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## Stabbing victim: 'I had to get away'

Suspect ordered to county circuit court in incident

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Cynthia Bally heard the front door open at her Northville Township condominium shortly after returning from the store the night of July 12. She thought it might be the wind; she had left the door unlocked.

Instead, it was Christian Gardner, a man she had previously dated, Bally

said Aug. 3 in 35th District Court. He was there uninvited, she said.

On her balcony, she started to phone for help when Gardner grabbed her from behind with his left arm, she said.

"That's when he started to stab me," Bally testified during a preliminary examination for Gardner. She didn't see a weapon, but felt a sharp pain in her abdomen and later saw the blood, Bally told Mary Rubio, an assistant Wayne County prosecutor.



Gardner

dioced for paramedics and led her to safety.

Bally's testimony helped convince Judge Mike Gerou to send Gardner's case to circuit court, where the defendant will be formally charged Friday,

"My first thought was I had to get away," she said.

She did get away, fleeing the condo and encountering a neighbor, whom she asked to phone for help, and then a police officer, who radioed for paramedics and led her to safety.

Aug. 10.

Gardner, 51, faces one count each of assault with intent to commit murder, assault with a dangerous weapon and assaulting, resisting or obstructing police, all felonies, plus one count of domestic violence second offense, a misdemeanor. He is in the county jail on a \$1 million bond.

Bally said she suffered four wounds to the abdomen, plus another wound to her upper left arm and another to a fin-

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## A study in courage

White Lake boy  
stays strong  
through adversity

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During the emotionally draining months following their first-born child Nolan's birth and bilateral cleft lip and palate diagnosis, Richard and Samantha Kolc's spirits were strengthened by the unrelenting support of their family and doctors.

However, the Kolcs' most impactful mood booster was Nolan himself, even though the newborn was undergoing hospitalizations, surgeries and near-constant treatments.

"He's been such a happy, loving boy through all of this," Samantha Kolc said, reflecting on 2-year-old Nolan's adversarial adventure. "We've received a lot of support from my mom, my mother-in-law, the doctors — you name it — but the resilience Nolan has shown through this has been incredibly uplifting."

Cleft lip and palate on one side of a newborn's face affects roughly one out of every 1,000 babies.

Nolan's bilateral condition is much more rare and doubly difficult to treat, said Henry Ford Medical Center Dr. Lamont Jones, who specializes in the treatment of craniofacial birth defects.

"Surgical techniques have improved gradually in the past 10 years or so," Jones said. "The biggest advances have been that we're able to diagnose the defect in-utero, so we know before the baby is delivered. This gives the parents time to learn more about the defect and the circumstances they're going to be



Two-year-old Nolan Kolc has stayed strong throughout surgeries and struggles related to a cleft lip he was born with. FAMILY PHOTO

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## Burglary suspect faces new home invasion charges

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A 37-year-old man arrested in Farmington Hills last month as police investigated a series of area home invasions faces new charges in Northville Township and Novi.

Eric Dwight Roberson, who lives in the northwest Ohio city of Lima and has relatives in the Detroit area, was arrested early July 7 and later charged in Farmington Hills with two counts of attempted home invasion. Several police departments and regional police task forces teamed up for the arrest.

He was arraigned July 24 via video in Plymouth's 35th District Court on four Northville Township charges: two counts of home invasion and two counts of attempted home invasion. Judge James Plakas entered not-guilty pleas for Roberson and set a total bond of \$100,000.

Roberson is being held in the Oakland County Jail, where he was taken upon being charged in Farmington Hills.

It was during the early morning hours of June 15 that security cameras at two houses on Stonebrook Drive in Northville Township captured images of a masked man who appeared to be trying doors to see whether they were



Roberson

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## Upcoming events

Grounds closed for wedding: 2-4 p.m. and 4:15-6:15 p.m. Aug. 11, 4:15-6:15 p.m. Aug. 12, 2:45-4:45 p.m. Aug. 18,

3:45-5:45 p.m. Aug. 24 and 4:15-6:15 p.m. Aug. 25.

Annual Victorian clothing sale: 1-4 p.m. Sept. 9 and 1-7 p.m. Sept. 10-11.

Heritage Festival activities: 12:30-3:30 p.m. Sept. 16.

30th annual Duck Race: 3 p.m. Sept. 16.

Victorian Cream Tea: 12:30-3 p.m. Sept. 16. Not a pre-ticketed event. Drop-in.

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## Victim

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ger. She underwent abdominal surgery

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and was hospitalized for five days, she said.

The stabbing began a five-hour police standoff with Gardner at Bally's condominium complex, north of Seven Mile and west of Haggerty.

Bally testified she didn't recall any words that may have passed between her and Gardner during the incident. Under cross-examination by Gardner's attorney, James O'Donnell, she denied Gardner had lived at her condominium for a month before the stabbing, but said they had shared a bank account.

She said she had dated Gardner off and on for about three years.

Northville Township Officer Christopher Bachand was the first officer at the scene. He testified he was responding to a call about a woman whose ex-boyfriend would not leave her home when

he spotted Bally on the sidewalk outside.

Just then, Bachand said, a male voice called out that she had stabbed him first. It was Gardner, speaking from the balcony, Bachand said.

Meanwhile, Bally "had quite a bit of blood on her shirt and hands," the officer said.

He told Gardner to show his hands, which were blocked from his view by the balcony railing, Bachand said.

Instead, Gardner retreated into the condominium. "He yelled, 'I have a gun' or something to that effect," Bachand said.

Bachand said he then led Bally to a parking lot, leaving her with another officer to await an ambulance, grabbed a rifle from his patrol vehicle and took up a post outside the condominium. More

officers, including from neighboring departments and the Michigan State Police, arrived during the ordeal, he said.

Gardner, who spoke to MSP crisis negotiators during the standoff, surrendered about 3 a.m. the next day, police said. No gun was found.

Neither was a weapon used in the stabbing recovered or identified. Bally testified police confiscated all the knives in her kitchen.

"Weapon wasn't recovered, but obviously she was punctured by something," Gerou said.

Bally declined to comment as she left the courthouse.

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## Suspect

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unlocked. The doors were apparently locked at both houses at which the man was filmed.

But a burglary did occur that night on Stonebrook at another house, entered while residents were asleep, police said. The house had apparently been left unlocked and cash was reported stolen.

On July 2, police said, another home invasion took place at a home on Rainbow Lane, also at night while residents were asleep. That home had apparently also been left unlocked, and cash was reported stolen.

Roberson also faces a second-degree attempted home invasion charge in Novi over a July 1 incident that was caught on video, according to police in Novi. He was arraigned on that charge Tuesday in 52-1 District Court, where Magistrate Victor Zanolli III entered a not-guilty plea for him and set bond at \$50,000 cash or surety.

Roberson was scheduled for a Wednesday, Aug. 8, probable cause hearing in the Novi case.

In the Farmington Hills case, Roberson waived a July 20 preliminary hearing in 47th District Court on the attempted home invasion charges and is scheduled to be arraigned in Oakland County Circuit Court on those charges Wednesday, Aug. 22.


Mutchler said the home invasions had caused much concern in the township and that their circumstances — occupied homes being entered at night — heightened the potential danger and made investigating them a top priority. Police in Lima helped identify Roberson as a suspect, he said.

"We take all crime seriously, but particularly when someone is entering homes during the nighttime hours when people are asleep," Mutchler said. "We scramble the fighter jets at that point."

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#### Star Trek: Discovery

**When:** 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16

**Details:** Author/producer Larry Nemecek is a renowned "Star Trek" authority who will present a fresh look at Star Trek's return to the small screen and how it stacks up to past versions. "Nemecek, author of "Star Trek: Next Generation Companion," presents visuals about this enduring pop culture television phenomenon and invites you to share your opinions. Register.

#### Teen DIY Sushi Erasers

**When:** 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20

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# Madonna tuition lowest of state's private colleges

According to a recent U.S. News & World Report article, Madonna University has the lowest tuition for private colleges in Michigan. The national average cost of a private education is \$34,817, based on data from 724 nonprofit, private institutions. Madonna's 2017-18 tuition was \$20,700. The story did not reflect the amount of public and pri-

vate financial aid Madonna students receive, which reduces students' out-of-pocket expenses even more. More than 85 percent of Madonna students receive some sort of financial aid and the university awards more than 900 scholarships each year, both merit and endowed.

"We are very proud of the value proposition we

offer to our students," said Madonna President Michael A. Grandillo, Ph.D. "It is gratifying to have U.S. News affirm what we've been telling prospective students and their parents. This is a real tribute to our talented faculty, helpful staff and generous benefactors, that we are able to provide a high-quality education, at an afford-

able rate."

For more than 80 years, the hallmark of a Madonna University education has been a rigorous liberal arts education, combined with career preparation and service-learning. Its diverse 3,000 students pursue associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in more than 100 undergraduate and 35

graduate programs in colleges of arts and humanities, business, natural and social sciences, education, nursing and health and the school of business.

In addition to its strong academic offerings, Madonna's extracurricular activities have expanded in recent years to include a student senate, 19 men's and wom-

en's intercollegiate athletics teams, more than 40 student organizations, several music, dance and theater performing arts groups, a leadership academy and academic societies.

In its 2018 Best Colleges Regional Universities rankings, U.S. News placed Madonna at 93 (six-way tie) among 173 schools.



Judging by his bubbly disposition, you'd never know how many ordeals Nolan has had to deal with during the first three years of his life. FAMILY PHOTO

## Courage

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facing before the baby is born."

Samantha Kolc said hearing the daunting diagnosis while she was still pregnant was shocking and enlightening at the same time.

It took her a while to embrace what lay ahead.

"My husband and I had been trying to get pregnant for the longest time and the doctors didn't give us much of a chance," she said. "When we finally found out we were going to have a baby, it was such a joyful time."

"When the doctors told us about Nolan's birth defect, it was hard on both of us. It wasn't the plan, you know? At first I was too afraid to do any research about it, but when I finally did, it helped. I read quite a few blogs written by mothers whose kids had similar conditions. It was nice to know we weren't alone."

Nolan was born March 3, 2016. Ten weeks later, he endured his first surgery, a near three-hour



Before and after surgeries photos of Nolan.

ordeal to repair his lip.

"The recovery from the first surgery went real well," his mother said. "We couldn't believe how quickly Nolan bounced right back."

Nolan's second surgery unfolded in May 2017. Tubes were inserted in his ears and doctors repaired his palate.

The older Nolan becomes, the more his parents have accepted the obstacles he'll have to face over the next several years.

"If a mother whose child was just diagnosed with craniofacial birth

defects asked me for advice, I'd tell her that it's OK to be sad once they find out the diagnosis," Samantha said. "It's OK to ask, 'Why me?' But after a few days, you have to pull up the boot straps and say let's do what we have to do — for yourself and your child."

"Now, when I look at some of the problems other children face — cancer, heart problems, things like that — it makes what we're going through a walk in the park."

While Nolan is progressing well, the road

ahead will be filled with speed bumps — both physical and mental in nature.

"He'll have to go through more surgeries, at least until he's 18, when his body stops growing," Samantha said. "There's so much more involved than just the cosmetic-type stuff."

"My biggest fear for Nolan is that, when he gets older, he'll be bullied. While the doctors have done a tremendous job repairing his face, his facial features will never look totally normal. But he's a strong kid and I know he'll be able to handle whatever life hands him."

In most ways, Samantha said, Nolan is no different than other 2-year-olds.

"He likes to swing, go to the aquarium, play with trucks," she said. "Kids are a lot more resilient than adults in a lot of ways."

"And the most important thing about Nolan, even after all he's been through, is that he's always smiling, which makes us smile."

Samantha praised the work the doctors at Henry Ford have provided to Nolan.

"I love Henry Ford," she said. "They make sure your kids are taken care of."

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# Canton's Village Theater to host Michigan Shakespeare Festival

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton is hosting the Michigan Shakespeare Festival with three different productions during its 2018 repertory season. Each play will bring something unique for audiences to experience. The 24th festival season includes Shakespeare's "The Tempest" and "Measure for Measure," plus "The Rover" by Aphra Behn, the first professional woman playwright.

"The Tempest," Shakespeare's final masterpiece, is a stirring fairy tale of depraved royalty, foolish clowns, languishing lovers and the quest to make things right in the face of terrible wrongs. It will be performed 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, and Thursday, Aug. 16, as well as 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18.

"Measure for Measure" is one of Shakespeare's most contentious comedies, which rings true with legal, social,

and political issues we are still battling today. It will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, as well as 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19.

Behn's 1667 bawdy comedy "The Rover" rounds out this year's season. Translator, playwright, poet and spy, Behn was one of the first English women to earn her living through writing. It will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Aug. 9-10, and Saturday, Aug. 18, as well as 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12.

Ticket prices range from \$16 to \$40, with discounts available for AARP & AAA members, veterans, firefighters, police officers and teachers. Purchase your tickets online [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org) or by calling 734-394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater box office one hour prior to show time.



Shakespeare's "The Tempest" is one of three plays currently showing at the Village Theater in Canton.

## Pleasant Valley Road bridge over I-96 open

**Jennifer Timar**  
Livingston Daily  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Traffic is moving again on the Pleasant Valley Road bridge over Interstate-96 in Brighton Township after an approximately 10-month long closure, according to Michigan Department of Transportation officials.

A portion of the bridge over the east-bound lanes was torn down after it was damaged beyond repair in a crash Sept. 27, 2017.

The bridge was struck by a Waterford man employed with MacAllister Machinery Rentals in Wixom. The man struck the overpass while driving a flatbed truck carrying equipment similar to a cherry picker. Police cited the man for operating an over-height vehicle and careless driving.

The crash damaged four of the six bridge beams significantly. MDOT immediately demolished the bridge.



The Pleasant Valley Road overpass, partially demolished due to structural damage after it was damaged by a truck hauling equipment, was replaced and reopened to traffic. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

About 7,700 vehicles a day used the overpass.

"The bridge wasn't supposed to open until Labor Day weekend," MDOT spokesman Aaron Jenkins said. "Sometimes the contractors surprise them-

selves and we've had good weather over the last couple months."

The cost of replacing the bridge was \$1,689,132, Jenkins said.

He said the bridge was rebuilt higher than it was when the crash occurred.

"Hopefully, it won't happen again," he said.

He said MDOT will seek reimbursement on the cost of demolishing and replacing the bridge from MacAllister Machinery Rentals.

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# DREAM VACATION

## Couple spends two years, sees 40 countries

Susan Bromley  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Sometimes you just want to get away. For Mary and Timothy Callahan, getting away meant selling their Illinois home and two years of travel to 40 countries. The couple took an extraordinary vacation most people can only dream about — using various forms of transport, but almost no planes, breaking a no-flying rule only twice.

"The most surprising thing for me is that we didn't get tired of traveling," said Mary Callahan, who recently settled with Tim into a Howell apartment. "Even after two years, we were still enthusiastic about it. We were ready to return home, but mostly because we missed our family."

The couple sailed away from the U.S. in April 2016 for Europe and returned to American soil in May, also by ship.

In between, they took 117 train journeys, 12 long-distance bus trips and 10 overnight-ferries. They rode bikes across Thai rice fields and the Mongolian steppes; kayaked in Vietnam; walked around Roman ruins; lugged alongside the Great Wall of China; hiked an island rain forest in Malaysia; and cruised Indonesia for Christmas.

And it all started because Mary wanted to take a five-day trip on the Trans Siberian Railway — which she ultimately learned begins in Moscow and ends in Beijing.

"I like to visit all different places and it sounded exotic and would get me from here to there," she said. "We don't have an aversion to flying, but decided to do this without flying because one, we had the time, and two, flying is a pain now. Have you been on a plane lately? Met the TSA?"

The retirees were in no hurry, they had the time and they traveled light —



Mary Callahan with a view of the canals in Venice, Italy.



Mary and Tim Callahan in Bali, Indonesia.

only two small suitcases, two carry-on type bags and two satchels.

Mary, 71, and Tim, 70, celebrated

their 19th wedding anniversary in Mongolia and their 20th in Romania.

Their dream trip was years in the making. Mary, a retired nurse practitioner, started the planning about five years before Tim retired as an executive in a research institute for a large health care provider in Illinois.

The couple sold their home north of Chicago, most of their belongings and put the remainder in a storage unit in Brighton, near where one of their two daughters, Kara Totaro, lives.

The Callahans were excited for their adventure, without knowing exactly how long they would be gone.

The seasoned travelers sketched out a plan for a year, but they also had some anxieties, mostly concerns from Tim about food safety and being targets for theft.

Happily, they said they had no troubles anywhere of that kind, taking precautions of simply being alert, keeping a low profile and not dressing in a "showy" manner.

The couple had very little in the way of a wardrobe, much less fashionable styles, and laundry posed one of their biggest problems, Mary said, as most places they stayed didn't have dryers.

Travelers on a budget, they didn't stay in hotels, but chose accommodations including airBnBs, apartments and only one hostel, as Tim said they are



A statue of Genghis Khan in Mongolia was one of many artworks seen by Tim and Mary Callahan.

"too old and don't rough it that much."

Mary planned details for the first few months of their trip and then broad outlines of where, when and how much time they would spend in different countries based on weather and economic considerations. She noted it is more expensive to live in Europe, cheaper in Asia, while Mongolia has extreme climate swings, for example. They nailed down reservations as they went along and had a few priorities — the place they stayed had to minimally have a washing machine, reliable Internet and air conditioning, if the weather was hot.

One of their rules to save money was to carry with them their own supply of breakfast food, make their own coffee and cook their own dinners when they were staying in apartments.

Food shopping in foreign markets proved to be tricky.

Tim shied away from the often unrefrigerated seafood and meat, particularly in China and other Asian countries, and focused on cooked vegetables. He lost weight and even with the meat avoidance, suffering from food poisoning in Morocco.

Mary said Italy was her favorite country for the food.

"Take me to Italy — I will be happy," she said. "Rome is crazy — I love Italian food. They have the best pizza, pasta, everything and wonderful wines that are cheap compared to here."

The Callahans had a few medical emergencies, including a kidney stone that required a visit to a French hospital for Tim, as well as his broken tooth that required dental care in Thailand. A suspected spider bite swelled and reddened the length of Mary's arm on a train ride from St. Petersburg to Moscow and she developed bronchitis in China.

Still, the couple said they received excellent medical care, at a fraction of the U.S. cost, paying only 39 euros, or less than \$50, for Tim's kidney stone care, for example.

The couple was regular about their twice-yearly dental visits and have had their teeth cleaned in Spain, Macedonia and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Spain and Malaysia are the two locations in which they stayed longest in their two-year journey — with Spain hosting the Callahans for about three months total and about six weeks in Kuala Lumpur.

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## Vacation

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"Our strategy was to spend a minimum of three or four days in a (town, village or city) and three weeks to a month in a country for long term," Tim said. "What determines that is how expensive a country is to get to the next place to spend more time. Any transportation is costly."

A Trail Wallet app allowed Tim to track all expenses associated with their trip and, while he has yet to tally the vacation, the Callahans estimate the total cost of their trip at about \$90,000, or \$45,000 per year, including all transportation, lodging and food.

It actually seems like a bargain, Mary noted, since they had no mortgage or car payments or monthly utility bills.

They spent money on things they really wanted to do while traveling, but didn't try to visit every momentous exhibit or tourist destination.

"We didn't focus on landmarks. We wanted to absorb local customs and culture and meet local people," Tim said. "This was not a hit and run."

One of the largest contrasts in culture they found was the Mongolian countryside, barren of power lines, paved roads and buildings, where they stayed in a ger, a portable tent often used by nomads. They met one such nomadic family — a man and woman and their two children who also lived with a grandfather and aunt in a ger — traveling across the plains with their herds of about 300 sheep and 200 goats.

"It was unlike anywhere else in the world," Mary said of Mongolia. "There were just vast distances uninhabited. I loved it."

Tim added: "This is what we came to see — the vastness of the world."

Tim, a history buff, was particularly awed in locations where world-altering events have occurred, including the street corner in Sarajevo where Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated, sparking World War I; as well as a conference room in the Winter Palace in St. Petersburg, Russia, where, in 1917, the Bolsheviks broke in and arrested all present at a provisional government meeting.

"It sent chills up and down my spine to stand in that room," Tim said. "It marked such a world-changing event of the 20th century, the start of the official



Tim and Mary Callahan on a beach in Malaysia.



Mary and Tim Callahan in front of the Trevi Fountain in Rome Italy.

Bolshevik Revolution."

He enjoyed other special moments in St. Petersburg, too, including visiting the home of Russian composer Rimsky-Korsakov, the last known apartments of author Dostoevsky and the laboratory of chemist and inventor Mendeleev.

Both Tim and Mary also cited Morocco as a highlight of their journey, with its ancient, walled cities and unique culture.

While riding the train through the north African country, Tim and Mary enjoyed long conversations with Moroccans about their country and world politics.

"Americans tend to pay attention only to America and probably know nothing about Morocco, but they knew about us and who was running for election," Mary said, recalling their time

there in early summer 2016. "Everywhere in the world, we were speaking with educated people that keep up on the news."

They also found communication fairly easy.

"Whenever we were stuck and needed someone to speak English, we'd look for a teenager," Mary said. "I can't think of a country where they aren't learning (it)."

Europeans they met were frequently fluent in several languages, which Tim said made him feel inadequate. He and Mary tried to learn a few common words or phrases such as "hello," "please" and "thank you" in every native language to the countries they visited. When they did encounter communication barriers, such as in China, they resorted to sign language.

It was in China, on the Great Wall, where Tim and Mary recalled they made perhaps their biggest error of the two-year journey, caused by the communication challenge.

The couple had purchased round-trip cable car tickets in order to ascend and descend from the wall. They rode the cable car up, walked for several hours, but then decided to take a huge ride down instead of returning by cable car.

"It was fun, but we got down and didn't recognize anything," Mary said. "We couldn't find a bus, taxi or anyone that spoke English."

They had come down the wrong side of the wall, but were fortunate to be rescued by a group of American college students who offered them the only two empty seats on their tour's mini-bus.

The kindness of strangers is something the Callahans found to be the same all around the world.

"One of my big takeaways is people around the world are just like us, they have hopes, aspirations, dreams of a good life for themselves and their families," Tim said.

He added that his fears have been alleviated about traveling independently through the rest of the world.

"The key is the people you meet and interact with and the impression you leave them with of being an American, as well as the impression they make on you in the brief time you are associated," Tim said. "The people experiences are probably the most important outside of buildings and places."

Mary agreed people were the most important aspect of their journey, including the one who was next to her for the entire adventure.

"What I enjoyed the most is sharing it all with Tim," she said. "I can't think of a better travel companion."

The pair ended their two-year journey May 10, when they arrived in a New York harbor on the ship Queen Elizabeth II. They made it back to Brighton in time to fulfill a promise to attend their granddaughter's high school graduation.

They are relaxing and regrouping now in an apartment in Howell as they ponder their next move.

Tim jokes about watching the grass grow, but Mary said they haven't had time yet to get bored.

"Who knows what happens next," she said with a smile. "Our next big trip is southern Africa and we haven't seen South America yet. There is much of the world left for us to discover."

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# New zero-cost funds are an idea whose time has come



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Generally, I'm against wars, whether they are trade wars or the more traditional type of wars. There is a war that's raging right now that I am in favor of and that is a price war that is being waged by mutual fund companies. The latest shots fired were from Fidelity Investments, which just announced the introduction of two new index funds that will have zero management fees. The two funds are Fidelity Zero Total Market Index Fund (FZROX), which will invest in the largest 3,000 U.S. companies based upon an adjustable market cap, and the Fidelity Zero International Index Fund (FZILX), which will hold the top 90 percent of stocks within certain developed international and emerging countries.

There has been an ongoing war being waged by some of the top financial firms in the country. Companies such as Fidelity, Vanguard, Charles Schwab and Blackrock are lowering fees to investors and, as far as I'm concerned, this is a good thing. Fees do matter and, as in-

vestors, if you can save on fees, it will increase your return — isn't that what it's all about?

I have always stressed the importance for all investors to understand fees. Fees are material and do have a significant impact on your return. All too often, Wall Street and many financial advisers are not transparent with fees and, as a result, many investors get taken advantage of. That's why it's important to understand the fees involved before you invest.

In mutual fund investing, there are a variety of fees that you should be aware of. The first is the commission, also known as the load. Plain and simple, a commission in mutual funds is money that comes out of your pocket to pay the salesperson who is putting you into the investment. For example, if you had a mutual fund that charged you a 5-percent commission, that means if you invested \$10,000 into that fund, \$500 would come off the top to pay the salesperson. That would leave you \$9,500 invested, not \$10,000. On the other hand, if you invested in a true commission-free fund and you invested \$10,000, all \$10,000 would go to work for you. In a true commission-free fund, since you

would have more money invested, you would ultimately earn more money on that investment.

Remember that commissions can come in a variety of different forms. They could be up front, like the example I just gave you, or sometimes they will hide the commission by increasing the management fee. You will see this frequently, particularly in B and C share mutual funds. The bottom line, commissions come out of your pocket and have a negative impact on your return.

The other expense that you pay in mutual funds is the expense ratio. The expense ratio is what the mutual fund company gets paid on a yearly basis to manage the money within the fund. On average, management fees on mutual funds are about 1 percent. Of course, many mutual funds, particularly those that charge commissions, have significantly higher expense ratio. Every mutual fund, until now, charged an expense ratio. Fidelity has become the first company to offer a true zero-cost mutual fund that has no commission and no expense ratio.

Fees are important and they make a significant impact on the bottom line. If, for example, you are able to reduce your

fees by 1 percent a year and if you assume that on average you earn about 7 percent a year, by reducing your fees by 1 percent you are increasing your return by nearly 15 percent. That isn't 15 percent just once, but year after year. Trust me, that adds up.

In Fidelity's announcement, most of the talk has surrounded the zero fees. There was also another part of the announcement that I think is significant that has not received much publicity and that is that there will be no minimums on these index funds. Investors with small amounts of money to invest can open one of these funds to get started in the investment world. I think this is wonderful news, particularly for new investors. In fact, Fidelity now offers many funds you can invest in without a minimum and I think is great news for investors.

Good luck!

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## Rare Bible on display at St. Mary Mercy

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Visitors to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia may not realize they've walked right past a piece of religious and calligraphy history in the south lobby.

A section of a Saint John's Bible, which was handwritten and hand-drawn, is on display at the hospital until next June. While the book, which features the four Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles, is a reproduction of the meticulous hand-written work of the Bible, all the gold leaf in the volume adorning icons and images was all hand-placed.

Dave Nantais, mission leader at the hospital, said having the volume on display goes toward the hospital's mission of healing both the body and the spirit.

"I think this is phenomenal. This is something that is unique. It's a way of reaching out to the community," he said. "It's the Word presented in a way for the 21st century."

"That's exciting that we can be part of that."

A project that began in the late 1990s, the Saint John's Bible was written over more than a decade and is boasted as the first completely handwritten Bible since the printing press was invented more than 500 years ago.

There are 299 seven-volume sets worldwide, in addition to the original still housed in Minnesota at Saint John's University. The copy at St. Mary Mercy Hospital has images depicting the lineage of Jesus, the Nativity, the Transfiguration and several others.

The volume was revealed after a short prayer service Wednesday morning.



Sister Jane Mary and Maureen Gorie work at Marywood, next door to the hospital, and came to have a look at the bible. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"At St. Mary Mercy, we seek to heal the whole person, which includes the body, mind and soul," Dave Spivey, president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Livonia, said in a statement. "Through its beauty and art, the Saint John's Bible will resonate with people of all faiths and will enhance the healing environment we've sought to create here within our hospital."

The book, which took 12 hours to write per page, is written in the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, a form that was accessible to both Catho-

lics and Protestants.

"Even though this was commissioned by a Catholic university, they wanted it to appeal to as many folks as possible," Spivey said.

Pages are expected to be turned while the book is in its display case at noon each Wednesday, though docents could turn pages at other times of the week. More than 20 hospital staff members have been trained to properly handle the book and turn pages, Nantais said.

The volume is one of seven owned by the hospital's parent company, Trinity



Mission leader David Nantais turns the pages of the Saint John's Bible. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Health. Other volumes are on display at other hospitals owned by the Livonia-based system all across the country.

Nantais said he's received word from various organizations across the region interested in seeing the book, including a calligraphy organization in Birmingham that cannot wait to come out and visit.

"For them, the guy who did this is the LeBron James of calligraphy," he said. "They want to see it because they're over the moon about it."

The hospital also invites churches, youth groups and schools interested in visiting the book to contact Nantais at 734-655-1646.

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# Old post office picked to house new brewery

Owners plan to honor building's original design and theme

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A former post office in Howell is planned as the location for the city's newest brewery.

"We'll try to maintain the feel the post office had," said Craig Gantner, who purchased the 121 S. Walnut Street building with business partner Aaron Guild.

The former post office, which was built in 1936, was closed in the 1980s. The city sold it in 1987 to Ann Arbor Railroad, and it was converted to office space. Several features of the old post office remain such as a cupola with a weather vane on the roof and woodwork around interior doors. The building has been vacant for several years.

"We're trying to stick with the post office theme, and it's going to be called Old Post Brewing Co.," Guild, 38, of Lansing, said. "We're also going to name some of the beers after the post office (theme)."

Gantner, a 60-year old Iosco Township resident who grew up going to the former post office, said he is excited to breathe new life into the building.

"It's been abandoned for a while," he said. "The building needs a little TLC, but we're real happy to have it."

They plan to brew beer in the back of the building and serve food and beer in the front.

"We'll have a full kitchen, a tap room and a patio outside behind the opera house, which should be a very nice spot," Gantner said.

Guild, who plans to be the head brewer and manage the brewery, has been homebrewing beer as a hobby for about 15 years.

"I like to brew a lot of traditional styles, and I'm a big IPA and stout fan, but we'll brew other things as well," he said. "We're still really early planning it."

Gantner co-owns Shelby Township auto parts manufacturing company G&G Industries. He said he will leave the brewing to Guild.

"I don't brew beer, but I drink beer, and most home-brewed beers are not that good, but the beers Aaron brews are really good," he said.

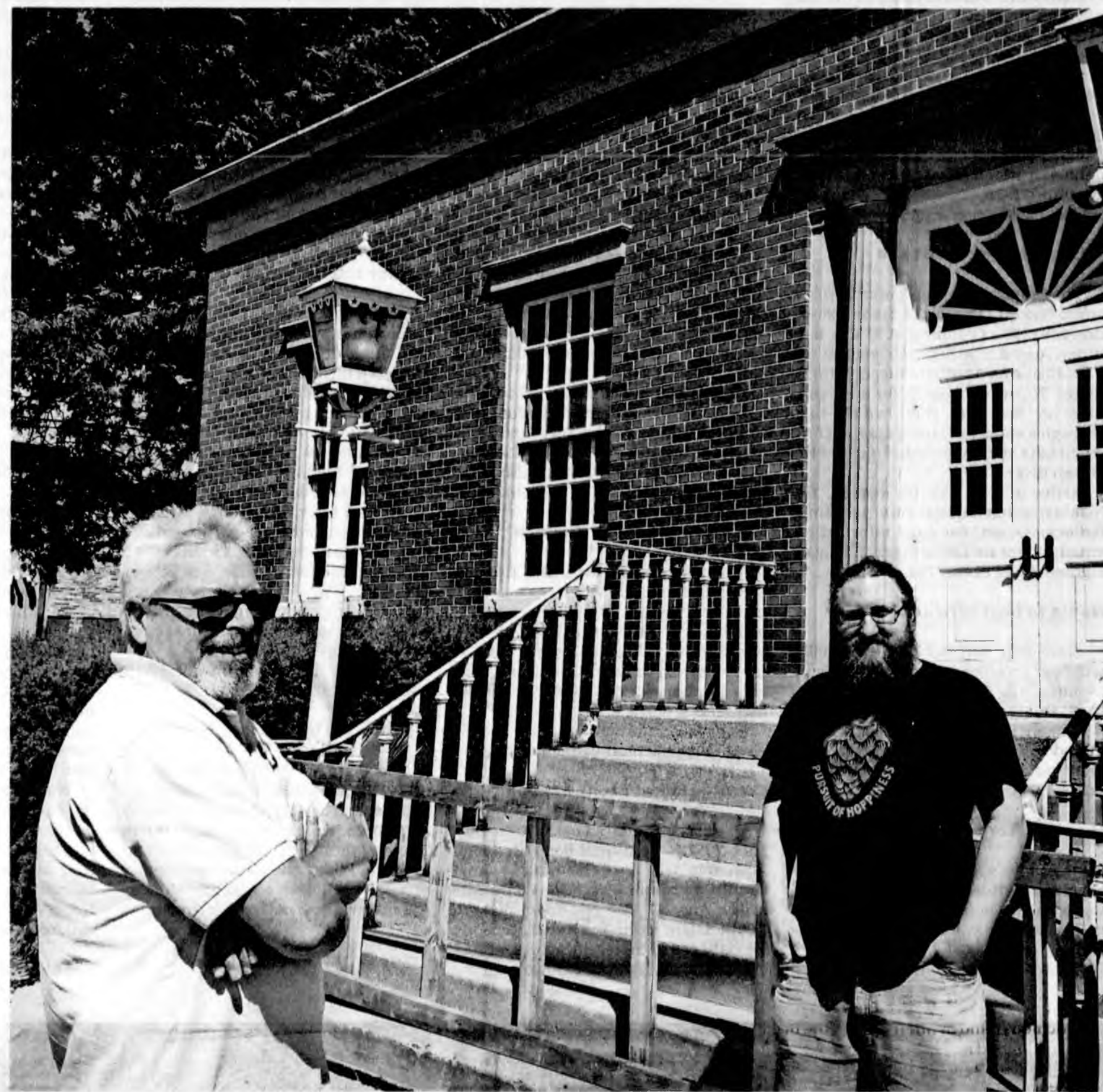
The partners' company Old Post Property, LLC, purchased the former post office last month for \$380,000, according to city property records.

They said they hope to open the new brewery next spring.

## Brew scene blooming

Breweries have popped up across the county in the last few years, and a couple new breweries are on their way.

"I think, in Howell right now, it would be nice to have another place," Guild said. "It's an up and coming place and having more



Craig Gantner (left) and Aaron Guild discuss their plan to open Old Post Brewing Co. in a former post office at 121 S. Walnut Street in downtown Howell. JENNIFER TIMAR | LIVINGSTON DAILY



A new brewery is planned for the former post office at 121 S. Walnut Street in downtown Howell. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

places for beer lovers to go will drive people to the area, because if you see there is more than one, it makes (the city) a location to go to for it, like a destination spot."

Elsewhere in the county, husband and wife Ryan and Nikki McDonald are gearing up to open Hartland Brewing Co., 1836 Old U.S. 23 in the Hartland Town Center in Hartland Township, later this year. The microbrewery will serve food from 59

West, a banquet hall and restaurant his parents own in neighboring Oakland County community Highland Township.

American Concrete Products owner Brad Jonckheere and manager Neal Maddox, who brew beer for Block Brewing Co., have proposed a microbrewery for a vacant office building at the gravel pit and concrete business, 4944 Mason Road in Howell Township.

Aberrant Ales opened

in November at 219 W. Grand River Avenue in downtown Howell.

Since 2014, four other breweries have opened, including Eternity Brewing Co. at 4060 E. Grand River Avenue in Genoa Township, Brewery Becker at 500 W. Main Street in Brighton and two locations for Block Brewing Co. at 1140 S. Michigan Avenue in Howell and 1840 S. Old U.S. 23 in Brighton Township.



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### Runestad to host coffee hours

State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, invites residents to join him for local coffee hours Friday, Aug. 10. Coffee hours will take place at the following times and locations:

■ 8-9 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 6845 Highland Road, in White Lake

■ 10-11 a.m. at Colasanti's Market, 468 S. Milford Road, in Highland

■ Noon to 1 p.m. at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, in Milford

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Runestad at 517-373-2616 or via email at [JimRunestad@house.mi.gov](mailto:JimRunestad@house.mi.gov).

### Group hike at Proud Lake

The Crossroads group is sponsoring a group hike at Proud Lake State Recreation Area Hike beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11. The hike will begin at the Proud Lake foot path trailhead in Commerce Township. Join in for a 5.7-mile hike on the river trail, which runs through a variety of landscapes, including forests, marshlands and parts of the Huron River.

Arrive at 9:45 a.m. for sign-in. The hike is free, but requires state park entry fee or passport. For more information, email [crossroadsoutings@michigan.sierraclub.org](mailto:crossroadsoutings@michigan.sierraclub.org) or call 734-355-3822.

### Noble to host office hour

State Rep. Jeff Noble, R-Northville, will host an office hour 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street. No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Noble at 517-373-3816 or via email at [JeffNoble@house.mi.gov](mailto:JeffNoble@house.mi.gov).

### Outreach for pets

St. George's Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce Street, in Milford is partnering with the nonprofit All About Animals Rescue in Warren as a drop-off location for a pet food drive through Wednesday, Aug. 15. Items requested

are dog/puppy food and cat/kitten food and litter (unopened and unexpired).

Drop-off times are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Sunday morning. Call 248-684-0495 in advance each weekday to make sure the church office is open. For more information, go to [stgeorgesmilford.org](mailto:stgeorgesmilford.org).

### Historical society open house

The White Lake Historical Society is hosting an open house 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, at the Fisk Farm, 9180 Highland Road. Bring a picnic lunch if you wish and share some old photos with us about the area that can be scanned on site. For more information, go to [www.hsmichigan.org/whitelake](http://www.hsmichigan.org/whitelake) or [whitelakehistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:whitelakehistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

### NYA golf outing

The Novi Youth Assistance will hold its annual benefit golf outing Saturday, Aug. 18, at Riverbank Golf Club, 24095 Currie Road, in South Lyon. Registration begins at 8 a.m., shotgun start is at 9 a.m. and dinner and awards will be at 2 p.m.

Cost is \$60 per person or \$240 for a team of four. The event will include golf contests, lunch at the turn and door prizes. To register, call Barbara Shonibin at 248-347-0410. The NYA is also looking for hole sponsors (\$100 each).

### 'Sounds' at Marquis Theatre

The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, in Northville will stage a performance of "Sounds of a Summer Night" by Friends of the Opera of Michigan at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18. Tickets are \$20 (students and seniors \$15) and are available by phone (248-349-8110) or at the theater box office.

For more information, go to <http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com/>.

### Country fair at Stone School

The Jarvis Stone School Historic District, 7991 N. Territorial Road, in Salem Township will host the ninth annual country fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18. The one-room historic South Salem Stone School will be open for visitors and there will be food, drinks and snacks ready for purchase.

Crafters, to reserve a spot, email your request to [SAHS.CountryFair@aol.com](mailto:SAHS.CountryFair@aol.com) or use the form at the SAHS website ([www.SAHShistory.org](http://www.SAHShistory.org)).

### K. of C. golf outing

The 12th annual Knights of Columbus Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council #7444 golf outing will be held Sunday, Aug. 19, at Mystic Creek Golf Course, 1 Champions Circle, in Milford.

The cost is \$100 per person and includes a golf scramble with continental breakfast, lunch at the turn and buffet dinner. Skins, longest drive, closest to the pin, putting contest and 50/50 raffle available for an additional cost.

For more information, contact John Rogers at 248-714-5353 or mail donations or golf registration to 3101 Sands Ct., Milford, MI 48380. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #7444.

### Author talk at HVCA

Steve Hamilton, an award-winning crime author who graduated from Lake-land High School, will start his book tour 7-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20, at Huron Valley Council for the Arts, 205 W. Livingston Road, in Highland. The event also includes book sales and book signing. Hamilton is a graduate of the University of Michigan and has won its Hopwood Award for writing.

His new book, "Dead Man Running" and other select novels will be available for purchase at the event. Tickets are \$15 and seats limited. Purchase tickets either at HVCA or at [www.huronvalleyarts.org](http://www.huronvalleyarts.org). Books may be pre-ordered at the same time to ensure getting a copy at the event.

For more information, call HVCA 248-889-8660.

### S-SL library book sale

The Salem-South Lyon District Library, 9800 Pontiac Trail, will host a book sale Tuesday through Saturday, Aug. 21-25. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday (bag day, \$5 per bag). Books remaining Monday, Aug. 27, will be available for free.

### Summer classes at Tollgate Farm

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center has scheduled a summer season of classes for gardeners of all levels, set for 6:30-8:30 p.m. selected Thursdays. Each class is \$20. Advance registration is required. For more information and registration, go to <https://events.anr.msu.edu/evenings18summer/>. The series includes:

■ Aug. 23, Tollgate Farm sustainable agriculture instructor Will Jaquinde shares secrets for Home Gardening Success Using Farming Techniques.

■ A special class is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 30, featuring Fulbright Scholar Dr. John Hartig, who will present Waterfront Porch: How Detroit is Transforming its Industrial Waterfront to a Gathering Place for People and Wildlife.

■ Sept. 6, Beth Clawson, Michigan State University extension educator, will present Household Pests and Backyard Wildlife Management.

MSU Tollgate Farm & Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, in Novi is a 160-acre working farm featuring more than 20 demonstration gardens, farm animals, historic buildings dating back to the mid-1800s, plus modern meeting facilities.

### Five Points of Hope fundraiser

Five Points of Hope, a nonprofit cancer charity base in Milford, will host a bowling fundraiser 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Wonderland Lanes, 8265 Richardson Road, in Commerce Township.

An admission fee of \$20 provides participants with up to three hours of bowling, shoe rental, two slices of pizza and pop. There will also be raffles during the event. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the charity, which provides financial assistance to Michigan cancer patients who are experiencing financial distress as a result of their illness.

Walk-ins are welcome anytime during the three-hour event, but participants are encouraged to reserve their bowling lane by pre-purchasing admission at [www.fivepointsofhope.com](http://www.fivepointsofhope.com) or by mailing checks to Five Points of Hope, P.O. Box 583, Milford, MI 48381. A children's activity area will be available

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for families bringing children. Wonderland Lanes has 40 bowling lanes available, accommodating 200 bowlers at a time. Fundraiser participants can bowl for the entire three hours or drop in for a game or two as they wish.

### Northville Art House competition

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will be hosting HOUSE OF WAX: Juried Encaustic Competition, through Saturday, Aug. 25. The competition features 39 works created by 23 artists who demonstrate the visual possibilities of working with cold wax and encaustic (hot wax).

For more information, go to [www.northvillearthhouse.org](http://www.northvillearthhouse.org) or call 248-344-0497.

### Runestad to host Internet safety event

State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, is partnering with the Michigan State Police and Oakland County Sheriff's Office to host an Internet safety presentation 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, at the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive. The presentation will feature information on how parents can connect, learn and engage with children on Internet safety tools.

For more information, call 517-373-2616 or email [JimRunestad@house.mi.gov](mailto:JimRunestad@house.mi.gov).

### Hope Not Handcuffs training

Hope Not Handcuffs will be holding a volunteer angel training session 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, at New Hudson United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River Avenue. The program is rapidly growing and is need of more volunteers to continue its success.

For more information and to register for training, go to [hopenothandcuffs.com](http://hopenothandcuffs.com). Local contact is Angel Coordinator Pam Blair at [pam@hopenothandcuffs.com](mailto:pam@hopenothandcuffs.com) or 248-505-7904.

### Blood drives at state fair

The Michigan State Fair is partnering with Michigan Blood for the fourth year in a row to host a series of blood drives. Donors will receive free admission into the fair, free parking and a \$10 Kroger gift card.

The schedule for blood drives, all at The Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River, in Novi includes: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30; 1-6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2; and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3.

Blood donors should bring photo ID. Schedule an appointment to donate by calling 866-MIBLOOD (642-5663), texting MIBLOOD to 444999 or visiting [donate.miblood.org](http://donate.miblood.org).

### VFAA exhibit at library

The Village Fine Arts Association, in partnership with the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive, exhibits its member artwork in the library Community Room. The exhibit "Three Artists, Four Seasons" will feature artists Dale Alcocer, Danny Persinger and Paul Tibedeau.

This free exhibit will be displayed until the end of August. The exhibits are open during regular library hours unless the room is hosting another event. For more information, go to [www.milfordvfaa.org](http://www.milfordvfaa.org).

### South Lyon Depot Day

The 38th annual South Lyon Depot Day is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Witch's Hat Depot and Historic Village, 300 Dorothy Street, McHattie Park. This is a free event that will include activities for children, vendor booths, a craft show and various displays honoring the history of the train depot.

For time schedule, a list of activities and more details go to Facebook and search 38th annual South Lyon Depot Day.

### Golf benefit at Kensington

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks Foundation will host its second annual Charity Golf Classic, set for 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at Kensington Metropark Golf Course, 13760 High

Ridge Drive, in Brighton. The four-player golf scramble will begin with a shotgun start and end with a dinner and Q&A panel.

Proceeds will support the Get Out and Learn program, which provides qualifying schools in southeast Michigan the opportunity to bring students out to a metropark for a field trip, including transportation.

Registration is available online for foursomes and individuals at [www.metroparks.com/charitygolfclassic](http://www.metroparks.com/charitygolfclassic). Sponsorship and event information can also be found online or by contacting Julie Hein at [julie.hein@metroparks.com](mailto:julie.hein@metroparks.com) or 810-494-6041.

All participants will receive free entry to Kensington Metropark the day of the event.

### MOMS sale

South Lyon Mothers of Multiples Society sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette, in South Lyon. Gently used clothing (including teens) sorted by size and gender, cribs, strollers, car seats, maternity clothing, books, games and more. Now accepting credit cards for minimum fee. Admission is \$1.

### Boots on the Ground

Boots on the Ground Color Run and Ride, which will benefit the Sobriety Court Promotion Program Inc. for veterans in recovery at the 52-1 District Court, is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 6, at James Atchison Memorial Park, 58000 Grand River Ave., in New Hudson. On-site registration is at 9 a.m., with the opening ceremony set for 10 a.m.

To register for the ride, go to [www.rideforrecovery2018.eventbrite.com](http://www.rideforrecovery2018.eventbrite.com). To register for the run, go to <https://www.active.com/new-hudson-mi/running/distance-running-races/boots-on-the-ground-color-run-2018>

For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/runforvets/>.

### Friday and Saturday Hangouts

The Living and Learning Center,

315 Griswold, in Northville is a center that specializes in helping teens and adults that are on the autism spectrum learn job and social skills. This center provides a program 6-9 p.m. each Friday and Saturday night that allows their clients to partake in games, art and creating friendships with their fellow peers and mentors.

Each week, teens and adults learn essential social skills (introducing themselves, carrying a conversation, etc.) while also having a fun night out of the house.

To learn more about this program or to reserve your spot in the program, call 248-308-3592 or go to [www.livingandlearningcenter.org](http://www.livingandlearningcenter.org).

### Adopt-A-Reader

Adopt-A-Reader links volunteers like you with children in kindergarten through second grade in the South Lyon Community Schools district who need extra support with reading and/or writing. This is an opportunity to create a learning bond by working individually with two children. All it takes is a commitment of about an hour a week.

You decide the school you would like to volunteer at, the day and time slot during school hours that's convenient for your schedule; we provide the training and materials. Contact Lindsey Jackson at 248-941-1701 or [jacksonl@slcs.us](mailto:jacksonl@slcs.us) for more information.

### Youth Alpha film series

All teens are invited to the Youth Alpha film series at the Java House Cafe, 25840 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. A free Java House drink and snack will be provided. Come at 6 p.m. each Thursday. Email any questions to [YouthAlpha789@gmail.com](mailto:YouthAlpha789@gmail.com) or register at [wp.holyspiritrcs.org/alpha/](http://wp.holyspiritrcs.org/alpha/).

### SL Rec Authority

South Lyon Area Recreation Authority board meetings are held at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month. Call the South Lyon Area Recreation office at 248-437-8105 for directions and confirmation of meeting location. To register for upcoming classes, call or go to [www.slrec.net](http://www.slrec.net).



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# Friends reflect on Canton native Bazzi's rise

**Ed Wright**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Long before his hit single "Mine" surged to the summit of the Billboard Top 40 earlier this summer, Canton singer/songwriter Andrew Bazzi's silky-smooth voice was moving grown women to tears.

"I'll never forget the eighth-grade talent show at (Canton's) Discovery (Middle School)," Brandon Harris said, his voice dancing at the memory. "A lot of the teachers and students knew Andrew could sing because he'd always be rapping and singing in the hallways, but I don't think they knew how good he really was."

They found out quickly.

"Andrew got up on that stage, the room went silent and he performed 'Talking to the Moon' by Bruno Mars," Harris said. "Honestly, Andrew sounded better than Bruno Mars. He blew everybody away."

"When Andrew finished the song, I looked around the room and there were teachers crying. *Teachers!* I'll never forget that. It was powerful."

Bazzi's good friends and acquaintances describe him as fun-loving, hard-working and outgoing.

"There'd be times we'd ask him to hang out or go to a movie or something and Andrew would say, 'I'd love to, but I can't; I have to work on my music,'" Harris said.

"Andrew saved up all the money he earned so that, when he moved to Los Angeles, he could pay for the studio time he needed. He had a plan and he carried it out."

"I have never met a more outgoing person," longtime friend Noah Saad added. "He was always laughing, smiling, telling jokes ... trying to make everyone around him feel good."

Autumn Thornsberry became fast friends with Bazzi at Connection Church in Canton. With a passion for photography, Thornsberry — who now owns her own photography business — would snap off photos of Bazzi while he'd sing and play guitar with the church's band.

It didn't take long before Thornsberry realized she was watching something special blossoming.

"Andrew was always playing guitar and singing at church, for as long as I have known him," Thornsberry said. "I also remember him being much younger than everybody else, but always hanging out with the older kids."

"I think that his talent was so beyond his years that he was able to fit in and perform with people a lot older than him. Our church had a lot of talented kids, but I remember a lot of people would joke that Andrew stood out, that he was going to do something big with this one day."

It was no secret which of the three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high schools Bazzi yearned to attend.

"Most of his friends drew Plymouth, so when he drew Canton, he was bumming out a little bit," Harris said. "A lot of his friends were athletes — he would have been, if not for his commitment to music — so when he hung out with us, we'd give him our letter jackets to wear."

"Mine" debuted Feb. 3 at No. 56 on the Billboard Hot 100 with an astronomical 11.4 million streams in the United States.

According to an article on Billboard.com, the streaming success of "Mine" is partially the result of editorial support from Apple Music, which helped the track hit No. 1 on the service's Pop Streaming chart.

Earlier this month, "Mine" was No. 1 on the Billboard Top 40 chart. The song has also been nominated for an MTV Video Music Award in the category Song of the Year.

"The moment we heard (Bazzi's) music, we knew that his fresh sound would have a massive appeal that would connect with fans around the world," Arjan Timmermans, Apple Music's head of pop programming, told Billboard.com. "Bazzi is solid proof that the state of pop is strong."

Harris said he and Bazzi were attending a Detroit Pistons game when the ele-



Andrew Bazzi performs a song at Connection Church in Canton during his middle school years. AUTUMN THORNSBERRY



Pictured (from left) are longtime friends Andrew Bazzi, Brandon Harris and Hussein Youssef. They have known one another since middle school. SUBMITTED



Brandon Harris (left) and Andrew Bazzi pose for selfie during their middle school days in Canton.

ments of "Mine" started coming together.

"When the Pistons were warming up before the game, there was this background beat playing in the arena," Harris said. "Andrew was, like, 'I love this

beat, it's beautiful' and he ended up using it on a stretch of drums beating on 'Mine.'

"Andrew said he came up with the melody for 'Mine' while he was at a party in L.A."

Bazzi moved to Los Angeles with his father during his junior year at Canton to record at big-time studios in southern California.

"When I talk to him now, he's changed a little, but only because he's more driven than before," Saad said. "He not only wants to be successful, he wants to sustain it."

Youssef and Harris have visited Bazzi in Los Angeles — and their old friend's hosting skills were off the charts.

"We had a great time," Harris said with a smile.

Not surprisingly, Bazzi's mode of transportation has been elevated during the course of his ascending fame.

"Andrew didn't even have a (driver's) license until just before he moved to L.A., so Hussein and I would give him rides when he needed it," Harris said. "We didn't mind at all, because we love him and we'd have done anything for him."

"So Andrew went from not owning a car in Canton to driving a McLaren in Los Angeles. He's worked for every bit of his success, though."

A short time after "Mine" started getting regular airplay on the radio, Bazzi made his television debut on the "Ellen" show.

Harris described how, during a Camila Cabello concert at The Fillmore Detroit, with Bazzi serving as the opening act, people throughout the crowd were singing the lyrics from "Mine."

"And it wasn't just people from around Detroit, there were people from all over Michigan and the Midwest," Harris said. "I think that's the moment I realized my good friend had arrived."

Thornsberry's "wow!" moment came a few months back while driving in her car.

"I heard 'Mine' for the first time on the radio and I immediately got chills," Thornsberry said. "The photo I took of him was one of my very first photos and probably one of his first shows. To think now he is famous and I run my own photo business ... life really comes full-circle."

"It's really cool to see somebody grow up to do something so big and stick with their dreams."

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# Families live with the anguish of a lost dog

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It only takes an instant for humans to be separated from their beloved, four-legged family members.

And not everybody gets to be happily reunited. But through prayer, selflessness from strangers and tips from social media resources such as Facebook's "For the Love of Louie," the lost can be found.

Every day brings many new postings on the "Louie" community group page, including the stories of lost pooches Lucy and Kingston.

It only took Lucy's human family two days to locate the young Havapoo (a Havanese-poodle mix), who bolted from relatives' Canton home July 18.

"She was scared, she has anxiety and so she freaked out," said Katie Wiese, a Lancaster County, Pa., woman who was then visiting in-laws in Canton, near the Pheasant Run Golf Club. "She kind of ran further and was gone."

Lucy slipped through a sliding glass door around noon. When that happened, Wiese was about to have lunch with her mother-in-law Sandra Wiese at Buddy's Pizza on Plymouth Road in Livonia, which is on her to-do list whenever visiting Michigan.

"My husband's other brother lives there and Lucy doesn't know him at all," Katie Wiese said. "They have two dogs that live there as well. So Lucy was anxious when we (left) to go to lunch. Lucy was anxious as it was."

"What happened was, he opened the door wall, the sliding glass door, and the three dogs ran out. Lucy ran around the front and (her brother-in-law) tried chasing her and she was gone."

"All the commotion, all the chaos was just more anxiety for her. Seeing somebody she didn't know, at all, probably threw her for, you know, 'What's going on?' She was looking for me, I'm sure."

Wiese contacted her husband Jeff and urged him to fly to Canton and help with the imminent search.

"I was stunned, I never thought something like this was going to happen to us," Wiese said. "But it did. It was more shock and 'we've got to find her.' We probably got back over there around noon and searched until 9 or 9:30 at night. And about 3:30 in the morning, I texted my husband and said, 'Listen, I need you here.'"

"He flew in and was there by 10 o'clock in the morning to help me. I figured if anybody could get her to come, it would be myself or him. The dog's biggest bond is with me and then it's with him. So emotionally-wise, I was pretty much a wreck and I knew I wasn't going to get through it unless I had him there."

Anxiety and commotion also contributed to Kingston's disappearance



Katie Wiese is tired but smiling after a two-day search for lost Havapoo Lucy had a happy ending. The dog is tired, too. WIESE FAMILY PHOTO

ance May 12. But more than two months later, the frisky, six-pound toy poodle who skips on his back left leg remains missing.

## Searching for answers

Kingston was caught up in confusion. Her owner, Rania Jirjis, recently moved into a spacious home in a Rochester Hills subdivision. But all she and 9-year-old son Nicholas can do is think about the home — and the loved one — they left behind in Troy.

They think about Kingston.

"Kingston would just hear my car from a distance and he would know it's me," said Jirjis, a single mom. "He was very, very attached to me. Very friendly, very lovable. Always slept by me. If he didn't sleep in my bed, he was sleeping outside of my room."

"(Nicholas) has been very attached and very emotional about this, too."

Their pooch has been missing since May 12, leaving so much of a void in their lives that it's tough to enjoy much of anything — even a move to a new home.

The family's ordeal was the product of a string of unfortunate circumstances. With Jirjis hospitalized for an emergency appendectomy, the loving, protective little dog slipped out of the garage near Wattles and Coolidge.

Compounding matters, the day of her surgery also was Nicholas's first communion and Jirjis wanted to get discharged in time to get to the ceremony.

"Our (Troy) house was literally upside-down, because we were in the process of moving and it was the communion," Jirjis said. "I was coming out of surgery and my dad called me. He was very, very emotional and said Kingston ran out."

"So I didn't know whether to attend their

ceremony, stay and get treated at the hospital or go out and look for Kingston. I was kind of divided. I didn't know where to go, what to do."

The theory is that, when the garage door was opened, with Nicholas and his grandparents preparing to leave for the communion, Kingston ran out in search of Jirjis — who still was hospitalized.

She went out looking everywhere as soon as she could, taxing her own health to the point where she had to go back into the hospital a couple of weeks later. That Sunday was Mother's Day, but it wasn't very joyous with a beloved family member missing.

"I know I have a son and I should be thankful. God has blessed me," Jirjis said. "But I'm just very lost without him. I'm not enjoying this house, I'm not enjoying this area. I hate everything about my new life because he's not here."

Nicholas added that "it's so lonely in this house, it's so boring without Kingston."

## Batting .500

Two families and two searches — both with essential help from others who walked neighborhoods, put up fliers and wrote words of comfort and advice on "For the Love of Louie" — so far have not had the same results, unfortunately.

Even the Wieses' successful search had more than a few moments of uncertainty before it was all said and done, with Lucy (nicknamed "Poochiekani" by 11-year-old daughter Reagan) following a trail of "stinky clothes" and "stinky food" from a wooded area a half-mile away from the Canton home.

"We ended up finding Lucy on Friday morning (July 20) at 3:12 in the morning," Katie Wiese said. "She appeared at the sliding glass door of my mother-in-law's house.

What happened was, the lost dog search team (from the 'Louie' website) gave me some really good advice.

"They had told me to put out (dirty) clothes. We put out some clothes



Rania Jirjis of Rochester Hills talks about Kingston's disappearance. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the first night, but we put clothing around the entire outside perimeter of the house — stinky, dirty clothes of ours, because our scent wasn't there. So we needed to make sure she had our scent.

"And the other thing that we did, we had an idea where she was ... so they recommended getting some stinky food. One of them was Vienna sausages. We took some Vienna sausages. And on Thursday, we made a

couple little piles of food, right before dinner time, in an area where we thought she was. And we checked back after dinner and saw that it was gone."

## Knowledge is golden

But it wasn't until the middle of the following night that their strategy paid off. Even that wasn't without some nervous moments for the family.

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## Dogs

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"There's good information out there," Wiese said. "This is one of the things we learned and we learned it quickly. We were calling after our dog and we didn't realize that she went into survival mode. I was told that the dogs go immediately into survival mode."

"I want to tell you, too, my dog, when she came to the door at 3:12 in the morning, my husband opened the door and she took off."

Katie and Jeff Wiese were stuck in close-but-no-cigar mode for an hour or two, until alarm clocks began to ring.

"She circled the house for an entire hour, most likely smelling our clothes," Katie Wiese said. "And each time she circled the house, she would stick her head in the door, but wouldn't come through — because she was in survival mode and wasn't sure."

"Finally, the alarm clock started going off in the house and we were, like, 'We've got to get her or else it's not going to happen.' My husband went out and laid down on the patio and he was completely still. When she came back around, she came up to him and sniffed him for 10 minutes. She started at his feet and was sniffing at his feet for a good amount of time."

"Moved up near his hands and he started very gently talking to her, telling her she was a good girl. And you know, used the name that my daughter only uses, so she'd recognize it. Because when she would hear Lucy,



The Wieses drive back to Pennsylvania following their Canton visit. Reagan Wiese shares a quiet moment with Lucy. The dog's safe return was "a good birthday present" for Reagan, who turned 11 on July 24. WIESE FAMILY PHOTO

cy, she was scared and she would bolt, because so many people were calling her name."

### Survival mode

Before family and dog were safely together

again, Lucy nipped at Jeff Wiese's hand.

"She was still in survival mode and she bit his hand," Wiese said. "But once he had her up and she could see that it was really him, she went completely limp and started kissing him! She realized it was really him."

"Just how Lucy behaved when my husband grabbed her, tells you how confused the dogs can be."

The Jirjises must wonder how much food or dirty clothes they'd have to put out in order for a reunion with Kingston. It's already been over two months since a series of gut-wrenching circumstances during Mother's Day weekend separated them from their beloved pooch — who is just 1½ years old.

They aren't about to give up. Kingston's story is posted on "For the Love of Louie" with 18,200 shares. It's also on the PawBoost.com social media website.

The community page (where group members can post about pets lost, found and reunited) was established following the safe return of Louie, a shepherd chow mix who — just like Lucy — got loose in July 2011 while visiting relatives in Michigan, hundreds of miles from home.

Louie eventually was safely found three weeks later, then returned to his owners (Meredith and Russ Brown of Maryland) — who have been devoted ever since to helping other families have happy reunions with their pets.

Any spare time Rania and Nicholas Jirjis have is spent going to pet supply stores and veterinarians or returning to their old neighborhood and making the rounds with more fliers. A lot of time is spent praying, too.

"It's literally having a child that's out there somewhere, who you



Nicholas Jirjis looks out the kitchen window, hoping one day to see his lost dog waiting there. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

know misses you and is longing for you," she said. "And you're longing for him just as much."

"I just want to know 'is he OK?'" Nicholas said. "Even if he doesn't come back to us, I just want to know he's OK."

### Hoping for a miracle

Electronic messages have been answered from as far away as Europe. Friendly, encouraging texts to not give up keep rolling in from people who try to help them look on the bright side.

"A lot of them have told me 'Don't lose hope, miracles happen,'" Rania Jirjis said. "A lot of people have told me stories about dogs coming back after four months."

According to a spokesperson for the Michigan Humane Society in Westland, there are 700 "return to owner" cases every year in the state.

Those numbers might provide solace for the Jirjis family. Further comfort might be gleaned from a glance at social media message boards to know there are happy reunions every day.

On "For the Love of Louie," there was the pronouncement that a Livonia family reunited with huskie mix Cilla.

A Redford Township family posted "Thank you all so much for sharing! My Oliver is home." The tan and white miniature pinscher/chihuahua mix was found near Seven Mile and Inkster.

Many other lost dogs and cats listed on that social media page have been found, but not yet returned to their owners. And Rania and Nicholas are hoping that is the case with Kingston.

### Offering a reward

Several weeks after Kingston got loose, they aren't about to stop combing neighborhoods and putting up posters — Jirjis is offering a \$1,000 reward for his safe return. People with information on his whereabouts are asked to call Rania Jirjis at 248-925-8888.

Jirjis, a medical lab technician, makes it part of her after-work routine to drive over to their former neighborhood, going back over familiar territory. Not leaving any stone of possibility unturned. She has had a lot of unexpected help.

Strangers have helped the cause by knocking on doors and looking for leads into the whereabouts of fluffy, lovable Kingston — a gift for Nicholas on his eighth birthday.

"I could fit him in my hand when I first got him," he said.

Hopes for a reunion were momentarily raised, only to be denied just as quickly.

"He wasn't wearing his collar at the time (of his disappearance) and so I'm afraid somebody found him that probably doesn't live in Troy," she said. "Maybe who lives in another city. We're hoping that even neighbors would spot a neighbor with a new dog that looks like him."

"There was one (toy poodle) that was missing in Roseville that was hidden under a car. The amount of people that sent me that same picture thinking it was him. I drove almost two hours to see that same puppy, because it was then transferred to a rescue group in Ypsilanti. It looked just like him, but it wasn't him."

Despite that deep disappointment, the Jirjises aren't about to quit on their Kingston search. He means too much to them.

"It was just a turn of events," Rania Jirjis said. "The surgery, the communion, the move, him being missing. Where do I focus? Where do I really put my focus on? And I still have a hard time, because he brought me so much comfort. I'm a single mom, I've been divorced since before (Nicholas) was born."

"He brought me so much comfort. He brought me the light when my days were so dark. And now my days are even darker without him."

Meanwhile, Katie Wiese can only count her family's blessings and offer words of encouragement to the Jirjises.

"I wouldn't want them to give up hope, because our biggest fear was 'What if we didn't have any closure?'" Wiese said. "To not have closure, I can't even imagine."

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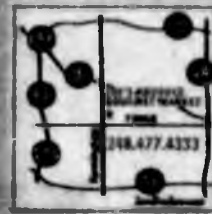
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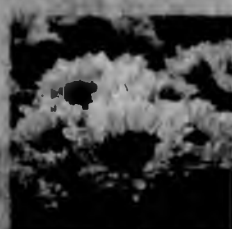
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## PREP FOOTBALL

# New schools strengthen KLAA East

Belleville, Fordson, Dearborn enter fray as schools realign divisions for 2018 season

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The Kensington Lakes Activities Association is getting a quite a makeover for the 2018 football season.

And one of the most interesting things to watch will be how the East Division race will shape up with the inclusion of the three new schools: Belleville, Dearborn Fordson and Dearborn High.

The KLAA East features five teams that reached the MHSAA playoffs a year ago, including Division 2 runner-up Livonia Franklin, along with Division 1 qualifiers Belleville, Dearborn Fordson

and Livonia Stevenson and Division 2 qualifier Livonia Stevenson.

The KLAA held its annual football media day Aug. 2 at Northville High School and here is a preseason look at the eight teams in the East Division.

### Belleville

**Head coach:** Jermain Crowell, fourth season

**Last year's record:** 10-1

**Season opener:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Brighton

**Players to watch:** Dylan Zagula, Sr.

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Franklin junior quarterback Jacob Kelbert races down the sideline to score a TD during a playoff win last year over Flushing. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## MOTOR SPORTS

# Smoke on the water is music to his ears



Canton native Andrew Tate is currently the H1 Unlimited Hydroplane points leader. ROBERT PETERS



Andrew Tate.

Plymouth High graduate follows family legacy to become H1 Unlimited Hydroplane points leader

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Like the Earnhardts were to stock car racing and the Andrettis were to Indy cars, the name Tate has long been synonymous with power boat racing.

Andrew Tate, currently the American Power Boat Association's H1 Unlimited Hydroplane points leader after winning last weekend's Seafair event in Lake Washington (Seattle), has picked up where his father Mark and grandfather Joe left off on the circuit. (Tate's great-grandfather and mother raced boats as well.)

"My father raced unlimited hydroplanes, so as a little kid I got to grow up in the pits and follow his career," said the 28-year-old Tate, a Canton native who now resides in Walled Lake. "It's something you always kind of imagined yourself doing and it's a childhood dream. But the reality of it as ever happening ... it's a realization, but kind of unexpected. But it's an honor and really is a dream come true."

The 2007 Plymouth High grad has captured two of the first three races on the APBA schedule. He is coming off a win at the Columbia Cup in Tri-Cities,

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## PREP FOOTBALL

# Here's what to watch this year in KLAA West Division

**Tim Smith**  
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Football season is going to be different this autumn in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, but coaches and players already are pumped up to officially get going.

The annual football media day, held Aug. 2 at Northville High School, gave 13 returning KLAA teams and three squads new to the circuit — Belleville, Dearborn and Dearborn Fordson — an opportunity to talk about team expectations and hopes for the 2018 football season.

The scaled-down KLAA features 16 teams, including eight each in the KLAA East and West divisions.

"I think it's a really nice set-up," Brighton head coach Brian Lemons said. "It creates a lot of competition; there are no off weeks."

Common threads during quick-hitting interviews with coaches include needs for teams to mesh and to stay healthy.

Several head coaches are beginning their first season, including all three teams based at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Following is a breakdown of the KLAA West Division teams.

### Brighton

**Head coach:** Brian Lemons, fourth

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## CLUB SOCCER

# U-14 Michigan Jaguars claim national title

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The Michigan Jaguars 2004 Green team defeated the Philadelphia SC Coppa Swarm, 2-0, to capture the U.S. Youth Soccer U-14 Girls National Championship on July 29 at Toyota Soccer Center in Frisco, Texas.

The win gave the Novi-based club its second national championship.

Jaguars defender Meghan Oliver (Commerce) scored what proved to be the game-winning goal two minutes into added time in the first half.

After the Jaguars won a corner in the closing seconds of the half, team captain Lindsay Ramos (Wixom) curled a ball into the box and Oliver directed it

into the net with a header.

It took the Jaguars just 51 seconds in the second half to double their lead as forward Ella Alati (Northville) outran her defender to a loose ball at the top of the Swarm box before smashing it into the back of the net.

The Jaguars' back line held strong the rest of the way they earned their fourth tournament shutout in five games.

In the national semifinal, goalkeeper Batoul Reda (Dearborn) stopped two penalty kicks and the Jaguars scored four times to beat Cincinnati (Ohio) CDA Premier, 2-1, after the two teams battled to a scoreless draw in regulation play.

In overtime, CDA took a 1-0 advantage with five minutes remaining, but defender Brooke Elsey (Commerce) re-

sponded with a header off a corner kick for the equalizer to send the match to PKs.

The Jaguars began the tournament by beating fellow Michigan club Nationals Union (Macomb), 1-0, as Mairin Wessner (Northville) scored the game-winner in the final 30 seconds of the match.

Two more 1-0 victories followed, against Arsenal FC (Ontario, Calif.) and FC Dallas (Frisco, Texas) to send the Jaguars through to the semifinals as group stage winners.

A trio of Jaguars came home with individual honors, including Oliver, Elsey and Reda, all of whom were named to the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championship Best XI team.

Reda was also awarded the Golden

Gloves as the tournament's top keeper.

Meanwhile, Jaguars head coach Barry Scott (Ann Arbor) earned his second national crown with the club. He guided the Michigan Jaguars U-17 '96 Boys Green team to a championship in 2012.

Other team members for the U-14 Jaguars included Kyra Karfonta, Kate Mazur and Maya Spano, South Lyon; Ella Janz and Kaitlyn Rogala, Northville; Ashley Cherniawsky and Amanda Feury, Novi; Divya Samhita Yerrakalva, Canton; Sarah Scaling, Dexter; Cailyn Smith, Pinckney; Stella Keating, Ann Arbor; and Mia Judd, Grand Ledge.

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## West

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### season

**Last year's record:** 4-5

**Season opener:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, vs. Belleville

**Players to watch:** Will Jontz, Sr. QB; Jacob LaFave, Sr. OL; Jack Krause, Sr. DB; Colby Ford, Sr. DL

**Lemons' 2018 outlook:** "The key for us this year is going to be coming out and staying healthy. We ran into a lot of issues last year, where we had to start some young guys. The bright side of that is they got a lot of experience and they're coming back this year. We're much bigger and much stronger than we were in 2017 and hopefully that will calculate into winning those close games. We lost four games by a total of eight points last season. We think what we've done this year in the off-season will make a difference in those types of games."

### Canton

**Head coach:** Andy Lafata, first season

**Last year's record:** 10-2

**Season opener:** 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, vs. Livonia Churchill

**Players to watch:** Darius Robinson, Sr. DL; Noah VanBerkel, Sr. TE-DE; Seth Troszak, Sr. LB-OL; Steven Walker, Sr. RB-DB

**Lafata's 2018 outlook:** "I'm just looking forward to see how well they compete, see how bad they want to win, how bad they want this to be the best senior year they can have. It's their one senior year for about 40 of our guys, so we have to make it memorable for them. We have to do everything we can, so when they look back 30 years from now, they're proud of this season and if they accomplished something this year."

### Hartland

**Head coach:** Brian Savage, seventh season

**Last year's record:** 4-5

**Season opener:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, vs. Dearborn

**Players to watch:** Griffin Neuer, Sr. OL-LB; Collin Arnold, Sr. QB; Logan Tobel, Jr. WR; Zach Linfield, Sr. WR-TE

**Savage's 2018 outlook:** "Offensively, we have several returners coming back. The kids have done a great job in the off-season, we just have to continue to build on that. Defensively, we have a lot of new faces, some players who saw some time over there as roles, but maybe not starters. If we continue to grow and learn our schemes, I think our potential is up to us as a team."

### Howell

**Head coach:** Aaron Metz, 11th season

**Last year's record:** 2-7

**Season opener:** 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, vs. Dearborn Fordson at U-M

**Players to watch:** Seth Ramonaitis, Sr. LB; Matt Hornyak, Sr. QB; Michael Brauer, Sr. WR-CB; Mason Nelson, Jr. OL-DL

**Metz's 2018 outlook:** "We're going to be a pretty blue-collar, hard-working, tough team. We're going to continue with our philosophy that we're an off-tackle power team and we're going to play great defense. Our goal is to put our top 11 guys out there, no matter their size defensively, and let them run and make plays. We're really going to stick to fundamentals."

### Northville

**Head coach:** Matt Ladach, 11th season

**Last year's record:** 3-6

**Season opener:** 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, vs. Livonia Franklin

**Players to watch:** Dan McLaughlin,

Sr. WR-DB; Nick Prystach, Sr. WR; Jackson Weaver, Sr. OL; Emile Rizk, Sr. DL

**Ladach's 2018 outlook:** "I think the most important thing is getting our seniors and the underclassmen to jell. Getting those guys to trust and believe in one another is going to be the most important element to our success this season. We've got a bunch of what I will call really good high school football players. We don't have some of the studs that you see at some of these other schools, but when you go through our list of guys, we've got a number of guys on our roster that any coach in this room would say, 'Yeah, I want that guy.' And I'm just fired up to coach them."

### Novi

**Head coach:** Jeff Burnside, sixth season

**Last year's record:** 3-6

**Season opener:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, vs. Westland John Glenn

**Players to watch:** Drew O'Connor, Sr. QB-DB; Josh Erno, Jr. QB-DB; Matt Wright, Jr. LB; Jason Jennings, Sr. LB

**Burnside's 2018 outlook:** "We obviously want to bounce back from 3-6. We're just looking to take this great off-season we've had and try to put it out on the field. This is the hardest-working group of kids we ever had that I've ever been a part of. So we're just going to try to shorten games by running the ball, play good defense. One of our goals is to find a kicker and have a good, strong kicking game, so that we can hopefully pin guys deep and play good defense. We're going to be physical, that I know. If you look at our roster, you may not see the big heavyweights we've had the last couple years. But I'd say, pound for pound, this may be one of the stronger teams we've had."

### Plymouth

**Head coach:** Brian Lewis, first sea-

son.

**Last year's record:** 4-5

**Season opener:** 3:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, vs. Livonia Stevenson at U-M

**Players to watch:** Carson Miller, Sr. RB; Mike Mathias, Jr. DB-WR; Ivan Davis, Jr. DE; Nathan Janke, Jr. DB-WR

**Lewis's 2018 outlook:** "We're still developing our identity and we're still developing how we're going to come together. So it's still too early to say, 'Hey, we're going to be 9-0.' Everybody wants to be 9-0 and I would love for that to happen. But we're still developing who we are and what our identity is and what we're going to be like when times get hard, because that's how football teams are judged. So as we go through this August camp, I'm very curious to see the guys that rise to the top and are leaders. ... That's the best inclination of what our outlook is going to be, if we can come together and believe and trust in one another."

### Salem

**Head coach:** Justin Reed, first season

**Last year's record:** 5-4

**Season opener:** 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, vs. Wayne Memorial

**Players to watch:** Brennen McNeal, Sr. OL-DL; Joe Kaceli, Sr. OL-LB; Josh Williams, Jr. OL-DL; Tyler Overaitis, Jr. QB-WR-DB

**Reed's 2018 outlook:** "My outlook is to basically get these guys to come together as one team, to play for each other and play for the community and school. The outlook will be to grow up quick — we'll be young on both sides of the ball — and the best way to do that is to play for each other and really care for each other, rather than just say, 'I'm on the football team.' Make that more of a family atmosphere."

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## Hydroplane

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Wash., and would like nothing better than to make a splash when he returns home Aug. 24-26 for the Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers Hydrofest on the Detroit River.

Going into the fourth race, Tate has racked up a sizable lead with 5,660 points, followed by his nearest competitor at only 3,577.

### Positive results

"So far, we couldn't be happier with the U-9 Delta/Realtrac race boat," Tate said. "So far, it's gone really well. We really couldn't ask for anything better. We've won three out of the four races and we look forward to continuing that success and building momentum as we head towards Detroit and the Gold Cup."

The Gold Cup in Detroit is the equivalent of Daytona and the Indy 500, for sure, as a fleet of eight HI Unlimited teams, along with 10 boats from the Hydroplane Racing League, will compete. It's also the oldest active motor sports trophy, which was first contested in 1904 on the Hudson River in New York.

"Detroit presents kind of a unique challenge, because at one end of the race course you have the biggest, essentially widest turn in the circuit and then, at the other end, you have the narrowest, sharpest turn in the circuit," said Tate, who started racing boats at age 9. "So that in itself presents a unique challenge, because you're actually picking up speed from the time you come out of the narrow corner, through the start-finish line, around the big turn and then all the way

down the back chute heading just past the Detroit Yacht Club into the Roostertail turn, where we're going 200 mph."

For Tate, there are other obstacles.

### Tricky course

"The river presents a challenge, because the depth of the river changes and there's a current there," he said. "As the depth changes, basically, there are shells in there. And as the current is pulled downriver, when it hits those shells, it changes the water level and creates, basically, speed bumps or potholes, which will make the boat react different ways and kind of act erratically. The race course on the river in downtown Detroit is very unique, very challenging for any driver."

Tate began racing HI Unlimited hydroplanes in 2016, when as a rookie he earned his first winner-take-all final at the Albert Lee Appliance Cup in Seattle driving the U-9 Sound Propeller Service/Les Schwab Tire boat.

And just three years into his young career, Tate claimed three race victories and one non-point exhibition race win. One of his wins came at the prestigious President's Cup that he won in 2017 near his home in Walled Lake.

Last season, Tate broke through, posting the two fastest qualifier poles, winning eight preliminary heats and taking two winner-take-all finals. But he fell just short in the overall points standings, settling for second place (by only 425 points).

### Family legacy

Andrew's grandfather Joe drove an HI Unlimited hydroplane in 1996 and also a 7-litre powered hydroplane until he was 70, but never qualified as an HI Unlimited

driver.

Mark Tate, now 69, drove from 1990 to 2004, securing 12 HI Unlimited hydroplane victories including two APBA Gold Cups and four HI Unlimited national championships. He and Andrew are one of only six other second-generation father-son combinations to race HI Unlimited hydroplanes competitively.

"Anytime I have a question or he seems to think I'm doing something wrong, he's always there to kind of guide me and point me in the right direction," Tate said of his father. "It's been a huge help in my career and the learning curve."

Tate got his start on the water racing small wooden kneel-down outboard hydroplanes. He moved into the inboard hydroplane classes in 2006 and has racked up a total of 100 wins in various APBA hydroplane categories, including nine national titles. He was also inducted into the APBA's Hall of Champions twice (2010 and 2016).

Tate, however, had another passion athletically as a youth.

### Hockey career

"It's funny, I grew up playing hockey," he said. "I started skating when I was 2. That was kind of my other love. Boat racing season was the summer and spring time and it was always ice hockey in the fall and winter. I had a semi-successful hockey career. I played for Little Caesars AAA Midget Major program out of Detroit, went on to play junior. I actually went out east to play at a D-III school. Things happened and I actually came home after my freshman year. I thought I might be a professional hockey player, not a professional boat racer."

During the off-season, Tate helps run

the family business at Sun Coating Co., located in Plymouth.

"The coating business that my grandfather started 60-odd years ago is definitely a big part of my life," Tate said. "Racing is something that we're all passionate about. (Joe) raced boats as well as my father (Mark) and my great-grandfather, so most things have been passed down through the generations and it's kind of our way of life. Between work and racing this time of year, I'm really busy. Still trying to play hockey once in a while in, I guess, what I'd consider a men's league or beer league. I'll shoot shotgun sporting clays once in a while. I kind of get a kick out of that."

The Jones Racing U-9 Les Schwab Tires HI hydroplane that Tate drives features a Lycoming T-55/L-7 Turbine engine built by Ron Jones Jr. while, Mike Campbell, who served 12 years with the Miss Budweiser organization, serves as crew chief. The boat's home port is Kent, Wash.

"Mike and Lori Jones are just great people that have been around the sport and my family since I've been around, so I've grown up with them and always had a good relationship," Tate said of the owners. "Their relationship with my family goes back three generations to my grandfather ... so they kind of kept tabs on my career and where I was with smaller boats. When they thought I was ready, they kind of gave me a shot to race the unlimited hydroplane, which is the pinnacle of the sport. And so far, so good. I think I've made them proud and I couldn't be happier to be part of this with them."

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# East

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LB-TE; Jaden Johnson, Sr. LB; Deon Selma, Sr. RB-Safety; Devontae Dobbs, Sr. OT; Julian Barnett, Sr. WR-DB-KR; Marvin Ham, Sr. LB; Jalen Hunt, Sr. RB-DE; Jalen Bell, Sr. DT; Jalen Williams, Jr. WR-TE-OLB; Michael Jenkins, Jr. S; Damon Payne, Jr. OL-DL; Tyrese Woods, Jr. DE-TE; Isaiah Foster, Jr. OLB; Christian Dhue-Reid, Soph. QB

**Crowell's 2018 outlook:** "We just want to simplify and we want a lot of kids to play. We've got some really great athletes, but when they're out there thinking, they're not playing. We put some pressure upon the coaches make it simple and let them get out there and execute. And when we do that I think we can be pretty successful and we can showcase a lot of the kids' skill sets vs. over-complicating things and kids being out there confused and making a lot of mistakes. We've got to focus in on just us. Make it about us and what we do."

## Livonia Churchill

**Head coach:** Bill DeFillippo, sixth season

**Last year's record:** 8-3

**Season opener:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at Canton

**Players to watch:** Drew Alsobrooks, Sr. QB-K-P; Avery Grenier, Sr. WR-safety; Darrell Mason, Sr. RB-LB; Andrew Greff, Sr. LB; Ethan Gyurmek, Sr. OT-DE; Joel Forgacs, Sr. WR-TE-LB; Deon Pitchford, Sr. SB-RB; Brendan Lowry, Jr. SB-CB; Dez Dewberry, Sr. OLB

**DeFillippo's 2018 outlook:** "One of the things you like as a coach is to have guys like Avery (Grenier) and Drew (Alsobrooks), guys you get to coach for three years instead of two, guys who are great representatives of our program and when they're on the field and when they're off the field. Both smart, knowledgeable football players, both highly competitive. You wish all your guys were like this. We have good talent and I like it, but when you have 40 guys and you're used to having 50 or 60, that can be a little bit of a difference in how you practice, some of the things that we do. You're always going to get guys banged up as the season goes on, so it's going to be like any other year, where somebody goes down somebody has to step in. Smaller roster, but plenty of schools do-



Alsobrooks



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Cobb

ing it with 30, 40 guys, so it's not an excuse."

## Dearborn

**Holt**

**Head coach:** John Powell, sixth season

**Last year's record:** 2-7

**Season opener:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Hartland

**Players to watch:** Tommy Guajardo, Jr. WR-TE-OLB; Ali Makled, Sr. WR-safety; Mohamed Saad, Sr. OL; Bilal Elhasan, Sr. RB

**Powell's 2018 outlook:** "We return 18 of 22 starters, nine on defense and nine on offense. The challenge is facing new opponents. Our philosophy is to get better every day. Mohamed Saad is a three-year starter. Tommy Guajardo has Division I offers from Northern Illinois and Eastern Michigan and interest from Notre Dame, Boston College and Michigan State."

## Dearborn Fordson

**Head coach:** Fouad Zaban, 12th season

**Last year's record:** 9-2

**Season opener:** 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, vs. Howell at U-M

**Players to watch:** Hussein Ajami, Sr. QB; Mahdi Hazimi, Sr. OT; Mouhamed Mehdi, Sr. DT

**Zaban's 2018 outlook:** "I think this league is going to be much tougher, obviously. It will prepare you better for the long run. It's exciting to be a part of a league with all these great programs - the Livonia schools, Belleville ... they were in our league. The other side (KLA West) is great as well. It's exciting to be a part of something and, obviously, we're happy that they accepted us and we're in there. Ultimately, staying healthy is very important for us and building depth is very important and our leaders being leaders. If we do that and we jell, everything will work out."

## Livonia Franklin

**Head coach:** Chris Kelbert, 17th sea-

son

**Last year's record:** 11-3

**Season opener:** 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Northville

**Players to watch:** Marino DiPonio, Sr. OLB; Connor Linton, Sr. TE-ILB; Cal Fournier, Sr. safety-WR; Jake Kelbert, Jr. QB; Julius Simmons, Sr. RB; Jake Swirple, Jr. OL; Arsell Weary, Sr. DL; Chad Reeves, Jr. DL

**Kelbert's 2018 outlook:** "The key to our success the last few years is finding those individuals to step in and fill needs. We have a really good group of JV players and some guys that didn't get a lot of playing time due to the fact that we had a lot of good seniors. Those kids, we think, will be able to step up. If they can produce, we'll be successful again. We're getting a good group of athletes from that JV team, a couple of lineman that can fill some spots. I just think a lack of depth is going to be a big issue. Going into last year, that was our biggest concern, too, guys up front. But we were able to move two kids that were linebackers and move them into the offensive line and they produced very well for us."

## Westland John Glenn

**Head coach:** Steve Waller, fourth season

**Last year's record:** 2-7

**Season opener:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Novi

**Players to watch:** Chad Stevens, Sr. QB; Jared Tarrance, Sr. WR-CB; Dante Barthwell, Sr. RB-DB; Kayleb Parker, Jr. OL; Omar Nelson, Sr. WR-RB; Lee Williams, Sr. OG-DL; Dominic Spalding, Sr. LB-RB; Devin Strohschen, Sr. OLB-TE; John Florn, Sr. C

**Waller's 2018 outlook:** "We've got to develop the line play. We do have some guys coming back that started. Lee Williams started at guard and Kayleb Parker started at tackle, but our center John Florn would have started at center, but he suffered a season-ending injury during two-a-day camp. So we have three guys coming back, but we just need to get those guys to jell and be a cohesive unit. It's going to be a challenge to learn a few new teams. Even Livonia Stevenson, we haven't played in a couple of years. There's three or four teams that we haven't seen in years. They all present their different challenges, so to

speak."

## Livonia Stevenson

**Head coach:** Randy Micallef, sixth season

**Last year's record:** 5-5

**Season opener:** 3:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, vs. Plymouth at U-M

**Players to watch:** Dalen Cobb, Sr. RB-QB; Devin Poster, Sr. LB-FB-OG; Bobby Cavin, Sr. C; Nate Garcia, Sr. LB; Camden Gould, Sr. OL-DT; Coltrane Rubner, Soph. QB

**Micallef's 2018 outlook:** "We had a great off-season working hard in the weight room and developing team chemistry. We have a sophomore (Rubner) at quarterback coming in that is a pretty athletic kid. He's going to get a opportunity to compete with Dalen (Cobb) as well. We like what we have there. They're both good athletes. We've got to stay healthy, No. 1. We've got to have our young kids that are talented and hungry play at the varsity speed right away. The big difference will be if they take three or four games to get used to the tempo at the varsity level against some of the teams in our division, it's going to be not a good set-up for success."

## Wayne Memorial

**Head coach:** Al Demps, first season

**Last year's record:** 0-9

**Season opener:** 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Salem

**Players to watch:** Chris Guipi-Bopala, Sr. LB-WR; Jordan Holt, Sr. C-NG; Jaylen Dorsey, Sr. DT

**Assistant coach Derrick McGee's 2018 outlook:** "Going into the new league, we envision that we'll be competitive. Our skills will be our strong suit. As far as the offensive and defensive lines, we've got to work on our depth, but we do have quality there. We're going to be able to score on people this time. Last couple of years, we've been struggling on offense. We have some big bodies now, so we look like a competitive football team. We have a two-man battle going (at quarterback) and it's a good two-man battle. But once we come out of camp, we'll definitely have something and both quarterbacks are capable of leading this team."

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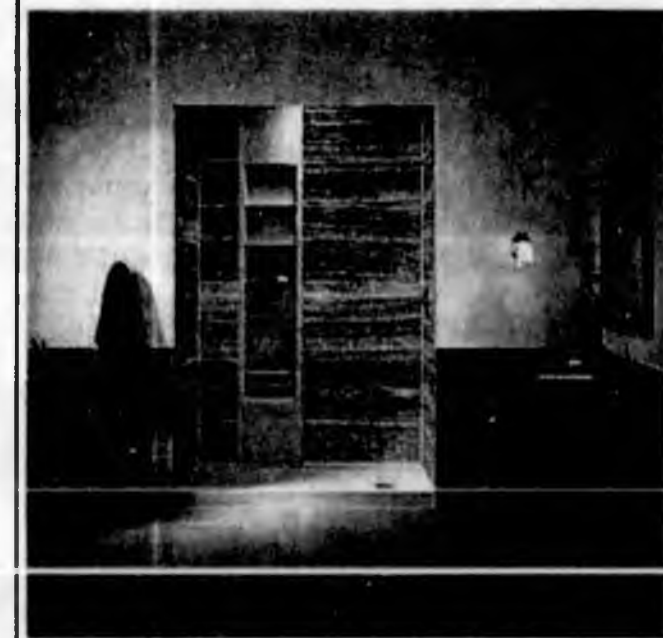
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## USA HOCKEY

# Larkin's presence spearheads tribute game

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When Dylan Larkin was still a relative unknown in the hockey world, USA Hockey's beloved Jim "J.J." Johansson was there for him and his family.

And now it's Larkin's time to repay the favor to Johansson, who died unexpectedly Jan. 21 at age 53. The Detroit Red Wings star forward showed he is speedy off the ice as well as on — quickly spearheading a charity hockey game that will take place 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

"It was really Dylan Larkin at the men's world championship this year who brought it up and said we should have a game to pay tribute to J.J. and raise money for a couple funds," said Dave Fischer, USA Hockey's senior director of communications. "He said, 'I'll rally the guys and get the players' and, in early July, he started going the path of trying to get guys and then he said, 'We can get enough guys, let's do it.'"

The contest, to be played in Johansson's honor, will feature all American-born National Hockey League players who were influenced by Johansson.

Larkin and fellow Red Wings Danny DeKeyser, Jimmy Howard and Luke Glendening are definites for the game, with Justin Abdelkader's presence depending on when his wife gives birth.

"I'm the foot soldier trying to recruit the players," Larkin, a Waterford native, said during a recent telephone call.

"(Johansson) meant everything, he meant a lot. He's someone who's given me so many opportunities to play for USA, put on the crest, all the way back to when I first started playing at the NTDP."

Larkin said he recalled how Johansson helped him when he was playing for USA Hockey during a world championship in the Czech Republic.

"I remember my family coming over to my first world championships in the Czech Republic and just how generous he was to them," Larkin said. "And I was really a nobody on the team and my parents came over and anything they needed, from getting from the hotel to the rink or flight information."



In this 2017 photo, Jim Johansson and cherished daughter Ellie enjoy time together at a hockey game. FAMILY PHOTO

"He'd have his hands full with the hockey side, but he was so good with people and making sure that they were taken care of and looked after."

## For a good cause

Among other NHL players who have committed to the game are USA Hockey alums such as Auston Matthews (Toronto), Zach Werenski (Columbus), James van Riemsdyk (Philadelphia) and Ryan Suter and Zach Parise (Minnesota). Coaches will include Detroit's Jeff Blashill.

All proceeds from ticket sales (prices are \$15 and \$10), along with money generated from raffles and an online auction, will be earmarked for the Jim Johansson Legacy Fund of the USA Hockey Foundation and the Ellie Johansson College Fund.

"It's coming together in a hurry and we'll continue to add more players," Fischer said. "It's still sad for those of us

who knew J.J. well and we can't believe he's gone. But this will be a great tribute and a lot of fun, that's for sure."

"You just don't ever get this collection of players together at once. The closest thing we've come is when we've had teams for a World Championship or Olympics."

Fischer said the Legacy Fund was created to raise money, in Johansson's memory, for "grass-roots, local hockey programs," while the educational fund was set up for Jim and Abby Johansson's 2-year-old daughter, to help with future educational expenses.

"Ellie was the person J.J. cherished most in this world and was so incredibly proud of her," Abby Johansson said. "I am incredibly honored that this game is not only honoring J.J. and his dreams, but Ellie as well, which is something I think he'd be very, very proud of."

She also said her late husband would have been "very proud and quite honored for this outpouring of support. I



Before Dylan Larkin played for the University of Michigan and Detroit Red Wings, he was a standout for the USA Hockey National Team Development Program. USA HOCKEY

think he'd be quite surprised."

Johansson was longtime assistant executive director of hockey operations for USA Hockey.

## Fun game to see

Larkin said he didn't think the Aug. 26 game would be very physical, with NHL camps then about to start.

"It's a charity game," Larkin said. "No checking, for sure, but it will be competitive, it will be a high-skilled game with some of the players coming. I think the fans that come out will get a great show."

Monaghan, director of operations at USA Hockey Arena, said it is appropriate that the Johansson tribute game will take place at the Plymouth arena.

"We're really proud to be able to host it," Monaghan said. "As you know, the arena was partially his dream. He put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into getting it up and running, so I think it's only fitting that the game to honor him is held there."

"I think all the kudos in the world go to Dylan Larkin, who's really led this."

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## PREP FOOTBALL

## Takeaways from Catholic League's media day

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The Detroit Catholic High School League gathered Tuesday for its annual Football Media Day at Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Coaches representing 18 schools and some dozen members of the media gathered in the spacious upstairs room adjacent to the school's ice rink to talk Catholic League football. The 90-minute session began with Catholic League Athletic Director Vic Michaels giving a few comments, continued with each coach giving a quick team overview and ended with individual interviews.

Here are a few takeaways:

## YOUTHFUL COACHES

With the retirements over the past three years of such iconic head coaches such as Al Fracassa (Brother Rice), Tom Mach (Catholic Central) and Paul Verska (De La Salle), the Catholic League is undergoing a major turnover on the sidelines.

The youthful corps consists of seven first-year head coaches and two more second-year head coaches. Furthermore, three more head coaches have been patrolling the Catholic League sidelines for four years or less.

That means half of the league's head coaches have been in their positions for less than two years. Two-thirds of the coaching fraternity has been there four years or less.

The Catholic League's dean of coaches is Orchard Lake St. Mary's veteran George Porritt, who is beginning his 29th season with the Eaglets.

Porritt's three other Central Division head coaching colleagues include Dan



Anderson Korzeniewski Steward

Anderson (Catholic Central) and Adam Korzeniewski (Brother Rice), both beginning their second season. De La Salle's Mike Giannone is flying into this third season with the Pilots.

The next three highest tenured coaches are Detroit Loyola's John Calahan (11th season) and Divine Child's John Fillatraut and Riverview Gabriel Richard's Thomas Michalsen (seventh seasons).

The league's first-year head coaches include Matt Lewis (U-D Jesuit), Scott Steward (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood), Deacon Dave Lawrence (Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard), Garrett Wenzelburger (Lutheran North), Jason Albrecht (Our Lady of the Lakes), Oscar Olejniczak (R.O. Shrine) and Joe Quesnelle (Cardinal Mooney).

## PROJECTED DIVISION WINNERS

Michaels takes a poll prior to the formal Media Day session where coaches vote on who they think will win division championships.

The four Central Division coaches selected Warren De La Salle, the defending Division 2 state champion, to capture its second straight division title. Giannone led the Pilots to a perfect 3-0 Central Division mark last year en route to a 12-victory season. Catholic Central and Brother Rice were picked to tie for second place.

In the Double AA Division, the five coaches picked Divine Child to repeat as

champ. The Falcons finished with a 10-2 overall record last year, losing in the regional round of the state playoffs to Riverview. Cranbrook Kingswood was picked to tie for third with Detroit Loyola.

In the Intersectional I and Intersectional II divisions, the projected winners are Riverview Gabriel Richard and Madison Heights Bishop Foley, respectively.

## C-K MOVING ON UP

Cranbrook Kingswood certainly has made a steady impact since joining the Catholic League in 2010. The Cranes captured the Intersectional I Division regular-season championship and soared to Catholic League Prep Bowl crown in each of the past two seasons under head coach Joe D'Angelo.

As a reward for that success, the Cranes were promoted to the AA Division this year. The schedule now includes Divine Child, University of Detroit-Jesuit, Detroit Loyola and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Like C-K, Divine Child and Gabriel Richard were playoff participants last year. Loyola, a perennial state power, had a down year in 2017 with a 2-6 record and had its 10-year playoff streak snapped. During that run, Loyola advanced to the state championship game four times, winning the Division 7 title in 2014.

## RETURNING HONOR TEAM MEMBERS

Following are the returning all-Catholic and all-league honor team members for each of the four divisions:

## CENTRAL DIVISION

ALL-CATHOLIC: Devin Campbell, Josh DeBerry, Jacob Dobbs, Michael McGinniety (De La Salle); DaRon Gil-

bert (Brother Rice); Lucas Hendershot (Catholic Central).

ALL-LEAGUE: Ryan Birney, Mike Harding, Marco Genrich (Catholic Central); Colin Gardner, Luke Newman, Ben Zardus (Brother Rice); Danny Motowski (De La Salle).

## AA DIVISION

ALL-CATHOLIC: Elijah Cate (U-D Jesuit).

ALL-LEAGUE: Carson Hinton, Nicholas Johnson (U-D Jesuit); Aeron Latham (Divine Child); D'Anthony Robinson (Loyola).

## INTERSECTIONAL I

ALL-CATHOLIC: Noah Hamid, Logan Heath (AP Cabrini); Daniel Bowen, Ian Narva (GP University Liggett); Jackson Griske (Lutheran North); Nevin Hughes (Gabriel Richard).

ALL-LEAGUE: Jackson Stanley (AP Cabrini); Max Hatty, Sebastian McWilliams (Gabriel Richard); Brady McCarron, Andrew Zelenak (GP University Liggett); Jake Mlynarek (Lutheran North).

## INTERSECTIONAL II

ALL-CATHOLIC: Ben Alderson, Kendel Taylor (Bishop Foley); Kyle Cartier, Vince Oliver, Grant Ross (Our Lady of the Lakes); Quincy Greenia (Cardinal Mooney); Dan Romano (RO Shrine); Josh Legg, Nino Mastromatteo (Everest Collegiate).

ALL-LEAGUE: Zach Proctor, John Stickney (Bishop Foley); Cameron Howell, David Valent (Our Lady of the Lakes); Daniel Donaldson, John Zawadzinski (Cardinal Mooney); Mike Jones, Max Engle, John Stickney (Everest Collegiate).

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## FIGURE SKATING

## National Showcase performers combine athleticism, theatrics

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When Milford's Paige Bartholomew and Alyssa Kormos did a recent run-through of their acclaimed "Squeaky Clean" theatrical figure skating routine, it was like hitting a home entertainment system's repeat button.

Just like that, they were once again at Kensington Valley Ice House in Brighton, absolutely shredding the same bit they won with at the 2018 Michigan Showcase in March. They kept doing just last week during the

2018 National Showcase, at the same venue.

The head-bobbing, head-turning duo nailed it just as well at practice as they did months ago — even though Bartholomew and Kormos wore practice garb instead of the bow ties, green stretch pants and sweater vests that judges and audience members saw then.

Last weekend, they were among 500-plus talented performers from the United States and Canada slated to crank it up another notch under the spotlight. It is the only national showcase event sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating.

## Expressing themselves

"National Showcase is about expressing myself and just being able to be carefree," said the 19-year-old Kormos, an alum of Milford High School. "We just get to be crazy and not have a care in the world."

"It's entertainment, it's just a fun competition and you're not ever bored," she added. "There's always something funny going on on the ice."

Concurring was Bartholomew, 20, who graduated from Brighton High School. "We just hope that anyone who comes out to watch leaves with a smile on their face and they had fun," she said.

Winners in each event competed during Sunday's Parade of Champions, when an overall champion is named in four disciplines (Parade of Champions, Junior Parade of Champions, Parade of Duet Champions, Parade of Interpretive Champions).

## Telling a story

Livonia Churchill's Cathryn McGowan was set to perform in the novice ladies category.

"This is my third year doing showcase," said McGowan, 17. "In the past, I put a lot of pressure on myself to place well. But ultimately, it's not about the



Alyssa Kormos (right) and Paige Bartholomew of Milford perform a duet during the Michigan Showcase qualifying event in March at the Kensington Ice House in Brighton. ICE HOUSE SKATING ACADEMY

placement for me anymore. It's more about, I just want to be able to tell a story, not only to the judges, but to the audience."

"You can definitely tell the difference when it's crowded, packed or kind of sparse. But either way, there's the judges to feed off of."

McGowan, who is a regular skater at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia when not working with Ice House Skating Academy choreographer Piercyn Hunt, said she will reprise two performances she excelled in during the Michigan Showcase.

"I have a light entertainment, which is more like lighthearted skating, and

it's set to 'Red Shoes Blues' from 'Wizard of Oz,' the London production," McGowan said. "And I'm skating to Josh Groban's 'Over the Rainbow.'"

"I just got my 'Over the Rainbow' program, I finished it with (Hunt) two weeks ago. I love them both equally. I like being emotional when I skate, so I'm very excited for 'Over the Rainbow.'"

## Best of both worlds

All three young women said they equally enjoy the two-in-one composition of "showcase" performances. There is a physical, athletic aspect of theatrical figure skating and an artistic side —

the latter including everything one would find watching a stage musical.

"At the beginning, I was focusing more on the jumps and spins of it, which I still focus on now," Bartholomew said. "But I realize how important acting is, too."

"So I've been able to learn how to live in the moment of what I'm doing and not worry about the harder things of my program and be able to soak in the easy moments and the acting moments more."

According to Kormos, "It's so different from what people see on the TV for

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## PREP FOOTBALL

# D'Angelo leaves CK program in good shape

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Joe D'Angelo's goal when he accepted the job as Cranbrook Kingswood's head coach was to resurrect a struggling football program.

The proud Hall of Famer believes he's met that challenge and it's time to step aside.

D'Angelo, 75, informed CK's administration in late January that he would not return for the 2018 football season after six years — one as an assistant and the past five as head coach.

Scott Steward, who served as CK's defensive coordinator last year, takes over as the program's new head coach.

"When I came on board, I already had been coaching a long time and they asked me, 'How long are you going to stay here?'" D'Angelo said. "I told them I would stay as long as it takes to, hopefully, turn everything around and then find the right guy to turn it over to."

"The past six years at CK have been most rewarding and enjoyable, but it was time to step down," he added. "I think my plan has been accomplished."

Cranbrook Kingswood amassed a 34-18 record under D'Angelo, winning at a .650 clip. Over an eight-year span prior to D'Angelo taking over, the Cranes posted just one winning season (5-4 in 2009).

The Cranes won 32 games over the past four regular seasons and qualified for the playoffs each year. The win total and playoff streak matches the four-year totals from 2002-05 under then head coach Gary Gerson.

## Best single season ever

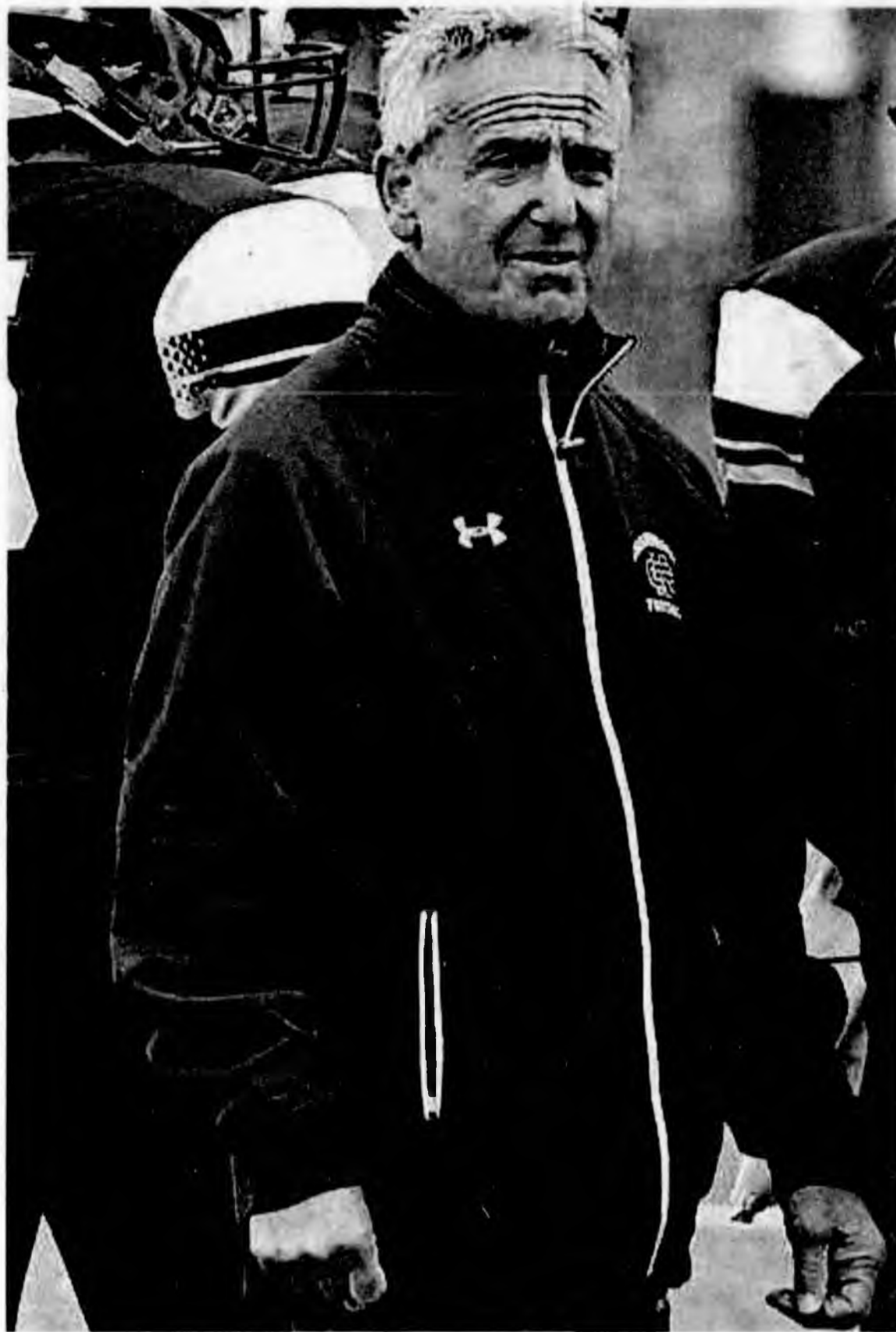
However, the major difference is D'Angelo's squad registered the best single-season mark last year.

The Cranes won the Catholic League Intersectional regular-season crown, captured the program's second straight Prep Bowl championship and had its best postseason.

In the Division 4 state playoffs, Cranbrook opened with two straight shutouts — 35-0 over Madison Heights Lamphere and 7-0 over a strong Detroit Mumford squad. The Cranes lost in a competitive and entertaining regional championship game to highly-regarded River Rouge, 21-14.

It was a tear-rendering loss to a brilliant season during which the Cranes finished with a school-record 10 victories.

"Last year was the most successful we've had in Cranbrook history," D'Angelo said. "I'm really excited to see



Joe D'Angelo led the Cranbrook Kingswood football team to a program-record 10 victories last fall in what turned into his final season as head coach. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

where the school will go from here. I feel like we left the program in good shape and they'll carry on."

D'Angelo's coaching career began at his alma mater, Detroit St. Ambrose High School, where he served as head coach from 1967-69. He moved over to Erie-Mason in 1970 and then took over at neighboring Detroit Country Day in 1977.

In a remarkable 21-year coaching career at DCD, D'Angelo led the Yellow Jackets to an overall 161-46 record, which included two state champion-

ships and one state runner-up showing in 11 state playoff appearances. D'Angelo's only losing season (4-5) at Country Day was in 1997 — his final year at the helm.

He was named to the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 1990, was named the regional Coach of the Year 12 times and named the Michigan High School Coach of the year in 1986 — his first state championship season.

## Creating a winning culture

D'Angelo spent 14 years out of coaching before taking a job at CK as an assistant coach in 2012 under then head coach Steve Graf, the school's athletic director. D'Angelo took over as head coach the following season and managed to create a winning culture, attracting greater numbers while making the sport relevant again.

"Cranbrook has been a great place to coach. They've been very supportive and the parents have been great," D'Angelo said. "Anytime that you can take a program and sort of change it around, there's a lot of rewards to that."

"There was a time when they were thinking about dropping football. So now we're on the map. We put several people into college and more and more schools have recognized the fact we are playing pretty good football now."

"I'm happy for Cranbrook. They are all appreciative and I am more appreciative of just having the opportunity to coach there," he added. "It gave me another chance to get back into coaching after I left Country Day and see what I could do. I'm very proud of what we've been able to do, me and my staff."

## Seamless transition

With Steward at the helm, D'Angelo can take comfort in the fact the program's continuity will not be disturbed.

Steward seemed to be a hot prep coaching commodity and D'Angelo did not want to lose him to another school. In addition, Cranbrook will move up a division in the Catholic League this year and D'Angelo figured it would not be a good time to start over with a new staff.

"I was very fortunate. I had a great staff of guys who were head coaches and who were all very knowledgeable," D'Angelo said. "I didn't want to lose any of them and Scott was being recruited to coach by other schools and some of the other guys (on CK's staff) were tied to him."

"I wanted to make sure nobody left. I could have stayed on maybe one more year, but I didn't want to lose Scott," he added. "It was important we made that transition this year. He was our defensive coordinator and we shut out five teams last year."

D'Angelo retires as one of the state's all-time winningest coaches. He's tied for 30th on the MHSAA's wins list with a 239-93-4 overall record. Farmington Harrison's John Herrington surpassed Brother Rice's Al Fracassa as the state's winningest coach last fall.

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## Skaters

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the Olympics and things like that. They watch them, they're, like, 'Oh, wow, just a bunch of jumps and spins.' And then you watch showcase ... this is a whole different side of skating."

Spectators at the National Showcase will immediately know they aren't watching a traditional figure skating event.

"In regular figure skating, you're seeing the competitors reach for higher and higher technical difficulty," said Heather Blasko, event publicist and a part-time instructor in the Ice House Skating Academy. "They're doing quad jumps. How many quads can you do and, if you can do the most, then your score is going to be the highest and you win, right? But when you also have a creative component to it and you're being marked on that, it's really not the emphasis."

"Here, we take the complete opposite. This is the creative side of it. The creative mark is key. You still have to have a good technical ability and you have to have really solid skating skills, but the emphasis is on how you're interpreting music, how you're playing your role, much more theatrical and creative. A lot of kids enjoy that."

## Growing into the sport

That certainly is the case with Bartholomew, Kormos and McGowan, who began developing their skating chops while still attending elementary school.

"I started learn to skate (lessons) when I was 3 and started more serious competitive when I was 5 or 6," Bartholomew said. "It was just fun. I love team aspects, which is why I do theater, too, but being by yourself when you're skating is fun and being able to be with your friends while you're skating is super-



Expected to contend in the senior division at the 2018 National Showcase is the duo of Paige Bartholomew (left) and Alyssa Kormos, both of Milford. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

fun.

"And I grew the competitive aspect out of the fun start that I had."

Kormos became a serious-minded skater at age 6, with McGowan getting a little bit of a later start.

"Honestly, it might sound kind of cocky, but it came naturally to me," McGowan said. "I'm not the most technically advanced skater, I'm not the best of the pack, but it's just about having that perfect balance of all of them that can make someone, like, pretty great."

"As I've grown into my skating style and the more comfortable I've gotten with the ice, I've been more easily able to combine them."

Skating now is as easy as a stroll in the park, perhaps even easier.

"My dad always says I skate better than I walk," Bartholomew said with a laugh. "Because I trip when I'm walking, but I'm more graceful on the ice."

"Definitely, I am very clumsy off the ice," Kormos added. "I am clumsy on the ice, too, but more graceful and it's more of my first nature than walking is. I'm on the ice more than I'm on my feet in my shoes."

## Tuning things out

Once the music starts in the ice rink, however, the young ladies all have the ability to trust themselves — and, in the case of Bartholomew and Kormos, their duet partner — while tuning out any distractions.

Off the ice, they have different personalities — with Bartholomew more outgoing than Kormos. But the moment they step on to the ice, a transformation occurs.

They are performing without a care in the world, not worrying too much about how the panel of judges might be cri-

tiquing their efforts.

"I have shy moments," Bartholomew said. "But it's why I like showcase skating, because I get to show that fun side, that outgoing side, more than I can show it off the ice."

Kormos added, "It's just nice sometimes to not care about what other people think and to just be myself and do whatever I want to do. It doesn't matter what I look like or what happens out there, because I know I did my best and I didn't have to do it for anyone else but myself."

Besides, sometimes there's no rhyme or reason to how a performance is judged.

"It's really, if the judges like you, you could do well," Kormos said, getting right to the point. "And if the judges don't like you? You could have skated your best, but you might get last."

## Driven by passion

As for McGowan, whether she scores a medal or acclaim from a performance is not as important as knowing in her heart whether she was on the money.

"When I tell people I do showcase and theatrical skating, they kind of turn their head and raise an eyebrow," McGowan said. "It's just very hard to explain unless they see it."

"But when I'm practicing, I listen to my music so many times on repeat, whether I'm on the ice in Livonia or I'm just doing off-ice (routines) in my room, it's just that love (of performing) that always brings me back."

"Why would I care about what other people have to think about it? It's not self-centered, it's more so having your own passion drive you."

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INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING

# Schmitt finding her groove in comeback

Canton High graduate headed to Pan Pacific Championships in Tokyo

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The book apparently is far from closed on Allison Schmitt's illustrious swim career.

After a lengthy hiatus from the pool, the 2008 Canton High grad with eight Olympic medals, including four gold, is thriving once again in the water following the recent Phillips 66 USA Swimming National Championships in Irvine, Calif.

The 28-year-old will be one of the U.S. team's elder stateswomen and captain when she heads to the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships, Aug. 23-27, in Tokyo, Japan, which ironically is the site of the next Summer Olympic Games in 2020.

After finishing runner-up to Olympic gold medalist Katie Ledecky in the 200-meter freestyle with her seventh-best time ever (1:55.82), along with placing sixth in the 100 freestyle (54.24) behind



Schmitt

Simon Manuel, another Olympic gold medalist, Schmitt is serving notice once again that she's not ready for the rocking chair quite yet.

"I'm excited to be representing the U.S. again and to make the team this summer it definitely sets up for two years from now," Schmitt said. "Like I said, ever since I started jumping back into the water ... I don't want any what ifs. And if I do happen to be sitting on the couch in 2020 and not making the team, then I know that I gave everything I had. I'm currently enjoying the journey. So it's all about the journey right now. I have nothing else to prove in swimming, but I'm doing this for myself."

Following the 2016 Games in Rio and her third Olympics, Schmitt was more than ready to hang it up. But in January, while in the midst of working on her master's degree in social work at Arizona State, Schmitt began to feel a magnetic pull back into the pool.

And it just so happened that her old coach at Club Wolverine and the North Baltimore Aquatic Club, Bob Bowman, is now coaching at Arizona State. Her brother Derek was also a member of the coaching staff at Pitchfork Aquatics in Tempe.

"I didn't touch the water for over a year," Schmitt said. "In the fall, when I started school in 2017, I was, like, 'Well, I need to get into some kind of shape. I need to get a tan' and so I decided to swim again with the (ASU) team two or three times a week. Then they'd ask me if I was coming to practice the next day and I was, like, 'Whatever, I mean, I'll come, I don't have anything else to do.' I gradually got back into the sport and started doing more practices, started getting faster."

In April, Schmitt swam in the TYR Pro Series in nearby Mesa, Ariz. She also competed in another TYR event in July in Columbus, Ohio (placing second in 1:57.21 in the 200 free), before heading to Irvine to take on the nation's best.

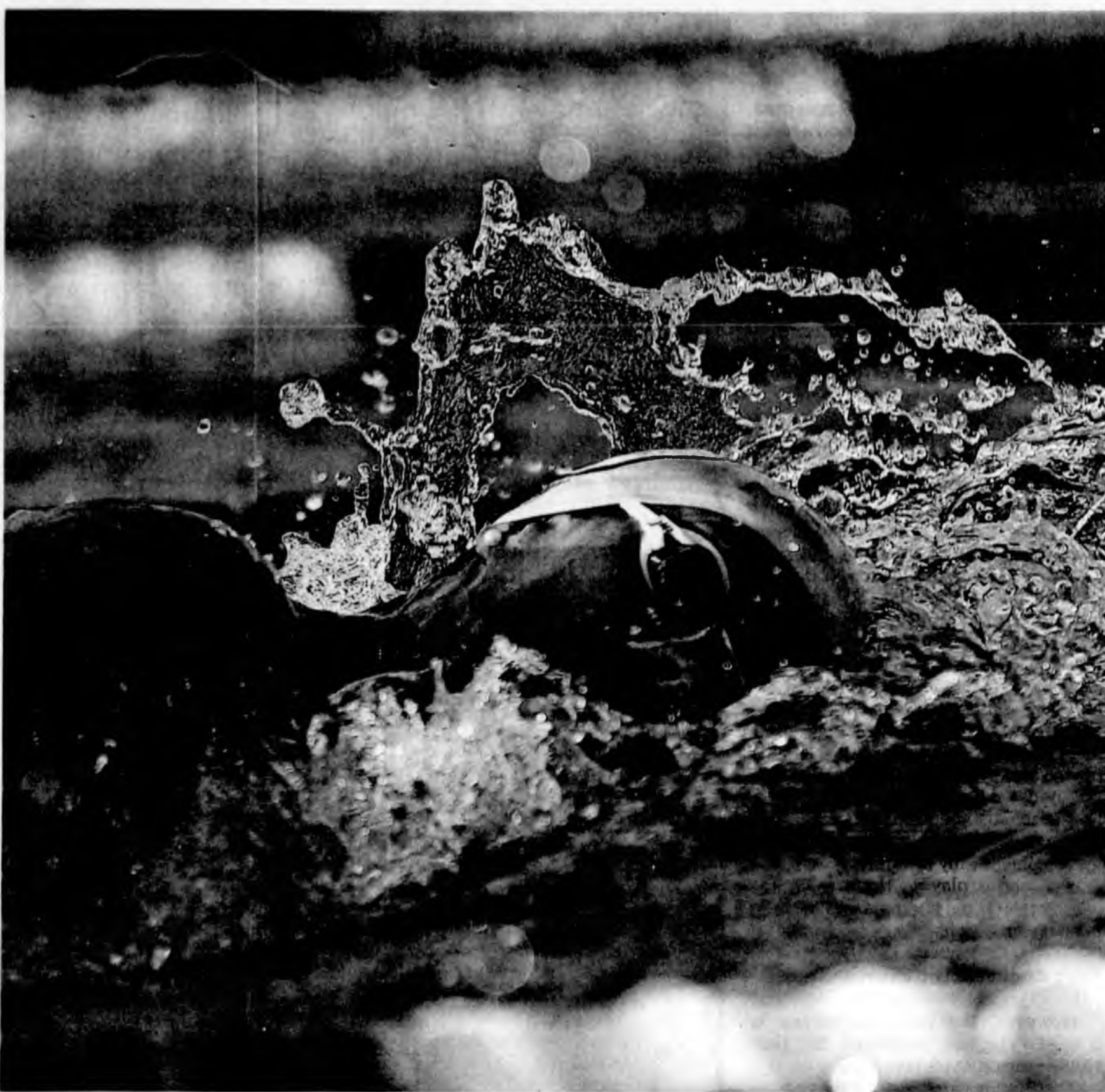
"I definitely didn't see results for a few months," Schmitt said. "That part is very hard to continue when you don't see any results, nothing is getting better. Just being able to stick with it and have the support system that got me through those times. And now I'm starting to see some progression and I know there's a lot more work to be done in these next two years, but this is a great start."

During the U.S. Nationals, a long course event, Schmitt also was ninth in the 400 freestyle (4:08.46). But her time of 1:55.82 in the 200 freestyle, her signature event where she won an individual gold in 2012 (London Olympics), is currently the fourth fastest time this season in the world.

"I really didn't have expectations for nationals," Schmitt said. "Being out of the sport for three years, you really can't have expectations of what you had before. Everything is different now."

In another irony, Schmitt's first dip into the international swimming waters came during the infant stages of her career in Japan. And now she's there again, with the possibility of joining an elite group of U.S. female swimmers that have competed in four Olympics.

"I'm looking forward to going out there and racing and I have goals for the future," Schmitt said. "I feel we're on the right path of that, so I'm just excited to represent the U.S. again, having that opportunity to represent the U.S., and I'm ready to race again internationally. I know there's tough competition out



Canton's Allison Schmitt swims the 200-meter freestyle April 12 during the TYR Pro Swim Series at Skyline Aquatic Center in Mesa, Ariz. PATRICK BREEN | AZCENTRAL SPORTS



Canton's Allison Schmitt adjusts her goggles July 28 during the Phillips 66 USA National Championships held at the William Woollett Aquatics Center in Irvine, Calif. MELISSA LUNDIE

there, so just being able to stand there with the world's best is awesome."

Schmitt's bouts with depression have been well-documented. She has become a spokesperson for childhood mental illness along with her longtime club teammate Michael Phelps, the sport's greatest Olympian.

The former NCAA All-American never envisioned continuing her education after graduating from the University of Georgia in 2013. But now she's back in the fast lane, juggling training and school with a new post-swim career path in mind.

"I want to go into counseling. I want to specifically work with athletes that have mental illnesses, depression and anxiety," Schmitt said. "I had no interest in going back to school when I finished (at Georgia). And in 2016, I wasn't really sure what I could do with a psychology degree and I also had a huge passion in

mental health, which led me to the social work now. If you would have ask me four years ago if I'd go back to school or go into counseling, I never thought this is where I would be. I guess all the events and experiences that have taken place over the few years have led me to social work. A lot of it is putting together my experiences."

During the U.S. Nationals, the ever popular Schmitt was her bubbly self, waving, smiling to the crowd. In the staging area prior to her races, she normally listens to "something always country" on her headphones, but this meet she changed up her selection for the big 200 freestyle event while earning a hug afterward from Ledecky, the world's top female swimmer.

Schmitt's parents, Ralph and Gail, were in the stands at the William Woollett Aquatics Center in Irvine to show their support. With her brother Derek

and the Phelps family nearby during her new journey in Tempe, Schmitt has taken a liking to the desert.

"I'm from a big family, a middle child of five, so it's awesome to still have family," she said. "I get to live in Arizona, go to school, train there. It's far from home, far from where I grew up and my parents and just to be able to have family out there is awesome to have that comfort every day. I'm so happy how successful (Derek) is in coaching and how far he has come the past few years."

After Rio, Schmitt didn't turn in her retirement papers. And it appears her biography has a few chapters to be completed.

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Players eager to make history

## LTU resurrects program for first time in 70 years

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Robert Florence and Devin Visnaw can't wait to play organized football for the first time in two years. The fact they'll be making history makes it even more special.

Florence, a Canton resident who played high school football at Plymouth, and Visnaw, a Livonian who played at Franklin, are members of Lawrence Tech University's 2018 football team. They will be representing the Southfield-based university, which resurrected its football program after 70 years, when it was known as Lawrence Institute of Technology.



Neither has played football since their senior season in fall 2016 and are ecstatic to put on the helmet and pads again. Their emotions range from the thrill of resuming smash-mouth contact to pride in re-establishing a program that had been dormant since 1946.

"I'm really anxious. I've been getting butterflies in my stomach every time I think about playing that first game," said Florence, who played offensive tackle and defensive end during his prep days at Plymouth. "It's going to be my first time playing a college game and that's going to be awesome. I'm just itching to get back out on the field."

"And the fact that we are going to be part of a class building a new program really appealed to me and it was really a cool opportunity that not a lot of people get to do. There's already a team atmosphere and a culture at other schools and even in high school."

"But when you start a program from the ground up, you get to build that culture and you set the standard for what that school's going to be like five or 10 years down the road with their football program. If we start off and bring a good mentality to that school, it will pay off for many teams down the line, I believe."

(LTU head) coach (Jeff Duvendek) stresses all the time about culture, culture, culture," he added. "He wants us to be the best role models we can be for the classes coming in after us and he wants us to set a good precedent for everybody else coming through the program."

### Part of a new program

Visnaw, like Florence an offensive lineman, agrees that getting a new program off the ground provides a great sense of accomplishment.

"I think it's the coolest thing that could happen, because I can forever say I was part of team one at Lawrence Tech," said Visnaw, who is learning new zone blocking schemes as a guard. "I've always wanted to play college football since my youth football days with the Livonia Blue Jays. I barely played with the Blue Jays, because I had a hard time making weight. So to go from that to starting on both sides of the football at Franklin to college football is amazing."

"Just the hype and excitement of playing my first game of college football is already there," he added. "If you play football in college, it's a great thing to tell people, but very few people can say they were part of the first team in that program."

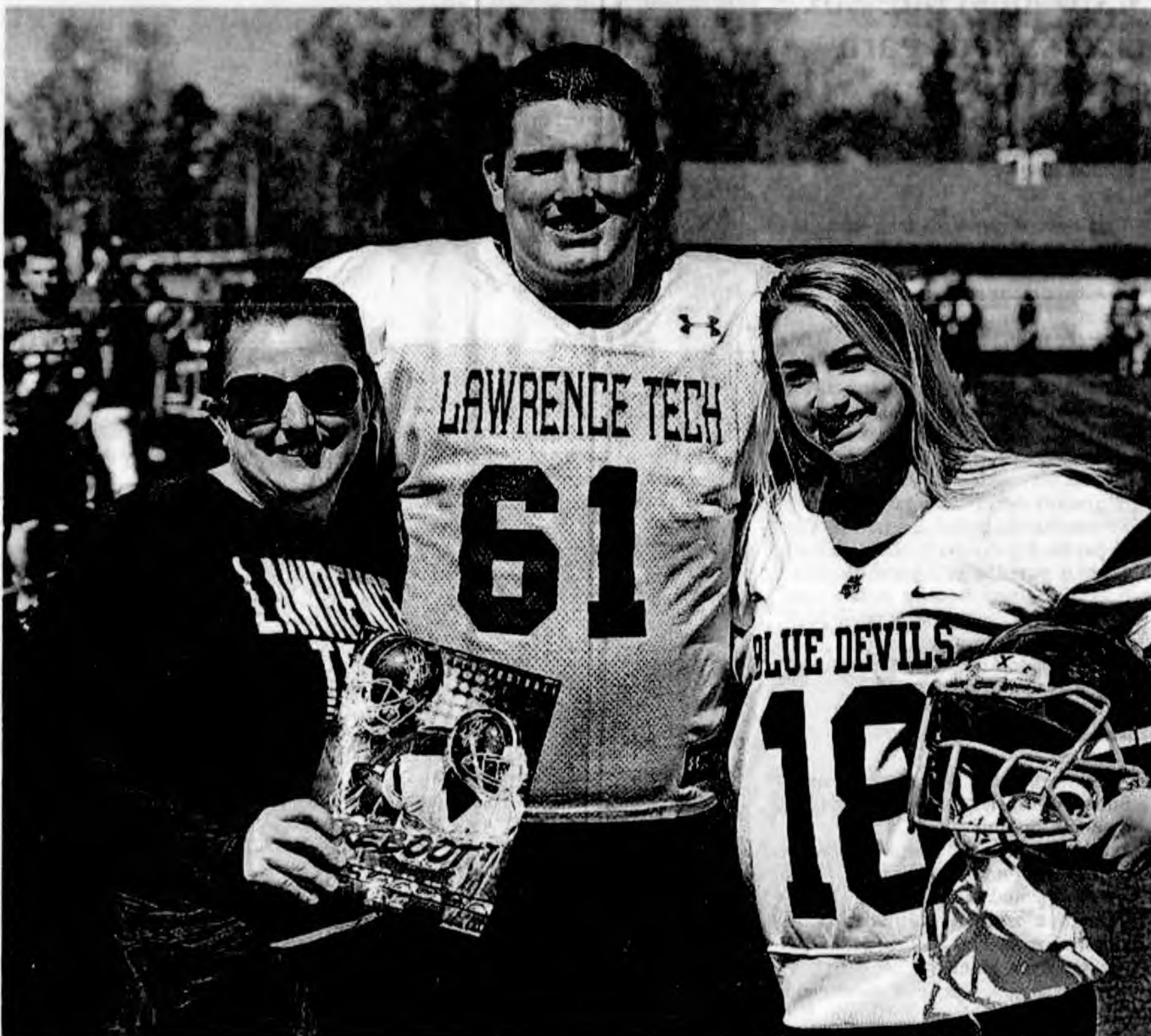
Florence and Visnaw are mechanical engineering majors and selected LTU because of its outstanding reputation in that field. The fact that LTU administrators decided to bring back football made the school even more appealing to them.

Florence originally planned to attend Michigan Tech University and try out for the school's football team as a walk-on. However, Duvendek met with the 6-foot-3, 260-pound lineman and swayed him to the Blue Devils.

"I really wanted to play sports in college, but I didn't go to LTU just to play sports. I was really looking for a good engineering college," Florence said. "I could have walked on at Michigan Tech, which is known as an engineering school, and I was planning on going there."

"But then coach Duvendek reached out to me and let me know that they were having a football program starting up. I knew they also had a good engineering school and I had considered it, but found it too expensive. But with the little football scholarship I got from there, I found it in my price range."

"I was really excited to go there. I



Devin Visnaw wears his Lawrence Tech University football jersey with his mom Carrie Gava and sister Avery Visnaw by his side. VISNAW FAMILY PHOTO



Robert Florence (right), making a tackle during his prep days at Plymouth High School, can't wait to play his first college game for Lawrence Tech University. FLORENCE FAMILY PHOTO

didn't have the means to go there until I had the opportunity from coach Duvendek," he added. "It is really a good environment (at LTU) and I think I'll do a lot better at a small school than I would have at a huge school. It all sort of came together and fell on my lap and I was really blessed by that."

### A Blue Devils transfer

Visnaw's story is somewhat different.

Visnaw headed to Wayne State University after graduating from Franklin in 2017. After spending one semester at WSU, he decided to transfer to LTU to finish his freshman year of college.

"I was going to Wayne State and that was my four-year plan until Lawrence Tech came around," said Visnaw, who played two years of varsity football at Franklin. "(LTU) said they were interested in me and I was looking into their school further and found out it was a great engineering school, which is what I want to get into. It was very much a win-win situation for me."

Florence went through fall practice sessions with LTU in 2017, but Visnaw did not. Both participated in the program's inaugural spring game, held in April at Farmington Harrison High School, where the defense forced a late turnover to defeat the offense.

LTU resumed earlier this month, with team meetings and two-a-days.

"I believe we have a really strong team," said Florence, who will play tackle or guard. "I don't quite have an idea of how other teams are, since there is no film out there. But I do know we have formed quite a good bond over this past year and we're all really hard-working. We'll get in the weight room and get after it and I have a feeling we're going to do pretty good this year. That's my prediction."

The program's first football game was played in 1933 and LIT went 0-2 that year. LIT had nine more seasons of football before the program was dissolved in 1946, when it went 4-3-2 under then head coach Don Ridler.

In its rebooted season this year, Lawrence Tech will play a nine-game sched-

ule, with the first game set for Sept. 1 at home at the LTU Athletic Field (Northwestern Highway and 10 Mile Road) against Oakland University's club team. The Blue Devils will play three other home games — Sept. 15 against the University of Pittsburgh club team, Oct. 13 vs. Indiana Wesleyan University (another first-year team) and Oct. 27 against Trinity Bible College.

LTU will play an independent schedule this year and is slated to compete in the Mid-States Football Association of the NAIA in 2019.

"We're a new team with all new players. I don't expect us to be the best team right away," Visnaw said. "But we have a corps. It's all there. We have weapons. We're already making progress and we're like brothers already. We're there for each other, we have each other's back and we hang out with each other. I like where we're at."

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## YOUTH BASEBALL

## Novi league crowns new division champs

## Maroon, White Sox, Tigers, Reds earn championships

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The Novi Youth Baseball League recently saluted its four age-group champions.

Here is the list of divisional winners:

**Pony: Maroon**

The NYBL Maroon team seized the U-14 title while posting a 12-0-1 record in the Intercity Pony League consisting of teams from Novi, Northville and South Lyon.

Maroon team members, guided by head coach Brad Leidal, include Stanley Wilson, Griffin Conway, Aidan Turner, Jonathan Doredla, Will Minnick, Tristen Staley, Justin Marsh, Aidan Burr, Braeden Jones, Brett Leidal, Jason Aurilia and Andrew Sziraki.

Assistant coaches were Steve Staley, Matt Conway and Mike Pompa.

**Bronco: White Sox**

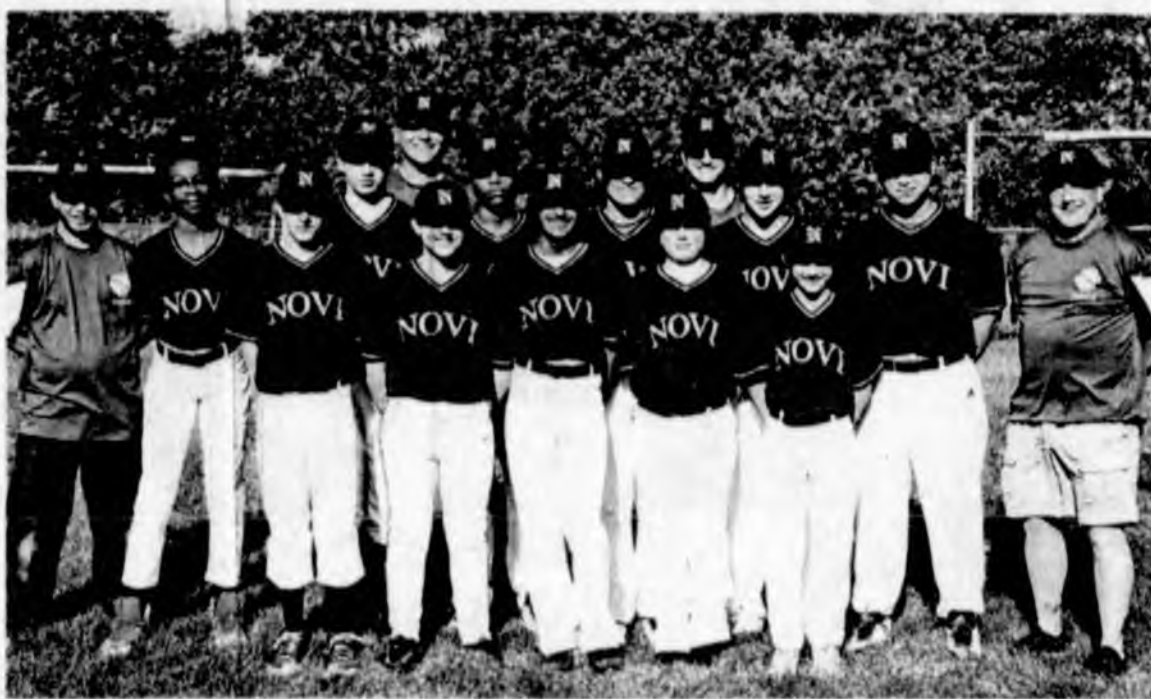
Meanwhile, the White Sox brought home the U-12 NYBL Bronco Division crown with a 12-1-1 record.

Team members included Caden Houseworth, Kosei Fukumoto, Nate Curtiss, Michael Cannon, Sean McNichol, Kameron Fowler, Christian Cobb, Jackson Zagon, Leo Das, Mathew Del Pizzo and Ryan Binck.

Kip McNichol, the head coach, was assisted by Todd Houseworth and Bob Curtiss.

**Mustang: Tigers**

The Tigers, sporting an 11-3 record,



The U-14 Novi Youth Baseball League Maroon captured the Intercity Pony League title.



The U-10 champion of the Novi Youth Baseball League's Mustang Division was the Tigers.

captured the NYBL's U-10 Mustang Division championship.

Team members included Brendan Steff, Aidan Cook, Wyatt Manning, Ayush Lachhiredigari, Becker Eisenhuth, Roman Boxman, Henry Yim, Huawei Ye,

Aidan Park, Andrew Miller, Matthew Floros, Christian Molnar and Raghav Gadani.

Members of the coaching staff consisted of Andy Steff, Dennis Manning and Alan Molnar.



The Reds were the Novi Baseball League's U-8 Pinto Division champions.



The White Sox took first in the Novi Youth Baseball League's U-12 Bronco Division.

**Pinto: Reds**

The Reds, coached by Brian Spence, brought home the NYBL's U-8 Pinto Division title.

Team members included Tyler Parks, Derek Spence, Everett Mousseau, Venkat Ramukumar, Samuel Choi, Evan Copeland, Ben Belisle, Sam Jinsky, Sean Bendenagel, Jace Brower, Tyler Binck, Jackson Stanley and Jack Kalousek.

Denny Jinsky and Jeff Belisle served as assistant coaches.

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## PREP FOOTBALL

## Iler named new Redford Union coach

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Ian Iler has hit the ground running after being named the new varsity football coach at Redford Union earlier this year.

And when official practice starts Monday, Aug. 6, Iler can't wait. He expects to see at least 35-40 eligible varsity players suit up.

"My goal coming in January was 40, that was probably the largest team we've had at Redford Union at least since I played," said Iler, who graduated from RU in 2005. "Our good teams always hovered around that 28-30 mark. I've been on some teams with 25 that we were still very good. This year, since we started summer workouts back in June, we've had consistently between JV to varsity about 45-50 kids out there on Monday through Thursday conditioning and keeping in shape for the summer. I expect a good turnout."

The 31-year-old Iler replaces his former coach Miles Tomasaitis, who guided the Panthers during two different stints (2001-09 and 2014-17) to a 61-60 overall record in 13 seasons while earning five state playoff berths and capturing one Michigan Mega Conference Gold Division title (2004).

Tomasaitis, a retired Redford Township police officer, resigned shortly after the 2017 season ended. He will devote his all his duties now to being the school's athletic director.



Iler

"I was just ready, I had a lot of things going on, family stuff," said Tomasaitis, who stepped down immediately after the 2017 season after going 3-6.

Iler played for the Panthers varsity from 2002-04. He earned all-state honors as a fullback during his senior year as well as being named all-Observer. Iler was also a two-time all-Michigan Mega Conference honoree.

Iler went on to play at Grand Rapids Community College before transferring to Urbana (Ohio) University, where he was a two-time captain while setting a school record for receptions (79) as a wide receiver during the 2009 season. He also earned second team all-DII football.com honors among independent schools.

Iler, entering his second year as a behavior intervention coordinator at RU, served as an assistant last year for the Panthers, coaching the scout team, wide receivers and defensive backs under Tomasaitis. He was also an assistant at RU in 2014.

"Last August, I got a full-time position in the high school, so (Tomasaitis) and I talked about me taking over and it's definitely something that I had thought about a lot ever since coming back in 2014," Iler said. "So I was really happy to get the opportunity and I always said I wouldn't be a head coach unless I was in the school, so the stars

aligned perfectly. I have a lot of love for the town of Redford. I'm looking forward to bringing a lot of energy. We've already started earlier in August than we've ever started before. It's been great to put a lot of my own spin on things, but still keep some of Miles's traditions intact and I'll just pave the way for the new RU Panthers."

Iler's other high school coaching stops included Westland John Glenn (2015-2016) and Canton (2012). He also coached at both Siena Heights University (2013) and Urbana (2011).

Iler serves as director for player development and as a seven-on-seven offensive coordinator for Legacy Football Organization.

"He knows I'll be looking over his shoulder," Tomasaitis said with a chuckle. "He's a special kid. Ian has got a lot of energy, he's very eager. He's a Redford kid. We pride ourselves on being a family here. He's not only part of the school family, but the football family."

Tomasaitis believes Iler is the right fit at the right time for the Panthers, who open their season at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at home against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

"One of the proudest moments is when I got invited to his graduation party because, obviously, he had some struggles his freshman and sophomore years with grades," Tomasaitis said. "He turned himself around and then was able to work himself into a four-year

university after playing at a junior college. He's got a lot of lessons for the kids that he can certainly relate to and talk to them about. He's turned into a fine young man and I'm really proud to have him around."

The new RU coach will bring a slightly different style of football and plans to tweak a few things entering the 2018 season.

"Really, we're going to keep the same style, but we're going to jazz it up a little bit," Iler said. "We want to bring a bully ball mentality to the league (Western Wayne Athletic Conference). In the past, I think we've been more misdirection and now we want to bring that power read, still with a little bit of a full-house 'T' look. But also we have a lot of dynamic play-makers on the perimeter that can really help us in the pass game from a play-action and a screen standpoint, stuff that we really didn't get to utilize in the past."

"Whether it's a receiver or running back, we need to get our best athletes the ball the best way we can. You won't see a lot of spread out there, but you'll see a lot of things that you normally haven't seen at Redford Union in the past, along with some of the things you have seen. But it's more of a take-action type of team more than trying to take people out of position with misdirection. We're coming straight at you. Based on what we're telling you, you've got to stop us."

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## COLLEGE SPORTS

## BTN dispute with Comcast may hurt in-market viewers

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If Comcast is your cable provider and you live in a Big Ten market, be warned: You may lose your ability to watch conference games shown on Big Ten Network and Fox Sports 1 in the near future.

That was the message Mark Silverman, president of BTN and Fox Sports, had last month at Big Ten media days, as BTN and FS1 are embroiled in a carriage dispute with Comcast.

Earlier this spring, Comcast decided to drop BTN for all non-Big Ten mar-

kets. Silverman believes that move was the precursor to dropping the network entirely, and said BTN is now facing its "biggest challenge since the launch of the network."

"Unfortunately, my fear is the removal of BTN in the outer market may just be the first step in Comcast's plan to remove BTN from their systems everywhere, including the Big Ten home markets," Silverman said.

"BTN and FS1 have made proposals to Comcast dating back to February, and we've had no substantive response at all. As a result, we believe BTN and those games that are on FS1 are in dan-

ger of not being carried on Comcast this coming season.

"So we are letting people know this to alert Comcast subscribers of this very real possibility they may lose these games."

A 10-year agreement that BTN shared with Comcast expires at the end of August and an agreement between FS1 and Comcast that allows the channel to carry certain Big Ten games is set to expire as well.

Silverman says that BTN "immediately" reached out to Comcast — the leading cable provider in the country — after learning of its decision to drop BTN

from out-of-market cable systems. That appears to have only added to any contention between both sides.

According to Silverman, BTN and FS1 are expected to televise approximately 60 games this fall.

Last season, BTN carried Michigan's games against Air Force, Rutgers, and Maryland while Fox carried the team's games against Purdue, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Ohio State. For Michigan State, the games against Western Michigan and Minnesota were on BTN and the Holiday Bowl win over Washington State was on FS1.



# Plymouth museum exhibit harkens back to easier time

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Happy days are here again.

At least, they are at the Plymouth Historical Museum, which just opened a Nifty '50s exhibit designed to take visitors back to a more peaceful time.

The exhibit, which runs through Dec. 30, features a variety of knick-knacks, memorabilia and displays depicting life in the 1950s.

And it was put together by the museum's exhibits crew, most of whom were either born in the 1950s or grew up during them.

"It's a really fun and intriguing exhibit," said Liz Kelley Kerstens, the museum's executive director. "This is the most modern exhibit we've ever done. That was kind of fun. As (staffers) were thinking about what they were going to put in the exhibit, they remembered stuff from their childhood. When we're doing the Civil War, you can't do that."

Some parts of the exhibit include:

- The museum's replica hotel was re-named "The Heartbreak Hotel," in honor of Elvis Presley, who is featured prominently in the exhibit.

- There's a scene with a father sitting on a living room couch, smoking a Marlboro, with his son sitting nearby, watching a '50s-era television.

- There's a woman sitting at a kitchen table with one of those paisley-colored formica tabletops. The display includes '50s-era dishes and foods and depicts a "Leave It To Beaver"-like scene.

- A little girl's birthday party in a Victorian living room. Guests are playing pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey.

- There's a room dedicated to television shows from that era, such as "I Love



The 1950 were a hot time for American automobiles. The Ford Skyliner featured a retractable metal hard top. This model hints at the mechanical complexity of the design. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Lucy."

- And there's a prominent display featuring the old dance show "American Bandstand," with a big picture of the late Dick Clark, who hosted the show for decades, and some dancers, along with some dancing figures.

"From our perspective, all of the staff that worked on it had their toes in the '50s in some form or fashion," Kerstens said. "We were either born in the '50s or were children in the '50s. What that allowed to happen is that they brought memories with them."

Much of the display was donated by staffers. For instance, dishes in the kitchen display belonged to the mother of the museum's exhibits crew chair, Mary Thackston, who "had to raid our cabin up north" to get them, she said with a laugh.



Christy Haradean, a museum volunteer, is a race fan who notes that NASCAR began in the late 1940s and grew in popularity during the '50s. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

In a current climate rife with violence, division and political strife, the Nifty '50s exhibit harkens back to a simpler time, organizers said.

"We all have really good memories of a pretty care-free time," Thackston said. "We wanted to show just how different it was from today. We're all nostalgic about it, because it's how we grew up. The way life is today, we wanted a break and a chance to remember when life was fun."

The exhibit opened Aug. 1 to a crowd of some 120 people, an enthusiastic audience Kerstens was happy to see.

"It's really a feel-good exhibit," she

said. "Hopefully, people who come to see the exhibit will also get excited for the nostalgia and those who were alive in that era will remember some of those scenes."

The exhibit is on display during museum hours, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday through Sunday.

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## Obituaries

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### David Richard Zorn

NOVI - Zorn, David Richard of Novi, Michigan died July 30 at the age of 73. Dave was born in Lebanon, Missouri on November 22, 1944, and was a 1962 graduate of West Phoenix High School, and attended Phoenix College before serving in the Marine Corps from 1964-67 including a year in Vietnam from 1965-6, achieving the rank of Corporal. His radio news broadcasting career began in 1969 in Phoenix at KOY-AM, moving on to KPHO-AM and eventually KTAR-AM where he was Director of News and Programming from 1978-81. From 1981-2006 he worked for CBS Radio in Los Angeles at KNX-AM until retirement. He received numerous awards for excellence in Journalism including the Columbia Journalism Award and many Golden Mikes. He was a member of the Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association and the barbershop singing organization, SPEBSQSA. He is the author of "Dink Dau: Love, War and the Corps" ([drzorn.com](http://drzorn.com)). He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, son, David, four stepchildren: John Hauge, Christine Hauge Wolsek, Jolie Ziegler Valentine, and Robert Ziegler (all of whom are Novi High School graduates), nine grandchildren and brothers Ed and Bill Zorn. Dave will be remembered for his broadcast and singing voice, his sense of humor and his kindness. He will be missed by many friends, co-workers, Marines and extended family, as almost anyone who knew him was drawn into his circle of humanity. Donations in Dave's memory can be made to [PawsforVeterans.com](http://PawsforVeterans.com)

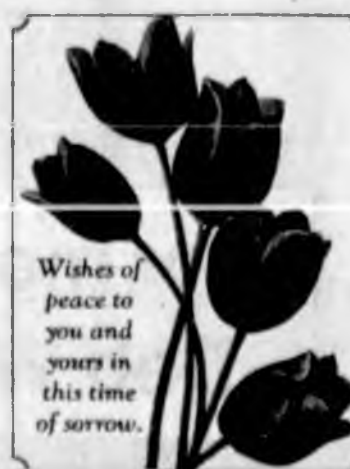


Norman Lee Karsten II

LYON TOWNSHIP - Norman passed away peacefully at home on 7/23/18 after a hard fought & courageous 2 year battle with liver cancer. He leaves behind his devoted wife Elizabeth "Betty" Karsten; loving children: Erin Elizabeth (Don) Saylor, Amanda Lee (Tommy) DeWildt & Christopher Norman Karsten; & grandchildren: Haley, Jack & Kiera. He is also survived by his mother Verna Karsten & sisters Brenda Yipez, Sharon Karsten, Karen Karsten & many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father Norman Sr and his brother Kenneth.

For the full obituary & memorial service details please visit [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com).

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### Douglas Bowyer

HIGHLAND - Douglas Bowyer of Highland, Michigan, died surrounded by his family on August 1, 2018. He was 75 years old.

Doug is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Barbara; sons, Jeff and Brad (Debbie); grandchildren, Dustin (Meg), Logan, Jacob, Mitchell, and Jack; siblings, Karen (Ron) and Jim (Donna). Douglas is preceded in death by his son, Timothy.

For more information, please call Lynch & Sons at (248) 684-6645.

### Helen Brewer

- - Helen Brewer March 22, 1922 - July 18, 2018

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- - Agnes Campbell August 26, 1945 - July 29, 2018

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Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.



Wait! Is that Harry S. Truman? Nope. It's museum marketing director Mike Woloszyk. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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**Y**ou've heard all the classics before: never stop revamping your resume. Practice your body language. Keep your network evergreen, because you never know when you'll need it. These are all important and useful tips for anyone's career, no matter what the industry. But if you're just starting out, there are some more off-the-record things that everyone learns the hard way, but people don't really talk about. Let's look at some of the things that happen to most of us, but aren't necessarily in the career guides.

#### 1. You're going to fail (sometimes)

That sounds super harsh and pessimistic, right? But it's also true. You're not going to fail all the time, or most of the time — don't worry. But sometimes, things will go badly, and you will run into the big "F." It happens to all of us — the straight-A overachievers, the guy who doesn't care, the seasoned professional. Sometimes things just aren't going to go well. And while it can be upsetting, especially if it leads to negative feedback or professional consequences, you have to be able to absorb it, take what lessons you can

and move on. When it happens, remember that you're not alone and that some of the most important lessons come from falling on your face once in a while.

#### 2. Set work-life boundaries early

At the start of any new job or career path, you want to set a great first impression. The one who starts early (or is impeccably on time every day), stays late, deftly responds to an after-hours email.

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If you don't have a workout routine, or de-stressing activity, or something that keeps you happy and fulfilled outside

of work, that's a fast track to burnout.

#### 3. Don't take everything so seriously

Yes, your career is important. Yes, you should be a strong advocate for yourself and not take crap from anyone. But if you've got your game face on all the time at work, you run the risk of alienating coworkers, bosses, anyone on the receiving end of your "don't mess with me" vibe. Being flexible (and willing to take a step back and chill

out) when necessary will help you keep a kind of equilibrium at work.

#### 4. It's OK to have imposter syndrome

You've probably heard about "imposter syndrome," where people feel like they're inadequate at their jobs and that everyone else is on the cusp of figuring out that they don't belong there. Turns out, a little insecurity can go a long way toward helping your career. If you feel an overwhelming sense of inferiority, that could mean that you need more training or guidance. But if you feel more like you could take that feeling and direct it into professional development, or working more efficiently, then it can be a boon to your career.

No matter who you are, no matter what job you do, the most important career advice of all is "don't worry." As long as you're working hard to improve yourself at every step of your career, you don't always have to be concerned about whether you're following the proper advice — it just has to be proper for you and your goals.

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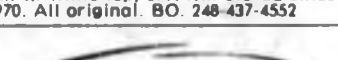
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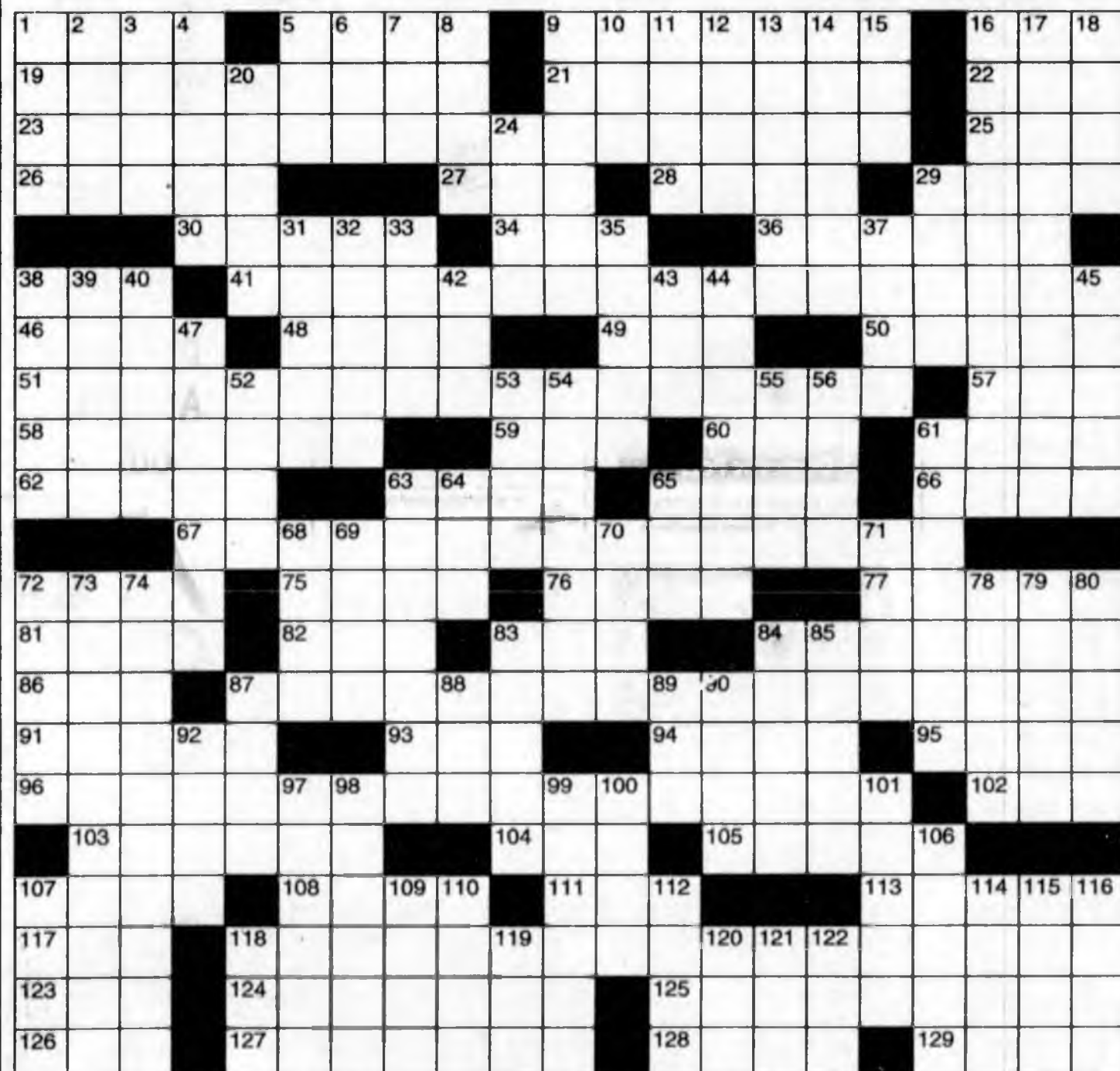
## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

## ACROSS

- 1 Sheep kin  
5 Rick Blaine's love, in film  
9 Certain vacuum tube  
16 Crunches work them  
19 Item added, as to a library  
21 Decks out  
22 Statute  
23 Start of a riddle  
25 Certain Ivy Leaguer  
26 Split nation  
27 10% of XXX  
28 "— smile  
be your umbrella"  
29 SAT, for one  
30 Not taut  
34 List-curtailling abbr.  
36 Solo, in a way  
38 Brick-hauling trough  
41 Riddle, part 2  
46 — Plus (razor brand)  
48 Off-road vehicles, informally  
49 Egypt, once: Abbr.  
50 Aged person  
51 Riddle, part 3  
57 Pal of Pooh  
58 Nebraska city on the Platte River  
59 Never, in Germany  
60 Batman player Kilmer  
61 Any of 12 popes  
62 Blew it  
63 "Got it, dude"  
65 Maiden  
66 Pace  
67 Riddle, part 4  
72 The impish Simpson  
75 Daredevil  
76 Neap, e.g.  
77 Bay State sch.  
81 Regrets bitterly  
82 It's looked up in a dict.  
83 Tall, graceful tree  
84 Resort with snowy trails  
86 "Ooky" TV cousin  
87 Riddle, part 5  
91 Satellite-tracking prog.  
93 Cereal grain  
94 Scuttle stuff  
95 Mitigate  
96 End of the riddle  
102 The, in Nice  
103 Certain book page size  
104 Ramp (up)  
105 Start  
107 Some are unsaturated  
108 Guesses at SFO  
111 Create a hem, e.g.  
113 Actor Sam  
117 Exiled Amin  
118 Riddle's answer  
123 TV room  
124 Painter  
125 Fully informed  
126 Assn.  
127 TV talk great  
128 Reassuring touches  
129 Earring type

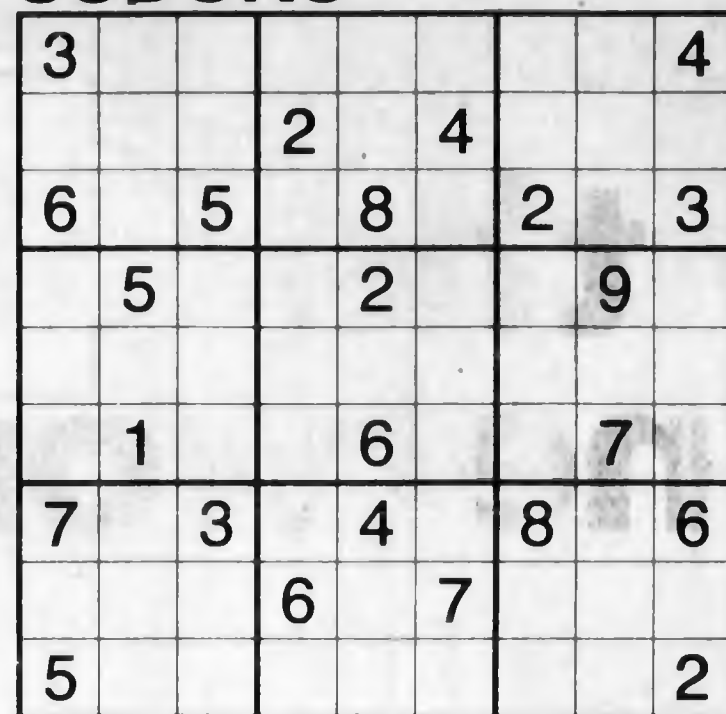
## DOWN

- 1 Stare openly and stupidly  
2 Eight, in Lima  
3 Rent — (Hertz's business)  
4 Heads, in France  
5 Prefix with thermal  
6 "Charlie's Angels" co-star Lucy  
7 Pine —  
8 "You — both know ..."  
9 Papeete's island  
10 Summer, in France  
11 Texter's "bye now"  
12 Cereal grain  
13 Gifted speaker  
14 Franklin — Roosevelt  
15 Subj. for U.S. newcomers  
16 Chief port of Egypt  
17 Become even  
18 Take a dip  
20 Milan's La —  
24 Knotted  
29 Actor Jannings  
31 Sharp  
32 Actress — Lee Crosby  
33 Leg joint  
35 Lead to  
37 Preholiday nights  
38 "Gattaca" actor Ethan  
39 Additional  
40 Gloomy, in verse  
42 Pack-toting equine  
43 "Prob'ly not"  
44 Nonpublic  
45 Uneven, as leaf edges  
47 Collars  
52 Prefix with thermal  
53 Military group  
54 Each evening  
55 Ogden with funny poetry  
56 Additional  
61 Created in advance  
63 Frozen sheet in the sea  
64 FedEx alternative  
65 English "Inc."  
68 Healing drugs, briefly  
69 Eye layer  
70 Goals  
71 Destroy  
72 Lead to  
73 Luger pistol, e.g.  
74 Drawing back in  
78 Sans-serif typeface  
79 Intuit  
80 Wise sorts  
83 One dining  
84 Done in, as a dragon  
85 Brick bakers  
87 Concept  
88 Extension for PC music files  
89 Statute  
90 — chic (fashion style)  
92 Part of B.A.  
97 Go too far on  
98 Concept  
99 Live (at)  
100 YSL part  
101 Subdivision in taxonomy  
106 Short-term staffers  
107 Pal of Rover  
109 Water, in Spanish  
110 Old ruler of Iran  
112 Larrup  
114 "Oh, ri-i-ight"  
115 "In — of flowers ..."  
116 "Charlie's Angels" co-star Cheryl  
118 Napping spot  
119 Mr. Capote, to his pals  
120 W-2 pro  
121 Ex-Giant Mel  
122 Part of L.A.



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## SUDOKU



## Here's How It Works:

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

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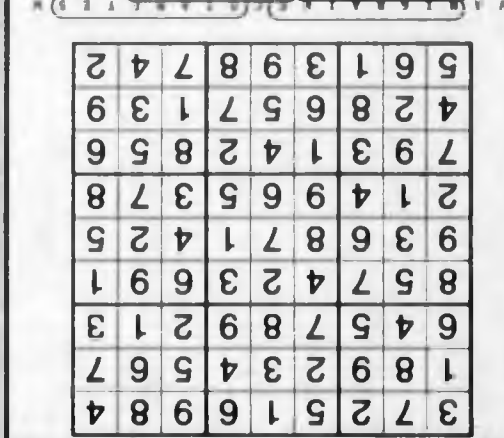
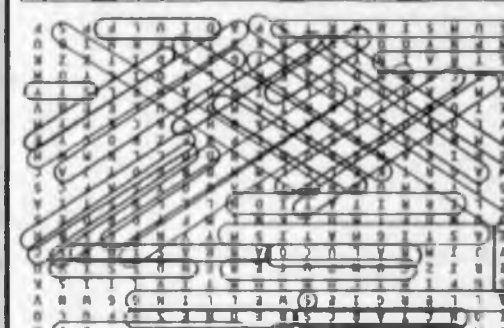
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S U M S I B A R T S P A D I U L F P S F

## ANSWER KEY



## WORDS

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