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Canton maps out parks and rec plan

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Staff Writer

Canton's population of residents 65 and older is projected to skyrocket by 138 percent by 2040 — a trend local officials are watching as they develop a blueprint for parks and recreation offerings.

Canton residents also are increasingly non-white — 26.8 percent in the last U.S. Census in 2010, compared to 17.7

percent a decade earlier — with Asian Americans and African Americans showing the biggest gains.

Those are among the changing demographics mentioned by local officials as they develop a new, five-year master plan for Canton Leisure Services — the department that steers parks and recreation amenities.

"We need to adapt programs accordingly," said Greg Hohenberger, CLS operations manager.

A revised master plan is expected to face a vote after the Canton Township Board of Trustees conducts a public hearing set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, at township hall, culminating a lengthy process involving community focus groups and other opinion-gathering methods.

Canton officials studied population trends compiled by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments as a way to help forecast long-term needs. In one

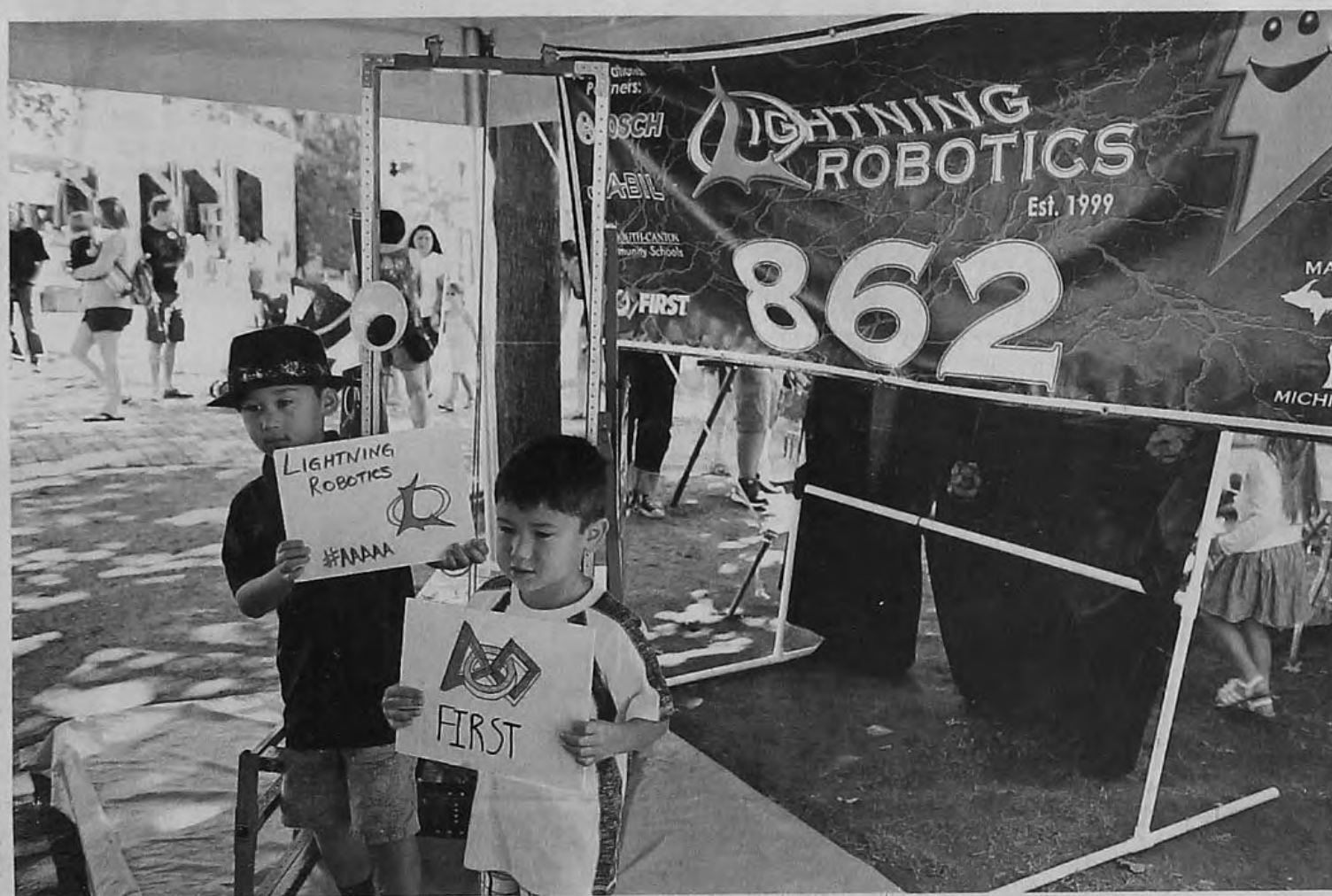
finding, SEMCOG has projected a 138-percent jump in Canton residents 65 or older from 2010 to 2040.

"We're looking at the senior population expanding," Hohenberger said, adding that Canton needs to accommodate aging baby boomers who come from a generation that wants active, rather than passive, recreation.

Canton's new master plan will cover

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GREASED LIGHTNING



Livonia brothers Paxton and Payne Lumley take a selfie Sunday with a robot at the Robots in the Park in Plymouth.

TOM BEAUDOIN

PLYMOUTH-CANTON EDUCATIONAL PARK ROBOTICS TEAM SHOWS OFF WORK

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Bridelle Boykin saw an array of career possibilities at Sunday's Robots in the Park event in Plymouth.

"He's been saying he's going to be a scientist since he was 3," said Bridelle's mother, Latisha, as she and her sons waited their turns to control Orion or Sirius, two of the Lightning Robotics robots, Sunday afternoon at The Gathering.

Boykin and her sons — twins Bridelle and Bryden, 9, and Braylin, 5 — were at Robots in the Park for the second year, visits for which she credited Bridelle's interest in science. The annual event showcases the work of Lightning Robotics team at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high schools and featured hands-on displays and demonstrations.

"So far, they had a great time," Boykin said. "They've had a lot of experiences and done a lot of great things."

Taking the controls of Orion (which was throwing Frisbees) or Sirius (tossing balls) would be "the highlight of the day," she said.

Bridelle was intrigued by the display of 3-D printers that were turning out plastic trinkets; he asked if a replica of himself could be printed. (If they had their scanner handy to get his dimensions, was the answer).

Topher Brayman, a soon-to-be sophomore at Plymouth High School, was helping out at



Royal Oak resident Ryann Azrine tests his aluminum boat to see how many pennies it will hold before it sinks.

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Ken Obudzinski competes at bocce ball.

It's fun, fitness, friendship at the Canton Senior Games

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Staff Writer

Going into this week's inaugural Canton Senior Games, 58-year-old Janet Brady already had accumulated 121 medals in county, state and national senior Olympic competitions.

She already had earned gold, silver and bronze medals in shot put, horseshoes, hammer throw, long jump and power-lifting, among other contests, in Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, the Meijer State Games of Michigan and National Senior Olympics. She is Meijer's Female Athlete of the Year.

"I like being fit and being conscious about fitness," she said. "I also like the friendships. It's really nice to meet other people."

As the three-day Canton Senior Games wrap up Thursday, Brady was hoping to earn new medals as she competed in the softball and football throw, bean bag toss, Frisbee toss, bocce ball and Wii bowling.

She was among 170 seniors competing in events at Heritage Park and the Summit on the Park recreation center. Most live in Canton, but some came from communities such as Westland and Livonia.

Canton organized its own senior games after Wayne County chose not to host its event this year.

Paul Meador, 82, has racked up numerous medals by tossing a Frisbee, softball, football and bean bag, among other competitions, such as marksmanship, in the Wayne County games. He hasn't let double-bypass heart surgery get in his way.

"I used to walk five miles a day, but now I'm down to one mile," he said.

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NCFD firefighters train to be ready at a moment's notice

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Staff Writer

Capt. Jim Davison of the Northville City Fire Department is a veteran of the fire service who worked in Canton fighting fires for 34 years. He now runs the city of Plymouth station week-days for the NCFD, serving the cities of Northville and Plymouth.

"Every Thursday night is our training night," Davison said. That can run two hours or four hours and often takes place at the Plymouth Cultural Center, including classroom work. Sometimes, the paid, on-call firefighters travel north to Northville's Station No. 1 or train jointly with the Northville station crew in Plymouth.

The focus is on "practical exercises," Davison said, noting the training schedule is planned two months in advance.

"Training is very important," he said. "Technology changes, newer, better, safer. Firefighters are always training, always looking at the newest, best, safest methods. Training in the fire service is huge. It's a necessity, especially the paid, on-calls."

Those firefighters hold down day jobs and are paid hourly for training and are paid for calls they answer. They need to learn to use equipment, including operation of the trucks.



Firefighters must train constantly to be in the know.

TOM BEAUDOIN

"We don't have the luxury of being here 24/7," Davison said. Chief Stephen Ott is NCFD's only full-timer.

"You're always doing something," Davison said of his firefighting years. That could be viewing a PowerPoint "or actually going out and laying hose lines, climbing ladders."

Additional information, including an application, is online at www.northvilleplymouthfire.org for those interested in becoming a paid, on-call firefighter with NCFD.

"Give us a call," Davison said. "We are always in the market for firefighters. Come in and see us and talk." That includes older retired firefighters, he said.

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A shot above Plymouth shows the NCFD working on its weekly training that helps to keep the communities it serves safe during emergencies.

TOM BEAUDOIN

Birmingham resident gets a squeeze out of Paul McCartney

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Birmingham resident Terry Matlen is probably one of the few Beatles fans on the planet who patted Paul McCartney on the butt.

And she did it twice, before thousands of screaming fans.

"I'm still on cloud nine," Matlen said. "It's been my lifelong dream to actually meet him in person."

The former Beatle was performing Aug. 15 before a sold-out audience at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids. Matlen was sitting in the third row and holding a sign that read: "Can I Touch Your Bass?" Only the letter "B" was crossed out.

Not only did McCartney read her sign out loud to the audience, but later invited her onstage.

"Now, which is it to be?" McCartney asked. "Is it the bass or the ass?"

She first patted him on the butt, then reached over and touched his famous bass guitar.

"My wife is going to kill me!" McCartney joked with the audience. He then asked Matlen for her name and gave her a big hug. She snuck in a second pat before leaving the stage.

"I'm still flying here," she said last week. "I didn't realize I was on the big video screen and after the concert all these people came up to me."

Matlen attended the concert by herself, while her husband went fishing for the afternoon. She



It was the moment of a lifetime for Birmingham resident Terry Matlen after Paul McCartney invited her onstage.

later woke him in their hotel room and told him what happened.

"He's the greatest husband in the world," she said. "I'm an amateur musician and a few years ago he bought me a vintage Hofner bass like Paul's."

She's a lifelong Beatles fan and has traveled over the years to see McCartney perform in different arenas around the Midwest.

"I've been a Beatles fan since I was 10," she said. "It's kind of a sad story, but around the time they played on the Ed Sullivan show, my dad died suddenly as a young man ... so the Beatles got me through a really rough patch without my father."

So, was it a bit awkward patting one of the most famous people in the world on the butt?

"Hey," she said. "Paul McCartney is giving me permission to touch his butt, so I'm touching his butt."

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But he also works out three hours a day — five days a week — at the Summit. He once weighed 230 pounds, but has gotten it down to 175 through exercise.

Canton sisters Ginny Garner and Annette Garner participated together in the Canton games.

"I like to recapture my youthful days as a tomboy and get out and exercise," Ginny Garner said.

The sisters were planning to compete in events such as Frisbee toss, softball throw and basketball shoot, among others.

"It's fun being out here with other people," Annette Garner said Tuesday in Heritage Park. "I just enjoy it."



Pete Serini sends the Frisbee through the hoop.

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Paul Meador at the Frisbee toss.

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Local recreation officials say keeping seniors fit and helping them make new friends is why Canton rolled out its competitions this

summer. "We're hoping to expand it next year," said Stephanie Diago, Canton recreation specialist for adult services.

More than half of this year's 170 athletes signed up for the golf competition, but many competed in more than one event. Men and

women competed separately in the age categories of 55-65, 66-75 and over 75.

Medal winners will be honored during a closing

ceremony and luncheon Friday at the Summit.

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the years 2017-21. The community has to have an updated plan to qualify for Michigan Department of Natural Resources grants which, to date, have brought in \$3.4 million for improvements to amenities such as the Summit on the Park recreation center, Fellows Creek Golf Club and local parks.

Just this month, Canton Leisure Services officials and the township board engaged in talks about the new master plan.

"It's still a work in progress," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

Among the highlights: » Hohenberger said officials frequently review fees that are charged for places like the Summit, aiming to offset costs while keep-



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A patron walks inside the gymnasium at the Summit on the Park.

ing programs affordable. "That's something we're constantly evaluating," he said. "It's a juggling act."

» Among the more recent accomplishments by Canton Leisure Services have been the Canton Dog Park and improvements to it; reno-

vation of the splash playground near the Summit; an expansion of the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail to connect to Flodin and Griffin parks; Canton Historical Museum renovations; and Summit upgrades, among others.

» Focus groups cited

a need for additional walking trails; developing the new Patriot Park on Canton's west side; expanding parking lots at parks and recreation facilities; and increasing the number of athletic fields, among other priorities.

The groups said they would like to see more public Wi-Fi in township buildings, similar to what the Summit already has.

» A survey conducted in 2014 by an outside firm, Leisure Vision/ETC of Olathe, Kan., found that township-operated facilities most important to residents were the Summit and Heritage Park. Moreover, residents had the most need for trails, large community parks, small neighborhood parks, park shelters and picnic areas, and indoor fitness and exercise facilities.

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Plymouth Cultural Center ice arena now open with new bleachers

Members of the Plymouth City Commission gathered earlier this week to cut the ribbon on the new bleachers at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena. The bleachers are replacing wooden bleachers that were originally installed in 1972, when the arena opened for business.

Funding for the new bleachers was made possible through the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds and through the Recreation Capital Improvement Fund. There was no city general fund money used for this up-

grade to the facility.

"The new bleachers offer a number of customer safety features, such as hand rails and are very stable when compared to the original set of bleachers in the building. The new bleachers are hand-capped accessible and meet all current standards," Mayor Dan Dwyer said.

City Commissioner Colleen Pobur, who also serves as president of the Plymouth Hockey Association, said that "the parents of the hockey association are looking forward to the new

bleachers and better lighting. The staff of the building now has a significant amount of storage under the new bleachers and that opens up more space for the hockey association to use for a coach's room."

The Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena re-opened for business Aug. 17 and the facility hosted the Plymouth Hockey Association, Salem High School hockey team, Plymouth Prep hockey team and the Michigan Developmental Hockey League.

"The arena staff just complete the re-installation of the ice surface this past weekend and the one of a kind in Michigan, Geo-Thermal Ice Plant is operating at peak performance to be ready for skaters on Wednesday," said Steve Anderson, city recreation director.

The Plymouth Cultural Center is a multi-purpose facility that includes an ice arena. The facility is at 525 Farmer St. For ice rental information, contact the city Recreation Department at 734-455-6620 or check out the website at <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/index.aspx?NID=21>.



Plymouth officials cut the ribbon on the new bleachers at the Cultural Center Ice Arena (front, from left) City Commissioner Colleen Pobur, City Recreation Director Steve Anderson and Mayor Dan Dwyer and (middle, from left) Commissioners Dan Dalton and Joe Valenti and Mayor Pro Tem Oliver Wolcott and (back, from left) Commissioners Mike Wright and Suzi Deal.

JULIE BROWN
Sue Sargent of Livonia (left), who lost her daughter Chrissy to cancer at age 12, and Chard'ey Woolfolk of Garden City volunteered with Kids Without Cancer at Canton's Liberty Fest in June.



Join Kids Without Cancer Sept. 10 for Motor City Quack Attack

You're invited to join Kids Without Cancer and partners at Oakland County Parks for the second annual Motor City Quack Attack. This is a family-friendly event which involves 5,000 rubber ducks racing for a cure to childhood cancer.

The Motor City Quack Attack will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Red Oaks Water park in Madison Heights. Gates open at 11 a.m. with the duck launch at 2 p.m. Organizers will have music, a photo booth and a raffle.

Proceeds from the duck race benefit Kids Without Cancer, a non-profit organization founded in 1981 whose vision is a world in which no child has to face a diagnosis and battle cancer. This event will fund pediatric cancer research at Children's Hos-

pital of Michigan, Wayne State University and Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Supporters can "adopt" a rubber duck (\$5/duck) and test their luck in the waterpark's river ride. The first three ducks to pass the finish line win. First place prize is \$1,000 cash; second place \$500 cash, and third place \$250 cash. Ducks can be adopted online at <http://www.motorcityquackattack.com/>

Sue Sargent of Livonia serves on the Board of Directors for Kids Without Cancer. She lost her daughter Chrissy to the disease at age 12.

Wrote Sargent in an email, "I became involved with this organization in memory of my daughter Chrissy who passed away in 1993. She

was only 12 years old and diagnosed with ovarian cancer. During her three-month illness, I was on an emotional roller coaster, I could only focus on saving my daughter's life. Sadly, Chrissy was not able to beat the monster."

Adds Sargent, "Later, I realized there are many children who have cancer. Too many children. I don't have much money to give, so I decided to volunteer. I didn't think I had skills, but over time I found that I do, and I use them to be a voice for children fighting this awful disease that is robbing them of their childhood or their lives."

Find more details online at www.kidswithoutcancer.org. On Facebook, go to <https://www.facebook.com/kidswithoutcancer/>

'Finding Dory' screening helps children with autism have fun

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Children with autism and other special needs will enjoy a 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, sensory-friendly showing of the movie "Finding Dory" at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

"This is our first time trying it," said Ellen Elliott, executive director of the Friends of the Penn. "We'll just see how it goes. Everybody is welcome. There are no restrictions," she added, noting it's not just for autistic children.

The showing is sponsored by Autism Compass Consulting with the Penn Theatre as host and will have the lights turned up and volume turned down. Gluten-free snacks will be available and kids can get up and dance.

"Finding Dory,"

which tells the animated tale of a friendly but forgetful fish named Dory, continues the story of "Finding Nemo" of several years ago. "Finding Dory" is rated PG and runs 97 minutes. Admission is \$3 each.

Elliott, a Plymouth resident, noted the "activity, moving around and noise" will make the showing different from others. "I think it's a good thing to try," she said. "People have different needs and we want to meet those needs."

The box office of the theater adjacent to Kellogg Park will open a half-hour before the showing, without any advance ticket sales. That's the practice for all Penn Theatre showings.

Other show times for "Finding Dory" (which will not be sensory-friendly) are: 7 and 9

p.m. Friday, Aug. 26; 4:45 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27; 4:45 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28; and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1.

The Penn Theatre is online at www.penntheatre.com. Its phone is 734-453-0870.

Autism Compass provides a variety of services for families and individuals with autism and other developmental and social disorders, including consulting, guidance and special social skills classes that allow individuals to learn necessary, everyday life skills that will help them succeed at home, in school, on the job and in their daily lives, a press release notes.

For more information about Autism Compass, go to www.autismcompassconsulting.com or call 844-273-4273.

NEWS BRIEFS

Free family movie night planned for Monday

The Summer Drive-In at USA Hockey Arena on Beck Road will offer a free family movie night Monday, Aug. 29, for residents of Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Movie-goers can pick up a free voucher in the township supervisor's office on the second floor of Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 Haggerty, during business hours. The double-feature movie event, hosted by the township and several local sponsors, will also offer free popcorn and refreshments.

Movies scheduled for Monday are "The Secret Life of Pets" (PG) with

"Ghostbusters" (PG) on Screen 1; "Pete's Dragon" (PG) and "Finding Dory" (PG) on Screen 2; and "Bad Moms" (R) with "Suicide Squad" (PG-13) on Screen 3.

The gates at the arena parking lot, 14900 Beck, will open at 7 p.m. Monday; movies start at dusk, which is about 9 p.m.

For more information, call the township supervisor's office at 734-354-3204.

Free pizza!

To celebrate its grand opening in Plymouth Township, 1000 Degrees Neapolitan Pizza is giving free pizza to anyone who visits the restaurant between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25. There will also be an

opportunity to win free pizza for a year. The new pizzeria is at 41576 Ann Arbor Road, west of Haggerty.

1000 Degrees is a fast-casual American spin on hand-tossed Neapolitan pizza. Its serves made-to-order pizza using hand-tossed dough, created with authentic Neapolitan flour, available in 10-inch and 14-inch sizes. 1000 Degrees will also be serving a variety of gelato in addition to its pizza.

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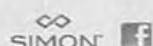
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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Boy, 2, found wandering alone in neighborhood

A 2-year-old boy found wandering alone in a Canton neighborhood was picked up by police and later reunited with his mother.

The child apparently was able to open a bay window, crawl through it and begin walking along Nantucket, a residential street near Sheldon and Hanford, a police report said.

A concerned resident saw the boy and phoned police shortly after 10:40 a.m. Aug. 17 after first driving through the neighborhood to see if he could spot any parent out looking for a child.

Officers took the toddler to the police station, where a call to 9-1-1 had been made after a 50-year-old babysitter — a family relative — realized the child was missing. She told police the boy and two other children had been napping as she cleaned house.

The babysitter told police she could later hear the children playing upstairs, but it soon became clear to her that only two of them were in the house.

A police department dispatcher was able to locate the child's mother by phone and made arrangements to return the missing boy to her, the

report said. The babysitter was described by relatives as dependable.

A police report indicated the babysitter was ticketed for neglecting the child.

Fake home invasion

A Canton couple summoned police Sunday evening to report that a suspect had kicked in their front door while they were watching television — and then fled the scene without entering.

Turns out they were lying and ended up getting citations for filing a false report, police said. The incident unfolded about 7:15 p.m. at a rental property on Stacy, near Haggerty and Palmer.

Police eventually learned that a 25-year-old man and his girlfriend, 22, had argued before she kicked and damaged the wood-frame door in anger, the report said. However, they filed a police report accusing someone else in hopes of having repairs covered by the property owner, police said.

Police became suspicious after learning the couple had made the report a half-hour after the incident supposedly occurred. Police questioned the delay in reporting it.

It was the male resident who first confessed to police that a false report had been made, then his girlfriend fol-

lowed suit. Police ticketed the couple for filing a false police report.

Disorderly conduct

A drunken man was arrested Saturday afternoon after witnesses say he stood in the busy intersection of Warren and Sheldon roads, yelling and cursing at drivers, directing traffic and throwing his phone at one car, a police report said.

The incident unfolded about 3:15 p.m. and ended with the 42-year-old man being taken into custody for disorderly conduct.

Witnesses phoned police to report the man's drunken behavior and officers found him sitting in a grassy area when they arrived. One of the first officers on the scene reported seeing the man trying to direct traffic.

Witnesses told police one motorist got out of his car and had a brief confrontation with the suspect after a cellphone was thrown at his car.

The man's wife arrived at the scene, saying he had earlier damaged their house by throwing plant pots against walls to break them and kicking and damaging a front door. The only explanation in the police report was that he became upset over her job.

Domestic violence

Police took a 30-year-old man into custody amid allegations he assaulted his wife and placed his hand over her mouth and nose, before she fought back and broke free, a report said.

No serious injuries were reported as the incident unfolded about 2:15 p.m. Sunday at The Crossings, an apartment complex near Joy Road and I-275.

Police went to the residence and were told by the 25-year-old woman that her husband of four years became angry because she didn't have lunch prepared when he arrived home, the report said. She said he began yelling at her loudly enough that a concerned neighbor sent her a text to ask what was wrong.

The wife accused the husband of pushing her down a hallway and onto the floor in addition to putting his hand over her mouth and nose.

However, she was blamed for the incident by her husband, who claimed she became upset that the dog hadn't been taken outside, that he hadn't made lunch and that their son, 2, had vomited. She also was accused of trying to grab his neck and slapping him.

He admitted he began to yell, drawing a neighbor's

attention. The incident ended with the man being taken into custody as the investigation continued.

Illegal fireworks

A 54-year-old Canton man notified police after fireworks were set off on his porch shortly before 10:30 p.m. Aug. 18, a police report said.

The incident happened in the 83100 block of Alton, near Joy Road and I-275.

The resident told police he had fallen asleep and awoke when the fireworks went off. He went outside and saw smoke and shredded pieces of the fireworks.

He told police he believed the incident may have been in retaliation after he last week notified police that some teens had been riding dirt bikes in a preserve area in the neighborhood.

Police tracked down the teens who, according to the police report, corroborated the man's story. One suspect, 15, said he alone committed the offense. He was cited for fireworks possession and turned over to his parents.

Canton prohibits the discharge of fireworks except on national holidays and the day before and after.

— By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Shoplifting arrest assist reveals drug items

Plymouth Township police assisted in the arrest of a Canton Township shoplifting suspect the night of Aug. 17, arresting another man on a drug paraphernalia charge and an outstanding warrant in the process.

The arrests came shortly after police in Canton broadcast a report of a shoplifting at a Meijer store there. Two men

were seen in the parking lot loading cases of Red Bull energy drink into a silver-colored Ford Taurus, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

A Plymouth Township officer later spotted a silver Taurus on the northbound I-275 ramp to eastbound I-96. The officer stopped the driver near Eckles Road; there was also a passenger in the car.

A pat-down of the driver, of Detroit, revealed a suspected

crack cocaine pipe, and a "push rod" for the pipe, in a pocket of his shorts, police said. A Canton officer soon arrived and identified the passenger, also of Detroit, as a shoplifting suspect. Both were arrested.

Police found nine cases of Red Bull, a dog bed, toilet paper and frozen food in the Taurus.

The paraphernalia suspect also had an outstanding Wayne County warrant and was issued a citation for the paraphernalia violation while awaiting pickup

by county authorities, police said.

No license

A 23-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving without a valid license Aug. 17 after being involved in a fender-bender in Plymouth Township.

The accident occurred shortly before 9 a.m. at Haggerty and Plymouth Road, a police report said. No injuries were reported.

A 54-year-old Detroit man

was arrested for driving with a suspended license early Aug. 8 after being stopped for equipment and license violations on the Ford Contour he was driving.

The man was stopped just before 5 a.m. in the area of Joy Road and General Drive, a police report said. Police said the Contour had two broken mirrors, a broken tail light and an expired license-plate tab.

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Outreach: Addressing higher numbers of minority drowning victims

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Michelle Robinson, regional director of aquatics for the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit, agrees a disproportionate number of African-American people drown annually compared to the white population. "The African-American population is one of the higher ones for statistics of drowning," Robinson said. When she lived in Arizona, she saw a disproportionate number of Hispanics drown. "Definitely it's your minority populations that are going to have that lack of resources available," she said. To address that, the region's YMCA offers Detroit Swims, a program done in partnership with the Detroit Public Schools as well as the state Department of Natural Resources on Belle Isle. It focuses on school districts with many free- or reduced-price lunch children, busing them to pools for 30- to 45-minute swim classes, depending on age. "Detroit's the biggest one," she said of school districts now served. Southgate in the Downriver

area is also served currently.

Swimsuits, towels, goggles and caps are provided free of charge to eliminate obstacles to learning. Robinson, a Ferndale resident, noted donations of gently used swimsuits in all sizes, caps, goggles and monetary gifts are always in need.

The website is www.ymcadetroit.org.

Detroit Swims has existed about six years, having served some 5,100 people as of the end of 2015. Its goal is 1,500 people served a year, Robinson said.

"I think it does make a difference. We're definitely focusing on water safety," she said. She sees skill levels improve considerably.

The children learn to save themselves, along with how to help a friend. "If one of their friends falls in, they know what to do without endangering themselves. We see a big improvement in the skills of the children," Robinson said.

Instruction emphasizes not going in quickly after a friend in the water, reaching out instead with a flotation device or a pole to pull him or her to safety.

Robinson graduated from Royal Oak Shrine High School in 1998 and swam there. She wasn't competing before high school and has taught swimming from about age 15 on.

She'd earlier shared some basic safety tips applicable to all.

"The first big thing is to make sure there's somebody to watch the children," Robinson said. She also urges parents to use Coast Guard-approved life jackets on their children and never to rely on the arm "floaties" sold.

Robinson, who earned a bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Michigan University, works with nine regional YMCAs that have pools, as well as two summer camps with swimming. The YMCA focuses on water safety all year, with May National Water Safety Month. Parents often become more aware of safety concerns for their children in warming spring weather, she said.

The U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets will flip the child over, even if he's unconscious, to allow breathing, she noted. The jacket should be put on by following

instructions, with the strap between the child's legs and the shoulders below the ears.

Sometimes, parents can rely too much on a lifeguard. The lifeguard has many people to watch, she noted, so he or she can't keep an eye directly on a child at all times.

"Any amount of water can be dangerous in the wrong form," Robinson said. "It's being aware of water and making sure kids are safe. We don't want that to happen to anyone at anytime," she added of drownings in bathtubs or toilets.

If a child goes under water just briefly and surfaces, alert the lifeguard and, "Try to remain as calm as possible for the sake of your child," she said. "Try not to make the water a negative place for them."

That situation may call for a better life jacket in the future, learning to "enjoy the water in a safe manner," she added.

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Count the Rev. Bryan Smith, 55, among happy baby boomers. "I feel valued and cared for," he said. "My wife Jennifer is a very loving person. I have two wonderful kids."

Study: Boomers lead the way on happiness

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

A considerable 74 percent of baby boomers (born between 1947 and 1963) are said to be happy almost every day — "in complete optimal mental health" in research terms — compared with 68 percent of those born between 1982 and 1997, according to a study led by University of Toronto social work professor Esme Fuller-Thomson. "It turns out the majority of us are doing well, are happy almost every day," said Fuller-Thomson, who set the bar high to measure happiness: "If you're happy just once a week, you didn't make my cut."

Canton's the Rev. Bryan Smith, 55, isn't surprised to hear of the study. Smith, pastor of Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton, said, "I think for me there are a lot of things that go into that. My faith gives me a reason to have hope."

He acknowledges suffering worldwide, but his spiritual view "allows me to interpret the struggles of life."

'Someone who's there for you'

The Canadian study found having a confidant/confidante is the true secret to a happy, healthy state of mind at all ages. "You're 350 percent more likely to be in 'complete optimal mental health' if you have someone to confide in than if you don't; someone who's there for you and provides a sense of emotional security and well-being," Fuller-Thomson said.

"My wife Jennifer is a very loving person," Smith said. "I feel valued and cared for. I have two wonderful kids. I feel like I'm able to do things

in my work life that make a difference."

He's with people at times of birth, weddings and death. Smith is also pleased to have close friends: "I feel like I've got a pretty strong support network."

Compared with millennials, Fuller-Thomson said, boomers are more likely to have financial security, to be in a firmly established relationship, to be anchored and less likely to be in flux, all of which helps. As for the in-between Gen Xers, 71 percent of them ranked as happy most days.

"I think I tended to be more angry when I was younger," Smith said. "I was a perfectionist. I think I'm more accepting really of what it means to be human, to have foibles." That happened for him around age 40 when he became "less upset by things that really got under my skin."

Smith sought counseling on his childhood issues, which helped him, and now talks to others who are supportive in everyday life. "You want to know there are people you can talk to and things won't be shared," he said.

Smith was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and left as a baby. He returns with family summers to Barrie, Ontario, about 100 kilometers north of Toronto, where the happiness study was done.

"My perception is just getting older physically doesn't do that," he said of perspective with age. Those hurt in childhood often struggle.

"I think those issues can be problematic until people die. I'm not sure just getting older means you get more mature or more compassionate," Smith said.

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Find a fitness friend or two for walking exercise

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Going for a walk is great exercise and knowing a bit about that from a health care expert will boost its benefits.

"We're made to move and walk. We're made to walk with intent. You almost want to walk with a little bit of urgency to get to or away from somewhere," said Dan Wolocko, director of sports therapy and sports performance with MercyElite of St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

MercyElite is the sports program for the hospital in Livonia. He noted benefits to muscles, joints and the brain. Older adults who walk need speed at a "brisk pace" for balance, said Wolocko, a Farmington Hills resident.

"Walking allows you to maintain those balance reactions," he said. We're built to walk with our feet close together; wom-

en in particular can ask a physical therapist or movement doctor about issues with spacing of feet due to anatomical differences.

Check 'base of support'

"Your base of support is what you want to screen for before you start a walking program," he said.

A harder surface requires cushioning through better shoes, he noted, agreeing ice and snow are factors in winter, especially for older adults who fear falling.

"We're made to go in herds. The best exercise is shown to be done in small groups," Wolocko said. Walking at a mall, such as to a favorite store, is fine to boost motivation.

Local arenas often have walking tracks, he added, as well as courses and set hours for use. Some people find recreation centers in-



Wolocko

timidating; Wolocko said a husband may wish to walk at an ice rink, his wife at a mall.

"It's per-

son and what gets them going," he said. "You want to be in a better setting that appeals to you." That encourages sticking with a fitness plan.

Urban concerns

He agreed urban areas like Detroit have safety issues for walkers. "In an urban setting, you are at a disadvantage. That would definitely be a concern. You lose that benefit," said Wolocko, who's board-certified as a specialist in physical therapy.

Urban residents can only exercise so much at home, he noted.

Hormones are triggered in walking, which

helps in stress relief. "You're walking away from something and that's what we're designed to do," or walk toward it, he said. "It's the mindset, it's the release of hormones. You start breathing," with your heart and lungs working together better.

Added Wolocko, "Walking is better than jogging. Jogging is transitional." Joggers tend to bob their head up and down, adding pressure to joints and creating balance issues in the future.

"You'll start to run and not even know it," he said of walking being preferable and being in a situation of needing to get away from something such as danger.

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ROBOTICS

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the 3-D exhibit. The machines had been lent by Robert Bosch LLC, a worldwide manufacturing company with a large facility in Plymouth Township. The company is also a chief Lightning Robotics sponsor.

3-D printing can do "phenomenal" things, said Topher, who showed off a robot figurine, complete with moving limbs, and a working adjustable wrench. Both were made by 3-D printing (the process is also called additive manufacturing) and came out completely intact, with no further assembly required.

"Who isn't interested by it?" said Topher, who was in the electrical subgroup during his freshman year in Lightning Robotics.

'A lot of hard work'

Lightning Robotics, also called F.I.R.S.T. Team 862, is a P-CEP extracurricular in which team members annually design, build and run a robot to compete, in a specific challenge, against robots made by teams from other schools. The team is made up of subgroups — such as design, electrical, fabrication, programming, even marketing — that each play a role in building and preparing a robot for competition. Team 862 has traditionally done well in state

competition; in 2015, the team qualified for the world competition in St. Louis. F.I.R.S.T., or For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, is a not-for-profit organization to boost interest in science and technology among young people.

Lightning Robotics members also organize educational events, such as Robots in the Park, and mentor middle-school students in robotics. Team members work pretty much year-round, but the most intense work begins in January of each year, when F.I.R.S.T. announces the challenge format and teams have six weeks to design, build and perfect their robots.

"It gives you a huge advantage, coming out of high school and going into college," said Andrew Pascaris, who will be a senior at Plymouth, as he helped return the flung Frisbees to the robot Orion on Sunday.

Andrew has been in the Lightning Robotics electrical subgroup since his freshman year and says the team's tasks mesh with his interests and his career goal of becoming either an aerospace or an electrical engineer. The time commitment is major, he said.

"It's a lot of hard work and dedication," Andrew said.

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One-year-old Plymouth resident Souva Clement learns the fine art of LEGO-building at the second annual Robots in the Park in Plymouth.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Luke Apap of Canton Township takes part in the design challenge at one of the booths set up for children at Robots in the Park.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Pam Gano helps grandson Wesley Edrington build a robot figure.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Judy Harris, with grandchildren Maddox and Amelia Sikes of South Lyon, watches as Amelia explores the "Drive a Robot" booth.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Dr. Terry Timm with his westie, Tilly, and Dr. Nicole Teifer, with her westie, Spike.

Novi practice welcomes second orthodontist

Seasoned orthodontic practitioners Dr. Nicole Teifer and Dr. Terry Timm both share a love for their professions and for their West Highland white terriers.

Timm, an integral part of the Saline community for decades, announced that he is working with Teifer at Today's Orthodontics, with locations in Novi and Canton. "We're so proud to add Dr. Timm's coveted experience to our team. In the busy spring, summer and fall seasons, we're able to offer even more appointments to serve our patients busy schedules," said Teifer, owner of Today's Orthodontics.

Timm added: "Working at Today's Orthodontics, the premiere orthodontic/pedodontic practice in southeastern

Michigan, is a professionally awarding experience." His specialties include occlusion and helping patients with facial pain and temporomandibular joint dysfunction.

Teifer's westies, Spike and Lily and Timm's westie, Tilly, have become fast friends as they both make appearances at either the Novi or Canton locations of Today's Orthodontics. The office recently made a donation to the Westie Rescue Michigan, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, to show their ongoing support for this beloved breed.

Today's Orthodontics can be reached by calling 248-306-9330 in Novi or 734-454-9200 in Canton or go to todayortho.com.

Michigan auto insurance rates scheduled to go up in October

Alexander Alusheff
Lansing State Journal

In October, an estimated 2 million Michigan drivers can expect to pay \$40 more per vehicle for their auto insurance.

Auto insurers blame the rate increase on the removal of an \$80 million tax credit from the state's 2016-17 budget. State lawmakers say the tax credit was unintentionally created in 2012, when they changed the organization that managed the auto insurers' reimbursement fund, which took money out of the general fund.

The rate increase only affects customers of Michigan-based auto insurers, such as Auto-Owners, AAA or Frankmuth Insurance. Michigan-based insurers provide service to one-third of Michigan drivers. The tax credit was never available to out-of-state insurers, such as State Farm.

"That money created a hole in the budget. We would have had to make cuts in a number of places," said state Rep. Al Pscholka, R-Stevensville, who introduced H.B. 5457 along with state Rep. Jon Bumstead, R-Newaygo, and state Rep. Earl Poleski, R-Spring Arbor.

Prior to 2012, Michigan-based auto insurance companies paid money to a fund managed by the Secretary of State's office. The fund would reimburse companies when they had to cover damage caused to their clients by uninsured drivers. To make the



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Auto insurance rates will increase by \$40 per vehicle this year for an estimated 2 million Michigan drivers.

system more efficient, the Legislature had the Michigan Auto Insurance Placement Facility manage the fund, which accidentally made Michigan-based auto insurers able to receive a tax credit.

"Industry-wide, companies are very disappointed with the loss of this credit," said Pete Kuhnmuensch, executive director of the Insurance Institute of Michigan, which represents state insurance companies. "The burden is being forced upon the smaller pie of the (insured)."

Pscholka said if the tax credit helped save some insurance companies money, then their customers should have paid less. As a customer of Michigan-based auto insurer, Pscholka said he doesn't remember receiving credit or paying lower rates.

Despite Michigan-based companies receiving the tax credit, the total average premiums across the board in-

creased in the state from \$1,172 in 2012 to \$1,264 in 2013, according to the most recent data from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Premiums have increased every year since 2009 and will likely continue to increase each year largely due to the fact that it's mandatory for insured drivers in Michigan to have unlimited personal injury protection. This means if an insured driver gets in an accident, their insurance company will pay all their medical bills related to that accident for the rest of their life. Most states have offered limited PIP or make the coverage optional.

Companies also have to pay the bills of anyone else injured in the crash, including passengers of the other vehicle if the driver of that vehicle is uninsured.

Auto insurers operating in Michigan paid a total of \$2.9 billion for

PIP claims in 2012, according to the NAIC report, which equates to average payment of roughly \$65,000 for each of the 44,620 claims. The rising cost of medical care also has an impact.

Kuhnmuensch said the tax credit only helped slow the rate of the increasing premiums.

Both Kuhnmuensch and Pscholka agree that reform needs to be made to make rates more affordable. Kuhnmuensch said auto insurers would like to have PIP have a cap on the amount of coverage, which would lower rates for customers.

But that's easier said than done.

"It's been looked at for years," Pscholka said. "Several bills have been introduced over the years, but they don't have the votes."

For now, Pscholka suggests people compare insurance company rates to see what best works for them.

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The end of year is rapidly approaching — are you ready?

As I went out the other morning to get my paper, I noticed the chill in the air. It's a reminder to me that summer is winding down and fall is just around the corner. It's also a reminder that there are some rapidly approaching deadlines you need to be aware of.

For those of you who filed an extension for your 2015 tax return, your return is due Oct. 17. The extension that you previously received was automatic. Any additional extension of time you may need is not automatic, but is at the discretion of the IRS. If you have filed an extension, you don't want to wait too long to complete your return. For too many people, the norm is to rush and do your tax return right before the deadline. Unfortunately, the result is mistakes, which can result in penalties, interest and even an audit. Therefore, while you still have sufficient time, if you have not filed your 2015 tax return, now is the time to start working on it.

Although you have until the end of the year, it's also not a bad idea to start the process to determine whether you are going to convert traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs. That transaction must be completed by the end of the year. Once again, in too many situations, people wait until the end of December and then find it's too late to complete the transaction. Now is the time to begin the process to determine whether a Roth IRA conversion makes sense.

My general rules when it comes to Roth conversions are: 1) The money that you are converting from your traditional IRA is not going to be needed for at least five to seven years; 2) By converting the money, it



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won't throw you into a higher tax bracket; and 3) You have the money, without touching the money converted, to pay any additional tax liability. If you meet all three of these requirements, converting all or a portion of your traditional IRA into a Roth IRA cannot only be a great tax move, but also makes sense financially.

It's always important to remember that if for some reason you made a mistake and converted money that you shouldn't have, you can always reverse the transaction. You have until your tax return due date, including any extensions, to re-characterize the transaction.

It is also important to remember for those of you who are over age 70½ and are subject to required minimum distributions, you cannot convert your minimum required distribution into a Roth IRA. However, you can convert anything above and beyond that.

For those who have flexible spending accounts through your employer, you should make sure you spend down the account before the end of the year. A few years ago, the IRS changed the rule to allow people to carry over \$500 of their flexible spending account into the next year. Companies were not required to make this change and many did not, but it is important to make sure you have a game plan to spend down your flex spending account so you don't lose the money.

Lastly, for those of you who are charitable in

nature, this is a good time to begin thinking about any charitable contributions you want to make before the end of the year. It is important to have a strategy when it comes to charitable contributions. Do you make your charitable contribution this year or do you wait until the beginning of next year? In addition, should you use cash for your charitable contribution or should you gift appreciated securities? One of the benefits of gifting appreciated securities is the fact that you avoid paying taxes on the gain. For example, if you own a stock that you paid \$10 a share for and today it's worth \$25 a share, if you gift that stock, your charitable contribution is \$25 a share and you don't have to pay taxes on the \$15 a share gain (25 minus 10). Gifting appreciated securities can be a great strategy; once again, it takes time to implement. Therefore, while you still have plenty of time — why not begin the process?

It doesn't seem like it, but many deadlines are rapidly approaching and it is important that you don't wait until the last second. Therefore, while you still have time you should start thinking about some of those deadlines. Remember, the key on all these deadlines is how they affect you and your individual situation. However, one thing to always keep in mind is that most of these deadlines are firm and, if you miss them, there can be consequences.

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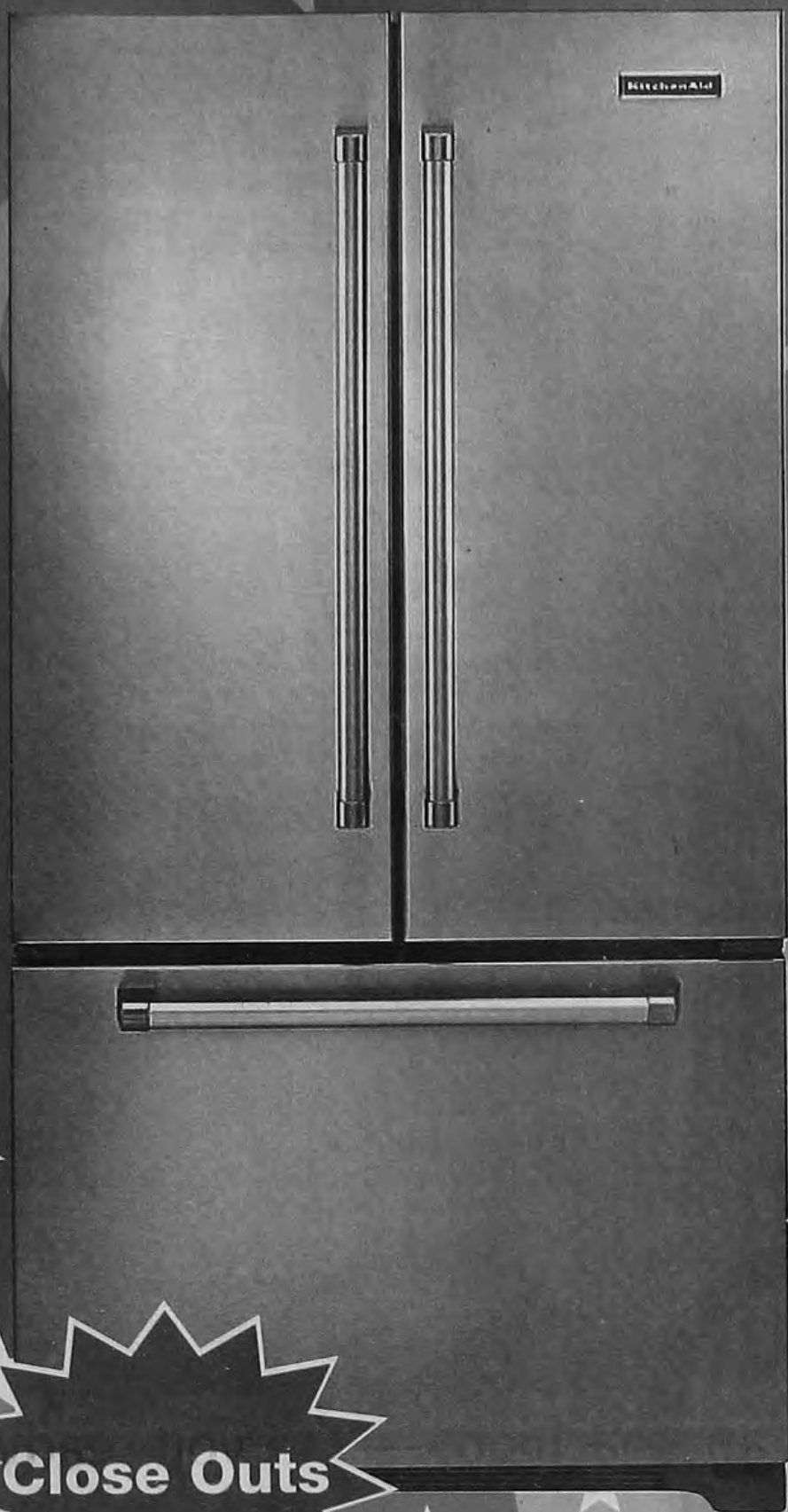
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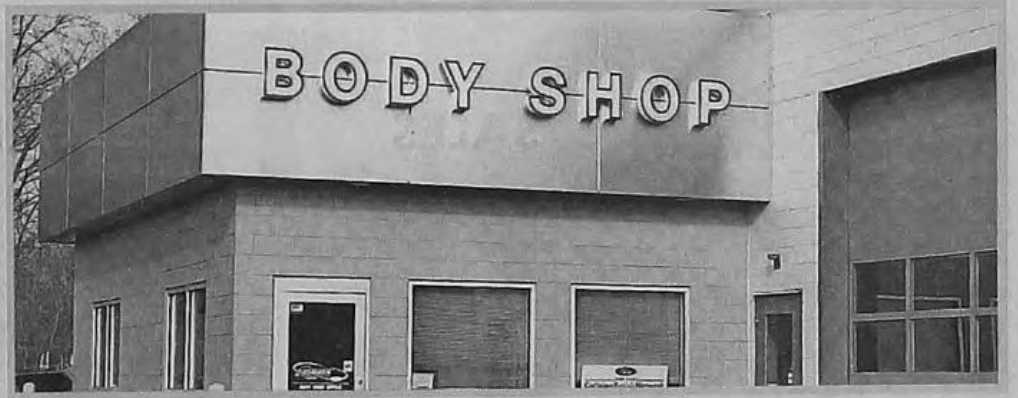
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Transit system can move region forward

Every elected official, civic, business, labor and religious leader should be promoting a "yes" vote Nov. 8 to move Michigan forward by building a much-needed regional transit system.

An investment in mobility in the four-county region (Wayne, Macomb, Oakland and Washtenaw, plus the city of Detroit) is an investment in our collective future. The region's leaders have put forth a proposal to raise tax dollars for a sensible regional transit initiative. It is truly a positive step to see the leadership of southeast Michigan come together to jump-start our region.

The tax will effectively be managed by a Regional Transit Authority whose mission is to manage and secure transportation resources that



Tom Watkins
GUEST COLUMNIST

significantly enhance mobility options, to improve quality of life for the residents and to increase economic viability for the region. Go to www.rtamichigan.org.

It is now up to voters to say "yes" and provide the resources to make this long overdue mission come alive. The action voters take at the polls will have implications that will be felt for decades to come.

The ballot proposal will bring bus rapid transit, a rail line between Ann Arbor and Detroit, an airport shuttle service, a regional fare card system and other transit service upgrades to a

non-existent system today.

The tab is as big as the need: \$4.6 billion of yours, mine and our tax dollars. It adds up to a 20-year, 1.2-mill property tax increase, if voters approve it — as we should!

Clearly, this is an investment worth making. The tax would cost the average homeowner about \$95 per year. These plans cover a lot of ground for \$100.

This action will go a long way toward helping every citizen in the region, especially helping persons with low incomes, a means of getting to work; the elderly and persons with disabilities will have additional opportunities for mobility that they don't have now.

Robert Reich, former labor secretary under

President Bill Clinton, cut to the heart of the upcoming vote when he said: "A society — any society — is defined as a set of mutual benefits and duties embodied most visibly in public institutions: public schools, public libraries, public transportation, public hospitals, public parks, public museums, public recreation, public universities and so on."

Paul Hillegonds, Regional Transit Authority chair, a trusted leader who has added value and helped make a difference for decades in Michigan, had this to say about the value of this transportation plan: "The regional transit proposal is about connection and opportunity. With voter approval, we will connect people with jobs and vital services like health care and education. We will spur

more investment, prosperity and the quality of life that young talent is seeking today. I believe our decision in November will be one of the most important steps we can take to secure a better future for our southeast Michigan communities and families."

Detroit Regional Chamber president and CEO Sandy Baruah "applauded the action by our elected regional leaders and RTA board for achieving consensus on regional transit. This is another example of how southeast Michigan is able to collaborate for regional progress. The chamber is committed to working towards a 'yes' vote in November."

For the region that "put the world on wheels," we seem to be in the Stone Age compared to other cities, states and

nations when it comes to mass transportation.

This needs to change. Getting to "yes."

"I'm encouraged by this plan to bring rapid and reliable transit options to the people of southeast Michigan. This sort of collaboration is what will help Michigan continue to be the comeback state," Gov. Rick Snyder said.

This is an opportunity to vote your self-interest and help Michigan catch up with the rest of world by providing a viable public transit system.

Vote "yes" Nov. 8.

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LETTERS

A blessing

I would like to publicly thank Eric Joy and Chris Campbell of Christians' Plant Center for donating time, talent and treasure to so many this week. The Salvation Army received a call regarding a donation of 190,000 calculators. Knowing the value of these calculators to teachers and students, we jumped into "go

mode" to get these picked up. Chris Campbell made multiple trips, secured a hi-lo for unloading, which Eric Joy got to us very quickly. In two days, with the help of Eric and Chris, these calculators went to schools, churches and nonprofit agencies from the Plymouth-Canton area to Bay City and out to Grand Rapids.

Also, thanks to those who volunteered their time, on almost a mo-

ment's notice, to help us. We had a very exciting few days here at The Salvation Army and it was truly a community effort.

The staff here at The Army thank each and every one of you who shared the message on social media, worked up a sweat unloading trucks and organizing the gym and picked up calculators on behalf of their schools and organizations.

What a blessing to be part of such a wonderful community!

Laurie Aren
Plymouth Salvation Army

Concerned with speed limits

The Observer reported that Lotz Road is open for traffic. The article

states the speed limit will be 55 mph, with 40 mph on turns, as determined by Ryan Bridges, senior communication manager for Wayne County Executive Warren Evans. The rest of Lotz has a 45 mph speed limit. One section of the same road, going through the same type area, should not be a different speed limit.

There is a major safety factor should the speed limit be 55 mph for Lotz. There are sidewalks within four feet of the road, there are children and pedestrians that use the sidewalk. The houses are very close to the road. There is no shoulder. There is no guard-rail. Only a curb, which a vehicle can easily jump. Even at lower speeds,

there is a safety factor.

The only road in Canton that is posted at 55 mph is Michigan Avenue, a split road traveling through Canton, with very wide shoulders. Even Ford Road and Canton Center are not 55 mph.

Please do not post the 55 mph speed limit for Lotz. More importantly, please do not wait for a fatality to decide that 55 mph is too fast. Use common sense.

Linda Whiteaker
Canton

Shoppers will flee

If the city of Plymouth DDA believes paid parking will add additional parking spaces, they are correct because shoppers will stay away.

The city of Dearborn instituted paid parking at all city parking lots some years ago when I worked there. I was a witness of west Dearborn's Michigan Avenue that became a virtual ghost town, no one shopped there any longer and many of the businesses along Michigan Avenue left, even newly remodeled buildings remained vacant along with the businesses which closed shop. Dearborn went back to free parking, but it never recovered to what it had been.

So if the city of Plymouth wants additional parking spaces available, paid parking will surely accomplish that.

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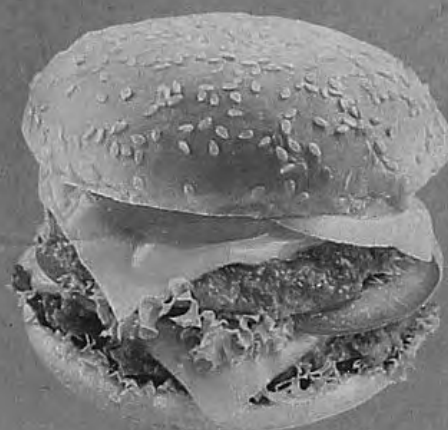
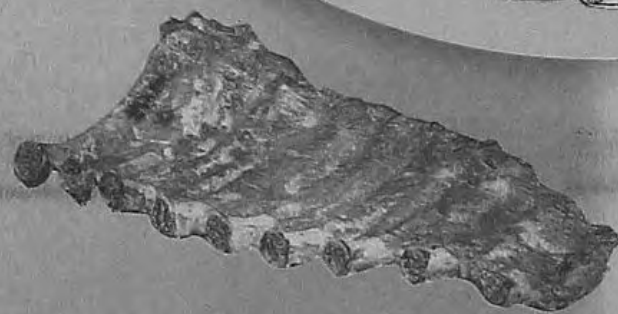
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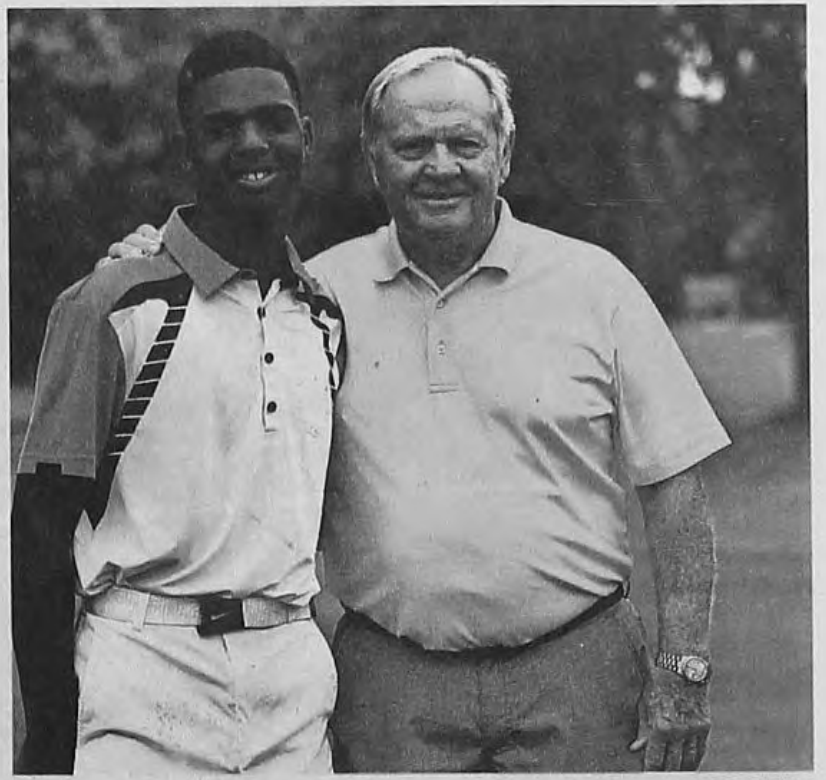
Salem's Bryce Henderson enjoys 'golden' time with Jack Nicklaus at charity Turning Point Invitational event

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Bryce Henderson might just keep Jack Nicklaus' cell-phone number on speed dial. The 16-year-old golfer, now entering his junior year at Salem, got to meet, greet and hit the links Aug. 14 with the legendary Golden Bear at the Turning Point Invitational Tournament.

"Mr. Nicklaus was very friendly and down to earth," Bryce said. "I was so nervous; when I was introduced to him, I forgot to give him my name. He shook my hand, smiled and asked for my name. The only thing he told me is that I had a great swing and I should continue to work hard if I really wanted to get better." Not only was the pro-am charity event a great reason

for Henderson to step out onto The Country Club of Detroit along with pros such as Nicklaus, Tom Lehman, Jerry Pate and others, about \$3.2 million was raised to help Cornerstone Education Group enroll 5,000 children annually. Bryce shot 78, playing with U.S. Amateur champion John Harris and getting to meet



DAVE DONOHER
Salem golfer Bryce Henderson (left) got to meet legendary pro golfer Jack Nicklaus at the Turning Point Invitational in Detroit.

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PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW — PART 2



MICHAEL VASILNEK
During a recent scrimmage, Plymouth running back Darius Timmons (right) follows the blocking lead of lineman Robert Florence.

PREP VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW — PART 1

Chiefs ready to up ante on defense

New coach likes team's enthusiasm, work ethic

Tim Smith
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Mix a hearty amount of skill with more than a dash of grit and stir it all up with hard work and a new coaching philosophy and voila! — the Canton 2016 varsity volleyball team could be a winning entree.

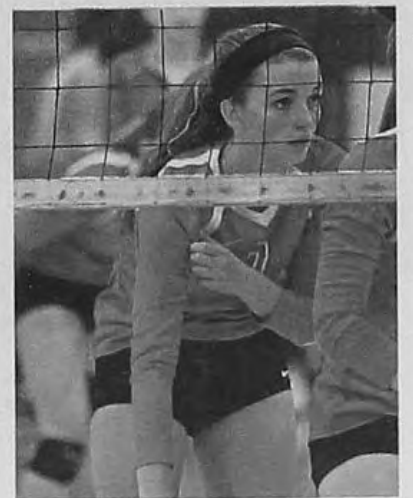
That doesn't mean new coach Brenden Kowalski inherited a mess. Last season, the Chiefs, under coach Irick Gardner, were co-champions of the KLA South Division (20-13-1 overall, 9-1 in the division) but flamed out in the district opener to Salem.

Yet Kowalski is all about getting this year's team to take the next step or two, if possible.

"We are looking to be a top defensive team," Kowalski said. "Our motto for the season is to 'train dirty.' So we may not be the most exciting team to watch in regards to offensive highlights, but we are going to do everything in our power to keep the ball off the floor on our side and find any way possible to score points and win."

Canton's nucleus remains a talented one, spearheaded by senior co-captain and outside hitter Gabrielle den Boer. Ko-

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One of Canton's senior leaders is Gabrielle den Boer, shown from last season.

EARLY TESTS FOR 'CATS

First five games for Plymouth against some of toughest foes in state

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

It won't take Plymouth football coach Mike Sawchuk long to find out whether his 2016 Wildcats have the goods.

That's because Plymouth plays a schedule that soon will separate the wheat from the chaff. After Friday's season opener against Utica Eisenhower (7 p.m. at the P-CEP turf field), the next opponents are Walled Lake Central, Grand Blanc, Livonia Churchill and Canton.

"I would put our schedule up against anybody in the state as the hardest schedule," Sawchuk said. "We don't have time; we got to be good from the start."

"We don't have time to (slowly) progress. We got to get it done now."

Yet Sawchuk, who has



MICHAEL VASILNEK
Isaac Emminger (right) will be a mainstay on both sides of the ball for Plymouth in 2016.

been with the program since its inception in 2002, likes the makeup and attitude of

his current team and is confident it will get it done in crunch time.

"We really have the potential to be pretty good," said Sawchuk, whose 2015 team went 6-4 (including a loss in the playoffs). "But again, it's all about the buy-in. If they take the coaching and do it 120 percent, they do it hard, they film study, they do what they're supposed to do on and off the field, we could have fun."

Decision time

Sawchuk still is tweaking his starting lineup ahead of the opener. One of the bigger battles of the preseason has been at quarterback, where senior Jonah Peterson and junior Zack Beadle have been vying for the top spot.

"Jonah's started before, he's got a little more experience and a little bit more

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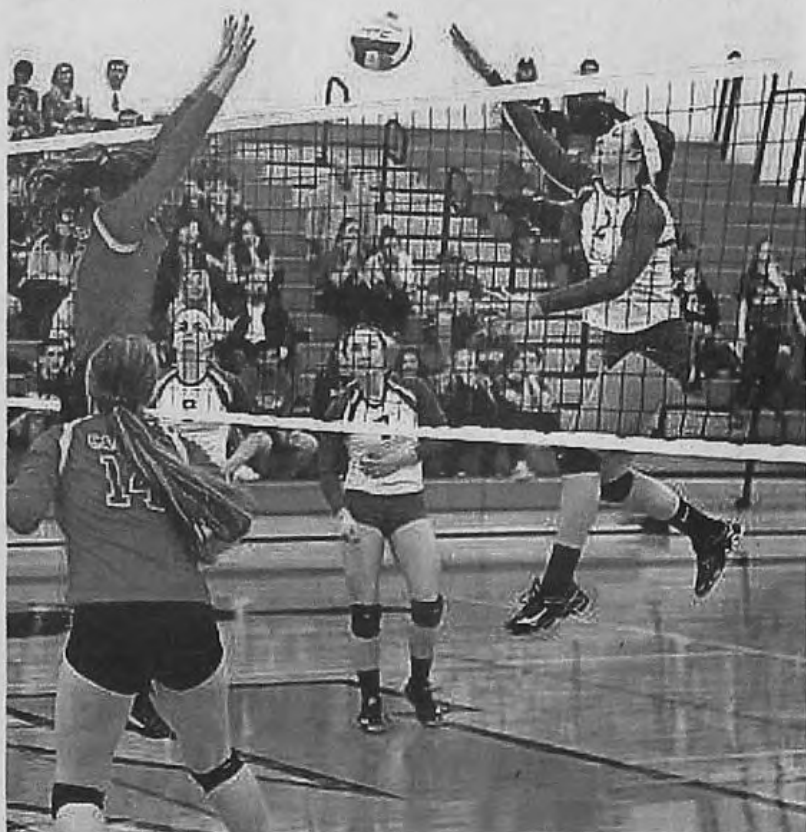
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PREP VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW — PART 1

Salem senior leaders to set pace



Salem's Kendall Gillen (right), shown during a 2015 game, is one of the Rocks' key returning players.

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Rocks bring versatility, energy

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

With senior co-captains Kendall Gillen, Rachel Watson and Jackie Bonnell sharing the wheel, Salem's varsity volleyball team is likely to have smooth sailing in 2016.

The Rocks, coached by former Canton High School stand-out Rebecca Middleton, will give it all they've got with a roster of some pretty strong performers.

"This will be a big season for all three of our seniors," Middleton said. "After graduating seven seniors last season, these three have been working hard to step into the senior leadership positions."

Gillen is penciled in for outside hitter and brings "an exceptional physical and mental game."

Watson and Bonnell will play setter and middle blocker, respectively.

"Her passion for the game rubs off on everyone on the

court," Middleton said about Watson. "Not only can she set, but she is also an excellent attacker as well. We've trained her in the middle and on the right side in addition to her setting."

Meanwhile, Bonnell is a leader who brings energy to the proceedings.

"She has been dedicating her time to becoming an important asset for us as a blocker," Middleton said. "Jackie continues to work hard every time she steps on the court and encourages her teammates to do the same."

Other returning players are junior outside hitter Sam Klozik, sophomore libero Carlie Postal and sophomore right-side hitter Nikia Quan.

"Not only is Sam stepping into an important role as a left-side hitter, but also as a server," Middleton said. "Her zone serving is precise, aggressive and consistent."

Postal is solid at libero, having collected important varsity experience as a freshman.

"She's such a quick learner and immediately applies things we talk about on the court," Middleton said. "She has come so far as a defender this past

year and I am excited to see her grow as a libero this season."

Also a key defender despite her youth is Quan, whose hallmark is consistency.

"Her blocking on the right side is going to be a game-changer for our team," Middleton said. "She has excellent timing and technique that takes our team's defense to another level."

Middleton added that juniors Alexia DeSantis (defensive specialist), Calee Nesler (right-side hitter), Dani Pfannes (middle blocker) and Jenna Taylor (outside hitter) and sophomore Kate Mockaitis (outside hitter) are moving up from last year's junior varsity and are ready to chip in.

"Their bond and work ethic pushes everyone on our team to get better," she said, "and, more importantly, bring our team closer together."

New to Salem's roster is freshman Lauren Ross, who already has a strong net game. "Although young, she has had no problem finding a rhythm with our fast-paced offense," Middleton said.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

Coach upbeat about Plymouth's potential

Tim Smith
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Early signs indicate Dave Nichols, in his second season as Plymouth's varsity volleyball coach, will enjoy more success than last season.

Over the weekend, the Wildcats went 5-0-1 at a tournament in Adrian, with senior outside hitter Jordan Schamp recording 41 kills, senior middle blocker Alexa Ebeling chipping in 20 kills and a .500 hitting percentage and sophomore right-side hitter Kenna White contributing 13 kills and 15 blocks.

Whether or not Plymouth can challenge defending KLAA South Division champion Canton remains to be seen, but Nichols is encouraged by what he saw in Adrian, namely "contributions all over the court; our defense was outstanding."

"I think our team is im-

proved from last year," Nichols said. "I return all my starting hitters and they are a year stronger and smarter."

In addition to Schamp, Plymouth's "explosive" outside lineup includes senior Jordyn Kuchka. Ebeling and senior Lydia Bell provide "solid blocking and high percentage offense at middle blocker" and junior Keara Walker "returns to one of the right side spots, giving us consistent blocking and offense."

Dividing setter responsibilities will be senior Katie Roker and junior Lauren Wheeler, both outstanding during the preseason, Nichols said.

Leading the defensive charge will be sophomore Camerin Smith and senior Adri Touma. Nichols said both have been "really sharp" in practice.

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One of the top returnees for Plymouth is senior Alexa Ebeling (center).

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CHIEFS

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walski expects her to rack up plenty of kills on a consistent basis.

"She will bring great leadership to the court and some highlight reel plays which should bring a ton of excitement," Kowalski said about den Boer.

Twin talents

The Chiefs also feature senior twins Gina and Sabrina Giacomini, who are slated for outside hitter and setter, respectively.

Gina Giacomini is moving from right-side hitter to the opposite side, where she will be called upon to be a threat. "She should lead the team in hitting percentage and has one of the biggest range of shots I have coached," Kowalski said.

Her sister will run a 5-1 defense after enduring an injury-shortened 2015 season.

"Sabrina is an extremely smart setter who does a great job of running an offense," Kowalski said. "She is very committed to the defensive side of the ball. She will provide great consistency for the group and can make all the plays necessary to carry the team."

Another key performer will be junior co-captain and libero Emily Meredith. "Making the transition from being more of a setter in club and previous seasons, (Emily) will be looked upon to lead the defense," Kowalski said.

Other returnees include seniors Olivia Zander (middle blocker), Ciara Walega (middle blocker), Katelyn Page (outside hitter), Makenzie Fistler (right-side hitter/defensive specialist) and Lexi Granowicz (defensive specialist) and junior Cassandra Tanana (right-side hitter).

"Kassandra will be needed to provide another attacking option from the right side of the court to compliment Gina and Gabby," Kowalski said. "Should be top three in kills for this team on a consistent basis while providing a solid and strong block as well."

"Ultimate gamer who hates to lose even in practice games, so she will provide that spark when the team begins to dip."

Leading a group of newcomers into the fold are junior co-captain and defensive specialist Tia Cucuz and junior defensive specialist Hailley Domzalski.

Cucuz is described as a "great silent leader for this group who will be looked upon to bring some extra defense to the back row."

The Chiefs also will be bolstered by Domzalski's "great level of skill and aggression to the serving line while being another great defensive addition to the group."

Other newcomers are junior middle blocker/right-side hitter Olivia Smith, junior setter Abby Zelenak and junior outside hitter Sammy Pashigan.

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LEGEND

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Memorial Tournament winner William McGirt. A special dinner followed.

The youngster ate it all up. "It's hard to pick out just one best moment," Bryce said. "Meeting Mr. Nicklaus, of course, is up there (and) shooting a 78 made me happy."

Glad to help

Another big moment was helping raise money for Cornerstone.

"It means a lot to be able to help our community," he said. "That's something my parents (Brent and Ramona Henderson of Canton) and grandparents always taught me."

Indeed, the experience turned out aces all around — for young students, golfers and the Henderson family.

"Jack Nicklaus is the greatest golfer to ever to ever play the game," Brent Henderson said. "It was a pleasure and honor. But my greatest joy really came from watching my son enjoy this moment."

"There were only 14 groups of golfers, which included a pro in each group and only two junior players, so it was an honor and a privilege, for sure."

Commercial appeal

That Bryce Henderson could be part of the event happened pretty much by accident.

"Bryce was at his grandmother's house and saw the Turning Point Invitational commercial," Brent said. "He mentioned that it would be nice to attend the tournament and see Mr. Nicklaus and the other pros."

"His grandmother called the campaign co-chair, Clark



Blasting the ball out of a bunker at The Country Club of Detroit is Bryce Henderson.

HENDERSON FAMILY PHOTO

ALL ABOUT BRYCE

Who: Bryce Henderson, 16, incoming junior at Salem High School and member of varsity boys golf team.

What: He participated Aug. 14 in the Turning Point Invitational held at The Country Club of Detroit. The tournament and dinner raised \$3.2 million for Cornerstone schools, to help enroll 5,000 students every year.

Misc: Bryce is a member of the Southfield Kappa League, an organization sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, which strives to develop young men into community leaders. Hobbies include video games, plus playing basketball and football.

Family: Parents are Brent and Ramona Henderson of Canton.

Durant, in hopes of just getting gallery tickets. Somewhere in that conversation Mr. Durant took an interest in Bryce as a young golfer. Bryce wrote a letter to Mr. Durant and, next thing you know, he was given gallery tickets."

Next came an unexpected phone call that sent the already over-the-moon teenager into even dizzier heights.

"He was so excited about

going to the event," Brent said. "To our surprise ... we received a call asking if Bryce was interested in playing in the tournament. He was ecstatic."

Confidence boost

The entire experience was as well-played as any Jack Nicklaus performance over the decades.

Yet there also could be unexpected dividends for

Bryce's high school career with the Salem Rocks.

"His swing coach Justin Lauer and I were just talking about how much more focused and driven Bryce seems to be since playing in the tournament," Brent Henderson said. "I think playing well went a long way in giving him more confidence."

"Also, I was excited to hear from John Harris, the pro that played with Bryce, such encouraging words about his potential. He knows now that he can do anything if he works hard and put his mind to it. It was like we saw a huge maturity jump overnight."

And if he ever has any doubts, he only has to give Jack Nicklaus a call.

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ALL-OBSERVER BOYS GOLF

Top players ace test for all-area accolades

FIRST TEAM Jack Boczar, Plymouth: It was another brilliant season for junior co-captain Boczar and the Wildcats, who again reached the Division 1 state finals.

Boczar shattered the school record twice, registering 18-hole scores of 66 and 64 strokes and also tied for the individual state championship.

He also was named to the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association Super Team, only the fourth Wildcat golfer to do so (following Kelsey Rhodes, 2013; Kyle Chipman, 2015).

The third-time all-KLAA honoree averaged 36.3 for nine holes and 72.25 for 18.

"Jack is a very hard worker and he deserves all the positive recognition that is coming his way," coach Dan Young said. "He's one of the best, there's no doubt about it."

Kyle Kozler, Plymouth: One of Plymouth's superb quintet, senior co-captain Kozler was always consistent and sometimes spectacular for the KLAA and D1 regional champions.

Kozler, also a standout defenseman for Plymouth's varsity hockey team, averaged 38.2 per nine holes and 77.3 for 18 and was an all-conference selection for the second time.

"Kyle Kozler had a great career," Young said. "Very proud of him and he's someone we could always rely on. He's a winner and he's going to be a tough guy to replace."

Justin Kapke, Plymouth: Another integral member of Plymouth's outstanding team was junior Kapke.

He averaged 38 per nine and 77.9 per 18 and was named to the all-conference team for a second time.

"Justin Kapke has a very bright future," Young said. "He strikes the ball as well as anybody and we have confidence that he will be one of better golfers in the state next season."

James Baldwin, Plymouth: Virtually every member of the Wildcats lineup was an all-star performer, including senior Baldwin.

He registered 38.75 per nine and 81 per 18 and was named to the all-KLAA squad.

"James Baldwin also had a great senior year and was big in us winning as much as we did," Young said. "He earned the fourth spot on a very competitive team and was consistent all season."

Phillip Conrad, Canton: The senior was excellent all season, averaging 40.8 per nine and 81.7 per 18.

Along the way, Conrad shot a 75 at the Maples Invitational at Hudson Mills, 78 at the conference meet at Idyl Wild, 84 at districts and 83 at regionals.

"Phillip relies on his accuracy," coach Tom Alles said. "His is a very straight hitter of the ball. He tends to make intelligent decisions on the course and has the ability to control his emotions while playing. Phillip does not get rattled if the breaks don't go his way. He is cool under pressure."

Connor Jakacki, Stevenson: Jakacki established himself as one of the KLAA's top players

as a sophomore as he was the Spartans' No. 1 player. Jakacki was the team low-scorer in 13 of the 16 events he played in and was the overall medalist five times.

"Connor has become a long ball striker and is an excellent putter," said head coach Curtis Hay. "Most importantly, he has learned to manage himself around the course and take the good with the bad. I have already named him as our team captain next year as a junior because of his attitude and leadership."

Jon McDonald, Stevenson: A senior captain for the Spartans, McDonald was the Spartans' low man in three of the 15 competitions in played in and medalist once. He also earned all-KLAA honors.

"Jon was long off the tee and had a great iron game," said Hay. "He has a very good attitude and is level headed."

Jackson Tellerico, Farmington: Tellerico averaged 40.5 in nine-hole matches and 80 in tournaments. He was second overall in the Division 2 district at Maple Lanes Golf Course and finished in the top 10 in both OAA White Division meets.

"Jackson worked very hard to earn the No. 1 spot on the FHS team," coach Ray Maleyko said. "His game really matured over the course of the season, and he was able to balance the heavy golf schedule as well as his school workload."

"He was physically and mentally tougher coming into the season, also. He knew what was expected of him, and the team had confidence in his ability to hit shots and score in tournaments. "Jackson's game will continue to improve over the next two years, and I'm confident he'll be playing somewhere after high school."

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SECOND TEAM Joe Fontana, Plymouth: Fontana's junior season was a strong one. He averaged 40.5 per nine holes and 82.3 per 18, one of the Wildcats' consistent

threats. He earned selection to the all-KLAA team. "Joe Fontana got the experience he will need to be a top performer for us next season," Young said. "He's very close and with his continued work he will be very good for us."

Suhas Potluri, Canton: Potluri's junior season was filled with accomplishments, including registering an 81 at the KLAA conference meet and 83 at the KLAA meet. He tallied a 69 at the state districts, earning a top-five finish.

Potluri averaged 40.6 per nine and 82.1 per 18 and was dual medalist twice and was named to the all-conference team. "Suhas is a hard worker and he is frequently on the practice range trying to improve his game," Alles said. "He played No. 1 for us all season and handled the pressure well."

Hayden Winch, Salem: The senior averaged 40.25 per nine and 84.5 per 18, and earned a spot on the all-KLAA team as well as qualifying for the state regionals.

Winch was the top scorer for the Rocks, a repeat accomplishment for the four-year varsity performer. "Hayden should be very proud of his accomplishments on the course and the impact he made on the Salem Golf Program," coach Ryan Nimmerguth said.

Oldani enjoyed a standout senior season for the Chiefs, averaging 41.7 per nine and 85 per 18. Among highlights, the team captain was dual match medalist twice, shot 80 at the conference meet, 82 at districts and 83 at regionals. "Brian is very athletic and can hit the ball a long way," Alles said. "As our team captain he displayed leadership both on and off the course."

Matt Wiebelhaus, sr., Franklin: Wiebelhaus thrived throughout his senior season, which was highlighted by a stellar round of 74 at Gateway Golf Course. "Matt was a great team captain and was always willing to help the team out," said head coach Jason Rammeler.

Joe Majoros, Farmington: A four-year varsity golfer, Majoros averaged 43 strokes in nine-hole matches and 87 in 18-hole tournaments to earn a place on the all-

area second team again. "Joe was our leader this season," Maleyko said. "He led through example and really stepped up when we needed him."

"One of my proudest moments this season was watching the younger kids on the junior varsity team gravitate to Joe. His genuine demeanor is one of his greatest assets, and he will be missed next year."

Luke Seflic, Farmington: Seflic averaged 45 strokes per dual match and 86 in 18-hole events to rate among the top golfers in the area. "Luke worked extremely hard last season and over the winter to emerge as our No. 2 golfer," Maleyko said. "He is one of the most mentally prepared and determined golfers I've ever coached."

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BOYS GOLF TEAM

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 Justin Kapke, Jr., Plymouth
 James Baldwin, Jr., Plymouth
 Phillip Conrad, sr., Canton
 Connor Jakacki, soph., Stevenson
 Jon McDonald, sr., Stevenson
 Jackson Tellerico, soph., Farmington

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 Hayden Winch, sr., Salem
 Brian Oldani, sr., Canton
 Matt Wiebelhaus, sr., Franklin
 Joe Majoros, sr., Farmington
 Luke Seflic, sr., Farmington

HONORABLE MENTION

Salem: Adam Marcero, Shawn Weldon;
 Canton: Dominic Dimaya, Patrick McDougall;
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 Farmington: Justin Walsh, Stephen Mercure;
 Harrison: LJ Tucker, Nick Snell;
 Churchill: Aaron Walton, John Doyle, Peyton Elkins;
 Garden City: Connor Johnson, Austin New, Evan Green;
 Wayne: Andrew Aigeltinger;
 Franklin: Jeremy Haist; Jacob Kenward;
 Stevenson: Trevor Lopus, Easton Schlatterbeck, Alec Moore.

WILDCATS

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control as far as the mental part of it," Sawchuk explained. "Zack is very athletic and has a bit of a stronger arm. He probably needs to do a better job recognizing what's going on around him, but he's getting way better at it."

Whoever lines up behind center Friday will have a cast of talented running backs and receivers to deploy.

Fleet-footed senior Darius Timmons leads the way in the backfield, joined by junior Andrew (A.J.) Neal and sophomore Carson Miller. Another option is junior Jayden Dunham.

Senior wide-outs Chase Timko, Alan Farmer and Isaac Emminger will give KLAA opponents plenty to worry about.

"Our biggest threat is Isaac Emminger," Sawchuk said. "We're going to move him around at slot. Let people chase him around. He's a lot like his brother (Nate), but he's more of an offensive-minded kid."

Plymouth's offensive machine will get mileage out of a big, tough line featuring senior and third-year starter Joe Supernois.

Also starting will be seniors Austin Scheffer, Matt Wayne, Robert Florence, Kyrece Smith and Logan Tennis.

"We're pretty good up front if we decide to do what we were coached to do," Sawchuk said.

The linemen are good-sized kids who also can move. "They have to be (athletic) in our scheme," he said.

Several of those blockers will be called upon to work the defensive line, too, although juniors Chuckie Dulin and Craig Barker are "doing a good job in camp" and figure to see plenty of reps.

Depth abounds

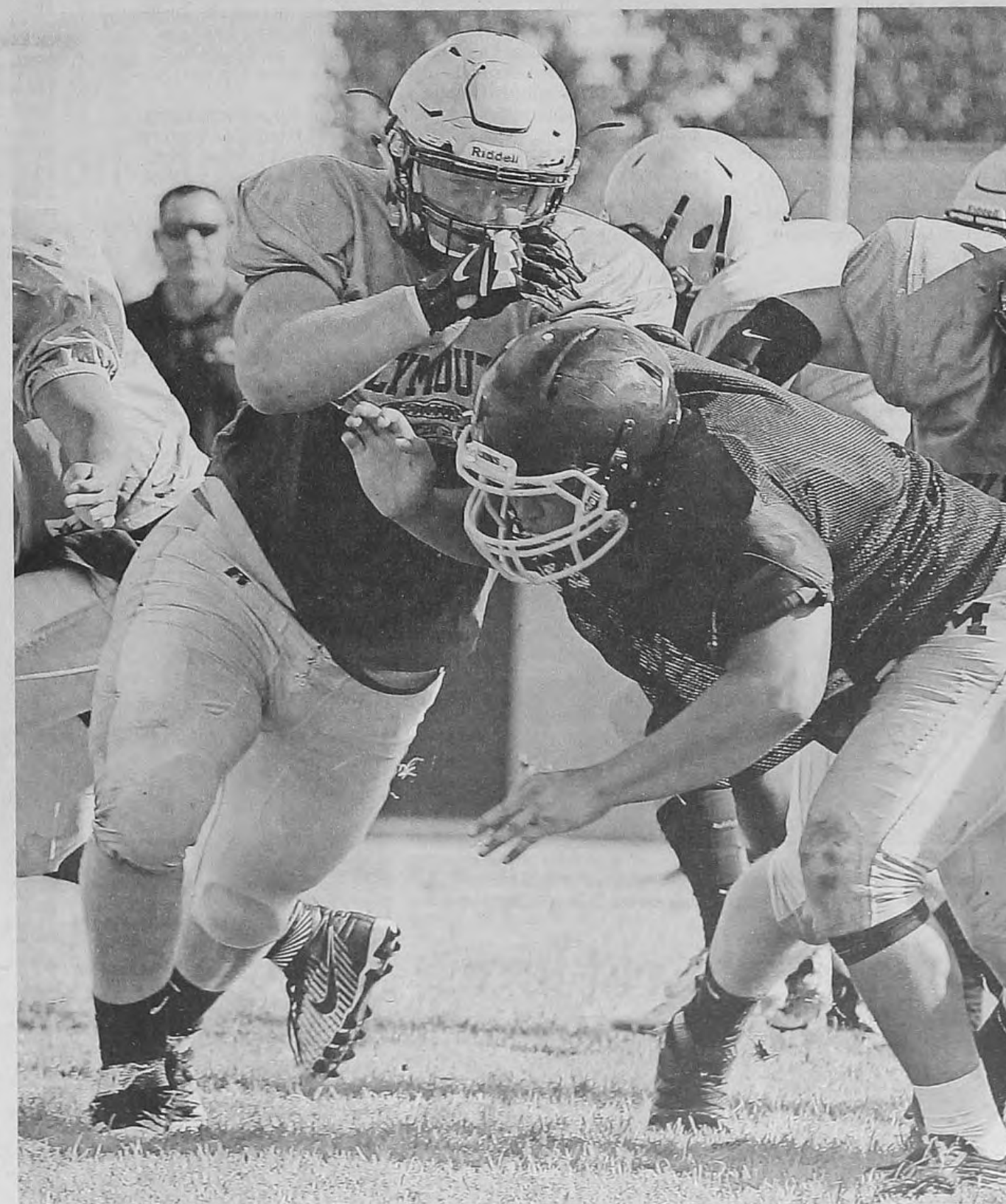
According to Sawchuk, his defense's strong point will be at linebacker. Spearheading a talented and driven group are Timmons at middle linebacker, senior Spencer Zwarka and senior Colton (C.J.) Wieloch.

Timko, Farmer and Emminger are expected to carry the load at cornerback and safety.

Handling placekicking chores will be left-footed Erli Metko, a senior who also is on Plymouth's varsity boys soccer team. Farmer will handle the punting, as he did last season.

Rounding out the roster are DBs/wide-outs Carnie Colliver, Dorian Johnson, Artis Jackson, Caleb Baker, Michael Kaledas, Calvin Vos, Traver Rouse, Joseph Ahearn, Nicholas Sexton, Colton Borke, Donald McKroy III, Bradley Tyszkiewicz; linebackers/tight ends Nicholas Saker, Benjamin Kandah, Kyle Petruski, Austin Shackelford and linemen McKenzie Marco, Sean Jensen, James Kearns, Luke Walkley and Jacob Rollet.

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Another mainstay on the line for the Wildcats is senior Austin Scheffer (left).

MICHAEL VASILNEK



Salem senior Darby Scott and Rocks head coach Ryan Nimmerguth are all smiles after Scott was medalist Aug. 18 at the Highest Honors Tournament. She shot 71, setting a new 18-hole record for Salem girls golf.

GIRLS GOLF PREVIEW

Salem looks to tee off on big season

Tim Smith
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The recipe for Salem's varsity girls golf team to have success in 2016 is as direct as one of Darby Scott's tee shots.

"A confident golfer is usually a successful one," Salem head coach Ryan Nimmerguth said. "And we need our players to be more confident and believe in their abilities, because they are very capable of competing with the best."

Last season, Scott and senior teammate Hope Warkoczski were individual state qualifiers for the Rocks.

This time around, Scott — who last year averaged 39 strokes per nine holes and 79 per 18 — is ready to carry the rest of the team as far into contention as possible.

The proof is in the early numbers. On Aug. 17, Scott finished third overall at the Hudson Mills-hosted Orange Theory Golf Tournament with 74.

Scott followed up with 71 the next day, winning the Highest Honors Golf Tournament at Huron Meadows.

That performance enabled Scott to break Salem girls golf's

previous 18-hole record of 72, set by Ashley Smith.

But Nimmerguth does not have a one-player team. Seniors Grace Grelak and Hannah Saad, along with Scott, give the Rocks three veterans "showing great leadership abilities" through their play and work ethic.

"With seven new players on the team this season," Nimmerguth said. "That senior leadership is so important for our chemistry and for our younger players to learn from."

Also back to help Salem move up in the very competitive KLAA Central Division are juniors Nicole Hahn and Emma Mastny and sophomores Julianne Small, Yunseo Cho and Bella Breazeale.

Hahn and Small are averaging in the upper 40s per nine during recent practices and Nimmerguth is optimistic both will continue that improvement.

Adding depth to the squad are seven newcomers, including sophomore Joie Carter and freshmen Ryleigh Reed, Mackenzie Dole, Ava Martin, Ally Walker, Nyah Howard and Sarah Stec.

Salem wasn't too far back in

the pack in 2015, finishing fourth in the division, fifth in the Kensington Conference and fourth in the KLAA.

Of course, Nimmerguth will feel the loss of graduates Warkoczski, Kiley Flynn and Genevieve St. Jean.

"Our ability to handle the stress and mental focus that the game of golf demands will be important," Nimmerguth said. "If we can stay within ourselves and stay focused on our goals, this team has the potential to be successful in the KLAA."

Sixth at Kensington

Salem placed sixth overall at Saturday's American Control Invitational at Kensington Metropark Golf Course (par 72). The Rocks totaled 388 strokes.

Finishing first was Lake Orion (348), winning a tie-breaker against Livonia Ladywood.

For the Rocks, who Thursday face Livonia Stevenson at Fox Hills Golf Course, Scott finished first overall with 76.

Other Salem finishers included Grelak (95), Reed (103), Hahn (114) and Small (118).

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FILE PHOTO
Heather Muir (from left), Ariana Strzalka, Katie Chipman, Alaina Strzalka and Erin Johnson pose with the 2015 Division 1 regional championship trophy at Fox Hills. Muir and Johnson are back for the 2016 Wildcats.

GIRLS GOLF PREVIEW

Plymouth not about to veer off course

Tim Smith
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It's never easy to wave so long to elite talents such as 2016 Plymouth graduate and all-state girls golfer Katie Chipman.

But Wildcats head coach Dan Young still has the components for another juggernaut squad, which returns several key members of the 2015 team that won the regional and finished 12th at the Division 1 state finals.

"We will be very competitive this season," Young said. "We have a hard-working group that will be in the mix at the end."

Chipman is gone, as are outstanding twins Alaina and Ariana Strzalka (also graduates). But the lineup will feature standout returnees in junior Erin Johnson and senior Heather Muir, who were

fourth and fifth in last season's lineup.

Another player who will be counted on is senior Rachel Kristian, whose name Young wrote sixth onto the lineup card last year. Junior Sara Vohra, meanwhile, moves up from the junior varsity (she was that team's No. 1 golfer a year ago). Two other JV call-ups include sophomores Kaitlyn Elledge and Shae Zydeck.

Oh, so close

Plymouth made a serious bid for victory Monday at the American Control Invitational.

The Wildcats finished one stroke out of first place at Kensington Metropark with a 349 tally. Lake Orion and Livonia Ladywood both recorded 348. Johnson led Plymouth with 85, followed by Zydeck (86), Muir (87), Kristian (91) and Elledge (94).

GIRLS GOLF PREVIEW

Canton pins its hopes on rising young players

Tim Smith
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Throw last season's 4-7 record out, as far as veteran Canton girls golf coach Tom Alles is concerned.

It was an important season nonetheless, because then-freshman Nicole Dawson and then-sophomore Manasa Potluri quickly demonstrated top-of-the-card talents.

Dawson narrowly missed going on to the Division 1 state finals as an individual qualifier. So Alles has high hopes that the rising tide will lift all boats during the 2016 season, perhaps even lifting the Chiefs into KLAA South Division contention.

"All of the girls have improved their scores from last season," said Alles, beginning his seventh year as Canton's head coach. "We are hopeful that we can improve on our 4-7 record from a year ago and strive to win more dual matches than we lose."

Dawson and Potluri have picked up where they left off. "Both girls have been shooting consistently in the mid-40s at Fox Hills Classic," Alles said.



FILE PHOTO
Canton's Nicole Dawson made a big impact as a freshman in 2015; she looks to stay on roll this season.

Add to the mix senior co-captains Lauren Luyet and Avery Ralston, who Alles said "have considerable varsity experience and should contribute in dual matches and tournaments."

The roster also is solid with other returnees such as juniors Ashley Kahanec and Molly Mundorf and sophomore Simi Neeluru.

"Mundorf and Neeluri have also played well in early practices and should see a considerable amount of varsity action," Alles said.

GARY BALCONI INVITATIONAL



AMY McGRATH
To the Balconi victors goes the trophy. Canton players celebrate after closing out Saturday's tournament championship win over Salem.



AMY McGRATH
The Canton Chiefs celebrate after winning Saturday's Gary Balconi Invitational.

Chiefs up to old tricks

Canton nips Salem to win annual tournament

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

When it comes to Canton Chiefs soccer, teams set the bar high and eclipse it more

years than not.

Early dividends reveal more of the same could be in store for the 2016 varsity boys soccer squad, winners of Saturday's annual Gary Balconi Invitational.

Solid defense and timely offense carried the Chiefs to the trophy, which was earned

thanks to hard-fought victories over Saline (1-0), Utica Eisenhower (3-0) and Salem (3-2).

Against the cross-campus rival Rocks in the Balconi championship match, the Chiefs prevailed with the game-winning goal scored by Ryen O'Meara (assisted by Alex Spratte and Joey Chung).

Earning the win in goal was David Sadanowicz.

Veteran Canton head coach Mark Zemanski lauded his team's overall "strong defensive play throughout the tournament" by Matt Rockafellow, Matt Tenglin, Ethan Schiffour, Caleb Moraw, Ryan Page and Cam Waller.

"We also had good contributions from Avery Olson and Matt Eastman," he added. Opening up the tournament,

which featured eight teams competing on four fields at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Canton won 1-0 over Saline behind the shutout goalkeeping of David McGraw.

The lone goal was scored by Mohamad Miri, from Collin O'Keefe.

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Domestic violence prevention focus of Housing Development Authority grant

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority Board recently authorized a \$975,000 grant to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to support domestic violence prevention efforts and provide shelter and other services to survivors, Executive Director Kevin Elsenheimer said.

"Since 2005, MDHHS has been a valued partner with us on the Campaign to End Homelessness and this award will allow our two organizations to align domestic violence funding to help meet our larger joint goal of ending homelessness in Michigan," Elsenheimer said.

The money comes from matching funds MSHDA add-

ed to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Emergency Solutions Grant dollars and will be in effect from Oct. 1, 2016, to Sept. 30, 2017.

"These dollars will be extremely important in our efforts to empower survivors and prevent domestic violence," said Debi Cain, executive director of the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board. "The funding will provide survivors with safe housing and other support so that they can realize their right to self-determination."

The governor-appointed board, housed within MDHHS, was established in 1978 to focus state activity on

domestic violence. The board administers state and federal funding for domestic violence shelters and advocacy services, recommends policy and provides technical assistance and training.

"Providing consistency in funding to domestic violence prevention service providers allows us to stretch these limited dollars and help more of our state's most vulnerable residents," said Kelly Rose, MSHDA's chief Housing Solutions officer.

This is the third year MSHDA has granted funds for this purpose to MDHHS.

The MSHDA provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create

and preserve decent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents and to engage in community economic development activities to revitalize urban and rural communities.

MSHDA's loans and operating expenses are financed through the sale of tax-exempt and taxable bonds as well as notes to private investors, not from state tax revenues. Proceeds are loaned at below-market interest rates to developers of rental housing, and help fund mortgages and home improvement loans. MSHDA also administers several federal housing programs.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/mshda.

State's Key to Own effort can help with credit problems, boost owning a home

Dollar Bay, Michigan, resident Tom Rossi is the 400th person to achieve the dream of homeownership through Michigan State Housing Development Authority's Key to Own program.

"This most definitely is a milestone worth celebrating for the Key to Own program," MSHDA Executive Director Kevin Elsenheimer said. "Not only is it the 400th closing, it's a first in the Upper Peninsula. It was a pleasure to visit Mr. Rossi in his home and hear about how he went from voucher-holder to homeowner."

Key to Own helps families and individuals in the MSHDA housing choice voucher (HCV) program transfer their rental voucher to a homeownership voucher.

"I worked really hard to clear all of my old debt and raise my credit score," Rossi said. "It took me three years to save my portion of the down payment, but it was worth it. I'm proud to say that I am officially a homeowner."

Rossi worked closely with MSHDA representatives and counselors at Chippewa-Luce Mackinaw County Community Action Agency to prepare for homeownership. MSHDA's voucher program in combination with USDA Rural Development partnered to provide the financing for his new home.

To be eligible for the program, current HCV participants must meet the following requirements:

- » Maintain an annual earned income of at least \$15,000 and work at least 30 hours per week (exceptions for elderly or disabled persons).

- » Be a first-time homeowner or have not owned a home in the last three years.

- » Be in good standing with the rental HCV program.

"MSHDA is leading the nation in housing choice voucher-only closings," Elsenheimer said. "Key to Own is changing the lives of our citizens here in Michigan."

Residents can learn more or request an application by calling 517-241-4474 or emailing lehman1@michigan.gov.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Benefit Estate Sale

Hall & Hunter Realtors will hold its 13th annual Estate Sale of Antiques, Collectibles and Treasures to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. It will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hall & Hunter Realtors, 442 S. Old Woodward Ave. in Birmingham. All year long, Hall & Hunter Realtors collect antiques, gently used furniture and collectibles. Since Hall & Hunter started this tradition 11 years ago, the firm has donated \$250,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. Sponsored by: Changing Places Moving Company, Devon Title Agency, Stefek's Auctioneers & Appraisers, Bank of Birmingham. For more information, visit www.hallandhunter.com or call 248-644-3500.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-Eleven, near Trenton Road.

For more information, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

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Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

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National Association of Realtors touts benefits of working with industry pro

In some school districts across the country, kids are already heading back to school after the summer break. While households with children commonly choose to buy a home in the late spring to get settled in before the new school season starts, rising home prices and a lack of homes for sale may mean more families have been forced to continue their house hunt into fall.

"In a fast moving market with fewer homes for sale and rising prices, more buyers find themselves in need of a real estate professional to help them find the right home and guide them through each step of the process," said National Association of Realtors President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Florida. "Despite recent industry reports to the contrary, busy families require hands-on attention and unparalleled transaction and local market knowledge and regularly turn to full-service agents, who provide a broad range of services and manage most aspects of a home purchase and sale."

The median days on market to find a buyer was 32 days in May (the shortest time on record) and 34 days in June (tied with June 2015). Fewer and faster-selling houses on the market translate into more pressure to make quick decisions and despite advances in online real estate information and technology,

the vast majority of consumers still prefer buying and selling a home through a real estate professional because it saves them time and makes the process less stressful, the NAR notes. While more than eight in 10 buyers worked with an agent to purchase a home last year, according to NAR's 2015 "Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers," agent use is even higher among buyers ages 36-50 (87 percent) and 35 and younger (89 percent) — the demographics most likely to have school-aged children.

"Buyers with children have a slightly harder time finding the right property, likely because of their desire to purchase a home that best meets their family's needs or is in their preferred school district; 53 percent of families with children cited finding the right property as the hardest step in the buying process compared to 50 percent of buyers without children," Salomone said.

In many cases, families are looking to move because their current home is too small (cited most at 29 percent for families with children at home compared to only 9 percent with no children at home); a job relocation (23 percent), or a change in their family situation such as birth of another child, marriage or divorce (12 percent). The typical home buyer with children bought a 2,100-square-foot detached single-family home with four bedrooms and two full bathrooms.

Nearly 80 percent of recent sellers worked with an agent that provided a full range of services; only 9 percent received a limited set of services and 12 percent of sellers worked with an agent to list their home on the multiple-listing service and received few if any additional services. Sixty-two percent of sellers with children at home negotiated their agents compensation compared to 68 percent of sellers with no children at home.

When choosing a buyer's agent, parents with children under 18 at home want someone who can provide more mobile-ready, easy-to-access information; 71 percent said it was important when choosing an agent that he or she sends postings as soon as a property is listed or its status changes; sends property info and communicates via text (59 percent); sends market reports on recent listings and sales (55 percent); sends emails about specific needs (56 percent); and has a mobile site to show properties (30 percent).

When it comes to seller's agents, twice as many parents with children at home needed to sell their home urgently compared to those with no children at home (24 percent compared to 12 percent), perhaps to time transactions around the school season. It makes sense then, that sellers with children at home placed a higher priority on selling their home within a specific time frame (22 percent) and help

pricing it competitively (19 percent); compared to sellers with no children at home (20 percent and 15 percent, respectively).

Busy parents also rely more on referrals for finding their seller's agent; 46 percent of sellers with children at home first found their agent through a referral from a friend, neighbor or relative compared to only 40 percent of sellers with no children at home.

When it comes to the home search, for buyers with children under the age of 18 living in their home, it's no surprise that the quality of the school district and convenience to schools was a strong influencing factor of their neighborhood choice. Recent buyers with children cited quality of the school district an influencing factor (at 50 percent compared to 11 percent with no children in home), as well as convenience to schools (at 46 percent compared to 6 percent).

"If you are thinking of buying or selling a home this fall, don't be intimidated by the market or process while kids are back in school; overall, the fundamentals of the market are strong," Salomone said. "A Realtor helps get sellers ready to sell and buyers ready to buy — whether or not they have children — and knows the ins and outs of the real estate transaction the market where you want to buy or sell."

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Northville - Holstead/Newburgh

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Garage-Tag Sale

GARAGE SALE

Canton, 1500 Manton Blvd, 48187, 8/25-8/27 8am-5pm. HIGH QUALITY items: men/women/children clothing, children's books, costumes, games, toys, sporting equipment, school supplies, small furniture, household decor. Directions: Off of Saltz Road, between Lilley and Morton Taylor, Near Flodin Park.

GARAGE SALE

Canton, 46759 Glengarry Blvd, 48188 Sat: 10-3, Sun: 11-3, Aug 27&28. Assorted housewares, games, toys, some furniture. Dir: S. of Cherry Hill, W. of Canton Center

FARMINGTON HILLS, Garage Sale, 35415 W. 14 Mile Rd., Michigan, 48331 Fri: Aug 26, 8-5; Sat: Aug 27, 8-5; furniture, knickknacks, Kitchen Items, toys, books, jewelry, linens, sports stuff, small appliances, tools, Dir: Faith Covenant Church, corner of Drake and 14 Mile

Garden City, Moving Sale, 33120 Florence St, Michigan, 48135 Thur: 9-5, Fri: 9-5, Sat: 9-5, Dir: N of Cherry Hill W of Venoy.

Garage-Tag Sale

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Milford-895 & 921 West Dawson,

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South Lyon Moving Sale-13127 Galway

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Home for Sale - In State

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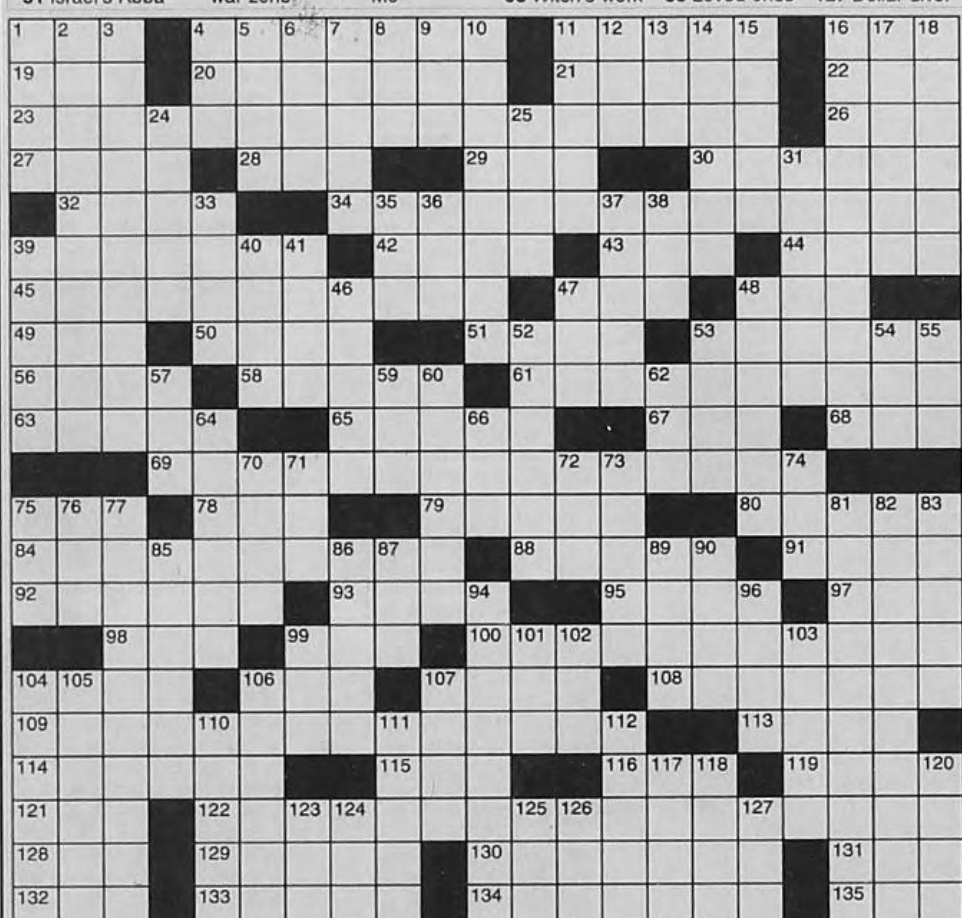
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THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Plane takeoff guess, briefly
 - 4 Tries to nip
 - 11 Figurative language
 - 16 Excessively
 - 19 Hawaiian yellowfin tuna
 - 20 Running wild
 - 21 Braga or Solomayor
 - 22 Eye, in verse
 - 23 New drugs being studied, say
 - 26 Coll. dorm overseers
 - 27 Peci offerers
 - 28 That, in Peru
 - 29 G.P.s' gp.
 - 30 Strong-arm
 - 32 Altar locale
 - 34 Put on a different station
 - 39 In serenity
 - 42 City in Oklahoma
 - 43 Coop female
 - 44 People
 - 45 Many soufflé makers
 - 47 Shuffle
 - 48 Protrude
 - 49 Carrere of film
 - 50 "Great joke!"
 - 51 Israel's Abba
 - 53 "—, ergo sum"
 - 56 2014 British Open winner
 - 58 Pop singer from Oahu
 - 61 Sunbathing furniture
 - 63 See 104-Down
 - 65 Taboo acts
 - 67 Water, in Oise
 - 68 Film director
 - 69 Nauseating
 - 75 "Angle" network
 - 78 Refrain bit
 - 79 Expiate
 - 80 Pagan priest
 - 84 Securer of a pocket timepiece
 - 88 Papal crown
 - 91 Relative of -ette
 - 92 Native Americans of Nebraska
 - 93 Young fellas
 - 95 "Othello" villain
 - 97 Suffragist — B. Wells
 - 98 Sun —sen
 - 99 "Platoon" war zone
 - 100 Robed group in a loft
 - 104 Wise — owl
 - 106 24/7 source of 20s
 - 107 Irishman, e.g.
 - 108 Honchos
 - 109 Product of alkalized cocoa powder
 - 113 Little cut
 - 114 Warm up again
 - 115 Bit of a giggle
 - 116 Regulation
 - 119 Old Russian ruler
 - 121 Groom's vow
 - 122 Some Toll House morsels
 - 128 Masc. counterpart
 - 129 Grub, e.g.
 - 130 Game to try something
 - 131 After taxes
 - 132 Taoism's Lao- —
 - 133 Top-tier invitees
 - 134 Parts of the solar system
 - 135 Main character in "Despicable Me"
- DOWN**
- 1 Aural pair
 - 2 Mel Gibson war film of 2000
 - 3 Goes pool
 - 4 Large snake
 - 5 About
 - 6 Tic — (some mints)
 - 7 Moral climate
 - 8 See 13-Down
 - 9 Hot tub sigh
 - 10 Discourse
 - 11 Hall-of-Fame cager — Thomas
 - 12 ENT or OB
 - 13 With 8-Down, very shortly
 - 14 Auto garage squirter
 - 15 Brick dresser
 - 16 Like deluges
 - 17 Seer's shrine
 - 18 Fixate (on)
 - 24 German city
 - 25 Cato's 2,400
 - 31 Plenty
 - 33 Per unit
 - 35 Very little
 - 36 Having one flat, musically
 - 37 Beijing site
 - 38 Witch's work
 - 39 SAG- (performers' labor gp.)
 - 40 Neighbor of Nigeria
 - 41 Amp effect
 - 46 Barbera's collaborator
 - 47 West with one-liners
 - 48 Cheerful
 - 52 Pellets for air rifles
 - 53 Latte option
 - 54 Sports draw
 - 55 Raw metal
 - 57 "Definitely!"
 - 59 Ad add-on?
 - 60 Available
 - 62 100 yrs.
 - 64 To boot
 - 66 Mo. in fall
 - 70 Tolkien menaces
 - 71 — jongg
 - 72 Prefix with brow
 - 73 Broadcast anew
 - 74 Test for college srs.
 - 75 A pair of "Whap!"
 - 77 Not inclined to travel
 - 81 Forming a labor group
 - 82 Very thin material for book pages
 - 83 Loved ones
 - 85 Opportunity
 - 86 Old Texas siege site
 - 87 The "sum" of Descartes
 - 89 Antler pair
 - 90 Turkish VIP
 - 94 Increases
 - 96 Folkie Phil
 - 99 — degree
 - 101 Jimmy Buffett's "Ain't — Genius"
 - 102 Final: Abbr.
 - 103 Intuitive inkling
 - 104 With 63-Across, floating freely on the ocean
 - 105 Soft leathers
 - 106 Real
 - 107 Word after party or film
 - 110 "No — español"
 - 111 Swindle
 - 112 "Levon" singer John
 - 117 Lot unit
 - 118 Very little bit
 - 120 Post-Q string
 - 123 Bi- plus one
 - 124 Idiot boxes
 - 125 Certain NCO
 - 126 Out — job
 - 127 Dollar divs.



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702/4247 or smccllellan@michigan.com. Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

SUDOKU

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

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

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

GOLF WORD SEARCH

WORDS

ACE	DIVOT
ADVICE	DOWNSWING
AERATION	DRIVER
APPROACH	FAIRWAY
BACK NINE	FESCUE
BAIL	GIMME
BALL	GOLF
BIRDIE	GREENS
BLIND	HANDICAP
BOGEY	HAZARD
BUCKET	HOLES
BUZZARD	HONORS
CARRY	INVITATIONAL
CART	IRONS
CLUBHOUSE	MULLIGAN
CUP	PUTT
DERBY	PUTTER
DIMPLES	SHOT

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

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

ETD	BITESAT	IDIOM	TOO
AHI	ONATEAR	SONIA	ORB
RESEARCH	CHEMICALS	RAS	
SPAS	ESO	AMA	COERCE
APSE	SWITCH	CHANNELS	
ATPEACE	ENID	HEN	ONES
FRENCH	CHEFS	MIX	JUT
TIA	HABA	EBAN	COGITO
RORY	DONHO	BEACH	CHAIR
ATSEA	NONOS	EAU	LEE
	STOMACH	CHURNING	
TBS	TRA	ATONE	DRUID
WATCH	CHAIN	TIARA	ENNE
OMAHAS	LADS	IAGO	IDA
YAT	NAM	CHURCH	CHOIR
ASAN	ATM	GAEL	KAHUNAS
DUTCH	CHOCOLATE	SNIP	
REHEAT	HEE	LAW	CZAR
IDO	BUTTERS	SCOTCH	CHIPS
FEM	LARVA	UPFORIT	NET
TSE	ALIST	PLANETS	GRU

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AUGUST CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 25-26

Location: Trinity Episcopal Church, 26880 La Muera, Farmington Hills

Details: Trinity and Friends choir presents "Let's Go To The Movies." Tickets are \$12

Contact: trinityinthetwoods.org

PRaise AND WORSHIP

Time/Date: 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 28

Location: Open Arms Church, 33015 W. Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: The Beatenbos will minister

Contact: 734-471-5282

T-SHIRT COLLECTION

Time/Date: Through Sept. 15

Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The church is collecting T-shirts in bright colors for adults and youngsters in Zimbabwe. Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, a Farmington Hills-based charity, will send the donations to Africa next month. A donation box is accessible 24/7 and is stationed at the church's front door

Contact: kenwoodchurch.org

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY GALA

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

Location: St. Nicholas Event Center, 760 Wattles, Troy

Details: Gala celebrates Bloomfield Hills-based Manresa Jesuit Retreat House's 90th anniversary. The Rev. Leo Cachat will celebrate Mass. Hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent auction and dancing will follow. Marie Osborne of WJR 760 AM radio will emcee. Tickets are \$100 and \$20

Contact: 248-644-4933; manresa.sj.org

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m., Thursday, from Sept. 8-May 11

Location: Berkley Community Church 2855 Wiltshire, Berkley

Details: This 30-week, in-depth, inter-denominational study of Romans is for women. Children's program also is available for youngsters through kindergarten. Register at 248-885-5718

Contact: birminghamberkley.cbclass.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Cheek to Cheek sings pop-jazz and R&B duets. Get tickets at unityoflivonia.org

Contact: 734-421-1760

FAITH FORMATION

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

Location: St. Priscilla Parish activity center, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia

Details: "Prayer: The Faith Prayed - Making Room For God," is the first of the parish's "Growing in Faith Together - Intergenerational Sessions" for 2016-17. A light meal will be provided. Free will donations will be accepted. RSVP by Sept. 16

Contact: faithformation@saint-priscilla.org; 248-476-4700

GRIEF SHARE

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 19

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Grief support group will meet for 13 sessions. Each week participants will watch a video seminar featuring experts on grief and recovery subjects, and will spend time in discussion. Workbooks will be available for personal study of the grieving process. Register at christoursavior.org

Contact: Linda Hollman at 734-522-6830 or Mike McGrath at 248-505-8894

MONEY MANAGEMENT

Time/Date: Noon, Sunday, Sept. 11

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Robert A. Finnigan, who has a background in fi-

nance and accounting, and who is a student of Unity teachings, will lead a personal finance workshop

Contact: 734-421-1760; unityoflivonia.org

PRAYER DAY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20

Location: Capuchin's St. Bonaventure Monastery Chapel, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: A prayer service, with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen Choir and the Dearing Dancers, will celebrate the International Day of Prayer for Peace. The theme is Let Peace Begin With Me and the featured speaker is Capuchin Friar Ray Stadmeier

Contact: 313-579-2100; TheCapuchins.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 17

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Specialty boutique, house wares / household, electronics, toys, books, home décor, linens, shoes, clothing for baby, kids, teens, adults, furniture, sporting goods and more. Grand opening with 20 percent mark up is Sept. 14. Bag sale is Sept. 17

Contact: 248-477-1410

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyellen879@att.net

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniaist-michael.org.

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

St. Innocent Orthodox Church

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township

Details: An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to Subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386

Contact: facebook.com/stinno-credford

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clareville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

BARRY-SORBER



LUZ ANGELINA (LUCHA) August 20, 2016. Age 84. Dear Wife of Charles Sorber. Beloved Mother of Martha, Daniel (Kelly), Lucero (Steve) and the late Armando (Amy). Also predeceased by her loving Husband Daniel W. Barry. Proud Grandmother of Daniel, Louisa, Olivia, Louis, Naomi, Marcus and William. Special thanks and recognition to her caregivers "the Angels", Kristina Travis and Elecia Finley. Funeral Mass for our Dear Mamacita will be held Thursday 10:30 a.m. at Henry Ford Village Chapel 15101 Ford Rd., Dearborn with visiting beginning at 9:30 a.m. www.mcfarlandfoss.com

BRYANT



KAREN beloved wife of Howard Bryant, passed away peacefully the morning of August 17th, 2016, after a battling a long illness. Born May 5th, 1943, in Detroit, Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Al and Eleanor Eagen, and a brother, Dennis. She is survived by her loving husband, Howard, and her sister, Debbie Eagen West. Karen graduated from the University of Michigan in 1965 majoring in Latin and history. After her graduation, Karen began a career in teaching at Mason Middle School in Waterford. She then moved to Troy Athens High School where she taught Government, and World, Ancient and American History. After earning her Masters in Library Science, she finished her 35 year teaching career as head librarian at Hill Elementary in Troy. She was also active in the Troy Education Association attending state and national conventions and serving on the Association negotiating team. Among her many interests, Karen was an avid reader, loved the theatre (even writing and directing all school plays) and was an adventurous traveler. Highlights of her early spirit in travel were a train trip to Pasadena for the 1965 Rose Bowl, and a two month tour of Europe with friends after graduation. She and Howard, her husband of 35 years, spent the last several years visiting historic sites throughout the United States, many Canadian provinces, the Caribbean and Mexico. Their winters were spent near the water in Bradenton, Florida. By far, the most important quality Karen possessed was a kind and gentle manner that knew no bounds. She was a warm, gracious and loving woman who opened her heart to everyone, and that love was returned to her in kind by everyone who knew her. She will be greatly missed. In lieu of a funeral service a memorial celebration for Karen will be held at a later date.

CALECA

MARY LOUISE 64, went to be with her Lord Sunday, August 20 in West Bloomfield surrounded by her family. Born in Flint, Michigan, the daughter of the late Thomas Phillip Caleca and Louise Elizabeth (Nickola) Caleca. Mary graduated from St. John Vianney Catholic School and attended Mott Community College and University of Michigan, Flint. Mary's faith was a supremely integral part of her life and enjoyed sharing her deeply held beliefs to encourage others along their life's journey. To that end, she led weekly bible studies in her home and volunteered in many capacities in her local church and also abroad, helping to build churches in The Gambia. Born the second oldest of seven children, Mary was a natural at helping to raise children and excelled in the field of being a Professional Nanny for several families in Plymouth, MI and also Naples, FL. Mary loved entertaining and generously hosted holiday parties for her family and friends. Her passion for cooking and baking combined with her attention to detail left everyone feeling loved and catered to. Mary cherished being with her family and was always there to celebrate their successes. She will be remembered for her steadfast support and encouragement to all who knew her. Mary was preceded in death by her nephew, Jeffrey J. Haisha Jr.; and is survived by her siblings, Pietro (Thess) Caleca, Rosina (Greg) Rovvik, James Caleca (Annmarie Mazzarese), Therese (Vincent) Blood, Thomasina Rizk (Michael Dandy), and Valerie (Jeffrey) Haisha. Many nieces and nephews also survive. Gathering will be Saturday, August 27 from 10 a.m. until the time of her service at 12 noon at the Wessels and Wilk Funeral Home, 23690 Woodward Avenue, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069. Family suggests donations to GKTW, Orlando, FL. http://www.givekidstheworld.org. www.wesselsandwilk.com

ELLIS



BYRON EDWARD Age 91, of Indianapolis, passed away on August 19, 2016. He was born on January 16, 1925 in Detroit, Michigan to Lockwood and Clara (Bourke) Ellis. Byron spent his youth in Birmingham, MI with his loving parents and six brothers and sisters. He served in the U.S. Army Airforce from 1943-1946 and the U.S. Army from 1950-1952. He received his B.A. from Michigan State College in 1950. Byron worked for the Dow Chemical Company in Midland, MI and Indianapolis, Indiana, retiring after 30 years of service. Byron was a licensed pilot and enjoyed flying small planes in Michigan and Indiana. Byron was a member of the United Methodist Church in Castleton, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, the American Legion, the Airplane Owners and Pilots Ass'n and the Experimental Aircraft Ass'n. Byron was devoted to his wife of 65 years, Nancy Pauline DaLee Ellis, and to his six children. Byron is survived by his children: James (Barbara), Richard (Nancy), Charles (Susan), Katharine (Terry) Copen, Jean Henry and Barbara (Daniel) Monro, nine grandchildren and his brother Edgar. Byron was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy, parents, brother Bill and sisters, Julia, Jean, Eleanor and Elizabeth. Those wishing to honor Byron's life are welcome to contribute to a charity of their choice. Friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting www.armortuary.com

LASHER

BEVERLY J. Died August 18, 2016, in her home at the Bay Club of The Cypress on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, formerly of Herring Gull Lane. She was born April 26, 1927 in Port Huron, Michigan, the daughter of Carl H. Lasher and Lillian Moak Lasher. She attended Port Huron Schools and the University of Michigan. Go Blue! She was employed at the Kresge Eye Institute and later owned Postal Instant Press, a printing company in Birmingham, Michigan. She is survived by her longtime friend, Arlene E. Stearns; her niece, Julie West Moulds (Kris); and nephews, Judge Michael L. West (Kim), Thomas R. West (Pam), and Richard C. West (Angie); several great-nieces and great-nephews; and friends, Thomas K. Andison, Marysville, MI, Debbie Dyckman, Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Bitsy Pepper, Spokane, Washington. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her sister, Catherine Lasher West (Francis). A memorial gathering will be held September 10, 2016, 4:00 p.m. at The Cypress on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. The Island Funeral Home and Crematory. theislandfuneralhome.com

LEMON



ROBERT WILLIAM August 21, 2016, Age 92. Beloved husband of the late Audrey C. Lemon. Loving mother of Kathleen (Bob) Pawlik; Robin (Jack) McKenzie; Thom (Shirley) Lemon and Dawn Lemon (David Richardson). Grandfather to 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents Lee and Pearl Lemon, his sister Alice (Lowell) Garney and his brothers Lyle and Leonard Lemon. Survived by his sisters-in-law Jean Lemon and Frances Herbert and many nieces and nephews. Visitation 4-8 p.m. Thursday, August 25th at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Funeral 11 a.m. Friday, August 26th at the funeral home. Memorial contributions suggested to Lawrence Technological University or Michigan United Conservation Clubs. www.thayer-rock.com

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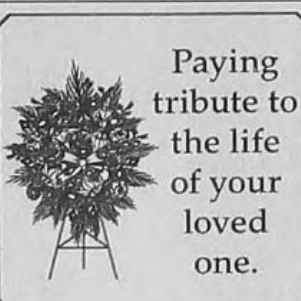
BARBARA F. passed peacefully on August 6, 2016 at the age of 95. While her family members grieve their loss, she leaves us with valued lessons about the importance of education, compassion, service to others and social justice. Barbara was a WAVE in World War II, a social worker, a League of Women Voters volunteer and a lifelong advocate for children. She will be deeply missed, but her legacy lives on through her three children and their spouses, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A private memorial service is planned.



TRAINOR



MICHELLE R. "SHELLEY" Of Novi. Age 47, after a 10 month battle with ovarian cancer, passed away peacefully with her family at her side on August 22, 2016. Shelley is survived by her husband, Chris; her three children, Jack (17), Jeffrey (15), and Lauren (12); mother, Nancy Foley; brother, Todd Foley, (Maylanie); niece, Celia; uncle, Ron Sossi; father, Tim Foley (Amy); half-sisters, Sydney and Claire Foley; father-in-law, John Trainor; mother-in-law, Nancy Trainor; brother-in-law, Daniel Trainor (Claudia Berg); niece, Alexis and nephew Ryan. Shelley graduated from Birmingham Seaholm High School and earned a BS, Family and Community Services - Child Services from Michigan State University. She was a proud sister of the Delta Gamma Sorority at Michigan State University. After college, Shelley worked in the fields of early childhood education, provided childcare and eldercare benefits to local companies, and supported efforts to prevent drug and alcohol abuse for teens. Recently, Shelley worked in the Novi Community School district as a special education paraprofessional. Shelley loved being a mother and was very active in her kids' lives and was also a big supporter of the Island Lake of Novi Community where the family lives. She was an advocate for always helping others in need as she promoted anti-bullying efforts with Kids Empowered and she was also a board member of the Congregation of Every 1, a nonprofit charitable organization based in Novi. Her charity, volunteerism and leadership are a lasting memory for all and she will be deeply missed by many. In lieu of flowers and other gifts, the family has requested that donations be made to Kenya Relief, a nonprofit charitable organization that was very special to Shelley after she traveled to Africa on a humanitarian mission. Please visit kenyairelief.org for more information. Use the drop-down menu to select "Other" and type "Shelley" to make contributions in her name. Memorial service will be 7 p.m. Friday, August 26, 2016 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, MI, 248-348-1800. Family will receive friends 1-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.



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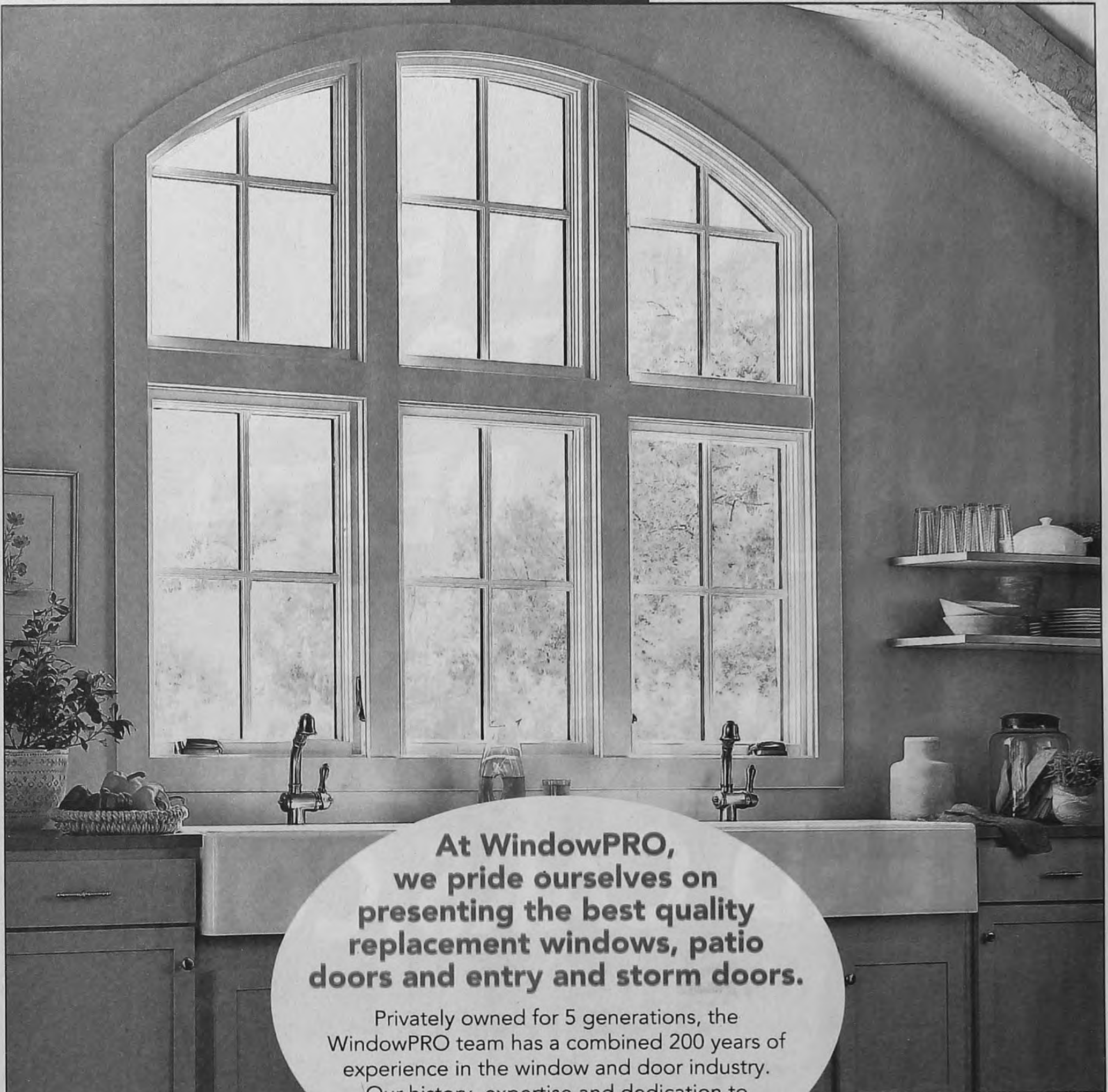
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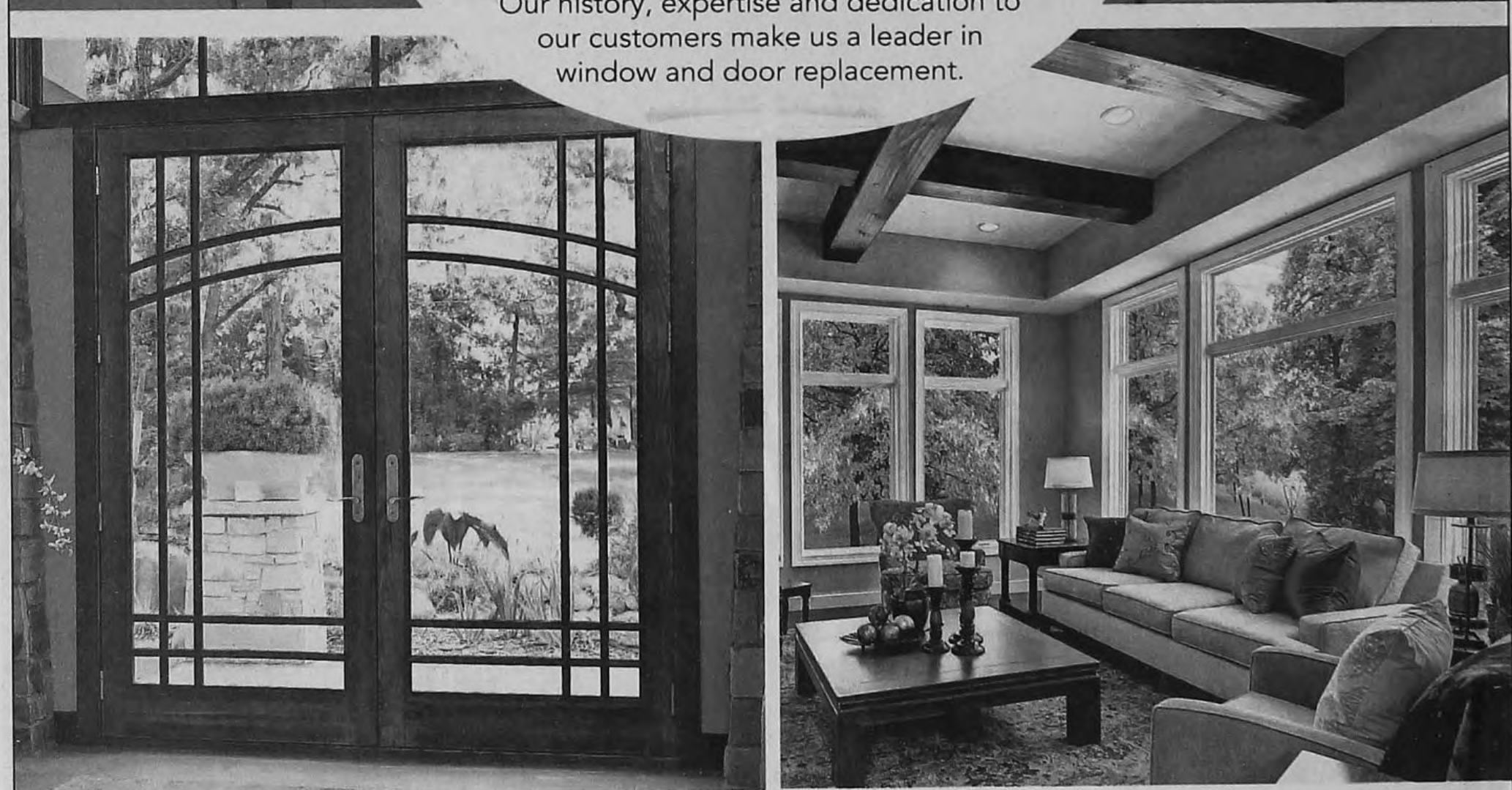
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