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Live-streamed event talks mental illness

Panelists discuss treatments and resources available

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Cheryl Patel of Farmington Hills wants to learn as much as she can about mental illness. So does Carnell Jones of Southfield. Their reasons are personal, both saying they have family

members or friends dealing with a mental disorder. So building a strong knowledge base is vital to understanding — and helping, they said. And that's how they found themselves Thursday evening with 150 others at Detroit Public Television's Riley Broadcast Center in Wixom to attend

"Mental Health: A Community Conversation." The live-streamed special event included a screening of the documentary, "Ride the Tiger, a Guide through the Bipolar Brain," followed by a panel discussion on mental illness and available resources for those affected by it. "Some people I know are struggling with mental health issues, others are in denial,"

Jones said. "It's always, like, 'why, why, why?' It has such an impact — and the solution is dealing with it, but there's too much stigma about mental illness that people don't talk about it (enough)." Which was precisely the reason for Thursday's program, developed and organized by Todd Lipa, director of youth and family services for the city of Farmington Hills. Lipa's

idea came after he attended a premiere showing last spring of "Ride the Tiger," which features scientific advances and shortcomings in dealing with mental illness and depicts accomplished people diagnosed with bipolar disorder. "I walked out of there enthusiastic and finally understanding a little bit," Lipa said.

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Timothy and Gina Yarbough in action inside The Realm of Darkness haunted house.

CREEPY CLOWN, 'VICTIM' FIND LOVE IN HAUNTED HOUSE

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Gina Dailide Yarbrough's biggest fear in a haunted house is the creepy clown with a chainsaw. Then she married one. Now, she and husband Bow-bee the Clown spend time in The Realm of Darkness, a haunted house in Pontiac where he drags her by the hair in a blood-drenched dress and throws her against a wall. "Then he kills me with a chainsaw," Yarbrough said. Nothing like true love in the Halloween season. Yarbrough, a Canton resident and actor manager for The Realm of Darkness, was working in another haunted house, Sinister, on the same site in 2011 when she met her beloved Bow-bee, or Timothy Yarbrough. He walked by her during a dress rehearsal with his chainsaw, looked at her and uttered these blood-curdling words of love: "Sometimes I kill people." "We just clicked," Timothy Yarbrough said. He has "killed" her numerous times since then and he proposed to her last Halloween while in costume in the haunt-



See HAUNTED, Page A3 Gina and Timothy Yarbough, without all the blood, during a wedding moment.

Teacher pioneered photography program at Stevenson

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A longtime teacher at Livonia's Stevenson High School who pioneered the photography program there is being remembered as a devoted husband and father and a mentor and colleague who had a good word for everyone. Douglas Johnson, who was hired at Stevenson the year after it opened and taught there for 33 years, died at home Oct. 1, three weeks shy of his 74th birthday. He and his wife of 50 years, Mary Lou, had lived in Plymouth Township for about 45 years.



Johnson

In addition to teaching, Johnson had a career in journalism, from working at the Plymouth Crier fresh out of college in the 1960s to spending decades at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, where he regularly filled in as an editor, reporter and photographer, especially during summertime breaks from school and after he retired from teaching. Mary Lou Johnson said his program at Stevenson helped spread the idea of teaching photography at the high school level to other schools in Wayne County. "A lot of teachers at other schools saw he could do it, so they thought they would, too," she said. "He helped them get started." Johnson taught photography, journalism and English until he retired in 1999. He was also the adviser for the Stevenson school newspaper. Stevenson graduate Tom Voyles, a photographer at the paper, said Johnson wanted what was then called The Ambassador to be a serious newspaper and gave the staff the latitude to cover serious topics, even if school officials weren't always pleased. "Doug, I think, was interest-

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The film also spoke to him because it had recently come to light that a growing number of kids participating in Farmington Hills' after-school program take medication for ADHD and other disorders. That led to Lipa reaching out to Della Cassia, DPTV director of communications — who he's known for years — to set up the program

Together, they tapped mental health professionals James Hanson, Oakland University professor; Frances Brown, Michigan School of Professional Psychology program director; and Linda Hotchkiss, M.D. — along with Chuck Nebus, Farmington Hills police chief, Ed Moore, producer/director/writer of "Ride the Tiger," and Ken Massey, who moderated the panel. Massey,



Panelists (from left) Linda Hotchkiss, M.D., James Hanson and Frances Brown on stage at the DPTV studio.

Farmington Hills mayor, also heads SAFE, the Farmington-area suicide prevention task force.

Panelists fielded a variety of questions presented by Massey — many submitted by the audience — on medication and other treatment options, law enforcement involvement when mental health issues present

safety concerns, the mental health profession and more.

More talk needed

Lipa said he was pleased with the turnout and the event overall and anticipates that "it will lend a lot to the conversation (about mental illness)" to help chip away at the stigma asso-

ciated with it. "I think we need to have more conversations about what we can do as a community and not just the Farmington Hills community, but communities everywhere. We are all facing the same things. The key is finally stepping up and saying, 'I need help,'" Lipa said. "People strug-



Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck Nebus listens as Ed Moore explains his six-year process in writing and producing "Ride the Tiger."

gle with it, they fight it. But they need help, they need to have that conversation."

Amy Jackson, an audience member who traveled from Detroit for the event, said she "learned so much" from the panelists and the documentary — particularly the importance of including family members in the discussion when dealing with mental health issues. Children of people suffering with mental

illness also need to know what's going on, because otherwise they might needlessly blame themselves, she said.

"And the film," Jackson added, "definitely made me feel hopeful."

DPTV will re-broadcast "Ride the Tiger" at 10 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10. The panelist discussion is available On Demand.

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ed in us being a newspaper rather than a gossip rag," Voyles said, recalling one story about an anti-Vietnam War march and rally in Livonia and another on the issue of teen smoking.

"We got to feel like we were reporting some news and really got to be a newspaper," he added.

Voyles also worked in The Ambassador's graphics area, helping mock up pages, in the days before computerized newspaper composing, and run the press.

"It was a lot of fun and I guess it kind of piqued my interest in working at a newspaper," said Voyles, who retired from the Observer & Eccentric's graphics department in 2013 after more than 40 years. Several of his contemporaries at Stevenson who were mentored by Johnson also went into newspapers, Voyles said.

"I was impressed and inspired by his professionalism and love of teaching," former colleague Tim Newman, who still teaches at Stevenson, wrote in an email. "Doug was instrumental in developing our photography program at Stevenson, which is still part of our art curriculum today."

"Doug was in that building almost nightly until 7 p.m. He was a worker," retired Stevenson art teacher John Wagner said. Johnson was always willing to help him out when he was new to the school, Wagner said. "He's going to be remembered very fondly as a mentor by many, many students."

Johnson spent his early years in Colorado and California, then moved with his family to Michigan. He graduated from Bangor High School, earned a bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State University in 1964 and later earned a master's in secondary education from Eastern Michigan

University.

He and his wife were married in January 1966 and had two sons: Tom, who is a biological research chemist, and Mark, who teaches English and drama in Sterling Heights at, coincidentally, Stevenson High School.

Mary Lou Johnson said her husband was a "great dad" who loved spending time with his sons.

"He was forever playing basketball in the driveway," she said. "He would be out in the street hitting tennis balls to them, the kids. Spent a lot of time with them in the pool in the summertime."

Family vacations were important to him, too, family members said. They traveled to Florida's Gulf Coast, to Colorado and other Rocky Mountain states and drove a recreational vehicle up and down the Atlantic coast, they said.

Johnson also liked watching television and reading mystery novels, hanging out in the drive-

way with a neighbor and gardening. "I remember his beautiful flowers that he used to grow and then bring into the building for the secretaries," Deborah Mato, another Stevenson teacher, wrote in an email.

Mary Lou Johnson said her husband always had a good word for everyone. "If it wasn't humorous, it was kind," she said.

In addition to his wife and sons, Johnson is survived by daughter-in-law Trista Johnson; two grandchildren, Lucas and Claire; and sister Lynda and her husband Tom Herman

Funeral services were scheduled for Saturday. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made in Johnson's name to the Disabled American Veterans at www.dav.org/donate.

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ed house. "In between (tour) groups, he got down on one knee and proposed," she said. "I said 'yes' and we kissed and then we scared the next group."

They married in August and it has been a perfect match for this horror-loving couple. Bow-bee the Clown always loved all things scary.

"I was always into horror movies," he said, "and Halloween is my favorite time of year."

Timothy Yarbrough revives his killer clown character every Halloween season because he enjoys the work and finds it cathartic.

"One thing that has kept me going every year is that I found it was like therapy for me," he said. "It's a way to let all the stress out."

But Bow-bee the Clown has only disdain for a new wave of creepy clowns — at least for those who hide their identities to commit crimes.

"They shouldn't be going around hurting people and doing what they're doing," he said. "I think it was a joke gone bad. They should go work at a haunted house, where it's safe and legal."

Gina Yarbrough has a theory why scary thrill-seekers flock to places like The Realm of Darkness.

"It's a way to get that adrenaline rush," she said. "There's enough scary stuff in the real world, but you can go to a haunted house and you can be scared in a safe environment. You're not really going to die."

Visitors arriving at The Realm of Darkness site first encounter an outdoor western ghost town, The Dead Souls Corral, before they enter the House of Nightmares 3D, donning



Gina and Timothy Yarbrough, with Gina's son Damien, at Halloween.



Gina's engagement ring.

special glasses that make it appear the floor is moving and the walls are closing in. Along the way, all sorts of creatures seem to come to life.

Then it's the main Realm of Darkness, where they encounter a scary doll room, a haunted bayou, mad doctors and a morgue and autopsy room, among numerous other rooms. Legend has it an evil wizard has lived there for centuries looking for souls to claim.

"We have some people that walk in to the first attraction (Dead Souls Corral) and walk right back out," said Gina Yarbrough, a 2001 graduate of Plymouth

Salem High School. How long does it take visitors to get through the entire site?

"Some stay and play with the monsters. It can take 45 minutes to an hour to see it all," she said.

For others who are terrified, it doesn't take as long.

"It depends on how fast they run," Gina Yarbrough said.

For more on The Realm of Darkness, including hours, ticket information and directions, go to <http://therealmofdarkness.com>.

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The horror of it all: It's the season for haunted houses

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Krazy Hilda's Trail of Terror in Ypsilanti tells of explorers who perished and "the moon now illuminates their tired and torn bodies."

With Halloween approaching, we've compiled a sampling of some of the area's haunted attractions. Some are graphic, others are accommodating to children.

» HUSH Haunted Attraction, 34043 Ford Road, Westland. Doors open at 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday. General admission is \$18, VIP skip-the-line for \$30 or VIP skip-the-line plus a T-shirt for \$45. The website: <http://hushhauntedattractions.com/>.

» The Haunted Junction and Haunted Winery, 31505 Grand River, Farmington. Open 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, 7-10 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Thursday. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$13 for children. The website: <http://hauntedwinery.com/>.

» The Haunted SHAC: Gallery of the Disturbed, 125 S. Main St., Suite 700, Milford, open 7-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 6-10 p.m. Sunday. Admission

is \$15 for 18 and older, \$10 for under 18. The website: <http://www.milfordvfaa.org/haunted-shac>.

» Slaughtered at Sundown Haunted House and Hayride, 71800 Romeo Plank Road, Armada. Doors open at 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Admission ranges from \$10 to \$45, depending on what options are chosen. The website: <http://www.slaughteredatsundown.net/index.html>.

» The Realm of Darkness, 37 Turk, Pontiac. Doors open at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Thursday and Sunday. Price of admission varies. The website: <http://therealmofdarkness.com/>.

» Erebus, a four-story haunted attraction, 18 S. Perry, Pontiac. Doors open 7:30 p.m. weekdays, 6 p.m. weekends. Admission ranges from \$23 to \$50 for no-wait VIP. The website: <http://www.hauntedpontiac.com/dates.php>.

» The Pumpkin Factory and Halloween Farm, 48651 Harris Road, Belleville. Open 7-9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, weather permitting. Admission is \$10 for each event. The website: <http://www.thepumpkinfactory.org/>.

» The Haunted Forest at Adventure Park, 6600 W. Maple Road,

West Bloomfield. Doors open at 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Admission starts at \$12, depending on which packages is chosen. The website: <http://westbloomfieldadventurepark.org/boo/>.

» Bonadeo Farms Corn Maze and Haunted House, 1215 White Lake Road, Highland. Open dusk to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The website: <http://bonadeofarms.com/contact/>.

» Krazy Hilda's Trail of Terrors, 10340 Ford Road, Panama Hills Farm, Ypsilanti. Doors open at 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Admission is \$13 or \$11 for children 11 and younger. The website: <http://krazyhildas.com/>.

» Slaughter House Adventure and Grand River Corn Maze, 5781 Grand River, Fowlerville. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. Admission varies. The website: <http://www.slaughterhouseadventure.com/>.

» Night Terrors Haunted Thrill Park, 5565 Merritt Road, Ypsilanti. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Admission varies depending on the package. The website: <http://www.hauntedhousemichigan.com/>.

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Schoolcraft College graduate, DAC chef takes Michigan flavor to New York City

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Metro Detroit is known for its wide range of culinary flavors and diverse cuisine from cultures across the globe. Detroit Athletic Club executive chef Kevin Brennan is hoping to share some of those tastes when he and a team of chefs head to the famed James Beard House in New York City next Friday and put on a Michigan-inspired meal.

"I'm starting to cross our 'T's' and dot our 'I's' and make sure we're ready to travel," he said.

Brennan, a Schoolcraft College alumnus, has been at the Detroit Athletic Club for more than 20 years. In that time, the menu at the famed club has evolved to cover a plethora of foods and cuisines.

The Commerce Township resident said he originally had done several jobs that involved being outside, including being a carrier for the Observer newspaper as he grew up in Redford. After getting a taste of the culinary arts, he decided he'd enter the field.

"When I walked into the kitchen as a pot washer, the first focus was smelling bacon going in the morning," he said. "I said, 'God, this is what I'm going to do.'"

He began as a dishwasher at the Presbyterian Village senior living facility in Redford and then became a cook at a now-defunct restaurant off Newburgh in Livonia. Before coming to the DAC, Brennan worked at the Orchard Lake Country Club in West Bloomfield, among

other locations. He's worked as an instructor at Oakland Community College, as well. He's lived all over the area, settling in Garden City and Livonia before moving to Oakland County.

Hassan Yazbek, the director of food and beverage at the DAC, said Brennan's expertise in preparing the club's food not only comes in his cooking skills, but his ability to manage the kitchen and make sure the employees are working properly and that they have the proper ingredients needed.

"He's the only chef I've worked with that has the art and science for what he does," he said. "He's the only chef that genuinely cares about the team he works with. You will never see chef hire someone from the street, very rarely. He hires from within. He develops his own team."

James Beard House invitation

The invitation to cook at the James Beard House in New York City came to Brennan earlier this year after he prepared a meal for a DAC member's wedding who has connections to the house.

When he first got the email, he thought someone was joking around with him.

"I thought it was one of my friends pulling my leg," he said. "Then I read it over and over again and I was, like, 'Oh, my God.' I told my son, who's in the business, he got more excited about it. That just started the ball rolling."

The James Beard Foundation was founded in 1986 on the legacy of



Executive chef Kevin Brennan and a team of chefs will cook next Friday at New York's James Beard House.

James Beard, a renowned cookbook author and television personality. It aims to celebrate American cuisine and offers chefs from around the country the ability to prepare meals at its house in New York's Greenwich Village.

The timing for Brennan and his team's meal couldn't be better, he said, especially with the

Michigan harvest taking place. Some of the dishes he plans to prepare, among other items, include Michigan farm duck, Michigan Berkshire pork loin and lake perch.

"The items aren't over the top. They aren't lobster tail, but they are indicative of Michigan and where we came from," he said. "We have

people coming in from California who have never had lake perch.

"You can feel that Michigan flavor."

Brennan said he's ready for the event after the challenge of working at the DAC, a job that's challenging all in its own. But it's something he relishes, which makes the work exciting.

"It's never the same.

There's always a challenge of what we're going to accomplish next, where we're going, opening new restaurants," he said. "What brought me here was the culinary history of the DAC."

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Did Christmas come early? Santa Clauses come to Livonia

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

John Masserant has portrayed Santa Claus for more than 25 years. Gaining reflection and training to understand Santa Claus, as well as St. Nicholas, is why he spent the better part of this past week training through the St. Nicholas Institute.

"It's all about the spirit of St. Nicholas," the Trenton resident said. "The giving, the kids, what more can you say? Ultimately, it's all about the kids."

Masserant is one of 20 men from all over the country who came to Livonia and the west side of Detroit this past week for training in the St. Nicholas Institute, a retreat and symposium put on by the Rev. Joseph Marquis of Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church in Livonia. The men learn the ways of Santa Claus and St. Nicholas during the retreat, held at St. Paul of the Cross in Detroit. Wednesday, they came to Livonia for their festive banquet and to receive their certificates.

Also featured during Wednesday's banquet, held at the church on Six Mile east of Middlebelt, were the annual St. Nicholas Institute awards, which went to several national and local figures in the hall decked out in tree centerpieces and poinsettias.

One such award recipient was Karolyn Grimes, who portrayed Zuzu Bailey in the 1946 Christmas film "It's a Wonderful Life." She was honored for her contribution to the traditions of Christmases on a worldwide scale.



TOM BEAUDOIN
Actress Catrina Ganey is thrilled to receive the Spirit of Saint Nicholas award at the gala event Wednesday in Livonia.

She spoke of her experiences acting as a child, as well as her time at the annual dinner in Livonia, an event she said made her feel the Christmas spirit, even though it was 75 degrees outside.

"I believe Christmas is a time where we are reminded to love our fellow man and I think the spirit of giving and rejoicing in the glory of God abounds and I certainly have seen it here tonight," she said. "This is so uplifting."

Others were also honored, including Mike and Marian Ilitch; former U.S. Secretary of Education William J. Bennett; TV host Dr. Raymond Guarendi; actress Catrina Ganey; and WDIV-TV news anchor Devin Scillian.

Scillian, who was honored for his work writing children's books, first took out his phone and snapped a photo of all the Santa Clauses at the head table in front of the podium as they roared in laughter.

"I attend a lot of dinners and things and this is the greatest head table I have ever seen," he said. "You guys are beautiful."

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TOM BEAUDOIN
Jolly Santa Clauses (from left), Jim Finn of Winrest, Texas, Norman Gerring of Lincoln Park, John Masserant of Trenton and Richard Knapp of Ravenna, celebrate at the the annual St. Nicholas awards gala.



TOM BEAUDOIN
"It's a Wonderful Life" child actress Karolyn Grimes, who played Zuzu Bailey, receives her wings from Jerry Owens at the annual St. Nicholas awards gala.

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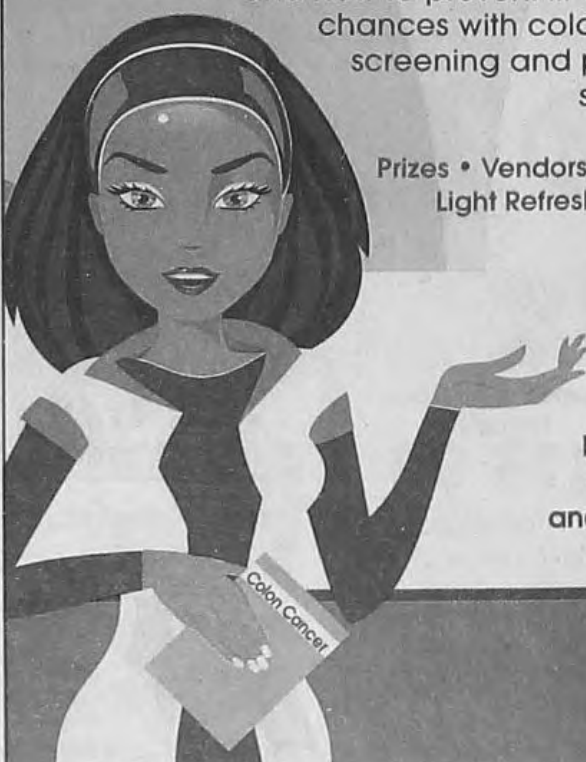


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Pay the bill, Mayor Dwyer

So let me get this straight. The city of Plymouth has owed this money for firefighter legacy costs for four years and Mayor Dwyer admits it. Plymouth Township has negotiated a settlement for a portion of the monies owed and the city has paid it.

The township feels it is time to be paid the rest of what they are owed by the city and the mayor says that there has never been a detailed bill submitted to the city, even though the city had supposedly delayed providing some of the necessary information. The mayor says that the timing of the suit is a form of retaliation by township officials who were voted out of office. I think he is fortunate that the suit was not filed sooner.

Township trustees who voted against the lawsuit think the suit is a bad move and could hurt relations with the city. Nothing hurts any relationship as much as monies owed. This could be the fodder for a "realistic" television series. I see it as a plain and simple case of the township wanting to be paid and the mayor of Plymouth putting off writing the check for as long as possible. Excuses, such as never receiving a detailed bill and some of the costs being a moving target, are nonsense. It has been four years. The target will only be harder to see the longer it has to move.

Bottom line, Mayor Dwyer: Pay the bill. And maybe the city of Northville should pay close attention to the results. They may need the advice.

Kevin Gault
Plymouth Township

Buyer beware

Michael Siegrist is running for the Canton clerk's office? Where is his commitment to the Plymouth Canton school

board? He is jumping ship without fulfilling his promises. I smell a career politician. In other news, Sommer Foster, the brains and brawn of the highly suspect members-only Plymouth Canton Schools Facebook page, is continuing her bullying spree by running for Canton trustee. I'm not sure trust can be associated with a person that maneuvers a political strategy with a wink and a smile, all the while limiting diverse opinions. Especially ones that don't agree with her agenda. I'm hoping Canton residents read the warning label.

Michelle Dillon
Plymouth

Vote for Pat Williams

Pat Williams is running to be the next Canton Township supervisor in the upcoming general election. This is great news for all Canton residents. Pat has been a driving supporter of the community of Canton Township for 30 years.

I have always heard Pat introduce himself as a "Canton Guy." This is very accurate and does a nice job of showing what his priority is. He is singularly focused on making Canton a great place to live, work and raise families. Regardless of the many roles and responsibilities Pat has undertaken, his clear passion has always been on building our community to be all it can.

Name any community-based organization or focused community effort and Pat has probably either supported it, been directly involved in it or has led it. As one of Pat's close friends, I consistently see him "knee deep" in most (if not all) of the activities to improve our community. Most weeks, Pat is involved in community-based activities every night of the week and most weekends. Pat is a man who possesses amazing stamina and a singular motivation to contribute to his community. Other than his

family, Canton is his entire life's passion. Pat seeks nothing in return and has no agenda other than making Canton the best it can be. He is remarkable in this way.

Pat is about community service. He is not about politics.

Pat lives and models the very best qualities of Canton's residents. He is a true community leader. Pat works hard to see all sides of any challenge and always works with others to arrive at the best solution. Pat is a team builder. He shows an honest spirit of inclusion in all he does. Pat is always kind and fair. No matter what the situation is, he is never judgmental. I have seen this wonderful personality trait on a number of occasions.

Pat does not look for credit or for rewards. His motivation is only to make Canton great. He simply gives of himself completely without vanity and without reservation. He holds nothing back when it comes to serving Canton. Each and every person living in Canton will be well-served if Pat Williams is elected to the office of Canton Township supervisor. For the challenges on our ballot this year, this choice is easy.

Don Turner
Canton

Cast ballot for Pagan

Far too many people in Michigan are finding it harder and harder to plan for retirement. This is largely due to a rewrite of the state tax code in 2011 that forces retirees to pay taxes on previously non-taxed pension income. It is extremely unfortunate that those who have worked hard and saved their entire lives carefully for a retirement with a fixed income now face an unplanned tax burden.

This law needs to be repealed and we need to make sure that we have people in the Michigan Legislature who

will fight to make this happen. Which is why I plan on re-electing Kristy Pagan to the Michigan House of Representatives. Kristy understands that it is wrong to balance the budget on the backs of those like me who are on a fixed income.

For the past two years, Kristy has been committed to standing up for the most vulnerable and we need her back in Lansing. I hope others will join me by checking Kristy Pagan for state representative when they vote. Additionally, I encourage anyone over 60 to avoid the wait in the long lines to vote and ask them to join me by casting an absentee ballot.

Betty Brown-Chappell
Canton Township

Re-elect Pagan

We are writing in support of Kristy Pagan's re-election as state representative. We have two primary reasons to encourage her re-election.

First, on a personal note, when we needed help addressing a number of health and human service issues for our elderly mother, Kristy Pagan and her office were of tremendous help. She and her office cut through loads of red tape so we could get the state bureaucracy to move to help an elderly woman. Their constituent services are great!

Second, she has demonstrated keen leadership and knowledge on policy issues — well beyond what one might expect for a first-term legislator. She has been fighting to support public education and fighting for our state's natural resources. As current retirees, we appreciate that she is seeking to reverse the recent state law requiring retiree pension benefits to be taxed.

We need to send Kristy back to Lansing. Her knowledge, hard work and her willingness to work with all elected officials is a breath of fresh

air. Please join us in re-electing Kristy Pagan to the Michigan House of Representatives by completing and submitting your absentee ballot or voting at your polling place Nov. 8.

Bob Morris and Terry Ahwal
Canton

Fountain design lacks charm

The planning for the renovation of Kellogg Park is continuing. If you go to DDA Plymouth, MI and click on the link for Kellogg Park/Fountain, you will see the most recent architectural renderings, which have just been updated.

When you look carefully, you see that the fountain has been moved 21 feet to the west in order to accommodate the larger size of the fountain and surrounding hardscape. Because the fountain is being moved, trees must be removed, resulting in a loss of shade and the beauty of the trees. The total amount of grassy area that is lost is 2,327 square feet. This was area that concert attendees used. It was also used by children and parents during the Wednesday summer sessions, as well as all of us who love the park.

The design of the fountain is very contemporary and larger than the last fountain.

Many of us feel that the small town charm and historic feeling of our park is missing in this new design. Before it is too late, please go to this website and check the proposed design. If you also have concerns, there is a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 10 at the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer Street. This meeting has been opened up to the community. The architect and fountain designer will be there to talk about their designs.

If we do not voice our concerns now, we will have this design for a very long time.

Janet Dersey
Plymouth

Plymouth-Canton superintendent explains RESA millage

All eyes are focused on the presidential election Nov. 8. But there is another issue on the ballot that will profoundly impact funding for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district. On the ballot it is named the Regional Education Enhancement Millage.

What is it? It is a proposal to levy 2 mills of tax for six years, with the proceeds going to the 33 school districts in Wayne County, based on each district's student enrollment. That's why it's called "regional." It is the one and only way left, after 1994, to increase operating funds to local districts. The tax would raise \$385 per student.

Since Plymouth-Canton is



Monica Merritt

GUEST COLUMNIST

the third largest school district in Wayne County, after Detroit and Dearborn, P-CCS would be the third largest beneficiary of this millage. The \$385 per student would bring \$6.7 million to P-CCS.

How would it help us? We can't have local levies anymore, to raise money to operate the school district. Local millages were abolished by Proposal A, which voters approved in 1994. The last local operating millage to benefit P-CCS was in 1994 and it was

defeated by P-CCS voters. Since 1994, we have been totally dependent upon annual funding by the Legislature — and that funding has not been kind to us. In 2011, our per-pupil state funding was cut by \$470, from \$7,604 to \$7,134. We have never recovered. Today, our per-pupil funding is \$7,511, still short of what we received in 2011. We are one of the low-

est funded school districts in Wayne County.

You know the rest of the story. Year after year we have made budget cuts, laid off staff, cut or reduced classroom programs, delayed purchase of needed textbooks and privatized services. Some of this was good for us — we became leaner and more efficient. But we reached a point two years

ago when being lean administratively finally reached the classroom, where kids and teachers were affected by a reduction in money needed to educate kids effectively. Many teachers are buying supplies out of their own pocket.

I cannot tell you how to vote on this issue. I can only ask you to go to our school district website to learn how important this issue is for P-CCS and make a decision how you want to vote. Information is on the front page of our website at www.pccsk12.com.

Monica Merritt is superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district. Next week she will write how revenues from the RESA millage, if passed, would be used.

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United Way works with community-based organizations to empower people to reach their goals. With a comprehensive approach called Integrated Service Delivery, United Way's Greater Detroit Centers for Working Families (CWF), managed jointly through a partnership with the Detroit Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), and Community Financial Centers (CFC), help clients earn more money, keep more of what they earn, and grow their wealth so they can reach financial security.

Partnering with Comerica Bank, for example, staff at the CFC encourage individuals and families to accomplish goals such as buying a home, improving their saving capabilities, and improving credit scores. Services include one-on-one financial coaching, education, income supports, and assessing tax return opportunities.

"We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to live their best lives," explains Herman Gray, president and CEO, United Way for Southeastern Michigan. "Comerica has partnered and invested in United Way and the communities we serve, specifically in our financial stability space, in order to help make that happen. The Comerica commitment to community support is a perfect partnership for the dedication United Way has to ensuring individual success."

Take Larry Hardy for example. Hardy, a United Way client who has cerebral palsy, worked with Community Financial Center coaches

at the Wayne Metro Community Action Agency to achieve the goal of becoming a proud homeowner.

"A home purchase is a big goal," says Genevieve Pajulio, an assets building program manager at Wayne Metro who assisted Hardy. "So we offered other types of resources – like having participant meetings and down payment assistance, and if Larry needed additional support, a financial coach was there to address any concerns."

Since the program began in 2008, nine CWF sites have opened across Greater Detroit, as well as five CFC sites. The CFC sites focus on financial coaching, and investing and saving. Located throughout

know how challenging it can be to make ends meet. That's why Comerica decided to focus our contribution on United Way for Southeastern Michigan's financial stability work. We know that helping people learn to build a budget and save is a critical step in becoming economically self-sufficient."

United Way CEO Gray agrees. ***"The hard work of our staff and volunteers – and our clients --- at CWF and CFC is creating real change in the financial outcomes of Michigan families, and it wouldn't be possible without the support of our partners like Comerica Bank,"*** he says.



the southeastern Michigan region, CFCs provide free access to financial services in the clients' neighborhood. More than 9,400 individuals have participated in services offered by Greater Detroit CWF and CFC. As a result, nearly 4,500 people have achieved their goals of increasing their net worth, net income, or credit score. Additionally, more than 3,200 people have been placed in jobs.

Comerica Bank Michigan Market President Michael Ritchie says he is impressed by the people served by United Way and its partners, and the effort put forth by coaches.

"The perseverance people have is amazing," he said. "I meet people from across our community and

To read more about the families whose lives were changed by the Community Financial Centers, please visit <http://www.liveunitedsem.org/stories/entry/i-can-do-this>. You can also learn more about becoming Financially Fit at [LiveUnitedSEM.org/Financially Fit](http://LiveUnitedSEM.org/FinanciallyFit).



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United Way for Southeastern Michigan

Rev. Grady Jensen turns neglected houses into cherished homes

Sharon Dargay
hometownlife.com

The Rev. Grady Jensen of Open Arms Church in Livonia has a vision for the house he is restoring on Detroit's east side.

He sees beyond the years of neglect — crumbling plaster ceilings, peeling paint, rotted-away trim, abandoned furniture, the overwhelming odor of urine and filth — and knows exactly how he'll restore the two-story house to its former charm.

"This will be the breakfast nook area and I'm thinking we'll rip all this out," he said, looking over kitchen cabinets in a room already stripped of appliances and sink. "This is probably the biggest house we've taken on. With the smell, this is probably the worst house we've had. We're going to have to redo the whole bathroom, too. It's just garbage."

With the help of his longtime friend, Larry Decker of Waterford, and some church members, Jensen is patching holes in walls, stripping wallpaper, painting, sanding hardwood floors, fixing broken windows, hauling out garbage, installing new bathroom fixtures and repairing the water-damaged and sagging plaster ceiling in the living room. They work about four days a week and hope to finish the house in about four months.

Jensen is sort of a one-man Habitat for Humanity, taking on residential restoration projects for months at a time and then letting prayer lead him to a potential buyer. Sale proceeds pay for supplies, appliances and professional plumbing or electrical services if needed, plus a portion is donated to mission work. The house, on Chalmers, south of Jefferson, is the third property in Detroit that the Open Arms crew has tackled this year. Jensen accepts property donations and says he has "a nose" for recognizing potential gems amid the ruin.

"A novice will come in and say 'ugh.' We come in and say, 'ah,'" Jensen said.

They won't touch a house with a bad roof nor too much garbage inside, but aren't fazed by holes in walls, layers of paint, missing hot water heaters and stubborn windows. Jensen aims to save and restore as much of the original tiling, flooring and woodwork as he can. He delights in the craftsmanship found in early 21st century houses and dislikes efforts to obscure it. He discovered a fireplace flanked by windows behind drywall in the house on Columbus Street. On Waverly, in the Dexter-

Davison area, two layers of stick-down flooring covered basket weave ceramic tile in the main bathroom.

"You don't do that. On the walls there was a sort of epoxy paint and a coat of latex over ceramic tile from 1910 or '20," he said, adding that floors in other rooms had been covered by linoleum. "Over virgin wood, beautiful wood. Why would you do that?"

"These were craftsmen who put these houses together. Why not bring it back to where it was?"

Staying positive

Decker, who played in a Christian rock band years ago with Jensen, calls himself a "wall man" with a knack for patching holes to perfection. The retiree takes pride in his work, which has included electrical wiring, installing a hot water heater, dry wall and plastering, among other tasks, at previous houses. He spent his first day at the Chalmers house a few weeks ago, using a putty knife to pry open windows that had been painted shut. He'll eventually tackle the deteriorated living room ceiling and will work with Jensen on rebuilding the kitchen and main bathroom.

"We go in expecting the worst. The thing of it is, we're prepared to do anything," Decker said. "We really try to stay positive."

They brainstorm solutions for particularly challenging repairs and hire professionals to complete some tasks, such as heating and cooling work. Jensen also relies on faith.

"We were running out of money and (had spent) \$40,000," he said. "I hadn't said anything to anybody. A friend of mine heard from God and sent me a check for seven grand. Then we got down payments from two houses and that helped. One lady gave us \$10,000 and a fellow gave us \$6,000. That is the walk of faith. You have to commit yourself to things and then things happen."

"What we're trying to do is flip these (houses) so we have the money to do others and the money that's left over goes to missions."

They recently pulled five tons of scrap metal from the house for recycling. Jensen related the task to Nehemiah in the Old Testament.

"Nehemiah had to clear rubble so he could see things," he said. "We're doing the same thing, cleaning out the rubble."

Wow factor

Decker loves watching prospective buyers tour the finished product and marvel over his handiwork.



The Rev. Grady Jensen speaks about the work on the house.

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The entrance to the home, with stairs leading to the second floor.

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The home is on the east side of Detroit, a few blocks from the Detroit River. After the group cut and cleared brush, a neighbor commented that he had lived in the neighborhood since 1999 and had never seen the front of the house.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"They walk in and go 'wow.' I love that response, because it makes us feel like we've done our job," he said. "We've brought this old house

into this year and we try to retro everything. We want it to look like an old house from back in the day," describing each project as an "old house

with new guts."

Jensen looks for buyers who can come up with a "healthy" down payment, but who also may have financial or personal problems impeding their path to home ownership. He always prays about it first.

"They have to have a job and income," he said. "It's people that might be in a situation like a bad credit thing, a divorce or they don't qualify for a mortgage and don't have people who can co-sign. The guy on Columbus Street works in Farmington and his wife works, too. Our neighbor found them. We saw where they lived and how they lived. They had been renting. We said, just pay us what you were paying for rent until you have it paid off. There's no interest."

"They're usually done paying in three or four years. That's when we recoup our money."

Carmelita Mason, a

single mom and a teacher in the Troy School District, couldn't afford to continue renting the house she previously shared with her husband after they divorced. She wanted to buy a house, but didn't want to take out a conventional loan.

"It was a credit thing," said Mason, who moved into the house on Waverly Street with her two daughters. "The amount I pay now is \$200 less than the house I was renting. It's a big difference. There is no interest, none at all. This was a blessing. (Jensen) was sent by God. They did an awesome job in the house."

Pitching in

Jensen said he rehabbed houses while serving as pastor at a church near Flint for 18 years and continued the work when he became senior pastor at Open Arms six years ago. He does odd jobs in addition to his church work. He updates his congregation on the progress of each house and some members, like Sue Annibal of Plymouth, pitch in to help.

Annibal washed and re-washed tracks in a sliding picture window, scraping years of gunk from the metal, while volunteering at the Chalmers house.

"I'm not strong and I'm not very bright when it comes to house things and repairs," she said. "But I'm willing."

Interested in volunteering with Jensen on an Open Arms rehab house? Call 248-471-5282 or go to the church's Facebook page. If interested in donating a house, call 877-446-0405.

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Graham urges people to vote during stop

Christopher Haxel
Lansing State Journal

Voters may not like their choices in this year's presidential election, but that doesn't mean Christians should stay at home Nov. 8, Franklin Graham said Tuesday, addressing a crowd of thousands in front of the Michigan State Capitol.

"You vote," he said. "You may have to hold your nose. You might want to do that, but go vote."

Graham, son of evangelist Billy Graham, is traveling to all 50 states to hold prayer rallies as part of his "Decision America Tour."

"Beware," Graham told a crowd estimated by organizers at 8,100 people, "because the next president isn't going to nominate one (U.S. Supreme Court justice). It could be three, four, possibly five. And that would change the courts of our nation for the next 50 years or longer."



PHOTOS BY MATTHEW DAE SMITH | FOR THE LANSING STATE JOURNAL

About 8,100 people, including Larry Royston and Debbie Dixon of Charlotte, attend a prayer rally Tuesday at the Michigan State Capitol to pray and listen to Franklin Graham's message as part of Graham's Decision America Tour.

Graham also said the country needs a "Christian revolution," with Christians running for office at every level of government.

"Over the last 40 years, secularism slowly infiltrated Washington," he said. "And then it got into our capitals and statehouses. It got into our municipalities. It's

gotten into every area and our schools and universities.

"Secularism and communism, one and the same," he added.

"They're both godless. And while we were standing guard against godless communism, we were asleep as godless secularism has come into our country."

Graham didn't explicitly express support either Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton, but he railed against progressives, abortion, the entertainment industry and same-sex marriage.

"Many people say it is too late for America," he said. "No, it's not. Not when the church comes and the church begins to



Rick Holey of Lansing prays during the rally.

pray, it's not too late."

Eileen Salfi, who traveled from Waterford Township to attend the rally, said she believes Graham "wants us to pick the candidate who is most aligned with biblical principles."

"With this year's voting, it's the lesser of the two evils, so we have to try to decipher which of those (candidates) is more in line with our teachings," she said.

"I have made a decision," said Teresa Schenk of Commerce Township. "It's a pretty

clear decision for me for a lot of reasons, but I don't think I want to share it."

Schenk said the two friends have been aware of Graham's tour across the country and took a moment to snap photos of his tour buses before the rally, his 45th stop the tour.

"This country needs a revival, that's for sure," Salfi said. "We need to turn back to God."

Not every financial account is necessarily part of a will

Q: I think I been taken advantage of and I wanted to get your opinion. In 2015, my great uncle died. In his will, he named three beneficiaries: a cousin, an uncle and me. My uncle was in charge of the estate. The will said everything was to be divided equally between the three of us and I did receive a payout. The problem is, I have recently discovered that my great uncle had two additional accounts (one of them an IRA) at Fidelity that I did not share in. My uncle said that those two accounts had beneficiaries and were not part of the probate. Before I hire an attorney



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

ney and cause all sorts of family strife, I wanted to get your opinion as to whether I am entitled to those monies.

A: I agree with your uncle that you are not entitled to a distribution from these accounts. Since the two Fidelity accounts had beneficiaries attached to them, only the beneficiaries named would receive those funds. Just because you were in the will would not entitle you to a distribution from those accounts. Thus, you were

not taken advantage of and there is no need to hire an attorney.

What confuses many people is they believe a will would take precedence over anything else, but that is not case. When an account has a beneficiary designation associated with it, the beneficiary designation takes precedence. Since the two accounts at Fidelity had beneficiaries, the beneficiaries named would be entitled to the money, not you. If those accounts did not have named beneficiaries, then the will would govern, but that is not the case. In addition, if the account was titled as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, then that

also would take precedence over the will or trust.


There has always been confusion as to who has priority between what is in a will or trust and who is named as a beneficiary. You see this a lot with life insurance. Someone will name a beneficiary on their life insurance policy and eventually, when they write their will, they leave the insurance policy to someone else. They make the assumption that if they have a will or trust that will take precedence over a beneficiary designation, but it does not work that way. Items such as life insurance policies, IRAs, brokerage accounts that allow bene-

ficiaries, if one is named, that is who will inherit the property, not the person named in the will or trust. That is why it is always so important that your primary and secondary beneficiaries are up to date. My advice: Every year it pays to review your primary and secondary beneficiaries. In addition, whenever there is a change in family situations, such as a divorce or a new addition to your family, it also pays to review your beneficiary designations.

Many people may ask why name a beneficiary when you can just include it in your will. The benefit of naming a beneficiary, where allowed, is that the money avoids

probate. I have always been a believer that people should look for ways to keep judges, courts and lawyers out of family affairs and avoiding probate is one way of doing that. In the great majority of situations, I always encourage people to name primary and secondary beneficiaries. Of course, even if you have named beneficiaries, you still need a will and, in some situations, you may also need a trust.


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



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Livonia Democratic Club

The LDC monthly members/business meeting is scheduled to be conducted this coming Wednesday, 12 October, Livonia Quality Inn & Suites. The meeting will be held in the Hospitality Suite (Room No. 124) beginning 7 p.m. promptly. Light refreshments.

Talk of peace

The topic of a department of peace, the success of nonviolence, and the work of the Peace Alliance will be presented at the 7 p.m. Oct. 11 Citizens for Peace meeting at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile. President Colleen Mills will share the history of the movement calling for a place in our government that would focus resources and talent, on decreasing violence in our country and our world. Mills will share the latest research on nonviolence as a way to handle conflict. The work of the national organization, the Peace Alliance will also be highlighted. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to www.citizens4peace.com.

Behind the Brush Strokes

The Gallery at Westland City Hall will host a "Behind the Brush Strokes" featuring Kay Masini's solo exhibit. The exhibit runs through Nov. 30. Hours are Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Westland City Hall is at 36300 Warren Road.

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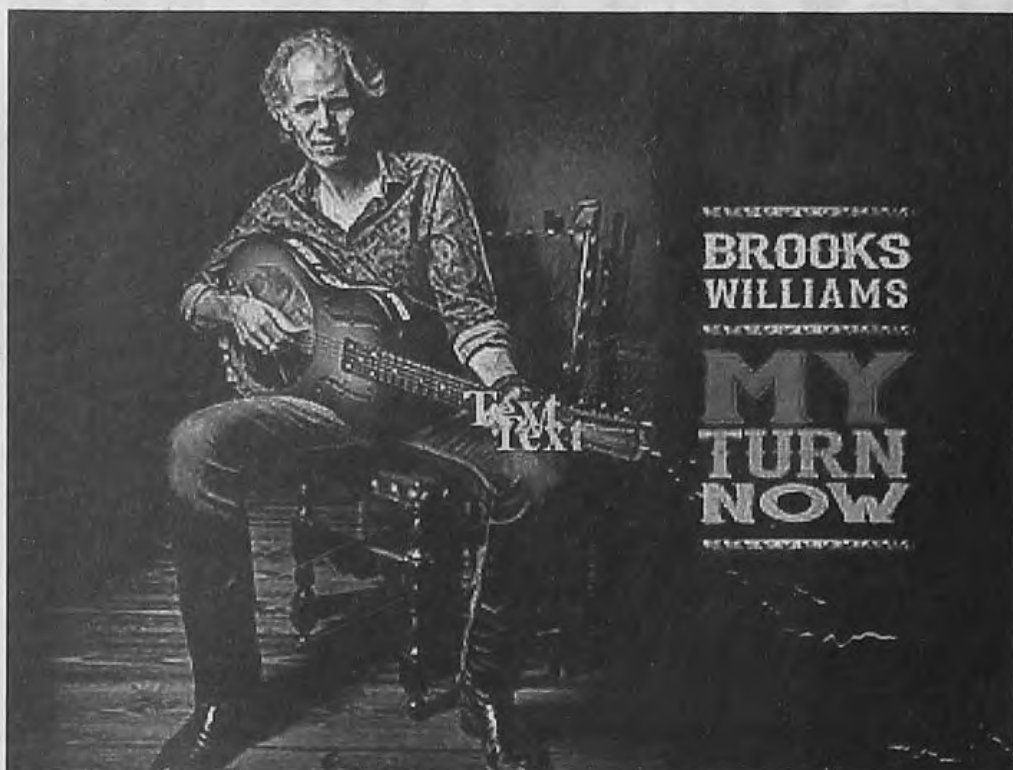
Scrapbooking event at 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at SS. Simon & Jude, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland. Vendors will be available. Snacks, beverages, a light breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served. \$35 for a full day and \$20 for a half-day. Contact Karen and Sandy at 734-721-4867.

Autumn Labyrinth

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, will offer an Autumn Labyrinth Walk & Gathering 7-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. The church is on the north side of Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt. Enjoy a quiet, meditative walk from 7-7:20 p.m., followed by refreshments, music and fellowship. Contact 734-427-1414 for more information.

Howl at the moon

Halloween goes to the dogs as Canton's Dog Park invites its members and their pets to "Howl at the Moon" 5-7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, at the off-leash Dog Park on Denton Road, north of Cherry Hill Road. Attendees along with their four-legged friends can



Brooks Williams and Antke Duvekot will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at Livonia's Trinity House.

enjoy fall activities, a dog Halloween costume contest, as purchase merchandise and receive free give-a-ways from local pet supply and service vendors, while supplies last will be available. No pre-registration is required for this free event. Dog licensing through the Canton Township Clerk's Office is required for admission. For additional information, contact the Canton Park Office at 734-394-5310.

Legion craft show

The Garden City American Legion Auxiliary Unit 396 will host a craft and vendor show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. Admission is \$1 to benefit local veterans and families. A baked goods sale and basket raffles will be available. For more information, call 734-756-6109.

Holiday bazaar

St. Colette Catholic Church Women's Guild will host a Holiday Bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at the church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia. The bazaar will feature handmade craft items, baked goods, raffles and lunch during the day. Proceeds benefit local charities. For more information, call 734-464-0476.

Insects and pollination

The Garden City Garden Club will host speaker Roger Sutherland who will talk about how insects help flowers at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City. The free presentation is open to the public. This PowerPoint program gives the viewer a close-up and better understanding of

how the flower attracts pollinators and how the pollinator finds and adapts to the flower. Learn what plants you can add to your garden that will encourage pollinators.

Trinity House music

Trinity House in Livonia will feature for Brooks Williams and Antke Duvekot at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20. Brooks is ranked in the "Top 100 Guitarists," and has picked alongside Taj Mahal, John Hammond, Paul Jones, Chris Smith, Little Feat, Maria Muldaur, Shawn Colvin and Leo Kottke. For tickets and more information, visit, Ticket Link: <http://www.trinityhouse-theatre.org/>

'Southern Soiree'

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra presents the annual fundraiser dinner concert "Southern Soiree" Friday, Oct. 21, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale. The \$75 ticket includes dinner, silent auction with a southern flair and an evening of light-hearted music featuring the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Volodymyr Sheshiuk. Visit the website www.livonia-symphony.org for more information or to order tickets or call 734-591-0266.

Coffee with Kurt

State Rep. Kurt Heise will be available to meet with local residents and business owners to talk about state government on Friday, Oct. 21, during his monthly "Coffee with Kurt." The event will be 8-9:30 a.m. at Crawford's Kitchen, 542 Starkweather St. in Plymouth. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents may call toll free 1-855-REP-

call 734-466-2900 or go to www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

Infant massage

The Westland Public Library hosts a five-week series of infant massage classes beginning Wednesday, Oct. 12. The series is presented by a certified infant massage educator in cooperation with Starfish Family Services. This is being offered for pre-crawling infants and their caregivers. Expectant parents are welcome to join as well. Parents will learn gentle and loving ways to comfort, relieve gas, deepen sleep and stimulate brain development in their infants. For more information or to register, email Claire.mueller@westlandlibrary.org or call Claire Mueller at 734-326-6123.

Afternoon of Jazz

A benefit for the Rinne Lewy Body Dementia Initiative will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, at Karl's Cabin Restaurant & Bar, 6005 Godfredson Road, Plymouth, Lewy Body Dementia is a type of dementia that can be hard to diagnose and affects thinking and movement.

Harvest Hike & Hunt

Looking for something new to do with the family this fall season? Join the city of Livonia for the Harvest Hike & Hunt at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Rotary Park at Six Mile and Hubbard. Families will enjoy an afternoon hike and create crafts with the items they find along the way. In addition to the hike, crafts and refreshments, you can also learn about nocturnal mammals and owls at The Huron-Clinton Metroparks Mobile Learning Center. Tickets are \$6 for Livonia residents, \$9 for nonresidents and can be purchased in advance at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. For more information, call 734-466-2900 or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

Trunk or treat

The second annual Spooktacular Trunk or Treat, sponsored by the Garden City Business Alliance and the DDA, takes place 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday Oct. 27, in the Kroger Plaza Parking lot, northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt, in Garden City.

Donations of nonperishable food items for the Garden City HOME Pantry will gladly be accepted and collected. To participate, volunteer, donate candy or for more information, email Elaine Salter at esalter1125@yahoo.com or call 734-502-2046 or 734-788-9319.

'Believe' series

Clarenceville United Methodist Church begins its "Believe" series beginning Oct. 2. This spiritual growth experience for all ages takes participants on a journey toward becoming more like Jesus. Unpack core teachings of the Bible; 10 key beliefs, 10 key practices and 10 key virtues of Christianity. For more information, go to www.clarencevillechurch.org.

Used instruments

Do you have an old musical instrument laying around the house collecting dust? Donate it to the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. Now in the second year, the LSO Community Outreach program collects and refurbishes instruments for Livonia schools. Help the LSO continue this community involvement project by either donating an old musical instrument or making a donation to refurbish the instruments. Contact Janice Newsome, LSO Outreach chair, at 313-658-0263 or email jnewsome@alphausa.com. All donations are tax-deductible.

Town Hall speakers

The Livonia Town Hall has announced speakers for its 52nd season:

Oct. 19 — Joel Sartore, a National Geographic photographer.

Nov. 16 — Tom Gjelton, a national security correspondent, who will discuss the foreign policy challenges of the United States.

Jan. 18 — Writer Doug Stanton will relate his writing on travel adventures and political pieces from national publications.

March 15 — Best-selling author Denise Kiernan will discuss how she wrote "The Girls of the Atomic City."

Tickets are \$150 for the season, which includes lunch and lecture, or \$180 for priority seating. Programs are held at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, in Livonia. Call 734-751-1898 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to purchase tickets.

GC High School Mom2Mom Sale

The GC Theatre will be hosting a Mom2Mom sale at Garden City High School. Seller keeps 100 percent of the money made at their table. New and gently used baby and kids clothes as well as toys, games, DVDs, books, strollers, bikes, swings, bouncers, etc.

The sale is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, (early bird 8:30 a.m.). There will be more than 85 tables to shop from, a large item area, concessions and a bake sale. Admission is \$1 (early bird \$2), strollers welcome. Garden City High School is at 6500 Middlebelt (between Ford Road and Warren). Tables are \$25 for an 8-foot table including standard rack space (you provide rack). For more information, including the table agreement, go to www.facebook.com/gcmom2mom-sale or send an email to gcmom2momsale@hotmail.com. All proceeds from this sale will go to the GCHS Theatre Group.

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HEALTHY HARVEST

After two awful seasons, Michigan winemakers have high hopes for grape crop

Kathleen Lavey
Lansing State Journal

Cradling a perfect bunch of deep-purple Marquette grapes in his hand, picker Ken Frambes expertly snipped it from the vine, rolled it over to make sure every grape in the cluster was free of insects and fungus and placed it into a yellow plastic tub.

This is the first harvest at Sandhill Crane Vineyards near Jackson, the beginning of the state-wide grape harvest, and Michigan's 124 winemakers are in a critical place.

Bitter winters killed off some vines in 2013 and 2014. Untimely frosts and a devastating hail storm in northwest Michigan in August of 2015 wrought more havoc, forcing winemakers to buy juice from elsewhere.

This year – finally – could be different.

"Throughout the growing season, for both the plants and for the crop, it seems to be great," said Chris Baldyga of 2 Lads Winery on the Old Mission Peninsula north of Traverse City. "But I never say it's great until you actually have the juice in the building and in the tank, because there are no guarantees in Michigan farming."

"Great" is still not equal to pre-freeze harvest levels. Baldyga said he expects 60-70 percent of the 2012 crop, 80 percent with luck.

The harsh winters affected wineries statewide, but it's hard to gauge the damage, said Karel Bush, program manager at the Michigan



John Calvert, a volunteer, helps with the the grape harvest at Sandhill Crane Winery in Jackson. This year's harvest is highly important as the last two have underperformed and been plagued by bad weather.



Ken Frambes holds a bunch of Marquette grapes he picked from the vine during the grape harvest at Sandhill Crane.

Grape and Wine Industry Council. That's because current methods measure the production of wine, not fruit. The Council expects to conduct a study this fall and winter gauging the economic impact of the grape and wine industry as a whole.

"Both of those winters were very cold for an extended amount of time," she said. "That did, in some cases, permanent damage to the grapevines."

Despite the ravages of weather, Bush said there has been continued investment in the wine industry, which has ballooned since the turn of the 21st century. In 2006, there were just 47 win-

eries in the state. Now there are 124, including a handful in the Upper Peninsula. Acreage planted in wine grapes has doubled to just under 3,000 acres.

Along with new wineries, existing ones have expanded – including adding products such as hard cider – while others have increased plantings, improved processes or added amenities at estates.

The traditional vinifera varieties of grapes – familiar names such as Riesling, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon – grow well in places such as the southwest Lake Michigan shore and the Leelanau and Old Mission



Bottled, but unlabeled, wine sits on a table in the tank room at Sandhill Crane Winery in Jackson.

the side. The crushed grapes, skins and all, were set in an open container to ferment for a week or so before going into a tank. White or rose wines skip that step.

That first batch of grapes sets a hectic two months in motion.

"This year was perfect, because we had a fairly mild winter and nice, hot summer," she said. "We're going to be up to 100 percent (of previous harvests) this year."

She's looking forward to the winter release of Sandhill Crane's first batch of Marquette, aging for two years. It will be bottled this winter.

A bountiful harvest makes for a crowded production schedule. Baldyga said its crucial to get the harvested fruit from the vine to crushing as soon as possible.

"You don't want it to be bruised," he said. "You try to manage the speed at which the pickers are bringing you fruit so that you don't have to let it sit outside in the sun. If you let the fruit sit overnight or even for two days, you definitely lose a little bit of soul and a little bit of character from that fruit."

2 Lads plants 23½ acres of predominantly red grapes at the estate, which usually accounts for about 75 percent of the grapes it uses for winemaking. The rest come from other farmers

on the Old Mission Peninsula, Baldyga said.

In 2013, the harvest at 2 Lads plummeted to 3 percent of normal.

"We literally harvested all the fruit from the farm and made it into a field blend sparkling wine," he said. And then they imported juice from Washington state, similar cold-climate grapes crushed and rushed across the country within 48 hours.

"You still ferment and make that wine in your cellar," he said. "You get to put some of your signature on it."

The hail storm last August took out fruit but also damaged grape vines, which can live for decades. The plants, with fruit maturing, put less energy into repairing vine damage from the storm.

"It was really bad timing for the plants themselves," he said. "They overwintered in a less-healthy state than they would have."

The harvest will continue through October and, in northern Michigan, as long as mid-November, the busiest time of the year in the wine industry.

"Fall is wonderful. It's exciting. But it's the time of year I can't go away and see fall color," Moffatt-Balansag said. "It's all about the wine."



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YOUTH FOOTBALL

Steelers unite football, families

Program celebrating 40th anniversary this season

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The Plymouth-Canton Steelers youth football program isn't just about grooming future high school and college standouts — some who even made it as far as the National Football League, such as Brennen Beyer.

According to president Chris Vos, it's about giving kids like Braden Beauchamp a chance to play football.

The youngster, playing for the Steelers varsity team, is in his first year playing for any kind of organized team and he had perhaps the highlight of the season when he chased down and tackled an opposing running back.

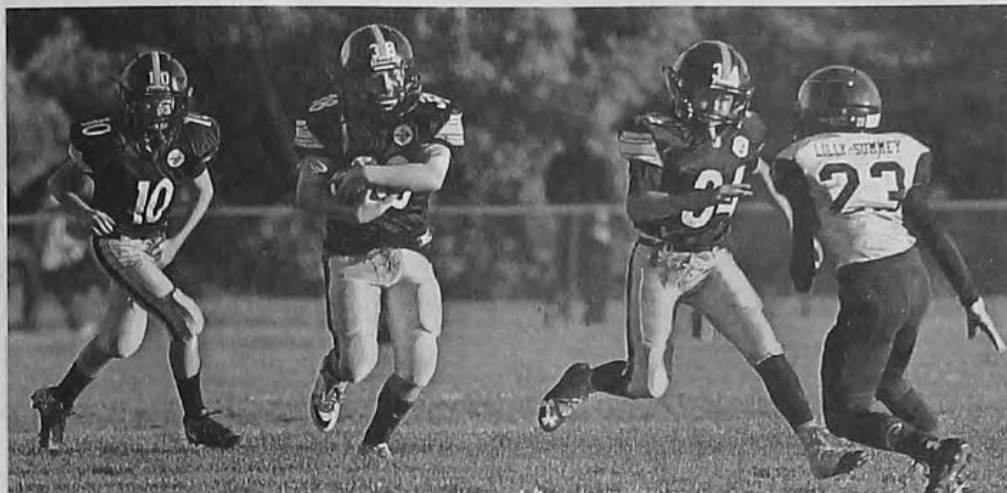
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Former players fondly recall days playing with Steelers, B2

"He trailed the guy with the ball, seeing him down," Vos said. "The guy did a cut back and Braden was right there — boom. Braden tackled him and it was awesome. The crowd went nuts."

"He came to the sidelines and all the coaches were high-fiving him. The entire team came over and slapped him on the helmet. ... Here you have a kid (where) the coach's attitude was 'I

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

During one of four homecoming games played Sept. 24, the Plymouth-Canton Steelers come strong on this running play.

GIRLS GOLF



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

ABOVE: All smiles about how she has gone from novice to elite golfer in four years is Darby Scott. BELOW: Practicing tee shots at Fox Hills in Plymouth is Salem's Darby Scott

ALL ABOUT DARBY

Who: Darby Scott, 17-year-old senior at Salem.

What: She is on the Rocks' varsity girls golf team, where she was an all-stater in 2015. She also plays for the school's varsity girls basketball team.

Leader board: Medalist at 10 of 11 dual matches this season, Scott is averaging 37 for nine holes and 76 for 18. On Wednesday, she shot a 79 at the Division 1 regional in Ypsilanti, and was the top individual qualifier for the Oct. 14 state meet at MSU's Forest Akers East.

Other: Scott is a member of the leadership group Student Organization of Salem Athletics. She holds a 3.8 grade-point average and will golf next year at Methodist University in North Carolina.

Family: Darby's parents are Joy and Jason Scott of Canton and her older brother, Jacob, was a student-athlete at Salem. Her grandfather is Dick Scott, who owns a Dodge dealership in Plymouth.



YES SHE CAN!

Tiny Salem senior Darby Scott is late bloomer, again qualifying for Division 1 state meet

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

To look at Darby Scott, one wouldn't think of her as somebody who crushes golf balls off the tee.

Yet Scott, just 5-2 and slight of build, does just that for Salem's varsity girls golf team.

On Wednesday, the girl who didn't take up the sport until ninth grade showed a master's touch at the MHSAA Division 1 regional at Washtenaw Golf Club in Ypsilanti, where she shot 79 — good for second overall and also earning her a trip to the state meet Oct. 14 at MSU's Forest Akers East, as the top individual qualifier.

"On the golf course, I feel at home," said the 17-year-old Scott, granddaughter of Plymouth auto dealership owner Dick Scott. "My size doesn't matter because I worked so hard. It's just, when people say that it's not that big of a deal because I can hit the ball."

Scott conceded with a laugh that people generally assume she can't drive the ball: "They don't, but when I pull out my driver and I do, they're, like, 'Whoa!'"

Power game

This season for the Rocks, Scott — a first-team all-state choice in 2015 — is powering tee shots some 240 yards. That's up from last year's average of 220 yards.

What she's doing now is her reward for putting in a summer of hard work at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville, home course Fox Hills and Northville Hills.

"I think my whole summer was spent golfing," Scott said following Monday's practice at the Fox Hills Classic course in Plymouth. "I golfed 24/7. That's all I really did, besides some basketball here and there."

She also is a shooting guard for Salem's varsity girls basketball team, another sport she gets

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YOUTH FOOTBALL



SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
Matt McKoy (No. 1) runs onto the field with his Saginaw Valley State University teammates. He played for the P-C Steelers and Canton Chiefs.

BAECHLER FAMILY PHOTO
Lou "The Bull" Baechler (right) delivers a hit on an opponent for the Plymouth-Canton Steelers in this undated photo. Baechler now is a junior at Canton.

Alums cherish years with P-C Steelers

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Matt McKoy was an all-star for the Canton Chiefs and now is tearing it up as a defensive back at Saginaw Valley State University — twice named the conference's defensive player of the week.

Yet McKoy considers himself a Plymouth-Canton Steeler, probably more than anything.

"My football career would definitely be different if I had not played for such a great program," McKoy wrote in an email interview. "They instilled in me to have a true passion for the game and love every minute of it."

"I still play with a strong desire to get better every day and my work ethic is a result of that."

Even current high school players, such as Canton junior linebacker Lou Baechler, already are thankful for their developmental years with the Steelers, celebrating 40 years of excellence.

"Being a part of the Steelers has benefited me in so many ways," said Baechler, who began playing for the program in second grade. "I only had two head coaches for the seven years I played for the Steelers and they both had a tremendous impact on me — Paul Hult and Angelo Lanava."

Both players talked about the Steelers way, namely commitment to each other, following the script, being open to learning and leaving it all out there on the field.

"Steelers and the wonderful staff helped me and the rest of my teammates develop strong qualities, that

"Steelers and the wonderful staff helped me ... develop strong qualities, that has molded the person I am today. Respect, diligence, accountability, loyalty, teamwork ..."

MATT MCKOY
former Steelers player

has molded the person I am today," McKoy wrote. "Respect, diligence, accountability, loyalty, teamwork and the list goes on. These foundational traits have helped me evolve into leader on and off of the field as well as a persistent worker."

Tough love

According to McKoy, his football career took a sharp turn for the better thanks to lessons learned early in his Steelers career.

During his second season, the youngster was on the verge of being benched because coaches didn't think he was playing his best.

"My second year definitely sticks out the most for me because even though it was our best year going undefeated and winning the (conference) Super Bowl, there were still lessons being taught everyday," McKoy said. "One day during practice coach Lanava told me that if I didn't get things together that he was going to let someone else play my spot at linebacker and that crushed me."

"I started crying after practice very upset at the situation, but then he came up and made me understand how important it was to be consistent and to never get satisfied when you are doing good, you have to actively work to get better every day."

"Now obviously I didn't see things that way at the age of 11 but as I got older that lesson has really shaped how I go about things that I work towards whether that be in the classroom, the football field, or at a job."

Bullish

Baechler, son of Julie and Canton head varsity coach Tim Baechler, said coaches Hult and Lanava helped him immeasurably — not only about learning how to be a good player and teammate, but how to always do his best.

Another plus was having the game in his blood. The kid who was nicknamed "The Bull" said he always wanted to play football, even from a very early age, and when the Steelers expanded their program to include second-graders (junior freshman team), it was a godsend.

"My first coach, Paul Hult, was awesome," Lou Baechler said. "I was lucky to have him as my coach for the first two years I played. He was very intense, took it seriously and treated us like real football players."

"He nurtured our love for football and our competitive spirits, while reminding us that academics comes before everything. Practice was always hard, but he made sure to include fun competitions, which was great."

The tough-but-fair approach con-

tinued during Baechler's later Steelers years, when Lanava was his coach.

Football family

Baechler said one of the important lessons he learned from Lanava was building a lasting bond with Steelers teammates — and knowing that those friendships would remain during and even after high school, when so many players compete for one of three high schools.

"He was keenly aware of the unique Park situation," Baechler said, "with teammates headed to different high schools after the Steelers."

"(Lanava) knew it was his job to be sure we took along both the knowledge we learned from him, as well as the friendships of our teammates, despite which school we attended. He was successful in his quest."

Concurring was McKoy, now a Cardinal, but a Steeler at heart. Those formative years were when he found himself in so many ways, when he discovered his heart beat strongly for football.

That passion today is as strong as it ever was.

"You would think in college that players must really love the sport of football," McKoy wrote. "But in reality some guys are just blessed with talent and realize that they are pretty good at football."

"Everyone doesn't love it, but the ones who do, you can tell and I know people can tell that I love this sport and that I want to get better."

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STEELERS

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won't give up on this kid if he doesn't give up on me."

Such triumphant stories are the lifeblood of the Plymouth-Canton Steelers, now celebrating 40 years of football and friendship for elementary and middle school children.

The program also features a cheer-leading squad, giving young girls a place to belong.

"That is what this program is all about," said Vos, who has had two sons go through the football program (including Calvin, a junior on Plymouth's varsity team), plus two girls on the Steelers cheer squad. "You take kids that are ballers and they're football players, they played it since 6 years old."

"And here, you take a kid, this is a life-changing experience for him. That's what coaches do. They'll take a kid like Braden and help him. It's not all about kids that are superstars."

Always a Steeler

The Steelers celebrated 40 years with a splendid homecoming day Sept. 24 on the field located behind the former Central Middle School, now known as the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex. Playing a quartet of games were the junior freshman, freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams.

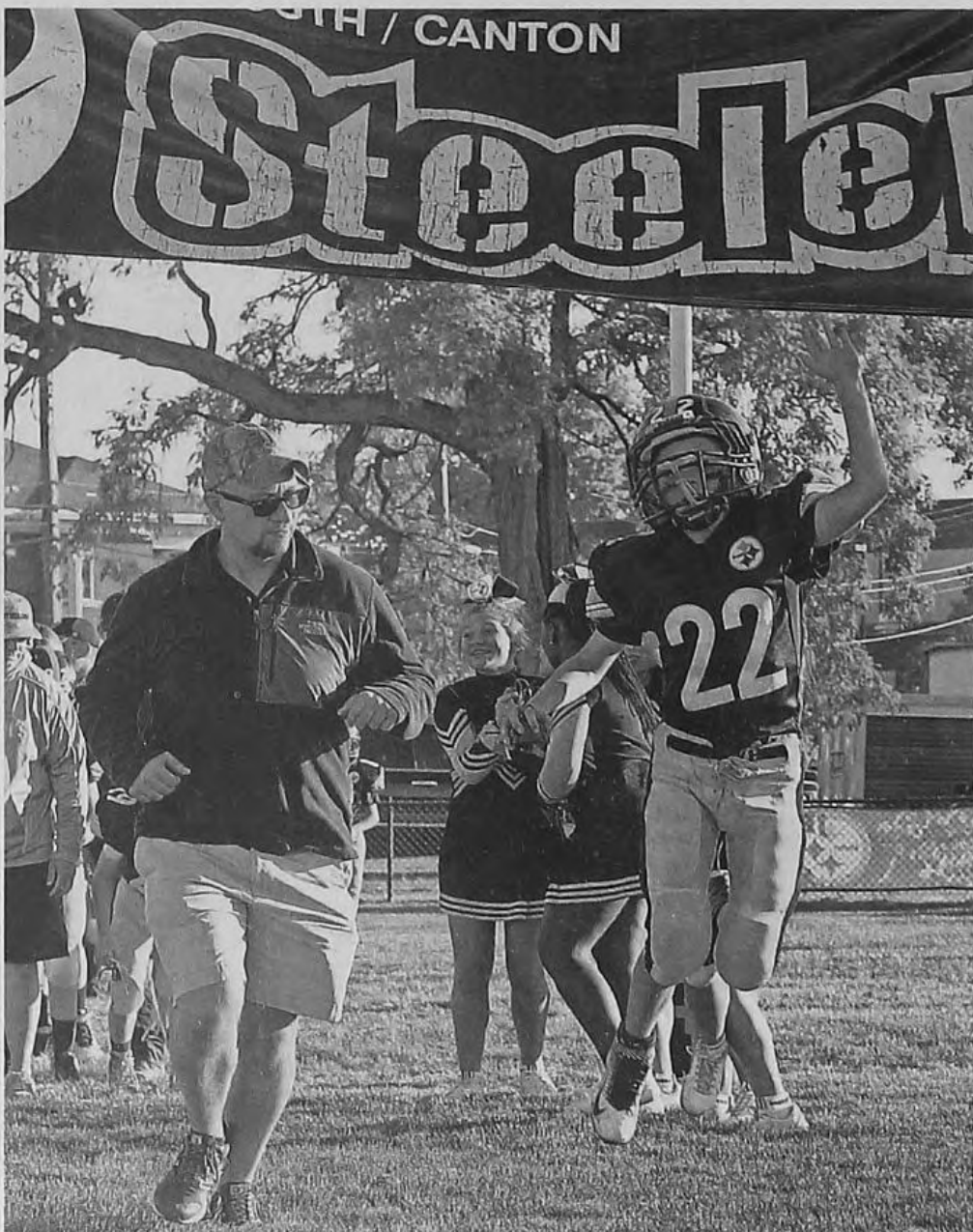
According to Steelers varsity coach Angelo Lanava, whose son Danny is a junior for the Canton Chiefs, the success and longevity of the program — on and off the field — is gratifying.

"It's something to be very proud of, really, that it's survived the test of time," Lanava said. "We still have waiting lists."

Lanava said there was a moment following the Sept. 24 varsity game that hammered home the point that the Steelers are a family and it doesn't matter which jerseys alums wear these days.

He noted that a group of former Steelers now playing for Canton, Plymouth or Salem congregated to listen to his post-game speech.

"And Plymouth just played Canton and there were two Plymouth kids and two Canton kids side by side just watching," Lanava said. "The Steelers family



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Plymouth-Canton Steelers JV player Ryan Mahy leaps to touch the Steelers banner during team introductions. His cousin, Robert Bresler, runs with him onto the football field.

is more important than anything. "The night of that homecoming game, there was no rivalry. They were all Steelers. They had old Steeler jerseys on. It was awesome. I wish I had taken a picture of that."

Common thread

That scene undoubtedly has been repeated over the four decades since the Steelers arrived, thanks to parent

volunteers and coaches (such as Lanava, Ted Barker, Paul Hult and Phil Lavalle, the latter who stepped down this year after two decades on the sidelines) who have given a big part of their lives to helping kids.

"Every year, we have a meet the coaches meeting before the season starts," Vos said. "What happens is, we talk about things that pertain to the program, what to expect, what we ex-

"It's something to be very proud of, really, that it's survived the test of time. We still have waiting lists."

ANGELO LANAVA
Steelers varsity coach

pect of them. After we get done with talking about that, the kids pair off into squads so they can meet their coaches."

"One thing I say when I stand up in front of them, what this program is about is developing girls and boys. I can honestly say my kids, my two sons that have gone through this program, are different boys — now men — than they ever would have been if they didn't go through the program."

An essential reason why the football program has developed plenty of college stalwarts such as Beyer (Michigan, Baltimore Ravens), Cameron Dillard (Florida), Tyler Goble (Navy) and Matt McKoy (Saginaw Valley) is the all-for-one mindset that permeates the organization.

"Teamwork, that's a big one. No matter what, we're in this all together," Lanava said. "A lot of these kids play together for six, seven years."

"They don't get that in high school, when it's four years."

Bottom line

And no matter where their football journey takes them, there's always time on the calendar to catch a P-C Steelers homecoming.

"It's amazing," Lanava said. "From the first day on Aug. 1, when practice started, we have kids coming back every night, whether they're seniors in high school or second year in college or whatever. We just had our homecoming and there were a ton of kids there."

"They know what it's like to be a teammate when they leave there and be part of a family and an organization. No question."

And like young Braden, forge great memories of game-changing, perhaps life-changing, tackles.

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D1 GIRLS GOLF REGIONAL

Wildcats earn return trip to states

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Once again, the Plymouth Wildcats unquestionably are among the best girls golf teams in the state.

They'll get the chance Oct. 14 to show they are the best, having qualified for the Division 1 girls golf finals slated for Michigan State University's Forest Akers East course.

Plymouth finished third in the team standings at Wednesday's D1 regional, hosted by Washtenaw Golf Club, with a sterling tally of 354. The Wildcats — who won the regional in 2015 — came within three strokes of again claiming the top spot, which this time was shared by Novi and Saline (351 each).

"I'm very proud of this group," Plymouth head coach Dan Young said. "We battled today on a tough golf course."

Sparking the Wildcats was junior Erin Johnson, who finished fifth overall in the individual standings with 83. Had Plymouth not qualified as a team, she would have been an individual qualifier.

Salem senior Darby Scott also will go to the state finals; her 79 was second overall and the best among golfers from non-qualifying teams.

"Erin Johnson has been our leader all season," Young said. "She's the hardest worker you will find. She has a bright future and really wants to play at the next level."

Finishing in fourth place among teams was Northville (356), followed by fifth-place Salem (374). In eighth



The Plymouth Wildcats finished just three strokes short of repeating as D1 regional girls golf champions. They still qualified for the state meet.

with a total of 406 was Canton.

Other Plymouth finishers included sophomore Shae Zydeck and senior Heather Muir (each tallying 89, tying for 12th overall individually), sopho-

more Kaitlyn Elledge (93) and senior Rachel Kristian (93).

Young said Zydeck "was very resilient and tough-minded today. She started out a little rocky, but was awesome

down the stretch."

He added that Muir's hard work is "paying off, very proud of her today."

The coach also had compliments for Elledge and Kristian.

"(Elledge) has improved this season as much as anybody," Young said. "(Kristian) has been one of our top players the second half of the season."

Meanwhile, Plymouth faces another important test before competing at Forest Akers East.

The Wildcats will participate in the KLAA championships Monday at home course Fox Hills. That tournament was postponed by rain Sept. 26. The Rocks and Chiefs also will compete.

"Actually, having KLAA Monday will be good for us to prepare for states," Young said. "So many of the top teams in the KLAA are also the top teams in the state, so it's perfect timing and always fun."

There were other standouts from Park teams at the regional, with Salem senior Grace Grellak finishing ninth overall with 88. In 15th was Canton sophomore Nicole Dawson (90). The overall medalist was Saline's Catherine Loftus (76).

For the Rocks, finishers in addition to Scott and Grellak were senior Hannah Saad (101), freshman Ryleigh Reed (106) and junior Nicole Hahn (116).

Other Canton finishers included junior Manasa Potluri and sophomore Simi Neeluru (98 each), Avery Ralston (120) and Molly Mundorf (123).

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BOYS TENNIS REGIONALS

Historical day for Plymouth program

Wildcats finish second at D1 regional, earn first-ever trip to finals

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Plymouth's varsity boys tennis team is making history.

The Wildcats finished second at Thursday's Division 1 regional at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to earn a spot in the state finals — the first time that's happened in school history.

Veteran head coach Tom Kimball further noted that his team's trip Oct. 14 to the Greater Midland Tennis Center will end a Park finals drought of at least 25 years.

"This is the first Plymouth tennis team ever to qualify," Kimball said. "We finished ahead of some talented teams and many of the matches were very close, so it really created an exciting day of competition."

The Wildcats scored 17 points, trailing only regional champion Birmingham Brother Rice (32 points). Other teams included third-place Canton (13), West Bloomfield (fourth, 12), Livonia Churchill (fifth, 11), Salem (sixth, 8), Dearborn (seventh, 3) and Livonia Stevenson (eighth, 0).

"I've coached this team since the day this school opened its door," Kimball said. "We've come a long way, we've won many matches, tournaments, titles and medals. But yesterday was quite special and I couldn't be more proud of these guys."

Regional individual medalists included Plymouth's No. 1 doubles team of Justin Kapke and Ramana Ramanathan, who lost to Brother Rice in the finals. Also earning a medal thanks to reaching the finals were No. 1 singles player Matt Decker and No. 4 singles



Plymouth's varsity boys tennis team proudly poses after finishing second at Thursday's D1 regional. The team will compete Oct. 14 in the finals, the first time that has happened in school history.

player Aditya Suryakumar.

Epic match

To reach the finals, Decker needed to outlast Salem freshman Eric Liu in a hard-fought semifinal match.

"It was an epic three-setter that would have sent Liu to the state finals as an individual qualifier if he won," said Kimball, named regional coach of the year.

He added that the achievement was even more impressive given that the Wildcats — also KLAA South Division champions for the sixth straight season

— do not have indoor facilities in the area.

"It's tough competing with areas like Bloomfield and Ann Arbor that have multiple indoor tennis training centers," Kimball said. "But our guys have worked and trained very hard over the past few years. This team is skilled, smart and extremely talented, so I am not really surprised that this is the team to reach this landmark goal."

"Assistant coaches Erik Batell and Murtaza Zahoor played a pivotal role in making practice fun and in working on some weak spots in our doubles strate-

gy. Those doubles teams were able to rack up a lot of points for us yesterday."

Plymouth's state-finals qualifying team includes Decker (No. 1 singles), Deven Patel (No. 2 singles), Yogesh Mohanraj (No. 3 singles), Suryakumar (No. 4 singles), Kapke-Ramanathan (No. 1 doubles), Anoop Kotha-Nathan Tseng (No. 2 doubles), David Grant-Rohit Narayanan (No. 3 doubles) and Darren Tascillo-Haroon Zahoor (No. 4 doubles).

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BOYS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Park teams prevail over opponents

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It was senior night more ways than one Thursday for the Plymouth varsity boys soccer team.

The Wildcats mercied Westland John Glenn, 8-0, and six of the goals were scored by seniors — including two by Adam Saunders.

Also finding the range for Plymouth (9-4-5, 7-2-1 in the KLAA South Division) were seniors Anthony Iacopelli, Erli Metko, Matt Weiner and Keaton Hegarty. Chipping in an assist was senior Ryan Dickerson.

Juniors Sawyer Eggen and Scottlar Chakrabarty also scored, with assists from juniors Beni Tetlow and Justin Wojcik.

Early goal sparks Salem

A goal three minutes into the game by Jason Warras held up all night Thursday, as Salem defeated Northville 1-0 in a match-up of the top two teams in the KLAA Central Division.

Christian Freitag played the ball through Northville's back line and Warras took it the rest of the way, beating the goalkeeper from near the top of the box.

"Andrew Kozan earned the shutout for us last night," Rocks head coach Kyle Karns said. "He was tested late in the game numerous times as Northville pushed more forward to try and earn the tie."

"Christian Freitag and Mikey Schwartz played great in the midfield and continued to provide more scoring chances for our offense. Jason Warras played one of the best games of his season so far, with great movement off the ball."

Also strong for Salem (8-5-3 overall, 6-2-2 in the division) were defenders Shane Rusinek and Jake Wymer.

"I was very pleased with how the boys played," Karns said. "It was a goal of ours to come out early and set the tone of the game and to get a goal within the first three minutes; we felt like we accomplished that."

"With districts right around the corner, this was a great game to help us prepare for the stretch run."

Northville still leads the KLAA Central with a 6-1-3 mark.

Chiefs win 4-1

Division champion Canton kept rolling Thursday with a 4-1 victory over Livonia Franklin.



All pumped up for their senior night game are Plymouth's (from left) James "J.D." Visnaw, Adam Saunders, Van Nguyen, Keaton Hegarty, Anthony Iacopelli, Erli Metko, Ryan Dickerson and Matt Weiner.

Scoring for the Chiefs (13-1-2, 7-1-1) were Brett McGue, Mohamad Miri, Luke Kurili and Jordan Forney with McGue, Miri, Jake McGue and Ryen O'Meara collecting assists. Strong defense was turned in by

Matt Tenglin, Alex Spratte, Caleb Moraw and Cam Waller, helping support goalkeeper David McGrath.

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PREP FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Canton backup plan a big success, 56-0

Evan Paputa
Correspondent

With the starters on the sideline and the majority of Canton's scout team defense on the field early in the fourth quarter, Wayne Memorial tried to put points on the scoreboard for the first time all night.

On a fourth-down play deep inside the Canton red zone, Zebras quarterback Gjerdonte Williams tossed a pass to 6-foot-4 receiver Reginald Micheaux.

However, 5-foot-10 reserve Canton cornerback Joe Vespaziani leaped into the air and took away the ball from the taller Micheaux.

"It's a really good feeling. On fourth down, with them still scoreless, just making that stop as a team felt good," Vespaziani said. "It makes me feel good about myself, because they wanted to challenge me. I just went up and made

the play."

Canton's running game was firing on all cylinders, rushing for 428 yards on the night. The Chiefs went on to defeat Wayne Memorial, 56-0.

Perry rewarded

Another bright spot for the Chiefs (5-2) came midway through the fourth quarter. Third-string quarterback junior Jack Perry ran for a 30-yard keeper up the sideline and almost scored. The sideline erupted for Perry, who wears his No. 87 jersey with pride.

"I actually played tight end for JV and varsity needed a backup quarterback, so I stepped up and wanted to keep the No. 87," said Perry, who was playing in his first game of the year. "It felt really good. All the weeks coming up to this in practice ... it felt good to actually play."

Seeing players like Vespaziani and

Perry finally reap the rewards of year-long dedication to the Canton football program made head coach Tim Baechler proud, especially after six straight "tough" games to start the season.

"We've had six really tough games and these kids have been working so hard and they don't get to play. You feel good when you get some of those guys in there and they make a play: a tackle, a block. It's good for team moral," Baechler said.

Markus Sanders scored three touchdowns for Canton and rushed for 147 yards. Julian Thornton, Reid McDonnell, Steven Walker, Joel Foster and Nick Polydoros all scored a rushing touchdown for the Chiefs.

Canton returns home at 7 p.m. Friday as they hosts Westland John Glenn (1-6) for senior night. It also is the Coaches vs. Cancer benefit game for the Amer-

ican Cancer Society.

PLYMOUTH 49, JOHN GLENN 14: Friday night at Westland John Glenn, senior running back Darius Timmons rushed for 182 yards and scored three touchdowns (22, 3, 62 yards) to spark the Wildcats (3-4 overall).

Also sparking the attack was senior quarterback Jonah Peterson, who completed 5-of-11 passes for 104 yards and two TDs (to Colton Wieloch and Chase Timko, for 17 and 9 yards, respectively).

The Wildcats, who led 7-0 after one quarter, 21-0 at halftime and 42-7 after three, also were the recipient of big-yardage touchdowns by Isaac Emminger (57-yard run) and Carson Miller (34-yard run). Connecting on seven extra points was Alan Farmer. Emminger also surpassed 100 yards rushing, with 122 in just five carries.

—Tim Smith

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incredulous looks about competing in.

"I worked out over the summer, too, which helped me gain some yardage," Scott said. "I had a running routine and I hit the weight room, not anything specific. For my arms, my legs, just all-around — because it's important to be overall a good athlete for golf."

Wednesday's big showing at the D1 regional only continued what has been an outstanding senior season. Her average for nine holes is 37 and she is in the 76 range for 18-hole outings. In Salem dual matches, Scott has been medalist 10 of 11 times.

Double-take

Salem head coach Ryan Nimmerguth understands it if some people have a surprised reaction when they see how far Scott can crank it. But he also said it is perfectly plausible because of Scott's outstanding technique and work ethic.

"Yes and no," Nimmerguth said. "If you watch her swing and you watch the fundamentals of her swing, you would expect her to hit it far. But if you just looked at her stature, no, you wouldn't expect her to be a big hitter."

"She hits it pretty well, but she's accurate. That's probably more important. She can hit it a decent distance, but generally she's in the fairway."

Nimmerguth has been her high school coach since 2013, when Scott

decided to take up the game her grandfather and dad Jason have always loved to play.

Even that first fall, when her scores were much higher (100s for 18, according to Darby), the coach saw potential.

"I could see right away that she picked things up quicker than most beginner golfers," Nimmerguth said. "But not only did she pick things up quickly, she has an incredible work ethic and that's what's got her to where she is. She's put in countless hours on the range practicing. And that's what it takes."

"You've got to be willing to sacrifice a few things, to put in the practice time. She's practiced correctly in her development and that's important, too. You can build bad habits if you're not practicing the right way."

Scott also credited her swing coach, Meadowbrook Country Club's Kelly Sivier, for her steady growth.

"He's been there all along," she said. "There hasn't been one round I haven't called him ... he's helped my mental game a lot. Swing-wise, freshman year to now, is just an unbelievable difference. He helps me every day."

Family plan

It might be hard to believe that, for a golfer who is one of the best in the state and slated to play collegiately at Methodist University in North Carolina, she didn't seriously take up the sport growing up.

Her sports of choice those years included tennis and basketball.

But she saw how much her dad and

grandfather got out of golf and it intrigued her.

"My dad and my grandpa, they always play," Scott said. "My dad's played his whole life, my grandpa's played his whole life. I was, like, I want to connect with them and be closer with them."

"So I said, 'Dad, I want to play golf.' So I went into Extravaganza Night when I was in eighth grade, I signed up for golf. I said, 'Dad, you're going to have to get me some golf clubs.'"

Apparently, Scott had golfing DNA she didn't know about when she was younger.

"They're pretty good. I can't lie," she said, laughing again. "My grandpa can still shoot below his age. ... My dad, he's a great golfer and I aspire to be like him when I grow up. He's a great role model for me."

Of course, just deciding to do something doesn't mean it will happen automatically.

Paying it forward

Her sweat and toil on the practice range and in the gym got her up to speed physically. And coaches like Nimmerguth and Sivier helped her with the mental side of the game — the latter absolutely crucial to any golfer having success.

"I think my mental game has improved spectacularly from my freshman year," Scott said. "I used to get down on myself very easily and golf's a game you can do that really quickly and you can't come back."

"I've grown up a lot, too. I think

"I think my mental game has improved spectacularly ... I used to get down on myself very easily and golf's a game you can do that really quickly and you can't come back."

DARBY SCOTT

that's helped my game. I've become a better person because of the game of golf and I can't thank the sport enough for that. It just helps as you get older, you mature."

Speaking of maturing, Scott is an unquestioned team leader, too. The Rocks' unofficial captain is taking freshman golfer Ryleigh Reed under her wing, largely because others (namely Kiley Flynn) did the same for her when she started out.

"I think I've come from the bottom and I've worked really hard to get to the top," Scott said. "It's possible for anyone to do what I've done with a lot of work and I definitely see the capability in a freshman we have on the team now, Ryleigh Reed."

"She has the capability to go far if she practices and puts in the work. I know she loves golf. I try to mentor her and be there for her. ... I see a bit of her in me."

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RELIGION CALENDAR

OCTOBER

AGLOW INTERNATIONAL

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10

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

Details: Praise, worship and ministry with guest speaker Galena Conatser, assistant pastor at Lighthouse International in Livonia

Contact: 248-471-5282

ANNIVERSARY

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9

Location: Villa St. Felix-Presentation Convent, 26800 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Details: The Felician Sisters celebrate 80 years of ministry in Livonia with an open house, tours of the convent, video presentation, refreshments and a Mass at 4 p.m.

Contact: 734-591-1730

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Sunday, Oct. 16

Location: St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, and juice; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, 2-10

CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15

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

Location: Dave Bennett and his jazz trio perform

Contact: 248-788-9338 or 248-661-1348; vivaceseries.org

HEARTS AND HANDS SUNDAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30

Location: Salem UCC, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington

Details: The fifth Sunday of the month is dedicated to mission and outreach projects. The project for October is a shoe box filled with pancake and muffin mixes for Neighborhood House community families. A potluck brunch will be held during the outreach project

Contact: 248-474-6880

PARADE OF PARTIES

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22

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

Details: Shop in-home vendors and local crafters. Lunch available. Prize drawings. Admission \$1

Contact: Laura Goodman at 313-937-2233

ROSARY RALLY

Time/Date: Noon, Saturday, Oct. 15

Location: Madonna University, located at Levan and Schoolcraft, Livonia

Details: The Rev. Gary Michalik will lead the Rosary

Contact: 734-432-9744

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, and 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14

Location: First Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner, Farmington

Details: \$7 bag day on Thursday, \$4 bag day on Friday. Jewelry and oversized items are priced separately

Contact: 248-474-6573

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11

Location: Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Clothes, books, toys, crafts, collectibles, DVDs, shoes, tools, furniture

Contact: 248-476-8860

TRUNK OR TREAT

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23

Location: Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia

Details: Costumed kids, accompanied by their parents, trick or treat in the parking lot at the church. Event includes snacks and bounce house

Contact: 734-425-7280

Contact: 734-425-4421

CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15

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

Location: Dave Bennett and his jazz trio perform

Contact: 248-788-9338 or 248-661-1348; vivaceseries.org

CONCERTS

Time/Date: 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23

Location: Afternoon show at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, Plymouth; evening show at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham

Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers show, An American Sampler, with works by Aaron Copeland, Dave Brubeck, and more. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for seniors and students, \$2 and over. Buy tickets at the door or online

Contact: detroit.luthersingers.com

CRAFT SHOW

Time/Date: Noon-6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15

Location: White Lake Presbyterian Church, 4805 Highland Road, Highland

Details: Crafts and baked goods for sale

Contact: 248-887-4654

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 22

Location: Visitation North Spirituality Center, 7227 Lahser, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Joni Scott, director of religious education at Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Detroit, will present "Martin Luther King Jr.: I Have Decided to Stick with Love." Participants will learn about the life journey that led King to become a "voice for the voiceless." Suggested donation is \$25

Contact: 248-433-0950; visitationnorth@ihmsisters.org

MOVING WITH THE SPIRIT

Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 12-Nov. 30

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Centering exercises, breathing prayers, gentle movement, and guided imagery. Wear comfortable clothes. Cost is \$40 for eight weeks. Registration and payment due Oct. 12

Contact: 734-422-1470, ext. 17; christianeducator@ppc.org

PUMPKIN PAINTING

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 15

Location: Crossroads Church, in the lower level at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Free pumpkin painting, crafts, cider and doughnuts for all ages. Email or call to reserve a pumpkin

Contact: 734-338-5149; info@crossroadsnow.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, and 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14

Location: First Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner, Farmington

Details: \$7 bag day on Thursday, \$4 bag day on Friday. Jewelry and oversized items are priced separately

Contact: 248-474-6573

WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29

Location: Visitation North Spirituality Center, 7227 Lahser, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Sister Marry Ellen Sheehan will facilitate "Conscience, Discernment, and Church Teaching." Participants will explore the meaning and practice of conscience and pastoral discernment and dissent in relationship to Church teaching. Registration deadline is Oct. 26. Suggested donation is \$25

Contact: 248-433-0950; visitationnorth@ihmsisters.org

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; nancyelen879@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.livonia-st-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-centredford

EXERCISE

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Location: 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

FOOD

SALVATION ARMY

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. second Saturday of the month

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Food pantry assists nutritional needs of the needy

Contact: 734-421-8451; standrewsepiscopalchurchlivonia.org

HEALING SERVICE THE ANTHOCHIAN ORTHODOX BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethan Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

DUNNING PARK BIBLE CHAPEL

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

ST. EDITH CHURCH

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

DRETROIT WORLD OUTREACH

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago Road, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those

who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

STEVE'S FAMILY RESTAURANT

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SUPPORT

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

CONNECTION CHURCH

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

DETROIT WORLD OUTREACH

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

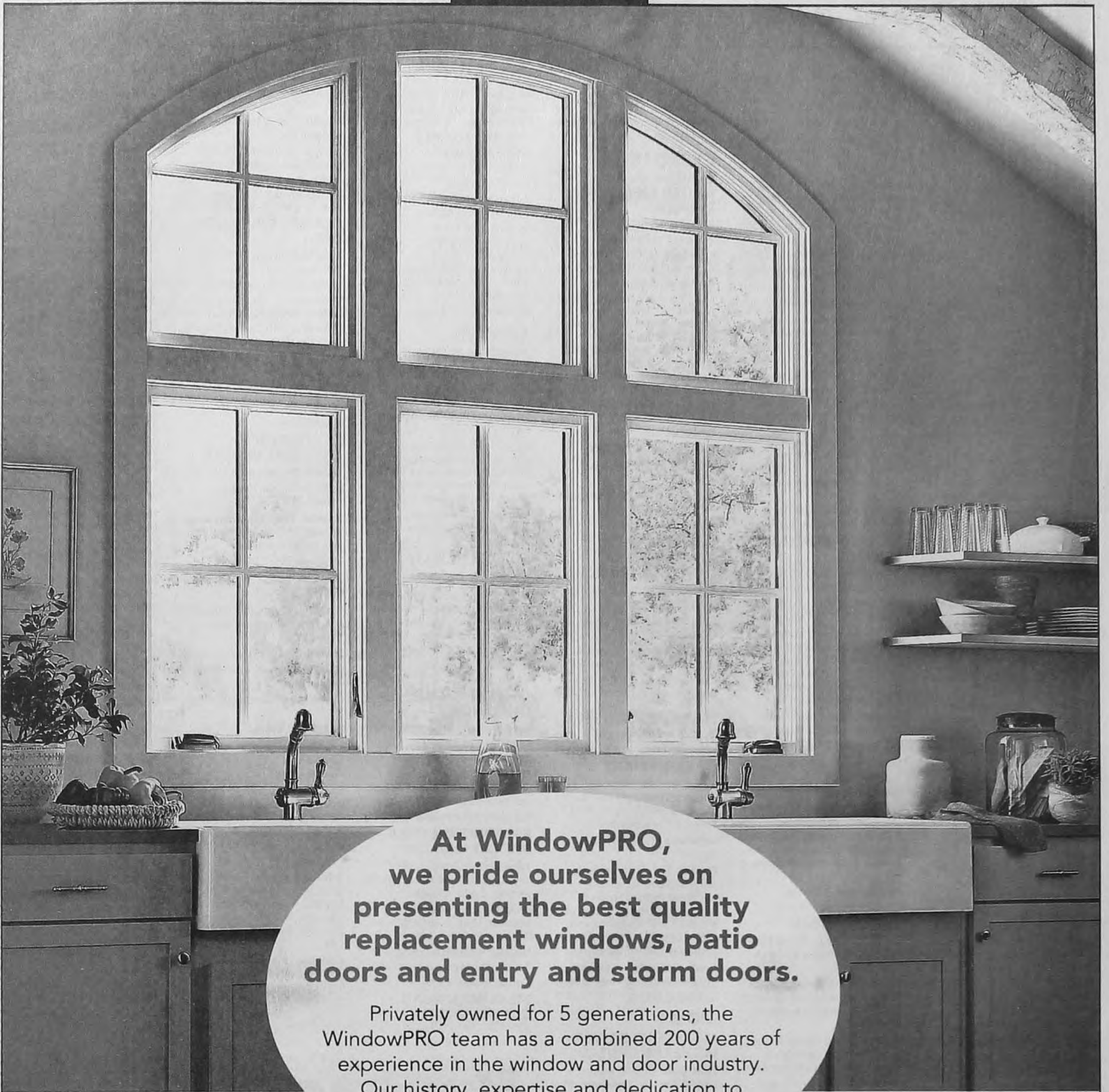
MERRIMAN ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

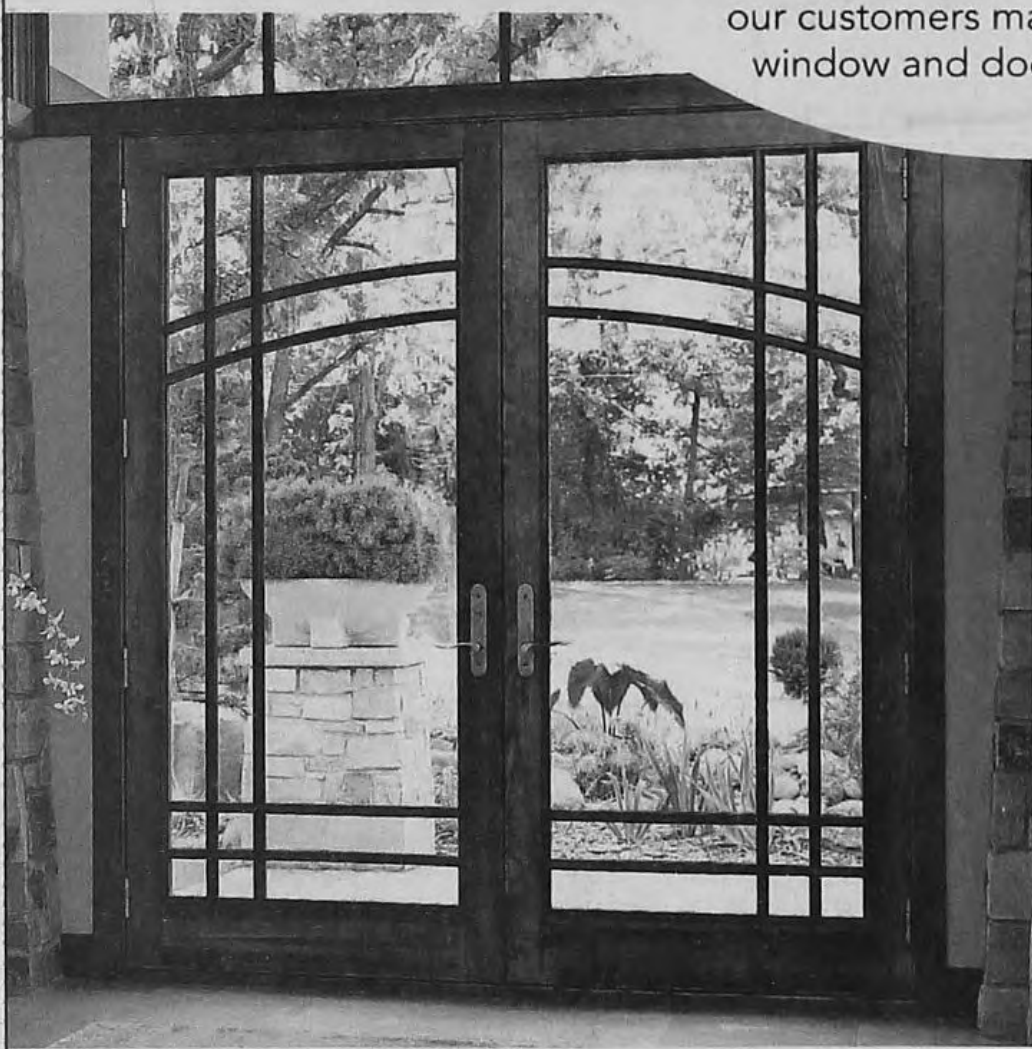
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibrogroupp.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519



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Find easy ways to be happier at work

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While everyone complains about his or her job now and then, being perpetually unhappy at work is no laughing matter. Work takes up a significant portion of most people's days, so being able to stay in a good mood during that time is important.

To that end, here are five easy tips to help you stay happier at work.

Plan your day. Setting realistic, achievable daily goals is a great way to not only take charge of your own life and career path, but it can give you a satisfying sense of achievement each day.

Laura MacLeod, creator of the From the Inside Out Project, which aids communication between co-workers, says to ask yourself, "What tasks and/or projects am I expected to finish today?" Knowing what you need to do and in what timeframe gives you structure and allows you to plan your day appropriately. Happiness is connected to security — structure provides that."

Take breaks. One of the most effective ways to enhance your mood throughout the day is also the simplest — take a break and physically



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distance yourself from your work and any stress connected to it.

"Get away from your desk to have lunch or take a walk outside," says Cara Maksimow, therapist and coach at Maximize Wellness Counseling & Coaching. "Do something creative or fun during your break. Perhaps take (a) 20-minute bike ride, play a game or call a friend. Take time to recharge."

Mikaela Kiner, executive coach and founder of uniquelyHR, a human resources consulting firm for start-ups, agrees that taking breaks can

improve your mood. "As adults, we can only concentrate well for about 30 minutes," she says. "Get a cup of coffee, something to eat, or walk around the block. It's not a waste of time; you'll actually be more productive."

Own your space. If you work in an office, the very design and layout of your workspace might be bringing down your mood. Take some time to personalize your space with items that will help foster your creativity and motivate you.

"You spend so much time

at work that it helps to make your space your own," says Monique Honaman, founding partner of leadership training company ISHR Group. "Hang artwork, add meaningful photos, bring in plants — essentially anything that makes your space comfortable for you."

Set boundaries. Having a lot of projects to work on isn't always a bad thing, especially if you like what you do, but be sure not to take on more work than you can handle. Remember that it's OK to say no or ask for help if you're getting

overwhelmed with requests. "Be realistic. If there's too much on your plate or deadlines are unreasonable, say so. After all, you're only human and there are only 24 hours in the day," Kiner says.

Build relationships. One of the biggest factors that plays into long-term happiness at work is the relationships you have with the people you work with. Spending eight hours a day surrounded by strangers is much less fun than spending eight hours a day with friends, or even just friendly acquaintances.

"Make an effort to build strong relationships," says Juli Smith, president of The Smith Consulting Group. "If you don't know the people that you work with that well, ask someone out to lunch and get to know them on a personal level. You don't have to be best friends, but 'breaking bread' with someone can give you a more three-dimensional view of them and vice versa."

Or, as Kiner puts it, "Work is just more fun when you have someone you can brainstorm with, vent to and confide in."

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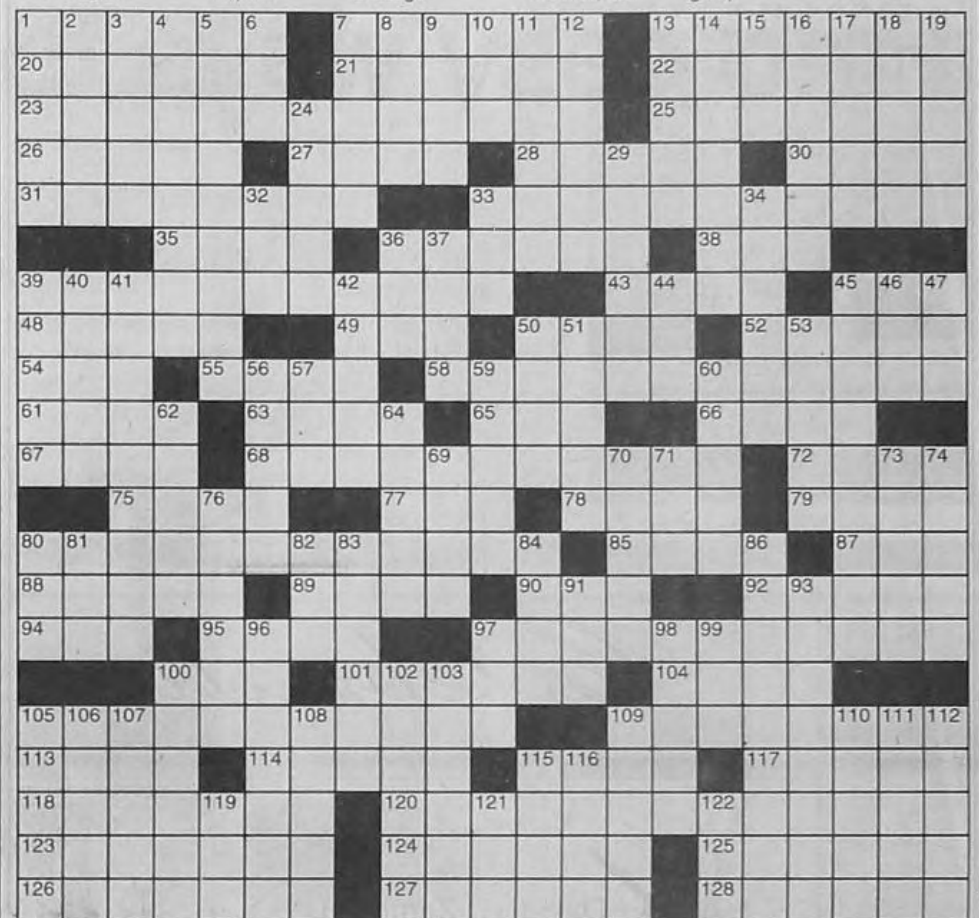
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SUNDAY PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Dying fireplace bits
 - 7 Clock or watch datum, in Spanish
 - 13 Larynx sites
 - 20 Eye component
 - 21 Reach, as a goal
 - 22 Accessory for Minnie Mouse
 - 23 Parasite infecting big crowds?
 - 25 Steel mill input
 - 26 "Get faster," on mus. scores
 - 27 First-rate
 - 28 Excavated
 - 30 Halo, for one
 - 31 "Such gall!"
 - 33 Baseball tool used to tap in a golf ball?
 - 35 "Zip—Doo-Dah"
 - 36 Heptathlete Jackie—Kersey
 - 38 Hydrocarbon suffix
 - 39 Starring role as a malicious character?
 - 43 Atoms with charges
 - 45 "Send help!"
 - 48 Shake like —
 - 49 Stat for Sosa
 - 50 Tough puff
 - 52 Early arcade giant
 - 54 Ruhr article
 - 55 Classic dog name
 - 58 Noises made by U-boat control switches?
 - 61 Hydroxyl compound
 - 63 Martinez of baseball
 - 65 Hockey legend Bobby
 - 66 Green Giant bagful
 - 67 Mariner org.
 - 68 Notice displayed in neon?
 - 70 Halo, for one
 - 72 Skateboard park feature
 - 75 Positions
 - 77 Juan or señor ender
 - 78 "Dang!"
 - 79 Sour, blackish fruit
 - 80 Dessert-wine allotment?
 - 85 Aide for Frankenstein
 - 87 Vex
 - 88 Sum up
 - 89 "That should come — surprise"
 - 90 Air hero
 - 92 Playground comeback
 - 94 Wrath
 - 95 Outline sharply
 - 97 First step in making a razor sharpener?
 - 100 Stitch (up)
 - 101 Lost intensity
 - 104 Links target
 - 105 Hair favored by a husband?
 - 109 #1 hit for Shirley Ellis, with "The"
 - 113 Hub for Air France
 - 114 "Cabaret" director Bob
 - 115 Demonstrate
 - 117 Play hard —
 - 118 Contradict
 - 120 Inability to tolerate furtiveness?
 - 123 Serene
 - 124 Big Brother creator
 - 125 Grub hub?
 - 126 One cuddling
 - 127 "I Need a Girl" rapper
 - 128 Dutch beer brand
 - 1 Acclaim
 - 2 Cadge
 - 3 Actor Willis
 - 4 Baja tourist city
 - 5 Recited readily
 - 6 — Paulo, Brazil
 - 7 Resort lake
 - 8 "Blame — Rio"
 - 9 To be, to Camus
 - 10 Really riled
 - 11 Simple Simon met one
 - 12 At the locale itself
 - 13 Burglar
 - 14 Clay layer under soil
 - 15 — de Oro
 - 16 Fancified
 - 17 More or less
 - 18 Joe of baseball
 - 19 Curse
 - 24 Top picks, informally
 - 29 Money-back, maybe
 - 32 Arbitrator
 - 33 "Cheerio!"
 - 34 Perilous
 - 36 Triangular sail
 - 37 Of the ears
 - 39 Burdened
 - 40 Justice Kagan
 - 41 Of rockets, missiles, etc.
 - 42 Plug point
 - 44 Missions for the CIA, say
 - 45 City on San Francisco Bay
 - 46 Moon, e.g.
 - 47 Certain sib
 - 50 Maiden
 - 51 Bitter-tasting
 - 53 Nicholas I and II, for two
 - 56 "— Easy" (1977 hit)
 - 57 502, in old Rome
 - 59 For dieters, in ads
 - 60 Decide that you will
 - 62 First lady after Hillary
 - 64 Smelly bulb
 - 69 Other, in Madrid
 - 70 Actress Pam
 - 71 Wilchy type
 - 73 Lamebrain
 - 74 Kind of black 122-Down
 - 76 Plains homes
 - 80 — Lanka
 - 81 "She's the one"
 - 82 Sch. staff
 - 83 Skeptics' (1942 film)
 - 84 Indulge fully
 - 86 Competitive shooting group
 - 91 Lout of a guy
 - 93 Nannies
 - 96 Scared "Batman" villain
 - 97 Revered Fr. nun, maybe
 - 98 Softens up
 - 99 — pan
 - 100 Evil computer system in "The Terminator"
 - 102 Miter wearer
 - 103 Scared, in dialect
 - 105 Lara of "60 Minutes"
 - 106 Talk formally
 - 107 Curtains
 - 108 Vestibule
 - 109 — zone (restricted airspace)
 - 110 Tip of a shoelace
 - 111 39.37 inches, to a Brit
 - 112 Car fuel additive
 - 115 Sown bit
 - 116 Adhere (to)
 - 119 "My Gal" (1942 film)
 - 121 — nighter (stadium event)
 - 122 Brewed drink



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		9			6		5		
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		2	8			1			
	8				7				5

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

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

Crossword Answers

EMBERS TIEMPO THROATS
 CORNEA ATTAIN HAIRBOW
 LOUSE OF HORDES IRONORE
 ACCEL AONE MINED AURA
 THE NERVE BIATOPUTTER
 ADEE JOYNER ANE
 LEAD OF SPITE IONS SOS
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Car Report

FOR PENSKE AUTOMOTIVE GROUP AND JAGUAR LAND ROVER, NEW JOINT DEALERSHIPS ARE BRANDS' WAY FORWARD



By Dale Buss

For Jaguar Land Rover, prototype new U.S. dealerships combining both brands may create some synergies that exceed the impact they would have if the brands were kept apart as they have been traditionally.

"The brands actually complement each other quite nicely, and while they are both luxury brands, they appeal to a different target audience. Land Rover addresses capabilities, and Jaguar is more performance- and design-led."

Penske agreed. The chairman of Bloomfield Hills-based Penske Automotive Group told me, "From a retailer perspective, the combination of the two brands is something we asked for over the last few years. They saw the benefit of bringing them together because when you have scale as a retailer you can make investments in the back of the house. Now the 'kitchen' and parts and service is under one roof."

The sibling luxury brands, owned by India's Tata Group, are now undergoing a renaissance that never took place under previous British ownership and under Ford. With a massive push to rev up U.S. performance this year, Jaguar sales were up 26 percent year to date in America through August, while Land Rover brand vehicle sales were up 15 percent in the period, after having been the fastest-growing luxury brand in the US in 2015.

Jaguar Land Rover's 36,000-square-foot new facility in Connecticut is rendered in a new global design language that the company calls ARCH, which is distinguished by a modern gray rectangular facade, clean and simple lines, and dedicated Jaguar and Land Rover showrooms on the left and right respectively.

The Darien location now features

a 10-car showroom, a 25-bay service and detailing workshop and a drive-through service-reception area that offers in-lane service diagnostics. There's even a Jaguar Land Rover boutique that showcases the latest accessories, wheels and merchandise for fans of both brands.

Eberhardt and Penske — the legendary entrepreneur whose accolades include a half-century in American racing — told me that the distinguishing characteristic of the new family of dealerships will be the customer experience.

"Ultimately the facility is only the canvas and the blueprint for the retailer to do what they do best, and that's to take care of the customer in selling and servicing vehicles," said Eberhardt. "It's essential that we continue to attract the best [retailer] partners. And the combination of consistent facilities with good product is what will differentiate us."

The Connecticut store is Penske's fourth Jaguar Land Rover retail center in the U.S., while it also owns seven Jaguar and 12 Land Rover dealerships in the U.K. Jaguar Land Rover expects to complete the bulk of its ARCH



Inside the prototype Jaguar Land Rover dealership.

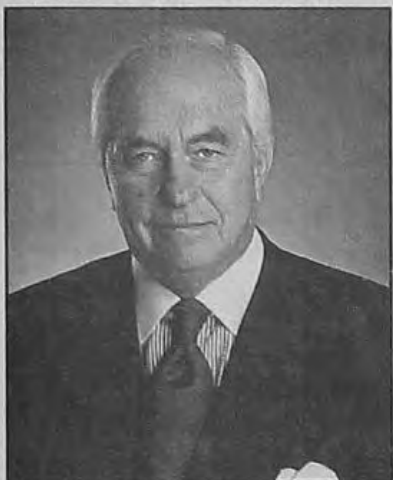
retail showroom remodeling in the US by 2021, with a total investment by Penske Automotive Group and other owners of about \$1.5 billion.

Eberhardt said that Jaguar Land Rover "started down the road of combining [the brands] two to three years ago. The move to new design guidelines certainly is an impetus for us to bring them together in a more significant way. We're about 60 to 70 percent there on our way to combining the brands completely, and we'll be finished in the next five to six years."

Of course, every luxury automotive brand and retailer worth its salt is touting the value of its "customer experience" these days. What will set Jaguar Land Rover apart?

"It comes down to the human capital," Penske said. "It's the people. We need to match our people to the quality of the facility and that's one thing we're trying to do across our whole network. It's not easy, but today, working in the auto business, people are starting to find out it's a great vocation. We're able to attract a lot of young people with the technology and [attract] product specialists."

Eberhardt added that "being respectful of customers' time and understanding their needs and requirements is crucial. Being reliable and a respectful partner to customers. Meaning, 'Let me know when my car is ready, get it right the first time, and give me a transparent explanation of the charges and make my life convenient.'"



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1. Parking Lot Construction - 5662 Gilman Avenue. The applicant is proposing to develop the vacant lot to expand the existing parking lot and is seeking variances from the following Zoning Ordinance: Vehicular Parking District (VP) standards:
 - a. Section 154.372(A)(9) to permit setback between a parking area and residentially zoned district to be less than ten feet.
 - b. Section 154.372(A)(10) to permit a front yard setback along Gilman Avenue that does not comply with the 30' front yard setback requirement.Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting and should be addressed to the Building Department 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the application and site plan may be examined at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the hearing. Published: October 9, 2016 Garden City Observer

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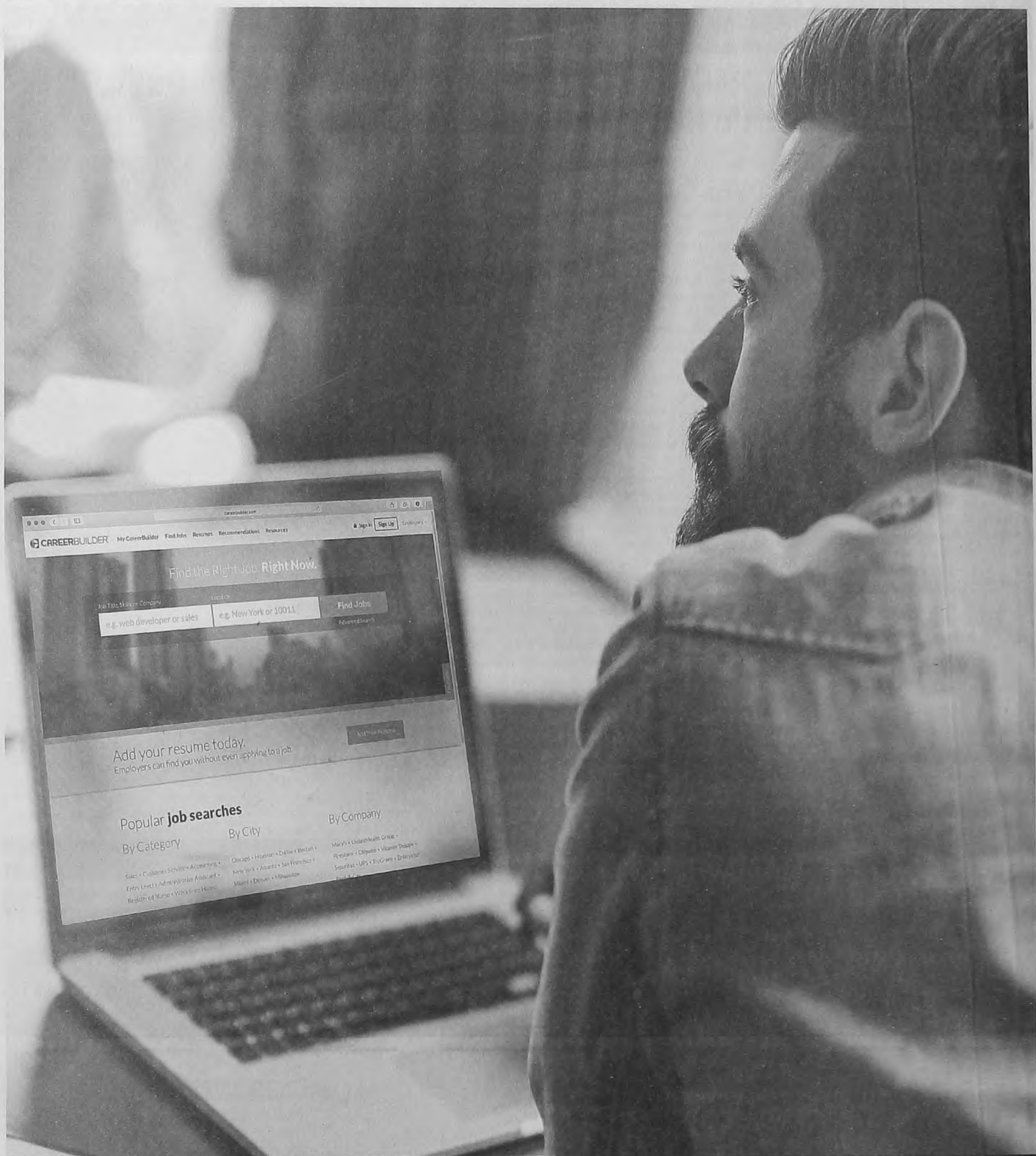
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