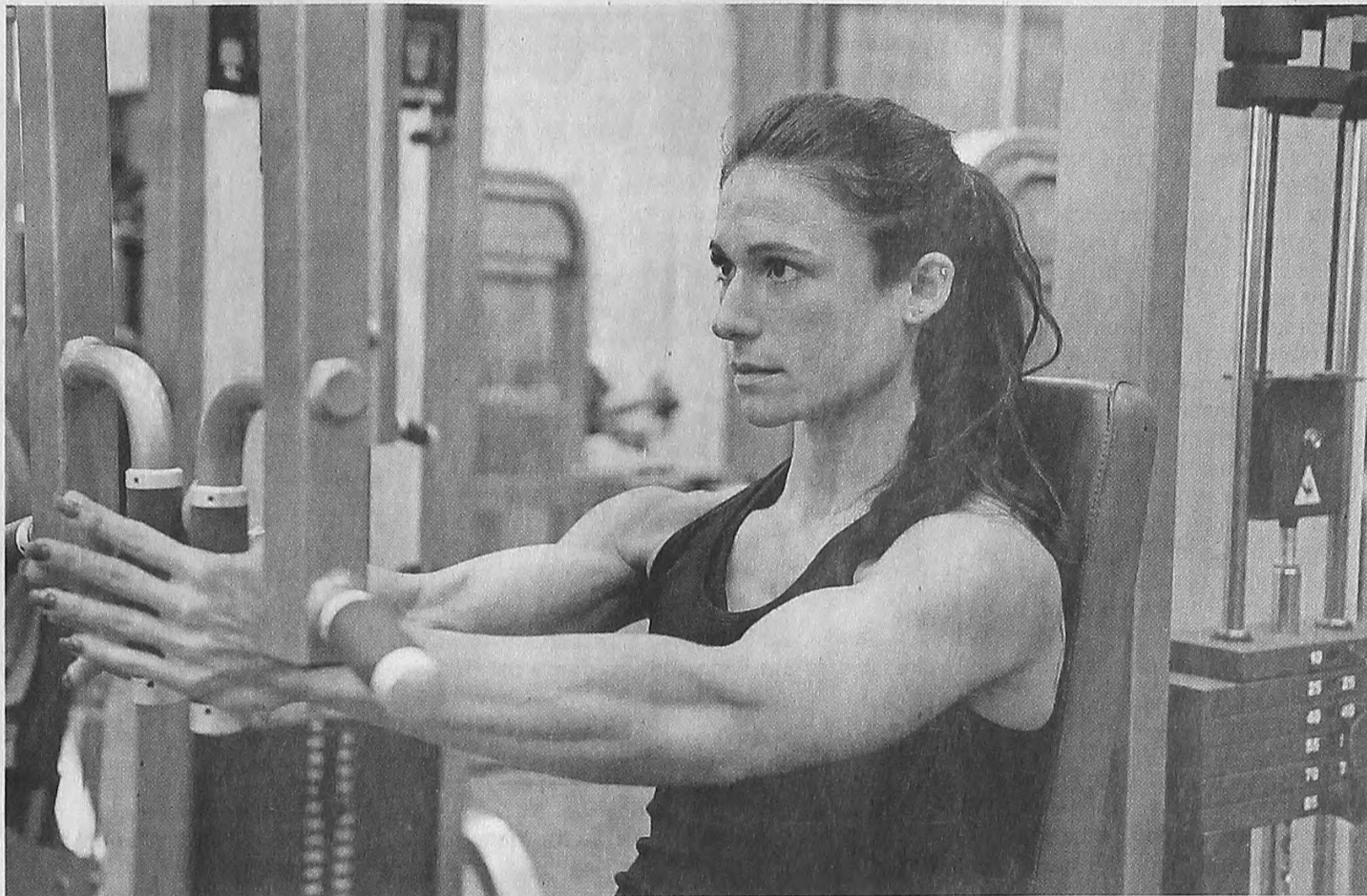
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Megan Schulz is determined to get through another tough workout as she gears up for her next bodybuilding competition. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Isbister principal shows you can go home

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When Lee Harrison stepped away from his 23-year post as principal at Isbister Elementary School in June, he left behind one definite mark.

Big shoes to fill.

Emily Hawthorne knows that to be true, having stepped into them Tuesday when she and the rest of the Isbister staff welcomed back students to the classroom for the 2018-19 school year.

Hawthorne, a 2004 Salem High School graduate who came from the principal's office at Graham Elementary School in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district, is trying to prove you can, indeed, go home again.

And she knows the challenge of following Harrison, who was around enough over the summer that Hawthorne kidded he is "retired-ish."

"He is loved by everyone in this building," Hawthorne said her first day. "You can tell by the way (Harrison) smiles when he talks about this building and by the way the staff talks about him, how much they loved him.

"I hope they want me to stay as long as he was here," she added.

After prowling the halls of Plymouth-Canton schools, Hawthorne got her bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's in K-12 educational leadership from Eastern Michigan University.

She spent 10 years teaching and leading in Wayne-Westland, then saw the opportunity to come home — she lives in downtown Plymouth and Isbister backs up to the neighborhood where her in-laws live — when Harri-

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## EXTREME MAKEOVER

One-time homecoming queen adds brawn to beauty

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Megan Schulz wanted more and she's taking a "wild and crazy" route to get it.

Yes, she was homecoming queen at Redford Thurston, where she graduated in 2008. She was a stand-out high school volleyball and soccer player who went on to excel as a goalkeeper for Dominican University in Chicago, Illinois.

Lean but *not* mean, the 28-year-old Schulz boot-ed soccer out of her life after suffering ACL and MCL knee injuries during post-college pickup games. What she decided to do instead floored family, friends and anybody who knew



Schulz

her during her days at Thurston.

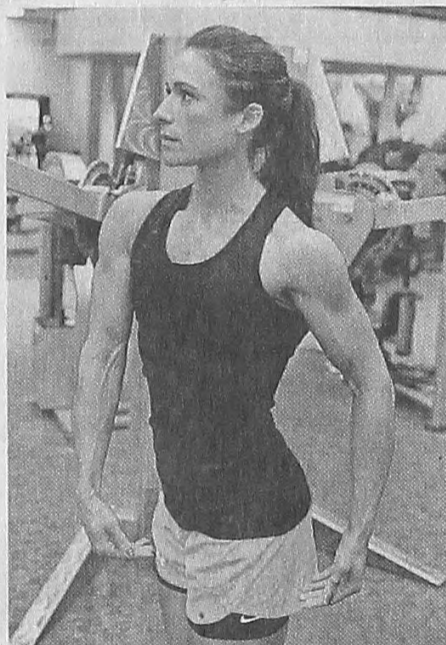
She is a female bodybuilder, who competed last month in the Figure Division at the National Physique Committee's Lenda Murray Detroit Classic. She finished second in Class B Figures and took first in the novice category.

"I knew I had to stop playing soccer to stop getting injured and to also find a new challenge," Schulz said before a lifting session at L.A. Fitness in Livonia. "Something that would challenge me the same way that college ball challenged me, then I'd need to find something else. And that's what bodybuilding does for me."

**A different life**

Two years later, Schulz — whose day job is as a civil engineer for Michael Bak-

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Striking a "quarter-turn" pose is Megan Schulz, the picture of confidence, poise and beauty. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Euchre tourney will benefit student radio station

An evening of playing euchre, making new friends and supporting the community will be in the cards when WSDP-FM (88.1), known as The Park, hosts its seventh annual euchre tournament at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road E.

WSDP-FM is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district. The station is staffed by students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools.

The tournament costs \$20 per player, if registered before Sept. 24, or \$25 at the door. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 10 percent of the field. Players will enjoy pizza, snacks and a cash bar. This year, the tournament is adding 25-cent euchres and 50/50 raffle tickets. Players are encouraged to bring quar-

ters.

The tournament was created by 88.1 alum Denny Kapp.

"I've enjoyed playing in tournaments and decided to share the idea with the station. They thought this might be something we could do on an annual basis and we're excited to bring it back for a seventh year," said Kapp, a Westland resident. "The tournament has grown every year and it helps a really great program. 88.1 gave me a head start into a career working in sports media. I learned how to cover a team through my broadcasts of Canton and Salem games. I'm glad to be able to still help the station."

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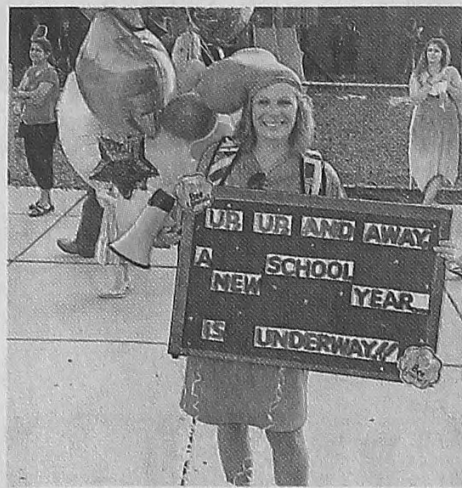
# Principal

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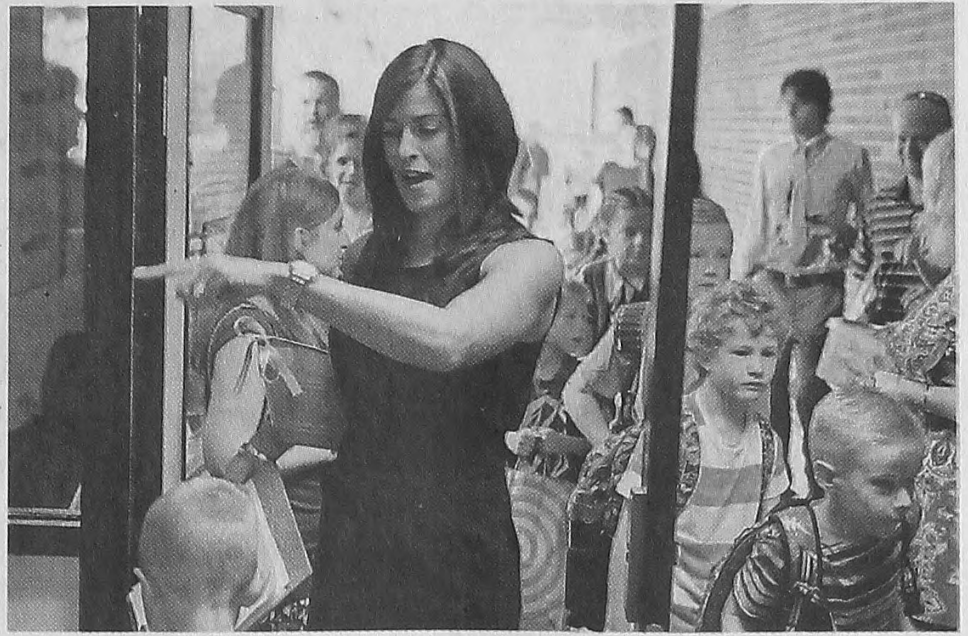
son announced his retirement last year. District officials chose her from a list of applicants.

"Emily Hawthorne is the perfect fit for the Isbister community, because of her dedication and enthusiasm for students as well as her broad range of experiences as an educator," P-CCS Superintendent Monica Merritt said. "(Harrison) has left big shoes to fill and we are confident (Hawthorne) is the right leader and will do a remarkable job serving as the top advocate for students and learning for the Isbister school community."

Hawthorne doesn't shy away from the challenge. She relished the opportunity to move to Isbister precisely because of Harrison's long tenure and the length of time the staff has been together.



Isbister para-pro Christy Seale got decked out to greet students the first day of school. BRAD KADRICH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



New Principal Emily Hawthorne helps direct traffic her first day. BRAD KADRICH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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er. It's a far cry from her previous experience, where, she said, there was "a lot of turnover."

"It's the feeling you get when you walk into the building," Hawthorne said. "All the staff has been here a long time. I wanted to have that consistency and stability. That's what I had growing up (in the district)."

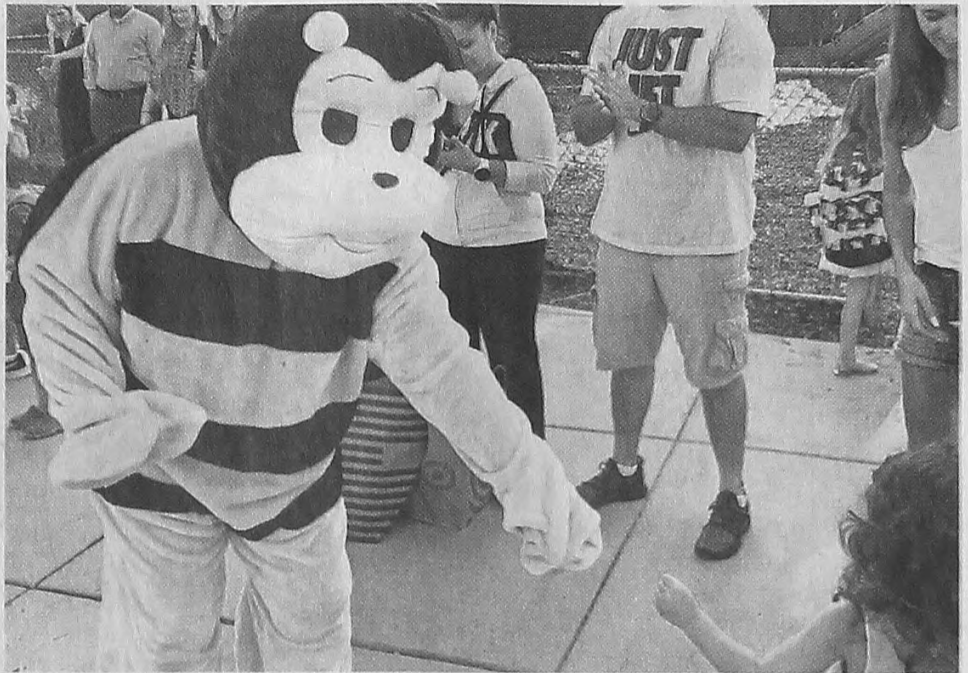
Hawthorne also found out quickly what it means to lead a neighborhood school like Isbister. She and her husband Joe were working on the school's landscaping over the summer when a man stopped by to see if they needed help. When they declined the offer of help, Hawthorne said, the man asked if there was anything he could do for them. Hawthorne told him the school "could really use some mulch."

Turns out the willing volunteer was Joel Tyrpak, manager of SiteOne Landscape Supply in Livonia. SiteOne has made a major push, Tyrpak said, to be community-minded.

So the next day, a dump truck full of mulch materialized.

"We have a real big push toward (helping) the community," said Tyrpak, who has a second- and a fourth-grader at Isbister. "We had to choose between a private school or Isbister. We chose Isbister because, if you walk around and see the teachers, they're amazing. The whole school is amazing. We're lucky to live there."

Tyrpak's eagerness to help, Hawthorne said, is indicative of the attitude



The Isbister Bee welcomes students the first day. BRAD KADRICH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

throughout the Isbister community.

"This is a community school," Hawthorne said. "It takes everyone to run it."

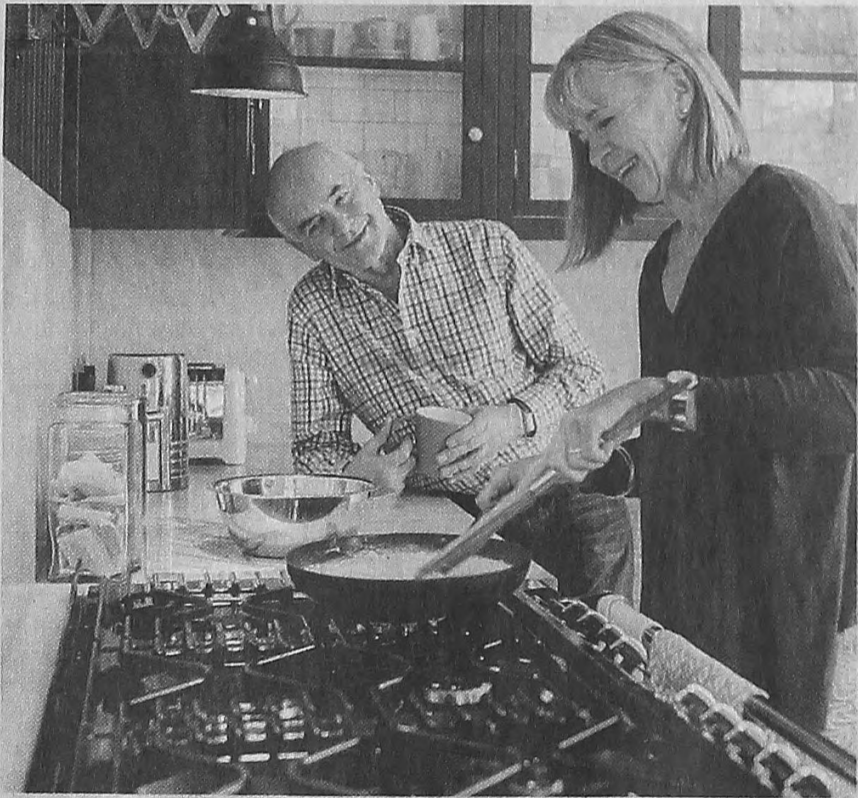
And now that she's there, Hawthorne hopes to establish the same kind of relationships that made Harrison such a successful administrator.

"I'm all about love and relationships ... everything comes from there," Hawthorne said. "I'm about the capacity of

the staff helping with new ideas, finding ways to engage the kids.

"I want the kids to love being here at school," she added. "I want them to love to come to school and to create lifelong learners."

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The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County has released its schedule for candidate forums prior to the Nov. 6 election. All forums are open to the public and the audience is welcome to submit questions for the candidates, either at the forum or via email at [lvwmail@yahoo.com](mailto:lvwmail@yahoo.com).

**When:** Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street  
**Details:** 7-8 p.m., Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district board, four

candidates are running for two seats; 8:05-9 p.m., state House 20th District (covers Plymouth, Northville Township, part of the city of Northville and part of Canton), two candidates are running for one seat.

**When:** Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive  
**Details:** 7-8 p.m., state Senate 7th District (covers Canton, Plymouth, Northville, Livonia and Wayne), three candidates are running for one seat;

8:05-9 p.m. state House 19th District (covers most of Livonia), two candidates are running for one seat.

**When:** Wednesday, Oct. 3, at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive  
**Details:** 7-8 p.m., Livonia Public Schools board, four candidates are running for three seats; 8:05-9 p.m., Wayne County Commission 9th District (covers Livonia and Northville), two candidates are running for one seat.

**When:** 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at Henry Ford College, Berry Auditorium, 5101 Evergreen, in Dearborn

**Details:** This forum is for the six candidates running for three seats on the Wayne County Circuit Court.

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## CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

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### 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 1p.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 1p.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.

### Adult Writers Group

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

craft of writing.

### How To Spot Fake News

**When:** 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29

**Details:** Keeping it Real: How to Spot Fake News will help attendees discern accuracy and is relevant to anybody who uses social media. Participants must be age 18 or older and registration is required. The program takes place in the Internet Lab.

### Computer Skills Help for Beginners

**When:** 9-11 a.m. each Saturday  
**Details:** Experts are on hand to answer questions or connect you to additional resources.

### Board Gaming League of Canton

**When:** Noon first Saturday of each month

**Details:** Drop by to play some of the hottest games, sharpen your mental skills and meet new folks.

### 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 1p.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.

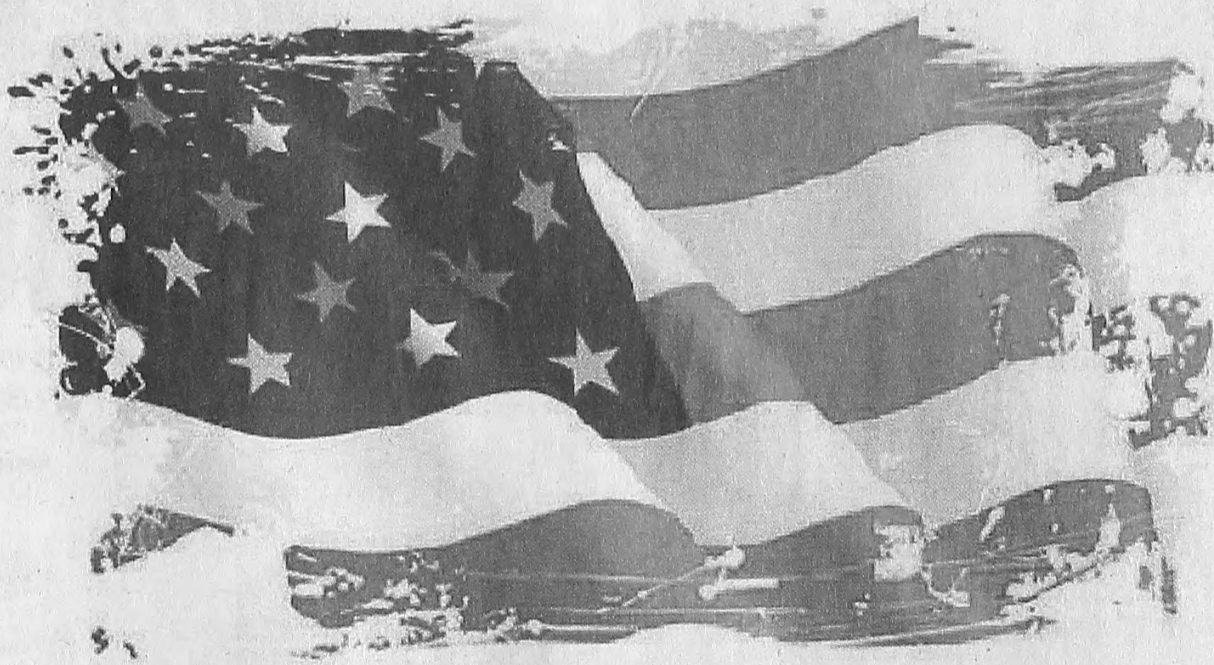
### ABC Activity Time

**When:** After every baby, preschool and family storytime, lasts 30 minutes

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Residents or homeowners associations are encouraged to report old, faded or damaged street signs to

Sarah Visel in the supervisor's office at svisel@plymouthtp.org or 734-414-1452. An inventory list will be compiled and shared with the county at the end of the year, with the expectation the county will create and install new signs in the first half of 2019.

Signs that cannot be replaced by the county include those on private streets or special street signs designed and paid for by homeowners associations.

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# Schulz

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er International, by the way — was geared up for her third NPC competition, having finished third and second in her first two.

“They’re looking for *everything*,” Schulz said. “(Judges are) looking for overall looks. ... It’s pretty much a beauty pageant for athletes. They are looking at hair and makeup, skin tone. You need to get a crazy, dark competition tan so that it helps show muscle tone under the stage lights. If not, you get washed out and judges don’t see any muscle tone.

“They look for symmetry. They look for leanness. But with figure, it’s weird because, depending on where you are, what state you’re in and who’s judging, it’s all subjective. Some areas might be looking for a harder, leaner look. Some areas might be looking for a less-lean toned-up look.”

## Method to madness

Once the competition concluded, Schulz was able to take a deep breath after going through 22 weeks of intense prep — a period of constantly pushing herself beyond her physical limit in the gym (she can dead-lift 200 pounds and has reached the 600-pound mark on the leg press), while putting every morsel of food under a microscope before putting it into her body.

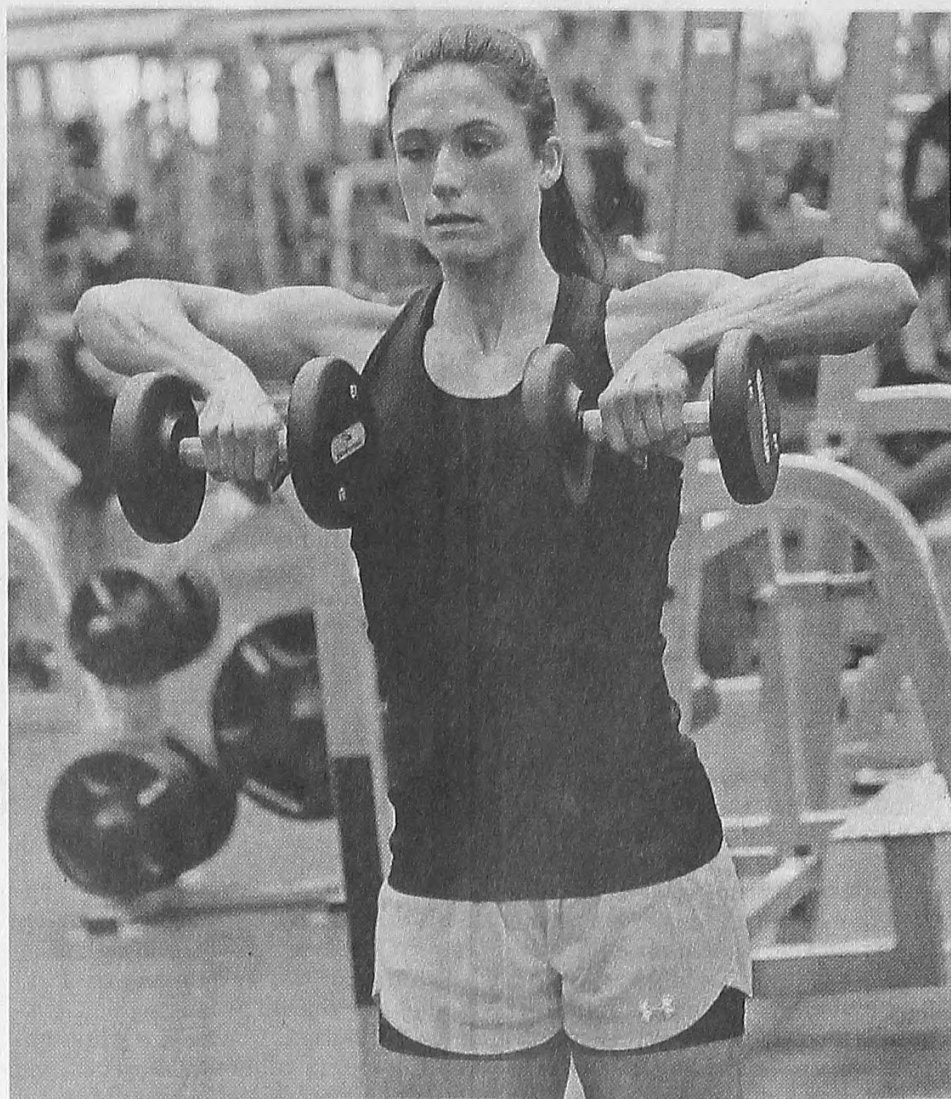
“You have to take the good with the bad,” Schulz said. “It’s miserable for a short amount of time to get on stage, but then you just remember why you’re doing it and you just keep pushing forward.”

Part of her daily routine is reviewing diet options via email with nutritionist Matt Kouba. But as early as that night following a competition, her mom Debi Schulz-Rushlow and stepdad Jay Rushlow probably will take her out for a cheeseburger and a cold beer.

She won’t go overboard, however. Just as meticulously, she must slowly add calories and fat to her diet.

“Females usually don’t want to go below 15 percent body fat,” she said. “But for us to get on stage, we can get to 5-10 percent, I think I’m at 8 percent now and it’s miserable. I’m not going to lie.

“Our bodies naturally want to have



Megan Schulz’s typical workday as a civil engineer includes morning and evening workouts such as this one. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

that fat on there and to be healthy, so everything doesn’t shut down. You don’t want to stay ‘stage lean,’ you want to actually start reversing out right after your show if you’re not going to do another one.”

A burger binge, left unchecked, could add plenty of unwanted pounds in a heartbeat.

“You want to reverse diet the same amount of time you were dieting for,” Schulz said. “Reverse diet is where you slowly start to add in calories and foods, because what happens is, when you’re in this state for so long and you’re in this (caloric) deficit for so long, depending on how you extreme you get, your metabolism can get really, really slow.”

“So when you come out, if you just start eating and binging, you can put on

30 pounds in three days. And that’s not even an exaggeration, it’s happened to me. You can put it on real fast and then you’re back to where you started, then you have to bring it all down for the next show.”

## Needed more

Schulz definitely is not where she started, however. When she decided to give up rec soccer, but still desiring a competitive challenge, she looked into “things like Ninja Warrior, Spartan Races and triathlons.”

She opted for the bodybuilding route.

“I didn’t know anything about it, I didn’t know anybody,” Schulz said. “All I did was I researched for it. I knew it was a lot of work, it was a big-time commit-

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Megan Schulz female body builder

ment, it was a lot of sacrifices. So I researched for an entire six months and then I just starting dieting and training myself to see if I could even reach levels I haven’t reached before.

“When I saw that it was working and it was something I could stick to, I reached out and ... originally it was just a nutritionist online. We picked a show 16 weeks from then and haven’t looked back since.”

Another part of the equation was dropping out of the social media picture, which meant losing contact with her Thurston classmates.

“It’s kind of funny, I didn’t tell anybody I was going to do it when I started,” Schulz said. “So for a whole year, I kind of fell off social media and when I did my first show (in October 2017), I put all my pictures up and they hadn’t known anything for a whole year, they just knew what I came from.

“So I came home and they’re, like, ‘You disappeared and fell off the face of the Earth for a year and then you come back looking like that!’” she said. “They were laughing at me. ... But it’s been a good vibe, it definitely has. And they’ve been really supportive.”

Schulz now is adding a bit of brawn to her beauty and brains. But she isn’t about becoming so muscle-bound that she gives up her femininity.

That’s a line she doesn’t plan to cross.

“Personally, I like the feminine lean muscle mass look, which is why I like the Figure Division,” Schulz said. “I feel it’s just enough muscle without losing my curves.”

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# Two movies to premiere at State Wayne Theatre

The world premiere of "Liz" and the Michigan premiere of "Rogers Park" will both be screened at the State Wayne Phoenix Theatre and both films have ties to Wayne and Wayne Memorial High School. The premieres are Wednesday, Sept. 26, on all four screens and are presented by Champions of Wayne, an innovative academic program for Wayne Memorial students.

"Liz," a short filmed locally, was written and directed by 2013 WMHS graduate Alec Gibson. "Rogers Park," a full feature film that debuted at the Chicago International Film Festival, stars Inkster native and recent WMHS distinguished alumnus Antoine McKay.

Gibson graduated from Wayne Memorial, attended Alma College and is finishing his graphic design degree at Eastern Michigan University. McKay grew up in Inkster and also graduated from Wayne Memorial before heading to Eastern Michigan University. From there, McKay performed on Second City's main stages in Detroit and Chicago before appearing on television shows such as "ER" (NBC), "Prison Break" and "Empire" (Fox).

"Liz" portrays a hopeless romantic who, over the course of a month, meets and falls in love with a shy and often nervous boy, James. "Rogers Park," named after the Rogers Park neighbor-

hood in Chicago, follows two middle-aged couples as they navigate a complex, dramatic and sometimes humorous year in one of the Windy City's most culturally diverse areas. Praise for "Rogers Park" includes a New York Times critic's pick, a 100-percent fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes and an official selection at the 2017 Chicago International Film Festival.

"Rogers Park," which will be ticketed and shown separately after "Liz" and associated events, is rated R (intense adult situations, sexual content, drug use) and attendance is limited to those over age 17 unless accompanied by parent or guardian.

Champions of Wayne has combined mentoring, incentives and goal-setting to bolster culture and achievement at Wayne Memorial for nearly a decade. Beginning as a grassroots program in 2009, Champions of Wayne has grown to a robust 501(c)3 nonprofit and serves as a beacon to other schools in the state.

A limited number of sponsorship packages are available and include reserved tickets, pre-party festivities, cast meet-and-greet photo session and more. Contact Debbie Vigliarolo at [deborah@championsofwayne.org](mailto:deborah@championsofwayne.org).

For information on Champions of Wayne and to purchase tickets, go to [www.championsofwayne.org](http://www.championsofwayne.org).

## New tax laws will likely affect charitable contributions



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

**Q: I have a question with the new tax law. I'm in my early 50s, married and still working. My house is paid off and, other than charitable contributions, property taxes and state incomes taxes, I have no deductions. I had a conversation with my tax preparer and he told me that this year I will no longer be itemizing my deductions. He told me that the new stan-**

**dard deduction is more than my itemized deductions would be. As a result, because of the higher standard deduction, I will not be able to deduct any of my charitable contributions. I generally make my charitable contributions in the beginning of October. My first question is, since I will no longer get a tax write-off for making charitable contributions, does it make sense to do so? In addition, is there anything I can do to get a tax deduction? I'm not interested in increasing my charitable contributions at all, nor do I want to do anything that would be considered a gray area.**

**A:** You are correct that since the standard deduction under the new tax law has doubled, which you will be taking advantage of, you will not get an additional tax write-off by making a charitable contribution. However, it's first important to remember that under the old tax law, it's not like for every dollar you were contributing got you a dollar off your taxes. If you were in a 25-percent tax bracket and you donated \$1,000, your tax savings would be 25 percent of that or \$250. Even under the old tax law, you were not getting a dollar-for-dollar write-off. I'm not saying that the amount you were able to write off was not material, but I wanted to put it in perspective. It's not like if you donated \$1,000, you were saving \$1,000 off your taxes.

Even though the great majority of Americans will find that they will be taking the standard deduction and not itemizing their deductions, there is still a way to get some tax benefits with regard to charitable contributions. As opposed to donating cash, one thing that you still can do is to donate appreciated securities. If you donate an appreciated security, you avoid the unrecognized tax that you would have paid if you sold that security. Let's say you had a stock that

you paid \$10 a share for and today it's worth \$100 a share. If you sold that stock, you would have a \$90 gain, which you would have to pay taxes on. On the other hand, if you donated that appreciated security, you avoid paying the tax on the \$90. For the great majority of Americans who will not be itemizing their deductions, as opposed to writing a check for your contributions, you should look at using appreciated securities.

There is also another tax break for charitable contributions, but that only applies to someone who is over age 70½. For taxpayers who are over 70½ and taking required minimum distributions, they can choose to donate all or a portion of their minimum required distribution. The benefit is that the money that is going to charity is not taxed to them. For example, if you withdrew \$1,000 from your IRA, you would be taxed on that \$1,000. On the other hand, if you're over 70½ and you donate that \$1,000, you'll avoid paying taxes on that distribution. For people who are over 70½, if you are charitable in nature, by using your required minimum distributions for your charitable contributions,

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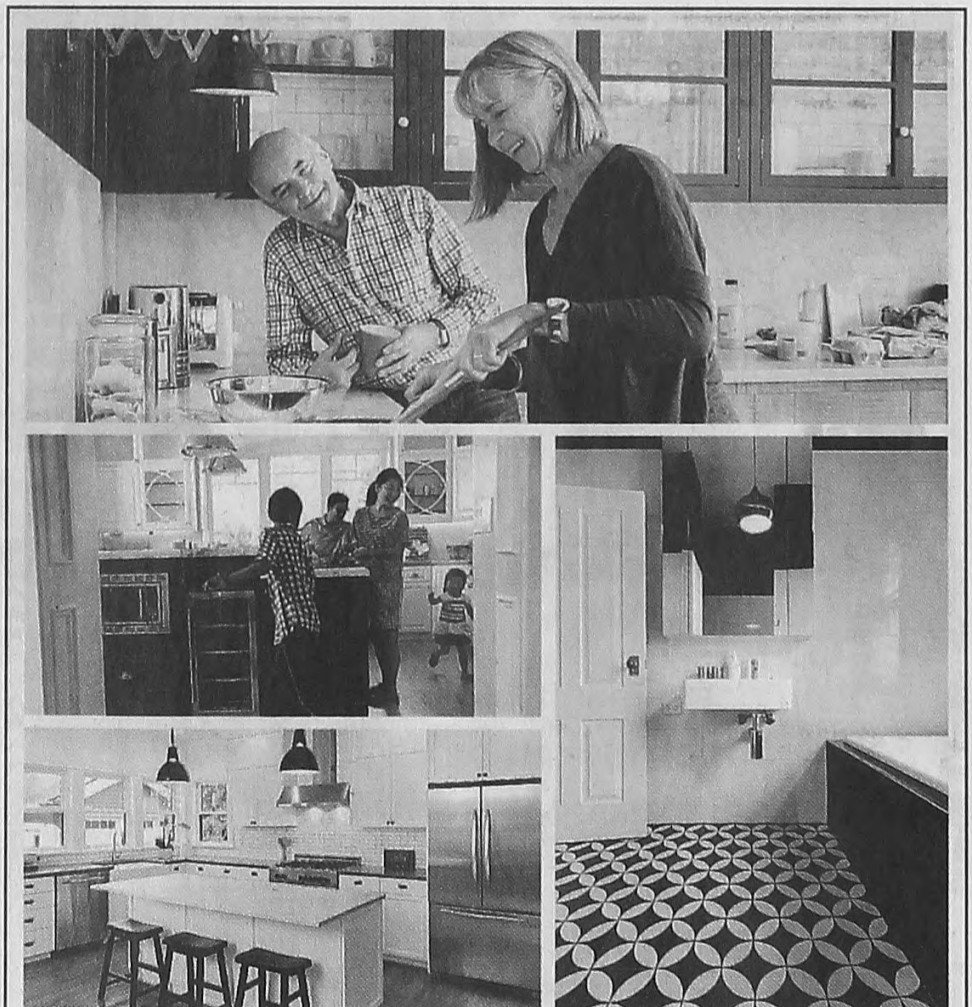
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# Schulz honored as latest Veteran of the Month

Charles A. Schulz, a World War II veteran from Wayne, was honored as the September 2018 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Schulz was born and raised in Saginaw. He attended a local school until the ninth grade, when he quit to get a job as a bricklayer to help support his family. He was 16 when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. His brother joined the U.S. Navy and a cousin joined the U.S. Marines. At age 17, Schulz went to the recruitment office and joined up.

"I just wanted to get in the war and get revenge for what they had done to us in Hawaii," Schulz said. He was sent to Detroit and June 26, 1943, was put on a train for boot camp at the Marine Corps Recruitment Depot in San Diego, Calif.

Schulz recalls boot camp and the first time he had ever drunk milk. "We were very poor," he said. "At home all we had was water to drink and sometimes my mother would put a teaspoon of sugar in it. I liked the milk."

Schulz spent the next seven weeks in basic training, then was off to training as an aircraft mechanic. "I was designated as a mechanic, but all I did was fuel planes and park them," he said. After training, Schulz was assigned to VMF-112, MBDAG-42, MCAS (U.S. Marine Corps Air Service) and assigned to the USS Vella Gulf (CVE-113), which was an escort carrier.

Vella Gulf arrived in San Diego on May 4, 1945, to pick up her assigned marine air group. After completion of a post-shakedown, she departed for Hawaii and arrived at Pearl Harbor on



Charles Schulz is a World War II veteran who now lives in Wayne.

June 25 and conducted 11 days of intensive training operations. On July 23, she sailed for the Marianas to conduct air strikes against Rota and Pagan Islands. The next day, she launched 24 sorties against Pagan Island.

Schulz recalled one day when the fighters were coming back to the carrier. "I was in charge of parking the planes, but one smart-alecky pilot told me, 'If I can fly it, I can park it,' so I nodded OK

and went below, only to return 20 minutes later to see two planes severely damaged. We lost both of those planes due to stupidity. Don't know what happened to the pilot, but I bet he never did that again."

Three days later, the escort carrier launched 21 sorties against Rota, with a dozen Corsairs, eight Avengers and one Hellcat taking part. Light anti-aircraft fire from Japanese guns peppered the skies. Two planes returned from the mission having conducted their attacks from such a low altitude that shrapnel from their own bomb explosions slightly damaged their tail surfaces.

Next stop was Okinawa on Aug. 9. Schulz's one night spent there was a memorable one since, during the evening, word arrived that surrender negotiations with the Japanese were in progress and prompted many ships and shore-based units to set off fireworks. Vella Gulf arrived back at Guam on Aug. 15 in time to receive the welcome news that Japan had surrendered. She participated in the initial occupation operations of the Japanese home islands. She provided food and fuel to other fleet units off the coast and, in late August, alternated with Gilbert Islands in furnishing air cover for a replenishment group.

The Vella Gulf then sailed for Tokyo Bay, arriving there Sept. 10. "I remember looking through binoculars at Tokyo. It was a mess, everything was flattened for as far as I could see," Schulz said. "I'll never forget it."

On Sept. 21, Vella Gulf picked up 650 men at Okinawa for passage back to the United States. After a brief stop at Pearl

Harbor, she arrived at San Francisco on Oct. 14. She subsequently operated in the Puget Sound area as a training ship for escort carrier personnel until late March 1946, when she sailed for the coast of southern California and arrived at San Diego on 27 March. Vella Gulf received a battle star for her actions in the Pacific.

On June 18, 1946, Schulz was discharged and sent home to Saginaw. He became a mason and specialized in building fireplaces. He had his own company and, in 1948, married his wife Betty, who died in 1993 after 46 years of marriage. They had four sons and one daughter, three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He married Alice in 1994 and moved to Freeland. Schulz loved to go hunting and even spent some time hunting on horseback in Montana. He now lives with his granddaughter's family in Wayne.

Schulz was interviewed by members of S.A.L. and a DVD was made of the interview and shown at the S.A.L. September membership meeting. Schulz and 10 members of his family attended the meeting and a plaque was presented to him from Livonia Trophy with his picture and service information. An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule of the American Legion Hall. The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend its monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, in Livonia.

## Bloom

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you are getting a substantial tax break.

One thing we should not forget is that, in the past, the majority of Americans have taken the standard deduction; when they make charitable contributions, they did not receive an addi-

tional tax break. I believe that receiving the tax break is a bonus, but that in reality the reason why Americans make charitable contributions is that they support the cause. In other words, when someone donates money to the cancer society, their motivation is to help cure cancer. The new tax law doesn't change that. In fact, in a way, the new tax law makes things easier. For the great majority of people, when they make chari-

table contributions, their focus doesn't have to be on the tax consequences, but on the charitable purpose.

One last note: Remember, if you are charitable in nature, before you make a charitable contribution, it is important to check out the charity. Not all charities are on the up-and-up and some spend too much of their money in marketing as opposed to the charitable purpose. Websites like

www.charitynavigator.org or www.give.org are excellent places to begin your research to learn about a charity.

Good luck!

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



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**Senior round table discussion**

The Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex, 650 Church Street, in partnership with the Plymouth District Library, the Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth Community YMCA, will host a senior round table discussion from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10. Join local leaders and area residents for an opportunity to share ideas on how the Plymouth community can best serve its senior population.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise will be the keynote speaker and the discussion will be followed by light refreshments. RSVP by calling 734-927-4090.

**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.

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).

**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.

**'Oklahoma!' at Village Theater**

Spotlight Players will present "Oklahoma!" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. "Oklahoma!" runs Friday through Sunday, Sept. 14-16 and 21-23. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday performances at 2 p.m.

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

For more information, call 734-480-4945 or go to [admin@spotlightplayersmi.org](mailto:admin@spotlightplayersmi.org).

**Free home buyers workshop**

Catholic Vantage Financial, 8817 Sheldon Road, in Plymouth is hosting a free home buyers workshop 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19. Leading the workshop will be Bill Cook from the mortgage center, who has more than 25 years' experience working in all aspects of mort-

gage lending.

To register and receive access to additional home buying resources, go to [www.mycvf.org/home-workshop](http://www.mycvf.org/home-workshop).

**Plymouth Concerned Citizens**

All Plymouth Township residents are invited to the Plymouth Concerned Citizens meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street. The discussion topics will be the two local millages which will appear on the ballot Nov. 6: A public safety millage which asks for a 1.2-mill increase and one for 0.75 mills to fund the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Center.

On hand will be representatives from the police and fire departments as well as township Treasurer Mark Clinton, to answer any questions on the proposed safety millage. In addition, representatives from PARC will be available to make a presentation and answer questions.

**Veterans Health Summit**

Legal Help for Veterans, PLLC, will be hosting its ninth annual Veterans Health Summit from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, in Livonia. This free event brings experts to veterans in the community.

Topics will include VA Ann Arbor Medical Center update, state veterans update, Veterans Home for Southeast Michigan, maximizing veterans health care, veterans health and medical cannabis and disability benefit update. Veteran specialists will also be on-hand to address special needs and VA, MVAA and county counselors will answer questions.

Register at <https://2018vetsummit.eventbrite.com> or call 248-912-3223.

**Plymouth Goodfellows meetings**

Christmas planning has begun for the Plymouth Goodfellows, who have assisted families with food, clothes and toys for the past 80 years. The group is looking for volunteers. Fall meetings in preparation for the 2018 Christmas season are scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, Tuesday, Oct. 16, and Monday, Nov. 19, at the Plymouth Dis-

trict Library, 223 S. Main Street.

For more information, contact Kristen at 734-262-3199, email [plymouthgoodfellows@yahoo.com](mailto:plymouthgoodfellows@yahoo.com) or go to [www.plymouthgoodfellows.org](http://www.plymouthgoodfellows.org).

**New exhibit at Village Theater**

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton will host a collaborative exhibit, featuring the work of 17 fiber artists from the Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild, through Sunday, Sept. 30.

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.cantonvillage.com](http://www.cantonvillage.com).

**Western Wayne Banquet VI**

Tom Wilson, chief executive for Olympia Entertainment, will talk about the first year of Little Caesars Arena and the ongoing development for District Detroit at the sixth annual Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet, scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Ford Motor Co. Conference and Event Center, 1151 Village Road, in Dearborn. The event is the region's premier collaboration experience for hundreds of people involved in business, nonprofit services, and politics.

The Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet provides an evening of networking that promotes economic development in the region's 18 communities that include Dearborn, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Romulus, Northville and Westland. The event is coordinated by the Conference of Western Wayne and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the region's mayors, township supervisors and chamber of commerce leaders.

The event begins 30 minutes earlier this year to provide more networking time at the mixer, during which the region's cities and townships highlight their respective economic development projects. The entire program runs 4:30-8 p.m.

Sponsorships and corporate table packages are now available. For more information, contact the Livonia Chamber of Commerce at [www.livonia.org](http://www.livonia.org) or 734-427-2122.

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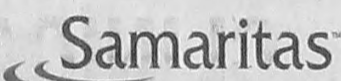
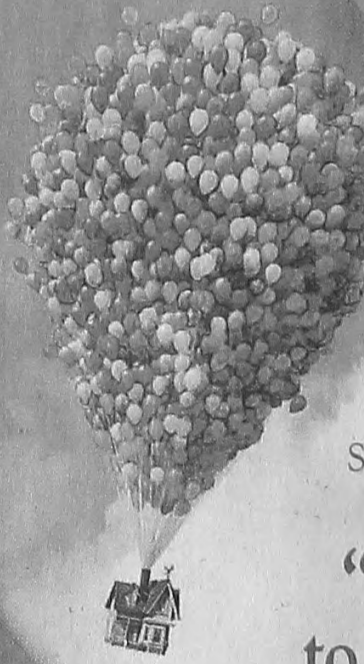



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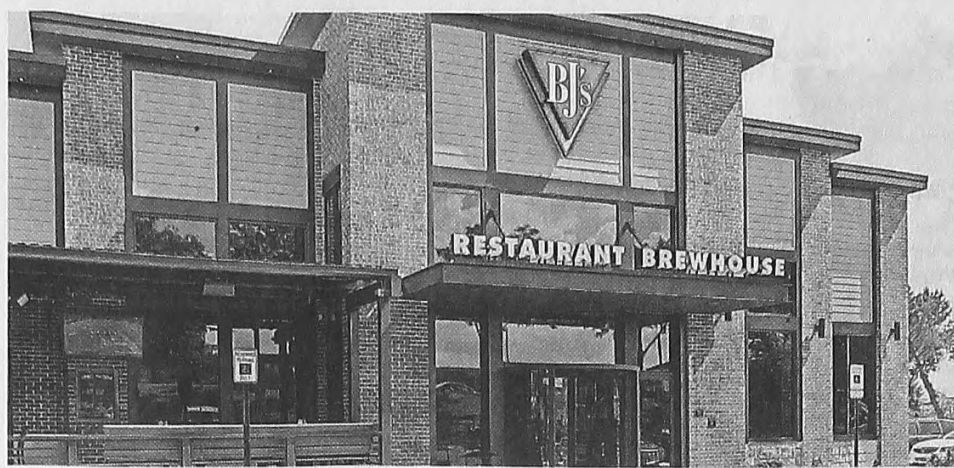
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## New Livonia restaurant opens to large crowds

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Call it a scouting mission. That's basically what Mike and Chris Frescura were doing Tuesday, when they stopped in at the new BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse in Livonia.

It was only the second day of business for BJ's, which opened Labor Day after a week's delay caused largely by weather issues, and the father-son duo wanted to check it out.

"We just wanted to get a look at the place," said Mike Frescura of Plymouth. "I wanted to see the menu so we could come back."

Like many people during the first days after the doors opened, the Frescuras — Chris is from Belleville — were impressed. Heavy crowds dotted the landscape opening day and the Tuesday afternoon lunch crowd was brisk, as well.

BJ's, which has 11 of its own beers and ciders, chose Livonia for its second location in Michigan. The first opened last December at Taylor's Southland Center.

"(Monday) was a very solid day," said Moe Robiglio, BJ's regional vice president. "There were people who were just waiting for us to open. They love the food. This is something different in the area. The energy and the service is something different for them."

In addition to selling its own beer, BJ's has a wide-ranging menu, from

deep-dish pizza to pizookies — cookies that come in small, round, pizza-style pans and are usually topped with ice cream.

With Livonia, BJ's now has 201 locations in 27 states. Its newest spot is on Haggerty Road, north of Seven Mile, on the former site of Champ's sports bar and near the AMC Livonia 20 movie theater complex.

Kevin Mayer, executive vice president and chief marketing officer, said the store's opening went about as well as it could have.

"It's been fantastic," Mayer said. "It's definitely among the top echelon of our openings, in regards to traffic and sales. What we saw in Taylor makes us believe Michigan is the right place for us. Livonia guests are going to find it a fabulous place."

Mayer is originally from Ann Arbor, so he said he knows what this market will bear for BJ's.

"We are definitely growing into Michigan (after Taylor)," he said. "We tend to like to put restaurants in thriving economic communities and Livonia fits the bill. We're excited to start introducing our brand to folks there in southeast Michigan."

For more information, go to [www.bjsrestaurants.com](http://www.bjsrestaurants.com).

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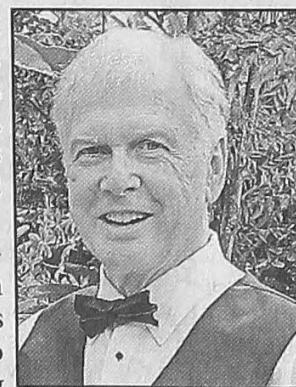
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The Fortin Family moved to the Plymouth-Canton area 40 years ago. Gary built the family home in Canton, where a lifetime of traditions and memories were made. Gary loved anything and everything to do with family. He was completely selfless; giving anything and everything to others. Gary worked tirelessly at Ford Motor Company for 49 years at the Livonia Transmission Plant. His co-workers missed him dearly when he retired in 2015. Gary was a Lead Millwright at the transmission plant and was always very proud of Ford and the vehicles he had a part in building.

Gary was a loyal fan of the Detroit Red Wings; holding season tickets for 35 years at Joe Louis Arena. One of his favorite things to do was to take his kids and grandkids to games. He always found a way to make lasting memories from the time he spent with his loved ones. As we celebrate Gary's life and look back on all of the wonderful things he has accomplished, we will never be able to fill the void. He was so good to all of us and we will forever love bigger and deeper because of what he taught us. Our family has grown so big, and while we will all miss him deeply, we will find new ways to honor what you mean to all of us. Thank you for making this world a better place for everyone you ever came in contact with.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held in honor of Gary Fortin on Saturday, September 15, 2018. For those offering help to the family during this difficult time, please consider donating in honor of Gary to the Alzheimer's Association. [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

If the loss of this wonderful man can one day help there to be a survivor of this disease, we know that's what he would want. Faith Bible Church 34541 Five Mile Road Livonia, MI 48154. Visitation 10:00am, Service 11:00am.

### Annabell Gotts

**MONROE** - Annabell Gotts passed away on August 19, 2018, at 98 years old. She was born in Plymouth to Harry and Myrtie (nee Eckles) Brown. Annabell was the dear wife of the late Robert L. Gotts. She is survived by her three loving children, Kaye Horsfall, Linda (Bernd) Freiny, Rick (Sue) Gotts, 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren and her dear sister Betty (the late Robert) Barbour. Annabell was preceded in death by her eldest child Jane Ann Gotts. A Memorial Service will be held Monday, September 10th at 11 am with visitation at 10 am at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W Eight Mile Rd, Northville MI 48167. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Northville or to Wellspring Services of Monroe, 1236 S Monroe St., Monroe MI 48161 (where Anna spent her final years.)



**Robert W. McGill**

**NOVI** - Passed away on September 1, 2018 at the age of 91. Beloved husband of Helen. Loving father of Robert (Stacy), Cheryl (Richard) Schairer, Debra (Glenn Hanson) and Dawnmarie (David) Ozog. Cherished grandfather of 7 and great-grandfather of 7. Dear brother of Charlotte (Joe) Christiansen and the late Gordon (Mary Ann) and the late Kenneth (Noreen). Memorial visitation Saturday, September 15 at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy Rd. (E. of Inkster Rd) at 4 pm until the time of Memorial Service at 5 pm. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at [griffinfuneralhome.com](http://griffinfuneralhome.com).

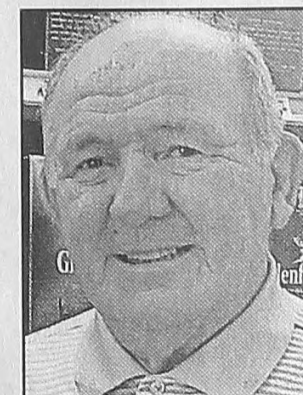
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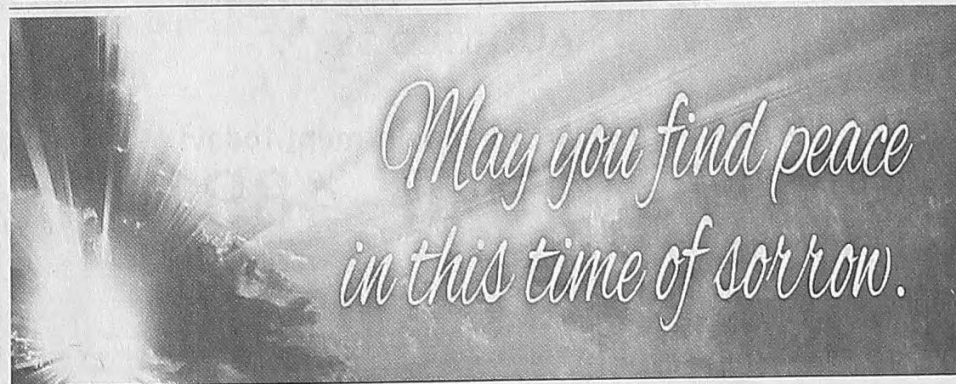


**John W. Colley**

**LIVONIA** - 6/11/1937-8/31/2018. Age 81, formerly a teacher at the Redford Union Schools, passed away surrounded by the Love of his family on August 31, 2018 at the Hiland Cottage in Petoskey.

A full obituary with service details can be found at: [www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com).

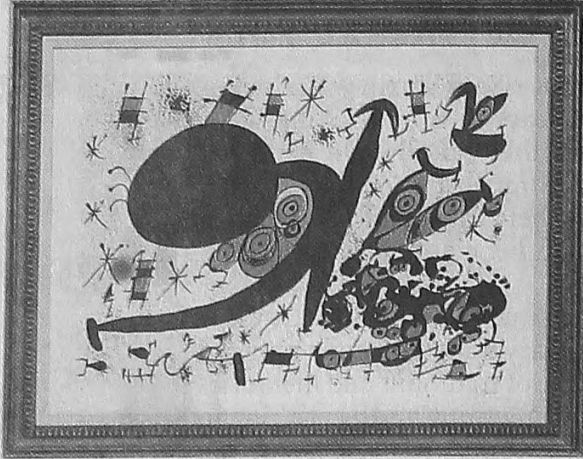
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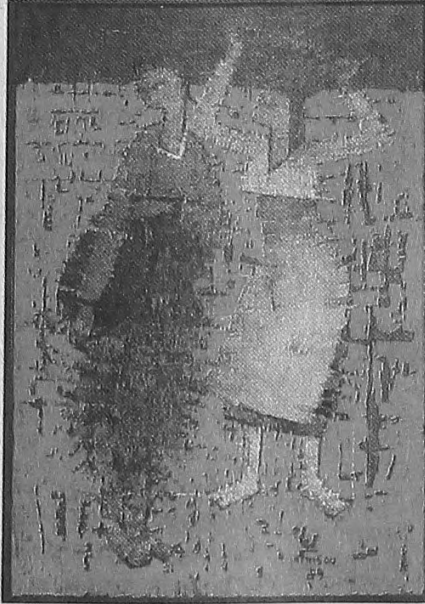
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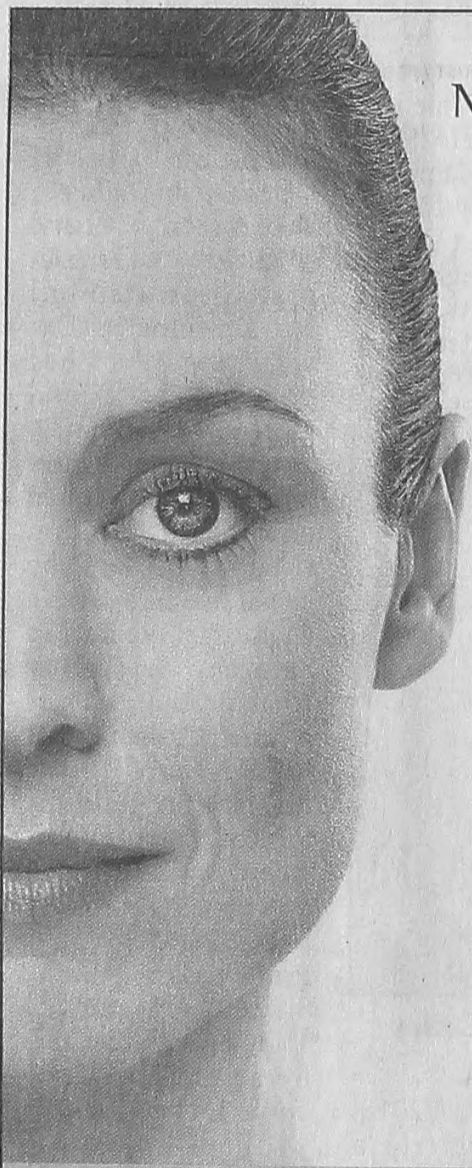


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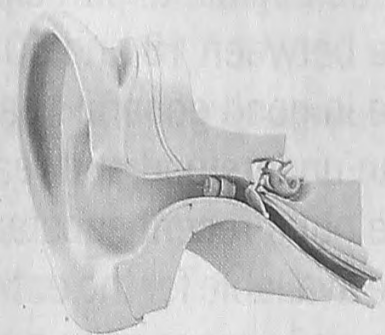
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# Sports

## COLLEGE RECRUITING

# MSU in mix for Canton's Robinson

State's top uncommitted prospect wants some visits

**Perry A. Farrell**  
Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Canton senior defensive end Darius Robinson was all set to make his college commitment Sept. 13, his birthday.

He changed his mind. The top 2019 recruit left on the board in Michigan has decided to take some official visits before announcing his choice.

"I decided to push everything back until I took all my official visits," Robinson said. "I didn't understand the rules on official visits. I realized I wouldn't be able to take all of them (before his birth-

day), so I just said I would wait."

He said Colorado, Michigan State, Rutgers and Syracuse are the schools he plans to visit.

"I'm going to Syracuse Oct. 27, Michigan State Oct. 20, Rutgers on Sept. 29 and Colorado Sept. 15," Robinson said. "I'll probably commit after the season. My brother (Reggie Robinson) will be going with me and my mother. My brother lives in Nashville, so with his work schedule, he won't be able to go to all of them. My grandmother, Gwendolyn Lawson, also will be going when my brother can't go."

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Darius Robinson is a top recruit. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## PREP FOOTBALL



Greg Piscopink unleashes a pass during a recent practice. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# 'DOING THE BEST WE CAN'

Brother Rice football team carries on despite adversity

**Marty Budner**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Gregory Piscopink, carrying his equipment in one hand, sauntered off Fracassa Field early Wednesday evening after a tough two-hour practice session that ended with short sprint work in searing 90-degree temper-

atures. Brother Rice's junior quarterback and his teammates completed the upbeat practice, executing drills with the pride and confidence that two straight season-opening wins help instill. After registering a shutout victory over U-D Jesuit (28-0) in Week 1, Rice held on for a satisfying victory (13-7) last week over Mishawaka (Ind.) Penn — the same

team that dealt the Warriors a crushing defeat (38-0) last year at Berkley's Hurley Field.

The Warriors are enjoying the fruits of an undefeated season thus far, despite suffering huge adversity before the regular season even kicked off.

Prior to the annual four-way scrimmage at Farmington Harrison High School in mid-August, Piscopink was

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## RECREATIONAL GOLF

# Boghikian edges Wiley for O&E men's title

**Brad Emons**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Raz Boghikian can now claim he's a three-time winner of the Observer & Eccentric Men's Golf Open.

The West Bloomfield resident, who just turned 50, shot rounds of 70-74 for a 144 total to edge two-time defending champion Matt Wiley of Westland by a single stroke in the championship flight.

Wiley finished with 73-72—145, while Brandon Gray placed third with 74-75—149.

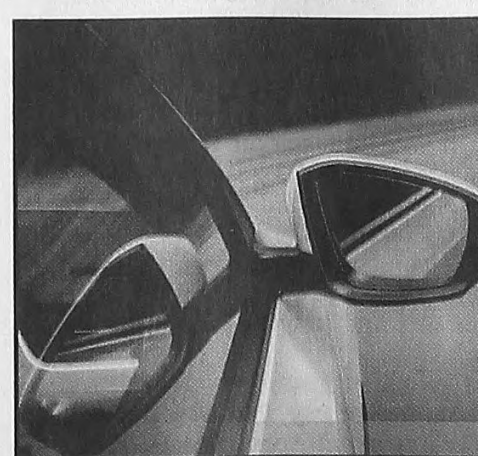
Boghikian, the 2014 and 2015 O&E championship flight winner, led Wiley by three shots after opening round Sept. 2 at Livonia's Fox Creek G.C. and was able to withstand a double-bogey on his final hole to earn his third title in five years at adjacent Whispering Willows G.C.

"It got pretty close, I wasn't playing that good," Boghikian said. "The last

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First-place winners at this year's O&E Men's Golf Open include (from left) Raz Boghikian (championship flight), Barry Slegers (first flight) and Dan Longeway (senior flight). PAUL WORLEY



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## PREP FOOTBALL

# Birney keys Detroit CC victory in Toledo

Shamrocks' defense stymies northeast Ohio squad, 35-7

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The last holiday of the summer turned out to be a quite the weekend for Birney.

Make that Detroit Catholic Central senior defensive back Ryan Birney, who was the defensive catalyst in an impressive 35-7 win Aug. 30 over host Toledo Whitmer, one of northeast Ohio's top football programs.

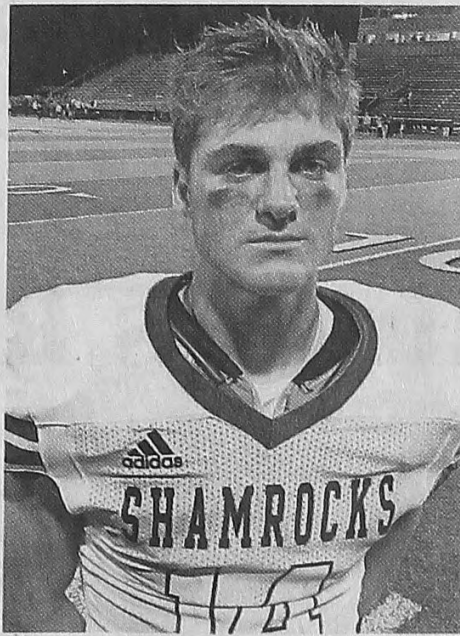
It was a bizarre first half, to say the least.

CC was totally stymied on its first four possessions and didn't get a first down until well into the second quarter.

But the Shamrocks' clutch defense was keyed by Birney, who picked off a Riley Keller pass and made a nifty 83-yard return for a touchdown with just under a minute left in the first quarter.

Interceptions are nothing new for Birney, who as a junior had seven on the season, including one for a TD against the University of Detroit-Jesuit.

"I saw the quarterback before the play, I eyed down his slot, so I kind of cheated to get over a little bit to get over there," Birney said. "I bobbled it a little bit, then I picked it and I was running behind Lucas Hendershot, our captain. I completely stopped, I was waiting for



CC's Ryan Birney BRAD EMONS

him to block and, eventually, (Keller) kind of went in, so I went around the outside of him and eventually scored."

Just 17 seconds later, Keller fumbled at his own 41, Birney scooped it up and ran it in for another CC touchdown to make it 14-0.

"That was weird," Birney said. "Obviously, I read the run and I was just kind of running and I looked down and the ball was rolling perfectly to me. I picked it up. I was, like, falling over. I don't know if I stepped out of bounds, but I definitely hugged the sideline, eventually I tripped, jumped the guy and made

it into the end zone. That one ... I just got lucky, I guess. It rolled right to me."

CC coach Dan Anderson called Birney's interception "incredible."

"And to pick up that fumble and snake down that sideline ... was just awesome," Anderson said. "Up until that time, we hadn't done anything. That kind of opened it up for us a little more."

The Shamrocks made a mistake on their ensuing punt attempt, losing 13 yards and the ball at their own 13. But the opportunistic CC defense got another interception, this time by Jon Brewer in the end zone.

The Shamrocks then marched 83 yards in 10 plays, capped by Keegan Koehler's 38-yard TD run with 5:09 remaining in the second quarter to make it 21-0.

Stung by the three turnovers, the Panthers did get going offensively with an identical 10-play, 83-yard TD drive, capped by Trey Mathena's 6-yard run up the middle with 1:58 remaining in the half.

But it was all CC in the second half. Senior quarterback Marco Genrich, who was an efficient 9-of-14 passing for 119 yards, made two big runs of 25 and 26 yards to set up Koehler's second TD run of the game, a 3-yarder with 9:08 remaining in the third quarter.

Genrich was also CC's leading rushing on the night with 75 yards on eight carries, while Koehler added 62 yards on 19 attempts.

The two hooked up on a 27-yard bubble screen on third down for yet another

CC touchdown with 7:10 to play in the fourth to put the game out of reach, 35-7.

"We were watching the Hudl sideline (video) and, ultimately, what was happening is that we were missing a block here or a block there," Anderson said of the first-half offensive woes. "It was just killing us. And against a good team like that, you miss a block and they will be on your back right away. Like I said, we've got a lot of stuff we've got to clean up."

The Shamrocks held Keller, a 3-star recruit, to 8-of-14 passing for 45 yards. Keller had minus-8 yards rushing and was sacked four times, including three in the second half.

"I thought we put great pressure on him," Anderson said. "I think that was the key tonight. He was looking around and trying to see what was coming for him. I just felt like we had really good pressure on him tonight. We knew we had to do that."

The Shamrocks, who outgained the Panthers in total offense, 309-165, improved to 2-0 overall.

The loss dropped Whitmer to 1-1. The Shamrocks are 3-4 against the Panthers in the seven-year series, but have won the last two on the road.

"It was awesome for our defense to give up only seven points and kind of really push us through the rest of the season," Birney said.

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## Rice

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driving with his father Greg — Rice's defensive coordinator — on northbound I-75 after practice. The car slid off the road from the shoulder area and rolled over, hitting trees and other obstacles along the side of the freeway.

Piscopink recovered rather quickly from the horrific accident, returned to practice and started both of Rice's games. His father, however, sustained multiple injuries, including broken bones on his lower extremities and his rib cage, along with some swelling in the brain.

Coach Piscopink is slowly improving from the bilateral injuries at Detroit Henry Ford Hospital, but does face a long recovery period that has required a number of surgeries. A Gofundme page has been set up to help the family deal with the long-term rehabilitation process.

"It's been tough. Like, before this happened, my dad was out here every single day being a coach and me being able to talk to him and have him help me out during practices," Piscopink said. "Now, not having him here, he's not been able to be that role model to me and being the leader and talking to me about it."

"But the main thing is he's getting better every single day, so I just have to keep my head high and I pray for him every day and it's a going good. Actually, on Tuesday, he had his last leg surgery, so it's just all recovery from here. We're not sure when he's going to get out of the hospital yet."

"We're just going day-by-day, doing the best we can," he added. "I want to stay here for the team and do the best every single day for them and I want to keep my head high."

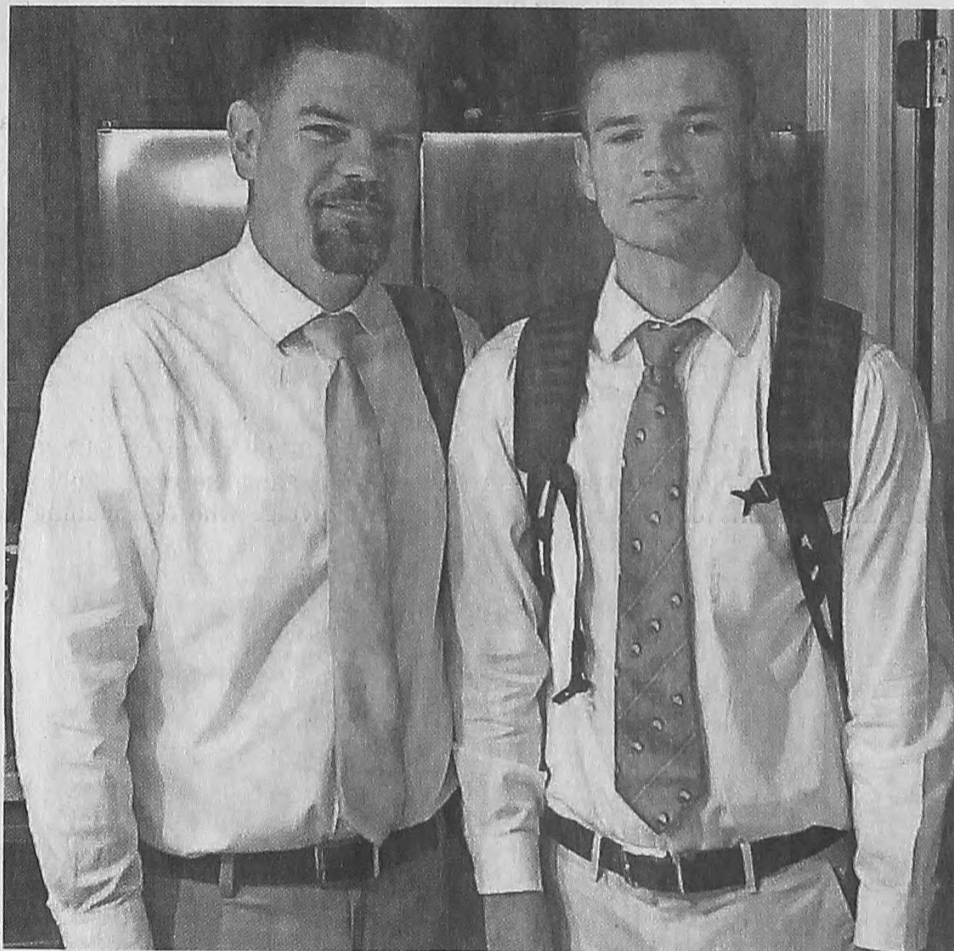
### Constantly in thoughts

Second-year Brother Rice head coach Adam Korzeniewski said 44-year-old coach Piscopink is constantly in everyone's thoughts and prayers. A sign recognizing coach Piscopink is attached to the fence near the entrance to Fracassa Field and T-shirts in his honor are constant reminders of their beloved mentor.

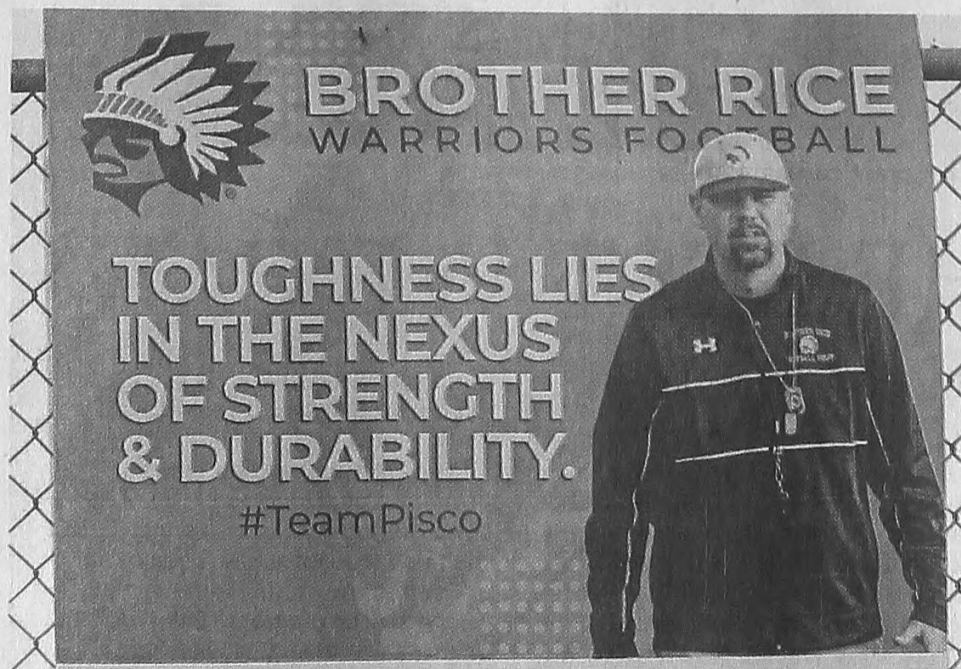
"I don't know how (Piscopink) is doing it, to be honest with you," Korzeniewski said of his young quarterback. "He's been really good through our first two games so far. The first one a little bit better than the second, but he's been very focused in practice and doing a great job of being a leader."

Korzeniewski said the team has rallied around the Piscopink family, which also includes mom Jennifer and 11-year-old daughter Lauren.

"Everyone on the team loves Gregory. I mean, he's a great kid. He's humble. He's not a jerk. I think it's galvanized the team," Korzeniewski said. "Plus, coach Piscopink, we all know coach Piscopink. We care about him. We care about the



Brother Rice defensive coach Greg Piscopink (left) is recovering from multiple injuries suffered in a car accident that also involved his son Gregory, who is the Warriors' starting quarterback. PISCOPINK FAMILY PHOTO



A sign hanging from the fence at Fracassa Field honors Brother Rice defensive coordinator Greg Piscopink. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

family. We see Gregory in school and we want what's best for the entire family.

"So everyone is behind him and he's coming back. He's getting better," he added. "Don't get me wrong — he's got a long ways to go, but he's making slow progress. He's constantly on the top of our minds."

Without coach Piscopink, the defense has been forced into somewhat of a transition. Korzeniewski, a former defensive coordinator at both Brother Rice and Birmingham Seaholm before taking over as Warriors head coach two seasons ago, has now taken on that role in

addition to his head coaching duties.

"I think the tough part was someone had to take over the defense," Korzeniewski said. "Coach Piscopink is a very good coach. He's exceptional. Him and I solved problems in a different way. He knew how to solve things this way and I knew how to solve things that way."

"So the tough part was getting the kids to understand that, 'Hey, I can't be him. You gotta trust in what I'm asking you to learn,'" he added. "He's his own self and he knew the defense the way he knew it. I tried to keep things the same as I could with what he was doing. Just

the nomenclature, the terminology, I'm trying to keep the same things. Just some of the structure is changing slightly."

### Excelling with heavy hearts

Brother Rice players have carried on extremely well while playing with heavy hearts.

Piscopink has now played nine games without a loss over his three varsity seasons. He had won all seven of his starts in a reserve role prior to this year and then opened with the pair of wins as a starter this season.

In Rice's two games, Piscopink has completed 29-of-46 passes (63 percent) for 317 yards and four touchdowns. The right-handed signal-caller threw three touchdown passes to senior receiver Colin Gardner in the opener, covering 54, 29 and 18 yards.

"Coming into this year, it did me help having the experience of playing games (as a freshman and sophomore)," Piscopink said. "I've been able to come to the games knowing what to expect. I felt confident this year because, in our practices, we've been going good and I was just excited to get out there and start the season."

"This year, we have been playing really good," he added. "Our practices have been intense every single day. The scout (offense) and scout (defense) have been given the No. 1 reps and telling them what they need to do every game and we've been preparing well."

Gardner has 18 receptions for 216 yards as Piscopink's go-to receiver. Gardner also has excelled defensively as he made a key goal-line interception in the final seconds to secure the big road triumph last week over Mishawaka Penn.

Senior running back James Donaldson is averaging nearly 5 yards per carry with 152 yards with a touchdown. Senior defensive linemen Casmer Johnson and Max Saylor have also made big early-season impacts.

"You can't have a better start than the one we've had," Korzeniewski said. "And to beat Penn was very important. They are a regional powerhouse and we all know that. That's the kind of game Rice has been looking to win over the last number of years, really."

"You probably have to go back to 2014. I want to say, when we had a victory like that. Especially knowing that last year (Penn) went to the state championship game and lost to a very good Penn Davis team. For us to come back from a 38-0 loss the year before, that was a very good win for us."

"If someone said at the start of the season you'd be 2-0, especially beating Mishawaka Penn, I'd say thank you very much," he added.

Korzeniewski and the entire Brother Rice family are also thankful for the thoughts and prayers for coach Piscopink.

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## COLLEGE BASEBALL

# Crain leaves Plymouth to take Alma job

## Guided the Wildcats to four straight district titles

**Brad Emons**

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Plymouth High School's loss has become Alma College's gain, as Jason Crain will return to his alma mater to coach baseball.

Crain leaves Plymouth with 128 victories in five varsity seasons, the most by any coach in program history. His teams captured four straight MHSAA Division 1 district titles (2015-18), two Kensington Lakes Activities Association division crowns and one KLAAs Association championship (2018).

The 45-year-old Northville resident wanted to build on his impressive half-decade with the Wildcats, but the Alma opportunity was too good to resist.

"A couple people told me when I was hired in there (Plymouth), that I was going to be a lifer and I actually believed it," Crain said during an interview. "I thought so, too. It's the campus where I went to high school. I fully expected to be there a long period of time."

"Probably Alma was one of the few places that could call and say, 'Hey, what do you think?' to get me to even think about it."

Crain, who also served as a JV and freshman coach for the Wildcats, is a five-time district Coach of the Year, as well as the Hometown Life Coach of the Year in 2015.

In addition to coaching the three teams, Crain's other duties included overseeing the Booster Club, participating in weekly media interviews and managing communication with parents and collegiate programs recruiting his players. Thirteen players in his six years at Plymouth have gone on to play collegiate baseball.

One of those players, outfielder Pete Carravallah (2016 grad) is one of the players Crain will coach at Alma.



Crain

"That will be nice for both of us, but for me in particular, to have someone there who knows how we do things and how we run our program," Crain said. "I always felt like we tried to model our high school program after a small college atmosphere."

Joining Crain at Alma will be his Plymouth pitching coach, Scott Niemiec.

Crain said he will commute between Northville and Alma the first year and, subsequently, move to the greater Lansing area.

"He called me right after he accepted the position ... was obviously very open about it," Plymouth athletic director Luke Swanson said. "Obviously, he's had mixed feelings because he's so proud of the program he's created here, but I was excited for him as well."

"It's a great opportunity from being a high school coach and having the opportunity to really make it into your own profession. Hard to fault him for that."

Crain becomes Alma's 29th baseball head coach in the school's 118-year history, replacing Jake Sabol, who resigned in July to take the Northwood University position.

"He brings an unmatched energy and

a deep respect of Alma College, along with thoroughness and attention to detail," Alma athletic director Steven Rackley said. "We look forward to seeing the work he'll put into this program come out on the field."

Crain, who graduated in 1991 from Canton High School, is owner of Crain Heating and Cooling and general manager and instructor of the Motor City Nine Baseball Club in Canton. He has also spent time with Green Energy/Pritchard Wilson/Pritchard, Inc., in a number of roles, ranging from CEO to technician.

The Alma job opening took Crain by surprise.

"I honestly was never looking for another position at any high school or college," Crain said. "And it just so happens that Alma College is where I played and there's lots of alumni that have connection to the program."

"And obviously, we try to send players there. And when the coach decided to step down and move on to a different opportunity, I had countless people send me notes and call me and tell me I should inquire."

"I was on the baseball field working at a clinic with Jake Boss, who is head coach at Michigan State. He and I played together in Alma and he said, 'Hey, you need to look into that job.' I said, 'What job?'"

He ultimately decided to go for it after two weeks of discussion with wife Melissa (a 1996 graduate of Alma College) and their four boys — Matthew, 17; twins Luke and Ben, 14; and Andrew, 8.

"It's chasing a dream, it's something I've always wanted to do," Crain said. "And I feel fortunate to be able to chase a dream with the support of my family and show my kids that it's an OK thing to do and it does happen sometimes, so don't be scared of it."

During his introduction at Alma, Crain also thanked his parents (Jim and Audrey Crain), father-in-law (Russ King) and assistant coaches at Plymouth, Niemiec and Beau Adams, for

their support.

Niemiec, who played at the University of Michigan, will be also part of Crain's staff at Alma.

"I took the job not knowing whether Scott was going to come," Crain said. "I was a little apprehensive calling him, because I enjoy working with those guys so much, but I called him and he instantly said, 'I'm in.'"

"That's exciting, because he and I and Beau coach as a team. We're egoless and I think that's what's represented on the field by our players and to have that component come with me is a huge benefit and the wealth of knowledge he brings and the experience and the connections is priceless."

Niemiec and Crain also co-founded the MC Nine baseball facility. Plans are for the business to continue.

"That's not going to change. For the most part, it runs itself," Crain said. "I'm not moving for a year, because I'm going to let my kids finish this year in school before we move. And Scott's not moving at all, so he'll be in this area."

Meanwhile, the search is on for a new varsity baseball coach at Plymouth.

"I think we have a really solid foundation with our program. Jason had developed a program that is winning division and district titles and is competing for regional titles, so I think we're looking for somebody that's going to build on his foundation," Swanson said. "I think it's a really appealing job to applicants that will want to come into and (be) ready to compete and win. We're looking for somebody with the similar qualities that Jason has had, but obviously somebody that's going to put his own spin on a successful program and take it to the next level."

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## Robinson

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Robinson has five official visits, so what about the fifth?

"I'm going to save one in case I get a new offer or if I get bored one weekend, I

might take a visit," he said with a laugh. "I'll hit somebody up for a weekend. People are saying I should still commit on my birthday, but I want to take these free little vacations for a weekend."

Scouting service gurus Allen Trieu of 247Sports and Josh Helms of Rivals.com have Robinson as the highest ranked uncommitted player in Michi-

gan. 247Sports Composite has MSU the favorite to land Robinson, a 6-foot-6, 260-pound 3-star prospect, with Syracuse a distant second. Robinson wouldn't divulge who he's leaning towards.

"He has made big strides since last year," Helms said. "When I saw him, he was about 220-230 (pounds)."

Robinson put on a show at the Best of the Midwest camp at Grand Valley State in June with his strength and speed against offensive linemen. 247Sports has him ranked as the 42nd best defensive end and the 16th-ranked player in Michigan.

## PREP FOOTBALL

# Adams survives OAA Red clash at Bloomfield Hills

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Rochester Adams is undefeated after its first two games of the season — barely.

After slipping past district rival Rochester by a point in double overtime in Week 1, the Highlanders survived another grueling battle in Week 2.

Playing its OAA Red Division opener at Bloomfield Hills, Adams left town with a pulsating 24-21 victory Aug. 31.

The first half was scoreless until the final 35 seconds, when Bloomfield Hills took a 7-0 lead. Adams scored 15 seconds later, but missed the extra point, so the host Black Hawks held a 7-6 half-time lead.

The entertaining, back-and-forth second half featured 32 points and a controversial ending on an onside kick by Bloomfield Hills after having trimmed the lead to three points with 2:39 left in the fourth quarter.

Longtime Adams head coach Tony Patritto breathed a big sigh of relief after the game.

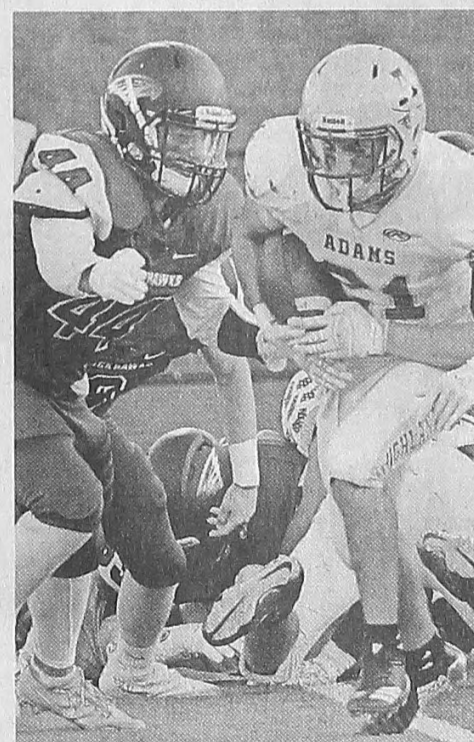
"We played two close games and won, so that's a lot better than playing two close games and losing," he said. "So I feel very blessed and it's great. I'm very proud of our team."

"I have great respect for (the Bloomfield Hills) coaches. I know a lot of those guys and they've been my friends for a long time," he added. "There is no quit in that team. They made some big plays and we have to cover up our defense. That's not the kind of mistakes we normally make, and we have to fix that."

Following are some takeaways:

### THE CONTROVERSIAL PLAY

Bloomfield Hills had just scored its



Adams senior running back Nico Jackson is about to be reeled in by Bloomfield Hills defender Owen Winter (left). MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

second touchdown of the second half to creep within three points at 24-21. Black Hawks head coach Dan Loria elected to go for the onside kick.

It appeared successful at first, as the ball was seemingly touched by an Adams player and fell to the ground. Black Hawks junior Diego Badallo emerged from the pile with the ball and the Bloomfield Hills sideline was going wild in celebration.

However, the referees awarded the ball to Adams, ruling it did not travel the required 10 yards. Bloomfield Hills was given an additional unsportsmanlike

penalty for arguing the call. Adams took over and ran out the clock.

"First of all, I think there was illegal contact on the kick, because you can't hit a defenseless returner before the ball goes 10 yards," Patritto said. "They didn't call that. They called that (Bloomfield Hills) touched the ball before it went 10 yards, an illegal touch. Then they got a sideline penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct."

"It really should have, I thought, been a 30-yard penalty and they only measured out 15," he added. "But when a call like that goes your way and if I can complain, boy do I sound stupid."

"They said it got touched early," Bloomfield Hills head coach Dan Loria said. "It was close. But I told the kids, I said listen, whether it was or wasn't, that didn't make a difference. There's other stuff we could have done where it wouldn't have come down to that. But the kids don't want to hear that. I tried to explain that to them and whatnot."

### THE BLOOMFIELD HILLS TOUCHDOWNS

Bloomfield Hills scored three touchdowns — two on pass plays and another via the run.

Senior quarterback Andrew Barash connected with junior receiver Alec Ward on a sizzling 52-yard touchdown pass with 34 seconds left before halftime. The two hooked up on another long TD pass, this time covering 94 yards, at the 7:42 mark of the fourth quarter.

With just 2:40 left in the game, senior running back Jacob Gasso pranced in from 6 yards out.

Senior Sydney Huston booted all three extra points.

"I thought, from a high school football perspective, it was a great night of

football, on both sides," said Loria, whose team is now 1-1. "Adams is well-coached and they did a good job. We battled back and battled back, but kept shooting ourselves in the foot."

"But when the day's over, I said calls don't make a difference in the game, we can only control ourselves," he added. "Stuff like that, that's on us. It was truly a great game and I told the kids they played hard for 48 minutes. That's been my motto wherever I've coached. If you play hard for 48 minutes, you're going to win more games than you lose."

### THE ADAMS SCORING PLAYS

Adams also had three touchdowns. Junior quarterback Carter Farris connected with junior Anthony Patritto on an 11-yard pass just before halftime. The second-half touchdowns were scored by Farris (2-yard run) and senior running back Nico Jackson (70-yard run).

The difference in the game was a 35-yard second-half field goal by senior kicker Ben Patton.

"We just did not execute in the first half," said Patritto, whose team played without two captains. "The very first drive, we go all the way down and we take a penalty and it takes us out of it. We kept shooting ourselves in the foot with really bad breaks on offense. That's what we talked about at halftime."

"It's not really scheme, it's about making simple mistakes — both players and coaches alike," he added. "We kind of regrouped and got together on offense in the second half."

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GIRLS GOLF

# Marian captures Oakland County Division 2 crown

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Bloomfield Hills Marian is the 2018 Oakland County Division 2 girls golf champion.

The Mustangs easily captured the crown by shooting a team total of 331 and winning by 13 strokes over Walled Lake Northern, which finished at 344. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood was third at 346 in the 16-team tournament Au. 29 at The Links at Crystal Lake in Pontiac.

Medalist was Marian sophomore sensation Shannon Kennedy, who carded a round of 68. Kennedy is a returning all-state golfer who captured the Divi-

sion 2 state championship last year as a freshman.

Junior Marlo Hudson (77), sophomore Lauren Sass (86) and sophomore Sarah Kuredjian (100) were the other Mustangs scorers.

Cranbrook Kingswood was paced by Natasha Samsanov, who finished second to Kennedy, seven shots back at 75. Teammate Kathryn Cohen, Marian's Hudson and Troy's Jenny Liu tied for third overall at 77.

The other Cranes scorers were Julia Frykman (96) and Sydney Greenlee (98).

Farmington, led by Syndey Chap's ninth-place round of 84, placed sixth as a team with 367. Tessa Laburn (86), Aielle Raykinsteyn (97) and Alexis Ban-



Marian won the Oakland County D-2 golf championship Wednesday at The Links at Crystal Lake. Team members were (from left) Sarah Kuredjian, Maura Mustion, Marlo Hudson, Shannon Kennedy and Lauren Sass.

dy (100) were the other Falcons scorers.

Lakeland finished ninth (377), Milford 10th (381) and Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart was 14th.

Bella Shaw and Bryn Dubin both carded 92 to lead Lakeland. Milford's

low scorer was Jillian Rowe (92) and Sacred Heart's low scorer was Julie Nafso (94).

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## Golf

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couple of holes, I went birdie, par ... on the last hole, I double-bogeyed with a three-putt, but I still had a one-stroke lead."

Boghikian and Wiley started on the back nine and finished on the front nine.

Boghikian's short game saved him. He had a pair of birdies during the final round, including one on the par-3 No. 7 hole, which proved to be pivotal. On the No. 8 hole he made a par, while Wiley dropped a stroke with a bogey.

"I made a couple of good putts coming in ... except for the last hole, I guess," Boghikian said with a chuckle. "Matt kind of got into trouble, too. I knew I had a two-stroke lead going into that hole. It was a little shaky, of course. Matt's a very good player, but overall I played steady enough where I tried to keep my head in the game."

Boghikian plays on the Michigan Publinx circuit and qualified in June for

this year's Michigan Amateur at the Country Club of Detroit. He has also been invited to represent the Michigan Publinx Seniors in a Midwest team event later in the month.

A teacher in the Southfield Public Schools district, Boghikian earned an NCAA Division I scholarship as a fencer to the University of Detroit after graduating from Alex Manoogian High School.

He started playing competitive golf after graduating from U-D Mercy.

"My brother (Dickron) and I kind of played a little bit at the end of my senior year in high school for fun," Boghikian said. "When finished at the University of Detroit, I started getting more into it. I don't know, to be honest with you, just found some friends and tried to get better and better."

Winning the tournament certainly brought back fond memories of his early golf days.

"When we lived in Livonia, we used to play twilight at Whispering Willows," said Boghikian, who earned a \$300 gift certificate and first-place trophy. "It was

fun to go back and win it there."

Wiley, meanwhile, received a \$160 gift card for his second-place showing.

Greg VanGorp (Livonia) and Joel Hall (Plymouth) tied for first low net honors at 144 apiece to each win \$137.50 a gift certificate, while Matt McComb (Westland) was third at 146, winning a \$100 gift card.

### First flight

Livonia's Barry Slegers shot 77-76-153 to take home the \$250 gift certificate and first-place trophy for low gross honors with a nine-shot victory in the first flight over fellow Livonian Gordon Harrison (81-81-162), who earned a \$140 gift card.

Joe McCullough (84-79) and Jeff Orzel (Westland) tied for third at 163 each, but McCullough won the \$120 gift card.

Tommy Stansell Jr. (Livonia) took net honors with 139 and a \$130 gift card, while Peter Mianowski (Livonia) and Jeff Orzel (Westland) tied at 143, with each getting a gift shop voucher for \$92.50 apiece.

### Senior flight

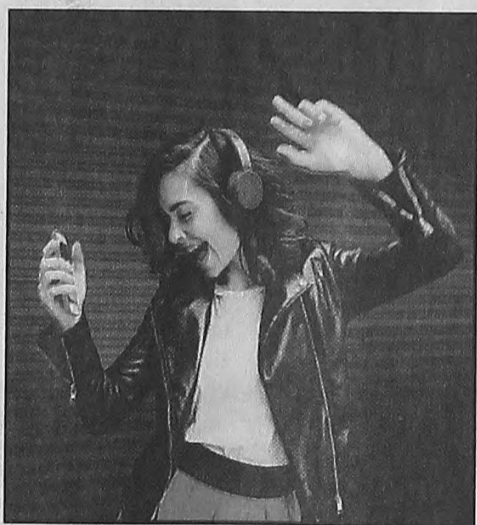
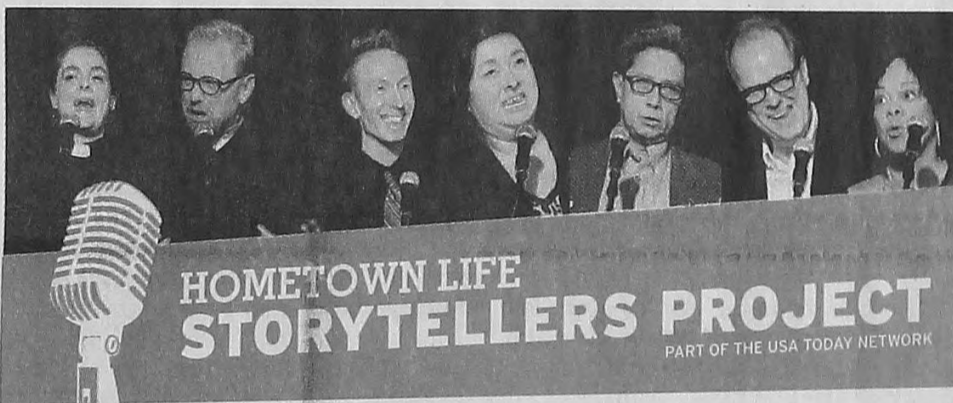
Livonia native and 1974 Franklin High grad Dan Longeway (Brighton), took first-place low gross honors senior flight (50-and-over) with 79-73-152 total.

Longeway, member at Western Golf & Country Club, earned a \$175 gift card and trophy, while Livonia's Bill Himm, a dentist, was runner-up with 75-79-154 (and \$120 gift card).

Garden City's Steve Geanides took low net with 139 (\$115 gift card), while Canton's Don Mullett was second with 141 (\$90 gift card).

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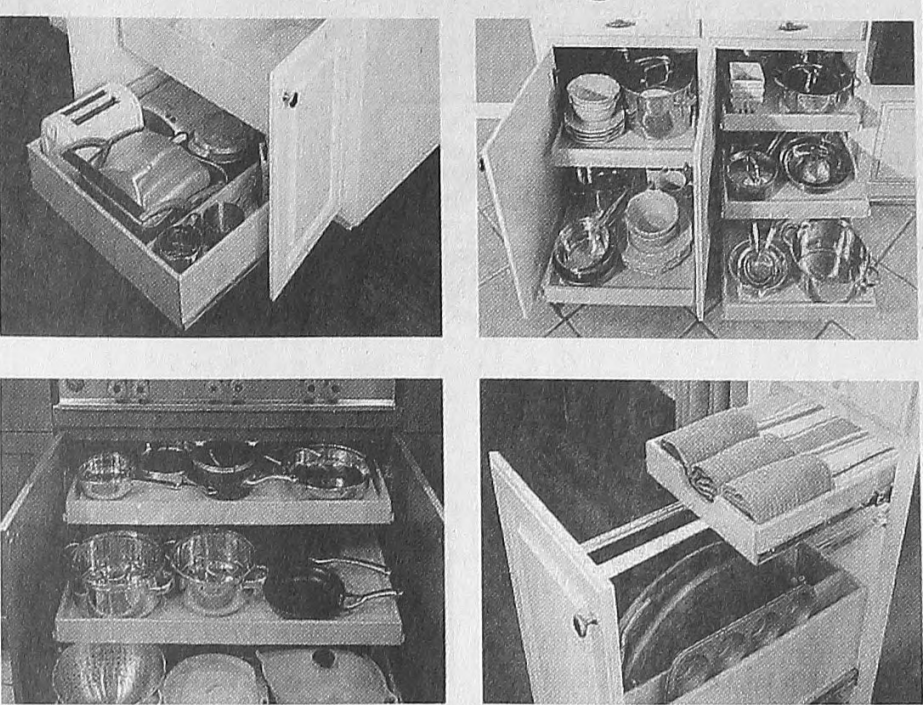


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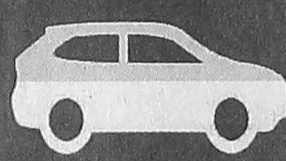
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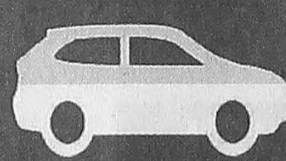
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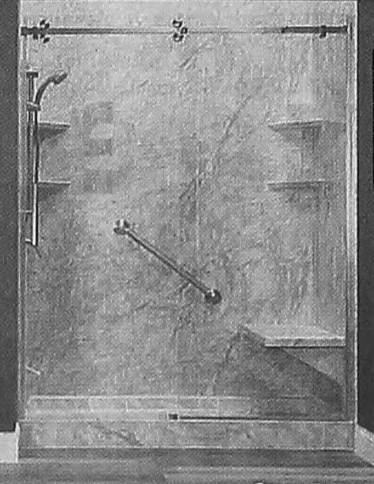
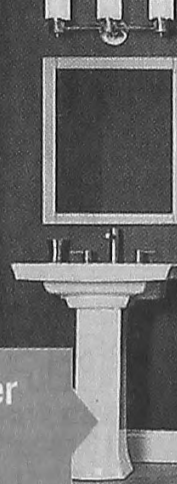
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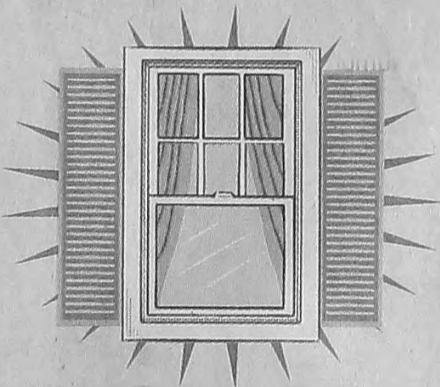
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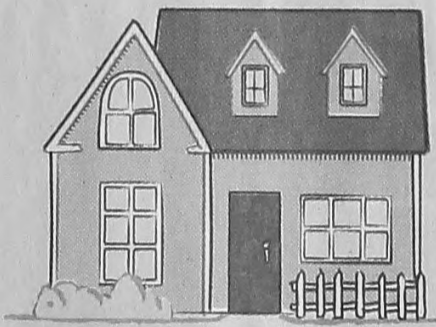
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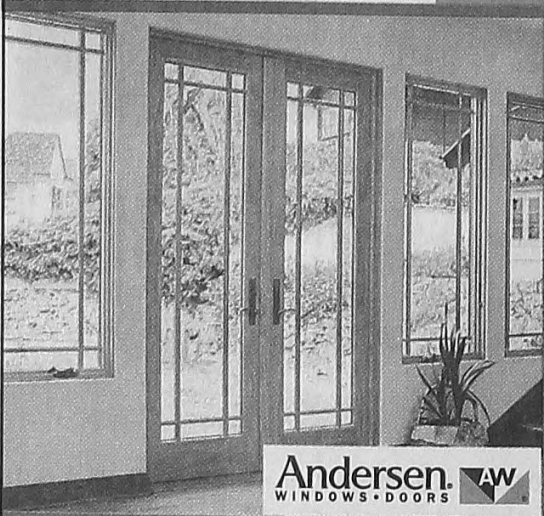
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### 3 qualities that make you an effective team player

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The term "team player" is so often used as an essential professional attribute that it's become a well-worn cliché — but that doesn't make it any less of a valuable skill to have if you want to be successful at work, regardless of your occupation or industry.

Being able to work well with others and being regarded by your colleagues as an effective team player can lead to a wealth of promising career opportunities. People will tend to seek you out when assembling teams for projects (which are more likely to be successful when the members of your team work well together), peers and superiors will turn to you for collaborations that can enhance your visibility and profile, you'll increase your chances of impressing your colleagues and others will want to support you and celebrate your success as you climb your personal career ladder.

Although some folks seem to be able to work well with others no matter what the situation or mix of personalities they find themselves in, for others it's not quite that simple. Not everyone is a natural team player, but everyone can become one with a little effort.



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Yes, your work environment and the nature of the work you do will go a long way toward dictating what makes an effective team player in your world, but there are some fundamental personal qualities that most effective team players seem to possess — and use — to their advantage when opportunities to collaborate arise. If you have the following three qualities, be sure to use them to your advantage at work and keep them polished and sharp.

If not, consider building these skills to maximize your chances of achieving success:

**Patience**  
 Great team players typically have an abundance of patience in their reserves, which comes in really handy when juggling the diverse personalities and work styles of team members.

It can be easy to get frustrated in collaborative work settings, especially when one (or more than one) team member is tough to work with or tries to exert unwanted control over the group, or when the project doesn't go as well as initially planned.

However, those who are known to be effective team

members have the patience and self-control to keep themselves and others calm, cool and collected, which helps to keep colleagues and work projects on track.

**Flexibility**  
 A close relative of patience, flexibility allows team players to roll with the punches when things get volatile or tumultuous during a group effort at work and can pivot effectively when a project takes an unexpected turn or requires a course correction.

While some folks lose control when things don't go

according to plan during the life cycle of a project, those who are good team players are flexible enough to swerve when change is needed — without putting added stress or strain on their team members.

**Reliability**  
 Reliability is where the "rubber meets the road" on a project, and effective team members consistently deliver in this area.

When collaborating on a project, they are well aware of what they are responsible for and make sure that they deliver as planned and on schedule, allowing their team members to focus on their tasks without having to worry about weak links, with the end result being that the collaborative effort becomes greater than the sum of its parts.

If you set your sights on strengthening your skills in the areas mentioned here, you will improve your ability to work with others and gain a reputation as someone people can count on in any collaborative situation, big or small.

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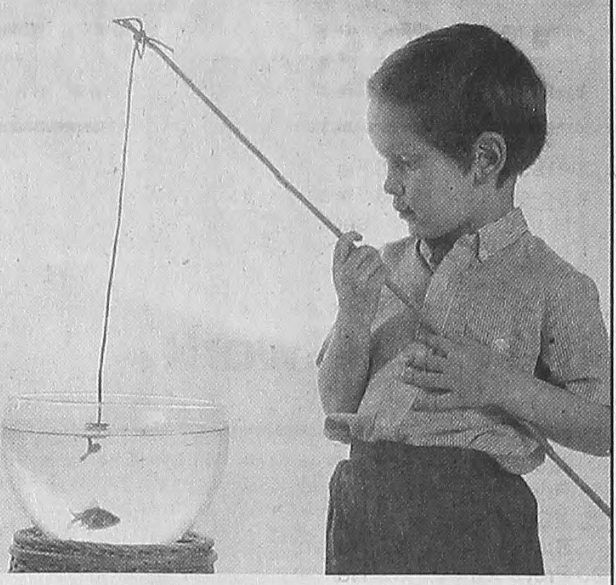
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### ACROSS

- 1 No-elevator multistory building
- 7 Prefix with bar or belief
- 10 Long tales
- 15 Boo-boo
- 19 Consider identical
- 20 Go-between: Abbr.
- 21 Roping event
- 22 NCAA's Bruins
- 23 Protection for many bank tellers
- 26 "— cost ya!"
- 27 Closeout, e.g.
- 28 Preamble
- 29 Puzzler's cry
- 30 Net vending
- 31 Kinnear of Hollywood
- 33 Reflections
- 36 Connecticut state song
- 41 Spanish bull
- 42 Actor Ed
- 43 Yoko of the avant-garde
- 44 Mall binge, maybe
- 48 Get a pic of
- 51 Wooden peg
- 52 "In a pickle," e.g.
- 54 Part of ERA
- 55 "Bear" of the outback
- 56 Insignia
- 58 Three-section holder of bills
- 61 52, to Livy
- 62 Spanish surrealist
- 64 See 6-Down
- 65 Simpson judge Lance
- 66 Probe for
- 68 Journals
- 72 Really cries
- 76 Bass finale?
- 78 Notion, in Nancy
- 79 Yule song
- 81 Syllable after "oom"
- 82 Element like barium or radium
- 88 Hard but easily broken
- 90 Verse-writing, old-style
- 91 1940s pres.
- 92 Pricey hotel offering
- 94 Pact of the U.S., Can. and Mex.
- 95 University of Kentucky's — Arena
- 96 Some aria singers
- 98 Vintage auto inits.
- 99 Adept
- 100 Conflicted
- 102 Arbitrary security inspection
- 105 Collection for the Red Cross, say
- 110 Shrewd
- 111 Keno cousin
- 112 Water, in Nancy
- 113 Tweaks text
- 115 Unbox, e.g.
- 119 Napoleonic exile locale
- 120 2014 Kentucky Derby winner
- 124 Pennant, e.g.
- 125 From Tehran or Tabriz
- 126 Elegant shade tree
- 127 1991 horror film sequel subtitled "The Awakening"
- 128 "Rent" actor
- 129 Pastis base
- 130 South Korea's Kim — jung
- 131 Tech giant whose name can precede nine words in this puzzle
- 3 Abatement
- 4 Frilly green
- 5 Rugged truck, in brief
- 6 With 64-Across, snookums or sweetie, say
- 7 Real nice
- 8 "— it!" (outfield call)
- 9 Extra entryway for bad weather
- 10 Physicist's work unit
- 11 Diametrically opposite
- 12 Sun Valley's state
- 13 Romero or Franck
- 14 "Help me!"
- 15 Parts of many rock songs
- 16 Eight-sided
- 17 Stan's pal in old films
- 18 Drops
- 24 — à-terre
- 25 Kitchen wrap
- 30 Genre of rock
- 31 Coagulated
- 32 Fam. member
- 34 High- — graphics
- 35 Suffix with favor or zinc
- 36 Mountaintop melodies
- 37 Societal breakdown
- 38 Tyro, slangily
- 39 "The Spy Who Loved Me" actor
- 40 Getting the job done
- 45 Brochure or blurb, maybe
- 46 Settle from the bench
- 47 Terminus
- 49 Stein drink
- 50 Too glib
- 52 Skye, e.g.
- 53 Babysitters, e.g.
- 55 "Krazy —"
- 57 Cuban patriot
- 59 Terrif
- 60 Less naive
- 63 Most frigid
- 67 Compact SUV model
- 69 "— a Nightingale"
- 70 Singer Chris
- 71 Basketball's Bryant
- 73 Select
- 74 Like Latvia or Lithuania
- 75 Sword cover
- 77 Duplicious
- 80 Actor Hal
- 82 Mo. with Arbor Day
- 83 Reed of rock
- 84 Held off
- 85 Flyers' gp.
- 86 Blushed
- 87 Hurried, quaintly
- 89 "Sharknado" actress Reid
- 93 Occurred gradually
- 96 House pest
- 97 Mysore "Mr."
- 99 Ending of enzymes
- 101 Los del — ("Macarena" duo)
- 103 Chevy debut of 2004
- 104 Plateau's kin
- 105 Rock fissure
- 106 Shout out, colloquially
- 107 Hanker
- 108 — Lama
- 109 Devastates
- 114 Visiting
- 115 Black-and-white cookie
- 116 Atari classic
- 117 Jannings of "Quo Vadis"
- 118 "54" actress
- 120 U.S. org. with moles
- 121 Archaic "Curses!"
- 122 Machine part
- 123 Gp. with a copay

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

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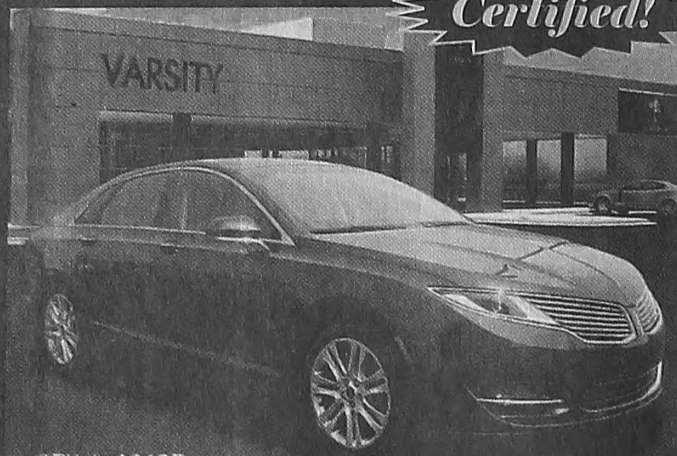
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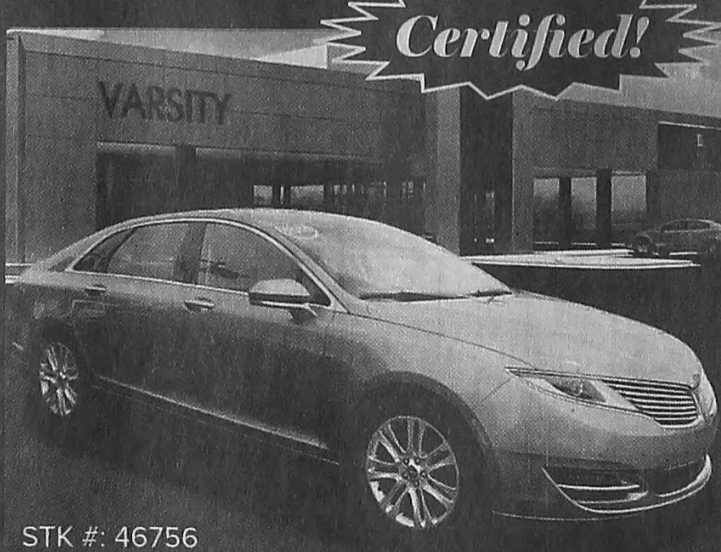
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