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Man charged with murder due in court

Probable cause hearing
scheduled for Oct. 19

David Veselenak
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A Westland man accused of killing his roommate earlier this month will return to a courtroom in October after his lawyers requested more time.

Jovica Nikoloski, 22, went Thursday before 18th District Judge Mark McConnell for a probable cause conference in his case, where he is charged with first-degree murder.

His attorney, Mike Smith, had asked McConnell to adjourn the probable cause conference for six weeks so he

could collect documents related to the case.

But McConnell declined and instead sent both the prosecuting attorney and defense counsel to District Judge Sandra Cicirelli's courtroom, as the case was assigned to her.

Cicirelli said she would not schedule a probable cause conference that far in advance.

"Not going six weeks out, gentlemen," she said. "Absolutely out of the question."

Instead, Cicirelli adjourned the probable cause conference for Oct. 19. A preliminary examination, which will determine if there's enough evidence for the case to head to trial, will take place Oct. 26. Both hearings will hap-

pen in Westland's 18th District Court.

Nikoloski was charged after police were called Sept. 9 to his apartment in the 6500 block of Yale, in the Skygate Apartments complex. There, police found his roommate, 25-year-old Spase Grazhdani, with stab injuries. He died of his injuries.

Police say Nikoloski stabbed Grazhdani in the early morning hours, took a shower and left the apartment for a few hours. He returned around noon and called police then.

Nikoloski faces up to life in prison if convicted. He remains locked up in the Wayne County Jail without bond.

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Jovica Nikoloski is arraigned on a charge of first-degree murder Sept. 12 in the Westland courtroom of Judge Sandra Cicirelli in the stabbing death of his roommate Spase Grazhdani. FILE PHOTO



Scott Molitor (left), Ron Wells, Kevin VilleMonte and Matt Dalley get a training run in at Hines Park. DAN DEAN

Runners to trek from Motor City to Windy City

Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

Ron Wells has a big heart and strong legs. He will put both to the test when he joins three other like-minded local runners on a trek from Detroit to Chicago beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the Spirit of Detroit statue at the foot of Woodward Avenue.

"All four of us - (Wells), Kevin VilleMonte, Scott Molitor and Matt Dalley - have a compassionate heart for people who are hurting or are in need," said Wells,

of Plymouth Township. It is the reason he ran 43 miles to celebrate his 43rd birthday while raising \$1,100 for his running team charity, World Vision.

After Wells finished completing the IRONMAN Wisconsin in 2015 he was "looking for something else to challenge me even more."

"At the time, I was thinking about what I could do to up my game," he said. "That's when I got the idea of doing something bigger."

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Students get a close-up experience of court system

Judges bring their courtrooms to Franklin Middle School

LeAnne Rogers
hometownlife.com

Westland and Wayne judges had a much bigger audience than usual for court proceedings recently — about 550 Franklin Middle School students who witnessed court at their school.

Wayne 29th District Judge Laura Mack and Westland 18th District judges Mark McConnell and Sandra Cicirelli all handled their dockets at the school in honor of Constitution Day.

The courts began finding defendants for the school sessions back in the summer — all agreed to have their cases heard before the students. All misdemeanor cases, the defendants were facing charges ranging from drunken driving and driving with a suspended license to shoplifting and fraud.

The students were paying attention — there was a lot of paper shuffling as the students looked at packets of case information when defendants were called before the judge.

After sentencing some defendants

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Defendant David Boyer (left) is sentenced for possession of marijuana. When offered a chance to offer advice to the students, he told them "Listen to your parents." BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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to community service, McConnell explained that defendants have an alternative to jail sentences.

"It is also an opportunity to serve the community where the offense happened. The work program cleans and maintains municipal buildings and parks," McConnell said. "They help the fire department by painting fire hydrants. It sounds small, but think how many fire hydrants are in your neighborhood. They are all over town."

After several cases involving suspended driver's licenses, McConnell offered students some advice. "You can get a suspended driver's license for a lot of reasons. Your driver's license is the most impor-



Judge Mark McConnell presides at Franklin Middle School in Wayne. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

tant asset you'll ever have," he said. "You can't get to work and make money if you have a suspended license. Follow the rules of the road."

Another tip from McConnell, who issued bench warrants for several no-show defendants, was to tell students that, if they did ever end up having to make a court appearance, to make sure they get pulled over or have some other contact with police, he said.

Asked why he wanted to be a judge, McConnell said he thought being a judge would be a good way to give back to the community after working more than 13 years as a Westland city prosecutor. "I really like the law, writing and researching. We handle a lot of the same issues, so I was well-prepared for this," he said.

During her session, Mack spent time talking about the Constitution and going over the first 10 amendments, which guarantee free speech, protection from unreasonable search and seizure, the right against self-incrimination and double jeopar-



The school cafeteria is turned into a courtroom for the day by order of the state Supreme Court, giving students the chance to watch real defendants, lawyers and judges for Constitution Day. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

dy. "It's a pretty remarkable document. The first three words are particularly important: 'We the people.' It was written and revised over and over again, so that's not an accident," Mack said. "The power comes from us the people, not the will of the king or a tyrant. It applies to all of us. It's what we call the rule of law. Before this, you only had the rights the king gave you. You lost property or could be executed without even knowing why."

The students had been focusing on the Constitution in recent classes,

teacher Dave Mason said, adding special attention had been paid to the separation of powers and the role of the courts. Most of the students were eighth-graders, but some advanced seventh-grade students also participated.

"We do talk about the cases (on the docket) before and after court. We talk about democratic core values," Mason said. "We talk about making good choices and what you can do to stay out of trouble."

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RUNNERS

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"Bigger" certainly describes Steve Spear, the Team World Vision director who ran from Los Angeles to New York in 2013. Spear's run across America was the inspiration behind Wells's decision to run from Detroit to Chicago.

"I have a family, so I can't run across the country, because that would take me a few months," he said. "I could do something a little shorter. I've done the Chicago Marathon a couple of times and Team World Vision, which is the club I run for, is based out of Chicago, so what about a Detroit to Chicago run?"

Early last year, Wells jumped on Google maps and started planning a course between the Motor City and the Windy City.

"I put in Google maps that I wanted to walk it and what they gave me is, basically, the route I am taking," he said. "I had to tweak it a little bit."

It became a "group run" last summer, when Wells was mentioning his plan to a couple of friends. "I was just talking about what I was going to do," Wells said. "I was inviting anyone and trying to make this anything more than something I was doing.

And Kevin VilleMonte said that it sounds like fun and volunteered to join me. So I put out an invitation to a few other friends who I know like to run."

VilleMonte and Molitor of Canton, along with Dalley of Plymouth, answered the invitation and will be joining Wells on his run to Chicago.

The four runners began training, with a plan put together by Wells, in January.

The run is not a relay. Each runner will stride the 280 miles from Detroit to Chicago, averaging about 28 miles each day. The first day, Wednesday, Sept. 27, will take them from the Spirit of Detroit to Ypsilanti. The second day will finish near Manchester.

They will get to sleep in their own beds those two nights, but the rest of the trip will include nights in either a campground or hotel.

They should cross the finish line - Buckingham Fountain in Chicago - on Friday, Oct. 6.

But all four say that they are not done at that point. Two days after finishing the Detroit-Chicago run, Wells and Dalley plan to run the Chicago Marathon. Wells also has plans to recover for seven days and then run the Detroit Free Press Marathon on Oct. 15 with Molitor, while VilleMonte plans to run the half-marathon that



All four runners are raising funds for World Vision during their 280-mile, 10-day run. DAN DEAN

same day.

And anyone interested in running parts of the trip with the foursome is welcome to join them. Those will be what Wells calls "the relay runners." To follow the run and keep track their progress, follow them on the DetChi Facebook page.

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to

working with children, families and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice, including disaster relief. World Vision is the largest non-governmental provider of clean water in the world, reaching more than 4.6 million new people with clean water last year alone.

"We have all run for Team World Vision for several years and the money we raise for this run will be going toward the development piece of World Vision," Wells said. "Scott, Matt and myself are raising money for clean-water projects in Africa. Kevin's money is going towards helping protect vulnerable children in high-risk areas of the world."

In 2013, Wells made a trip to Africa and discovered first-hand the importance of clean water. He learned that a child's chance of survival is doubled with something we in America take for granted.

With at least \$300 million invested in wells, dams, pipelines, purification systems and other measures, World Vision runs the largest privately funded water initiative in Africa.

"It was life-changing," Wells said of his trip to Africa. "World Vision does an amazing job down there. Clean water is the genesis for getting people out of poverty."

"My goal in 2017 is to inspire you to 'Go Farther Together' with me, either by pushing your own physical limits or by sacrificially giving for the sake of others."

VilleMonte ran two marathons (Detroit and Chicago) as part of the World Vision team, but wondered if he was doing enough. "More than 115

million children worldwide are subjected to the worst forms of child labor, including trafficking for commercial sex exploitation and hazardous physical labor and abuse," he said. "And all I do is run a mere 26 miles."

He said the run from Detroit to Chicago is a chance to do more.

"Together, we can change lives around the world," he said.

Dalley says he has an "insatiable desire to keep surpassing my last major achievement."

"With God, no dream is too big or out of reach. I know what it feels like to run 100 miles. But this adventure will test me in new ways, not to mention the goal to provide clean water for at least 200 people. I'm excited to push myself, let God pull me beyond my limits and see how many lives will be impacted in the process."

Molitor has been with Team World Vision for five years.

"I've been personally involved in the transformation of more than 300 lives in Africa and countless more right here in Detroit (including my own)," he said. "Each year, I have said 'yes' to a goal that seems beyond my reach yet, with God and others, I have seen it come to fruition over and over again."

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Six Westland parks to receive improvements

Six major Westland parks are slated for large-scale recreational improvements, thanks in part to funding assistance by the state of Michigan and Wayne County.

State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, announced Aug. 23 that he had secured a \$300,000 grant from that state of Michigan for funding of park improvements at Westland's Voss Park on the city's east side. The Westland City Council has also approved an intergovernmental agreement between Wayne County and the city of Westland to utilize parks millage funding from fiscal years 2015-17 in the amount of \$101,050 for park improvements.

Parks to receive updates include:

» Voss Park (30600

Palmer Road) will have two of the existing four baseball fields converted into four new little league football practice fields equipped with an equipment storage garage, new spectator bleachers and park signage. The remaining two baseball fields will receive new fencing, foul poles, dugouts, bleachers and updated lighting. The existing basketball court will be removed and re-sited on the south end of the park. All parking lots will also be repaved. This project is being funded by the \$300,000 grant from the state.

» Jaycee Park (6200 N. Wildwood) will see improvements including parking lot re-pavement and new baseball diamond fencing all three baseball diamonds and will include new dugouts, benches, foul poles

and safety capping along the outfield fencing. This project was funded with \$83,399 of the millage allocation, along with \$14,068 from Westland's capital outlay fund. (Work has already begun).

» Rotary Park (601 Hanlon Avenue) will see recreational improvements this year with the removal and replacement of the park's current baseball fencing, dugouts and foul poles. The project will be funded with \$55,964 from the city's capital improvement fund.

» Stottlemeyer Park (4801 Dancy Boulevard) will begin to have its amenities modernized along with repairs for walking paths and the repaving of the existing tennis and basketball courts. The Wayne County millage funding will allocate \$17,561 to

be used to complete this project, with an additional \$68,368 coming from the city's capital improvement fund.

» Cayley Park (33982 Grand Traverse) is scheduled to have a new basketball court installed. Funding for this project is being provided by a CDBG grant in the amount of \$45,000.

» Lincoln Field (33800 Grand Traverse) has also received a \$100,000 grant from MEDC, which will be applied toward a walking path, pavilion and parking lot repaving services.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to revitalize a major portion of the city's parks portfolio at a time where experts are encouraging parents to keep their children active," Mayor William Wild said.

Westland buys new cardiac monitors

Westland City Council has approved the purchase of five new cardiac monitor/defibrillators through Physio Control for \$159,758. The current Philips monitor/defibrillators were originally purchased from 2008-10.

Philips is experiencing a class 1 recall issued from the FDA concerning battery connection issues that may cause the device from powering up, charging and delivering an electrical shock therapy. The units being replaced are included in the recall and currently Philips has no solution in place to correct these devices, nor is it able to repair current devices.

Westland fire had reached out to Zoll Medical and Physio Control for loaner devices and removed from service the affect-

ed units while reviewing the situation and awaiting council approval. This purchase is being funded through the capital improvement fund.

"I am very pleased with this purchase and thankful to our city leaders in recognizing and delivering on our current needs, to enable our department to continue to deliver quality care," Fire Chief Michael Stradtner said.

"These new units will help the Westland Fire Department to continue to deliver the patient care our community expects from their professional firefighters," Mayor William R. Wild said. "This was an essential purchase to address any potential issues that could have been experienced with the continued use of the recalled devices."



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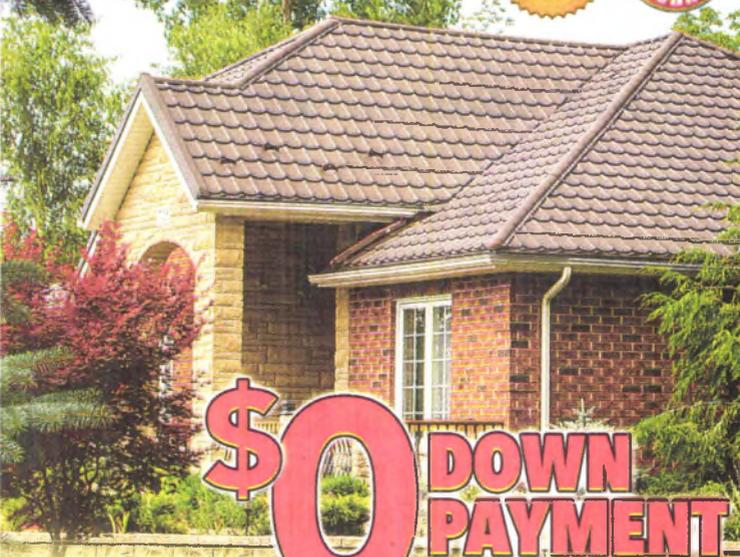
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Panel on human trafficking highlights Giving Hope meeting

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6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, at the PARC (Plymouth Arts and Recreation Center), 650 Church Street, as part of its annual meeting.

The panel discussion, scheduled for 7:15-8:15 p.m., features Angela Aufdemberge, CEO of Vista Maria; Todd Mutchler, Northville Township public safety director; and Thomas Tiderington, Plymouth Township police chief and a member of the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission.

Aufdemberge, is a frequent speaker and

writer about this issue in southeast Michigan. Vista Maria is the only licensed and contracted human trafficking treatment program for girls in the state. The Our Wings Program helps rescue and restore the lives of victims of human trafficking.

Cost is \$25 per person and includes appetizers and desserts by Everyday Edibles. Tickets can be purchased online by Oct. 11 at <http://www.cantonfoundation.org>

For ticket questions, contact Christina Bair at 734-844-7182 or the Canton Community Foundation at 734-495-1200.

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle is a donor-advised fund of the Canton Community Foundation.

WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

Molotov cocktails found in garbage

A resident who lives in the 34800 block of Glover called Wayne police Sept. 14 to report a suspicious man in the area.

She said she saw the man walking near her vehicle. She went outside and told him to leave, though he said "nothing is going to happen." He later walked away and disappeared near her garage. She later heard a loud noise and recognized it as her garbage can lid. She went outside and found two glass beer bottles full of gasoline with rags sticking out. She could not locate the man believed to have put them there. Police arrived and gathered the Molotov cocktails as evidence.

Burglary reported

Police were called Sept. 7 to a home in the

4100 block of South Wayne on the report of a burglary.

The caller said he had been asleep that afternoon. He woke up and found the front door to the residence open. His daughter, who was out running errands that afternoon, returned to the home and discovered several items missing, including a television and two iPads.

Cars broken into at Beaumont

Police were called Sept. 15 to Beaumont Hospital, 33155 Annapolis, on the report of several vehicles getting broken into.

Police arrived and spoke to a victim, who said he parked his car that morning at the hospital. He came out later that day and found a window smashed and his radio touch screen taken out. Another victim told

police she parked her car at about the same time and came out that afternoon to find a window smashed and a pair of purses missing. The purses contained credit cards and cash. Beaumont reviewed security footage and informed police they were able to determine some information on the suspect's vehicle.

License plate stolen

A visitor at Wayne RESA, 33500 Van Born, filed a police report Sept. 11 to report her license plate had been stolen.

She said she went to the offices for a meeting Sept. 9. She came out to the parking lot afterward and found her plate was missing. She said she believed it had been stolen.

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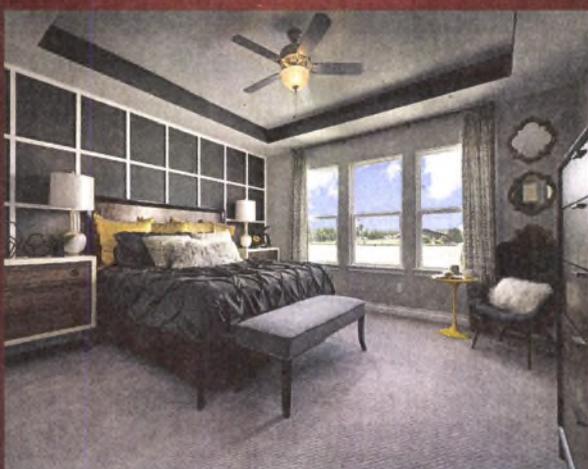
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88.1 the Park to present 'Vinyl Recall' exhibit

To mark 45 years of broadcasting excellence at 88.1 The Park, WSDP-FM presents "Vinyl Recall," an exhibit of iconic albums that have influenced the station's sound and its student-staff since 1972.

The exhibit, sponsored by Pat Milliken Ford in Redford, will be held at PARC (Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex), 650 Church Street. The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, run from Oct. 24 through Nov. 16. Hours are 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The exhibit will also be open 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 and 11.

"The exhibit is an opportunity to give back to the community that has supported the station for 45 years," said Bill Keith, WSDP station

manager. "We reached out to station alums to help determine the most iconic 45 albums in the station's history. These albums represent the music that has influenced the students who worked at the station, and by extension the music that shaped the Plymouth-Canton community."

The exhibit, which will be housed on the first floor of PARC, includes 10 different sections, including The '80s, Hall of Famers, Girl Power, Heavy Rock and more. "The exhibit actually includes 50 albums — there is a bonus section titled Detroit Natives," said June Kirchgatter, a station alum and 1983 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. Kirchgatter serves on the station's

advisory board and is curating the exhibit on behalf of the station. "The music scene in Detroit and Ann Arbor definitely shaped the sound of the station, so we added this section to round out the exhibit," he noted.

There is also an interactive time line of the past 45 years, including key milestones at the station, in the music industry and current events (i.e., Facebook launched). "There is a little bit here for everyone," Keith said. "We want the exhibit to bring back memories of people's time in high school, while also giving people a taste of what the station is playing today."

For more information, contact Keith at 734-416-7732 or bill.keith@pccsk12.com.

WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

Wallet taken

A resident who lives in the 32000 block of Avondale came to the Westland police station Sept. 15 to report the theft of a wallet.

She said her wallet was taken from the center console of her husband's vehicle while parked in the driveway of her home. She said the car was parked and unlocked overnight and, when she came back to the car, it was rummaged through. She checked the center console and found the wallet was missing. It contained cash, a debit card, insurance card and military ID. No suspect information was available.

Car broken into

A resident who lives in the 3300 block of Warren came to the police station Sept. 16 to report a larceny from an auto.

The resident said he parked his car Sept. 10 in his driveway. He returned to it Sept. 15 and found it rummaged through. He said he believed the vehicle was locked, but there was no signs of forced entry. He said some cash and a dash cam were missing.

Bicycles stolen

Police were called Sept. 17 to the 6200 block of North Wayne on the report of some stolen bicycles.

The victim said his children's bicycles were in the hallway of his apartment complex overnight. When he went to grab them that day, he found they were missing. No suspect information was available.

Window shattered

Police were called Sept. 13 to Oak Lanes, 8450 Middlebelt, on the report of a vehicle that

was broken into.

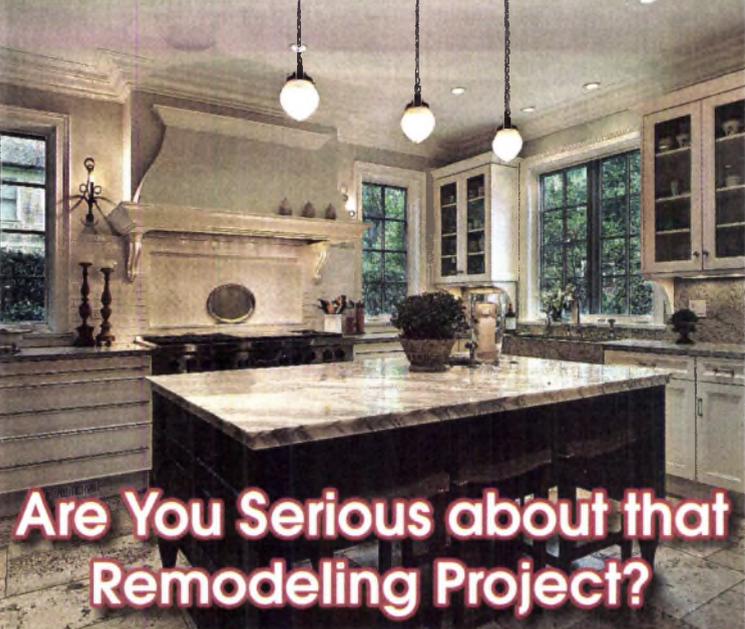
The victim said he parked his car in the parking lot earlier in the evening. When he came back, he found someone had shattered his vehicle's front passenger window. Police saw the broken window and saw the radio was missing.

Door broken in

A resident who lives in the 32000 block of Mason Court called police Sept. 13 to report an attempted burglary.

She said she left for work in the morning and returned home that evening, where she found the front door forced open. It appeared nothing was missing. Police did observe wood on the door jam to be cracked and no evidence appeared to be left behind.

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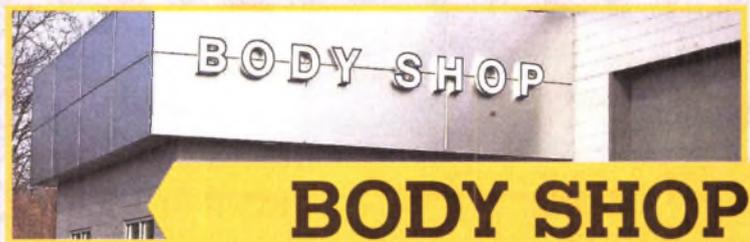


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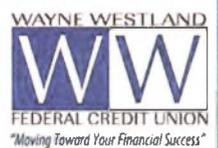


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Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit one-nation.usatoday.com.

Rachid Ouedraogo is making a difference in the lives of homeless people and the poor all over the world.

Originally from Burkina Faso in West Africa, Ouedraogo moved to the United States in 2001. He became an American citizen in 2015.

He came when his father took a job teaching French in Iowa, then Massachusetts, finally landing a position as a French professor at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Ouedraogo went to Lafayette High School, where, at 6-foot-5, he played basketball and helped his team win the state championship. He earned his undergraduate and MBA from UL and now works as an accountant at Lafayette General Health.

One Sunday, Ouedraogo, 27, and his girlfriend headed to the grocery store, bought water and food and proceeded to drive downtown looking for anyone who might need help.

"It was hard to tell at first," Ouedraogo explained. "Sometimes you can't tell. But some people were looking in the trash for food. One guy was literally digging in the trash."

"In about 30 minutes, we met 10 people. They were all thankful. ... One told us, 'This made my day,' because he had nothing to eat. If we hadn't given him food, he would not have eaten."

Ouedraogo also volunteers with RESULTS, made up of people who use their voices to influence political decisions that will end poverty. "We try to make a difference through legislation," Ouedraogo said. "We set up meetings with legislators to (ask) them to allocate funds for those who need help."



Rachid Ouedraogo, a naturalized U.S. citizen, spends his spare time working to end poverty.
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Ouedraogo describes his childhood in Burkina Faso as fairly normal, but says he did witness a lot of poverty. He would like to return to his hometown, to help there as well. But now, his home is in Lafayette, where he believes there is plenty of need right in his own backyard.

"I am an American now, and these are my people," he said. "In America, we have the means to help others. We need to just find the time to do it. I feel like I need to give back. If I can make a difference, we all can."

ONE NATION Nominate an American

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Q&A WITH RACHID OUEDRAOGO

What does it mean to you to be an American?

For me, being an American means being able to help others. I'm a leader, and I'm also a volunteer, and I really want to be the voice for those in my community who need help and those that really need our attention and our care.

What moment touched or motivated you to get involved?

I've always wanted to help others, but I didn't know how to do that. I just enjoy giving back, even if it's just donating blood or feeding the homeless or being a part of RESULTS.

What gives you hope and what concerns you?

My No. 1 concern is food waste. I feel like there is a lot of food waste in America and in Lafayette. We can find a way to get all this food to these people that need it, but I know that me going downtown and helping people, that's not enough. We need to do more. But what gives me hope is the youth and the young people in this country. And I want to get them involved.

What do you hope to accomplish?

So I got the idea to use hashtags — #selflessunday and #selflessaturday — and to put a weekend aside to help others and post about it. And this will encourage people to see what you've done. Your friends can see great work that you've done and follow in your footsteps.

Rachid Ouedraogo

Home: Lafayette, Louisiana

Age: 27

Profession: Accountant with Lafayette General Health in Lafayette

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Loaning money to family, friends always carries risk



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Q: About five years ago, I co-signed and loaned money to my then daughter-in-law. At the time, it was our understanding that she would make all the payments on the loan that I co-signed and, with the money that I loaned her, she was going to repay me in 10 years. This year, my son and daughter-in-law were divorced. As a result, she shut down her business and went back to Spain, where she is from. The problem is, she has stopped making payments to the bank. The bank has notified me that I am responsible for the payments. My belief is, since my son and daughter-in-law were divorced and the divorce settlement says she must continue to make payments on the loan, I should not be held liable. I did talk to a family friend who is an attorney and he told me that I'm responsible. My question to you: Is he right and is there anything that I can do?

A: I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but I do agree with the at-

torney that you are responsible to repay the loan. The fact that in the divorce settlement your ex-daughter-in-law agreed to continue to make the payments has no bearing on the bank. The bank was not a party to the divorce, so it is not bound by the settlement. The bank is the only party that can remove you as a co-signer from the loan. The divorce — or even if your daughter-in-law had gone into bankruptcy — would have no effect on your responsibility as a co-signer on the loan.

My advice to you is see if you can negotiate something with the bank. In many situations, banks are willing to negotiate to reduce the outstanding balance of the loan. It may pay to have your attorney friend, if he feels qualified, contact the bank to see if it is willing to enter into a negotiation. You have nothing to lose by attempting to deal with the bank. It may surprise you that banks frequently will negotiate in situations such as yours.

Co-signing a loan for family and friends is always tricky. Not only can there be financial implications if something goes wrong, it can also have significant ramifications within the family that may be more

difficult to deal with than the financial issues. My advice to anyone who wants to co-sign a loan for a family member or friend is to always proceed with caution. I also tell them that, unless they can afford to repay the loan if there is a default, they need to think twice before co-signing. I recognize everyone wants to help family and friends, but sometimes you have to say no. You also need to consider how family dynamics will be affected if there is a default and you are forced to repay the loan.

If you are loaning money to a family member or friend, you should have everything put in writing. All too often, there is not a clear understanding that there are responsibilities on the borrower. It is important for the borrower to know that the loan has to be repaid in a timely manner. Putting everything in writing shows the seriousness of the transaction and that repayment is expected. Good luck!

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

PCA students to attend theater event



The Michigan School of Vocal Music Association has honored four high school students from Plymouth Christian Academy. Sophomore Noah Askew (from left), senior Ann Stein, freshman Isaac Cantrell and sophomore Hannah Askew have been selected to participate Sept. 30 in this year's Musical Theatre Intensive at Portage Northern High School. MSVMA selects 100 students throughout the state based on video audition submissions. The PCA students will attend this day-long master class in musical theater with college professors from the University of Michigan's School of Music, Theatre and Dance, as well as Carthage College and Oakland University.

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Campian



Viorel Reo 90, died Saturday, September 9, 2017 at his home in Bloomfield Hills surrounded by his family. Born in Detroit on April 30, 1927 to Zacharie and Susana Campian. Beloved husband of Sondra Lu Campian of 60 years, and brother of John Zacharie Campian. Survived by his dear children Marcia Lynn Campian-Scire (Charles), Jonathon Reo Campian (Cynthia) and Kimberley Rea Campian-Newberry (Daryl). Loving grandfather to 9 grandchildren (1 deceased) and 8 great-grandchildren. Detroit automotive magnate; founder (1949) of Modern Body Engineering. Governor Emeritus (Founded 1955) of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Visitation will be held at 3:00pm on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 4872 Ranch Lane, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, followed by a Celebration-of-Life memorial at 5:00pm. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cook



Kimberlee Grace 59, of Westland, formerly of New York City, passed away Friday, September 8, 2017 at the home of her brother Timothy in Farmington Hills. She was born August 12, 1958 in Detroit, MI to James and Elizabeth (Miller) Cook. Kim graduated in 1981 from Wayne State University with a Bachelors of Fine Arts (theater). She then moved to NYC and while pursuing an acting career worked as a waitress, most notably at Union Square Cafe restaurant. In 1996 Kim began her career as a licensed Massage Therapist and received her Board Certification in Structural Integration in 2007. She worked in that field until her death. She loved reading, playing games with family and friends, puzzles of all sorts, dancing, and of course, her cats. Kimberlee is survived by her loving parents, her brothers Timothy (Theresa) and Caleb (Brenda), nieces Cassandra, Hannah, and Naomi, nephew Travis (Stephanie) and her two grand-nieces Juliette and Fiona. A memorial service will be held on November 12, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Universalist Unitarian Church in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Donations in her honor could be made to the charity / foundation of your choosing.

Mack



Ronald H. "Ron", age 81, Plymouth resident for 58 years; passed away peacefully at Angela Hospice in Livonia with his family by his side on September 15, 2017. Dear husband of Shirley Mack, who preceded him in death on January 18, 1976, and Lorane Mack, who preceded him in death on September 30, 1998. Son of both the late Harold R. and Lucille A. Mack, loving father of Karen (Greg) Reske, Terry Kerby, Richard (Pamela) Mack; proud grandfather of Amy, Jason (Shannon), Ryan (fiancée Natalie), Gregory, Zach (Tessa), Maddie, Michael, Rachel (fiance Jacob), Randy, Courtney; great-grandfather of Megan, Kaden, and Axel. Ron retired from Burroughs as an engineer after 38 years. He proudly served in the US Air Force and Ohio National Guard. He also coached in the Junior Basketball Association for over 30 years, as well as being a huge University of Michigan football fan - Go Blue! Arrangements were made by Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (between Sheldon & Beck). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to: University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, Angela Hospice or Ward Church; To share a memory of Ron, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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Calvin M. August 17, 2017. Respected realtor and leader in the Birmingham/Bloomfield communities. Beloved husband of Janet. Dear father of Julie Chamberlain, Susan Hopper (Ken), Sally McCarthy, Cathy Howe (David) and grandchildren Michael, Mary-Kate and Matthew McCarthy, and Tyler, Tori, Courtney and Lindsey Howe. Memorial service and celebration of life will be September 29, 2017, at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Calvin's honor can be sent to "Crossroads for Youth" at 930 East Draher, Oxford, MI 48371 or on line to www.crossroadsforyouth.org. Please write "Calvin Chamberlain Memorial" in the memo line. View obituary and share memories at AJDesmond.com.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Garden City Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on a request to establish a carry-out restaurant at the property located at 30414 Cherry Hill Road (parcel 35-018-01-0001-000). Carry-out restaurants are a special land use in the C-1 Local Business District.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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PUBLIC NOTICE MINUTES OF REDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS AUGUST 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the approved minutes for meetings of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Redford for the month of August 2017 are posted at the following public places within the Township.

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CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENDA Zoning Board of Appeals

October 10, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.
Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor)
33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI
(734) 466 2259

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-09-54 (Tabled on September 12, 2017): Nicholas Roach, south side of Pollyanna (16303) between Farmington and Burton, seeking to erect a six (6) foot tall wood privacy fence upon a corner lot, resulting in excess fence height and erecting the privacy fence in the side yard, which is not allowed. Privacy fences cannot extend beyond the rear line of home toward the front property line. This fence does not align with the corresponding fencing to the rear of this property.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-10-56: Lazelle Jones, Jr., west side of Sunset (19943) between Fargo and Pembroke, seeking to construct a detached garage while maintaining an attached garage and shed, resulting in excess number of garages and garage area.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-10-57: Patsy Girmys, west side of Melrose (14611) between Lyndon and Barkley, seeking to erect a detached garage while maintaining an unenclosed carport (considered a garage), resulting in excess number of garages and garage area. The two existing accessory buildings shall be removed.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-10-58: Bridget David, east side of Milburn (20180) between Pembroke and Eight Mile, seeking to construct a detached garage, resulting in deficient side yard setback.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-10-59: William Boyington, north side of Alabama (31428) between Fredrick and Merriman, seeking to erect a six (6) foot tall vinyl privacy fence in the side yard, which is not allowed. Privacy fences cannot extend beyond the rear line of the home to the street.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-10-60: Lauren Mancini, 15408 Ellen Drive, Livonia, MI 48154, on behalf of Carlo Arciero, east side of Irving (18347) between Curtis and Pickford, seeking to erect a single family dwelling upon property, resulting in deficient area, width and front yard setback. Any existing buildings to be removed.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.

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CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921, as amended, the City Zoning Act (MSA 5.2934; MCLA 125.584) as well as Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the Council of the City of Livonia on **Monday, October 9, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.**, in the Auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

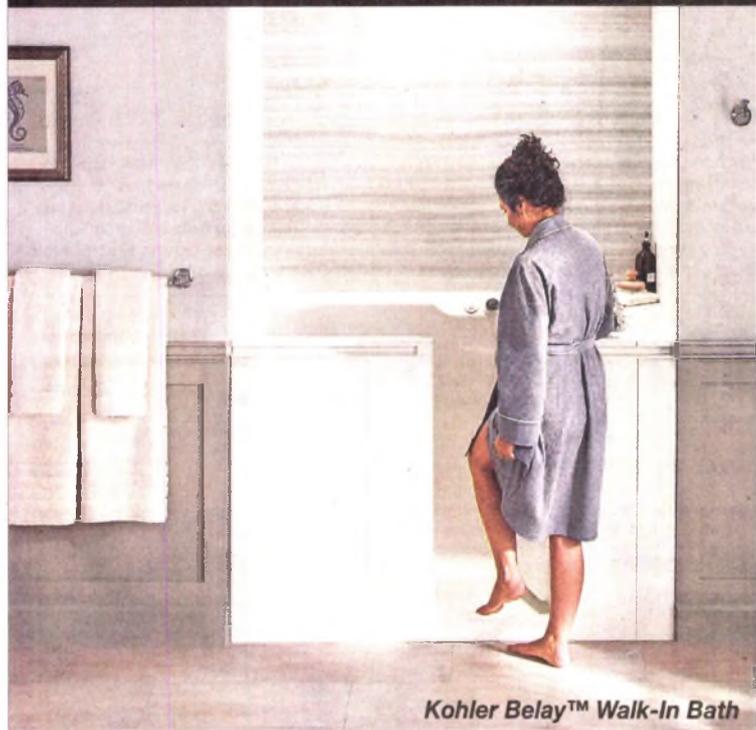
PETITION 2017-07-01-04 submitted by Elizabeth Nace, to rezone the property located on the west side of Middlebelt Road between Joy Road and Grandon Avenue (9039 Middlebelt Road) in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, from OS (Office Services) to R-1 (One Family Residential - 60'x120' Lot).

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Heartfulness Meditation

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 7-8:30 p.m.
The Heartfulness Meditation Program offers a simple set of relaxation and meditation exercises, which when practiced daily, help restore balance in life, manage stress, better your health, and most of all will lead to inner calm and peace.

Chess Club

Thursday, Sept. 28, 6-8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 30, 1-4:30 p.m.
Come to the Westland Chess Group and hang out and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess masters are all welcome. No sign-up required.

ESL Weekly Conversations

Friday, Sept. 29, 10-11:30 a.m.
Practice your English skills in a classroom setting with an emphasis on conversation. This 10-week session will be conducted by Auralie Messenger and will continue through Nov. 17.

Sack Lunch Film and Discussion Series

Monday, Sept. 25, noon to 2 p.m.
Bring a lunch and watch films that are centered on a theme. For September-November we will feature delicious films based on food, chefs and cooking. Stay after the film has ended to chat about it. Lite refreshments and beverages will be provided.

Noontime Book Club

Tuesday, Sept. 26, noon to 1:30 p.m.
Discuss "The Book That Matters Most" by Ann Hood. Copies of the

book will be available at the Reference Desk.

Intro to Microsoft PowerPoint

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 7-8 p.m.
Learn to make presentations using PowerPoint, with a focus on inserting and formatting text and pictures. Basic computer knowledge is necessary to take this class, and familiarity with Microsoft Word is preferred. You may bring a flash drive to save your work, but it is not required. Registration encouraged.

Computer Basics

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7-8 p.m.
This class is for people with no computer experience. Learn computer terminology, how to properly turn a computer on and off, using the mouse, and more. Registration encouraged.

Sci-Fi Book Club

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7-8:30 p.m.
A discussion of "Ancillary Justice" by Ann Leckie. Copies of the book are available at the Reference Desk.

Intro to Microsoft Word

Thursday, Sept. 28, 7-8 p.m.
This class requires basic computer knowledge and the ability to use a mouse. Registration encouraged.

Coloring for Calm

Monday, Oct. 2, 2-3 p.m.
Coloring books and supplies will be available for your use, but feel free to bring supplies from home. The program is offered on the first open Monday of the month.

Job Seeker Lab

Monday, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 6-8 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 3-5 p.m.
Are you a job hunter? Do you need assistance developing your resume or cover letter? Do you need help filing for unemployment, creating an email address or searching job boards and websites? We can help! Drop-in.

Intro to Excel

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m. to noon
The class covers basic terminology, formatting cells, and creating lists. Basic computer knowledge and familiarity with Microsoft Word is necessary. It is required to know how to use a mouse. Registration encouraged.

Explore Your Genealogy

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24, 7-8:30 p.m.
This four-part series will take users on journey, exploring genealogy from the basics of how to search to finding organizations and groups to help you grow your study. You will leave this program ready to search out family connections. Computers will be provided for the last three sessions, but feel free to bring your own device. Registration is required.

Understanding Medicare

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 6:30-8 p.m.
Jenn Shelton of Zeal Financial Advisors will explain the intricacies of Medicare and give you the tools to better understand the process. RSVP with Jenn Shelton of Zeal Financial Advisors at 734-466-6108.

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New software trains police on the use of deadly force

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The driver rolls down his window slowly. He knows why the police officer pulled him over.

"This is about the license plates, right?" he asks. "I just got them in the mail and haven't had time to put them on yet."

Without warning, the driver pulls out a handgun and shoots multiple rounds directly at the officer.

End of scenario. Inside a small room at the Farmington Hills Police Department, officers are honing their skills on a state-of-the-art interactive video simulator that immerses participants in real-time situations involving domestic disputes, active shooters, bank robberies and hundreds of other scenarios.

Originally designed for the military, the MI-LO Range Training System allows officers to train with handguns or Tasers that have the weight and feel of a real weapon, but instead fire infrared beams at a large projection screen. The same system also works with live ammunition.

"Reality-based training is absolutely the best training you can provide for officers," Farmington Hills Police Sgt. Brian Bastianelli said. "It's in real time, in real-life speed, and nothing can replicate that. It's one thing to sit in a classroom and learn about the use of force and be given instruction when it's appropriate and not appropriate. It's another thing to actually do it."

Farmington Hills, Franklin Village and Farmington police de-

partments recently purchased a MILO training system for slightly more than \$45,000. The three departments join agencies across the nation that are benefiting from the latest technology in virtual training exercises.

"It definitely helps in improving an officer's decision-making," Bastianelli said. "And it's not just making good decisions on the use of force, but the speed of their decision-making that's so critical."

Training days

In the line of duty, deadly situations unfold without warning. Police officers must decide within seconds how much force is necessary to neutralize a possible threat. The slightest mistake can prove deadly.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's latest statistics on police fatalities indicate there were 65 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty through June 2017, a 30-percent increase over the same period last year. Ambush-style killings jumped more than 150 percent between 2015 and 2016.

At the same time, incidents involving police officers using unnecessary force is a recurring storyline that every department faces - even when the incidents don't involve their officers.

"This system has a camera, so we can film the training session and go over it with the officer," Bastianelli said. "Let's say an officer is making bad use of force decisions - we'll bring them in for retraining

and we'll record every session. Hopefully, we'll see improvement. But if the officer doesn't show improvement, we'll follow policy to recommend retraining, up to disciplinary action or dismissal."

Standing in front of a large screen, Farmington Police Officer Scott Brown responds to a domestic dispute involving a man and woman in a cafeteria. Brown repeatedly orders the man to step back, but it's too late. Without any warning, the woman pulls out a knife and stabs the man in the chest.

"It's a split-second decision," Bastianelli said.

As the instructor handling the software, Bastianelli can tweak the scenarios depending on how the officer responds. Actual firearms are not allowed in the training room and all the IR weapons are clearly marked with red bands. The system also has sharpshooting exercises and other drills.

Farmington Hills Police Chief Charles Nebus said the purchase is a bargain value to the taxpayers in several ways: three communities split the purchase cost; three departments are enjoying the training; everyone benefits from a well-trained police force.

"In a real street situation, a bad decision or shot can result in the death of an innocent person or the police officer," Nebus said. "There are no 'do overs' on the street."

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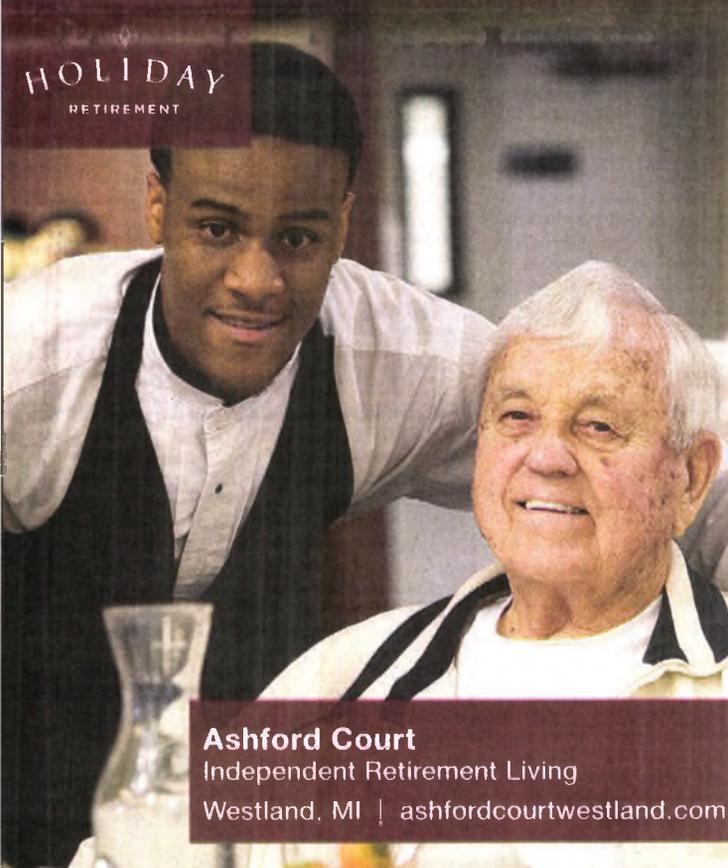
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Legal aid presentation

A free legal aid presentation will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne. The program will be presented by Elder Law and Advocacy Center of Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan. Topics discussed will be guardianship, wills, trusts, power of attorney, nursing homes, assisted living, senior housing and Medicare/Medicaid. Wayne County residents ages 60 and older are invited. You must be signed in by 12:30 p.m. and attend the presentation in order to receive individual assistance. Pre-registration is encouraged, but walk-ins will be welcome.

This program is being offered through the city of Wayne Senior Services Office. Call Nancy at senior services at 734-721-7460, ext. 260, to pre-register.

Free dental care event

Livonia Family Dental Center will have its fourth annual Dentistry From the Heart free dental care event for adults 18 and over that do not have access to dental care or dental insurance.

The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Livonia Family Dental Center, 15939 Middlebelt Road.

Patients will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. They may choose to have a filling, extraction or cleaning. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m.

The first 50 patients are guaranteed to be seen. Patients are encouraged to arrive early, dress appropriately as they may be waiting outdoors, and bring chairs, blankets, water and snacks. For more information, call 734-427-2222 or go to www.drglivoniaadental.com

Shred day in Livonia

Catholic Vantage Financial will host a complimentary Shred Day event for the community from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30. The public is invited to bring personal papers and documents for shredding at the credit union's branch at 36111 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

To aid individuals and families impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, Catholic Vantage Financial will be accepting monetary donations to be distributed by Catholic Charities and the Red Cross. Donations can also be made at the credit union's branch



Organist Christian Kreipke will present a concert Oct. 15 at St. Paul's Presbyterian in Livonia.

offices in Livonia and Plymouth.

For more information, go to www.mycvf.org.

Chocolate Affair

Hosted by The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Elizabeth Fagan Division is the 13th annual A Chocolate Affair. Enjoy an afternoon of tasting delightful chocolate specialties from area restaurants, bakeries, caterers and chocolate makers. A dazzling array of raffle items and door prizes will also be offered.

All funds raised will benefit First Step's program for counseling and emergency housing for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families.

It takes place 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, at Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Body Mind Spirit Festival

Enjoy a day of exploration and fun at the Body Mind Spirit Festival set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five

Mile Road.

More than 40 vendors will be showcasing their products that help body, mind, and spirit: aura photography, massage, spiritual coaching, wellness, natural healing, holistic health, metaphysics, natural health products, Reiki, Reflexology, readers, and more.

Presentations will be given on how to move through change, connect with energy, heal with sound, and access pets' radiant health; in addition, there will be information on the energy of prayer, float therapy, Reiki, essential oils, chiropractic medicine and understanding product labels.

Refreshments will be available; there will also be an activity center for kids.

Admission is \$5; children under 12 free with an adult.

Free senior luncheon

The Salem National Lutheran Church, 32430 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, will host a free senior luncheon at 11 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month. Call 734-422-

5550 for more information.

Dinner, silent auction

A spaghetti dinner and silent auction will be held 5-8 p.m. Oct. 6 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road. The auction ends at 8:15 p.m. Pre-sale tickets only. Ticket sales end Sept. 22.

Funds go to the general budget at St. Matthews to be used as necessary by the finance committee. Spaghetti, salad, dessert and beverages. Adults \$10, children 6 and under \$5.

Contact Peg Besecker for tickets at 734-718-5040.

Weekend Apart

Clarenceville United Methodist Church is hosting a Weekend Apart on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 29-30, with Rev. Dr. Bobby Cabot, a retired United Methodist pastor who now travels internationally with her 4½-day Healing School and for weekend healing conferences.

The cost will be a free-will offering. A light lunch will be provided for a donation on Sept. 30. For more information, contact Clarenceville UMC office by Sept. 22 at 248-474-3444 or clarencevillechurch@gmail.com. The church is at 20300 Middle Belt Road, Livonia.

Mom 2 Mom Sale

A Mom 2 Mom Sale is set for 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Cost is \$2 for early bird admission, \$1 after 9 a.m. and free at noon. Strollers are welcome.

For more information, email newburgmom2mom@gmail.com or go to www.facebook.com/NewburgMom2Mom.

Church rummage sale

Newburg United Methodist Church's upcoming rummage sale is set for 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Oct. 6, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 7. The church is at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia.

Cost is \$2 admission per adult Thursday only; admission is free Friday and Saturday. Saturday will be a half-price sale. For more information, call the church office at 734-422-0149.

Livonia native to give benefit concert

Organist Christian Kreipke, a Livonia native, returns to his home church, St. Paul's Presbyterian, to present a concert at 3 p.m. Oct. 15, titled "America, the Beautiful."

Though Kreipke now performs mainly as a classical organist, he got his start on the organ as a high school student playing at the Redford Theater. He later studied organ with Ray Ferguson at Wayne State University, and was given the opportunity to study in Cuba where he performed for an audience that included Fidel Castro.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is at 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. A free will offering will be taken. For more information, contact the church office at 734-422-1470.

Fordson class reunion

Fordson High School, Class of 1954, will hold a 63rd reunion luncheon Thursday, Oct. 5, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Stitt American Legion Hall, Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at 248-859-4187 or email PatGastonChiesa@patch629@aol.com.

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2006	KIA	SW	KNDMB233066073596	SEDONA	ACCIDENT	1608094	1
2008	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3LC56R98N177866	SEBRING	FIRE	1702390	2
2011	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNKRGE8J316138	TRAVERSE	FIRE	1703290	3
2016	DODGE	2D	2C3CDZAGXGH153724	CHALLENGER	ACCIDENT	1702985	4
2003	CHEVROLET	SW	1GCFG25T031172645	EXPRESS G2500	STOLEN / REC	1703551	5
2005	MERCURY	4D	2MHM75W5X5626758	GRAND MARQUIS	ARREST	1704349	6
2004	DODGE	4D	1B3EL36X84N191132	STRATUS	ABANDONED	1704370	7
2001	DODGE	SW	1B4GP24321B228630	CARAVAN	HAZARD	1705014	8
2005	SUZUKI	4D	KL5JD56Z55K206413	FORENZA	ACCIDENT	1705023	9
2008	KIA	4D	KNAGE123785204643	OPTIMA	ACCIDENT	1705109	10
2001	BUICK	4D	1G4HP54K61U296557	LESABRE	ARREST	1705130	11
2007	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3LC56KX7N680467	SEBRING	ARREST	1705132	12
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2009	FORD	4D	1FAHP35N29W168291	FOCUS	ACCIDENT	1705239	16
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2005	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNDV23LX5D215350	UPLANDER	ARREST	1705432	20
2008	CHEVROLET	4D	KL1TG56618B168433	AVEO	ABANDONED	1705552	21
2006	PONTIAC	2D	1G2ZM151X64211263	G6	ARREST	1705607	22
2005	MERCURY	4D	1MEFM55S15A633337	SABLE	ARREST	1705626	23
2006	PONTIAC	4D	2G2WF552161136006	GRAND PRIX	ARREST	1705701	24
2001	OLDSMOBILE	4D	1G3NL52T91C233604	ALERO	ARREST	1705702	25
1999	FORD	2D	1FTRX18WXXNA29312	F150	ABANDONED	1705704	26
2006	JEEP	SUV	1J8HG58256C219277	COMMANDER	ACCIDENT	1705717	27
2010	DODGE	4D	1B3CC1FB3AN221889	AVENGER	ACCIDENT	1705717	28
2012	TOYOTA	4D	2T3BF4DV3CW203730	RAV4	ABANDONED	1705735	29
1989	FORD	PU	1FTDF15Y6KLB17765	F150	ABANDONED	1705736	30
1997	FORD	SW	1FDKE30L4VHC06741	ECONOLINE	ACCIDENT	1705745	31
2005	FORD	PU	1FTRF12215NA96631	F150	ABANDONED	1705780	32
2003	CADILLAC	4D	1G6KD54YX3U247908	DEVILLE	ARREST	1705789	33
1997	CADILLAC	4D	1G6KY5296VU832987	SEVILLE	ARREST	1705791	34
2001	NISSAN	4D	3N1CB51D31L483304	SENTRA	ABANDONED	1705798	35
2007	FORD	SW	1FMDK02167GA11809	FREESTYLE	ACCIDENT	1705843	36
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2001	HONDA	4D	1HGCG56471A0113051	ACCORD	ABANDONED	1705853	38
1987	MAZDA	2D	JM1FC3318H0526248	RX7	ARREST	1705911	39
2004	MERCURY	4D	1MEHM55S14G612508	SABLE	ACCIDENT	1705932	40
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2013	DODGE	SW	2C4RDGB6DR516731	CARAVAN	ABANDONED	1705949	42
2007	SATURN	4D	1G8AW15B17Z156776	ION	ABANDONED	1705951	43
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2009	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WT57K19123871	IMPALA	ARREST	1705981	45
2002	JEEP	4D	1J4GW48S62C124246	GRAND CHEROKEE	ARREST	1705990	46
2007	CHEVROLET	2D	1G1AL15F877215215	COBALT	ABANDONED	1706102	47
2001	HONDA	SW	JHLRD18601C030418	CR-V	ACCIDENT	TITLE	48
2004	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1JF52F647230858	CAVALIER	ABANDONED	TITLE	49
2000	FORD	SW	1FTRE1429YHA10386	ECONOLINE	ACCIDENT	TITLE	50
1995	MERCURY	SW	4M2DV11W9SDJ83920	VILLAGER	ACCIDENT	TITLE	51
2002	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3EL46R2N339652	SEBRING	ARREST	TITLE	52
2001	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WH55K219361482	IMPALA	ARREST	TITLE	53
1999	GMC	SW	1GKEK13R1XJ737975	YUKON	ACCIDENT	TITLE	54
2007	CHEVROLET	SW	3GNDA13DA7S568006	HHR	ACCIDENT	TITLE	55
2003	FORD	4D	1FAFP53U93G270721	TAURUS	ACCIDENT	TITLE	56
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EUROPEAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY



Allie Carter, a Salem High School grad, tends goal during a recent practice for the DEC Salzburg Eagles. JEFF CARTER

PUCKS & PASSPORTS

Salem graduate gets chance to pursue two favorite passions, hockey and world travel

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Allie Carter is getting quite a head start on her bucket list.

Not only is the 24-year-old Carter getting to play women's professional hockey, the Salem High School alum is traveling all over Europe as part of the experience.

"I have been to Europe a handful of times and I realized how much I enjoyed exploring parts of the world that have such a different way of life," said Carter, a goaltender who signed with the DEC Salzburg Eagles of the European Elite Women's Hockey League. "Being able to travel and play hockey at the same time is a dream come true."

Carter — who grew up playing locally for Little Caesars and Victory Honda — went on to play between the pipes at Lake Forest (Ill.) College, where she graduated in 2016 with a degree in economics.

Knowing the "numbers game" the way she does, she quickly realized there might be precious few years in which she could travel Europe and keep her hockey career alive.

"I knew I wasn't ready for my hockey career to be over before I started my senior year in college, so I started reaching out to teams in Europe," Carter

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Allie Carter gets ready to take her equipment inside the Red Bull Salzburg Eisarena for practice. JEFF CARTER

PREP FOOTBALL

Sofran excited to again be part of Boys Bowl

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com

Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice and Novi Detroit Catholic Central are again matched in the Boys Bowl and David Sofran is excited to be a part of it.

The Catholic League stalwarts renew their historic gridiron rivalry in the 73rd Boys Bowl classic Sunday at Father Richard Elmer Stadium on the CC campus. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.

Sofran will experience this year's battle from a different perspective.

Instead of wearing Brother Rice's black and orange, Sofran will be dressed in CC's blue and white.



Sofran

Sofran, a Brother Rice graduate who went on to coach at his alma mater for 16 years, three years as the head coach, is now an assistant to new Catholic Central head coach Dan Anderson.

Sofran was dismissed as Rice's head coach following the 2016 season, when the Warriors finished with a 7-4 record, losing to neighborhood rival Birmingham Groves in the Division 2 district championship game.

He admits it will be a bit strange peering across the sidelines at the school that was such a formidable part of his youth and adult life.

"I guess I'm going to be on the other sideline that I'm not used to being on for this game," said Sofran, who grew up in Farmington Hills. "My brother-in-law went to Catholic Central, my uncle went there and I had a cousin who went there, so even as a player, we played at (Pontiac's) Wisner Stadium. Sometimes my family would sit on the CC side, even though I was playing for Brother Rice."

"So the rivalry was even in my own family," he added. "It's one of those things, now the people who were at CC have fully embraced me as being part of the Shamrock family."

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GOING BOWLING

What: 73rd Boys Bowl football game
Who: Catholic Central vs. Brother Rice

When: 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24

Where: Father Richard Elmer Stadium on the CC campus

Series: The overall series between the teams is tied at 30-30-1; Rice holds a slim 18-17-1 series advantage in the Boys Bowl

BOYS LACROSSE

Livonia Raptors drive interest in prep team

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Lacrosse is growing in popularity by leaps and bounds across Livonia, with a big assist to the Livonia Raptors youth program.

And hopes continue to abound that a unified Livonia high school lacrosse team could soon get the go-ahead to form a team in the Livonia Public Schools district.

Eric Young, who heads up the Raptors (which have U-9, U-12 and U-14

boys teams), recently met with an administrator in the district and has plans to have a second meeting in the near future.

Raptors spokesperson Paula Young said now is a good time to get something going in Livonia as "boys and our coaches are passionate about lacrosse and hope to continue to play in high school."

The Raptors teams practice and play home games at Bentley Field, beginning in March and continuing until June.

In addition to league games, the

Raptors also participate in the Cranbrook LAX Jam, Great LAX Bay Classic in Saginaw, Eagle Jam Tournament and Sting Shoot-out (at Detroit Country Day).

According to Stacy Jenkins, communications administrator for Livonia Public Schools, the district did an athletic survey in the spring to gauge interest in adding lacrosse, bowling and skiing as high school sports offerings.

The school board is expected to soon

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From left, Livonia Raptors 14-U players 14U) Ethan Waldo, Ethan Young and Teddy Mazaris are freshmen at Livonia Stevenson. They hope to continue playing lacrosse for their high school. PAULA YOUNG

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CARTER

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wrote, responding to questions in a lengthy email. "I knew of a couple former teammates who played in Europe after college, plus it combines my two favorite things, playing hockey and traveling, so playing hockey in Europe seemed like an amazing opportunity."

Didn't give up

She needed to persevere, of course.

"It was hard to find contacts for teams in Europe, but I did a lot of research to find emails to reach out to," Carter wrote. "I sent emails out to over 20 teams displaying my interest to play in Europe, along with a hockey resume of my stats and accomplishments through the years."

"The teams that did respond said they either already filled their import spots or they weren't looking for a goaltender import."

That was during summer 2016, immediately following her graduation from Lake Forest. Unable to find a 2016-17 team to play for, she was told to stay connected in case something opened up in the near future.

"The assistant coach told me to stay in contact for the next season and they would also be looking for forward imports as well," Carter wrote. "I got the assistant coach in touch with my best friend who I grew up playing on Little Caesars with, Cassidy Tucker (of Plymouth)."

"She was going to be a senior forward at Princeton University and wanted to play in Europe the following season. Both of us stayed in touch with the coach throughout the (2016-17) year."

"At the end of the Salzburg Eagles season, the coach reached out to us and asked if we wanted the spots for the 2017-18 season."

Going for it

Although Carter was working full time as a risk analyst, "I knew this was too good of an opportunity to pass up. I decided to quit my job and sign with the Salzburg Eagles."

Carter moved to Austria about a month ago and began training for the 2017-18 season with practices at Red Bull



The four imports are (from left) Hannah Behounek, Cassidy Tucker, Allie Carter, and Marissa Redmond, on a day trip to Zell Am See, a lake in Austria. COURTESY ALLIE CARTER

Salzburg Eisarena.

Although it helps big time to have Tucker on the team with her, along with other "imports" Hannah Behounek and Marissa Redmond, it has been a relatively seamless transition to European life.

And communication hasn't been as much of a problem as one might think.

"The new head coach is from Finland and is able to speak Finnish and some English, while most of the girls on the team are fluent in German and English," she continued. "So the coach communicates to all of us in English, since that is the only language everyone can communicate in."

"The language barrier hasn't been as difficult as I thought it would be, but I would like to learn German to be able to say and understand the basics. The native language in Austria is a dialect of German, but German would be the language I would study."

She's realistic

Hockey is the daily grind, if you will. But there is a magnificent backdrop featuring everything from day trips to Zell Am See (a lake in



Allie Carter and teammates are dressed in traditional Austrian fashion, dirndls, before going to a Kirchtag (festival) in Salzburg. COURTESY ALLIE CARTER

Austria) to kicking it at a Kirchtag (festival) in Salzburg. For the latter, players dressed in traditional Austrian fashion — dirndls.

The economics graduate also fully understands that the chance to play women's pro hockey in Austria, Italy, Germany, Hungary and Kazakhstan is not going to set her up for life.

"The team covers health insurance, the apartment, any team travel costs and gives us

the time to be homesick," Carter wrote. "I Facetime my family and friends a couple times a week to catch up, but it's similar to being away in college."

"My parents helped me move to Salzburg and plan on visiting a couple times to watch me play and sightsee a bit. I also have friends already planning trips to visit, which gives me something to look forward to. Having one of my best friends from home playing on the team with me has helped with being so far from home."

Tough as nails

When Carter is on the ice (she takes after her dad, who also was a goalie, by the way), she is a bulldog competitor who plays bigger than her diminutive size might suggest.

"Carter is a great competitor and loves hockey," Lake Forest head coach Carisa Wahlig told Natalie Bober for an article in the Chicago Tribune. "She can handle pressure, be counted on by her teammates and is one of the hardest working goalies I've ever had the pleasure to coach."

Stats back up that statement. In 36 games

ALL ABOUT ALLIE

Who: Allie Carter, 24, 2011 Salem High School graduate.
What: Carter, whose parents are Jeff and Theresa Carter, is a goalie playing professionally in Austria, in the European Elite Women's Hockey League. Her team is the DEC Salzburg Eagles and she is one of four North American "imports" on the roster. Also on the squad is her best friend, Cassidy Tucker of Plymouth.

Why: After Carter graduated in 2016 from Lake Forest (Ill.) College, where she played goal and earned a degree in economics, she was not ready to give up hockey.

So far, so good: Language with Salzburg Eagles teammates and coaches has not been as problematic as it might have seemed from the outset when Carter signed with the team.

About the league: Carter, whose siblings include 21-year-old sister Jenna and 26-year-old brother Kenny, both Salem grads, said the EWHL is "very comparable to middle of the pack D-III college hockey" with a total of eight teams in five countries.

Keep your day job: The team gives players a monthly stipend and covers insurance, housing and travel costs.

Follow the action: Go to eishockey.org/category/ewhl. Home games are streamed on Facebook ([facebook.com/DEC.Salzburg.Eagles/](https://www.facebook.com/DEC.Salzburg.Eagles/)).

with the Foresters, she gave up just 1.61 goals and registered a .929 save percentage.

Yet, Carter knows on which side her bread is buttered. Hockey is great and so is travel. But at some point, it will be back to reality.

"Women's hockey isn't something you can really make a career out of, which is sad, but it's the truth," Carter wrote.

"Playing hockey in Europe never was meant to be a career move, but more so a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

"I'm looking forward to this season and, depending on how it goes, I would be open to coming back for another season if given the chance, but eventually I plan on moving back to the States and starting my (business) career."

But who can blame Carter for rolling the dice as long as she can — especially when everything's coming up hockey pucks?

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LACROSSE

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review results of that survey, Jenkins added.

Parents of Raptors players are optimistic that something can be launched to bring the sport into Livonia high schools.

"My son Colby has been playing lacrosse for four years," Kellie Dummer wrote in an email. "He will be in 10th grade at Churchill High School this year. He has played lacrosse on several different teams, including a Northville parks and rec team and a travel team out of Canton."

"Not until he was able to join the Livonia Raptors, two years ago, did he really feel he had found his team. We have enjoyed playing other local teams and traveling to tournaments with the Raptors."

Amy Slitti added that the Raptors are good for helping youngsters on and off the field.

"The director and coaches do an excellent job teaching game technique, sportsmanship and leadership skills," Slitti said. "You can see the players' confidence grow while having fun at the same time."

"This past season was our fourth year with the



Boys lacrosse players with the Livonia Raptors want to play at the high school level. LIVONIA RAPTORS

Raptors program and the camaraderie has been nothing short of amazing."

Dummer added that

many families in Livonia Public Schools are hopeful that their boys will be able to keep playing the sport during high school

years. "Our family and many others are hoping to continue this momentum into a high school team for

Livonia Public Schools," she said. "These boys shouldn't have to leave their home school district or city to continue to play

lacrosse, a sport which is growing in popularity."

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Road to state finals goes through No. 2 Mercy

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Farmington Hills Mercy's volleyball program has been nothing short of sensational this millennium.

Since 2000, the Marlins have captured 16 district championships — 14 straight since 2004 — four regional championships and they have played in two final fours. In 2010, Mercy lost the state championship game to Catholic League rival Bloomfield Hills Marian.

Veteran head coach Loretta Vogel, in her ninth season after taking over for Ed Moeller in 2007, believes continuity has keyed the program's success.

"I think what makes us successful is the coaching staff remains fairly consistent," said Vogel, who is assisted by Mallory Kopa, Andrew Thompson, Derek Williams and Charisse Youmans. "We've all worked together, we know each other and everyone has the same philosophy, so that makes it easy."

"Whether it's our JV or our freshman programs, they are trained with the same concepts," she added. "I truly believe it creates that success. There is never a surprise. Every year, it's the same thing."

A postseason oddity

While the wins keep piling up, there has been a bit of an oddity to Mercy's state tournament lives lately. The Marlins have suffered season-ending losses to the eventual state champion in each of the past three years.

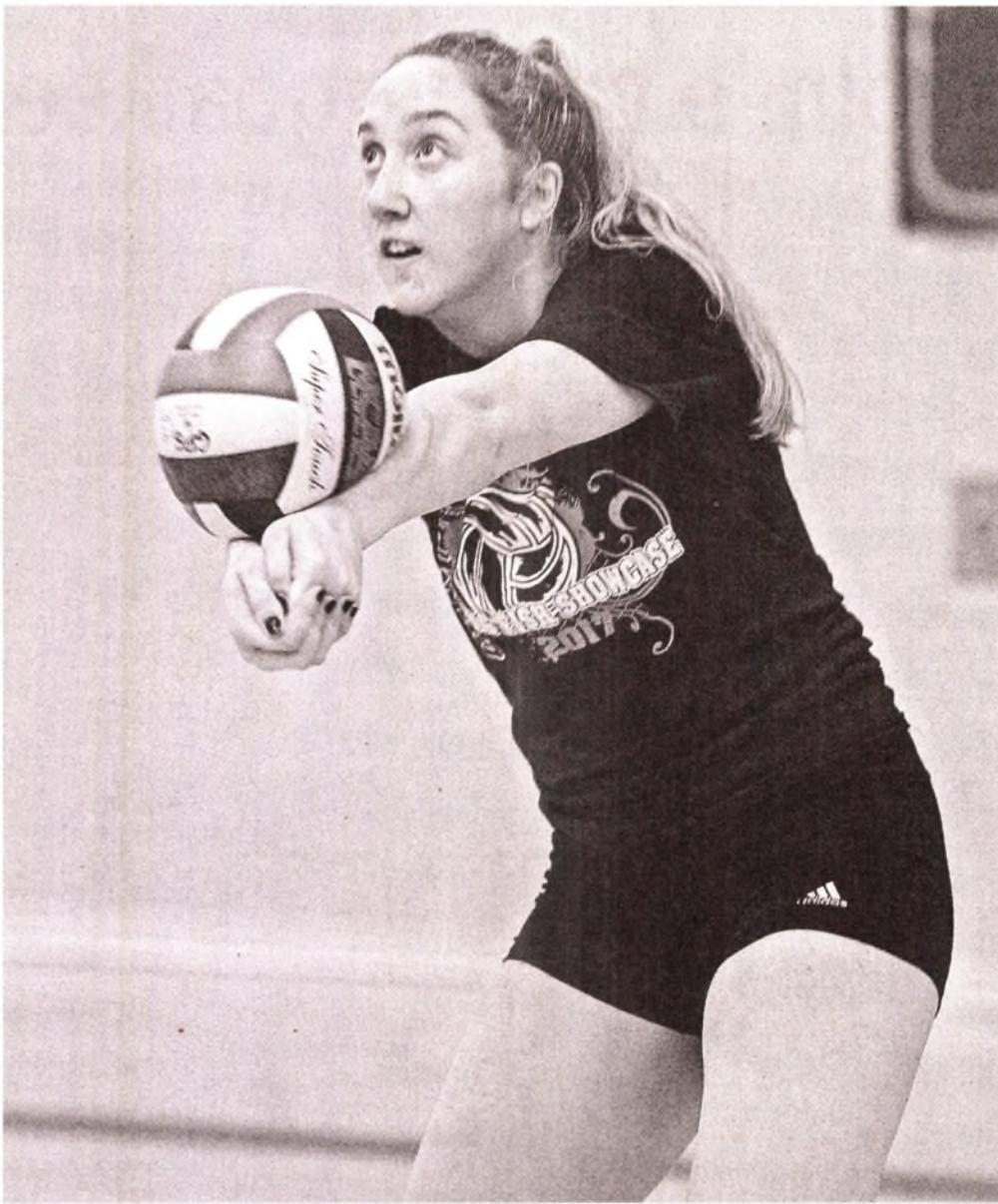
In 2014, Mercy captured the regional crown, but lost in the quarterfinal to Romeo, which went on to defeat Novi in the Class A state title game. The past two seasons, Novi ended Mercy's season in the regional championship game and went on to win back-to-back state titles.

"I guess we like to look at it as they have to get by us," Vogel said. "We've really faced some competitive programs over the years on this side of the state. There's Romeo, Dakota has had a strong program, there's Seaholm and the list goes on. On this side of the state, there are some very successful programs."

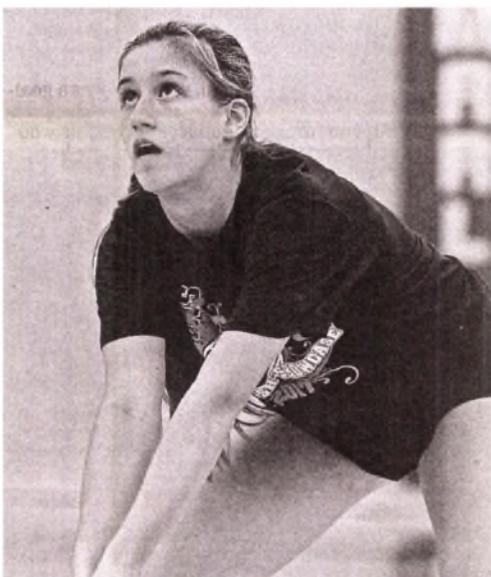
Lauren Hunter, a Milford resident in her fourth varsity season, said Mercy has always played well, but other teams have earned the right to advance.

"I think of it as more of a good thing and it's not really frustrating that we lost to those teams," Hunter said. "I feel like (the other teams) won the state championship and they deserved it. I feel like we went out of the tournament to the right team. If we would have beaten them, I think we could have won the state championship."

Mercy, with eight



Senior outside hitter Lauren Hunter provides Mercy with a key weapon around the net and strong leadership skills. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Sophomore Kayla Shields helps Mercy's defense from the back end as a libero. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

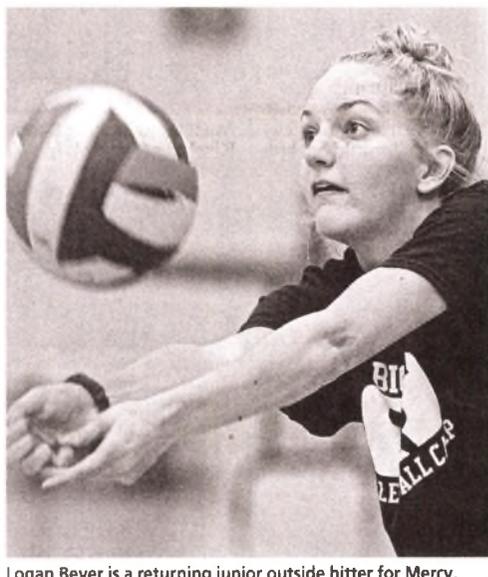
returning players and a key starter back in the fold, has its sights set on another strong season. The roster includes players from all four classes, including three freshmen.

The Marlins are ranked No. 2 in the state, trailing only Rockford, by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association. They own a 15-3 record — two losses to Rockford — and already have scored championship

hardware after winning both the Notre Dame Prep and Mercy tournament titles.

"I'm happy where the girls are at right now," Vogel said. "I think the girls really put in the time. We just come in every day at practice and we work on things. We always try to step back and realize what we do in practice today."

"I just know how today went and I expect to see those skills tomorrow. Let's just try to per-



Logan Beyer is a returning junior outside hitter for Mercy, which has won 14 consecutive Class A district championships. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

fect what we worked on today," she added. "And that's the extent of where I look. I'm just worried about tomorrow. I think the kids understand that, because that is what's demanded from me."

A competitive group

Vogel's two seniors are Hunter and Libby Miodonski.

Hunter heads into the 2017 campaign as one of Mercy's top outside left-front hitters. An honorable mention all-state

pick last year, Hunter is also considered a strong on-court leader.

Miodonski missed all of last year because of an ACL injury, but remained close to the program by serving as a team manager. Vogel is overjoyed to have her back on the court.

Juniors Logan Beyer (outside hitter), Grace Kane (defensive specialist), Emily Susitko (outside hitter) and Mallory Conrad (middle hitter), plus sophomores Kayla



Loretta Vogel, in her ninth season as Mercy's volleyball coach, believes continuity keys the program's success. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

CLASS A STATE RANKINGS

1. Rockford (20-1)
2. Mercy (13-3)
3. Lake Orion (25-3)
4. Novi (12-2)
5. Clarkston (14-6)

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Shields (libero) and Jess Mruzik (outside hitter) are a few other players Vogel is counting on. Mruzik made third team all-state last year as a freshman.

"Everyone has done some really nice things for us," Vogel said. "The girls are very competitive and I think that's what makes this year special for everyone."

"I think the strength of our team is that we think the game. We have that strong mindset," she added. "We get excited, but it's not a guessing game with us. We have a true thought process."

Looking to improve

Mercy simply looks to improve by the time the Catholic League and state tournaments roll along. The Marlins would love to add a 15th straight district crown to their showcase and challenge for a spot in the final four.

"I knew we would be good this year, but I am very impressed with the level of play of the new varsity girls this year," said Hunter, a freshman on the 2014 team that lost in the quarterfinals to Romeo. "They are very mature and they know what's expected of them. They all know how to work hard and do their part."

"I have been playing with some of these girls for the past three years and we have a lot of returning players who were starters coming back. We play well together and we understand each other's personalities. We understand how to motivate one another and we know how to get a lot out of one another. We're a confident team."

"I definitely think we can get far in the state tournament again. This year, we're on a different side of the bracket," she added. "So I definitely think we can win our district, win our region and, hopefully, get to the final four. That's our main goal."

SOFRAN

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Assimilated nicely into CC

Over the summer, Sofran accepted the job as Catholic Central's admissions enrollment manager. He later agreed to assist Anderson by serving as quarterbacks and receivers coach.

Sofran has assimilated nicely into the Shamrocks program, although he admits there is still a sentiment for the Warriors players he once coached.

"I feel like it's one of those things, like I've know those kids at Rice so well and there is all positive feelings for the types of kids they are," Sofran said. "Yet, at the same time, the staff at CC, the community and the players at CC have been amazing at welcoming me into their campus."

"I'm a CC staff member now, so I'm obviously rooting for the Shamrocks to be successful," he added. "But I do have a heart for the guys at Rice, because I've known them since they were freshmen. It should be a great game and, being the Boys Bowl again, it's

a special rivalry and I feel blessed to be a part of it and see both sides of it."

The teams enter their annual clash each with a 2-2 record. Oddly enough, the teams have met 61 times over the years and the series is dead even at 30-30-1.

A special game to play

Sofran is well aware of what it's like to both play and coach in the popular Boys Bowl. He said it's a special game to play.

"It's funny. The coaches have joked a little bit with me about being a

Brother Rice alum," he said. "I've kind of jokingly said that, if you just exchanged jerseys on both teams, you really wouldn't notice the difference in the kids because they all work hard, they're coachable and they love playing the game."

"They're fortunate that they get to play in the game. I get to see it as a coach, but it's great to be part of the game as a player and that's what matters. It's an important game (this year) in the standings for both programs and I know Brother Rice will be prepared and ready and I know we

will as well.

"It's good Catholic League football and it is what it is," he added. "It's a great rivalry because it's two great programs and two great schools which have had a lot of tradition."

Catholic Central began the Boys Bowl in 1944, when it hosted Boys Town out of Nebraska. The game ended in a 14-14 tie at Briggs Stadium (later Tiger Stadium) in Detroit.

Brother Rice and Catholic Central first hooked up in 1966, with the Warriors winning 40-21 at the University of Detroit. The teams

played continuously in the Boys Bowl until 1997. Since then, they have been matched as Boys Bowl opponents in 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2015.

Catholic Central won the last meeting against Brother Rice — Sofran's second year as the Warriors head coach — 35-7.

Brother Rice leads the Boys Bowls series, 18-17-1. The tie was in 1968, when they played to a scoreless deadlock at the University of Detroit.

Last year, the Shamrocks defeated Warren DeLaSalle in the Boys Bowl, 17-7.

BOYS SOCCER

Martin enjoying new life as Seaholm's varsity goalkeeper

Marty Budner
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Zachary Martin is making the most of his first year on Seaholm's varsity boys soccer squad.

The Maples had a wealth of goalie talent last season, including seniors Joey Kopmeyer and Matt Roskiewicz. Kopmeyer started the majority of games, led the Maples to the Division 1 district championship and finished his career as an all-state honorable mention



Vince

selection.

Martin waited in the wings, gaining valuable playing time as the junior varsity's starting goalie. Now a senior, Martin has successfully made the jump to varsity and is backstopping the Maples to great results.

Second-year Seaholm head coach Jared Vince said he explained to Martin last year that playing junior varsity might be the best thing for him, since Seaholm already had two established varsity goalies.

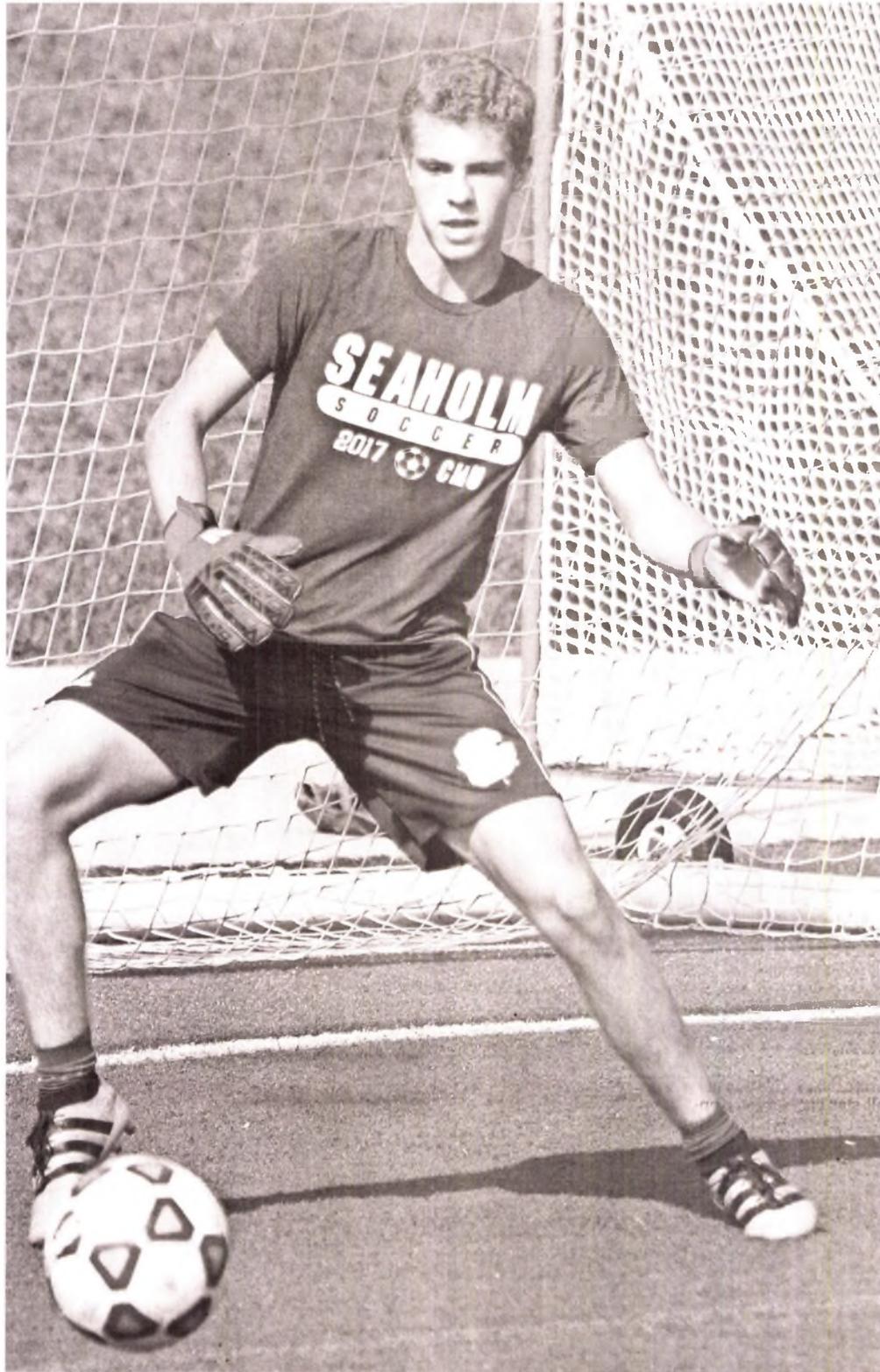
"(Kopmeyer) was going to get the lion's share of time on varsity because he deserved it at the time," Vince said. "And I had that conversation with (Martin), because I knew he should have been a varsity player, but he just wasn't going to get any playing time behind Joey and our backup Matthew Roskiewicz, who also was a fantastic goalie.

"Zach was 100 percent OK with being a starter on JV and he was a leader for that team," he added. "He got almost every minute of playing time with the JV and that was the hope, is that he got a lot more experience and playing time so that, when he did get to varsity, he'd have those minutes under his belt. I do think it helped him. It's better to play than to sit and watch."

Learning experience

Martin acknowledged that last year was a tremendous learning experience. He knew he wasn't going to get much action with Kopmeyer between the pipes.

"(Kopmeyer) was a very good goalie. I looked up to him and he taught me some stuff," Martin said. "He taught me how



Seaholm senior goalie Zachary Martin is excelling in his first year as a varsity player. MARTY BUDNER

to warm up and I just loved watching him. I loved watching how he played and how hard he played. I watched how he was a good leader and I try to be the same way."

Martin has helped lead Seaholm to a 5-2-4 record this fall, posting four shutouts through the first 11 games and with a .570 save percentage and

a 1.36 goals-against average. He's also stopped a couple of penalty kicks.

For his most recent efforts — which included a sensational performance against district rival Groves, when he posted a 10-save shutout — he was voted as the Hometownlife.com Athlete of the Week.

"I had a great game

against Groves. They out-possessed us and they were getting a lot of shots on us," Martin said. "I was lucky that I guessed right and came up with a couple big saves and I was happy with how I performed.

"I love the way my defenders have been playing in front of me. They have participated

in the shutouts, too. It's not just me," he added. "There have been a couple games that we tied that I think we could have done better, but we're looking pretty good right now."

Vince couldn't be happier with Martin's play. "Zachary is a leader on the team in so many ways. He's a vocal leader

and he's kind of like my second coach on the field," Vince said. "He's a good guy who all the other players look up to. And on top of that, he's a fantastic goalkeeper.

"He has composure and confidence and has come up with some big saves for us so far this year. He came up with key PK saves against Groves and Harrison and that's just a couple highlights of a lot of highlights for him. We just count on him out there.

"He has a boldness and an awareness which allows him to make saves," he added. "He's quick and agile and doesn't give up. He plays with a ton of confidence."

Another strong season

Seaholm is in the midst of another strong season despite the fact it is returning just four starters from last year's squad, which finished with a 10-3-5 record after falling to Grand Blanc, 2-1, in a very tightly-played regional semifinal game.

Returning seniors Hagen Cunningham, Grant Davis, Ryan Ramaekers and Taylor Ufford have played key roles in helping Seaholm contend for the OAA White Division title this year. The Maples are in a heated battle with North Farmington, Lake Orion and Groves for first place.

Cunningham leads Seaholm's offense in total points with five goals and four assists. Ramaekers (four), senior Zachary Ziegler (four) and sophomore Jake Krivan (three) are the Maples' other multiple goal scorers through 11 games.

Davis, Ufford, senior Noah Fritz and junior Nick Nowacki are the defenders who have been so helpful in keeping the opposition from gaining quality scoring chances on Martin.

"It's a brand new team in a lot of ways, with a lot of kids new to varsity," Vince said. "We've had a couple injuries with starters who are out for the season, but they are all brothers. They are totally united and they are great with each other on and off the field.

"They have this desire to win and they don't give up," he added. "We're developing, working as a unit together and figuring out where everyone fits. It's been really good so far. I've inherited a good program."

GIRLS SWIMMING

Plymouth alums come back to lead Wildcats

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The Plymouth girls swim and dive team is being led by a former standout performer, Emily Weiner.

She takes over the Wildcats' helm, four years after finishing her prep career as captain of Plymouth's swim squad.

Weiner, 22, demonstrated leadership capabilities back in high school, too, as a captain for three years.

After high school, she went to Michigan State University, where she earned a degree in education.

In addition, she coached a summer club team in Ann Arbor for five years, helping instruct swimmers be-

tween ages 5-17.

Another Plymouth alum also joins the new coaching staff as one of Weiner's former Wildcats teammates, Lydia Plencner, is the assistant swim coach. Plencner also was a captain for two years at Plymouth and has coached a summer club team in Canton.

Both are joined by returning dive coach Allison Turner.

Plymouth's roster includes Liz Breda, Vy Nguyen, Abby Boyer, Regan Peregor, Sneha Sundar, Alyssa Yang, Molly Baumgart, Chrissy Brown, Grace Maclellan and Sanjana Nagamangala, who all have had early season success at dual meets.

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Plymouth's varsity girls swim and dive team has a new coaching staff. From left are dive coach Allison Turner, head coach Emily Weiner and assistant swim coach Lydia Plencner.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Livonia United finally gets the green light

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After some stops and starts, high school girls in the Livonia Public Schools district finally will get the chance to play prep hockey.

The fledgling girls team will be called Livonia United and will include players from the three high schools in the district — Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson.

A logo is in the works, with McGowan Sport Shop in Livonia to make the uniforms.

"I wasn't going to give up or take no for an answer," coach Janine Mar-

tinez wrote in a text message. "This is a Livonia team that needs to skate in Livonia to get support from family, friends, younger girl hockey players and classmates.

"This season will be a rough one, but we need to start it now and not wait after 15 years."

Martinez struggled for a couple of years to turn an idea into reality. Soon, that reality will hit the ice as players will begin practices Oct. 30 at Devonaire Ice Arena. Games in the Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League are set to begin in November, with the first home game Nov. 13

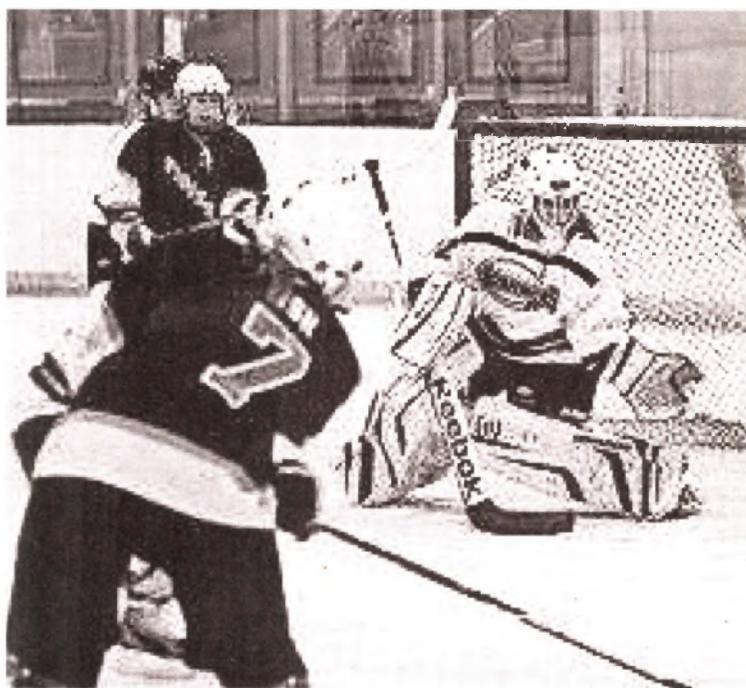
at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena.

According to Martinez, the complete schedule is still being finalized. There will be fundraisers at Buffalo Wild Wings and Panera, with 20 percent of restaurant sales to go to the team. An email blast also will be sent by Livonia Public Schools.

In an email, Martinez said the team needs as much community support as possible.

"We could use a few more players," she wrote. "We are making history and hoping (for) many years and success to come."

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Among players likely to be part of the Livonia United girls high school hockey team is goalie Maddie Marciw. The team recently received the OK to compete during the 2017-18 season.

BOYS SOCCER

Plenty of action as Seaholm, Groves play to scoreless tie

Marty Budner
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Neither Seaholm nor Groves scored a goal as they renewed their cross-town rivalry on the pitch Thursday, but that didn't mean the game was devoid of action.

Far from it.

The teams put on a dazzling display of physical, emotional soccer at Falcons Field before an enthusiastic crowd.

The Maples controlled the first part of the opening half, while the Falcons finally found their legs later and took over play just before halftime. Groves played most of the second half at Seaholm's end without denting the net.

"It was a fun game of soccer to watch tonight," Groves head coach Jonathan Turner said.

Goalkeepers Zachary Martin from Seaholm and Christian Williams from Groves were simply outstanding.

Following are five takeaways from the entertaining Oakland Activities Association White Division battle:

PLAY OF THE GAME

Martin, Seaholm's senior goalkeeper, easily was the star of the game.

Martin made the key play by stopping Groves midfielder Alberto Whitmer on a penalty kick seven minutes into the second half. After being taken down in the box, Groves' senior captain was awarded the PK, which he launched to the middle right side of the goal. Martin lunged to his left, reached as far as he could and knocked the ball away.

But Martin wasn't done.

The ball stayed in play and the Falcons picked up the rebound. Martin picked himself up and blocked a point-blank shot. Again, the ball went to the far right of the field and Martin was forced to make a third save to keep the game scoreless.

"Yeah. I'm pretty good on those (PKs). I just keep the players guessing," said Martin, who has now stopped three PKs in a row. "I have to get on my defense to get there if I save it, but sometimes they are just waiting for me to save it. But, I thought I played a good game today and I was happy with my performance.

"There were a lot of shots," he said. "I thought we played hard. We didn't possess well. They possessed well and tired us out. They got a lot of shots on us but luckily I was able to hold up."

Martin finished the game with 10 saves in registering his third shutout of the season. Martin is playing superb in the net in his first varsity season as he's finally getting a chance after the graduation of all-star goalie Joey Kopmeyer.

Turner said Martin, who has a 1.37 goals-against average, simply turned the game around.

"Obviously, the PK you want to get, but their goalie made a great save," Turner said. "(Alberto Whitmer) did a good job and put it to where he needed to put it, but the goalie just made a heck of a save. Kudos to him.

"We didn't convert on those chances after the PK. That's soccer unfortunately," he added. "That's why I love soccer and hate soccer at the same time."

CHRISTIAN COMES THROUGH

Williams was overshadowed by Martin's excellent performance, but the returning Groves goalie was forced to make a few key saves himself to keep the Maples off the scoreboard.

The biggest save, perhaps, came midway through the second half.

Forward Hagen Cunningham, Seaholm's second-leading scorer this season, made a run down the left side. As he turned



MARTY BUDNER
Seaholm's Nick Nowacki sends the ball downfield on a free kick during Thursday's OAA battle against Groves.

the corner into the box, Cunningham snapped a shot that forced Williams into a diving save.

Williams also stopped Cunningham with a sliding save as time expired in the first half.

It was two of four saves he made in the game — two in each half.

"Christian did a great job," Turner said. "For 75 minutes, he didn't see

any action, then for, like, one minute he sees something and he had a chance to stand on his head and he did it. Their goalie was a lot busier in the second half."

FRUSTRATING NO DECISION

Turner wished his squad could have put home one or two of its numerous scoring oppor-

tunities.

Groves enjoyed 10 shots on goal compared to Seaholm's four, but the Falcons couldn't dent the net behind Martin. The result left the Falcons with a 4-4-3 record. The Maples are 4-1-3.

"We controlled most of the game in the second half and we just didn't find a way to connect at the end," Turner said.

"But that's soccer sometimes. They were definitely putting numbers behind the ball and kind of protecting the back there. It was hard for us to kind of find that."

Groves did kick the ball into the Seaholm net with 11 seconds left in the second half. However, the refs had blown the ball offside and the Maples had obviously let the play go by.

"I think the one at the end there was pretty close to being onside," Turner said. "It looked close but, either way, that's soccer. One of the hardest things to do in soccer is score a goal and that's what happened tonight."

YELLOW CARDS ARE PULLED

The aggressive play at both ends of the field resulted in five yellow cards being pulled as the referee maintained control of the game.

Both teams were given one yellow card in the first half. Groves had two yellow cards in the second half — one to an assistant coach on the sidelines — and Seaholm had another.

"When you play a rivalry, things just tend to pick up," Turner said. "These guys know each other and they want to go out there and battle and it just tends to be a little bit more physical, which is part of the game. We expected that.

"I always say the first tackle should be the hardest, because it sets the tone of the game," he added. "Seaholm did a good job. They came out and they were prepared and (Seaholm head coach) Jared (Vince) did a good job. We just didn't find the net tonight, which was unfortunate."

HEAT OF THE NIGHT

The unusually warm evening resulted in a number of players cramping up throughout the battle. At one point in the second half, a player from each team had to be attended to for cramping.

AMATEUR BASEBALL

High School Fall Baseball League gives players unique chance

Baseball season doesn't have to end in summer for high school players thanks to the High School Fall Baseball League.

The HSFBL is a network of wood bat fall leagues covering multiple states, including Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Florida and California. Each league plays up to a six-week regular season, including a league tournament.

League championship

teams earn a berth into the HSFBL Championship Tournament to compete for the HSFBL title.

The HSFBL is open to all incoming high school players (2018-21 grads) and 2022 grads entering eighth grade who are recommended by coaches.

The Varsity Division includes seniors, juniors and any underclassmen with varsity playing experience or a recommendation.

The JV Division features sophomores, freshmen and any coach recommended eighth-graders.

Players register individually and can request to play with teammates. High school and travel teams that want to enter the league can also request to roster players on the same team.

Leagues play each Sunday and each league plays at a partner college during the regular season. Players receive a

Pro Model Wood Birch Bat, Dri-fit Team Jersey and College ID Profile with registration.

The top talent in each league is chosen to play in the HSFBL All-Star Exposure Games in partnership with the Crossroads Baseball Series. Player information is sent out to a network of college coaches across the U.S.

The HSFBL was started in 2008 by Indiana University alum and former Seattle Mariners

prospect Eric Blakeley.

"Our goal from the beginning was to offer a fall baseball experience like no other," Blakeley said. "By incorporating a strong blend of competition, college game days, team power rankings, seeded playoffs and All-Star Exposure Games, the HSFBL has proudly given kids a great opportunity for fun, competitive baseball in the fall.

"The HSFBL allows players to continue developing skills in the fall

without a huge commitment of time, traveling and money that accompanies summer travel baseball. The power rankings, all-star games and play-offs bring that edge of excitement for the players."

The HSFBL also utilizes the latest in social networking for game updates, weather alerts and important announcements.

For more information, go to www.HSFBL.com.

MASCOT SEARCH UNDERWAY

USA Hockey looking for new Rushmore

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If this sounds like your idea of fun, USA Hockey Arena needs you!

» Can you skate?
» Do you enjoy meeting strangers and having conversations with them?
» Do you relish the chance to go out on a limb — er, out on the ice?
» Do you care if you are seen in public wearing a bald eagle costume?
» And are you full of energy, have a fun-loving spirit and want to help promote the sport of hockey to new, young and even longtime fans?

If so, you should stop what you are doing and give Connor Small a phone call at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

The arena is on the lookout for a new Rushmore mascot for the 2017-18 National Team Development Program season, but needs interested candidates to step it up by Oct. 1.

"At first glance, it seems fun, easy and maybe just a little goofy," said Denise Ronayne, director of sales and marketing for USA Hockey Arena. "You almost think ... who couldn't do that? I mean, you just put on a fuzzy costume and act silly. But it's really much more than that."

"It's hard to really capture or explain the immense value that our mascot brings to each game. The way in which our mascot welcomes and interacts with our fans, especially our youngest fans, is likely the first time a fan has ever had a chance to interact with our brand one-on-one."

"And fans are very smart. They can tell pretty quickly if this mascot is true to the team and loves his job."

Ronayne described Rushmore as a "big skating and walking, non-talking representative of our brand. When our players are on the ice, Rushmore's working hard to do what he can to add the memories of coming to a Team USA game."

Small, who works in marketing operations at USA Hockey Arena, can



The most recent Rushmore mascot has a blast with young fans at a USA Hockey NTDP game. The program is looking for somebody to fill this "bird's" skates.

RENA LAVERTY

at 734-453-8400, ext. 317, or email at Connor.Small@usahockey.org.

ADULT TICKET PACKAGES: USA Hockey Arena is offering new ticket packages for the 2017-18 NTDP season, it was announced Wednesday.

The Adult Hockey Package is a price-reduced season ticket package being offered to all USA Hockey registered adult hockey players, while the Youth Hockey Pass is being offered as a \$99 season-long pass for registered youth hockey players ages 12 and under.

"We want our USA Hockey family to come experience USA Hockey Arena," said Scott Monaghan, senior director of operations for the NTDP. "These packages offer great value to our USA Hockey community and are a great way to see some of the best young

players America has to offer."

The NTDP also has several ticket packages for the general public, including the recently added College Six Pack option that features collegiate match-ups with Michigan, Michigan State, Ferris State, Miami, Adrian and Utica.

The NTDP also offers a full 36-game season ticket package, as well as flexible 36-game, 10-game and six-game flex packs.

More information about all NTDP tickets packages is available at the arena box office (14900 Beck Road) or by calling 734-453-8400.

The home opener for the regular season is 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, when the NTDP Under-18 team plays Miami University.

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Rushmore leads a patriotic wave during a 2016-17 NTDP contest. RENA LAVERTY

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

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Boys tennis

SEAHOLM 5, GROVES 4: It was simply a matter of singles vs. doubles in this battle between the Birmingham Public School rivals Sept. 19. Seaholm won the five doubles matches. Groves won the four singles matches. All nine flights were decided in straight sets, with the top two doubles flights decided via tie-breakers. Seaholm senior Charlie Appleford and sophomore George Vukovic defeated Groves' sophomore duo of Aerik Joe and Nick Haddad at No. 1 doubles, 6-2, 7-6 (4). At No. 2 doubles, senior Owen Cross and sophomore Jonny Cross from the Maples topped the Falcon team of junior Alex Nader and Yanis Boussarsar, 6-2, 7-6 (3). The closest singles match was at No. 4 flight where Groves junior Ian Rosenwasser slipped past Seaholm freshman Owen Claar in two tough sets, 7-5, 6-4. The other three Falcon singles winners were junior

Gabe Liss (No. 1), junior Gabe Vidinas (No. 2) and freshman Jonah Liss (No. 3).

NORTH FARMINGTON 6, FARMINGTON HARRISON 3: On Sept. 13, visiting North Farmington got the best of district rival Harrison in a number of hard-fought matches. Sophomore Scott Katz earned the Raiders' lone singles victory with a 6-4, 7-6 decision over Vijay Sri ram at No. 1. The Raiders swept the five doubles flights, starting at No. 1, where junior co-captain Srihari Srinivasan and sophomore Tyler Poirier powered to a 6-3, 6-3 win over Harrison's duo of Filip Jevtic and Sahej Kohli. The other North Farmington doubles wins were the teams of senior co-captain Keith Jackson and junior Rosuke (No. 2), senior Mitchell Alekman and sophomore Jackson Jozwiak (No. 3) and junior John Goodman and freshman Nick Cherney (No. 4). North Farmington's No. 5 team which scored a straight-set win included Keegan Kenrick and Asa Turkmani.

GROVES 5, CLARKSTON 4: On Sept. 14 at Clarkston, visiting Groves registered the close victory. Singles

players Gabe Vidinas (No. 2) and Ian Rosenwasser (No. 4) each won in straight sets. The winning Falcons doubles teams included Alex Nader and Yanis Boussarsar (No. 2), Aidan Bauer and Ari Sherman (No. 3) and Joe Behrman and Will Hess (No. 4).

NORTH FARMINGTON 6, AVONDALE 2: On Sept. 20, North Farmington registered this easy OAA White Division triumph. Junior Srihari Srinivasan and sophomore Tyler Poirier registered an impressive comeback three-set victory over the Avondale duo of Max Mulka and Ben Gratsch, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. North's No. 4 doubles team of John Goodman and Nick Cherney cruised to a 6-2, 6-0 victory. North Farmington senior Vikram Thirupathi won a thrilling match at No. 2 singles, defeating Avondale's Vikas Chanduri in a tense tie-breaker, 6-7, 6-2, 12-10. Raiders junior Satvik Suneja won at No. 4 singles in straight sets.

Girls swimming HOLLAND INVITATIONAL: On Sept. 16, Birmingham Groves won the annual invite with 489 points. Senior captain Camille Roach (200

free) and Nicole Bastian (100 breast) earned state-cut times. Taylor Moilanen took first in the 100 (56.02) and in the 200 free relay with teammates Roach, Nikki Barnas and Juliette Cerny (1:43.06). Kalya Hendricks (100 back), Julia DeMarco (100 back), Ellie Chalifoux (diving), Francesca Buttazoni (diving) and Hannen Deighan (100 breast) also had strong showings. Byron Center, Bloomfield Hills Marian, Holland, Detroit Country Day, Jensen and Okemos were the other participating teams.

CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD 110, BLOOMFIELD HILLS 75: In a non-league battle between neighboring schools, Cranbrook Kingswood swam past Bloomfield Hills. Cranbrook Kingswood won all three relays, including the opening 200-yard medley behind the efforts of Justine Murdock, Hale Oal, Sydney Allison and Charlotte Trunsky. Their time was 1:55.42. The other individual Crane winners were Camille Misra in the 200 free (2:03.01) and 500 free (5:25.84), Gwen Woodbury in the 200 IM (2:14.33), Jordan Murrell in the 50 free (26.10) and

Murdock in the 100 fly (1:02.52). The Bloomfield Hills winners were Michaela Peil in the 100 breast (1:12.54), Sydney Woods in the 100 back (1:01.48) and Meghan Threlkeld in the 100 free (58.42).

Boys cross country

HOLLY INVITATIONAL: Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice placed fourth in the highly-competitive Holly Invitational on Sept. 16 with 179 points. Senior Mike Tremonti, in his second varsity season after transferring from Bloomfield Hills, was the overall winner in a time of 16:01.4. He was named the meet's Champion of Champions as the outstanding runner. Alec Miracle (seventh in 16:32.), Grant Davey (15th in 16:44.9) and Jacob Hannawa (54th in 17:49) were other Rice runners placing among the top 55. Dan Serra was Rice's other scorer, placing 102nd. "This was our best race of the year, no question about it," veteran Brother Rice head coach Bob Stark said. "It's one of the biggest meets in the state."

BROTHER RICE 29, CATHOLIC CENTRAL 30: On Sept. 18 at Kensington Metropark, Rice slipped past arch rival Catholic

Central to remain undefeated (2-0) in Catholic League action. Mike Tremonti, Alec Miracle and Grant Davey all finished in 17:09 to tie for first place overall. CC's Luke Perelli was fourth in 17:32. Dan Serria (11th), Jacob Hannawa (12th), Joe Berg (13th) and John Cardello (14th) were other Warriors finishers.

Boys soccer

NORTH FARMINGTON, BLOOMFIELD HILLS 0: North Farmington and Bloomfield Hills battled to this scoreless draw Sept. 19 at Bloomfield Hills. North Farmington goalie Zac Shuk had a strong effort in net to post the shutout for the OAA White Division contenders. The Raiders are 5-2-3 overall and 3-1-2 in the White.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 2, BIRMINGHAM ROEPER 1: Plymouth Christian scored a pair of second-half goals to get past visiting Roeper in the MIAC match Sept. 14.

Volleyball

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 3, BIRMINGHAM ROEPER 0: On Sept. 19, the host Roughriders feel to Oakland Christian in straight sets.

KLA A ROUNDUP

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Boys cross country

SALEM WINS AUTUMN CLASSIC: On Sept. 16 at Bay Point Beach in Washington Township, Salem won the annual Autumn Classic with 76 points. In second place was Warren DeLaSalle with 131 points. Salem's top finisher was Bryce Paine, fifth with a time of 17:53. Other Rocks to finish the 5,000 meter race in under 20 minutes were Jacob Vick (13th, 18:16), Alec Teodori (16th, 18:24), Gabe Demetter (19th, 18:34), Owen Parks (20th, 18:34), Luke Jakubik (26th, 18:44), Aaron Profozich (36th, 19:01), Nick Ontko (37th, 19:01), Collin Swisher (41st, 19:10), Kanden Cho (59th, 19:35), Preston Pierce (64th, 19:40), Gary Zhang (68th, 19:45), Matthew Jira (72nd, 19:51) and Reed Barker (76th, 19:53). There were 246 participants.

CANTON 15, FRANKLIN 46: At Cass Benton Park on Sept. 19, the Chiefs (3-0) defeated Livonia Franklin with five runners crossing the finish line before the first Patriots performer (Jackson Nordbeck, 17:54). Canton's pacesetters included medalist Shane Andrews (16:53), Grant Hoffmeyer (second, 17:09), Garrett Nagelhout (third, 17:40), Daniel Jimenez (fourth, 17:44) and



Andrew Lake (fifth, 17:46). In seventh for Canton, following Nordbeck, was Braden Heimbaugh (18:00). The next two Franklin finishers included Russell Rusnell (18:00) and Grant Rudd (18:05), who finished 8-9, respectively.

Girls cross country

NORTHVILLE WINS TRI-MEET: On Sept. 19, freshman Yasmine Mansi (19:18) and Ana Barrott (19:20) finished first and second to lead the Mustangs (6-0) to a double-dual meet KLA A Gold Division victory over Howell, 15-49, and Brighton, 19-38, at Cass Benton Park. Other top 10 finishers for Northville included Emily Gordon, fourth (20:01); Olivia Harp, fifth (20:02); Keira Courtney, seventh (20:38); and Olivia Maase, ninth (20:52).

FRANKLIN 25, CANTON 30: In a hard-fought match Sept. 19 at Cass Benton Park in Northville, the Patriots edged the Chiefs. Medalist was Erin Seibert of the Patriots, with a time of 20:24. She was followed by Canton's Anna Nagelhout (second, 20:47) and Carmen Bruchnak (third, 20:59). In 4-5 were Franklin's Allyson Stabler (21:27) and Emily Esker (21:45). In sixth was Canton's Olivia Blaufuss

(22:09). "Our team is battling some injuries and illnesses and had to work hard to beat a good opponent today," Franklin coach David Bjorklund said. "Several kids really stepped up when called upon to get the job done for us."

PATRIOTS STRONG: Livonia Franklin also enjoyed success Sept. 15 at the MSU Spartan Invitational, held at Forest Akers Golf Course. The Patriots placed 13th out of 41 teams with 463 points. Leading Franklin was Erin Seibert, who placed 25th overall with a time of 20:19.5 and earned a medal for finishing in the top 30. Allyson Stabler (21:46.5), Ashley deGuise (22:17), Emily Esker (22:36.4), Caroline Hardy (22:38.3) and Hailley Kutrukis (23:18.3) also finished. "It was a tough day out there, one of the hottest days we have run this season," coach David Bjorklund said. "I was proud of how the kids handled it and persevered through the race. Erin had a goal of being a medalist this year and achieved that."

SALEM 15, JOHN GLENN 50: The Rocks coasted to a KLA A division dual meet win over Westland John Glenn, taking the first seven places. For Salem, medalist was Gina Gumbel (22:52), followed by teammates Brooke Kalis (second, 22:53), Reagan Justice (third, 22:53), Olivia Millen (fourth, 22:53), Esha Bingi (fifth, 22:53), Mary Kelly (sixth, 23:05) and Sophie Jeffers (seventh, 23:05). Franklin's

top finishers were Kelly Nugent (23:33) and Madie Price (23:35).

PLYMOUTH WINS DOUBLE DUAL: Arwa Hararwala's 20:32 was the No. 1 time among runners in the Sept. 19 double dual including Livonia Churchill and Wayne Memorial. Following Hararwala for the Wildcats were Londyn Swenson (20:43), Lily Tiplady (21:49), Lola Merrill (22:03) and Rachel Glovatsky (22:17).

Boys soccer

NORTHVILLE 1, STEVENSON 0: In a battle of Division 1 state-ranked teams, the No. 6 Mustangs (8-2-1, 6-1) got a pair of second-half goals Sept. 19 to beat No. 2 Livonia Stevenson (8-1-1, 5-1-1) in a key KLA A Gold Division clash. Senior Owen Marshall scored the game-winning goal after Felipe McCarthy was fouled in the box for visiting Northville. Andrew Mitchell followed with an insurance goal off a beautiful cross from Paul Kearis. Goalie Reggie Spencer (three saves) posted the shutout.

CANTON 9, HOWELL 2: The visiting Chiefs (6-2-4, 5-0-2, 2-0-1) rolled to victory Sept. 19, sparked by Avery Olson's hat trick and two goals by Jordan Fournay and Nick Avram. Chipping in with single goals were Nick Yono and Alex Heyde. Fournay and Brett McGue each had two assists, with single helpers by Jake McGue, Tyler Turko and Kyle Kulas.

PLYMOUTH 6, WAYNE 0: Three goals by Justin

Wojcik paced the Wildcats to this KLA A road win Sept. 19.

PLYMOUTH 5, HARRISON 0: On Sept. 16, Justin Wojcik had one goal and three assists while Caleb Crawford (goal, assist) and goalkeeper Ryan Schmatz (shutout) sparked the Wildcats to a win over Farmington Harrison.

CANTON 5, FRANKLIN 1: On Sept. 16, the Chiefs rolled to victory behind two goals from Nick Yono and single markers by Tyler Turko, Brett McGue and Kyle Kulas. Canton improved to 5-2-4 overall, 4-0-2 in the KLA A and 2-0-1 in the division. Chipping in with assists were Jordan Fournay, Nick Avram and Avery Olson while Sean O'Meara earned the win in goal.

Boys tennis

SALEM 8, DEXTER 0: The Rocks swept Dexter Sept. 20 in a non-conference match, which served as a nice tune-up for the KLA A conference tournament (Oct. 7). In singles play, the Rocks featured wins by Eric Liu (No. 1), Jason Zheng (No. 2), Parshva Sanghvi (No. 3) and Ajay Bharathan (No. 4). Liu won his flight 6-0, 6-0. Salem continued the winning trend in doubles action. Wins were posted by Andrew Clarke-Aneesh Sabnis (No. 1), Ryan The-Nihal Lingal (No. 2), Neel Shah-Justin Kuhn (No. 3) and Roenik Master-Rahul Rao (No. 4).

PLYMOUTH 8, CHURCHILL 1: The Wildcats won their sixth straight meet with this win Sept.

19.

Volleyball

GRAND BLANC 3, PLYMOUTH 0: The visiting Wildcats fell short despite solid games from Kenna White (seven kills, seven digs), Gabi Kuchka (five kills, six digs), Lauren Wheeler (five digs, 13 assists) and Hannah Ramer (a season-high 11 blocks).

BEDFORD INVITATIONAL: Hannah Grant led the way with 69 digs on the day and setter Rachel Holmes added 85 assist-to-kills Sept. 16 as Northville (21-5) swept the competition, capturing the Temperance Bedford Invitational with a 27-25, 25-22 win over the host Kicking Mules. Other victories came against Chelsea (25-23, 25-21), Carleton Airport (25-6, 25-13), Ida (25-12, 15-25, 15-13), Brighton Charyl Stockwell Academy (25-19, 25-23) and Grosse Ile (25-9, 25-12). Other top performers for Northville included Christina Valentini (26 kills), Brianna Maccoux (24 kills, 30 digs), Clare McNamara (24 kills), Gabi Fisette (49 assists, 10 aces), Ally Zayan (13 aces, 24 digs), Morgan Rodgers (20 kills), Jenna Boksha (14 kills, 19 digs); and Michael VanAcker (10 kills).

Girls golf

PLYMOUTH 165, FRANKLIN 182: On Sept. 19 at Fox Hills, Plymouth was sparked to a KLA A win over the Patriots by Erin Johnson (36) and Shae Zydeck (38). Chipping in with a 44 was Sara Vohra.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Vanderlinden's Air Force experiences Rocky Mountain high

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Ron Vanderlinden's coaching career in college football has spanned nearly 40 years and his job never seems to get old.

The Livonia native has worked under some of the game's most legendary coaches, including Bo Schembechler (Michigan); Bill McCartney (Colorado), who was his high school coach at Dearborn Divine Child High; Gary Barnett (Northwestern); and Joe Paterno and Bill O'Brien (Penn State).

Vanderlinden also spent four seasons as Maryland's head coach (1997 through 2000), but his latest stop has proven to be a slice of heaven after he landed in Colorado Springs at the Air Force Academy, which played Saturday at Michigan.

His view out his office window is spectacular, to say the least, just three football fields away from the edge of the Rocky Mountains.

"I was out here nine years (at Colorado) and it was really a blessing, because I can't imagine a better place to live," said Vanderlinden, who is in his fourth season as the Falcons inside linebackers coach. "It's a gorgeous place and you're working with America's finest young men. And our coaching staff has nine or 10 coaches that are Air Force Academy grads, so such quality group of guys and coach (Troy) Calhoun is a terrific head coach, terrific person. So it's been wonderful coaching here and coming back to Colorado, living in the Rocky Mountain State, where there is so much to do and see."

After spending 13 seasons at Penn State, Calhoun gave Vanderlinden an unexpected call and asked: "Are you interested in coming to Air Force?"

Without hesitation, Vanderlinden said, "Absolutely. I didn't need much encouragement."

After playing under McCartney for Detroit Catholic League powerhouse Divine Child, Vanderlinden spent four seasons as the starting center at Albion College, where he made aAll-MIAA twice and helped the Britons to a perfect 9-0 record in 1976.

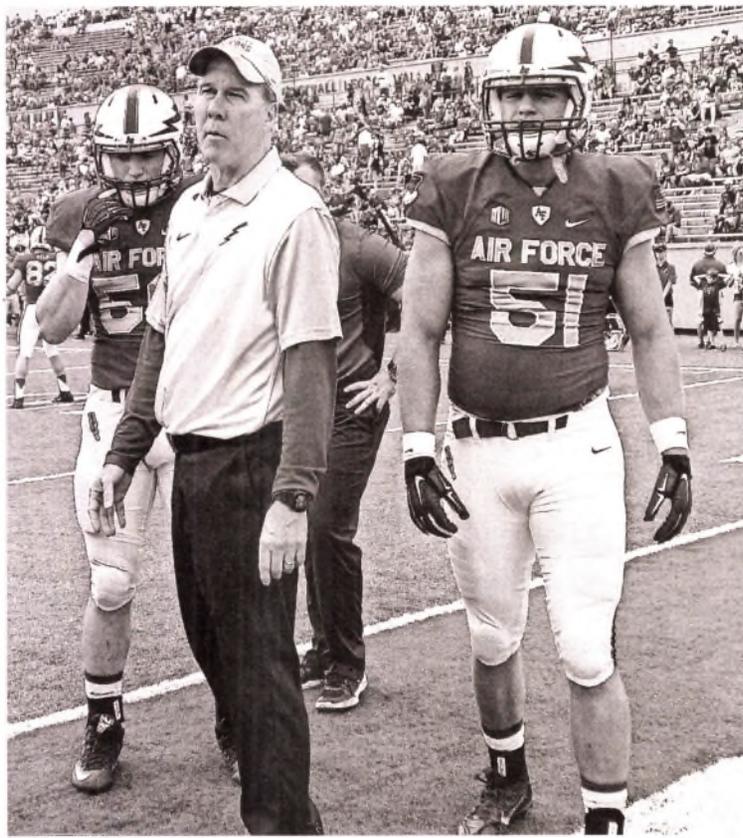
After graduating from Albion in 1978, Vanderlinden got his coaching start as a graduate assistant at Bowling Green, where he earned his master's degree before moving to U-M in 1979-80 as a graduate assistant.

"It was such a neat experience growing up in Livonia and being a fan and having a chance to work for somebody I respected and such a legend," Vanderlinden said of Schembechler. "Just an awesome experience. My high school coach Bill McCartney was the defensive coordinator and that even enhanced the whole experience."

Vanderlinden was hired as a full-time coach at Ball State (1981-82) before reuniting with McCartney for a third time when he served as a defensive assistant at Colorado from 1983-91. The Buffaloes captured the 1990 national championship, along with three straight Big Eight championships.

From 1992-96, Vanderlinden served as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Northwestern, where he played a part in the reversal of fortunes of a struggling football program into a two-time Big Ten champion. Northwestern led the nation in scoring defense in 1995 and played in the its first Rose Bowl since 1936 against Southern Cal.

In 1997, he was hired at Maryland, a team without a bowl game and only one winning season since 1990. In both the



Livonia native Ron Vanderlinden is the inside linebackers coach at the Air Force Academy. AIR FORCE ATHLETICS

1999 and 2000 seasons, Maryland narrowly missed achieving a winning season and bowl game bid by losing its finale and ended with back-to-back 5-6 records.

Maryland improved significantly during Vanderlinden's tenure, winning more games in 1999 than the previous two years combined.

His staff also recruited players who would be instrumental in the team's meteoric rise in 2001 to an ACC championship, a Bowl Championship Series game and a top 10 final ranking, but after four seasons and a 15-29 record, he was relieved of his duties in College Park and was off to Penn State.

Better known as

"Linebacker U," it was there he developed a vaunted linebacker unit that included 2005 Butkus and 2005-06 Bednarik Award winner Paul Posluszny, a consensus All-American, along with 2006 All-American and 2007 Bednarik Award winner Dan Connor.

Also part of that talented linebacker corps was Livonia Clarenceville High's Tim Shaw, who played six seasons in the NFL (before being diagnosed in 2014 with ALS).

"This is my 40th year and I feel very, very fortunate to have worked for not only outstanding football coaches - because you can make an argument for any one of them because they're a Hall of Famers - but

they're also outstanding human beings," Vanderlinden said. "And coach Calhoun is the same, so I've been really fortunate to work for ethical, really good people who are also outstanding football coaches."

Vanderlinden has witnessed the transformation of college football in many different regards during his lengthy career, starting with the elimination of preseason two-a-day practices.

"It's not the grind it used to be," Vanderlinden said. "And I think television has influenced the game greatly with all the start times and stop times. Instant replay has changed the game - and I think in a positive way." Finding and recruiting

prospects has also changed dramatically during his coaching career.

"Everything is about facilities in recruiting," Vanderlinden said. "And I think the sportsmanship has taken a back seat in some regards to just the whole bragging and recruiting part of it."

Meanwhile, defending opposing new-age offenses also presents its own unique challenges, with the passing game and running quarterbacks.

"We're an option team, but so there are so many spread teams - out of the shotgun - that run the quarterback effectively and make you defend it," Vanderlinden said. "And now the run-pass option part of the game - we refer to it as the RPOs - where it's a run called, but it's the quarterback's discretion whether he wants to throw it or hand it off. That has really changed the game defensively, as well. If you watched the Ohio State and Oklahoma game, they were throwing that ball down the field. But they were running a run play, but the quarterback (Baker Mayfield) was just slinging it. So it really makes it hard to defend that."

Calhoun, in his 11th season at Air Force, is 78-53 overall. He is an Air Force grad who also spent time in the NFL as an assistant at both Denver and Houston. The Falcons are coming off an 10-3 season and bowl win in 2016.

Air Force won its season opener Sept. 2 over VMI, 62-0.

The 61-year-old Vanderlinden isn't contemplating retirement just yet. The view out his office window is just too good to pass up.

"I still enjoy the game, the young people and it's a great place," he said. "I take it day-to-day."

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Seaholm's Zachary Martin received 20,066 votes to edge out Northville volleyball

player Hannah Grant with 17,575 votes.



WHAT HE SAID ABOUT BEING NAMED AOW: "My family was really excited and they were all really going hard on the voting. They were excited to see my name up there so they voted a lot, and the same for our school. They tweeted it out and I got a lot of votes and I'm happy about that. It's an exciting honor." Martin also credited his teammates, especially his defenders, in helping him register the shutout.

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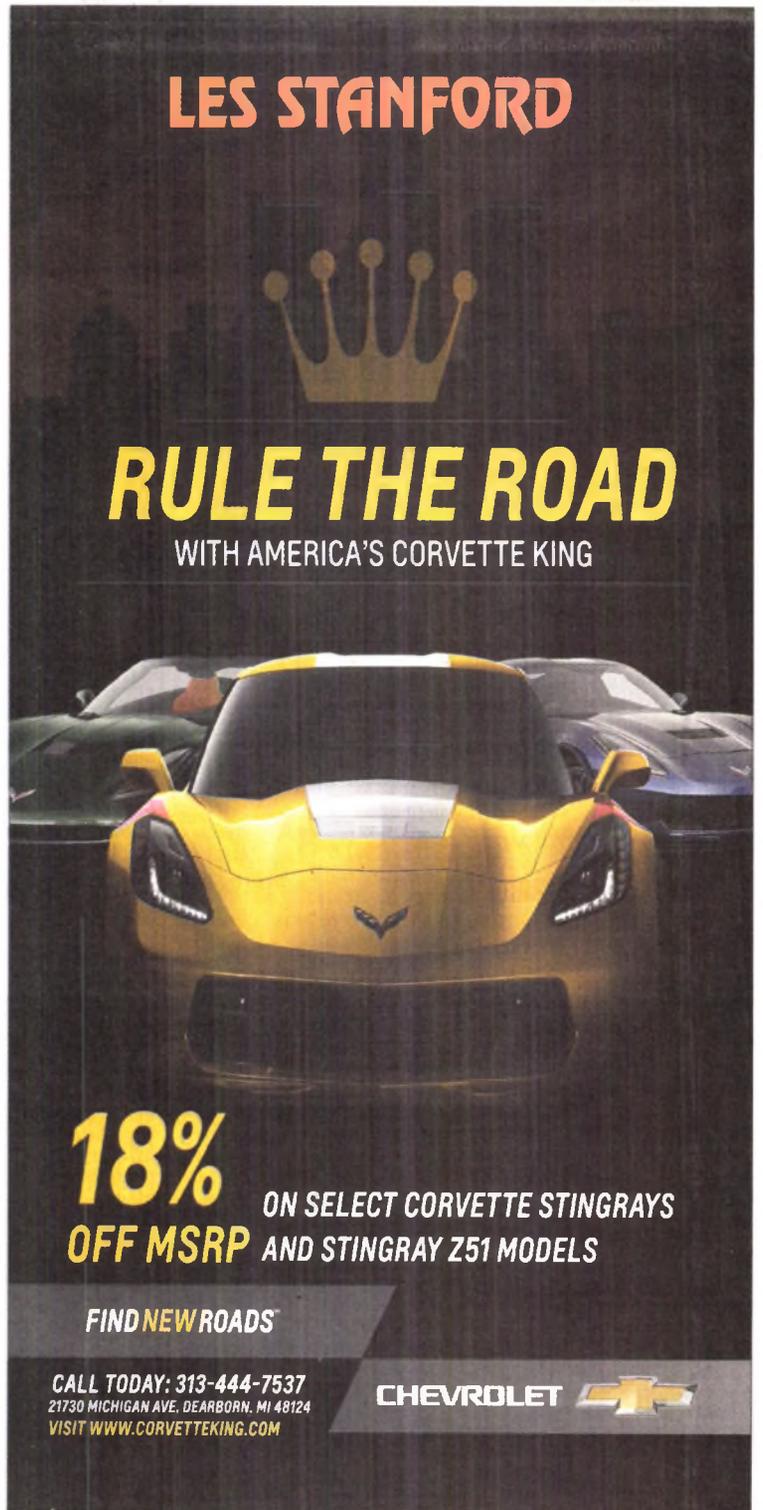


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6 ways to handle gaps in employment

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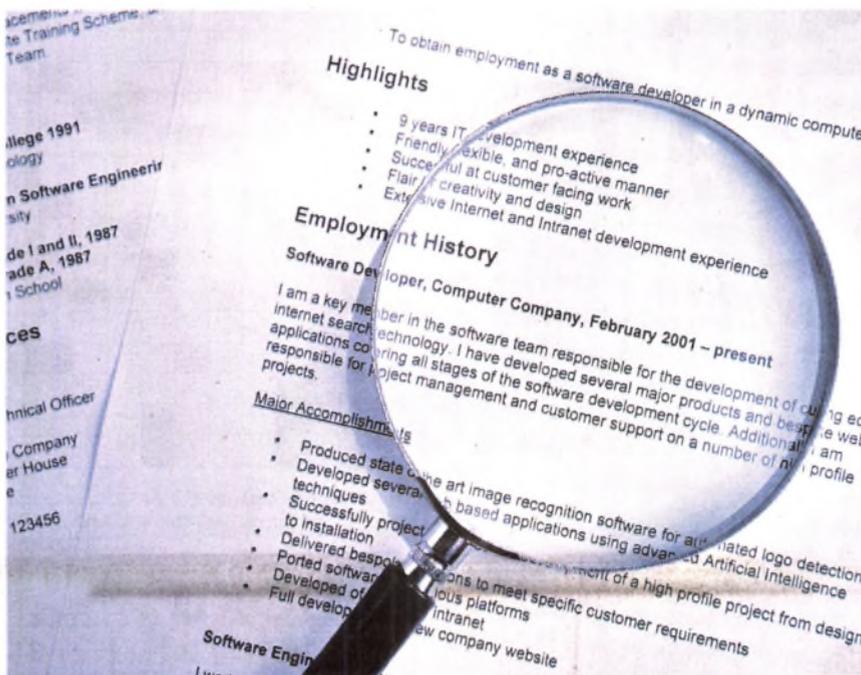
Have you had to bounce around a bit? Worried your recent job history will appear a bit erratic to potential employers? Though job hopping is becoming less and less stigmatized, and more and more employers and recruiters are sensitive to the particular challenges of the marketplace and the current economy, there are still some situations where it's best to downplay all your job activity.

Here are six ways to handle employment gaps on your resume:

1. Summarize

If you don't already have a summary paragraph at the top of your resume, now's the time to add one. Use it to define yourself and then to guide the recruiter through the bullet points and information she's about to take in. Use it to show how best to interpret your multiple recent job changes, and what narrative to take away from that. Giving a recruiter a greater narrative should stick with him or her.

And, if you're worried that recruiters might think you'd be a flight risk, emphasize in your summary that you are looking for a long-term position, or to be somewhere for the long haul. Get out in front of



the story, as they say in the media.

2. Find coherence

If you can find a narrative to connect all of your hopping, then you're golden. Perhaps these were all positions within the same field, or were taken in hopes of rocketing up the ladder or learning new skills. Or, if you've hopped from industry to industry, you could emphasize the work you do

and how you've been trying to hone in on the perfect niche for it. Make your job hopping an asset by having it tell a story.

3. Fudge the months

If you can get away with taking out the months in your dates, and just leaving the years, then you can give the illusion of having worked at a place longer than you did. Using years only helps you to

smooth over short-term gigs. You can also put the dates to the right of the job headings, rather than the left, to deemphasize them.

4. Focus

Concentrate on three or four of your recent jobs and flesh them out in more detail than you normally would. Then make a more summarized section on previous employment, including multiple

jobs within those dates, to minimize the feeling of having hopped around from job to job during that time.

5. Be honest

If you were laid off as the result of a merger or acquisition, or you were a contract worker, then some of your hopping was not your fault. It is totally OK to explain this on your resume. A quick parenthetical (formerly X Company) next to the company name will be a good start. Your summary paragraph will also help here.

6. Try a hybrid

If all else fails, the hybrid resume might be for you. This is a new way of thinking about the resume, emphasizing your skills first, and your bulleted, chronological history second. Choose four to five responsibilities or skills or job facets that you've excelled in, across all of your jobs, and sell yourself as a prime candidate.

By the time the hiring manager gets to the second page with your list of actual job experience, she'll already be convinced you can do the job.

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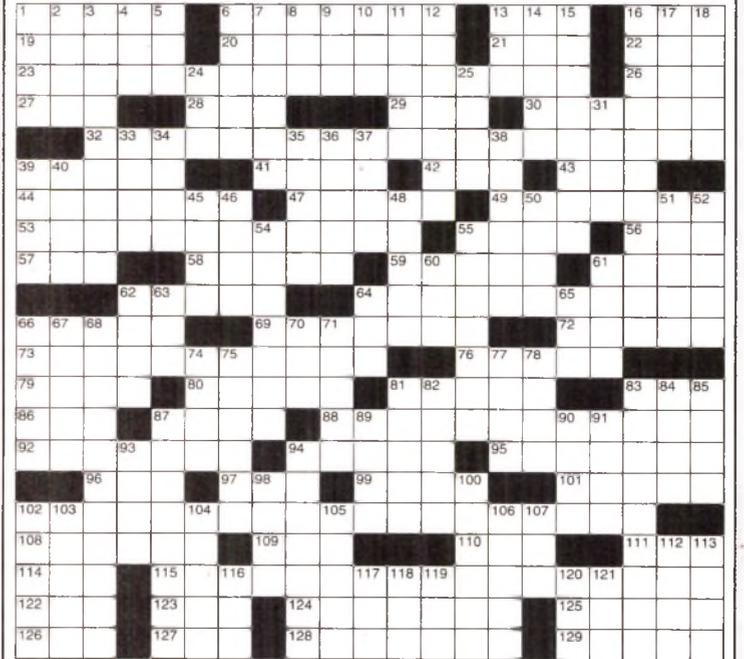
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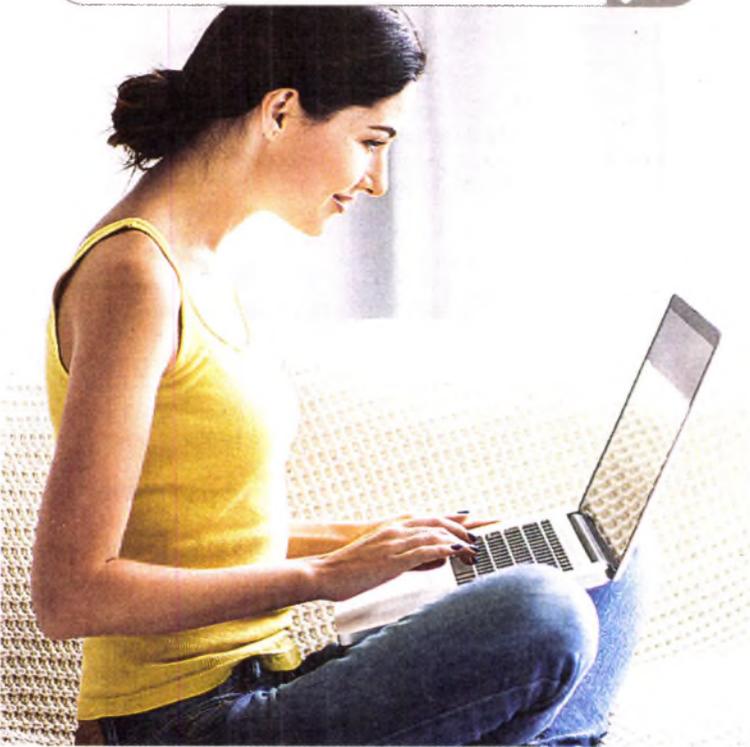
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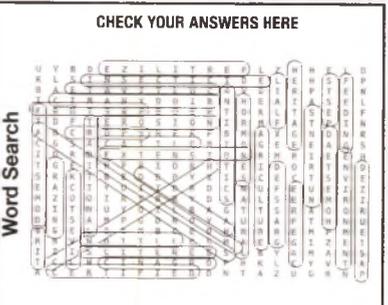
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Car Report

HURRICANE HARVEY BATTERED FORD AND HOUSTON; LED BY MARK LANEVE, FORD HAS BEEN PUSHING BACK



By Dale Buss

Many automakers have stepped up with aid programs to help Houstoners cope with the destruction they experienced from Hurricane Harvey and Floridians handle the ravages of Hurricane Irma.

But Ford might have come readier and heavier than many for Harvey.

About 80 percent of Ford's 115 dealers in metro Houston took on some sort of wind or water damage, and about a dozen suffered "really catastrophic damage including much of the dealership and their inventory being underwater," Mark LaNeve, Ford's Vice President of US Sales, Marketing and Service, told me.

"The first bad weekend I must have had 300 text messages personally from dealers," he added.

Ford had learned procedurally how to most effectively address such major catastrophes in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and Hurricane Sandy in 2012. There was a checklist of 55 to 60 items awaiting activation when Harvey rolled in.

But LaNeve brought an extra measure of experience to the challenge

of helping lead the company and its dealers to the other side of Harvey: He had extensive auto industry experience from previous stints, and when he was Allstate's CMO beginning in 2009, the company hatched its still-running "Mayhem" advertising campaign.

LaNeve talked with me about how Ford is trying to help overcome the very real mayhem caused by Harvey and Irma:

Q: How did Ford handle the weather crisis in Houston?

LaNeve: It start[ed] with getting some assessment of whether our employees are OK, our field-service team and parts depot. We believe there are about 115 dealers in the immediate affected area. Did they need any assistance? Are their people accounted for? Thank God, miracle of miracles, we didn't get any reports about losses like that.

Then following up on that is really damage assessment to try to get our dealers back in business, help them to rebuild. Through our credit arm and getting them onto the ground with insurance adjusters through their subsidiary, American Road, [we] could get checks cut and dealers could continue to make payroll and take care of their people.

Now as part of the back end of that process, we're trying to rapidly refill



Mark Laneve

inventory both new and used and meet what seems to be almost immediate demand for vehicles. But while this was going on, dealers on their own in Texas and through their state association had committed close to \$1 million for relief of affected dealers and their dealer base.

[Dallas Cowboys owner] Jerry Jones had a telethon last week to raise money for the general relief fund and to contribute to the Red Cross and United Way and other charities; they donated an additional \$200,000. We not only matched that \$1.2 million but also another \$300,000 in matching funds from Ford Motor Co. We believe that gets us to \$3 million easily.

And our charitable foundation had already put up \$500,000 in various

relief efforts to American Red Cross, Salvation Army [and others] and made donations to some of the various first-responder organizations, including Ford Transit vans. We sell so many vehicles into the first-responder units and have relationships with them across the country; we feel a special affinity with those folks.

Q: For Ford owners, you've also got a program called "Texas Is Family," which offers flooding victims a benefit that not too many people get to experience.

LaNeve: Yes, the final piece is that as tragic as it is, people need to get their lives started back together. So we wanted to make it easy for people to get replacement vehicles.

On the new vehicle side, we talked

to a lot of dealers who talked to customers, and customers were traumatized and were in a big hurry to get a new vehicle. The easiest thing to do is to offer our Ford employee price. From what I understand over the weekend [dealers] already wrote a lot of business, and that's an incremental incentive.

Q: How does the response align with the Ford brand?

LaNeve: Part of the DNA of your brand is the values and how you react. Are you consistent in your value system? Ford [has a very distinctive] DNA: it's family, heritage, progress. And we're very much—I've worked at other car companies and Ford feels different, and it's a family company. When we're with our dealers they feel part of our family.

Q: What is likely to be the impact of Harvey on auto sales, and therefore on Ford, across the country?

LaNeve: Our top priority is the security of our people and helping everyone to get people back on their feet. But our experience from Katrina is that business is soft as people get their feet back under them. Then you've got a snap-back effect and, over a four- to six-month period, sales are back to normal or even a bit positive

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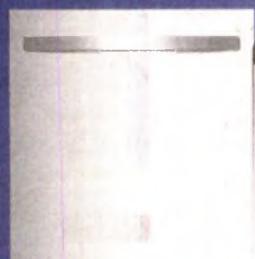
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NO SECURITY DEPOSIT REQUIRED

MSRP: \$29,270

SIDE BLIND ZONE, REAR CAMERA, REAR CROSS TRAFFIC ALERT, MOONROOF



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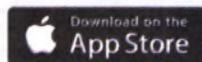
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- Chevrolet Complete Care Included

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- Remote Start
- 10 Air Bags
- Rear Vision Camera
- Heated Leather Seats
- Bose Premium Audio
- Onstar w4G LTE with Wi Fi Hotspot
- Chevrolet Complete Care Included

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MSRP \$37,555
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STOCK #173015

- 238 All Electric Range
- 17" painted aluminum wheel
- 10 airbags
- Rear camera
- Auto headlamps
- 8" reconfigurable color cluster
- XM Radio
- Onstar with 4G Wi-Fi

\$277/MO*
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2017 Silverado LT 4x4 Crew Cab

MSRP \$49,050
STARTING AS LOW AS \$35,238



STOCK #171803

- 5.3L V8 Engine
- 6 Speed Automatic Transmission
- Remote Start
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- Dual Zone Climate Control
- Onstar w4G LTE with Wi Fi Hotspot
- Chevrolet Complete Care Included

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STOCK #172655

- 5.3L EcoTec3 V8 engine with Active Fuel Management™, Direct Injection and Variable Valve Timing
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- Rear vision camera
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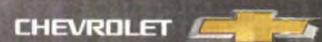
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