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## Wild re-elected; new faces dominate

Three newcomers elected to seats on Westland City Council

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Incumbent Westland Mayor William Wild was re-elected for another four-year term, but three of four council seats were filled by newcomers.

Wild received 7,345 votes for nearly 58 percent of the votes cast Tuesday. Kevin Coleman, a six-year city councilman, received 5,336 votes (42 percent). By running for mayor, Coleman gave up his seat on council, which will expire at the end of the year.

"It's been an exciting election," said Wild, who had run unopposed in the previous two elections. "When I look at the council results, the residents want

some new faces — there are three new ones on council. I look forward to working with them and getting new ideas. I have a history of working with almost everyone and I'm looking forward to it."

Voters recognized his track record as mayor and the progress that has been made in the city over his tenure as mayor, said Wild.

"Obviously, we have made a lot of progress. With the new council, I think residents will want us to continue to come up with new ideas," said Wild. "There was a lot of negativity in the election. We need to put that behind us. We are all Westlanders again."



Mayor William Wild speaks with supporter Regis Miller. Passing in the background is Tina Moutoux. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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John Kulhavi (center) poses with veterans Maj. Ivan Castro (left), who lost his sight while serving in Iraq; Sgt. Matthew Kinsey U.S. Army; Sgt. Lonnie Gaudet U.S. Army; and Tech. Sgt. Leonard Anderson, U.S. Air Force. VISIONALIST ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTIONS

## Hunting ranch caters to veterans, PTSD victims

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Former Detroit Lions quarterback Eric Hipple was out at the Horny Hollow Hunting Haven doing some hunting, which is what the 1,000-some-odd-acre camp was originally intended to be used for.

While he was there with the owner, U.S. Army Brig. Gen. John Kulhavi (ret.), Hipple envisioned an entirely different use for the facility. With its amusement park-style amenities, large and comfortable living quarters and all the outdoor activities one could imagine, Hipple thought, the camp would make a perfect place for a retreat.

That's what he told colleagues when he went back to the Eisenhower Center, an Ann Arbor-based center dedicated to the treatment of traumatic brain injuries, where Hipple runs a program called After the Impact.

Hipple took a group of people — veterans, former players, first responders — out to the camp for a retreat that included lots of discussion and reflection, plus all the fun the camp's amenities offer.

"(The camp) was perfect for that," Hipple said. "It's got a housing situation that's warm and comfortable and a huge table where we could sit around and eat, come together and



John Kulhavi, in his tank at Camp Kulhavi in northern Michigan, with Keith Famie and videographer James Saud, during the filming of "ENLISTED." VISIONALIST ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTIONS

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## Wayne County Parks taking registration for Lightfest events

Sign up now to preview Lightfest 2017. Participants in the 24th annual Wayne County Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, will have an opportunity to travel the Lightfest display route on foot. For bike enthusiasts, you will have a chance to Bike through the Lights at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Participants will be among the first to view the wonderful displays.

Participants can register online at <https://runningfitevents.redpodium.com/2017-wayne-county-lightfest-runbike> or in person at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, in Westland from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Online registration for both the Lightfest 8K Run/Walk and Bike through the Lights will be accepted until noon on Nov. 12. After noon Nov. 12, participants may register during packet pickup in person at Merriman Hollow Park 4-7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, or 5:30-6:45 p.m. event day.

The run/walk registration fee through noon Nov. 12 is \$30. Registration at packet pickup and event day will be \$35. Fees for high school aged children and younger is \$18 for pre-registration and \$20 at packet pickup and event day. Entry fees include a long sleeve T-shirt, glow-in-the-dark medal and post-race snacks.

The bike registration fee through noon Nov. 12 is \$25. Registration at packet pickup and event day will be \$30. Fees for high school aged children and younger is \$18 for pre-registration and \$20 for registration at packet pickup and event day. Entry fees include a long sleeve T-shirt, glow necklace and post-race snacks.

Both events will take place in Hines Park-Merriman Hollow area, at Merriman Road and Hines Drive, in Westland, 2½ miles south of I-96.

For more information about Wayne County Parks, call 734-261-1990 or go to [www.parks.waynecounty.com](http://www.parks.waynecounty.com).



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Westland was among the first communities to start emerging from the recession, he said, but now the city needs to be united to compete with neighboring communities like Canton and Livonia who are also seeking upswings.

Coleman extended congratulations to Wild, along with councilmember-elect James Hart and Michael Londeau, both of whom were supported by Wild. Coleman added a special commendation to the candidates he had supported - Councilman Peter Herzberg, Coleman's cousin, and Councilwoman-Elect Tasha Green.

"This was an extremely positive experience for me and my utmost thanks go to my family, friends, supporters, people who put up signs for

By late afternoon there was a slow but steady number of voters entering Westland City Hall to vote in the 4th and 8th precincts. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



me, and all the residents of our great city," said Coleman. "Despite a tremendous amount of hard work and support, we didn't get the result we wanted. This election showed the strong desire for increased public safety and transparency at city hall."

Noting that some false statements were made about his character during the election, Coleman said that wouldn't deter

positive forward movement.

"Have no doubt I will stay on the forefront of making Westland a safer, stronger community and have plans to run for office again in the future," he said.

Topping the list of eight council candidates seeking four spots were first-time candidates Hart (5,973 votes; 14.7 percent) and Green (5,536 votes; 13.6 percent). Both earned a four-year term on council.

Finishing a two-year term on council, Herzberg won re-election and

his first four-year term with a third-place finish, receiving 5,486 votes or 13.5 percent. Another first-time candidate, Michael Londeau, earned a two-year seat on council with a fourth-place finish, taking 5,194 votes or 12.8 percent.

Michael Kehrer, a 16-year veteran councilman, finished fifth, just 25 votes behind Londeau. Also finishing out of the running were former Wayne-Westland Board of Education member Debra Fowlkes, first-time candidate Tim Gilbert and former Councilwoman Meriam Kadi-



A resident, who did not wish to be identified, waits for her ride after voting at Westland City Hall. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Top finisher Hart was pleased with his win, but also said that Kehrer had been my mentor, so this is painful for me," Hart said. "I will continue to look for him for mentorship for the next four years and in how to pick

them," said Kehrer, who quipped he should have knocked on 26 more doors while campaigning. "It's been my honor and pleasure to serve the citizens."

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## Police seek tips in assault of teens at house party

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MICHIGAN

Police are seeking witnesses who attended a house party in Oakland Township, where two Cranbrook students say they were sexually assaulted and that alcohol was reportedly served to minors.

"We want to know what went on and what people can share with us," Oakland County Sheriff's Undersheriff Mike McCabe said Monday about the Oct. 28 party. "We need people to

step up on this matter and do the right thing."

McCabe says any students who come forward do not have to worry about being criminally charged - even if they were consuming alcohol at the party. In fact, there's a reward of up to \$1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. Anyone providing information will remain anonymous.

"We're more concerned about what exactly was going on that night," he said. "We're told that up to 100 people were at the party and that alcohol was being

served at the house."

Police believe the party was being hosted by a student attending Cranbrook Schools and that many of the guests at the party also attend the private college prep school in Bloomfield Hills. There are also indications an adult was home at the time of the party.

Two female Cranbrook students, ages 16 and 17, told police they were sexually assaulted at the party. McCabe said a possible suspect has been identified and, at this point, investigators are trying to determine if

others were involved. Cranbrook officials say they're aware of the alleged incident, but are withholding comment pending the outcome of the police investigation.

Anyone who can provide information about the alleged assaults or the serving of alcohol to minors at the party is being asked to call the sheriff's Oakland Township substation at 248-652-4671. Or they can leave information with Crime Stoppers of Michigan at 800-Speak Up.

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# Former lawyer accused of taking clients' settlements

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Livonia police have arrested a former attorney they say defrauded several of his clients by forging their signatures on checks and keeping their settlement money.

Capt. Robert Nenciarni said Jason Jonca, 38, of Canton was arrested this past week after a several-year investigation that led police to believe he pocketed thousands of dollars after settling cases for clients.

Police say Jonca, who

formerly operated law practices in Livonia, represented clients injured in automobile accidents. The first such case stemmed from an accident that took place in 2009. Police say he approached the injured parties and offered to represent them in a suit. After several years, a settlement of \$78,000 was reached in their auto accident case.

Two checks were issued by the insurance company, made out to the



Jonca

couple and the law firm. The law firm was expected to use some of that money to cover expenses, including medical bills, and then take its commission, sending the remaining balance to the couple. Police say it appears Jonca signed the checks using his clients' names and deposited them at a Livonia bank, not dispersing the funds to his clients. This came to the victims' attention after they found out Jonca had been disbarred in 2012. The couple filed a police report on the incident in August 2014.

Two other clients of Jonca's filed police re-

ports as well in 2014 and 2015, claiming he had done something similar with their settlement checks for their insurance companies. Those amounts were for several thousand dollars.

A listing for Jonca on the State Bar of Michigan's website shows Jonca's license to practice law was revoked in June 2013. His license was revoked for several reasons, including failing to seek the lawful objectives of a client through means reasonably permitted by law, failure to act with reasonable diligence and promptness, failure to keep a client reasonably

informed about the status of a matter, failure to promptly pay or deliver any funds or other property that the client or third person is entitled to receive and failure to promptly render a full accounting regarding such property, among other reasons listed in the decision by the state of Michigan Attorney Discipline Board.

Jonca is charged with several felony counts, including five counts of forgery, two counts of larceny by conversion \$20,000 or more and one county of larceny by conversion \$1,000 or more but less than

\$20,000. He was arraigned in Livonia's 16th District Court and given a \$50,000/10-percent bond. He did not appear in the Wayne County Jail's inmate database as of Tuesday afternoon.

If convicted, he faces up to 14 years in prison. Police say Jonca will return to court Nov. 16 for a probable cause conference and Nov. 27 for a preliminary examination.

Police encourage anyone that believes a similar incident has happened to them involving Jonca to contact them at 734-466-2470.

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### LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

#### Wireless router stolen from Target

Livonia police were called Nov. 3 to Target, 29451 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud suspect who had fled the store.

The suspect was seen leaving the store in a vehicle southbound on Middlebelt. Police located the vehicle and pulled it over. He was ordered out of the car and was pulled out by police after not leaving his vehicle. He was arrested and detained while police spoke to employees at the store. An employee told police they saw the suspect select a wireless router

in the store and take it to the bedding area.

He was then seen by an employee taking the security tag off. The man asked a loss prevention employee on the floor if they worked there. They said they did not and then went back to the office to continue watching the man through the store's cameras. He bought some paper towels, but did not pay for the router. In addition to recovering the router, police found a machete in the man's vehicle and found out his license had been suspended in Florida.

— By David Veselenak

## Livonia looking for Greenleaf Award nominations

Do you know a Livonia based business or organization that is demonstrating leadership in environmental and sustainability initiatives? Now is the time to let the rest of the community know.

The Greenleaf Commission on Sustainability and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce will award

the fourth annual city of Greenleaf Award. The goal of the Greenleaf Award is to recognize businesses or volunteer organizations that have demonstrated leadership in making Livonia a resilient and sustainable community. Awards will be presented at the chamber's awards celebration in February 2018.

Businesses or volunteer organizations can nominate others or themselves. To submit a nomination, email the following information to jbaringhaus@ci.livonia.mi.us:

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- » Description of the sustainability initiatives of the business or organization

- » Explanation of why the business or organization deserves the Greenleaf Award

### WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

#### Burglary suspect chats with resident during break-in

Wayne police were called Nov. 1 to a home in the 4300 block of Woodward on the report of a burglary suspect that had entered a woman's home.

The resident said she woke up and found a man standing in her kitchen. She said the suspect sat down in the dining room and spoke to her for a few minutes before going upstairs and breaking into a locked room. He came back downstairs and asked if she had any money. She told him she did not. She emptied her purse and the suspect took a phone handset and left. Police arrived and checked the upstairs door to find it broken

open. The victim and her daughter did not know who the man was.

#### Car radio stolen

Police were called Oct. 31 to Franklin Middle School, 33555 Annapolis, on the report of a larceny from a vehicle parked at the school.

Police spoke to an employee who said he heard a car horn outside. He looked out and saw the suspect crawling on the ground before running into a nearby mini-van and driving off. Police checked the video footage, but were not able to see the act take place. The suspect was accused of taking the in-dash radio and navigation system after prying open the dashboard.

#### Cars broken into at churches

Police were called Nov. 5 to First Congregational Church, 2 Town Square, on the report of a vehicle that had been broken into.

The car's owner told police he went inside the building for church that morning. He came out an hour later and found his car had been broken into. His radio and navigation system, as well as some cash, had been taken.

Police reported a similar break-in at the Cornerstone Church, 39390 W. Michigan Ave., as well.

#### Wayne police raising money for November

In addition to patrol-

ling the city, Wayne police are raising money for men's health and growing mustaches along the way.

Several members of the department are growing mustaches for November, a movement designed to raise money for the November Foundation, which donates money to help causes for men's health. Lt. Ryan Strong has launched a page for the police department and encourages members of the community to donate as well to make its \$1,000 goal. To donate or to learn more about the initiative, go to the Wayne Police Department's fundraising page on the November Foundation website, [us.movember.com](http://us.movember.com).

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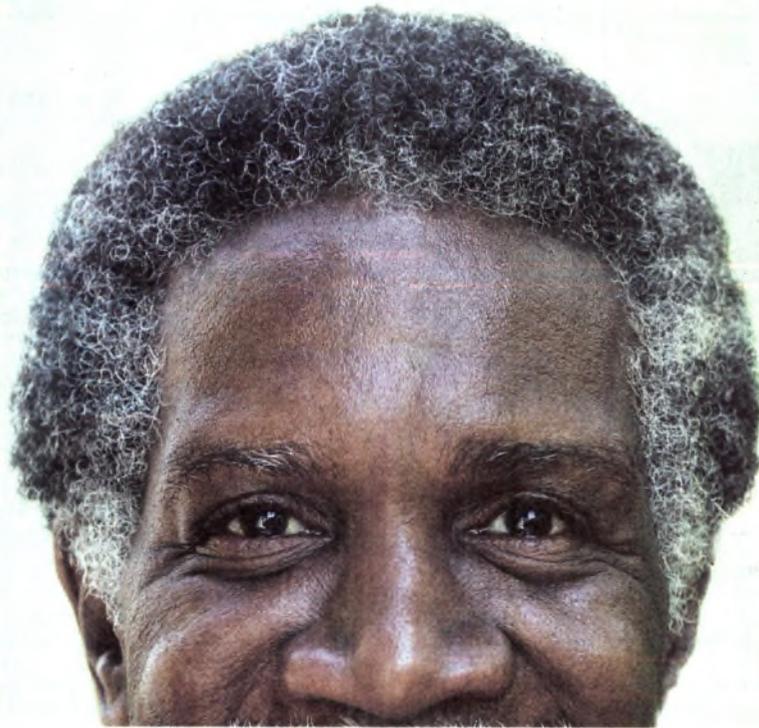
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get to know each other.”

That’s pretty much what Kulhavi, a White Lake resident, envisioned as he transitioned the camp from its original hunting origins to the recreational camp it has become. Kulhavi and four partners bought the place, located in Mio, from the 77-year-old former owner in 1971.

First they bought 320 acres and then another 320 acres in the mid-1980s. Another 398 acres were added later.

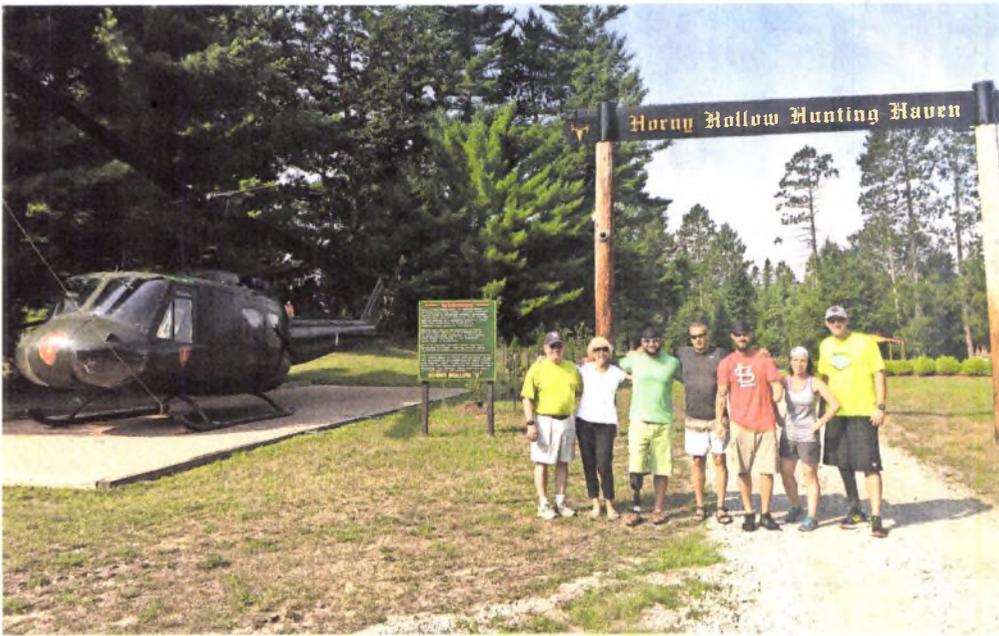
The partners had an agreement: If any of them wanted out, they had to offer to let the others buy their share. That’s how Kulhavi eventually ended up owning the whole thing.

He and his wife Carole have 14 grandchildren and the camp started adding things they would like. There’s 10 miles of roads for riding, a go-cart track, a bocce ball field, trap and rifle ranges and a miniature golf course, complete with a variety of Disney characters.

“I started converting it from a hunting camp into a recreational camp for men, women and children,” Kulhavi said. “I wanted to make it kid-friendly. They love it.”

Others who love it include the various groups who come up to use it. Many of them, Kulhavi said, suffer from post traumatic stress disorder — military veterans, police officers, first responders and others.

In addition to all the recreational activities, the camp sports a variety of military vehicles and static displays. There’s a Huey helicopter on static display, similar to one



Retired Brig. Gen. John Kulhavi welcomes a variety of groups to the camp in the course of a year. VISIONALIST ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTIONS



Retired Brig. Gen. John Kulhavi originally bought the ranch with four other partners, but has since bought them out. DAN DEAN

Kulhavi flew in Vietnam — “Sometimes I sit in it and dream of days gone by,” he said — and a tracked Hawk missile carrier.

The veterans love those; in fact, a group of four recently visited the camp, a group that included one vet who lost an arm and another who

lost an arm and part of a leg. “They’ve all had something happen to them in the line of duty,” Hipple said.

And then there was Maj. Ivan Castro, a U.S. Army Special Services Green Beret who continued serving on active duty in the Special Forces despite losing his

eyesight. Castro, the author of “Fighting Blind: A Green Beret’s Story of Extraordinary Courage,” even climbed behind the controls of the tank.

Seeing the joy of those veterans is one of the reasons Kulhavi does what he does.

“The satisfaction I get out of seeing those guys come up and have a good time is worth everything,” Kulhavi said. “It provides them a sense of camaraderie, gives them a feeling of independence.”

Hipple met Kulhavi at a fundraiser for a movie about enlisted military produced by Keith Famie. He said Kulhavi has dedicated a lot to helping veterans and others who suffer from PTSD.

“He’s done a lot to raise funds for veterans in need and one of the things he’s done is set up that camp,” Hipple said.

“It’s a place we can go and feel like kids again. That’s everything to these guys. It’s a place to interact with other veterans in an atmosphere that’s warm and welcoming. That’s tremendous.”

Kulhavi offers the camp free of charge (though he sometimes has groups pay for food). It features a master lodge with five master bedrooms, a smaller lodge with three master bedrooms and a dormer with six beds. The camp generally is open from the first weekend of May through the end of September.

It has gas chargers, wi-fi service and satellite TV. “We have all the amenities,” Kulhavi said.

Kulhavi, a Farmington Hills-based financial analyst, takes his team up there once a year. The camp has “become a destination for us,” said Pete Nielsen, an assistant

vice president with Kulhavi’s team.

“For me — someone who didn’t go up north often — it’s a pretty surreal experience,” Nielsen said. “My favorite part is the trails. You can take an ATV out and get lost. I love exploring the place. There are so many things to do up there.”

Lt. Col. Robert May, professor of military science at Central Michigan University, has taken the school’s cadre of professors and instructors for CMU’s ROTC program out to the camp the last few years, just before school resumes in the fall.

The time spent there gives members the chance to do a sort of re-charge before starting the school year. In the summer, they go their own ways — May went to Europe this year — for training.

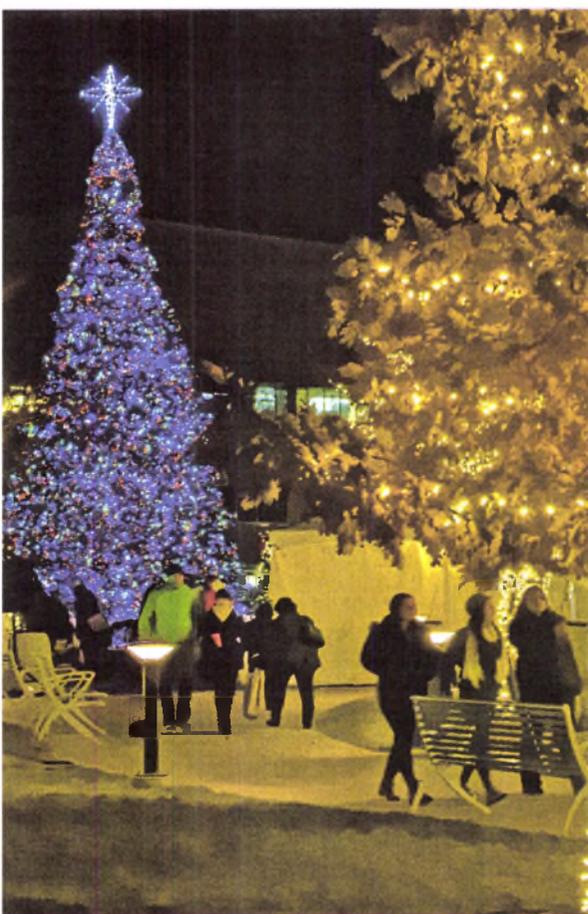
They reconvene at the camp for a few days of camaraderie.

“It’s the one time of the year we get to bring our families together,” May said. “Our kids are playing with each other’s kids and our spouses get to hang out together. It shows (Kulhavi’s) commitment to the U.S. Army. He goes back to his own experience in ROTC. He thinks that’s really where his success comes from.”

He’s probably right. Kulhavi spent 35 years in the army — his brother is also a Vietnam vet — and flew 3,600 hours in the Huey. That’s why he enjoys seeing people — especially veterans — enjoy his camp.

“I spent the bulk of my adult life in the army,” Kulhavi said. “I’ve got a soft spot in my heart for military and their families.”

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# Cellphone stolen during online transaction robbery

**David Veselenak**  
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It's probably best to not take the street name literally next time.

Livonia police were called the evening of Nov. 5 to the 39100 block of Meeting House Lane on the report of a strong arm robbery that stemmed from a meetup facilitated through an app designed to connect buyers and sellers.

The victim, an 18-year-old Livonia man, told police he put his

iPhone 7 Plus up for sale using the website Offer Up, which connects buyers and sellers of items. He said he was contacted by a potential buyer and agreed to meet him at his house in the neighborhood near Six Mile and Haggerty.

The suspect arrived and met the victim on the street. He asked the man to see the phone and, when he had the device in his hand, pushed the victim away and got into his car. He fled down the street in his vehicle and then went south on Haggerty.

The suspect was described as a 20-year-old male standing at about 6 feet, 2 inches, with a thin build. He was wearing a silver hooded sweatshirt and black pants. Also in the car, a silver vehicle, was a female passenger.

Livonia police continue to encourage residents to conduct such business through sites like Offer Up and Craigslist in the police department parking lot and lobby at 15050 Farmington. The police also offer a service to Livonia residents that will check if a certain item is listed

as stolen. The service, which is only available to Livonia residents and is free, can be only used to check an item's serial number to determine if it's stolen or not.

Anyone with information on the suspect accused of stealing the iPhone on Meeting House Lane is encouraged to call Livonia police at 734-466-2470.

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# Local airman graduates from USAF training

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Liam F. Howell graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, air force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Howell is the son of Sean F. Howell of West-



Howell

land and Lisa M. Howell of Canton.

He graduated from Washtenaw Technical Middle College in Ann Arbor and earned an associate's degree from Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor.

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# ARTIST IS BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

Palm Springs painter and teacher helps students cope, create and connect

**KRISTIN SCHARKEY**  
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Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit [onation.usatoday.com](http://onation.usatoday.com).

On a September afternoon, Sofia Enriquez gets down on her hands and knees to draw a stick of cotton candy on a long sheet of white paper, surrounded by markers, pencils and students from Rio Vista Elementary School in Cathedral City, California.

Enriquez, clad in jeans spattered with dried paint, has divided third- through fifth-graders into teams, instructing them to trace the "shortest" person in their group and "turn them into a superhero or a villain." (Growing up, the 5-foot-1 artist was picked on for her height.) Students are grouped with others from different grades. "There's no flying solo anywhere in this community," Enriquez explains.

One team creates a half-cat, half-unicorn superhero with rainbow hair. Enriquez's cotton candy completes another with a sweet tooth. As she moves around, the artist never draws her own ideas, instead asking how students need her help. Her classes are "more open and free instead of, 'This is the mission, you're going to get graded,'" Enriquez explains. "It's more of a conversation instead of a step one, step two, step three."

The activity is part of the YMCA's After School Education and Safety program, one of the ways Enriquez gives back to the community through art. She also hosts lunchtime craft tables at local middle schools through the Palm Springs Unified School District's Lady Lead program.

A painter known for her bold palette and approach, Enriquez says she once had students create patches from scrap fabric for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. She explained how the civil rights leader



Artist Sofia Enriquez uses art to teach life lessons to elementary school students in California's Coachella Valley. ZOE MEYERS/USA TODAY NETWORK

## Q&A WITH SOFIA ENRIQUEZ

**What does it mean to you to be an American?**

It means that I have to work really hard. And try to be, I don't know, try to make myself useful in the community because there's so many people out here that want help and need help and want to have fun at the same time. So I try to be a part of that circle with everyone. Being American, it seems very hard to describe because there is no one description for what an American is. I think it's just working.

**What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?**

In school, they teach you how to cut and paste, or paint something very simple. But I try to take what I learned as a kid and bring it and offer it to other kids, (like) drawing something that doesn't make any sense, or coming up with ugly characters that they only exist in your head. ... Let's experiment with color. Let's learn about Frida Kahlo. Let's talk about our emotions. I try to open it up more to just talking about why kids are doing it. ... I always wanted to take art classes as a kid, but it wasn't offered to me.

**What gives you hope or what concerns you?**

Truly being happy with what I'm doing for a living. I get a lot of joy from working and making art with kids. ... I just think that the world needs to have a little more of that freedom to express themselves in art. That's what makes me want to drive all the way out to Desert Hot Springs and Palm Springs and Cathedral City. It's like, well, if I'm not going to show up and bring a bunch of my messy crayons and markers, it's not going to happen.

**What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?**

That (students) cannot have any fear when they're creating something when they're older.

"stood up" to inequality, then asked the kids, "What do you stand up for?"

Each student put his or her answer on a patch to wear. One wrote "I'm not afraid" in response to being bullied for her small stature. "I was like, 'Girl, I feel you because that's how I was as a kid,'" Enriquez says. "It helps them cope with what they're dealing with, their insecurities."

"There's some kids that are like, 'Oh, I want to save all the beagle dogs in the world,'" she adds. "Cool! Make a patch."

With Enriquez, students create superheroes. They also can be one themselves.

### SOFIA ENRIQUEZ

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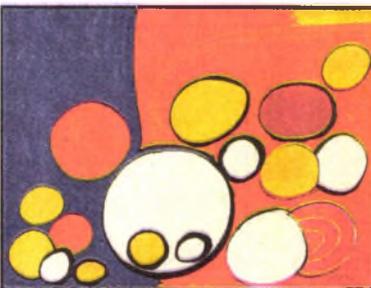
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### Together Thankful Thanksgiving dinner

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 W. Seven Mile Road, in Livonia will be the host church for the inaugural Together Thankful Thanksgiving dinner, scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 23. This event is intended to reach out to those in the community who may not otherwise have a place to go Thanksgiving Day; i.e. single people of any age, seniors, widows, widowers, or "empty-nesters" with family ties too far away, college students who may not be able to make it home this year, low-income folks, those with families "divided" due to divorce, those dealing with illness, even at-risk youth facing the day alone.

Space is limited to the first 20 people to RSVP. Contact Judy Cook at 248-880-7913 or email judy@emmanuel-livonia.org no later than Nov. 19 to RSVP or for more information.

### Livonia Community Theatre presents 'Mockingbird'

Livonia Community Theatre will present an adaptation of Harper Lee's novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road. Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17-18, and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18-19.

Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors; and \$5 for students 18 and under. Go to livoniacomunitytheatre.org to order online or call 248-252-1940 to reserve by phone. Tickets are also available at the door.

### Livonia Cares meeting

The next Livonia Cares meeting is set for 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard Street. This is an invitation to area churches and groups to come join with us as we look for ways to be there for our community. For more information, contact Linda Hollman from Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church at lindah@christoursavior.org.

### Citizens for Peace anniversary celebration

The Citizens for Peace will celebrate its 14th anniversary Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with pizza and an anniversary cake. Entertainment will start at 7:15 p.m. with performances by Kevin (Mr. Peace) Szawala, Joe Kidd and Sheila Burke, Darrin Breil, David Nefesh, 'Nique Love Rhodes and Ryan Castelli.

All attendees will receive a free peace bracelet. Donations are appreciated. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to www.citizens4peace.com.

### Three Cities Art Club exhibit

Three Cities Art Club is seeking artists to submit artwork and photography for its sixth annual art exhibition at Westland's Gallery at City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. Deadline is for submission is Wednesday, Nov. 15. Original fine art, including oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, collage, mixed media and photography are what we are looking for. Full details are on the entry form at www.threecitiesartclub.org.

Approximately 65 pieces will be selected



Livonia Community Theatre will present "To Kill a Mockingbird" Friday through Sunday, Nov. 17-19, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

from the entries to be included in the exhibition. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place, plus two honorable mention winners in the categories photography and all others. Mayor William Wild will again select his favorite piece for his personal \$100 "Wild about Art Award."

The public is welcome to attend the free reception 4:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, when many of the artists will be available to talk with attendees. Winning artists will receive their awards at 6 p.m.

To learn more about entering artwork in the exhibition, attending the event or about Three Cities Art Club, contact Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939 or via email at marilynmeredith@wowway.com. The club's website is www.threecitiesartclub.org.

### Wayne-Westland schools meetings

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools district is asking for participation in a process that will allow students, staff, parents and community members to provide perspectives on how it will invest in its facilities in the years ahead. This process will include face-to-face meetings and an opportunity to participate through an online format.

The community meetings are scheduled for 5:15 p.m. or 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, or 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at Dyer Senior Adult Center, 36745 Marquette. Interested persons can also share input by completing the survey at <https://www.wwcsd.net/>.

For questions, contact Jim Larson-Shidler at 734-419-2042 or LarsonshidlerJ@wwcsd.net.

### Family Resource Center benefit

The Family Resource Center will host a fundraiser buffet lunch from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Cafe Marquette in the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center, 36455 Marquette Road, Westland. Minimum donation is \$10 per person at the door.

Proceeds will go to the Family Resource Center, which assists students and families in need attending Wayne-Westland Community Schools. For further information, contact Amanda Dybus at the Family Resource Center at 734-419-2709, email dybusa@wwcsd.net or mail a donation to 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185 ATTN: Family Resource Center. Make checks payable to "WWCS Family Resource Center."

### Livonia Neighbors and Friends

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a women's club, is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. Special

activity groups meet year-round.

The club will host Romie Minor, co-author of "Detroit's Thanksgiving Day Parade," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road.

For more information, go to <http://livonianeighborsandfriends.tripod.com>.

### 'Talking Turkey' at St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel Church is offering a special holiday program called "Talking Turkey" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, in the school cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard Road, Livonia. Local Catholic author, apologist and family man Gary Michuta will offer practical, hands-on pointers on how to handle those often difficult, sometimes antagonistic "Catholic questions" that inevitably come up at many family holiday gatherings without causing hard feelings and uncomfortable moments.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 734-261-1455, ext. 200, or go to [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org).

### Livonia Fall Marketplace

The Livonia Fall Marketplace, sponsored by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at Laurel Park Place mall. The program will give local consumers a chance to see a mix of Livonia businesses and organizations. Admission is free.

The event kicks off 8-9:30 a.m. with a business breakfast featuring Dr. Lee Meadows, a professor and human resources expert from Walsh College.

There are still a few exhibit spaces available for chamber members and seats available to the breakfast program. For more information, contact Laura Tahmouch at the chamber at [tahmouch@livonia.org](mailto:tahmouch@livonia.org) or 734-427-2122.

### Grandma's Attic Sale

The annual Grandma's Attic Sale to benefit Greenmead Historical Park will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh Road, Livonia. This event features free admission and parking and will include an entire house full of "treasures" — estate, vintage, unique, new and old items. For more information, call 248-477-7375.

### Bowling for Backpacks fundraiser

The fourth annual Bowling for Backpacks Fundraiser is scheduled for 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Merri-Bowl Lanes, 30950 Five Mile Road, in Livonia. The funds raised will allow the group to continue to send food-filled weekend

the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May (except in November and December, when it's the second Thursday).

The program for Thursday, Dec. 14, features harpist Charles Walker. Call Vicki at 734-591-3254 for more information.

The club meets for lunch and a program at different restaurants in Livonia and surrounding areas. The program could be an informative speaker, bingo, fashion show, music entertainment and more, plus an occasional local day trip.

### St. Mary Mercy to offer joint replacement event

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Livonia will offer a free educational seminar 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30. Attendees will hear from an orthopedic surgeon and expert staff as they discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures and available implant options. Individuals can also learn about pre-surgical classes, choosing a personal "coach" to provide assistance throughout the process, and what to expect post-surgery and discharge from the hospital.

The seminar is held in Classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36154 Five Mile Road. To register, call 734-655-2345.

### Civic Park craft show

The Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia will be hosting its annual holiday craft show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. There will be more than 40 craft vendor tables. In addition to all the Christmas/holiday crafts, there will be a bake sale, Share the Wealth drawings and refreshments available for purchase.

Proceeds will benefit S.C.A.N. (Senior Citizen Achievement Needs). This is a free event. For more information, call 734-466-2557.

### Merrick's Miracle benefit dinner

Merrick's Miracle benefit dinner is a family friendly event that will be held 3:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Redford Jaycees Hall, 15585 Beech Daly. The event will feature a spaghetti dinner, balloon entertainment, live music, a silent auction and 50/50 drawings.

Tickets are \$10 per adult, \$5 children ages 7 and under and free for children under 3. All proceeds will benefit The Riley Kathryn Foundation. You can purchase tickets to this event ahead of time via Paypal using email address [info@rileykatherynfoundation.org](mailto:info@rileykatherynfoundation.org). You can

also mail checks to The Riley Kathryn Foundation, c/o Laurel and Paul Space, 9040 Hanlon St., Livonia, MI 48150.

### Lunch with Santa

Livonia's annual Lunch with Santa will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The event includes lunch, crafts and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Tickets are \$6 for Livonia residents and \$9 for non-residents and are available at the Kirksey Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. All attendees over the age of 2 must have a ticket. For more information, call 734-466-2900.

### Detroit Lutheran Singers concert

The Detroit Lutheran Singers will perform And All The Bells On Earth Shall Ring! at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. This will be a concert with a wide variety of Christmas music from familiar songs and carols to historic gems, plus a handbell choir participating. Composers from Pachebel to Rutter are represented and the audience is invited to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" with the choir as the finale. Ring in the season at one of these venues:

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### Savior Christian neighborhood program

Savior Christian Church of Redford, a mobile ministry, has started a program called "Redford Neighbors Helping Neighbors." It is offering assistance to the elderly and disabled in the community who may need help with taking out their trash and recycling bins. This will not cost any money nor will any donations be accepted.

Elderly Redford neighbors ages 65 and older who are unable to take their new bins to the road or the disabled of any age living in Redford may call 734-469-7910 and ask for Stacey, Savior Christian Church's service minister, to schedule a trash take out. It can also be reached by email at [SaviorChristianChurch@yahoo.com](mailto:SaviorChristianChurch@yahoo.com).

Savior Christian Church would love to have volunteers, as well. Residents that are willing to donate one evening a week, for an hour or so, contact Savior Christian Church to sign up to lend a hand.

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# St. Mary Mercy receives 'A' for patient safety

Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades, which assigns letter grades to hospitals nationally for patient safety, announced that St. Mary Mercy Livonia received an 'A' ranking for its fall 2017 scorecard. "St. Mary Mercy is fully committed to patient safety and the delivery of excellent care," said Dave Spivey, president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Livonia. "Our staff monitors patient safety issues

inside the hospital closely. If we see an opportunity for improvement, we react quickly so that our patients receive the best care possible." St. Mary Mercy was one of 832 hospitals awarded an 'A' for its commitment to keeping patients safe and meeting the highest safety standards in the United States. Developed under the guidance of a Blue Ribbon National Expert Panel, the Leapfrog

Hospital Safety Grade uses 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign letter grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is calculated by top patient safety experts, peer reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. To see how other area hospitals scored and to access safety tips for patients and their loved ones, go to [www.hospitalsafetygrade.org](http://www.hospitalsafetygrade.org).

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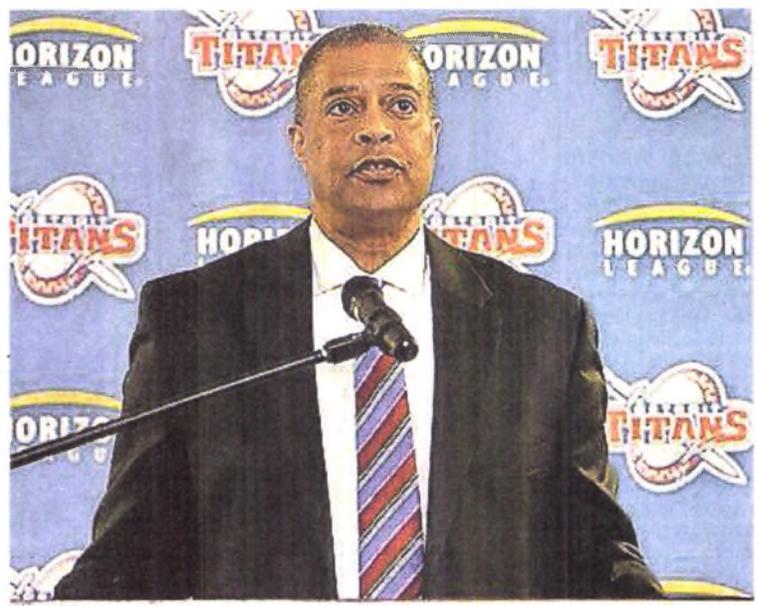



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# U-D Mercy Titans host veterans at hoops opener

If you are a veteran, the the University of Detroit Mercy men's basketball team wants you as the Titans host the University of Michigan-Dearborn at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, at Calihan Hall, which turns 65 years old in 2017-18. It will be Military Appreciation Night and all veterans with proper ID can reserve a ticket in advance or on game day. They'll also receive an additional ticket for a family member or friend. If the veteran would like to bring others, tickets will be available to purchase at half-price. Detroit Mercy joined forces for the third year

with the Michigan Veterans Foundation. "Michigan Veterans Foundation is pleased to be invited again to participate in the Military Appreciation Night hosted by University of Detroit Mercy," executive director Tyrone Chatman said. "We thank them for remembering the men and women who have served and continue to serve this great nation and for that we are grateful." Robert Vowels, UDM director of athletics, said the school was "fortunate to be able to honor the brave men and women" who make the ultimate sacrifice to protect the country through acts of

heroism. "The veterans of our military services are heroes and have put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms that we enjoy," Vowels said. "We should be honoring our veterans every day. To our men and women in uniform, past, present and future, thank you." To purchase tickets, visit the Calihan Hall ticket office (open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday), call 313-993-1700 or go to [detroittitans.com/tix](http://detroittitans.com/tix). Calihan Hall is located on the campus of University of Detroit Mercy at 3001 W. McNichols.

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# Vinyl album exhibit honors station's 45th year

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David Bowie's groundbreaking album "The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars" came out 26 years before Sydney Gutowski was born.

She loves it. "I feel like David Bowie definitely changed the music scene. He had an androgynous look that people had never seen before," said Gutowski, 19, a second-year Schoolcraft College student.

Sam Lacorato became a hardcore KISS fan after he first heard the band's "Alive!" album, partly recorded at Detroit's former Cobo Arena.

"There was something about hearing 'Rock and Roll All Nite' coming through the speakers that blew my mind," said Lacorato, who teaches U.S. history and psychology at Salem High School. He also liked the band's makeup and costumes.

Gutowski and Lacorato were among a crowd that celebrated 45 iconic albums released during the 45 years that student-run radio station WSDP-FM (88.1 The Park) has been on the air at the high school Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Music lovers, including radio station alumni, gathered Oct. 20 at the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex, or PARC, to kick off the Vinyl Recall exhibit that runs through Nov. 16, with albums, artwork and other memorabilia on display.

WSDP alumni picked 45 albums to display — from heavy metal to girl pop — that made a differ-



Larry Bird and Vickie Johns-Bird, at the opening of Vinyl Recall exhibit. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ence since the station began broadcasting in 1972. Over the years, The Park has played everything from jazz to new wave to indie rock and, now, adult top 40, station manager Bill Keith said.

June Kirchgatter, exhibit curator, picked "Cheap Trick at Budokan" for the exhibit. She said alumni loaned their own vinyl albums or bought them from Finner's Keepers Vintage Store in Plymouth and Rock of Ages in Garden City. Gutowski worked as an intern on the project.

As "Brass in Pocket" by The Pretenders played over speakers, the crowd mingled Friday and fanned out through PARC, gazing at displays featuring albums such as Black Sabbath's "Paranoid," Fleetwood Mac's "Rumours," The Clash's "London Calling," Electric Light Orchestra's "Out of the Blue" and



Sydney Gutowski has an appreciation for music that was released long before she was born. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

another of Kirchgatter's favorites, "The Wall" by Pink Floyd.

When she was a student at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Kirchgatter worked at 88.1 The Park as station director, music director and news broadcaster.

One section of the exhibit gives a timeline of events that occurred

during The Park's 45-year history, everything from the 9/11 terrorist attacks to the toppling of the Berlin Wall to the opening of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

Albums on display range from Michael Jackson's "Thriller" to Elton John's "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" to



"London Calling" by The Clash, "Rumours" by Fleetwood Mac and the debut album by The Pretenders are among the vinyl albums in this Hall of Fame showcase at the Vinyl Recall exhibit. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Radiohead's "The Bends." Brooke Wiggins, a Canton High School sophomore who works at WSDP, counted the Elton John classic among her favorites.

"I've always been an old soul when it comes to music," she said.

Michael Theodore of Plymouth, who worked at The Park, could be overheard Friday telling Keith that he had seen The Pixies in concert six times, including a recent show at The Filmore in Detroit. He said the student radio station changed his perspective on music and exposed him to music genres ranging from punk rock to death metal.

John Bommarito, former WSDP assistant manager who's now a radio personality for WQKL-FM (107.1) in Ann Arbor, picked "Rubber Soul" by The Beatles for a mention at the exhibit.

"I used to rush home from elementary school to watch The Beatles cartoons," he said.

One section of the exhibit allows visitors to listen by earphones to album picks by local

music aficionados. Exhibits run the gamut from The '80s to Girl Power to The (President Bill) Clinton Years to Detroit natives. A special section for Detroit music features Iggy and the Stooges, the White Stripes, Bob Seger, Eminem and The Suicide Machines.

The exhibit also features a current playlist section, including Adele, Lady Gaga and Imagine Dragons.

PARC president Don Soenen said the vinyl exhibit, sponsored by Pat Milliken Ford in Redford, is a good fit for a still-growing arts and recreation complex that is dedicated to celebrating the community's artistic endeavors. He said 88.1 The Park has long been an integral part of the Plymouth-Canton community.

Vinyl Recall, which is free and open to the public, runs through Nov. 16 at PARC, 650 Church St. Hours are 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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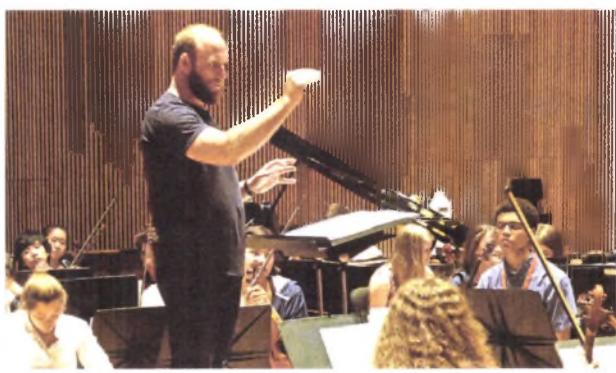
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# Interlochen announces 2018 audition tour

Interlochen Center for the Arts has announced its 2018 audition tour schedule, when officials from Interlochen Center for the Arts will be traveling the country offering potential students the chance to audition for both its summer arts camp and its high school arts academy. Talented children in grades 3-12 eager to attend either the camp or academy will have an opportunity to show off their skills in select cities coast to coast.

Each year, Interlochen attracts students from all 50 states and more than 40 nations. Applying for some of the major arts areas requires an accompanying audition or portfolio. And while digital and video submissions



Conductor Christopher Rountree leads a rehearsal of the orchestra of the Interlochen Center for the Arts. The school is conducting an audition tour for 2018.

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always enlightening and inspiring."

There are two chances to audition in Michigan: 4:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at The Max M. and Marjorie S. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Avenue, in Detroit and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, at the Interlochen Center for the Arts, 4000 M-137, near Traverse City.

Participants are encouraged to begin their application prior to the audition. Application forms can be found at [www.interlochen.org](http://www.interlochen.org). Individual requirements for high school, intermediate and junior divisions, as well as intensive institutes, and all audition requirements can be found at <http://academy.interlochen.org/audition-tour>.

The nonprofit Interlochen Center for the Arts is a recipient of the National Medal of Arts and the only organization in the world that brings together a 2,500-student summer camp program, a 500-student fine arts boarding high school, opportunities for hundreds of adults to engage in fulfilling artistic and creative programs, two 24-hour listener-supported public radio services (classical music and news), more than 600 arts presentations annually by students, faculty and world-renowned guest artists, a global alumni base spanning eight decades, including leaders in the arts and all other endeavors. For information, go to [www.interlochen.org](http://www.interlochen.org).

are accepted, through the audition tour, those students who wish to audition in person have the opportunity to do so without having to make the trip to northern Michigan to meet with administrators.

"We attract students from around the world and across the country," said Kirsten Gamb, interim director of admission and financial aid. "And traveling so far can be a consideration for many families. This is a

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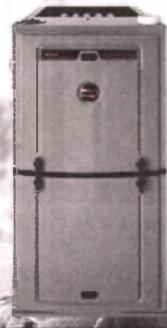
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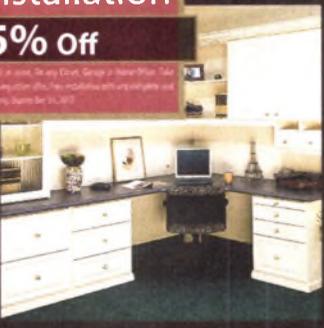

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Defense also sizzles for red-hot Chiefs

Canton's offensive show superbly augmented by hard-nosed 'D'

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It happens every week, every season.

The Canton Chiefs rack up insane offensive numbers — both yards and points — not to mention victories on an annual basis during the highly successful 20-year regime of head coach Tim Baechler.

Peel back the onion and you'll find another potent ingredient to the ongoing success of the program. It's a defense that plays at a dialed-to-the-max level, breaking up passes, throwing quarterbacks and running backs for losses and coming up with key takeaways, too.

Consider the Division 1 pre-district game Oct. 27 against nemesis Saline, a 42-14 conquest. The Chiefs slowed the Hornets' running game to a halt (57 yards) and spiced things up with timely defensive gems such as a fumble recovery by junior nose guard James Deese early in the third quarter.

"If you're going to play an odd-front defense, your nose guard better be a great player," Canton defensive line coach Craig "Bubbs" Hnatuk said. "And James (Deese) is a great nose guard. He's just relentless, he understands pad level. It helps that he was a wrestler at one time. He's tough, he's nasty and he gets after it."

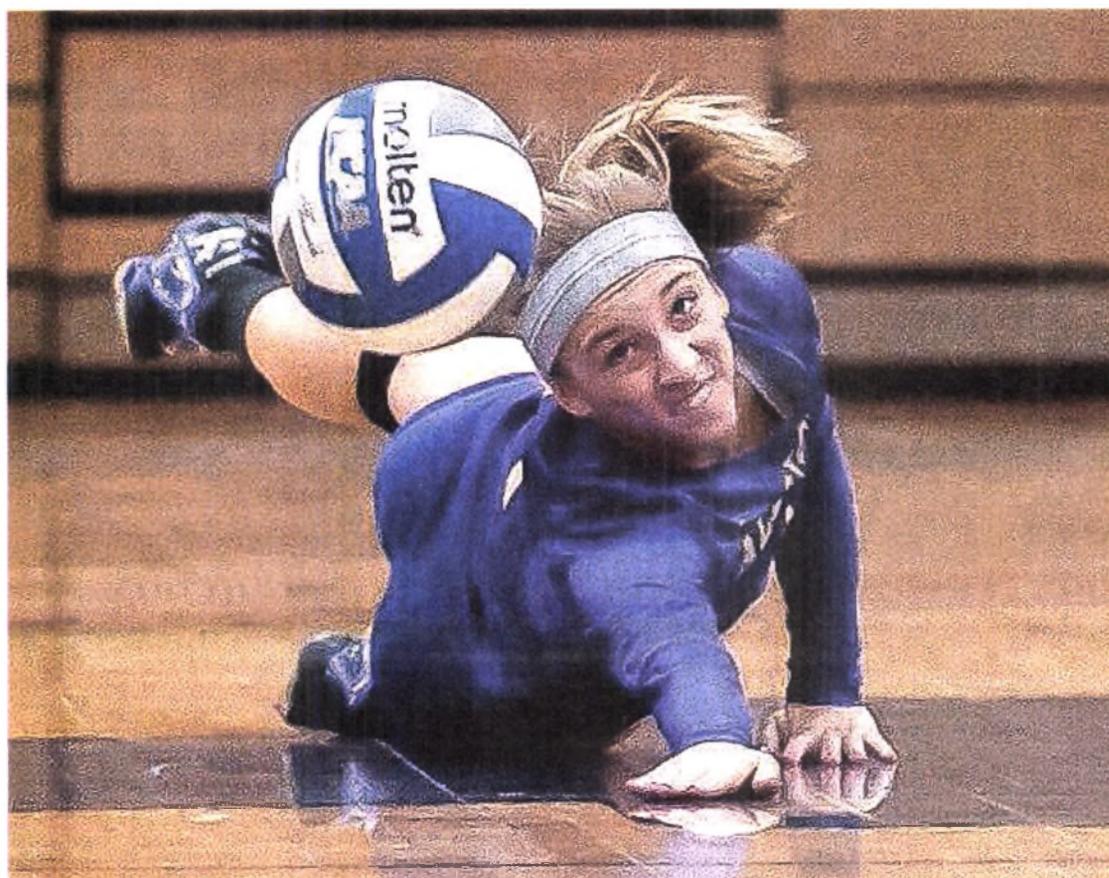
"So you have to double team him. If



Canton's Lou Baechler (back) and Robert Laird stop Saline ball carrier Andrew Diuble during the recent Division 1 pre-district game. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL



Junior libero Monica Shuk, a Farmington Mercy grad and Milford resident, recently broke the career digs record at Albion College. ALBION ATHLETICS

## Mercy grad breaks defensive record for Albion College

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Albion College junior volleyball standout Monica Shuk is into numbers.

An accounting major from Milford who admits she's always loved math, Shuk plans to intern this summer at Ernst & Young accounting firm in Detroit. It's an opportunity she's really excited about.

While accounting appears to be in her future, Shuk is sure to have a few numbers from her past that she'll always be able to detail.

One number is 1,334. That's number of career digs that former Albion College player Haley Gitre had, the record until Shuk passed her last month.

The Farmington Hills Mercy graduate became Albion's all-time digs leader in a Sept. 15 non-league match against Hiram (Ohio) College. Shuk, a libero, finished with 14 digs that night

to surpass Gitre's four-year total. It is a number she aspired to reach one day for the Britons.

"My teammates were very supportive and they went crazy once it happened and it was great to get that encouragement from the team," Shuk said about her record-setting performance. "I even had parents and supporters who were there that made a banner that said 'career digs' and had the numbers and stats for that. And that was really cool."

"I'm very proud of it," she added. "I have a lot of support with family members and teammates."

**Adding to the record**

Shuk will ultimately shatter that record as she's adding to that total with each match.

Shuk has 1,640 career digs as Albion

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**SHUK IS NAMED TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYER**

Farmington Mercy graduate and Albion College junior Monica Shuk was named the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's 2017 Defensive Player of the Year.

The Milford resident, who set an Albion school record for career digs earlier this year, collected 289 digs and 4.45 digs per set in 16 matches against MIAA rivals, fourth best in the conference. The standout libero also had 45 assists and 22 aces in MIAA matches.

"Monica was a defensive rock for us," Albion head coach Kristin de St. Aubin said. "She grew so much over the course of the year. We were a great defensive team."

Shuk was named first team all-MIAA, one of three Albion players to earn all-league honors. It marks the first time Albion had three players land on the all-MIAA postseason volleyball team.

BOYS HOCKEY

## New coach at Canton eyes resurgence

Bartle determined to build winning culture from scratch

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High school hockey never left Canton, but in some respects it is back in full force thanks to new varsity coach John Bartle.

The Chiefs will open the 2017-18 season at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday against Brighton at the Kensington Ice House with the longtime AAA travel hockey coach behind the bench.

"I'm not focusing on what was," said the Canton resident, who last season coached a men's club team at Eastern Michigan University. "We just talked about goals today. Not to divulge too much, I think the kids think if we're over .500, we're successful at this point. That's an attainable goal."

Bartle is taking the reins of an unsteady ship. In recent seasons, the Chiefs struggled in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association standings and some athletes opted to suit up for area travel teams instead of their high school team. Last year, Canton went 7-17-1 overall, 1-12-0 in the KLAA.

According to Bartle, that trend might be changing.

"Actually, I know a few of the parents of kids that were not playing on the team that were going to be seniors this year," Bartle said following a practice last week at Arctic Edge Arena. "And they happened to give me a call and asked me if I would be interested in applying if there was an opening."

"I waited and, finally, an opening came. I applied and got it. Fortunately, a lot of these seniors are coming back

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## WOMEN'S SOCCER

## Lady Ocelots win Region XII championship

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Throughout the NJCAA Region XII women's soccer championship game Oct. 29 at Schoolcraft College, the Lady Ocelots shrugged off the fact they were shivering and kept thinking about the prize for prevailing.

"Florida, oh yeah," freshman defender and Livonia Stevenson alum Emma Werthman said following Schoolcraft's 3-0 victory over Muskegon Community College. "Everyone wanted to go to Florida, that was our big motivation. And we hadn't ever lost on this field since we got this facility."

Melbourne, Fla., is where the NJCAA Division I nationals will take place, beginning Nov. 13.



Putting a good kick on the ball Oct. 29 is Schoolcraft College's Jenna Smith (front). The Milford alum was named MVP of the NJCAA Region XII tourney. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

This year marks the third straight regional title for the Lady Ocelots and their second trip to nationals in Florida.

Also with a particularly warm feeling was freshman midfielder Tara Arlin, a Farmington High grad.

"Just being able to make it to the championship in Florida, it's the best feeling in the world," Arlin said. "We had been preparing this whole week for this weekend and being able to make it through with two wins, straight to

Florida, we're not going to stop there. We're going to keep going."

After closing out the victory, which upped Schoolcraft's record to 13-0-1 (the Lady Ocelots are ranked seventh in the NJCAA Division I poll), first-year head coach Joe Carver spoke about the winning culture that began when his brother Dave Carver coached in 2015-16.

"He kind of changed the culture to the way we want it to be, back to a winning school," said Joe Carver, an assistant coach at Schoolcraft in the previous two seasons. "Definitely the last three years, we've been able to do that. This is the third time winning the region in a row, so getting us back on those winning ways and getting our trip to nationals was key for me coming in this year."

Scoring for Schoolcraft on Sunday were freshman forward Megan Swirczek (Milford), sophomore forward Lauren Wynns (Livonia Churchill) and sophomore defender Olivia Borgdorff (Belleville). Setting up the first goal was tournament MVP and Milford alum Jenna Smith, a sophomore midfielder.

"Back-to-back is very good for both of my years and I think this time we have a really good shot to win it," Smith said. "We're really confident going in. It's just a better team culture. We have a good group of sophomores this year and our freshmen stepped up at the end of the season."

Wynns said a dynasty is in the making at Schoolcraft "and we're hoping to go far in the

national tournament this year."

Her goal was set up by the hard work of sophomore forward Jamila Thombs (Toronto, Ontario), who was named to the all-tourney team (as were Smith, Swirczek and freshman defender Nicole Cataldo of Walled Lake).

Schoolcraft might be without Wynns for the first game in Florida, however, as she was assessed a red card against Muskegon (9-7-1).

The Lady Ocelots — who also blanked Ancilla College 6-0 on Saturday in the regional opener — will play three games in their pool at nationals and would then need to win semifinal and final games for a championship.

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## CHIEFS

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you think you're going to single block our nose guard, you're going to have a long night."

## Part of the plan

Deese actually stripped the ball from Saline's quarterback and Canton's offense took over, going on to score the first of two quick TDs to turn a 20-7 half-time game into a 34-7 blowout.

Hnatuk

"It was definitely a big momentum swing for us," said Deese, who is soft-spoken off the field, but a force to be reckoned with on it. "As he was coming up, I saw the quarterback coming and he was kind of carrying the ball a little loose, so I went for it. And it came out. I tried to hold the ball for the team."

Talking about that play still brought a huge smile to Hnatuk's face because Deese is just a spoke in a wheel that flattens anything in its path.

"We held Saline to 57 yards rushing, which made them one-dimensional," Hnatuk said. "And at that point in time, we can start stunting or we're not worried about the run. So our kids are playing well together. They understand the team concept."

"Our motto on defense is play your one through 11, do your job, trust your teammates. It's a great group of young men, just



Canton's James Deese is all smiles as he runs back to the sidelines after forcing and recovering a fumble against Saline. His play was a catalyst in the Chiefs' pre-district victory. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

a fabulous group of guys."

Canton's defensive mojo continued on Nov. 3 in a grueling 28-25 win over top-ranked Belleville. The Chiefs were scheduled Friday to face Novi Detroit Catholic Central in a regional final.

The Chiefs employ three interior linemen (Deese, left tackle Ronald Fenderston, right tackle Darius Robinson), with outside linebackers Noah Brown and Chase Meredith up on the line.

Stationed behind them are middle linebacker and defensive captain Lou Baechler and linebacker Aaron Garbarino

to comprise what Hnatuk labels a 5-2 defense.

"Baechler is middle linebacker, he calls everything, he's quarterback of the (defense)," Hnatuk said. "And Noah Brown makes a lot of plays for us, but we all play together. It's a great front seven, one of the best front sevens I've been around."

And that group of defenders can be downright scary for other teams simply because of how determined, strong and smart they are.

"It's everyone playing together, knowing what their gap responsibilities are and trusting their teammates that they're

going to be there," Hnatuk said. "My guys, at defensive line, depending on what we're playing, either we're reading the (offensive) guard or we're reading the offensive tackle. It's more simplistic for us. Linebackers have a lot more on their plate."

## Pulling the rope

If there is, bring it on, said Lou Baechler — a hard-hitting performer who also comes up with clutch plays on offense when needed.

"My role is kind of like the leader on defense," Baechler said. "I make all the pre-snap checks and calls when they motion. And then I just play my position."

"It's easy being the leader on the defense when you got such smart kids in front of you and teammates around you and they do their job."

Nothing seems to get Baechler down, or at least keep him down, for too long. Midway through the season, he suffered a fractured arm.

Baechler missed a couple of games, but hasn't missed a beat since returning. He hasn't missed too many tackles, either, having busted through several casts along the way.

"He's a great leader," said Hnatuk, in his eighth season on the Canton staff. "I've been coaching football for 34 years and he's one of the smartest, toughest football players I've come around."

"The kid gets it. I've known him since he was a little kid and it's a joy to just be around him. His football IQ is off the charts."

## Insider information

Another under-the-radar plus for Canton's defense is the fact Baechler is a regular contributor on offense as a tight end, making clutch runs and catches and helping provide blocking protection for senior quarterback Connor Engel.

"On offense, we come off and pound kids, I block linebackers a lot," Baechler said. "I know what they don't like, so when I'm on defense, I try not to put myself in that situation and try to get lower than them and use my hands a lot."

It's not a secret how tireless the Canton coaches are when getting their players ready for every single practice, every single game. Year after year.

"The head coach is brilliant, son of a gun," Hnatuk said. "I've gotten texts at two or three in the morning. He's back up because he couldn't sleep, so he's watching another offensive formation to make sure that this is the right defense we want to play."

"There'll be changes once in a while that he makes that he feels a lot better about."

Players not only pound the rock, they pound the playbooks to get it right.

"It carries over to our kids," Hnatuk said. "Because every day at football class (Tim Baechler) goes over that with them so they are spot on, to know exactly where we line up and what we're doing for every formation that we're going to see."

Deese and his team-

mates see that level of commitment and want to follow the blueprint.

## Knowing their stuff

There isn't one Canton Chief who wants to be the one that blew an assignment, let teammates and coaches down.

"What makes it tick is just how much we work at everything," Deese said. "We drill everything, coaches work so hard for our schemes. (If we're) in our spots, the defense is going to keep rolling."

"Communication is really big for our defense. Our linebackers do a really great job of making our calls really early for us, so we know exactly what we need to be doing every play."

More often than not, the Canton defense is getting it done. Sometimes in as few as three plays by the opposition.

The Chiefs' vaunted offense usually takes it from there. But it all goes together into one package, more times than not with a capital "W" on the wrapping paper.

"Everyone knows Canton, about their offense," Lou Baechler said. "They call it Little League offense. We produce 44 points a game, so they can call it what they want."

"But I think our defense is starting to get more known, too, and usually we're only letting up 14-15 points a game and I think we're successful because of that."

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## BARTLE

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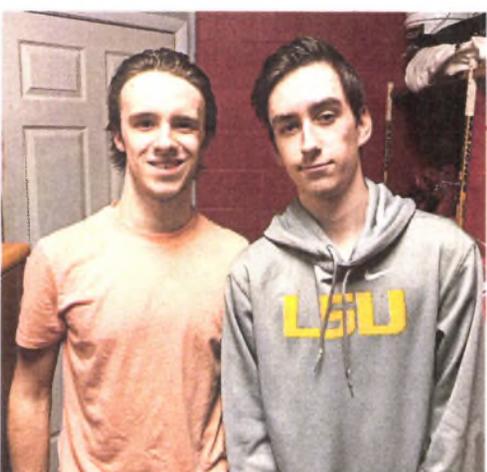
now that didn't play last year. That's why I think we're going to be pretty strong this year. We'll be competitive."

## Time for change

Defensemen Jack Rumohr, Chase Olson and Elias Fonobic and forward Sam Reinders are at the top of the list of players who are returning after missing the Chiefs' 2016-17 season.

"The change, everyone wants change," Bartle said. "I think that change helped them make their mind up. I did make some phone calls."

Bartle, a forward and captain at Livonia Churchill during the 1980s, also is optimistic about the team's leadership group and its impact on the program's new outlook. That includes co-captains Daniel Bourgeois and Paul Maurer and assistant captains Reinders and Luke Da-



Daniel Bourgeois (left) and Paul Maurer are new co-captains for the Canton Chiefs. TIM SMITH

vis.

"Right now, I think as far as the players we have and the coaching staff we have, that the future is looking good," Bartle said. "My goal is to build this program to compete with the other two Park schools (Plymouth, Salem) and compete in our league, too."

Bourgeois, a center who will be an important part of the offense (he scored nine goals last season, according to Michigan Hockey Hub), said players also are enthusiastic about turning the page from recent disappointments.

"Absolutely, we have some more talent out

here this year," Bourgeois said. "I really think we're going to be on the upside this year and, hopefully, continue to keep going up as the years go on."

"At the end of the season, I hope people are going to start respecting the name and respecting who we are as players and as an organization."

Concurring was Maurer, a winger slated to play on one of the top forward lines. "We're definitely trying to make a new name for ourselves this year and, hopefully, get a couple big wins this season," he said.

Getting players to return is one ingredient to a long-term blueprint for success, Bartle stressed. Another is to have a program in place that will attract younger players before they opt to skate for travel teams.

"The goal is to be able to pick players instead of just taking who comes (through the door)," Bartle said. "I think from conversations I've had with parents who are

younger, who have kids in eighth and ninth grade, that will start happening shortly."

## On same page

Once those players choose to play at Canton, the hope is for them to get a consistent message.

Bartle said he is working with Canton Prep coaches Mike O'Brien and Ron Simons to forge one inclusive hockey program with the same philosophy throughout. Canton Prep is essentially a junior varsity program. Varsity assistant coaches are Kory Sosnowski and Michael Payne.

"The problem with high school hockey in general is kids have other opportunities to play other places, unlike football, where it's pretty much you play high school or you don't play football," Bartle said. "So yeah, the prep team is either going to get lucky and have some of those kids come from travel and play for them or they're not.

"That's part of my job, to build that prep team up to the point where kids want to come there and play because they're getting taught what we're going to be teaching up in the (varsity) level."

An example of a younger player opting to play high school instead of travel is sophomore goalie Jaxon Taylor, an import from Ohio, where he played AA.

"He's an excellent goalie, works hard, so far he's been very good for us," Bartle said. "He pretty much does everything, he's a butterfly-style goalie, he does everything the way you're supposed to. He cuts his angles down perfectly. He's a good goalie and I'm real excited to have him for three more years."

Also looking for minutes between the pipes are senior returnee Donald Jardine and freshman Michael Renzi.

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## PREP VOLLEYBALL

## Mercy, Stevenson make quick work of regional opponents

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With a lethal and varied attack that rarely takes a break, Farmington Hills Mercy blew past Grosse Pointe South during Tuesday's Class A volleyball regional semifinal at Farmington High School.

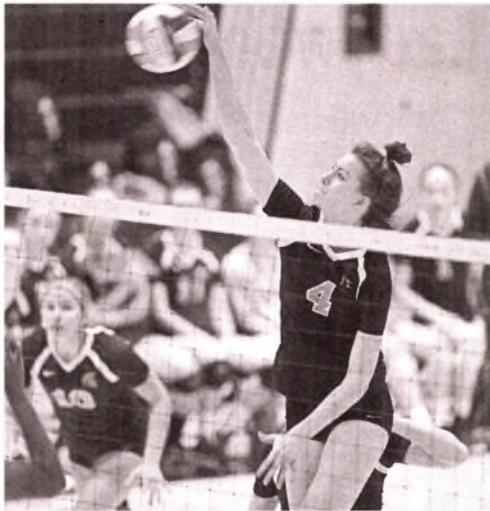
The Catholic League champion Marlins might be sneaking a peek at what nemesis Bloomfield Hills Marian might be doing during the state tournament — the teams could meet in a state semifinal Nov. 16 at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

Veteran coach Loretta Vogel would like to stop what she said is a recent trend of opponents going on to the championship after knocking her team out of the tournament. That happened last year, when Novi ousted Mercy and then won it all.

"Seems like every year, whoever bumps us ends up winning," said Vogel, whose team routed South 25-5, 25-7 and 25-20 to improve to 48-7-1.

Mercy had several players who took turns pelting hard shots over the net for points, sometimes in strings of five, six or seven.

One of several heavy hitters at the net was sophomore Jess Mruzik, with nine kills and three blocks.



Livonia Stevenson's Libby Cleaveland rips a shot over the net during the Spartans' regional semifinal win against Detroit Renaissance. DAN DEAN

"Credit to my setter, too. Julie Bishop's doing a great job running the offense," Mruzik said. "It's tough for a bunch of us to have a freshman setter come in, but we've really put our trust in her and she hasn't let us down so far this season."

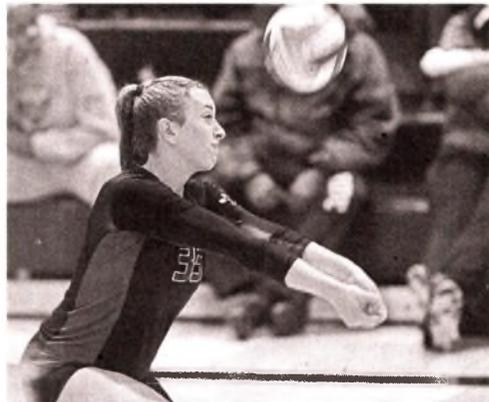
Others who were hard to stop Tuesday were junior Logan Beyer (11 kills) and freshman Charli Aتيemo (seven kills).

But no matter how tough the Marlins looked Tuesday, they know another big test awaited them — the regional title match against pesky Livonia Stevenson, which was scheduled for Thursday.

The Spartans, in their first regional since 2011, earned a 25-11, 25-15, 25-10 victory over Detroit Renaissance earlier Tuesday at Farmington.

"This is our first time going to regionals in probably five years, so it was really exciting," said Stevenson senior Claire Beaudoin, who hammered home the clinching point in the third set. "We were pumped all day. Getting the point was exciting, too."

The Spartans (26-19) know they will have their work cut out for them against the Marlins, but head coach Julian Wargo is confident his group can make the champi-



Mercy's Jess Mruzik hits during a regional game against Grosse Pointe South. DAN DEAN

onship match a very competitive one. (Go to hometownlife.com for Thursday's results.)

"Last year, we only had eight wins and 24 losses," Wargo said. "This year, we've seemed to turn it around. And I give a lot of the credit to my seniors, the leadership they bring to the court."

"And just the athleticism of my juniors and the high emotion of my sophomores. It's a really nice blend and we've come together at the right time of the year."

Beaudoin (three blocks) and sophomore Libby Cleaveland (four blocks) concurred that the Spartans have some intangibles that shouldn't be discounted.

"We're very scrappy, we go for everything," Beaudoin noted. "We

aren't always the biggest team, but we're always the fastest, I think."

According to Cleaveland, "we've been working all season to come together and find our chemistry. I think our chemistry has really helped us improve as a team."

Sparking Stevenson to Tuesday's win were sophomore Erin Pietruszka (14 assists, four aces), senior Audrey Lackey (six kills, four aces), Abby Cleaveland (Libby's twin sister) with seven kills and sophomore libero Eliza Alushi (six digs). Chipping in with five digs was sophomore Koryn Parmenter.

**CHURCHILL 3, TRENTON 1:** Another Observ-erland team is in line for a Class A regional championship. Livonia Churchill defeated Trenton in

four sets Tuesday in Monroe.

The Chargers won 25-17 and 25-13 in the opening sets before stumbling in the third, losing 25-22. Churchill then outlasted the Trojans 28-26 for the match victory.

"The kids came ready to play today," first-year Churchill head coach Kristin Clutter said. "They've worked really hard this week to prepare and it really showed on the court."

"Trenton kept fighting and played well in the third set. The fourth set could have gone either way, but we persevered and found a way to win. That pretty much sums up our season. These kids really handle pressure well."

For Churchill, top performers included Sarah Dunn (18 kills, 15 assists), Annabelle Dunn (17 kills, 17 digs), Jessica Maladecki (34 digs), Grace Vaeth (37 assists), Summer Clark (seven blocks), Mya Grant (five blocks) and Kendra Juliette (two aces).

"I'm really proud of this team," Clutter said. "They are an amazing group of kids who love the game and have worked hard all season."

Churchill was scheduled to play for the regional title Thursday against Temperance Bedford.

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## PREP VOLLEYBALL

## Marian turns back Stoney Creek after dropping first set

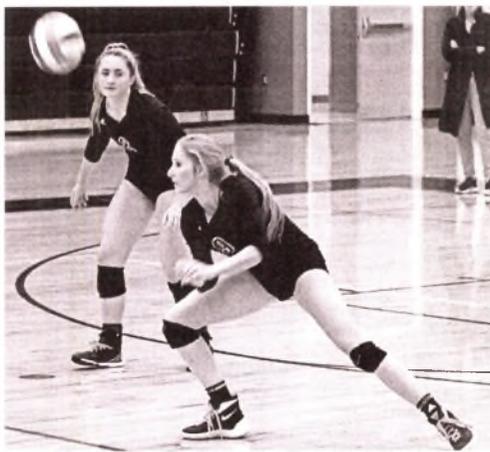
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Marian spotted OAA Red Division co-champion Stoney Creek a one-set lead in their Class A regional match Nov. 7.

The Mustangs, however, quickly corrected their play to the tune of three straight wins and registered a semifinal victory over the Cougars by the scores of 23-25, 25-20, 25-20, 25-19. The win lifted Marian into the regional championship game.

"You know, apparently we like to make it interesting," first-year Marian head coach Lauren Duquette. "I think we came out flat and, in my opinion, we didn't respect our opponent. (Stoney Creek) came out hungry. They wanted to beat us. We had beaten them once this season already," she added. "We knew that was going to happen, but we just



Marian junior Sarah Cavanaugh returns a ball during the Class A regional win over Stoney Creek. MARTY BUDNER

didn't do our job the entire first set."

## Getting back to defense

Duquette indicated getting back to a defensive style of play is what turned the match around for the No. 9-ranked Mustangs.

"We had to play defense. They literally had probably 10-15 kills on us (in the first set), I just stopped counting. I was tired of writing it down," she said. "We've been know for our ball control, our serve-receive and our defense and that's sort of what I'm known

for as a coach

"So to see us not dig more than five balls in that first set, that to me was the immediate thing that had to change," she added. "We also flipped our outsides, because I thought maybe that would alter some of the match-ups."

The first three sets featured numerous ties, with neither team owning more than a four-point advantage until Marian pulled away in each. In the final set, Marian went ahead early with leads of 12-7, 14-9 and 19-10 en route to the eventual six-point victory.

"We were very inconsistent and we knew we'd have to play strong tonight if we were to beat them," said Stoney Creek head coach Ross Talbott, whose team won its first district title the previous week. "We didn't play very well tonight. It happens and we've been talking about it."

"In this postseason, you get no breaks. It's

Class A volleyball, it's here and do-or-die, just like the NCAA tournament," he added. "Hats off to Marian. Their setter played out of her mind."

## Clarkston next

Senior middle hitter Lauren Wenzel had an excellent match for the Mustangs, who placed second in the Catholic League tournament to Farmington Mercy. She registered a .385 hitting percentage en route to 14 kills and added four blocks.

Sophomore outside hitter Christine Audette also was a vicious net presence with a team-high 18 kills, along with three aces. Junior outside hitter Sarah Cavanaugh nearly had a rare double-double with 15 digs, eight kills and four aces.

Junior setter Maddie Dowd finished with 16 digs.

Marian posted 11 aces as a team.

"I thought Lauren Wenzel played the best match that I've ever seen her play all year," Duquette said. "I think it was really the first time that we were struggling in a match that she took it into her own hands and was, like, you know what, 'I've got this.' We've been waiting to see that a long time."

"I think that Maddie Dowd did a great job in the third and fourth sets of reversing the flow and making better set choices," she added. "They were clearly starting to front our middles and we had to move the ball around better so we got our right side active."

Marian (42-12-1) was scheduled to play the regional championship game against Clarkston, which shared the OAA Red title this year with Stoney Creek. The No. 7-ranked Wolves eliminated Troy in the other regional semifinal Nov. 7 with a win in three sets.

## SHUK

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nears the end of its 2017 season with a winning overall record while battling to remain among the top four teams in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. She is fourth in the MIAA in digs (186 for a 4.43 per set average) and her 16 service aces rank among the league's top 10.

The daughter of Gary and Jacqueline Shuk also has a number of other school defensive records as well — season digs (613 in 2015), digs in a three-set match (28) and digs in a four-set match (40).

Those are some pretty awesome numbers for the two-time all-MIAA star who still has one more season of eligibility.

"I didn't know if (breaking the digs record) would be a possibil-

ity, but it was definitely a goal I had when I started in the position ever since I was a freshman and I've been in every single game," Shuk said. "I didn't really focus on that goal every game. I just wanted to get as many digs as I could to keep the ball off the ground and keep my team in the game. I didn't think it would be coming as a junior, since it normally takes four years to work up to that status."

## Prepared at Mercy

Shuk learned the game as a youngster playing for Heritage Elementary and Muir Middle schools in Milford and with the Next Generation club team. She attended Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, where she earned all-Catholic League hon-

ors.

Shuk helped lead the Marlins to a pair of Catholic League titles, four straight district titles, two regional crowns and two trips to the Class A state quarterfinals in her four varsity seasons playing for head coach Loretta Vogel.

"Mercy really prepared me (for college volleyball). Loretta made sure she was hard on us, in a good way, to really push us to our full potential," Shuk said. "I think that really paid off, because they expect the same things here at Albion. If you're not going to work to your full potential, then they're going to make sure that's known and they are going to make sure you are going to continue it the next day and further down the line."

"I think the Catholic school system that we were in with all the competition really accelerated how I could quickly

adjust to college," she added. "And I really think, honestly, that helped get me out on the court as a freshman. Being athletically ready really helped, too."

Vogel, in her ninth season as Mercy's coach, believed all along that Albion would be a perfect fit for Shuk. She couldn't have been happier to be in attendance at the game when Albion administrators honored Shuk for breaking the record.

"You have to know it was important for me to be there (the night they honored Shuk), because I left early from my practice to go see that. That was of high importance," said Vogel, who also coached Shuk at Next Generation. "I'm not surprised at what she's done. Albion wanted her and we knew it was going to be successful for Monica."

"Monica was a great athlete for us at Mercy

and she has just flourished at Albion," Vogel added. "She has changed their program. When you get someone who plays defense and passes like Monica, it changes the outcome of that program and that's exactly what she has done."

## Learning to play libero

The 5-foot-2 Shuk realized early that she would have to excel at the defensive end if she wanted to make an impact in volleyball. She has accepted her role as a libero and enjoys that part of the game immensely.

"Growing up, I was just really short and you can't really go into the front row if you're not tall," Shuk said. "At first, I wanted to be a setter, because I just really enjoyed the sport. Then, when I was younger, I learned how you could be this thing called a 'libero.' I really enjoyed

that.

"I liked rolling on the ground a lot and I liked the aspect of having to be ready when someone just throws a ball at you. I think you have to learn to be consistent, always expect the ball to come to you. That way, you're always ready to make a move for it and to make that play."

"If you can get to those balls, it can create a lot of momentum. I just enjoy it a lot," she added. "It's sacrificing your body, but you do what you got to do. I love it." Shuk also loves accounting. After working on her numbers next summer in Detroit, Shuk will return to Albion, where she may pad her volleyball stats to the next level.

"The goal is to keep setting up the team, provide positive energy and get as many digs as I can," Shuk said. "I'm hoping to keep that record for a while."

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### PREP ROUNDUP

## Churchill, Clarenceville, Ladywood, PCA advance

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**CHURCHILL 3, TRENTON 1:** Livonia Churchill defeated Trenton in four sets on Tuesday in Monroe to move on to the regional championship Thursday.

The Chargers won 25-17 and 25-13 in the opening sets before stumbling in Game 3 (losing 25-22). Churchill then outlasted the Trojans 28-26 for the match victory.

"The kids came ready to play today," Churchill first-year head coach Kristin Clutter said. "They've worked really hard this week to prepare and it really showed on the court."

"Trenton kept fighting and played well in the third set. The fourth set could have gone either way, but we persevered and found a way to win. That pretty much sums up our season. These kids really handle pressure well."

For Churchill, top performers included Sarah Dunn (18 kills, 15 assists), Annabelle Dunn (17 kills, 17 digs), Jessica Maladecki (34 digs), Grace Vaeth (37 assists), Summer Clark (seven blocks), Mya Grant (five blocks) and Kendra Juliette (two aces).

"I'm really proud of this team," Clutter noted. "They are an amazing group of kids who love the game and have worked hard all season."

Churchill will play for the regional title 6 p.m. Thursday against Temperance Bedford.

**CLARENCEVILLE 3, UNIVERSITY PREP 1:** Audrey Owens and Michelle Marzolo finished with 16 and 13 kills, respectively, leading Livonia Clarenceville (12-14-2) to a 33-31, 26-28, 26-24, 25-20 Class B Regional 12 semifinal victory on Nov. 7 at home against Detroit University Prep.

Setter Erica Bertera finished with 20 assist-to-kills and was 23-for-23 serving as the Trojans advance to the regional final beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9 at home against Detroit Voyageur, which also advanced with a four-set semifinal win over St. Clair Shores South Lyon.

Clarenceville's Maddison Jabber added six assists and eight digs, while other contributions

came from Londen Green (six kills), Krystal Jones (four kills), Cassidy Galvin (18-for-18 serving, two aces); Mia Daniels (11 digs, four aces) and Allie Snage (10 digs).

**LADYWOOD 3, ONSTED 0:** In the Class B Regional 11 regional semifinal Nov. 7 at Jonesville, Livonia Ladywood (21-5-1) remained alive with a three-set victory over the Wildcats.

The victory puts the Blazers into the regional final beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9 when they face Carleton Airport at Jonesville.

On Nov. 3, Ladywood reached the regional semifinal with a three-set win in the District 44 final over Catholic League rival Dearborn Divine Child.

**PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 3, CAMDEN-FRONTIER 0:** On Nov. 7 in a Class D regional semifinal at Lansing Christian, Plymouth Christian Academy swept to a three-set victory (25-16, 25-19, 25-20). The Eagles advanced to the Nov. 9 regional final against North Adams-Jerome.

Top performers for PCA included Grace Kellogg (11 kills, 24 digs), Abigail Pray (16 assists), Isabella Racho (13 assists), Gabriella Kellogg (six kills, seven digs), Robin Albert (eight digs, three aces) and Madison Raymond (16 digs, three aces). Helping the cause were Caitlin Warshuis (seven kills) and Elise Miera (eight kills).

"We hadn't seen them prior to last night (and) we didn't know what to expect," Eagles head coach D.J. Kellogg said. "They were a well-coached team and got progressively better offensively and defensively each game we played them."

"We struggled with service and hitting errors all night, but managed to fight through it."

#### Other regional semifinal scores

Bloomfield Hills Marian 3, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 1

Farmington Hills Mercy 3, Grosse Pointe South 0

Livonia Stevenson 3, Detroit Renaissance 0

**North Branch 3, Detroit Country Day 0:**

Country Day's season ended in the Class B regional semifinal Tuesday with this loss to number-two ranked North Branch by the scores of 25-7, 25-17 and 25-15.

The Yellowjackets were led by Kennedy Bearden (12 digs, 10 kills), Kathleen MacLean (15 assists) and Calihan

Bearden (eight digs).

Country Day finished with an overall 29-18-2 record which included the program's first ever district championship. In the district, which it hosted, the Yellowjackets defeated Center Line, Ferndale University and Madison Heights Lamphere without dropping a game.

"We had a great group of girls who worked extremely hard and had a significant amount of camaraderie," said DCD head coach Kimberly Lockhart. "It was the true meaning of team. We took games from some very solid teams this year. I was very proud of the girls."

Novi 3, Walled Lake Central 0  
South Lyon 3, Ann Arbor Huron 0

#### Earlier games

**CLARENCEVILLE 3, CORNERSTONE 0:** On Nov. 3, senior Erica Bertera finished with 16 assist-to-kills to set up Londen Green's six kills as host Livonia Clarenceville (11-14) captured the Class B-District 47 tournament with a 25-6, 25-19, 25-16 victory over Detroit Cornerstone Health & Technology.

Michelle Marzolo served six aces and recorded four kills along with Cassidy Galvin for the victorious Trojans.

Ciera Galvin, Allison Lay and Shelby Smith were all perfect from the service line, while Allie Snage paced defense with six digs. Maddison Jabber was also solid on serve receive.

**SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 3, FRANKLIN ROAD 0:** In the Class D District 103 final on Nov. 3, Southfield Christian (26-5-2) advanced to the regional with a three-set triumph over host Novi Franklin Road Christian (4-16).

**FRANKLIN ROAD 3, MACOMB CHRISTIAN:** Senior setter Katherine Robinson had 25 assist-to-kills and seven service aces as Novi Franklin Road Christian (4-15) reached the Class D District 103 final with a 25-20, 25-9, 25-10 win Nov. 2 at home against Center Line Macomb Christian.

Other contributors for the victorious Warriors included junior outside hitter Allison Broadright (12 kills), senior middle blocker Megan Jones (seven kills) and senior libero Kayla Nannoshi (18 digs).

The Warriors will face Southfield Christian (25-5-2) for the district championship beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3 at Franklin Road.

### PREP FOOTBALL

## Cranbrook moves on to regional title game with 7-0 triumph over Mumford

Marty Budner

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It was a ceremony never seen before at the Thompson Oval.

Cranbrook Kingswood's football team raised its first district championship trophy Nov. 4 on its home field. The Cranes earned that emotional celebration by defeating a talented and physical Detroit Mumford squad, 7-0, to register its sixth shutout of the season.

"With this program, this team and the community behind us, this is the biggest win for us ever," senior quarterback Tre-

vor McConnell said. "And to be the first team to ever win a district here is crazy, with the history that we have ... Pete Dawkins and everything. This just means so much to us."

"This is a team that we knew had the ability to do something," he added. "Thanks to all these guys. I just lead them and it's been a lot of fun for us."

The Cranes had twice played in a district title game, but lost both times on the road. In 2015, neighboring Detroit Country Day handed Cranbrook Kingswood a 42-7 defeat. In 2003, the Cranes dropped a 47-12 outcome to Clintondale.

So to win the Division 4 district championship

trophy at home in Cranbrook Kingswood's ninth time in the playoffs was a special treat for everyone.

"This means a lot to us," sophomore running back and linebacker Jack Fairman said. "We wanted to win this game and then move on and get better and keep going. We've been working hard all year."

"We just played hard today and we played as a team," he added. "It all happens and that's why we win, because we play as a team. It's not just one individual effort."

Following are some

BOYS WATER POLO

# Seaholm finally headed to state tournament

Marty Budner

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Birmingham Seaholm's boys water polo team has demonstrated season-long improvement and its reward was a trip to states.

The Michigan high school boys water polo championship was scheduled for Nov. 10-11 at Ann Arbor Huron. The eight-team tournament included the top four teams from both the state's East and West regions and Seaholm is among that elite group.

"I'm thrilled to be going to states and I couldn't be prouder of the effort and the growth that these guys have put themselves through over the course of this year," second-year Seaholm head coach Josh Stephens said. "It really is a testament to setting a goal and working really hard to achieve it."

"This was a goal of mine from the very beginning. We didn't achieve it last year, but they knew if they continued to work hard, it was something that was attainable."

"This team, especially



Seaholm senior captain James McLeod had a strong game against Dexter in the regional tournament.

our senior group, has really come along tremendously," he added. "We started off with good players and ended up with a couple of all-East selections in Cam Mabley and Jack Wischmeyer."

### Top-seeded Rockford on deck

Rockford, the West regional champion, and Okemos, the East titlist, entered as the state's two top-seeded teams. Rockford was undefeated and has won four of the past five state titles, including last year, when the Rams took care of Okemos.

Seaholm did not make an appearance in the state rankings until midway through the season.

The Maples headed to states as the sixth-ranked team and had the honor of opening against heavily-favored Rockford.

"It will be fun," Stephens said. "I honestly wish we could have played more teams from the western end of the state. The only way you get better is by playing better teams and Rockford is a perennial powerhouse in the state. I think we are going to learn a lot by going against them."

"I think we can have a couple of tricks up our sleeves and give them a run for their money in this game," he added. "I'm cautiously optimistic in this game against

Rockford." Seaholm qualified for the state finals with a strong regional showing Oct. 27-28 at East Lansing. The Maples opened with a tough 10-7 triumph over Dexter.

The Maples were led in that important victory by Wischmeyer, a senior, who registered four goals, three assists and six steals. James McLeod added two goals and four steals.

Mabley, a senior captain, senior Nolan Grout, junior Nate Reckker and sophomore Jack Fletcher also scored goal apiece. Sophomore defender Joseph Ciemniecki and sophomore goalie Zach Kozlowski turned in solid

performances. Seaholm later dropped matches to Okemos (11-6) in the semifinal and then fell to the combined Holt-East Lansing (7-6) in the consolation game.

"It absolutely was a good regional for us," Stephens said. "We didn't end up winning our second two games, but I will say the first team we lost to is either the first- or second-best team in the state and I am not disappointed at all by the effort we put in in that game."

"And against Holt-East Lansing, they're a team that had beaten us by five or six goals the last time we played them. This time, it was a game that could have gone either way. It just showed the improvement that we made from one week to the next."

"It was a disappointment to lose, but I certainly wasn't disappointed with the level of effort and the heart these guys have," he added. "It's been a great year so far. We've had a lot of guys step up for us."

### First trip since 2013

The trip to Ann Arbor marked Seaholm's first appearance in the state

championship tournament since 2013 under then-head coach Chalmers McGillivray. The team captain that year was Tommy McLeod, whose younger brother James is a senior captain this year.

Seaholm finished with a 21-14 record, including a solid 6-1 mark in local district play, which included a win over Okemos and its lone loss to neighborhood rival Groves. The last 20-win season for the Maples was in 2004.

Whatever happened at states, Stephens is confident this team has set a new standard of excellence.

"The nice part about getting to states this year is that now we can start re-evaluating things," Stephens said. "We can say, OK, if getting to states was our original goal, now let's take it up a notch, let's look at placing at a certain level at states."

"Hopefully, at some point down the line, we are going to win states," he added. "But we definitely made our goal this year and, really, anything that comes out of it is gravy from our perspective."

## CRANBROOK

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takeaways:

### THE ONLY TOUCHDOWN

Cranbrook Kingswood and Mumford played a physical, scoreless first half.

The Cranes finally broke through midway through the third quarter. Following an interception

by CK sophomore linebacker Tariq Muhammad, the Cranes took over at the Mumford 43-yard line. They drove to the 8-yard line, but lost 3 yards on a second-down run.

On the next play, McConnell somehow found receiver Kobi Russell in the far left corner of the end zone for an 11-yard touchdown pass. McConnell was forced out of the pocket and

used his elusiveness to hit Russell, who made a great catch and stayed inbounds for what proved the game's only score.

"We initially called for something to the right," McConnell said. "But they have some seriously talented DBs and linebackers, so I kind of rolled left and I was, like, 'Oh, look at that.' I was able to get it to (Russell) in the corner and he came down with it. But that's

what he's been doing all year."

### CLUTCH DEFENSIVE PLAY

Mumford came into the game with seven wins, averaging 24 points with speed and a large offensive line. The Mustangs had scored 30 or more points in four games.

They could not, however, break through the bend-but-don't-break Cranbrook defense,

which allowed just 76 points all season with five shutouts. In fact, the Cranes still have not given up a postseason point; they blanked Madison Heights Lamphere in their pre-district game.

Mumford did manage to outgain Cranbrook Kingswood in total yards, 301-167. Quick-hitting running back Cerell Lewis finished with 125 yards on 20 carries.

The Cranes' defense

simply came up with timely plays to stall the Mustangs' offense.

### SCHOOL RECORD FOR WINS

The victory was Cranbrook Kingswood's 10th this season, marking the first time the Cranes have ever had double-digit single-season wins.

D'Angelo's 2015 team and the 2003-04 squads coached by Gary Gerson each had nine wins.

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# RYAN PIERSON

SOCCER SENIOR  
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Ryan Pierson is still riding on Cloud Nine and may never come down.

The senior forward from Novi Detroit Catholic Central was named Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week after leading the Shamrocks to their first state soccer title in school history on Nov. 4 with the game-winning penalty kick with just under seven minutes left to beat Walled Lake Central, 1-0.

Just three days earlier in the MHSAA Division 1 semifinals, Pierson also tallied both goals in a 2-1 victory over defending champion East Kentwood. Pierson garnered 9,142 votes (65.49 percent) for the Athlete of the Week honor, while Livonia Churchill volleyball player Annabelle Dunn was runner-up with 4,631 (33.17 percent).

"It means my school is pretty happy with not only how I did for the year, but our program and how our team as a whole did throughout the year," said Pierson, who notched a team-best 32 goals this season. "They announced at the school I was up for the voting and I think that helped out a lot. They were real happy with how we did and real pumped up for how soccer is

coming along here at the school, so I think it's a really good sign." Pierson, who earned Division 1 All-State honors, was a close runner-up in the voting for Michigan's Mr. Soccer to Michael Melaragni of Rochester Stoney Creek.

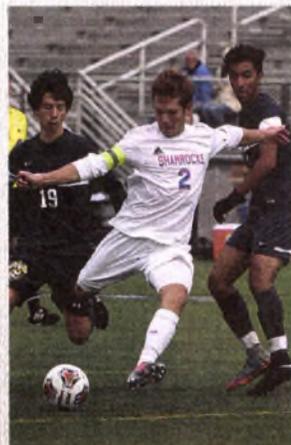
Pierson, who plays club soccer for the Michigan Jaguars, carries a 3.2 grade-point average and will continue his soccer career at Saginaw Valley State. As a sophomore in 2015, Pierson was a member of a CC varsity squad that reached the Division

1 state semifinals before falling to Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, 3-1.

Last season, the Shamrocks suffered a crushing 1-0 first-round defeat to rival Novi in the opening round of the state tourney. That seemed to fueled their fire as the Shamrocks went on to post 21-2-4 overall record this fall, while earning the program's first state championship in 39 years.

Ironically, against the same Novi team in this year's district championship final, Pierson scored the game-winner in a 1-0 overtime win.

"I think this year it really meant a lot, especially being my last year playing for CC," Pierson said. "After that win, I came over to my dad and said, 'It's awesome to finally know I have achieved my ultimate goal to win the state for my school, first-ever for the program.' But then again it's kind of a sad day knowing it's my last time ever getting to play for CC again." Kids are just still talking about it, talking about how this could be one of the best teams overall out of all sports to ever come out of Catholic Central. It really does mean a lot to us."



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**ORDINANCE NO. 347**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE III BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SECTION 2-50 MEETINGS, TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENT OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS**

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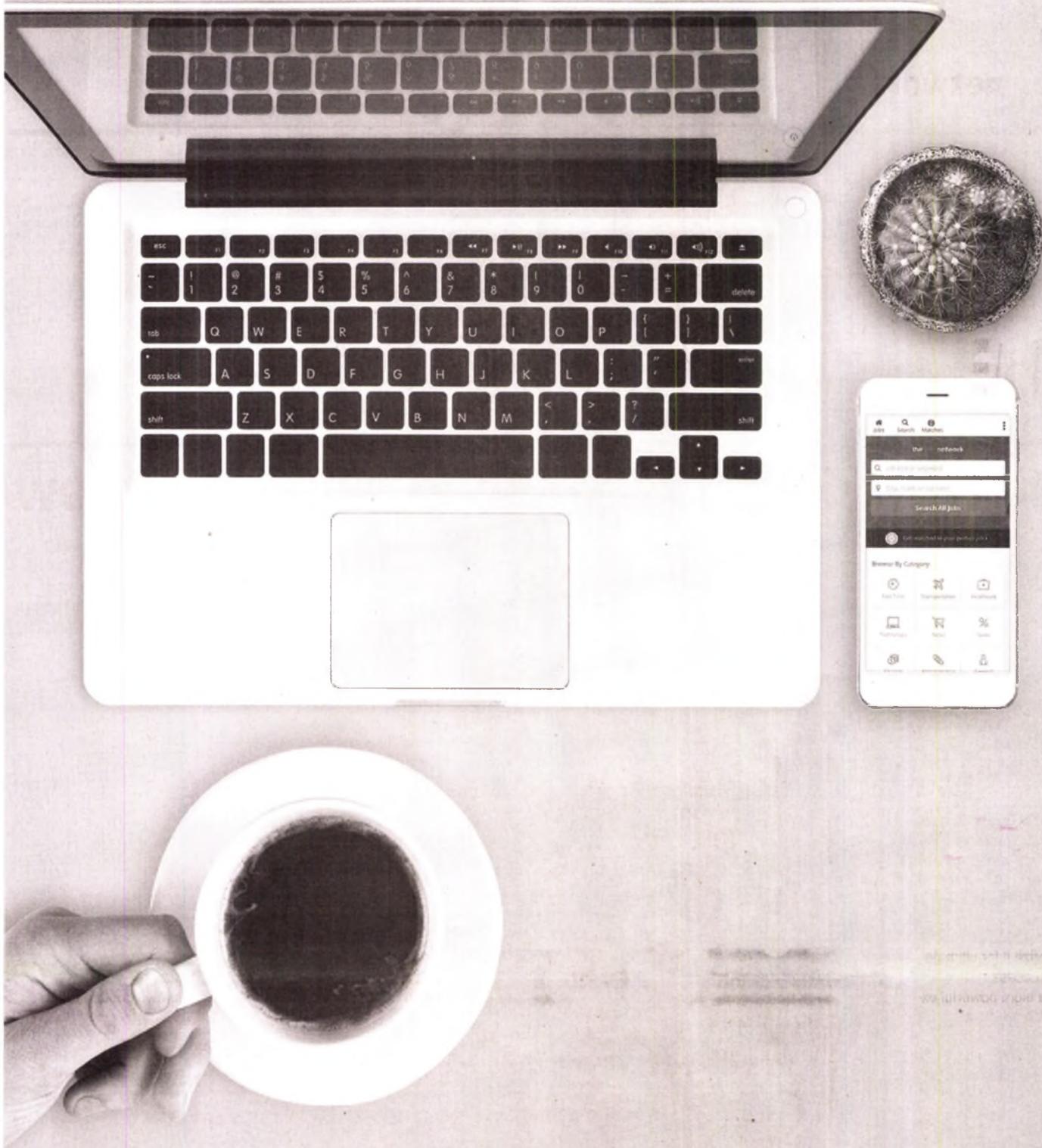
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## How to describe yourself in a job interview

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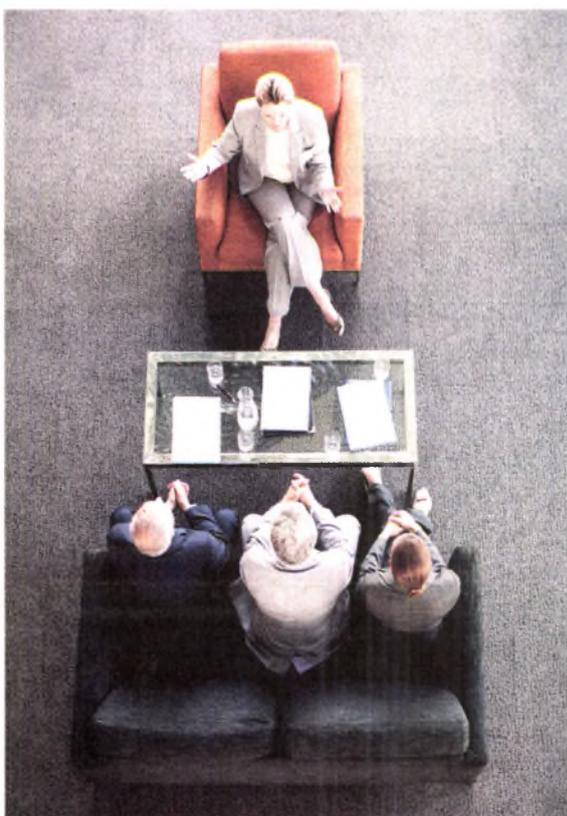
**Y**ou know you're going to be asked about yourself in a job interview, so don't get caught tongue-tied. It's smart to have a small collection of adjectives that describe you well and show you off in your best light — bonus points if they aren't the same old tired words everybody else is using.

Often the best strategy here is to think of action verbs, then modify them into adjective form. Think about how you would sincerely describe yourself, both personally and at the office, then put together a list and memorize it for ultimate interview success.

Here are eight powerful examples interviewers are sure to love:

### 1. Communicative

Communication is one of the skills most highly valued by employers, so this is a shrewd word to use. It suggests that you're a people person, you are effective at disseminating information, you care about connecting with your clients and coworkers and you are intelligent enough to do so clearly and professionally. Plus, you can segue this into concrete examples of how you used your communication skills to problem solve.



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### 2. Reliable

"Consistent" or "accountable" are also good ones. You're in it for the team — you don't just show up for you. You realize that your work is part of an ecosystem of other people's projects and you don't let anybody down. You're not late

for work or meetings. You can be relied upon to do your job, do it well and deliver whatever needs to be done.

### 3. Driven

If you'd rather, "ambitious" works here, as well — any adjective that shows you are

not just showing up for the paycheck and free coffee is great. These words prove that you are in it to win it — both to advance yourself in your career and, in the meantime, to advance the company and its most important goals. Subtext: no one is going to need to hound or micromanage you to keep you motivated. You're "self-motivating."

### 4. Meticulous

This word hints at your attention to detail, your precision, your organizational skills, your ability to prioritize and the fact that you hate letting anything slip through any cracks. If you're meticulous, you're thorough and self-managing and trustworthy. See how much work this kind of word can do?

### 5. Impactful

Go ahead and say what a difference you made at your last gig. Go ahead and gloat. You come on the job and get things done. You can totally brag here at this point, and throw in a mention of any accomplishments or awards you may have earned along the way. This word shows you don't just make promises, you get results.

### 6. Persistent

You don't quit until the job is done (and done well). What's

more, you'll get the project done on time. You'll put in the extra work until the solution is found. This conveys that you're "results-oriented," as well.

### 7. Flexible

You're not rigid. You think outside the box. You're able to adapt to challenging circumstances and find the work-around that no one else can see. You adapt on the go and keep adapting. You're the kind of employee everybody wants because you're willing to do things outside the purview of your job description — provided it makes sense for the company and for the goals of your team.

### 8. Team player

It's always good to round off a list of descriptors of yourself with something that conveys a bit of humility — your willingness to sacrifice your own time and ambitions now and then for the good of the group. "Team player" transitions easily enough to a description of how you're also a "leader" ... for those of you who want to score that last bonus point.

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#### CHEVROLET TRUCKS CELEBRATE 100 YEARS WITH NEW TV ADS, WORLD SERIES MVP AND TRUCK LEGENDS LOYALTY PROGRAM



By Dale Buss

When the Houston Astros' George Springer won the World Series Most Valuable Player trophy for his five-home-run performance, he got a Chevrolet Silverado

Centennial Edition pickup truck for his efforts.

And while providing a great new ride for the talented and ebullient outfielder, the awarding of that Silverado is just one of the puzzle pieces in Chevrolet's new campaign to promote the 100th anniversary of its pickup trucks.

The Chevrolet Silverado Centennial edition was created to celebrate a century of durability and of fulfilling the many needs and wants of America's growing truck-buying public. Chevrolet Chevy Trucks 100th anniversary Silverado centennial and Colorado feature a distinctive blue paint color, exclusive heritage-bowtie emblems of the Chevy logo and 100-year badges inspired by colors and design cues found on early Chevy trucks.

On the heels of another monthly sales report showing gangbuster sales of its Silverado in October, Chevrolet is putting some marketing muscle to engage consumers in the General Motors-owned brand's century of trucks, whose modern workhorses are the full-size Silverado and mid-size Colorado.

Its customer-wooing effort includes



Chevrolet Marketing US Vice President Paul Edwards

three nostalgia-tinged TV ads and the U.S.-wide rollout of a new loyalty platform called the Truck Legends program. True brand loyalists can even show their pride with merchandise including a \$1250 limited edition watch, which is made in the USA (of course).

"We see the centennial as a significant opportunity for us in the marketplace," Paul Edwards, GM's vice president of U.S. marketing for Chevrolet, told me. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate 100 years and certainly the anniversary of a rich, storied legacy of Chevy trucks throughout the ages. It's an opportunity to connect with customers in a meaningful way."

Edwards shares more with me:

**Q:** Paul, centennials are always a big deal to brands—but do customers really care?

**Edwards:** We know our truck people care. We've sold more than 85 million trucks and we know the relationships

that customers have built with their trucks over the years, and with the Chevy brand.

In the [new TV] spot called "Names," you'll see that come to life. That was shot using real people, and through their own words they bring to life their relationships with their trucks. There's no segment where they care more than trucks and here's why. They buy trucks for dependability. They need them to last and work hard every day.

And the fact that we have such a rich legacy of dependable trucks on the road makes our owners proud. And it's true what we've been saying over the hundred years in the "Then/Now" spot: Our owners want to be seen as dependable as the trucks that they drive, and that comes through in "Names."

**Q:** How else are you engaging customers in the centennial?

**Edwards:** It kicked off in late September at the state fair in Texas.

The first step was the two Centennial editions, for Silverado and Colorado, from the product standpoint. The next was rolling out our Truck Legends program, which we'd been incubating in the state of Texas over the last year and building the program so it'd be ready for this moment in time to extend it from one state to the whole country.

Truck Legends is a platform we've built for a deeper relationship with our customers. A significant part of our customer base have 400,000 to 500,000 miles on their trucks, or frequent purchases. It's an effort to foster the communities with people with the deepest relationships with their Chevy trucks. We used that year to learn what resonates most.

**Q:** What are you learning about your customers?

**Edwards:** One of the interesting things is that there's significant appetite

among our truck owners to be part of the Chevy club. Since late September, with no paid media and little effort behind it, we've gotten 30,000 owners signed up to be part of the club.

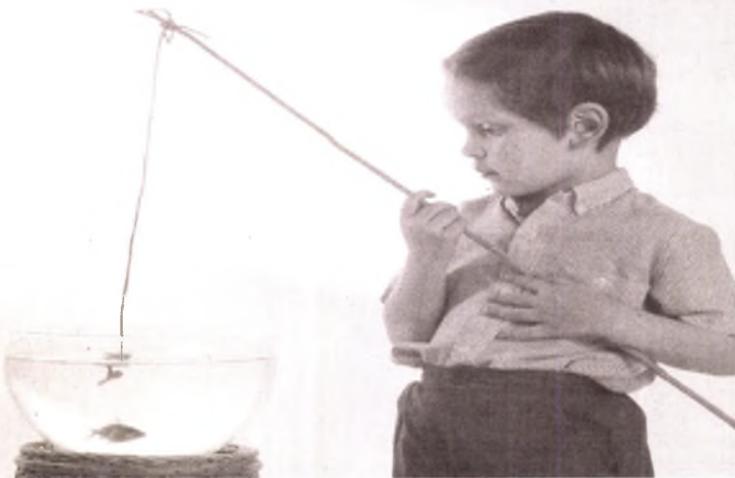
They appreciate hearing directly from Chevrolet and getting an inside look at news from Chevrolet. There's also merchandise we make available to them, perks for being part of the club and getting their feedback. We want to use them to help build this program.

Perks include special offers for partners, different badging for their trucks, specially tailored merchandise that we make available to them. An example would be wearables—our truck people love to wear the bow tie. We have truck legends merchandise and centennial merchandise. It's that special access to Chevrolet—shirts, hats and so on—exclusive stuff just for being a Truck Legend.



World Series MVP George Springer with his Chevrolet Silverado Centennial edition

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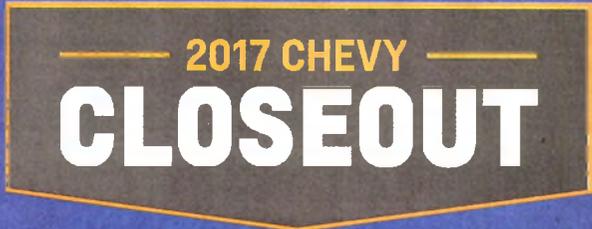
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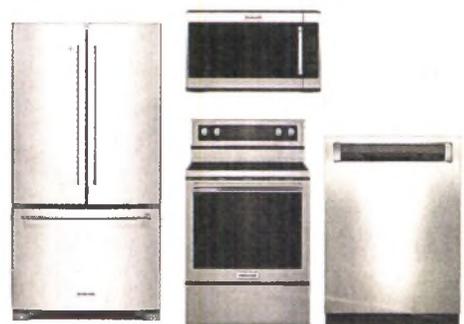


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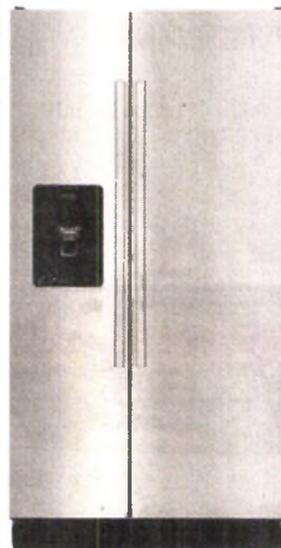
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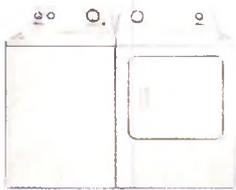
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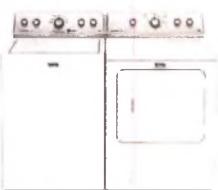
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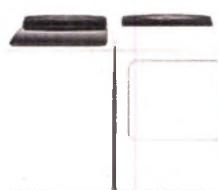
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