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Giving needy veterans a happier holiday

Program hoping to expand with more donations this year

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In the fourth year of Westland veterans being provided with Christmas dinners, the program is looking for public donations to help serve more

veterans in need.

The Wayne-Ford Civic League has worked on the annual program with Westland Mayor William Wild and state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, providing the makings of a holiday meal at no charge.

"This is the fourth year that we have

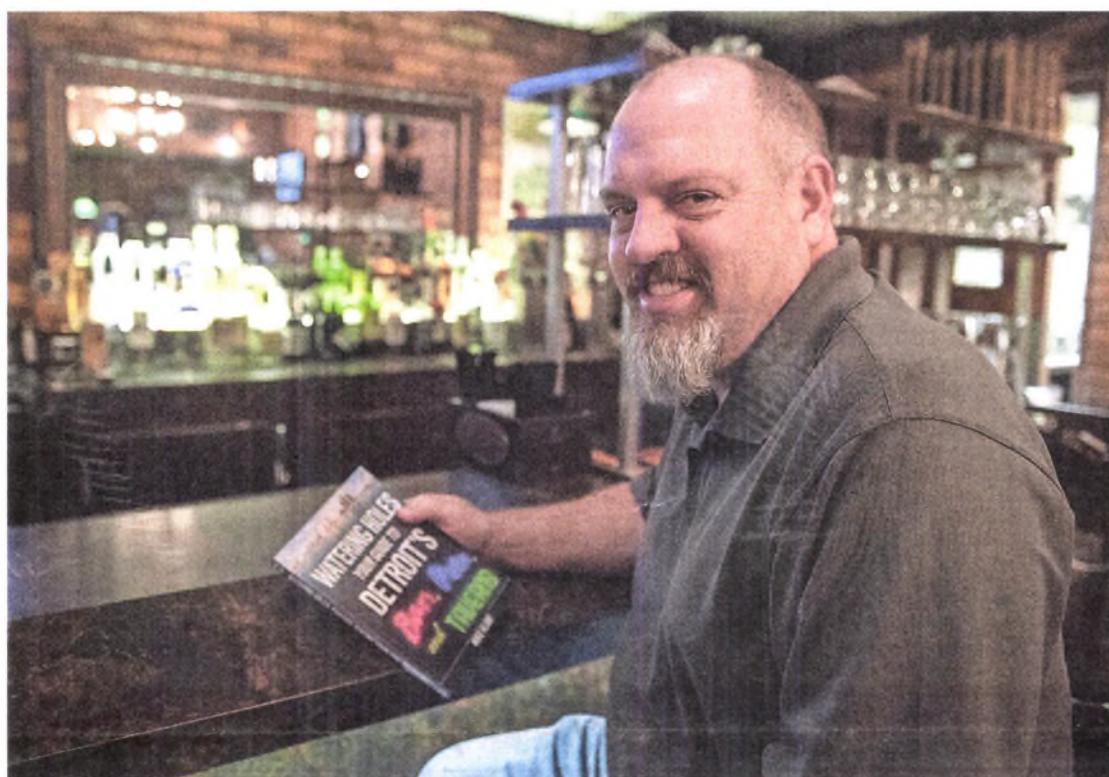
partnered on this cause that is very important to us," Kosowski said. "We want to ensure that every veteran in our district has everything they need for a delicious meal around the holidays to show our thanks for their service."

Joining the volunteer effort this year are Westland City Council President James Godbout and councilman-elect Jim Hart, who takes office Jan. 1.

"The idea is to get more people involved and grow it to serve more veterans," Wild said. "We kicked off right after Thanksgiving and we're still trying to raise funds. There is a GoFundMe page that has raised over \$2,000 already."

Veterans in need, who must be Westland residents, will be provided their

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Canton author Mike Kline visited 157 Detroit bars to pen his new guide, "Watering Holes: Your Guide To Detroit's Bars, Pubs and Taverns." BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

W-W teacher to make presentation at international conference

Jacqueline St. Antoine, a dual-diagnosis teacher at Franklin Middle School who teaches students with cognitive impairments and social/emotional/behavioral deficits, will travel in this month to Tampere, Finland, to present at an international conference.



St. Antoine

"I'll be attending the Art, EcoJustice and Education Conference at the University of Tampere in Tampere, Finland," she said. "My presentation is on EcoJustice Education and Disability. EcoJustice Education is an approach to teaching that is concerned with an ecological analysis and pedagogy of responsibility to develop citizens who are prepared to support and achieve diverse, democratic and sustainable societies. In short, EcoJustice Education is an approach focused on relationship building, place-based learning, increasing engagement and fostering community. It focuses on building partnerships between students, families, schools and the outside community. Typically, this approach has not included individuals with disabilities."

Three years ago, she and Amanda Meyers began Franklin Unified, a student-led inclusion program at Franklin Middle School. Franklin Unified does a variety of activities. They hold unified athletics during the school day to bring together general and special education students. This year, they are planning unified basketball and unified bowling. Each spring, they have a unified field day.

Aside from athletics, Franklin Unified students create videos promoting respect and positivity within the school. They also hold an annual pledge campaign where students sign and commit to respect and include others.

"We have increased participation by 400 percent in the last three years," St. Antoine said. "Students are motivated to make a difference, take ownership in their school and to lead. Franklin Unified's goal is to develop pride in our students for their school community, while promoting inclusion and acceptance. When students care about their school and their community, they are more engaged. Students can develop relationships that make school a safer, more joyful and more supportive place. When families see their students as a part of a community, they feel more positive and invited into the school culture."

St. Antoine's students have started a class business called Nest Cafe, where they sell breakfast and beverages to the staff at FMS to help financially support their fundraising and service learning efforts.

The staff supports the Franklin Unified effort, too.

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He went to how many bars? Author pens Detroit guide

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Mike Kline bellied up to 157 Detroit bars, all in the name of research.

He made the rounds from dingy dive bars to craft cocktail clubs as he raised a glass to Detroit and its "amazing" comeback.

With his liver still intact, the 48-year-old Canton author has penned a new book, "Watering Holes: Your Guide To Detroit's Bars, Pubs and Taverns." It's a labor of love, with a few burps thrown in, to help readers maneuver Detroit's bustling bar scene.

"It was a blast doing it," he said during an interview at Green Dot Stables on West Lafayette.

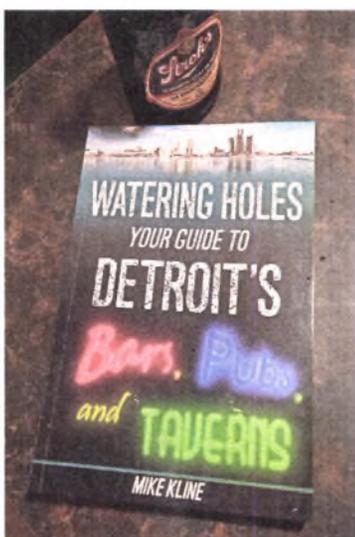
Kline's 170-page guide breaks down Detroit's bars by neighborhoods, such as Corktown, Midtown, Eastern Market and downtown, among others. It's a perfect resource for Detroit bar lovers like Will Albers of Belleville, who belongs to a small Detroit bar-hopping group dubbed The League.

"We get together, go to dive bars and learn about the neighborhoods and history," Albers said. "Now, with this book, we have a checklist that gives us a little bit of insight about where we're going."

The League hopes to visit all 157 bars listed in the guide. Kline makes it easy to keep track with a "been there" box they can check for each bar.

"It's almost like a scavenger hunt," Albers said.

"Watering Holes" has a one-page entry for each bar Kline visited and



Lost in the Detroit bar scene? Mike Kline's new book is here to help. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

provides a succinct synopsis, including what kind of food is served. It has maps, parking advice and details about which establishments provide shuttles to sports games and other downtown events.

Kline, a professional, independent photographer, took pictures of every bar. It's a guide, not a book of reviews, but he revealed some of his favorite spots during the interview.

Old Miami and PJ's Lager House

are high on his list. He spoke favorably of The Keep, a subterranean bar with a brick interior and no windows in the Bricktown neighborhood.

"You're in a basement and you know you're in a basement," Kline said.

On the food front, Cutter's in Eastern Market has one of his favorite burgers, stuffed with feta cheese and red onions, while Sweetwater Tavern in Bricktown and PizzaPapalis Taverna in Greektown make some of the best chicken wings. Motor City Brewing Works in Midtown gets high marks for pizza.

Go to Bricktown for onion rings: "Checker's Bar has the best onion rings I've ever had," Kline said.

Kline's bar travels took him to old neighborhood bars like Nancy Whiskey, which dates back to 1902 in the Corktown neighborhood and claims to be Detroit's oldest bar. Bonus: The jukebox is free to operate each Wednesday.

He also drank at newer bars like the Apparatus Room in the Foundation Hotel, formerly the Detroit Fire Department headquarters. Kline described it as "hipster and elegant" with craft cocktails.

Kline started his research early this year, talking to bartenders, managers and owners and getting history lessons as he drank. Jumbo's Bar in the Midtown/Cass Corridor area has been owned by three generations of the same family since 1940, while PJ's Lager House is among the bars where the Prohibition-era Purple Gang used

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choice of either a turkey or ham, along with mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, sweet potatoes, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce and heat and serve rolls.

Those looking to participate must register by Wednesday, Dec. 20. The food will be distributed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League.

"I have always been an advocate for our veterans. We have men and women who ask for nothing in return for all they have given for us. This is a very small gesture that we all can and should get behind," said Hart, himself an Army veteran. "It is an honor and privilege for me and my family to roll up our sleeves, shake their hands and show our



Wayne-Ford Civic League President Vic Barra (left) and state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, (right), with veteran Jimmie Davis during a previous year passing out free holiday food. The program serving Westland veterans is being expanded this year. FILE PHOTO

thanks."

"I am thrilled to be able to participate with my colleagues in such an incredible program this year," Godbout said. "There are many ways to help this wonderful

cause, like helping to get the word out to veterans and their families or by donating. Every bit really does help."

Donations can be made online by visiting the Wayne Ford Civic League Facebook page or in person at the Wayne

Ford Civic League, 1661 N. Wayne Road, or the mayor's office in Westland City Hall.

"As a veteran, I was proud to begin this tradition with Mayor Wild and state Rep. Kosowski four years ago," Wayne-Ford Civic League president Vic Barra said. "Every year, we are able to help more and more people and to see it grow as more veterans become aware of the effort is extremely rewarding. I appreciate the continued support of our local elected officials and this year's sponsors, D&B Grocers and Heartland Market."

Located in the former Sam's Club building on Central City Parkway, Wild said D&B Grocers will be putting together the holiday meals for the veterans. As in past years, veterans are asked

to pick up their holiday meals, but Wild said in the past a few meals were delivered when veterans weren't able to get to the league building.

"The veterans of our community have given the ultimate sacrifice by putting their life on the line to defend those here at home. It is our duty to take care of those distinguished members who have served our country," Wild said. "Providing free turkeys for the holiday is our way of honoring the veterans of Westland."

Veterans wanting to sign up for a holiday meal can call Wild's office at 734-467-3200 or Kosowski's office at 517-373-2576.

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TEACHER

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"This winter, we will be holding a fundraiser for Special Olympics Polar Plunge," St. Antoine said. "Our principals Stacy Williamson and Deena Pringle will be getting taped up! I'll be jumping into Lake Belleville this February for our team. We also do a community service project each year, which has been building and main-

taining a memorial garden at FMS."

St. Antoine has taught at Franklin Middle School for six years and is in her eighth year with Wayne-Westland Community Schools. She is also completing a doctorate in educational studies with an emphasis on urban education and focus on disability studies at Eastern Michigan University and is an adjunct professor at EMU in the special education department.

"The work I have been doing centers on the need

for community-based partnerships, EcoJustice education and democratic schooling to be more inclusive of individuals with disabilities," she said. "Wayne-Westland is one of the largest hubs for students with special needs in the state. We are truly leaders among low-incidence areas. I am advocating for the need to include individuals with disabilities in more community-based school efforts. Using an EcoJustice framework, I believe this is a real possibility."

She is one of a few scholars bringing together disability and EcoJustice education.

"I love Wayne-Westland Schools," she said. "It has been my home and I am committed to serving WWCS. We are doing great work here. I want to do more of that important work. Very few programs of this type are fully inclusive of students with significant disabilities. I want to be on the forefront of developing such a program here at WWCS."

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to hang out as members dealt in illegal alcohol sales.

The bars where Kline raised a toast to Detroit are bounded geographically by Warren, the Detroit River, Interstate 96 and Joseph Campau

Avenue. He got the idea for his book because friends knew he worked in photography in Detroit and often asked him where to go.

"My friends wanted to know where the best dive bars are," he said. "They're not looking to spend a lot of money. They're looking for a place where they can spend the least and still

have fun."

Kline's book comes as Detroit's bar scene, like the city itself, is witnessing a resurgence.

"This book is my way of raising a glass to toast this awesome city," he said.

What makes a good bar?

"Cold beer, decent food and friendliness," Kline said. "I want to feel

welcome. They don't have to yell 'Norm' (like on the TV show 'Cheers') when I walk in the door, but I want it to be friendly."

For more about the book or to buy it, go to <http://www.wateringholesbook.com>.

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Wallet missing from shopping cart

A shopper at Target, 29451 Plymouth, came into the police station Nov. 22 to report her wallet had gone missing from a shopping cart.

She said she was at the store, finished shopping and went out to her car. She drove away and realized she had left her wallet in the shopping cart when she got home. She went back to the store, but could not locate it. She checked with employees inside the store, though they told

her no one had turned in a wallet. The wallet contained her driver's license, debit cards, a credit card, a Bridge card and some cash.

Yet another iTunes gift card scam

A 25-year-old Livonia man came into the police station Nov. 22 to report he had been scammed out of several thousands of dollars in a scam to locate his iPhone.

He said he stumbled onto a website to help find his phone and contacted the suspect, who said he needed \$3,500 in

iTunes gift cards as payment, though said he would receive \$3,100 back. The victim went to multiple stores and purchased the cards, then sent the numbers on the back to the suspect. The suspect then asked for more iTunes cards and the victim realized it had been a scam. He contacted his financial institution for advice, who told him to file a police report.

Retail fraud suspect stopped

Police were called Monday to Menards,

12701 Middlebelt, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody.

An employee told police the suspect was seen selecting several items and removing them from their packaging. The items were then concealed and the suspect went to a register to purchase a socket set. He tried to leave without paying for the concealed items and was stopped by an employee. Police arrived and issued him a citation before releasing him.

— By David Veselenak

Vehicles broken into in Livonia neighborhood

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Livonia police continue to warn residents to keep their vehicles secure and lock their doors after several had items taken from them in the Castle Gardens neighborhood.

Police are investigating several vehicles that were entered in the subdivision, located near Five Mile and Newburgh, back on Nov. 26. At least five residences were targeted, including three vehicles parked in the 37700 block of Jamison, one in the 37900 block of Jamison and two others in the 38000 block of Ross.

The two vehicles on Ross were reported as being broken into sometime that day. One resident said she got a call from her credit union about some unusual activity on her card. She then went outside and found her wallet missing from inside her purse in the car. She canceled the cards, though several of them had been used at numerous businesses.

On Jamison, several

items were taken from cars parked either on the street or in the driveways of homes. Those items taken included earrings, cash, a vehicle jump starter pack, a Fitbit watch and a fleet fuel card.

All the vehicles that were entered were all unlocked and no signs of forced entry were visible by police.

The rash of larcenies in the neighborhood are just the latest that have hit Livonia in the past few months. Several vehicles near West Chicago and Middlebelt were broken into in late October, while several other scattered incidents of unlocked vehicles being entered have been reported throughout the year.

Police advise residents to avoid keeping valuables out in the open in their vehicles and to make sure car doors are locked.

Anyone with information regarding the most recent string of thefts from vehicles is encouraged to call Livonia police at 734-466-2470.

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WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

Mail lit on fire

Westland police were called Nov. 19 to a residence in the 8300 block of Woodcrest Drive on the report of some arson of mail in the area.

The caller told police that a suspect entered the common area of the apartment building and picked up some junk mail by the mailboxes, set it on fire and dropped it on the ground. The suspect then left the area and residents put out the fire. He returned later and set mail on fire again, leaving the residents to put out the fire again. The suspect left the area before police arrived and could not be located.

Door handle broken on vehicle

A resident who lives in the 37000 block of Scotsdale Circle came into the police department Nov. 14 to report her vehicle had been damaged. She said someone had damaged the door lock the morning before. She said she was unsure how it happened, but it appeared someone had tried to unlock the car and damaged the handle. No suspect information was available.

Catalytic converter taken

An individual came into the police station Nov. 16 to report the theft of a catalytic converter in the 34000 block of Fountain Boulevard. The victim said he had parked his car at the address to take a friend to the hospital. When he returned, he noticed the catalytic converter had been cut off the car.

Identity theft reported

A resident who lives in the 8000 block of Chestnut filed a police report Nov. 15 regarding someone filing for unemployment benefits in their name.

She said she was told by her employer Nov. 8 that someone attempted to claim unemployment in her name, though it was denied. The next week, the victim said she received a call from the unemployment office letting her know that someone had attempted to file in her name. She was advised to file a police report and to notify her creditors.

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Pregnant woman robbed at gunpoint in Wayne

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Wayne police have arrested two teens accused of robbing a pregnant woman at gunpoint. Police were called Nov. 22 to the area of Van Born and Howe in Wayne on the report of an armed robbery that had taken place. The victim, a 29-year-old Romulus resident who is pregnant, was walking out of a business in the area when she was approached by two individuals. One of them pointed a gun at her and the two demanded she hand over

her car keys. The two then fled the area, but were arrested a short time later by Wayne police. One, 17-year-old Wayne resident Richard Maxwell Scott, was arrested and charged with armed robbery, carjacking and felony firearm. He was arraigned and given a \$500,000/10-percent bond. He remained locked up in the Wayne County Jail as of Nov. 28. If convicted, he faces up to life in prison. He's due to return to court Dec. 5 for a prob-



Scott

able cause conference and Dec. 12 for a preliminary examination, both of which will take place in Wayne's 29th District Court. The other suspect, a 16-year-old Wayne resident, was also arrested and detained at the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility in downtown Detroit. Lt. Ryan Strong of the Wayne Police Department said his case would be handled in the Wayne County juvenile division.

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Wayne Memorial senior finalist for scholarship

Success is not selfish. Shivam Patel, a senior at Wayne Memorial High School, believes in collective success and he is striving to help his classmates reach their goals and his community thrive.

Patel is a finalist for a Quest Bridge scholarship. Quest Bridge is a national nonprofit organization that connects high-achieving, low-income students with top colleges. In 2017, out of 15,606 applications, 5,759 students were selected as National College Match Finalists.



Shivam Patel is a finalist for a Quest Bridge scholarship.

"Quest Bridge helps underprivileged students get into elite colleges," Patel said. "You get ranked in certain schools."

As a finalist, students rank their top 12 schools and hope to get matched to one of them. Patel hopes to get ranked to his No. 1 choice Brown University. If he is chosen, he will receive a full scholarship.

Patel is not sure what he wants to study yet in college.

"I am trying to figure out what problem I want to solve and how I want to benefit society," he said. He was born in Lansing and has lived in Detroit, Flint and Inkster. He and his family now live in Wayne.

"These cities have been struggling, but are bouncing back," he said. The residents of those communities are staying together and coming back and he wants to be part of that process.

"My parents come from a background of India and I am trying to

make a better life for them. And over the years, it transitioned to I want to help my community. Wayne is like my family and I want to help others," he said.

Patel is on the ethics teams, which won the state championship last year. He also on Student Senate, a member of the National Honor Society and he created Team Wayne, which includes the top students from the Class of 2018 at Wayne Memorial. The goal of the group is to encourage and support each other during the college application period.

"College app season is fierce competition and I didn't want that. I believe in collective success," he said. "The group is geared toward supporting everyone and having all of the students succeed."

He is also a champions student. With a GPA of 4.2, he didn't need the incentive to increase his

grades, so his goal is to create a mentorship program between upperclassmen and first-year students. He compares it to a mini champions program.

"My champions goal is to create a mentorship program between seniors and freshmen and sophomores that is like a big brother big sister program. It is an informal relationship that provides academic and social mentoring with a senior student," Patel said. He is currently working with the Upward Bound program to see which students might benefit from this program.

Patel hopes that Team Wayne and the mentoring program he created will live on at Wayne Memorial after he graduates in June.

"Coming in as a freshman and leaving as a senior I just want to know that I made Wayne a better place," he said.

WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

World War II firearm reported stolen

A Wayne resident who lives in the 4900 block of Wayne Road came into the police station Nov. 15 to report a World War II firearm had gone missing. He said the weapon was last seen more than a year ago in a lock box inside his bedroom. He said only he and his wife knew where the key to the box that contained the firearm was. He said his wife insisted she had not taken the handgun, which was a World War II souvenir firearm that was made in Czechoslovakia.

Home broken into

Police were called Nov. 9 to a home in the 5300 block of Williams on the report of a burglary that had taken place. The victim said he had been hospitalized for several days and came home to find the front door of his home open. He went inside and found his home in disarray, his mail open as well as his safe open. It didn't appear anything was missing and there were no signs of forced entry.

Gun stolen from vehicle

Police were dispatched Nov. 24 to a residence in the 5200 block of Wayne Road on the report of a gun that had been stolen from a vehicle. The victim said he left the weapon in the door compartment of his car and last saw it Nov. 22. He noticed it was missing two days later. He said he could not remember if he had locked the vehicle or not. Police checked the car, but could not locate the weapon.

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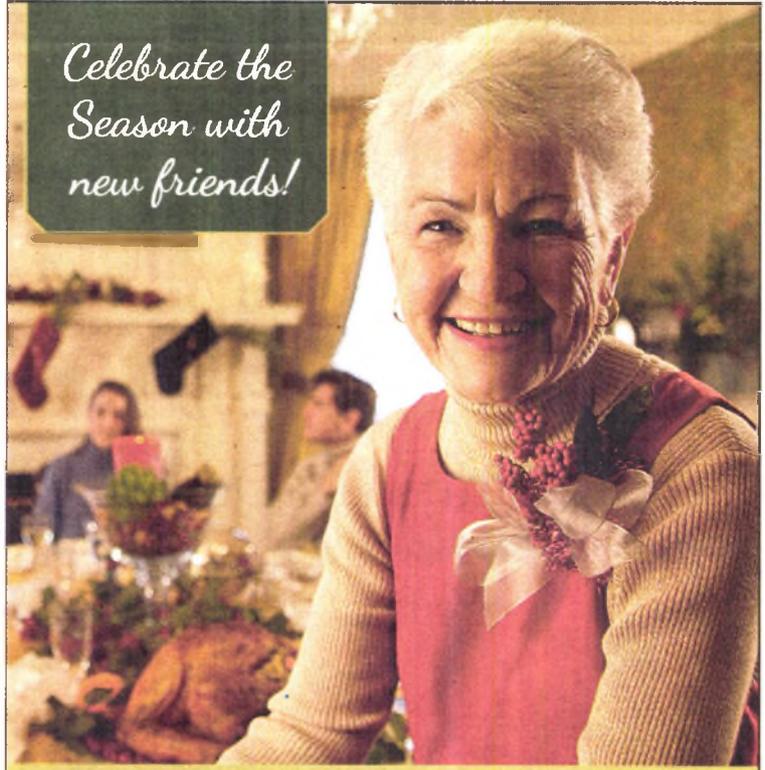
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Musicians play songs to aid Lost Voices program

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They're only ages 12-18, but already they are having to rebuild their lives after being swept up in human trafficking, drug addiction and other life-altering situations.

They live in residential treatment places such as Vista Maria in Dearborn Heights, geared toward adolescent girls. Some spent time in juvenile facilities such as the former W.J. Maxey Boys Training School.

Now, they are exploring their innermost feelings by writing songs and creating melodies with



During a previous performance are Lost Voice musicians (from left) the Rev. Robert Jones, Josh White Jr., Mike Ball and Kitty Donohoe. LOST VOICES

musicians who visit them from Lost Voice, a Plymouth-based program started a decade ago by founder Mike Ball.

It's a way the youngsters can begin to regain

self-confidence and realize through songwriting workshops that they have something important to say.

"We work with all kinds of kids who are in

severely at-risk situations," Ball said. "The majority of them are just kids trying to figure out how to get their lives back together."

To boost much-needed funding for Lost Voices, 25 musicians are ready to perform outside and indoors during a charity event set for 8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, at Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room in Ann Arbor. Those attending are asked to donate whatever they can.

Folk singer and guitarist Josh White Jr. and Celtic-inspired singer Kitty Donohoe are the headline acts, while Ball plans to emcee the indoor stage. Outside, performers will join in a "busk," playing on the street for

donations.

Crazy Wisdom music director Michelle Everett Wilbert was among those who put out the call for musicians, saying Lost Voices is doing "amazing work."

"I can't think of a worthier endeavor to support with our gathering of music and goodwill than Lost Voices," she said in a message sent to musicians.

Lost Voices musicians visit at-risk youngsters and encourage them to write songs.

"Then we help them create the melodies. We handle the guitar part," said Ball, who has a band called Dr. Mike & the Sea Monkeys.

Lost Voices is based at the Plymouth Arts and

Recreation Complex in Plymouth. Its musicians will perform acoustic sets of folk and blues music at Crazy Wisdom, which hosts live music each Friday and Saturday in the tea room.

Lost Voices not long ago hosted a concert at PARC that included some of the young women from Vista Maria who shared their song, "Destination." Usually, though, it's the musicians who are visiting the youth in their residential treatment setting.

For more on Lost Voices, go to <http://www.lostvoices.org>.

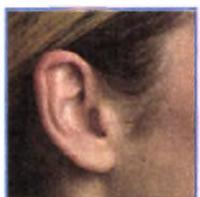
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"We just kicked it off on our website. It's very similar to what we have done in past years, but this year, with JCPenney sponsoring the drawing, the winner can spend the money at JCPenney," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

In some earlier versions of the contest, winning shoppers were able to chose the store in which to have their shopping spree.

Enter at www.cityofwestland.com by the Dec. 12 deadline. Contestants must be available to be at Westland Shopping Center at



Westland Mayor William Wild (third from left) with previous winners of the Westland Shopping Center \$1,000 shopping spree contest. FILE PHOTO

10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16. Two finalists will be selected from the online entries, with a third contestant selected from the crowd prior to the drawing.

The winner will be selected at 11 a.m., followed shortly afterward

by the shopping spree. The challenge — probably not that difficult — is to select \$1,000 worth of merchandise in the 1,000 seconds allowed.

As Wild recalled, one past shopper actually exceeded the \$1,000 spending limit and had to

go through her choices to decide what should be kept and what should be returned.

The public is invited to attend the festivities before the finalists are named.

The brotherhood of firefighting shows its mettle

Jay Grossman
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The Raber Fire Department, with its 17 paid on-call firefighters and two engine trucks, covers a territory of about 110 square miles and the St. Marys River, one of the largest shipping channels in the state.

The department, located at the eastern end of the Upper Peninsula, averages about 15 runs a year.

"We built a new fire hall in 2012 at no expense to the taxpayers," Raber Fire Chief Bruce Johnson said with a touch of pride. "We raised the money ourselves out of raffles ... plus the two snowmobile races we have every year."

The Farmington Hills Fire Department, with its five fully-staffed fire stations, employs 52 career firefighter/paramedics and 70 paid on-call firefighters. The department services a pop-

ulation of just over 81,000 residents and averages around 9,000 calls a year.

Raber has a population of around 450 residents.

"We're mostly wilderness," Johnson said. "I can see Canada from my living room."

Cross the Mackinac Bridge, drive northeast for about an hour and you'll hit Raber Township. Retired Farmington Hills firefighter Denny Hughes traveled that very route two months ago, when he delivered a truckload of firefighting equipment and gear to the Raber Fire Department.

"It was Christmas in October," Hughes said. "I honestly felt like Santa Claus."

It began with a conversation at the Michigan Fire Inspectors Fall Conference in East Lansing. Johnson approached Hughes and asked if he wanted to buy a \$50 raffle ticket.

"I got to tell you, I

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Steele graduates from USAF basic training

U.S. Air Force Airman Austin M. Steele graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included

training in military discipline and studies, air force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an

associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Steele is the son of Dawn V. Kiseda of Livonia and Gary A. Steele of Commerce and brother of Allen J. Steele of Livonia, Victoria A. Steele of Clearwater, Fla., and Kenneth W. Steele of Livonia.

He is a 2014 graduate of Franklin High School.



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hear that often," Hughes said. "I'd go flat broke if I bought a raffle ticket every time someone tried to sell me one for a fundraiser."

Hughes, who now works for Belfor Property Restoration, was manning an information table for his company at the conference. The two men had met at previous conferences, but Hughes admits he didn't have the slightest idea where Raber was located. Even so, he asked Johnson what the money was going toward.

Gloves and boots and helmets, Johnson said. Just plain old gear.

Hughes asked why the township didn't pay for the necessities, which were basic to the job. Not in the budget, he was told. In fact, the Raber Fire Department hadn't updated its gear since it formed 32 years ago.

"That's when I decided to ask around and see what I could collect from the other departments," Hughes said. "We're a brotherhood, so I told him to put together a wish list and not hold back on anything."

The brotherhood

The collection drive spread quickly through word-of-mouth at the conference and, by the end of the day, Hughes had lined up 20 sets of gear. By the next day, he was up to 40 sets. Departments from Lansing Township to Livonia, Farmington and West Bloomfield and more than a dozen others agreed to donate old air tanks, fire hoses – even thermal imaging cameras.

"Fenton Township donated two sets of Jaws of Life," he said. "That's



More than a dozen fire departments throughout southeast Michigan donated gear to the Raber Fire Department in the Upper Peninsula. DENNY HUGHES



"They always say the fire department is one big brotherhood and it showed right there how they came together to help us," Raber Fire Chief Bruce Johnson said about the donated fire gear. DENNY HUGHES

Donated gear included uniforms, fire hoses, Jaws of Life and thermal imaging cameras. DENNY HUGHES

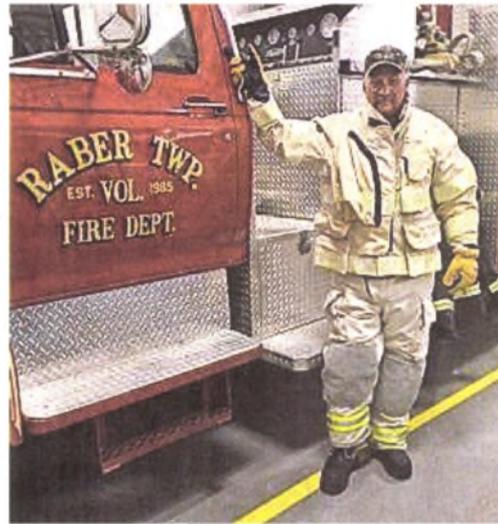
more than \$30,000 worth of equipment right there. We even had dress uniforms and jackets ... everyone wanted to help out."

Belfor allowed him to use one of the company's box trucks to haul the equipment. Livonia Fire Marshal Keith Bo joined him on the trip, along with retired West Bloomfield firefighter Ray Ahonen – now with Bel-

for — and Mike Longnecker, a former firefighter from Jackson who now serves as director for the Great Lakes Burn Camp.

"We pulled up and it was like the whole town was waiting to greet us," Hughes said. "There must have been 90 people there ... and they just rolled out the red carpet for us."

There was a spaghetti



Raber Fire Chief Bruce Johnson tries on a new set of gear. DENNY HUGHES

dinner and a bonfire and the guys slept on pull-out beds in the fire hall. The next morning, they were treated to a special breakfast at Yooperman Bar & Grill.

"My cousin Donnie owns the place and I asked him if he could open it up early to make us breakfast," Johnson said. "Without Denny, this never would have happened. It's just phenomenal how the whole thing multiplied from one little conversation."

Johnson, 55, was born

and raised in Raber. So were his parents. In addition to serving as fire chief, he has a full-time job as a sergeant with the Michigan Department of Corrections.

He helped form the Raber Fire Department in 1985, after a house caught on fire accidentally and burned to the ground. The nearest department at the time was more than 25 miles away in a village called DeTour and couldn't get there in time to save the property.

Quiet is the best word to describe Raber.

"There's no traffic, no neighbors," Johnson said. "You can sit off by yourself, surrounded by woods as far as the eyes can see. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

As far as the gear, Johnson said it's the best equipment the department had since it formed. There was enough left over to share with three neighboring departments.

"They always say the fire department is one big brotherhood and it showed right there how they came together to help us," he said. "I think Denny started something big, because there are lots of other little departments just like us that are starved for equipment. There's just no way they could afford to buy all this stuff."

Hughes said he plans to hold another collection drive in April.

"Who knows how big this can get?" he said. "It's really kind of neat ... everyone who's ever been a firefighter always wants to save a life or deliver a baby, but this was truly amazing. Nothing beats the feeling of helping someone else."

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Bark Nation serves shelter dogs dinner in a KONG

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Floyd stretched out on the floor of his kennel in Dearborn last week and wrestled with his holiday lunch.

The 1-year-old gnawed at the frozen turkey-bean-potato-pumpkin mixture that was stuffed inside a rubber KONG and held the toy between his paws, rolling it on the floor and fetching it from under his bed whenever it slipped from his grasp.

A bowl or plate would have cut mealtime in half. The chew toy kept the brown and white mixed breed busy until it was licked clean.

"What's great about this is it works their brain," said Reagan Gilshire, a Royal Oak resident and a volunteer for Bark Nation, a nonprofit organization that provides toys, love and enrichment activities to shelter dogs. "It's not just a treat. It makes them figure out how to get the food out of there. It helps keep their mind active in these kennels."

Floyd was among 1,100 lucky dogs to receive dinner packaged in a toy from Bark Nation during its fourth annual #KONGsgiving event. Bark Nation's volunteer teams handed out food-filled KONGS to shelter dogs in Detroit, Macomb County, Dearborn, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Livingston County and other locations around the state. At Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit, where Floyd lives



Hank loves his Thanksgiving dinner-filled KONG toy provided by Bark Nation volunteers. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Kerry McLaughlin of Farmington Hills, vice president of Bark Nation, holds a Thanksgiving dinner filled KONG toy for Hank at the Friends For Animals of Metro Detroit kennel. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

while awaiting adoption, they also treated shelter staff to pizza.

"We love enrichment. We're big enrichment behavior nerds," said Kelly McLaughlin, a Farmington Hills resident and Bark Nation president. "I think it's a feel-good initiative for the shelter staff and for our supporters. The dogs don't know it's Thanksgiving. We know that, but they get a good meal like the rest of us and it's kind of fun. The idea is they clean out the KONG. It can take them some time to get it out of there and then you've got a tired, emotionally exhausted, satisfied dog."

#KONGsgiving is a coordinated, large-scale version of what Bark Nation does on an ongoing

basis at local shelters, including at Detroit Animal Care and Control, where McLaughlin serves as interim director.

Enrichment can take many forms, including playing music for dogs, offering scents that help to combat boredom or simply one-on-one time with a Bark Nation volunteer. The organization tailors its ongoing efforts to each shelter's needs.

Mission

Bark Nation, founded in 2014, has a three-part mission. In addition to providing enrichment activities to shelter dogs, the organization partners with Dog Aide in offering free spay and neuter services twice a month in Detroit. It also works

with dog-fighting survivors to make them adoptable.

McLaughlin, who is certified in dog training and behavior, has served as a consultant on canine behavior and body language for a handful of shelters and a rescue organization. She hopes to expand that effort next year by offering seminars and training classes through Bark Nation.

"We hold our team to a high standard at Bark Nation and we invest in our team members when it comes to dog behavior, because I believe everything we do stems from that," she said.

Events like #KONGsgiving help Bark Nation build relationships with shelter leaders and gain their trust. Getting a foot in the door at some shelters was a challenge at first.

"The public likes to vilify shelters. Very few

people want to offer solutions. I understand why shelter leaders are reluctant," McLaughlin said. "We see far less reluctance now and, as it grows, we have more people who reach out to us. I think that has come with Bark Nation's proven track record."

Working together

Heather Mehi, shelter director at Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit, submitted an application to participate in #KONGsgiving after reading about it on Facebook. She said the shelter offers enrichment activities every day to the 30-40 dogs in its charge.

"Their second feeding of the day is enrichment, whether it is bottles filled with food, KONGs or dog food in paper base they have to tear open. If dogs don't get enrichment throughout the day, they can get depressed and shut down," Mehi said.

Peter Poulos, director of marketing and development at the shelter, hopes Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit and Bark Nation will find

more opportunities for collaboration.

"We're all working for that same goal," he said. "This is so simple, it's brilliant. It spurs other ideas. Anyone can do it. Anyone can do this and make an impact."

Natalie and Jeff Lachapell of Battle Creek have volunteered with Bark Nation for a year and are so committed to the organization's mission they are considering a move closer to metro Detroit.

"I'm so glad to be a part of this. We have the same vision," said Natalie Lachapell, who distributed KONGs at Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit. "I want every dog to know it's respected, loved and that it matters."

A variety of roles are available for Bark Nation volunteers, including fundraising, working with dogs, stuffing KONGs and assisting with the spay and neuter clinics. Email kelly@barknation.org for more information.

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Beautiful wine cellars are a collector's paradise

Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

When wine connoisseur Bob Cummings was designing his new home in 1994, he used his then-current home in Farmington as a starting point for the size of the wine cellar for the house in Northville.

The wine cellar in his Farmington house could store 3,000 bottles of wine, so he knew the new one had to be bigger to contain his growing collection. He also realized he needed to not only factor in how fast his collection was growing, but where it would be 10 and/or 20 years in the future.

"We lived in Farmington until 1992 and, by that time, our inventory had increased two- or three-fold," Cummings said. "I told my wife we needed to provide ample space. Even if we don't have that much wine now, there is a good probability we will accumulate more as we go down the road. We had to prepare and design the new cellar with that in mind, so we decided to incorporate two wine cellars into the design, one in the basement and one upstairs."

Cummings and his wife Millie are now "downsizing" and have their Northville estate up for sale at \$3.375 million, which includes the 13,197-square-foot main house and 4.82-acre property. Of the many highlights of the luxurious home are the two wine cellars, believed to be two of the largest combined capacity climate-controlled wine cellars in a private residence in the U.S., with an estimated 9,350-bottle rack capacity, plus thousands in



Bob Cummings holds a bottle of 1981 Heitz Cellar Martha's Vineyard Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. DAN DEAN



The wet bar inside the lower level wine cellar. DAN DEAN



This more than 13,000-square-foot home at 21080 Cambridge Drive in Northville has two wine cellars designed by the homeowner that, combined, are believed to be the largest private cellars in the U.S. ULTIMATE MICHIGAN MANSIONS



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"The smaller one in the dining room was for aesthetic purposes and

also, if you were having a dinner party and wanted another bottle of wine, you wouldn't have to go downstairs to get it,"

Cummings said of the upstairs cellar, which has a 750-bottle capacity.

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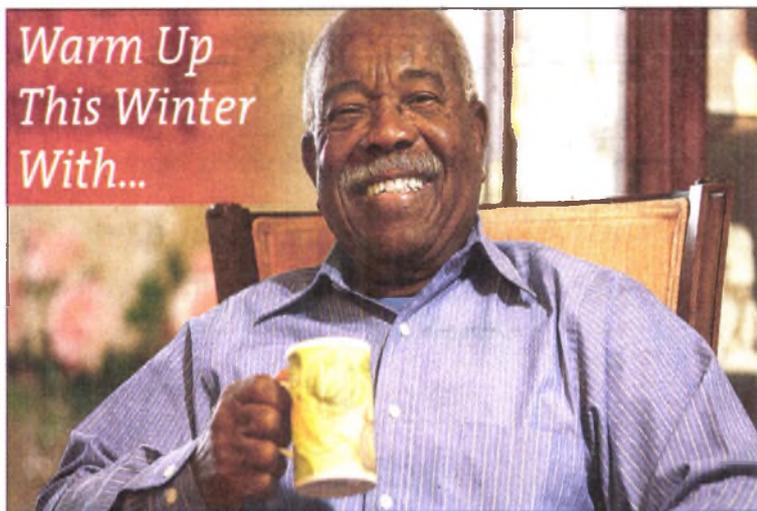
A wine cellar must be designed and constructed like a refrigerator, with a proper cooling system to help control environmental factors that may negatively affect the storing and aging of the wine. There are certain materials, from the wood to the tiles to the lighting,

that are important when designing a wine cellar.

"There is a right way and a wrong when building a wine cellar," Cummings said. "Having built two prior, we knew what the right way was and you have to completely encapsulate the entire room, including the ceiling and the floor."

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WOMAN'S DREAM WOULD BE A FIRST

Joining police would make hijab-wearing Muslim feel 'unique'

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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 Americans doing exceptional things, visit onenation.usatoday.com.

While some 20-year-olds might profess hesitation or bewilderment at the thought of what to do with their lives, Huda Shalabi stands out as one who knows her path exactly. She has been on it since she was 10 years old: She wants to serve her community, and also to represent it. Her dream is to become the first hijab-wearing Muslim woman to work as a sworn police officer in her hometown of Paterson, N.J.

"It would mean the world to me, like I achieved something, that I'm unique, that I stand out," she said. "I could be a role model to other Arab females in my community."

Shalabi, who will soon graduate with a bachelor's degree in national security with a specialization in homeland security from nearby Berkeley College, maintains she has had the itch for police work since she was a child, when she helped officers solve the caper of the missing marble cutting machine, which had been stolen from her family's backyard.

One of the detectives arriving on the scene after the crime had been solved, thanks in part to Shalabi's instincts and a mysterious trail of pink residue, told her: "You can be a detective, a cop, with a great mind like that."

Shalabi took the advice to heart, and, 10 years later, she is well on her way to fulfilling the dream.

Last summer, she finished an internship at the Paterson Police Department, and next spring, as part of her studies at Berkeley, she is set to intern at the Passaic County Sheriff's Department.

Shalabi, whose first name is Arabic for "guidance," said the internship confirmed her career choice. She said she's "always had a passion to help people" and wanted to "give back" to her community, where she grew up and went to



Huda Shalabi wants to be the first Muslim, hijab-wearing female officer on the Paterson, N.J., police force. ANNE-MARIE CARUSO/NORTH JERSEY RECORD

school. In Shalabi's case, that community is South Paterson, home to one of the largest Middle Eastern populations in the country.

"You want to build trust," she said, "and make sure people don't feel singled out. I want to be able to reflect the community since it's very diverse and now there is not one Arab-Muslim female officer wearing the hijab."

Shalabi said she could see herself working in domestic violence cases and being an asset especially in cases where there are women who speak only Arabic and not English. "Some of them sometime will put their head down," she said, "and really not talk of the incident, and just listen to their male partners."

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Q&A WITH HUDA SHALABI

What does it mean to you to be an American?

To be an American means I have no boundaries, and have rights as a female Arab Muslim American wearing the hijab. This country is built by the people, for the people, regardless of race, religion and ethnicity. Freedom of religion allows me to pay respect to my religion while living in the melting pot of America.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

There is a misconception of what it means to be an Arab or Muslim in America. I hope through volunteering in my hometown of Paterson and by serving the community with compassion and care, I can help dispel this misunderstanding and bring a voice to Muslim women in our country.

What moment touched or motivated you to launch your efforts?

When a detective told me, "You can be a detective, a cop, with a great mind like that," after I helped solve a crime at 10 years old, it inspired me to take my dream seriously. Having the opportunity to intern at the Paterson Police Department assured me that this is the field I want to pursue. My professors at Berkeley College are my mentors. These relationships have helped build my confidence as I continue to pursue my dream career.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I hope to make a positive difference in my community and show what it truly means to be a Muslim American through my accomplishments. I want my success to show that America is the land of opportunity, where people of all backgrounds can strive to achieve their goals while still respecting their heritage.

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TODAY'S OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES

Name	Age	Town, State	Death Date	Arrangements
*Bridges, Violet	90	Farmington Hills	20-Nov	Thayer-Rock Funeral Home
*Buikema, Jeanne E.	62	Plymouth	22-Nov	Schrader-Howell Funeral Home
*Case, James W. "Jim"	76	Bayonet Point, FL	06-Nov	Dobies Funeral Homes & Crematory
*Hopkins, Jeanette W.	87	Plymouth	26-Nov	Schrader-Howell Funeral Home
*Klaes, Frank	90	Plymouth	23-Nov	Schrader-Howell Funeral Home
*Robins, William C.	88	Arizona	18-Nov	Hansen Mortuaries and Cemetery
*Schultz, Harold "Hank"	90	Plymouth	28-Nov	Schrader-Howell Funeral Home
*Steele, Shirley Summers	95	Watertown, WI	21-Nov	Cremation Society of Michigan
*Wagner, Crystal	45	Jackson, SC	29-Nov	Harris Funeral Home

* Additional information in display obituaries

Obituaries appear in print and online at www.legacy.com/obituaries/HometownLife

Jeanette W. Hopkins

PLYMOUTH - Jeanette W. Hopkins, age 87, of Plymouth passed away on November 26, 2017. Jeanette was born on February 9, 1930 in Lapeer, Michigan, the daughter of George and Virginia (nee Perin) Wallace. She is the beloved wife of the late John M. Hopkins who passed away in 1996. Jeanette grew up in Ypsilanti.



She attended Michigan State College - now known as Michigan State University, and while she was a student, met her future husband, John Hopkins. Jeanette was a proud member of the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority and continued to be active in her sorority until later in life. She graduated in 1952 and married John the same year. Their marriage was blessed with their two children, Nancy and Mark. In addition to her sorority, Jeanette was also involved with AAUW, was a PEO, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Jeanette became the Librarian at Plymouth High School and later pursued a degree to become a Medical Librarian. She then went on to work as the Medical Librarian at Garden City Hospital in 1974 until her retirement in 1990.

Jeanette is the devoted mother of Nancy (Mike) Hopkins-Maurer and the late Mark Hopkins. She is the proud Grandmother of Matthew Hopkins, and step-grandchildren, Ellen Maurer, Chad Maurer, Adam Titze, Sarah Clibourne and Magan Williams. She is deeply loved and will be greatly missed by her siblings, Gordon Wallace, sister-in-law, Jean Hopkins, the late Fritz Hopkins and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Celebration will be held in memory of Jeanette at Station 885 in Plymouth at 12:00 PM on Friday, December 8th. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jeanette W. Hopkins to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010 and Alzheimer's Association, 25200 Telegraph Rd Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48033.

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Jeanne E. Buikema

PLYMOUTH - Age 62, Jeanne passed away November 22, 2017. Born on August 16, 1955 to Klement and Edna (nee Stahelin) White. Survived by husband of 43 years, Robert Buikema, daughter Jodi (David) Svoboda, granddaughters Kara and Lauren, and brother Ron (Kathy) White. Memorial Gathering December 9, from 4-6pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, 48170. Memorial Service will begin at 6pm on Saturday. To view full obituary and leave a condolence, please visit schrader-howell.com



Earl Falk, Jr.

LIVONIA - died Tuesday, November 28, 2017. Surviving are his children, Sandy (Bryan) Michaels and Larry (Mary) Falk; grandchildren, Amanda (Sean) Kelly, Jessica (Tom) Wrisley and Melissa Falk; great grandsons Garrett and Lucas. Earl will be laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia, MI. The family extends their gratitude to Earl's extended family at Freedom Medical center and the Plymouth Inn. He thought the world of you. Memorial tributes suggested to Senior Alliance - Senior Alliance Holiday Meals Program. heaney-sundquist.com

William C. Robins

ARIZONA - Age 88, passed away peacefully on November 18, 2017. He is survived by his adored wife of 60 years, Ann (DeMeritt) Robins, daughters Susan and John Raetz, Jill and Jeff Durtschi; grandchildren Jason, Lindsay, Jeremy, Heidi, Nicole, Mikayla and Thomas, seven great-grandchildren, and brother James Robins.



Bill grew up in the Detroit area and attended McKenzie High School. He served two years in the Army during the Korean War then attended Wayne State University. Bill worked with his brothers at Robins Printing Company, a business their father started in the basement of their home. He served as president of the company for over 50 years and it became one of the most respected printing companies in the Detroit area.

Bill's passions were skiing, sailing, and biking. In retirement, Bill and Ann moved from Farmington Hills to Boyne City and became year-round residents for 25 years. He made many life long friends that shared his love for the outdoors. Bill was a season ticket holder at Boyne Mountain and skied everyday in the winter until the age of 84.

A memorial service will be held at a later date with family in Arizona where he spent his last years. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix AZ, 85014

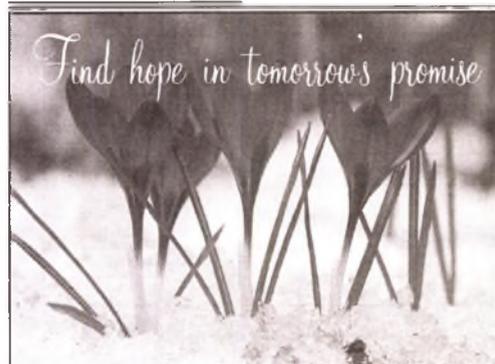
James W. "Jim" Case

BAYONET POINT, FL - Age 76, passed away November 6, 2017 following a determined battle with cancer with his sons by his side. Jim was born August 30, 1941 in Canton, Ohio and served honorably in the United States Army. Later he graduated from Bowling Green State University and settled in Plymouth, Michigan. An avid golfer, Jim maintained his Saturday morning tee time at Salem Hills Golf Course for 28 years before moving to Florida to escape the cold weather. Jim loved life—particularly talking to and helping people. He was quick to smile and extend a helping hand, and slow to criticize. Jim is survived by his wife Kay; brother Bill; grandchildren: Ashley, Nick, Sadie and Lindsey; and sons, Mike (wife Diane) and Bill (wife Barbara), to whom he played brilliantly the role of Chief Life Adviser, in addition to being a spectacular Dad. The family will hold a private service in Spring, 2018.



Crystal Wagner

JACKSON, SC - Crystal Wagner, age 45, November 29, 2017. Loving sister of Melissa Drouillard-Sciatto. Dear niece of Marjorie (Michael) Bourdeau, James (Ann) Drouillard, Timothy Drouillard, and Neil (Patricia) Drouillard. Aunt of Thomas and Jessica Sciatto; and great aunt of Annabelle Sciatto. Crystal was a best friend to Christopher Calandra. She was also survived by many cousins. Funeral service Monday at 2pm at the RG & GR Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City. Visitation Sunday from 5-9pm. Please share a memory of Crystal at www.rggrharris.com.



George B. Smith

NOVI - George B. Smith, age 89, died November 12, 2017 in Novi Michigan. He was a longtime resident of Plymouth and formerly of Wayne. George is survived by his wife Mary (nee Schlecht) Smith, his children Gregory (Pamela), Barbara, Thomas (Marilyn), Dan (Diana) and Timothy (Sue), and 8 grandchildren. Private Cremation Services have been entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. A Memorial Service will be scheduled at a later date. If you would like to make a donation in George's honor, memorials may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. To leave a condolence and read full obituary, please visit Schrader-Howell.com



Harold "Hank" Schultz

PLYMOUTH - Age 90, Hank passed away November 28, 2017. He was preceded in death by his wives, Marjorie and Elaine. Survived by children, Debra (Craig) Shaw and Eric (Lori Dames) Schultz; his stepchildren, Terry Bartel and Diane (Chuck) Dobry; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Ellen, and his parents. Funeral Service Monday, December 4, 2017, 11AM at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Friends may visit Sunday 2PM until 8PM and Monday beginning at 10AM.



Shirley Summers Steele

WATERTOWN, WI - Age 95. Loving wife of the late Norbert Summers and Vern Steele. Best Friend of Ruth and Ed Klostechaus, Helen Hall, Chuck and Stella Holoweski. Retired Wayne County General Hospital. She was an active bowler up until 90, she enjoyed knitting, scarves, hats, and shawls. Shirley was a member of the Nomads. Burial will take place in Watertown Wisconsin. Please visit the online guestbook at www.cremationmichigan.com



Frank Klaes

PLYMOUTH - Age 90, of Bellaire, Michigan passed away November 23, 2017. Born in New Boston, Michigan to Frank and Philomena Klaes on January 12, 1927. Survived by 8 children, 20 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and 3 siblings. Visitation Wednesday, November 29, from 4-8pm and Thursday, from 2-8pm with a Rosary at 7pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, 48170. Funeral Mass Friday, December 1, at 10:30am at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth, 48170. To view full obituary and leave a condolence, please visit schrader-howell.com



Violet Bridges

FARMINGTON HILLS - Age 90. Beloved wife of the late Charles F. Bridges Jr. for 60 years. Loving mother of Irene (the late Albert) Bridges Slisinger, Carolyn (the late Randall) Bridges Bennett, Terry (Thomas) Welti and Charles F. (Theresa) Bridges III. Cherished grandmother of Alex, Zach, Leland, Charlie, Jordi, and the late Justin. A memorial service was held Thursday, November 30, 2017 at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington, MI 48335. Memorial contributions may be made to the Farmington Area Goodfellow's - Neighborhood House.



Louis M. Randall III

QLD, AUSTRALIA - Formerly of Birmingham, Michigan, now of Queensland, Australia, passed away November 8, 2017 at the age of 72. Louis is the son of Zelna Randall and the late Louis M. Randall Jr. He is survived by wife Patricia, daughters Ellen and Lesley and grandchildren Nathan, Ava, Hugh and Rose.



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built the racks and case openings and put in the tile on the floor, which we brought in from Italy and the back splash in the bar area with tiles we also brought in from Italy."

Cummings says redwood is the choice for most wine cellars for the racks, cabinets and paneling. Redwood wine racks don't need stains or finishes to become durable, because they have natural wood preservatives and are highly resistant to shock, decay, insects and mildew. Redwood also has the ability to remain sturdy in humid conditions, since the tree itself thrives in both humid and cool weather.

"You need to keep the cellar at about 70-percent humidity and redwood is the best for this," he said.

The details

Lighting is only in the main corridors and is primarily there for any wine tasting you want to have in the cellar.

"It's low-voltage and you don't want any direct lighting on the bottles," said Cummings, who called the whole process "a learning experience."

"We didn't make any mistakes in our cellars, but you have to be very meticulous and let no air get in those cellars, because if air gets in, that creates moisture and that's the worst thing for the bottles, labels and corks," he said. "You have to go by the book."

Cummings has had four cellars at one time, the two in the Northville house, one in his home in Florida and one in his office for bulk storage. He has had more than 13,500 bottles of wine in his collection. But if you go back and count what they drank and gave away at charities - which Cummings has done for years - he says his collection could have been around 20,000 bottles.

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And he worked hard for his money.

Married for 35 years, with four kids and 12 grandchildren, Cummings "grew up in humble beginnings in Ecorse." He began his career as a purchasing agent at Ford Motor Co. before launching his own manufacturing rep business, Dearborn-based J&J Production Services, in 1975, the same year he began collecting wines.

"It was a big risk to go out on my own and I had to work a long, long time before it paid off," he said.

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1992	FORD	SW	1FMDA11U2NZA31481	WINDSTAR	ABANDONED	1706766	5										
2002	BUICK	4D	2G4WS52J721292076	CENTURY	ARREST	1706820	6										
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1982	MERC BENZ	4D	WDBC20A4CB022215	300I	ACCIDENT	1707068	11										
2006	BMW	4D	WBAHN85526DT25032	750I	ARREST	1707092	12										
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2003	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WF52E039417748	IMPALA	ACCIDENT	1707228	16										
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USA HOCKEY

Rink reunion: U-M faces NTDP U-18 team

For Michigan players, two years with USA Hockey program sparked their development

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USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth was “Ann Arbor East” Saturday and that was just fine with Scott Monaghan, senior director of operations for the U.S. National Team Development Program.

With more than 3,000 in attendance, one of the bigger crowds to watch a NTDP game since the program moved to Plymouth in 2015 came out for a highly anticipated game between the visiting Michigan Wolverines and NTDP Under-18 team. (go to home-

townlife.com for complete coverage).

“For us, this is really exciting. This is one of the premier college hockey programs in the country,” Monaghan said. “We’re certainly grateful that (first-year U-M head hockey coach) Mel Pearson was willing to work with us and wants to give us a chance to host a game once in a while. It says a lot about his comfort level and knowledge of the program.”

“For us, I think it’s a great opportunity for our kids to play in front of a full house at home and play against one of these powerhouse programs.”

The buzz wasn’t building just from a ticket-selling perspective, either.

Welcome back

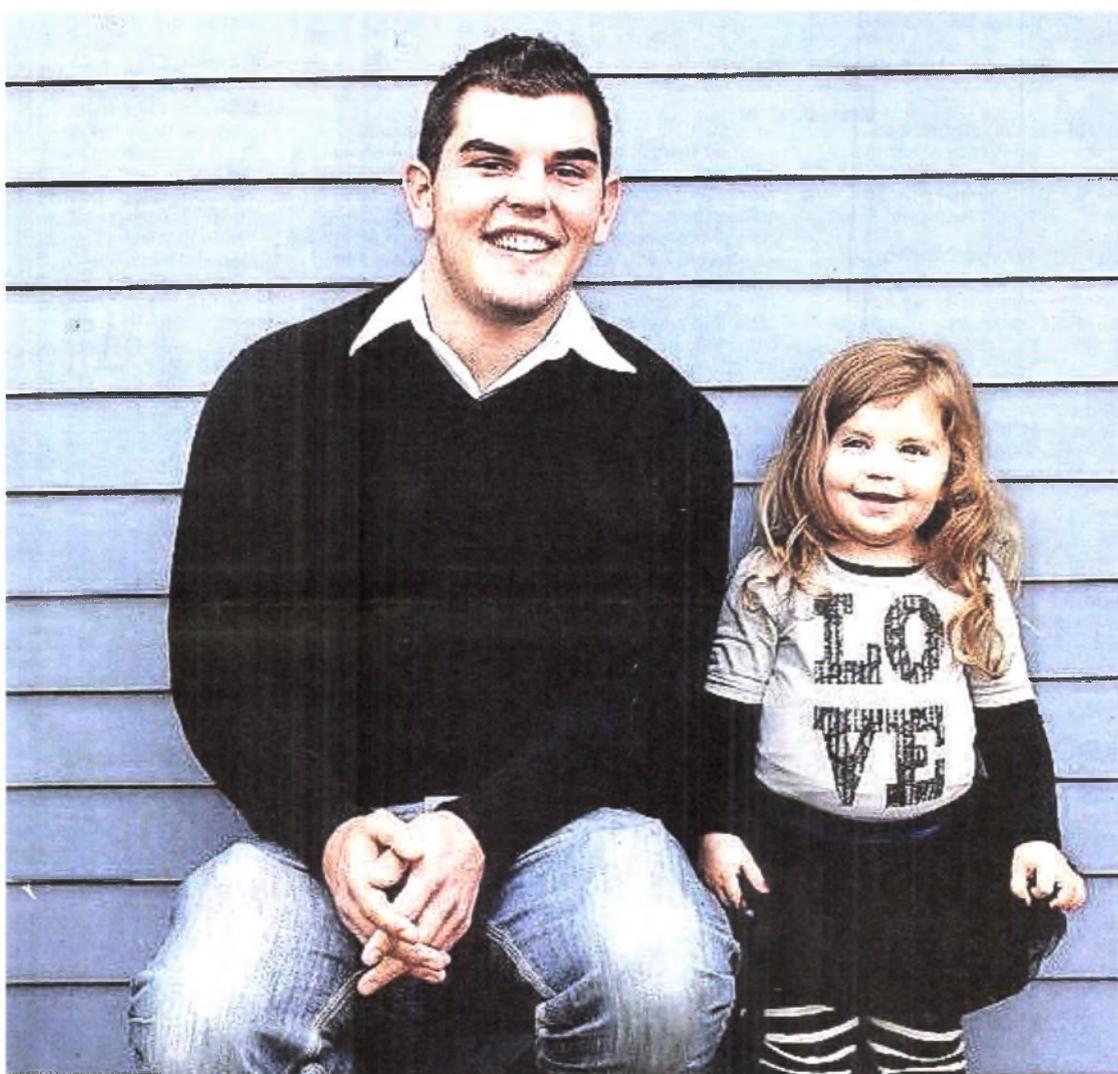
There are 10 current Michigan players who went through the two-year NTDP — including Plymouth native

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Nick Boka is a Plymouth resident who formerly played for the USA Hockey NTDP. He returned “home” Saturday night, when Michigan played the U-18 team. RENA LAVERTY

A FAMILY’S HEARTFELT PLEA



Chris Lanier (left) is shown with his “favorite niece,” Zoey Derouin, in this undated photo. Zoey continues to grieve over the loss of Chris, who died by suicide in 2013. LANIER FAMILY PHOTO

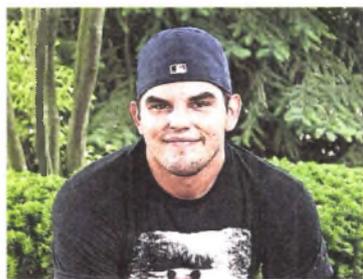
DON’T GIVE UP ON LIFE

Award, speech honors Chris Lanier and drives home message about suicide’s lasting impact

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When Chris Lanier played defensive end for the Canton Chiefs more than a decade ago, he never gave up on a play.

He never gave up on a single snap as he rocked the O-line to track down — and bring down — opponents’ run-



This photo of Chris Lanier belies the sadness he felt inside. The former Canton Chiefs football player, who graduated in 2007, died by suicide in 2013. An award in his memory was presented at the Chiefs’ recent team banquet. LANIER FAMILY PHOTO

ning backs.

Lanier was a member of Canton’s 2005 Division 1 state finalists and graduated in 2007, but then took his own life in 2013. Four years later, nobody can put their finger on why such a smart, athletic, fun-loving and personable young man would take that sad route.

On Nov. 20 at Laurel Manor in Livonia, during the Canton football banquet, Lanier’s family members made an impassioned plea to the Chiefs players (freshman, JV and varsity) who were watching and listening from their tables.

“Don’t give up on life,” Anne Lanier,

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Kurajian takes over as new coach for Black Hawks

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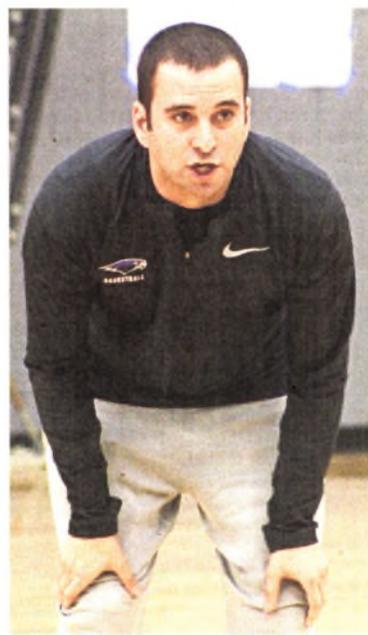
Phil Kurajian’s college basketball career was derailed by injuries. Since he couldn’t play, he decided to coach.

After two years as an assistant under former head coach Mike Maryanski, Kurajian is now in charge of the Bloomfield Hills boys basketball program. He’s eagerly looking forward to his first job as a head coach.

“I’m ecstatic, humbled. This is such a great community to coach in. Everyone here from the top down is a class act here,” Kurajian said. “Great people to be around and great student-athletes who really want to get better. It’s the perfect situation for me and my family right now and I couldn’t be more honored to be here.”

Kurajian, who grew in West Bloomfield and still lives there, attended Pontiac Notre Dame Prep High School. He played point guard for the Fighting

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Phil Kurajian, a former assistant, takes over as head coach of the Bloomfield Hills boys basketball team. MARTY BUDNER



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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Area teams ready to jump into new season

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The Canton Chiefs will look different on the floor during the 2017-18 season, at least in the opening weeks of action as new players work to mesh with veterans.

But Canton varsity girls basketball head coach Rob Heitmeyer and his staff (now including former Salem assistant coach Bill Mair and former Plymouth standout Brett deBair) will expect the Chiefs (16-6 last year and division winners) to play strong fundamentally and compete in the KLAA.

"If we're physical and opportunistic, we may catch a few breaks," Heitmeyer said. "If we value our offensive possessions and transition back quickly into our defense, we'll set a tempo. In a nutshell, this year's team has the ability to play traditional Canton basketball."

Defending and rebounding, along with protecting the basketball, will be key elements to any success the Chiefs might enjoy.

"I like the effort I have seen up to this point," Heitmeyer said. "But there is a lot of work to be done."

Leading the way will be senior captains Ashley Criscenti, Alaina Heitmeyer and Jamie Wendel, who "will be counted on to give us quality minutes on both the offensive and defensive ends of the floor."



Senior guard Alaina Heitmeyer (left) is one of Canton's top returnees. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Augmenting them will be seniors Carli Vaughn (who will be counted on for offense), Abby Sokol, Bella Wingate, Lauren Grendysa and Peyton Bagnell, along with juniors Carly Schwinke and Riley Spalding.

"This year's team has a nice balance of skills," Heitmeyer said. "As a staff, we're placing a premium on doing all the little things as well as we can. We're stressing

simplicity, so we put our players in a position to make plays."

Following is a look at some other area teams:

Wayne Memorial

The Zebras promise to again be a KLAA contender, led by captains Camree Clegg, Jeanae Terry and Jayah Hicks.

According to fourth-year coach Jarvis Mitchell, whose 2016-17 squad went 17-5, this season's

squad will be "a very exciting team to watch," with senior Clegg and junior Terry considered among the state's best college prospects.

Also back will be all-conference returner Hicks and sophomore Makailah Zeigler Griggs. Other talented players include Samiyah Hoskin, Jasmine Elder and Kayla Gray.

"Returning all starters from last year and add-

ing some key newcomers, I think we should be a lot better," Mitchell said. "The kids have really bought into playing defense on high level, which I think will help our chances to be a really solid basketball team."

"Very pleased with the effort the kids have shown and I am ecstatic about the start of the new season."

Redford Thurston

The Eagles return several players from last season's team, which went 10-10.

Those include senior center Bryanna Burton, junior forward Tristen Wesenberg, junior guards Naudia Jackson and Mikyha Johnson, sophomore forward/guard DaMareon Crimes and sophomore center Shayla Quates.

But veteran coach Bob Ostrowski is looking forward to how those players mesh with promising players moving up from the JV. He listed sophomore center/forward Jordan Fields, sophomore guard Raven Arnold, senior guard Ivory Mamo, sophomore forward Jazzman Pitts, senior guard Destini Welch and senior forward Kamille Williams.

"(We're) still a young squad with more talent than last year due to the influx of JV to varsity," Ostrowski said. "Key will be how quickly the team will jell together."

Garden City

Entering her sixth season as Cougars coach, Michele Tyree will oversee a young group learning how to play at the varsity level.

Six players from last year's 10-11 squad graduated and there are only four returning players.

"We are a young team with much to learn," Tyree said. "I believe we have a lot of potential."

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KURAJIAN

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Irish for two varsity seasons before graduating in 2007.

Kurajian attended Western Michigan University for two years and then transferred to Concordia College in Ann Arbor, where he intended to resume his basketball career. However, three ACL injuries interrupted his plans and he never played one game of college basketball.

"I didn't try to play at Western. I just wanted to go to school there," said Kurajian, a former staffer at the University of Michigan basketball camp. "I really realized I missed (playing) and one of the schools that recruited me out of high school was Concordia. I reached out to them and had a tryout halfway through college."

"My claim to fame with all the guys here is that I'm the only college basketball player never to have played a game. I tore my ACL three times in two years and the rest is history. But the great thing about that is that is how I found out I wanted to coach. It was a blessing in disguise, absolutely."

"Basketball helped me through a lot. That was a tough time. I learned how to fight through adversity, that was the biggest thing. And the relationship I had with the coaching staff there was really instrumental on who I kind of became as a man in college."

"I then kind of fell in love with the X's and O's and film and I just became a (coaching) junkie ever since," he added. "I was fortunate (Rice head coach) Ed Shaffer gave me my first job at 22 (years old) as a freshman head coach. So I went right into coaching after college."

An 'unparalleled' staff

After Rice, where he also served as a varsity assistant, Kurajian went on to another assistant coaching stint at Royal Oak Shrine. He then jumped at an opportunity to coach at John Jay College (NCAA Division III) in Manhattan.

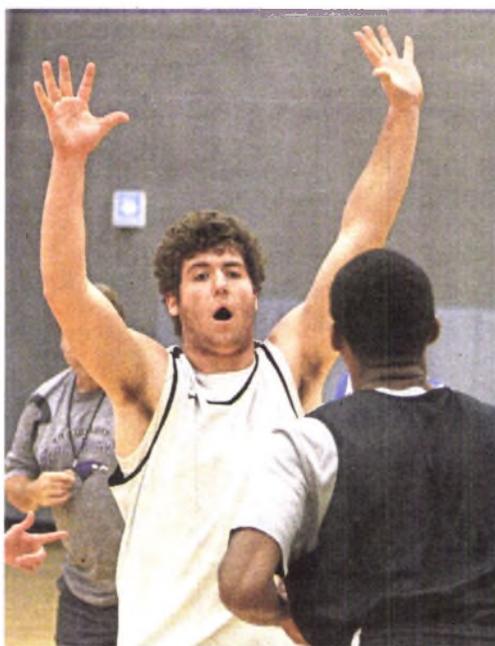
After one year in the Big Apple, Kurajian returned to Bloomfield Hills when Maryanski took over to begin the 2015-16 season. He's now the Black Hawks' fourth head coach (counting current freshman coach Nick Stratton, who served a half-year as an interim head coach) since the merger of the two Bloomfield Hills schools.

"This is one thing I've dreamt of for a long, long time. What makes it even better is the staff I have around me. It's unparalleled," said Kurajian, whose varsity assistants are Vanessa Thompson and Mike Weglarz. "It's something that really helps me every day. It's truly an honor to be here with this staff. It's an elite staff and I'm excited to be here with them."

Bloomfield Hills finished with a 10-11 record last season, losing in the Class A district semifinals to eventual state quarterfinalist Troy. The Black Hawks return seven players and Kurajian likes the way his squad is looking heading into the 2017-18 campaign.

Kurajian figures to field a strong shooting squad which should play an intense brand of man-to-man defense. He said the team basketball IQ is very high and the team is adapting to his new motion offense.

"Basketball-wise, it's a whole new system (from last year)," Kurajian said. "We're going to play very aggressively, we'll be disciplined, we're going to change defenses up and we're going to have some fun doing it."



Bloomfield Hills senior forward Joe Hecker is a versatile player who can handle any position of the court. MARTY BUDNER

"We're going to have more of a spread motion, offensively. We're fortunate to have some very good shooters here and we're going to move them around with off-ball screens," he added. "We're going to take advantage of our strengths."

Trio of senior leaders

The Black Hawks will be led by a trio of returning seniors who saw a lot of action last year in three-year varsity veterans Brent Bosart (6-foot-7 forward) and Joe Hecker (6-4 forward) and second-year varsity player Tyler Canfield (5-11 guard).

Bosart, who has several Division III college offers, is a strong rebounder and a talented inside-outside offensive threat. Hecker has a high basketball IQ and is a versatile player capable of handling any position on the floor.

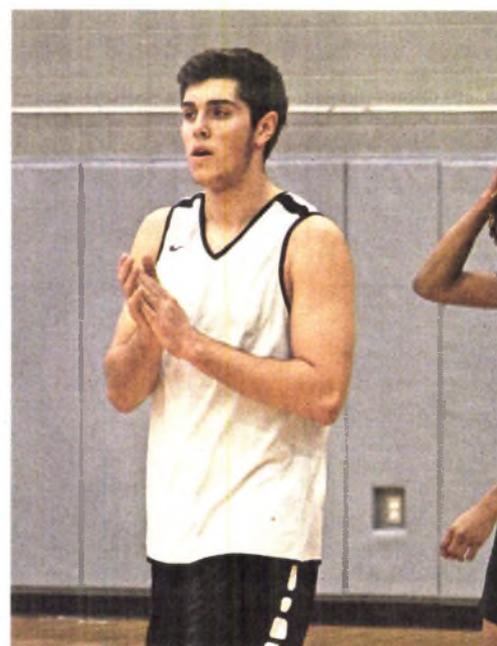
"Brent plays so hard and he's focused and dialed in and getting to a point where he can dom-

inate games and is a great teammate," Kurajian said. "We trust Joe running everything. He can handle the ball, he's a great passer for his size and he is a much better on-the-ball defender. He's an intelligent player and a leader, too."

Kurajian believes Canfield is one of the state's best shooters who figures to play a major offensive role this season.

"You can put me on record that (Canfield's) got to be the best shooter in Michigan and no one knows about him," Kurajian said. "He is a kid who's going to work harder than anybody else and he's shown that throughout his career. He's a great leader and he's going to score in bunches for us. When he's not, he's going to play defense at the other end, too, and still affect our team. I think he's going to have a great breakout senior year."

Seniors Jay Reedemer (6-0 guard), Grant Ellis (6-6 forward), Dean Hysny (6-4 guard/forward)



Brent Bosart is a senior forward who gives Bloomfield Hills a credible inside-outside scoring threat. MARTY BUDNER

and Devin Werthmeir (6-4 guard/forward), juniors Ben Mutz (6-0 guard) and Robert Goldsberry (guard) and sophomore Colin Hecker (6-2 guard) will fill out the rest of the roster and provide depth. Reedemer and Werthmeir are recovering from injuries, but figure to be available later in the season.

"It's really a blessing to be able to come to the gym every day, because it puts a smile on my face that I get to coach these kids every day," Kurajian said. "We're really building a family culture here. Teams who like playing together and really trust each other, it always shows on the court. We're really excited to see how that plays out this year."

Competing in the OAA Red

Bloomfield Hills is a member of the highly-regarded OAA Red Division and he knows the awesome challenges his team faces this year. But teams like defending Class A state champion Clarkston and state semi-

finalist West Blomfield are not the only monster squads on the schedule.

The Black Hawks also face standout non-conference foes Detroit Cass Tech, Detroit Western, Saline, Detroit Country Day and his alma mater, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Kurajian is not backing away from anyone.

"We probably play one of the toughest schedules in Michigan. Our biggest thing we try to do is compete and get better every single day," Kurajian said. "We realize that the league we play in and the competition we play, that we need to be able to outwork teams to win games. We're excited to compete and get better."

"The big thing we're trying to do here is that the lessons we learn on the court are the lessons you're going to take to life," he added. "That's what we're trying to build here. We're very excited to get the season going and get the community involved."

BOYS BASKETBALL

Brand new year brings new hopes for area teams

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Ready for some high school basketball?

Boys basketball teams from all over Oberlin are practicing hard and trying to smooth out any wrinkles as the 2017-18 season tips off Monday.

There are veteran coaches and rookie coaches (Livonia Franklin's T.J. Hurley is the team's third coach in three seasons), players looking to pick up where they left off a year ago and newcomers pressing to join the rotation.

Following is a glimpse into what some of the area teams look to bring to the court this season:

Canton

Senior Noah Brown could be the player who helps Canton once again be a KLAA contender.

Ninth-year head coach Jimmy Reddy said Brown is "a young man with an outstanding character and work ethic who is finally being more aggressive on offense this year as a senior."

If Brown (a captain) indeed has moved his game up a notch, the Chiefs could improve upon last year's 13-8 record and get further in the postseason (Canton lost in the district opener to Novi).

But Brown won't be the only player with talent and desire to lift the team to new heights.

Other returnees include senior captains Connor Engel, Colin Troup, Chase Meredith, Danny Lanava and Eian Barker. Junior returnees are B. Artis White and Vinson Sigmon.

"The returnees are the nucleus of the team and they will all play meaningful minutes this year," Reddy said. "Obviously, they all have varsity experience and two of them (B. Artis and Colin)



Back to help their respective teams are Livonia Stevenson's Devin Dunn (left) and Canton's Connor Engel. TOM BEAUDOIN

are in their third year of varsity and Noah is in his fourth year as a varsity player.

"I love our team chemistry and I love our competitive edge. Last year's team was so close to being a very good team, they just could not get over the hump and win all the close games we were in, which seemed like every game."

Newcomers with potential include junior Kendall Perkins (a transfer from Detroit Cass Tech), junior Darius Robinson, senior Thomas VanMiddlesworth and sophomore Benny Steiak.

Westland John Glenn

The Rockets soared last season to a 20-4 record and fourth-year head coach Rod Watts has the top-end talent to once again be a threat in the KLAA.

Junior point guard Joe Moon IV, who last year was an all-KLAA player and MVP at the Muskegon Holiday Tournament and MLK Floyd Mayweather Classic, is back to spearhead the Rockets.

Also back are senior wing guard Frankie Braxton, junior combo forward Donovan Long-Johnson and junior for-

ward Chad Stevens.

"We are looking forward to our team competing for a conference championship," Watts said.

Salem

Longtime Rocks head coach Bob Brodie will look to mold a winning unit out of a relatively new group. The lone returning starter is senior guard Jordan Ingram.

Several players on last year's team likely will have a larger role in 2017-18, including senior guards Shawn Srivastava and Grant Racer and senior forwards Thomas Noble, Matt Jira and Amit Tiwari.

Up from the junior varsity and looking to make an impact will be junior forwards Joe Kaceli, Saad Syed and Ben Dierker and junior guard Julius Nelson.

Rounding out the squad are sophomores Gabe Berishaj (guard), Tae'Veon Ruffin (forward) and Jackson King (post).

"The key to this team is how fast we can come together as a unit," Brodie said. "With three different grades of players, we have to be able to figure it out to be successful."

"We have some size

and speed, but need to develop experience at all positions in a hurry to be able to compete with the talent in our league. It is a hard-working group who is striving to get better in every practice, which is a good start to developing a team."

Livonia Stevenson

Entering his fourth season at the Spartans' helm is Kareem Smartt, whose 2016-17 team went 14-6 and lost to John Glenn in the districts.

Leading the way will be senior point guard Devin Dunn (15 points, four assists), senior guard/forward Parker Graham, senior guards George Ferguson and co-captain Chris Fazica.

Seniors Thomas Demers and Matt Donehue and junior forward and co-captain Mike Reed also will contribute, as will varsity newcomer Josh Marquedant. The latter will bring "length and athleticism" to the lineup.

"Top to bottom, this team is made up of athletic players," assistant coach Chris Haldane said. "This athleticism should help achieve our goal of playing up-tempo basketball and being extremely versatile and aggressive on defense."

"All of our returning seniors played significant minutes last year and that experience should help lead us this season. Every year, our team goal is to make a deep run in the state tournament and that starts with improving our record from last year and claiming a district title."

Plymouth

Recent Division I recruit Anthony Crump (UNC-Asheville) is part of a solid nucleus that veteran head coach Mike Soukup will be leaning on in hopes of improving on a 9-13 mark from 2016-17.

Crump, a senior guard and co-captain, will be joined in the lineup by

senior co-captains Joe Robb and A.J. Neal. Also slated for the rotation will be seniors Justin Reynolds, Chris Chin and Jeff Davis and juniors Troy Aikins and Bryce Amison.

Several varsity newcomers also look to push for playing time, including senior Vince Hooks and juniors Devon Wisniewski, Brice Baumgart and Ryan Berger.

"We have a group that is eager and willing to be coached," said Soukup, starting his ninth season as Plymouth coach. "Our goal is constant improvement every day. If you can be a little bit better every day, then you will be a lot better by the end of the year and the results will take care of themselves."

"We have fantastic senior leaders who must demand that we hold each other accountable to getting better."

Livonia Churchill

The Chargers went 6-15 in head coach James McCulloh's first season at the helm, but he is enthusiastic that 2017-18 will be much improved.

"We are going to be a team that is going to be exciting to watch," McCulloh said. "We are replacing a lot of senior leadership from last year but have had a number of players that have taken up that role."

"We have seen a lot of growth in our players from the end of last year until today and we look forward to competing this year."

Senior guards Martell Dooley, Taji Hall and Luke Jaroszewicz, along with junior forward Joel Forgacs, are returnees with a lot to bring to the mix.

Churchill's influx of newcomers includes senior forward Jaren Carble, junior forwards Ashton Nance and Ethan Gyurnek and junior guards Jaylen Stanley and Josh Guilbault.

Plymouth Christian

Third-year head coach Matt Windle welcomes several key players from the 2016-17 team, which went 17-8 and went to the regional championship before bowing out.

Senior guards Matt Malcolm (17 points, seven rebounds), Max Okolo (13 points, 10 boards) and Levi Yakuber (10 points, six boards, seven assists) and senior forward Jayme Fadden (nine rebounds) will be counted on to build upon last season's successes.

Other returning players are senior forward Paul Pfister, who will "provide valuable minutes this year," and junior forward Layne Pries, slotted to be the Eagles' fifth starter.

"Really excited about them all," Windle said. "They have all put in a lot of work this summer and it will pay off."

Senior Phillip Morby returns after not playing last season. "He is back and will have a tremendous impact" via his energy and savvy, Windle noted.

Freshman Nathan Etnyre is a player who could make strides at the point guard spot, getting in some good minutes off the bench.

"Matt, Levi, and Max are kind of our big three when it comes to an offensive threat and putting the ball in the hole," Windle said. "Any one of those guys can put up 30 points on a given night. Jayme is our floor general and really leads our team on the defensive side of things. We want to be known for our defensive tenacity and toughness."

Plymouth Christian Academy will look to contend in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and then take a run at a Division 4 state championship.

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LANIER

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Chris's mom, said from the podium. "Tattoo it on your arm if you need to."

A large image of a smiling Lanier from his football days was projected on the screen in the corner of the banquet hall while she spoke.

Don't quit the team

The Lanier family attended the banquet to deliver that heartfelt message about the need to squash any thoughts of suicide — and to apply to everyday life those same attributes it takes to be successful as part of a football team.

"Here's the thing, you become strong by staying in the game," Anne Lanier said. "First, second and third string, you are needed. If you're on the field, on the sidelines or in the stands, you are needed."



Canton Chiefs senior football player Nick Polydoros walks to the podium at Laurel Manor in Livonia, to receive the inaugural Chris Lanier Chiefs Spirit Award. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"What's not OK is to give up on life. Have a team, have a plan, have a plan B, C, D, E, if you need to. Learn how to stay strong through the tough times and take a timeout when needed."

They also presented

the inaugural Chris Lanier Chiefs Spirit Award.

Receiving the award — given to the player who is great on and off the field — was senior linebacker and running back Nick Polydoros.

"It's such an honor to

be awarded the Chris Lanier Award," Polydoros said following the banquet. "I didn't expect it at all. But just hearing the story and everything, it's such an honor to be receiving that award."

Told that Lanier was described by his mom as "a person full of passion for the underdog," Polydoros nodded.

"Yeah," he said. "I think it fits me pretty well."

Sadness remains

The pointed and stark message delivered by the Laniers helped put things into perspective for the football team, whose championship dreams were literally stopped inches short when Novi Detroit Catholic Central stuffed a two-point conversion bid.

Had the Chiefs crossed the goal line in the final minute of that D-1 regional final Nov. 10, who knows how far they would have made it?

Somehow, all that didn't matter as much when listening to the speeches and sensing the agony and heartbreak Lanier's death still has on his mother, sister Melissa (who also spoke) and other family members who were at the banquet.

Tattoos on arms might be good. But one gets the sense what the Laniers said that night remains imprinted on their brains.

"That sadness is not gone," Melissa said. "It is just transferred to the rest of us."

Thousands of families like the Laniers are feeling that same pain.

Heartbreaking statistics

In a 2016 report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. suicide rate spiked 24 percent between 1999 and 2014. The numbers apply to both genders and all age groups. In 2014, the re-

port continued, 13 people per 100,000 died by suicide.

In 2015, more than 44,000 people died by suicide and that was the second leading cause of death for Americans ages 15-34, according to the CDC.

And the question is what pushes youngsters over the edge? Depression, family issues, bullying on social media are some of the reasons.

The Laniers stressed to the Canton football players and their families that none of those things are worth cashing it all in for.

"So many life lessons are learned through football," Anne Lanier said, listing resilience, teamwork, discipline and courage. "We are up here (to say), no matter what, don't ever give up on life. Don't blame life."

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HOCKEY

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Nick Boka, whose rights are owned by the National Hockey League's Minnesota Wild — plus several current U.S. players have committed to playing for U-M in the next couple of years.

"I think all the guys are pretty excited to go there and play at the new (former Compuware Arena) renovated rink," Boka, a defenseman, said during a telephone interview last week. "Just because we have so many (NTDP) alums on our

team and a couple of coaches on that team who were our previous coaches, it's a pretty exciting feeling to go back, especially for me."

Boka actually played for the NTDP when it was based in Ann Arbor (at the Cube).

Among his U-M teammates who played at USA Hockey Arena (the program moved to Plymouth in 2015-16) are Bloomfield Hills' Will Lockwood, Oxford's Josh Norris and Quinn Hughes — who happens to have a younger brother, Jack, playing for the NTDP U-17 team.

"I think they're really

excited, too," Boka said. "They got a lot of friends on their team, guys they've been around the last year or so. There'll definitely be some familiar faces there and they're definitely going to have fun playing against those guys."

"We love having guys from USA. I think we got a lot of USA alums on our team. It's definitely going to be a common theme going forward. They're all good players, they're all ready to step in and play on any college team."

Fast and furious

As for what kind of game fans could expect, Boka predicted it would be highly competitive and entertaining. Friendships are checked at the locker room door for a couple of hours, always the case when it comes to hockey players.

"We're definitely going to play to win," said Boka, whose younger brother Luke plays in the Ontario Hockey League with the 2017 Memorial Cup champion Windsor Spitfires. "I expect a high-tempo, high-speed game."

"They've got a lot of skill. I remember playing on that team and every-

one's skilled, everyone's tough, everyone is ready to play at the next level. Definitely not going to take that team lightly just because they're young."

Spartans are next

Meanwhile, Monaghan said Saturday's match-up was a good precursor to the U-18 squad's game Dec. 16 against Michigan State University (coached by Danton Cole, formerly of the NTDP).

"We think we have a little rivalry between Michigan and Michigan State to see who can draw the bigger crowd, because they have a ri-

valry in everything, as we know," Monaghan said, chuckling. "And that one, for us, they (Spartans) also have a few players that are alums of ours, like Tommy Miller (West Bloomfield) and Patrick Khodorenko and Ed Minney."

"But that's also really special for everyone here, because all three of the (MSU) coaches coached here. Danton, obviously, Chris Luongo and (goalie coach) Joe Exter. ... It's good to see those guys come home for a night."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

WWAC teams gearing up for 2017-18 openers

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Redford Thurston boys basketball coach Brian Bates says there's a lot to like about his team entering the 2017-18 season.

After going 7-13 a year ago, Bates is optimistic the Eagles can stay afloat in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's tough Blue Division, which includes Class A powers Belleville and Romulus.

Thurston, which opens its season Tuesday, Dec. 5, at home against Birmingham Groves, lost only three players to graduation in Malik Hill, De'Quan Gadsen and Dorian Naylor.

Meanwhile, 10 players return, including nine seniors.

"We are playing with a lot of confidence this year and this team really gets along well with each other," Bates said. "The team is working hard to improve every day and, hopefully, that will translate into a good season."

Returning senior guards include 5-foot-10 Malik Walker and 5-11



RU's James Gresham (with ball) and Thurston's Kevin Newell both return for their respective team. TOM BEAUDOIN

Karlos Berry, along with 5-10 junior Darrell Anderson.

Bates has plenty of depth to choose from in the front court, led by seniors Zach Crofford (6-3), Kevin Newell (6-3), Demetrius Dowd (6-0),

Kevon Moore (6-0), Matteo Maisano (6-0), Hakim Salaam (6-6) and Matthew Acquah (6-2).

Among the promising newcomers are 5-10 sophomore guard Khalil Freeman, 6-0 junior guard Davon Headwood, 6-2

junior forward Marshal Carter Tait and 6-4 junior Jamar Boyd.

"This season, we have a lot of players returning," Bates said. "Last year, they learned a lot and I believe that experience is going to carry over to this year. I am excited about this team."

Redford Union

Coach Randall Taylor, entering his eighth season, guided the Panthers (11-11) to the Class B district final last year before losing to Detroit Henry Ford.

Lost to graduation off that team were all-WWAC players Eric McCarter and Jacob Gagnon.

"We lost eight seniors to graduations, so this team is young in experience," Taylor said. "We are hoping that each guy continues to get better each day. If that happens, we will get better as a team daily."

Among the top returnees are 6-3 senior forward Marcus Evans, 5-10 senior guard James Gresham, 6-1 junior guard Amir Huston and 6-3 wing Christian Montgomery.

The Panthers, mem-

bers of the WWAC Red Division, open their season Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Plymouth.

"We expect to be competitive this season and build off of last year," Taylor said. "We have set some team goals to accomplish this year."

Livonia Clarenceville

There's nowhere to go but up this season for second-year coach Ty Wallace, who suffered through a 0-21 season and last-place finish in the WWAC Red Division.

Five players return for the Trojans, including the team's top two leading scorers in 6-1 senior forward Logan Calimazzo and 5-10 junior guard Rickey Scott.

Meanwhile, Wallace expects 6-3 senior forward Bekim Lulanaj and 5-8 sophomore guard Tavian Cruz to make immediate contributions.

Clarenceville opens its season Tuesday, Dec. 5, at home against Allen Park Cabrini.

"After a disappointing 2016-17 season, we're looking to get back on track this upcoming season," Wallace said.

Garden City

Dave Arnold takes over the Cougars helm from Rick Morton, who retired after Garden City posted a 4-17 mark (2-8 record in the WWAC.)

Returning players are 6-5 senior center Cameron Walter, senior forward Eian Castonguay and senior guard Darius Benson. That trio had some outstanding games in 2016-17 and will be called upon to repeat their magic.

But Arnold also will be interested to see what first-year players David McDaniel (junior guard) and 6-6 Zachary Orsette (junior forward/center) will contribute.

"This is a pretty athletic group that should be able to hold its own against anyone on our schedule from that standpoint," Arnold said. "Until we learn to defend, rebound and take care of the basketball, last year's struggles will continue. The sooner we can take responsibility and improve in those areas, the higher our ceiling becomes."

Staff writer Tim Smith contributed to this report.

BOYS HOCKEY

Livonia Franklin climbs out of early hole, slips past Canton, 4-3

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Two up-and-coming KLAA varsity boys hockey teams squared off Wednesday at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia and the festivities boiled

down to a point shot that bounced into the goal with under six minutes remaining.

"I always say a shot not taken is a goal not scored," Livonia Franklin head coach Dan Phelps said following his team's 4-3 victory over Canton.

On a night featuring a

hat trick by Canton's Hugo Fonovic (two goals in the first 20 seconds of the contest) and two goals and two assists by Franklin's Trevor Van Vliet, the game was decided by freshman defenseman Casey Farren.

With 5:28 remaining, Van Vliet slipped the

puck to Farren at the point and he whipped a shot toward screened Canton goalie Michael Renzi — who played an exceptional game — and the puck found the back of the net.

"(Renzi) was playing really well down there in the net," Farren said.

"Trevor just gave it back to me. It deflected off a couple guys and it went in."

"It feels really, really rewarding, because this is my first year playing varsity hockey. And it makes me feel proud of myself to be here with my team, it's a win."

Following are several takeaways:

CHIEFS BREAK OUT

Right off the hop, Canton (2-3-0) put the Patriots behind the eight-ball when Fonovic scored just 10 seconds into the

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WILL TRAGGE

HOCKEY SENIOR
LIVONIA STEVENSON SPARTANS

Livonia Stevenson senior goalie Will Tragge had a huge Thanksgiving week between the pipes. And then he feasted at the polls, as he coasted to win Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week honors. More than 21,000 votes were cast and Tragge received nearly half of them with 9,604 votes (45.23 percent). Three others had solid showings, although not coming close to the netminder. In second place was Cranbrook Kingswood freshman swimmer Gwen Woodbury (4,150, 19.54 percent). Third place went to Novi Detroit Catholic Central hockey player Brendan West (3,583, 16.87 percent) while Livonia Franklin running back Isaac Moore — who was Athlete of the Week earlier in the season — placed fourth overall with 3,225 votes (15.19 percent). What he did: Tragge backstopped the Spartans to a 3-1 win over Livonia Churchill on Thanksgiving Eve, and followed that up with a shutout victory over

Cranbrook Kingswood during a holiday tourney hosted by the Cranes. Then came what Stevenson head coach David Mitchell called an "instant classic," a 3-2 loss in triple OT to powerhouse Brighton. "That tournament's awesome, played great competition," Tragge said. "It sets us up. We got a big game this weekend against Northville." **ABOUT WINNING WEEKLY POLL:** The goalie said winning the Athlete of the Week poll was

"an awesome honor. I was kind of surprised that I got nominated. It sort of took off. I told my family and my family started voting and it got pretty big, so I'm honored." He also said it was great that so many from Livonia Stevenson voted for him. "It's cool to see all the support," Tragge added. **SHIFTING GEARS:** According to Tragge, he plans on being a leader on and off the ice for the Spartans. His role has been in transition since he was a backup goalie two years ago. "I sat behind Cullen Barber my sophomore year," Tragge continued. "So having the reins last year it was more learning how to manage the grind, and playing day in and day out. This year, I'm starting to pass it down to the other (goalies). I feel more of a leadership role this year."



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PREP ROUNDUP

Mercy cagers open with win; Seaholm downed by Cousino

Coaches and team representatives are invited to send game information and story tips to LIV-sports@hometownlife.com. Game information will be accepted up to 24 hours after the game ends.

Girls basketball

MERCY 51, ROCHESTER ADAMS 41: Mercy opened the 2017-18 season Wednesday with this 10-point victory over Rochester Adams. The Marlins held a slim 13-11 lead after the opening quarter, but surged ahead with an 18-8 second-quarter scoring advantage for a 31-19 half-time lead. The Highlanders outscored the Marlins by two points in the second half. Jenna Schluter led Mercy with 18 points while Julia Bishop contributed nine. Makayla Smith led Adams with a game-high 21 points. Mercy made 12 of 20 free throws while Adams made 10-15.

COUSINO 51, SEAHOLM 28: Highly-regarded Warren Cousino took an early lead on Seaholm in the season opener on Tuesday and finished with the 23-point victory. The Patriots, state semi-finalists last year after winning the state title the previous season, led 12-6 after one quarter and held a 24-15 halftime lead. Cousino had two players reach double figures, including Olivia Jolliffe (14) and Kendall Homic (10). Seaholm's high scorers were sophomore Helena Beasley (seven), sophomore Julia Bell (seven) and senior Riley Annear (six).

NORTH FARMINGTON 59, LAKELAND 16: North Farmington made an impressive season debut Monday night with this 43-point victory over visiting Lakeland. The Raiders held a 25-9 lead after the opening quarter and had a strong second quarter to take a commanding 41-11 halftime advantage. Veteran senior Sam Cherney led



Senior Sam Cherney netted a double-double to lead North Farmington past Lakeland in its season opener last week. FILE PHOTO

Raiders with a double-double that included 23 points and 19 rebounds. She also added five steals. Patil Tcholakian also registered a double-double with 13 points and 12 steals. Maya Kelly (six points, six rebounds), Molly Simpson (five steals, five assists, three points), Natalie George (seven assists, three points) and Abby Hanus (four points, four assists) had notable performances. As a team, North Farmington posted 37 steals. The Raiders will host Walled Lake Northern on Tuesday.

Boys hockey

TRAVERSE CITY CENTRAL 6, FARMINGTON 4: Host Traverse City scored three second-period goals en route to this victory on Nov. 25.

The Falcons held a 1-0 lead in the opening period on the first of two goals by Joe Carbone. Farmington's other goals were tallied by Kris Kozoro and Collin Rea. The loss left the Falcons with a 1-2-2 overall record.

FARMINGTON 2, TRAVERSE CITY WEST 2 (OT): In its opening game in Traverse City on Nov. 24, Farmington found the back of the net twice in the opening period. Tony Eaton scored the game's first goal off an assist from Joe Carbone. Two minutes later, Tanner Neill scored off assists from Eaton and Carbone. West scored late in the first period and added its second goal in the final period to force overtime. Neither team scored in the extra session as the game ended in a draw.



Livonia Franklin's Nolan Niva (left) and Canton's Austin Woelke pursue a loose puck Wednesday at Eddie Edgar Arena. TOM BEAUDOIN

FRANKLIN

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game (assisted by Daniel Bourgeois and Sam Reinders). For good measure, he scored again eight seconds later and all of a sudden it was 2-0.

"Fastest two goals, everything went perfectly right off the faceoffs," Fonovic said. "I got lucky with two low shots right off the bat."

"Played it perfectly off the faceoff, got it right to me, it was a team effort. Good job by them."

MULLIGAN TIME

After those early goals, Phelps decided not to call a timeout for the Patriots (3-1-1).

"We didn't want to call timeout and push the

panic button," Phelps said. "We just wanted to keep them not too high and not too low. We said, 'Guys, there's all kind of hockey left; there's 50-some minutes left in the game.'"

"They got back to what they knew they wanted to do. They worked hard. The common denominator for everything we do is hard work."

SHIFTING THE MO

Franklin chipped away at the deficit beginning with Van Vliet's goal about 10 minutes into the contest. Van Vliet then broke in and slipped a shot past Renzi at the 37-second mark of the second period.

The Patriots took their first lead with 8:15 left in the period, when Dakota Keaton buried a centering pass from Van Vliet.

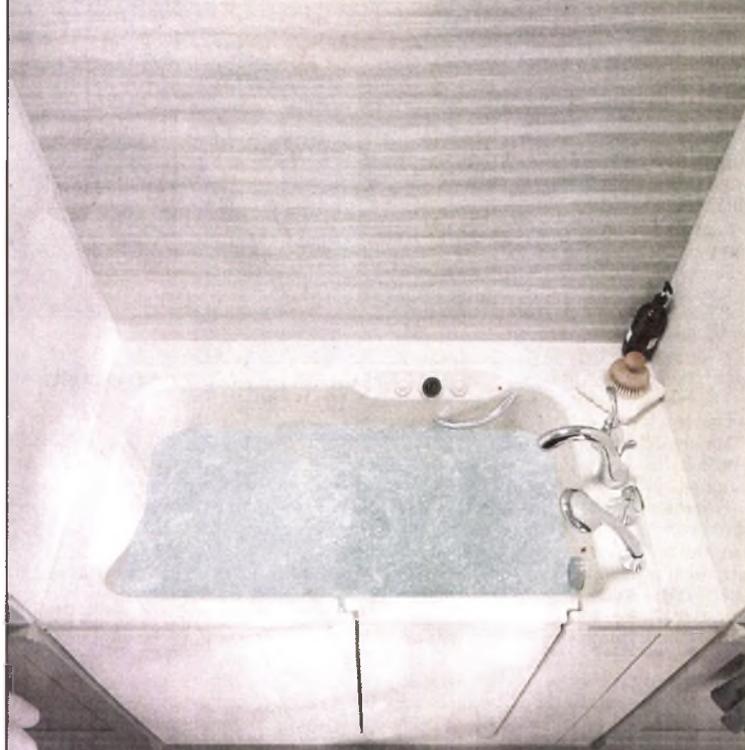
In the first five minutes of the third period, Franklin pressed Renzi with a barrage of shots, but could not find the back of the net.

With that spark, the Chiefs tied it up at 3-3 with 11:44 to play. After a shot was blocked at the Canton blue line, Bourgeois rushed down the right wing and took a shot at Franklin goalie Will Augustine. The puck rebounded to Fonovic and he buried it.

"He's just a natural goal scorer. He really knows how to put the puck in the net," Canton head coach John Bartle said. "I think he's in the top end of the scoring leaders right now. For a sophomore, he's an excellent player."

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
December 18, 2017**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **Monday, December 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm** regarding an ordinance to amend §154.165 (Medical Marijuana Growing Center).

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
ORDINANCE # A17-xxx**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §154.165 (MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES)

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, authorizes a City Council to adopt and amend zoning ordinances that regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property; and
WHEREAS, the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act, P.A. 281 of 2016, authorizes five different types of marijuana facilities, and allows a community to adopt an ordinance to authorize one or more of the five types of marijuana facilities within its boundaries and limit the number of each type of marijuana facility; and
WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Garden City held a public hearing on November 9, 2017 to consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of Garden City, to amend §154.165 (Medical Marijuana Facilities); and
WHEREAS, there were no comments at the November 9, 2017 public hearing at the Planning Commission meeting, and the Planning Commission transmitted its recommendation to the City Council; and
WHEREAS, the City Council has determined at its meeting of _____ that enacting said Zoning Ordinance text amendment is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the City residents:

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

That § 154.165, Medical Marijuana Facilities, of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:

§154.165 MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES.

- (A) **Purpose and Intent.** It is the intent of this section to provide appropriate locations with reasonable regulations for certain medical marijuana facilities allowed by the Michigan Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act. It is the intent of this section to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of persons and property by limiting medical marijuana facilities to areas of the M-1 zoning district that are compatible with such uses. Additional regulations in this section are intended to provide reasonable restrictions so that these facilities do not compromise the health, safety, and general welfare of persons in the City, or other uses allowed in the M-1 zoning district or adjacent zoning district.
- (B) **Types of Facilities Prohibited.** The following types of medical marijuana facilities are prohibited in all zoning districts within the City of Garden City:
- (1) Medical marijuana grow operations, for Class B and Class C growers.
 - (2) Medical marijuana provisioning centers.
- (C) **Types of Facilities Permitted with Special Land Use Approval.** The following medical marijuana facilities provided for in the Michigan Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act may be permitted as a special land use in the M-1 zoning district, subject to the requirements of this section:
- (1) Medical marijuana grow operations, for Class A growers only.
 - (2) Medical marijuana processing facilities.
 - (3) Medical marijuana safety compliance facilities.
 - (4) Medical marijuana secure transporters.
- (D) **Requirements Applicable to All Medical Marijuana Facilities.** The following requirements apply to all medical marijuana uses provided for in the Michigan Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act and permitted in this Zoning Ordinance:
- (1) **Distance from Schools and Child Care Facilities.** It shall be unlawful to establish or operate a medical marijuana facility within a 300 foot radius of a residentially zoned district, or within a 500 foot radius of any child care center, licensed day care facility, preschool program center, primary, intermediate or secondary school, or like facility, established pursuant to and in accordance with the Revised School Code, P.A. 451 of 1976, being M.C.L.A. §§ 380.1 through 380.1853, as amended, and/or the State School Aid Act of 1979, P.A. 94 of 1979, being M.C.L.A. §§ 388.1601 through 388.1772, as amended, or any public park.
 - (2) **Distance from Ford Road.** It shall be unlawful to establish or operate a medical marijuana facility within 300 feet of the right-of-way of Ford Road.
 - (3) **Wastewater.** All medical marijuana facilities must be designed and operated so as to minimize the amount of pesticides, fertilizers, nutrients, marijuana, and any other potential contaminants discharged into the public wastewater and/or stormwater systems.
 - (4) **Odor.** All medical marijuana facilities must be equipped with an operable filtration, ventilation, and exhaust system that effectively confines odors to the interior of the building from which the odor is generated.
 - (5) **Separation of Activities.** All drying, soil mixing, testing, processing, and other non-growing activities must take place in a separate room from any growing activities.
 - (6) **Security.** All facilities must have an adequate and approved security plan to prevent access to marijuana by non-authorized personnel, including unauthorized removal. All rooms that contain marijuana, in any form, must be individually locked and accessible only to authorized personnel. The building(s) housing the medical marijuana facility shall all be equipped with security cameras approved by the city Police Chief, maintained in operational order, and installed in such a way as to monitor the entire perimeter of the building(s) and capable of recording and storing a minimum of 120 continuous hours of the perimeter monitoring. The security cameras shall be in operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and shall be set to maintain the record of the prior 120 hours of continuous operation.
 - (7) **Alarm System.** An alarm system is required that is operated and monitored by a recognized security company.
 - (8) **State and Local Licensing and Registration.** At the time of application for a special land use permit, the medical marijuana facility must be licensed by the State of Michigan and must be at all times in compliance with the laws of the State of Michigan. Upon approval of a special land use permit, all owners, possessors, occupants, partnerships, corporations, and/or employees shall be subject to business license requirements of the City and must be at all times in compliance with the applicable laws and ordinances of the City.
 - (9) **Access Record.** Except as prohibited by State or Federal law, a written record of all individuals entering the medical marijuana facility shall be maintained at the facility, which written record shall be available to the City Police Department as needed for investigative purposes, but only to the extent allowed by State or Federal law.
 - (10) **Inspections.** A medical marijuana facility shall be subject to inspection to ensure compliance with the City code and State law.
 - (11) **Unlawful Activities.** Any uses or activities found by the State of Michigan or a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or otherwise unlawful by State law may not be permitted by the City. In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction declares some or all of this article invalid, the City may suspend the acceptance or review of applications for special land use permits pending the resolution of the legal matter in question.
 - (12) **Revocation and Suspension.** The City may suspend or revoke a special land use permit based on a finding that the facility is in violation of the provisions of the special land use standards in this section, any applicable provision of this Zoning Ordinance, and/or the terms or conditions of the special land use permit and approved site plan.
 - (13) **Home Occupation and Accessory Use Prohibited.** A medical marijuana facility, or activities associated with the facility, may not be permitted as a home occupation or accessory use.
 - (14) **Indoor Activity Only.** All activities of a medical marijuana facility must be conducted indoors.
 - (15) **Prohibited Activities.** No smoking, inhalation, or consumption of marijuana shall take place on the premises of any medical marijuana facility.
 - (16) **Waste Disposal Plan.** At the time of special land use application, the applicant must submit a waste disposal plan specific to marijuana, marijuana plant waste, and marijuana-infused products.
 - (17) **Operations Plan.** At the time of special land use application, the applicant must submit an operations statement that describes, but is not limited to, the life cycle of marijuana and marijuana-infused products entering, stored on, grown, dried, and leaving the site. This statement may include how deliveries are handled, methods of storage, cash handling, a floor plan, and other pertinent information.
- (E) **Requirements Applicable to All Medical Marijuana Grow Operations.** The following requirements apply to all medical marijuana grow operations:
- (1) **Water/Wastewater.** At the time of special land use application, the applicant must submit a water/wastewater statement that describes the expected volume of water used and any on-site wastewater treatment, permits required for wastewater disposal, the expected volume of wastewater based on the number of plants permitted, and any other information required by the City.
 - (F) **Requirements Applicable to All Medical Marijuana Processing Facilities.** The following requirements apply to all medical marijuana processing facilities:
 - (1) **Water/Wastewater.** At the time of special land use application, the applicant must submit a water/wastewater statement that describes the expected volume of water used and any on-site wastewater treatment, permits required for wastewater disposal, the expected volume of wastewater based on the type of processing, and any other information required by the City. - (G) **Requirements Applicable to All Medical Marijuana Safety Compliance Facilities.** The following requirements apply to all medical marijuana safety compliance facilities:
 - (1) **Testing Environment.** All facilities must maintain a secure, closed, clean environment in the room where marijuana is to be tested, in order to prevent outside contamination and prevent the inadvertent and/or unauthorized removal of marijuana from the facility. - (H) **Requirements Applicable to All Medical Marijuana Secure Transporters.** The following requirements apply to all medical marijuana secure transporters:
 - (1) **Prevention of Contamination or Pollination.** All operations must have processes in place to prevent the contamination or pollination of the marijuana during the loading and unloading process. All marijuana must be stored in hermetically sealed containers prior to transport.
 - (I) **Primary Caregivers and Qualifying Patients.** Licensed medical marijuana primary caregivers or qualifying patients, as defined and authorized by the State of Michigan under Initiated Law 1 of 2008, shall not be required to receive Special Use Approval to conduct legal activities in any zoning district, but shall comply with all applicable City ordinances, including those governing odor, and all applicable State laws. Marijuana grown by a registered primary caregiver or qualifying patient be kept in an enclosed, locked facility (as defined under Initiated Law 1 of 2008) that permits access only by a registered primary caregiver or qualifying patient.

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What you need to know to be your own boss

BY KATE LOPAZE
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If you've ever had a job with a boss, you've probably had these thoughts, especially on frustrating days: "I could be the boss and do a better job," and "Why don't I do that?" There are different ways to "do that." One is to rise through the ranks. The other is to go into business for yourself. It's not the easiest path, but if it's your goal, here are some ways to get started:

Are you ready?

Being your own boss sounds great, but if you're not ready to handle the demands of running your own business, recognize that up front. Management consultant Steve Tobak recommends starting with an honest assessment of how you are as an employee to see how well you might function when you're depending on yourself to get everything done. People who focus on responsibilities over branding and who seek achievements over power will likely be more successful when it comes time to assume responsibility for a business.

Design a plan.

Your next step should be deciding explicitly what it is you'll be doing in your business. Branding is great, but it comes later. The core business has to come first, so a solid plan is essential. If you need help coming up with a business plan, there are a number of free and premium services online that can help you craft it, such as LivePlan or Microsoft's Dynamics 365.



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Do a test run.

Before you take the leap, think about doing a "soft launch" by creating your business as a side hustle or a part-time commitment. This is a way of figuring out if it is the right path for you before you've committed fully to the idea of ditching your current career path. Plus, it lets you start building a customer base and getting a real sense of what the market is like — information that will be invaluable.

Consider the money.

Before you do anything drastic like quitting your current job, do your homework on some baseline financial issues. Finances are an incredibly important consideration. You'll be the one writing the paychecks, so there's not much room for error. Gather your personal financial records and answer

these important questions: What are the startup costs? What are the week-to-week operating costs? If your business is slow to develop, how long can you go without a paycheck? Will you need to hire employees? If so, what can you afford to pay them?

It may be that after your financial analysis, you find you aren't quite ready to quit your job and go it alone. And that's okay — it gives you more time to plan, set goals and lay the groundwork for your business.

Decide who's on your team.

Your company may be just you at first, and that's a lot of pressure. What friends or family do you have to help provide a balance for that? Do you have people you trust who can listen to you and help talk through decisions and provide valuable feedback? You

should start building your network in general, both using online social networks like LinkedIn and joining professional associations in your field. There are also organizations that specifically support small business owners.

Build your brand.

Self-marketing is going to be one of the best tools you have at your disposal as you get started. Creating dedicated social media profiles is a no-brainer. You'll also need a website — ideally, one designed professionally. There are lots of hosting services that also help you build a sleek site. Once you have your own URL and platform, you can use a blog, photo gallery, portfolio and email to reach customers.

Prepare to make the transition.

Think about a careful transition from your current job to your entrepreneurship — especially if your new company will be in the same field. It's important to exit gracefully. That means figuring out a timetable for quitting (potentially more than the standard two weeks). During this transition period, you should also see if there's fine print in your employment contract about pursuing clients or competitive job opportunities. Some companies have a noncompete clause to limit what former employees can do in the same field.

Kate Lopaze is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com, where this article was originally published. She investigates and writes about current strategies, tips and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.

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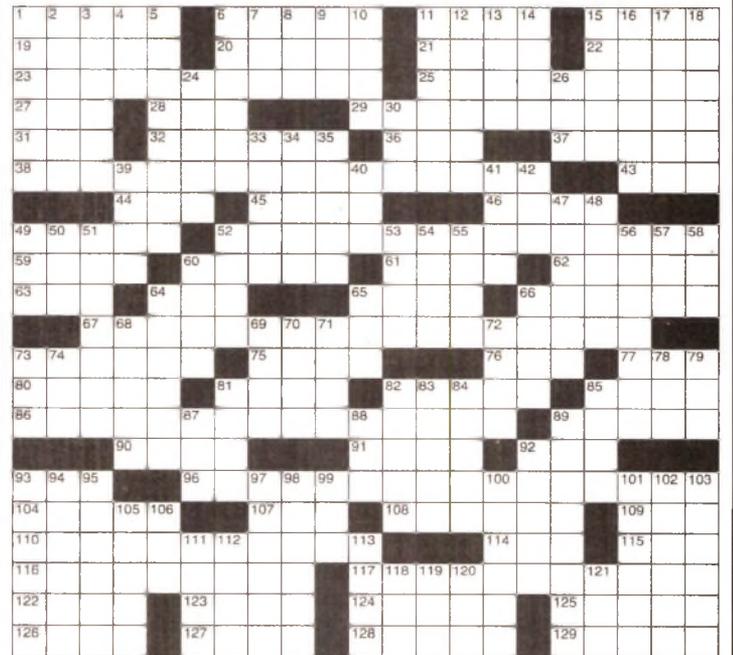
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- ACROSS**
1 After, in Paris
6 Paparazzi target
11 Speedy
15 Close loudly
19 Instant replay mode
20 St. Teresa's town
21 Guthrie of folk music
22 Snow beast of legend
23 Frienetic cartoon marsupial (#1)
25 Banging, as a drum
27 Bread type
28 Caviar eggs
29 It's not currently erupting (#2)
31 --- distance
32 Capital of Kazakhstan
36 Kia model
37 Fragrant compound
38 "Just name it and I'll do it" (#3)
43 Zine staff
44 Sarcastic laugh sound
45 Dust bit
46 Direction of sunup
49 Real guy?
- DOWN**
1 Wandering
2 Seek the approval of
3 Capital of Dominica
4 Record label for Bowie
5 Take off from a high nest, as an eagle
6 Academy students
7 Mother of Cain
8 Ullmann or Tyler of film
9 Yale athlete
10 Dis-tressed?
11 Cloth
12 "Am not!" reply
13 Serb, say as files
14 Pooch in Oz
15 Matches up, as files
16 Papal envoy
17 Paid (for)
18 Tweens, e.g.
24 Army denial
26 Sicile, e.g.
30 Suffix with access
33 Sportscoaster
--- Rashad
34 Weeper in myth
- ACROSS**
52 House-building charity (#4)
59 Shouts from cheerleaders
60 Recording studio control
61 Watch
62 Concave tummy part
63 Sauna spot
64 --- lai (mixed drink)
65 Hive group
66 "Sorority Row" actress Evigan and Hart (#8)
67 Annual publication of Benjamin Franklin (#5)
73 Jonathan Swift's genre
75 Ark crafter
76 Egg case qty.
77 Prefix with con
80 Her "Hello" was a big hit
81 Horror film helper
82 Composer Franz
85 Singer Baez
86 What a green card grants an alien (#6)
89 Dated yet trendy
- DOWN**
90 Be a vagrant
91 "Othello" baddie
92 "No kidding!"
93 --- jongg
96 Available again because folks asked for it (#7)
104 Not silently
107 August sign
108 Old office note-takers
109 Ending with ethyl
110 Classic song by Rodgers and Hart (#8)
114 Platform that runs on Apple devices
115 Audiophile's stack
116 Certain shore area
117 1988 film about an old baseball scandal (and what this puzzle has?)
122 Bakery tool
123 Brother of Cain
124 Comic Anderson
125 Passover dinner
126 Cruel emperor
- ACROSS**
127 Simple
128 Bulges
129 Not well-kept
- DOWN**
35 Not lifeless
39 Letters that follow pis
40 Converged
41 Tabby sound
42 --- es
43 Salaam
47 City in Iran
48 Tennis top
49 Wifely title
50 Ceiling
51 Book division
52 Brow or lash
53 Say for sure
54 With
56-Down, entwined like shoelace ends
55 Own (up)
56 See
54-Down
57 With
78-Down, tone deafness
58 Pro's vote
60 Cost to cab it
64 Singer Rita
65 Scornful cry
66 Dark mark
68 Gulf ship
69 Playwright
--- William
70 Pigeon calls
71 Spy Mata ---
72 Timber tool
73 Syrup base
74 Sugary drink
78 See
57-Down
- ACROSS**
79 1969 Beatle bride
81 --- la
82 Douce
82 Luzes, e.g.
83 Bar of gold
84 Range
85 Taunt
87 Eatery check
88 Handy- andy's initials.
89 Evaluate anew
92 Low spirits
93 Remit, say
94 --- Lorraine
95 Schnozz
97 Maker of an exact copy
98 Brewing pot
99 "Sk8er ---" (2002 hit)
100 Merges
101 Crack, as a cipher
102 Provided, as with talent
103 --- Rides Again" (old Western)
105 in --- (not yet born)
106 "What's the ---?"
111 Trolley car
112 Calfan, e.g.
113 Jail division
118 Debt doc
119 Chewed stuff
120 Not square
121 Once named



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SUDOKU

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

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

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

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I R O L D B R O N Z E R L M E O L A N P
N S U P A I E O Y U Z C E R A M I D E S
P G X T L B S A Y O B M T G B R M G G
E P E F C H G T T S B A A N Z E S K A F
P E O P Z N Y G M H T E O E S B L H L Y
T I E Y I D U E C O G N A A N M A A L L
I X R O L T P L O C I L A U R Z R I O G
D L F B E I A O U O M P L O T A E R C A
E U O D C N G T M C A B O H G Y N S F L
S L L S M I O E I T A P I R G B I T K L
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C K C R A D L A C I N A T O B H I Z X Y
C B L A C K H E A D S M E D I C A L C M
B S I T I T A M R E D S G L Y C E R I N

- ACNE
- ACUPUNCTURE
- ALLERGIC
- ALOE
- BEAUTY
- BLACKHEADS
- BODY
- BOTANICAL
- BROWZER
- CELLULITE
- CERAMIDES
- CHEMICALS
- COENZYME
- COLLAGEN
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- HUMECTANTS
- LASER
- MEDICAL
- MINERALS
- NATURAL
- NONCOMEDOGENIC
- PEPTIDES
- PORES
- SPA
- TONER

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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Crossword Answers
ACROSS: 1. PARIS, 6. TARGET, 11. SPEEDY, 15. LOUDLY, 19. INSTANT, 20. ST. TERESA'S, 21. GUTHRIE, 22. SNOW BEAST, 23. FRIENETIC, 25. DRUM, 27. BREAD, 28. CAVIAR, 29. ERUPTING, 31. DISTANCE, 32. ALMATY, 36. KIA, 37. FRAGRANT, 38. JUST NAME IT AND I'LL DO IT, 43. ZINE, 44. SARCASTIC, 45. DUST, 46. SUNUP, 49. REAL GUY, 52. CHARITY, 59. CHEERLEADER, 60. RECORDING, 61. WATCH, 62. CONCAVE, 63. SAUNA, 64. LAI, 65. HIVE, 66. SORORITY, 67. ANNUAL, 73. JONATHAN SWIFT, 75. ARK, 76. EGGS, 77. PREFIX, 80. HELLO, 81. HORROR, 82. FRANZ, 85. BAENZ, 86. GREEN CARD, 89. TRENDY, 90. VAGRANT, 91. OTHELLO, 92. NO KIDDING, 93. JONGG, 96. AVAILABLE, 104. SILENTLY, 107. AUGUST, 108. OLD OFFICE, 109. ENDING, 110. CLASSIC, 114. PLATFORM, 115. AUDIOPHILE, 116. CERTAIN, 117. 1988, 122. BAKERY, 123. BROTHER, 124. COMIC, 125. PASSOVER, 126. CRUEL, 127. SIMPLE, 128. BULGES, 129. NOT WELL-KEPT.

Word Search Answers
ACNE, ACUPUNCTURE, ALLERGIC, ALOE, BEAUTY, BLACKHEADS, BODY, BOTANICAL, BROWZER, CELLULITE, CERAMIDES, CHEMICALS, COENZYME, COLLAGEN, COMBINATION, COSMETICS, DERMATITIS, DERMATOLOGIST, DIMETHICONE, EPILATION, EXFOLIATE, GLYCERIN, HAIRSTYLE, HIGHLIGHTS, HUMECTANTS, LASER, MEDICAL, MINERALS, NATURAL, NONCOMEDOGENIC, PEPTIDES, PORES, SPA, TONER.

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IN THE NEXT CHAPTER, CADILLAC EXPANDS ITS BOOK BY CADILLAC SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE TO 2 MORE CITIES – COULD DETROIT BE NEXT?



By Dale Buss

There are no plans to introduce BOOK by Cadillac in the brand's hometown of Detroit anytime soon and no indication whether the Motor City could be next.

But Cadillac's subscription service has been such a big hit in Cadillac's adopted home town of New York City that GM's luxury car brand is now extending BOOK by Cadillac to Los

Angeles and Dallas. For a monthly fee of \$1,800 (after a \$500 initiation fee), customers can get access to a portfolio of fully loaded Cadillac vehicles. Other premium auto marques, including Porsche, are testing similar services.

With more than 7,000 subscribers in New York alone, the automaker has been pleased by the "overwhelming" demand since January's launch by customers requesting to join the service.

"BOOK by Cadillac has introduced entirely new customers to the brand and has been fully embraced by younger audiences as an innovative service that meets their ever-changing needs," Melody Lee, newly appointed global director of the service, said in a press release. "Introducing the service in Los Angeles and Dallas is a natural evolution of the program."

Cadillac also is increasing the number of vehicles in its metro-New York fleet to keep up with demand. The brand also has launched BOOK by Cadillac as a pilot in Munich, Germany, with an eye to expanding it in other global markets.

Named Global Director, BOOK by Cadillac, last month, Lee is responsible for the successful growth of both BOOK as the luxury vehicle subscription offering it is today, as well as leading the Cadillac brand and executive team's charge into future innovation areas.

Prior to BOOK, as Director of Brand Marketing for Cadillac, she was responsible for building Cadillac's global brand identity and driving a clear and consistent strategy across all of its channels, products and markets.

I spoke with Lee for more insights into this new chapter for Cadillac—and how she intends to throw the BOOK at competitors.



Cadillac's XT5 crossover is one of the vehicles featured in BOOK

ourselves to live up to the tagline in our communications: "Dare Greatly." It's an effort to demonstrate that if you can't win the battle, you need to change the battleground. BOOK is a great and shining example of how a 115-year-old luxury brand can take risks and be entrepreneurial, and as a result bring a new way to access luxury vehicles to customers.

China is increasingly your biggest market and ever more important to the brand's growth. How do your overall branding efforts translate there?

Yes, we'd been using a similar strategy in China already, so there's been an effort to align the spirit of what we were doing there with the spirit of "Dare Greatly." We've worked very hard over the last few years to recognize that China is a massive market of opportunity for us and therefore to get it aligned with our U.S. and global brand message. We are ensuring that "Dare Greatly" works for us in that market and elevates the brand the same way it does in the U.S.

Why are you expanding BOOK by Cadillac now?

Even though we started out saying it was for New York City only, we received overwhelming demand from hand raisers all over the world. Recognizing the clear customer demand for the program, we made the decision to go to market where we know there is an affluent luxury customer and where we see an opportunity for Cadillac to grow our market share. Also, with the LA market, you're tapping into the bi-coastal luxury-lifestyle traveler.

Are you refining BOOK by Cadillac as you expand?

It's very much a constant learning experience for us—we want to test and learn and flex and refine. Among the changes we've made are to increase the price to \$1,800 a month; clearly there was a willingness to pay \$1,500 a month, so we've raised the price as we expand. To more carefully manage vehicle lifecycles, we've instituted a mileage limit of 2,000 miles. That's plenty of mileage, the way that

customers have driven so far.

You've been a huge part of the brand overhaul at Cadillac, which could be a 10-year process. How far along would you say you're at?

We're about one-third of the way into our long-term strategic plan, and BOOK is a product of pushing



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