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**Moo Cluck Moo shifts focus to catering after closing in Canton**

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Moo Cluck Moo's decision to close its Canton restaurant isn't an indication of trouble for the company, one of its leaders said.

"This is not the demise of Moo Cluck Moo," Harry Moorhouse, company president, said Wednesday.

Rather, the closing comes as the company has adopted an evolving business model that focuses on mobile

food trucks and the catering side of its business.

"The cost of building brick and mortar is king of last century's model," Moorhouse said.

His remarks came after the company Monday suddenly closed a 30-seat restaurant that was tucked away for three years in a shopping center on Ford Road, east of Lilley, on Canton's east side. The company's other eatery in Dearborn Heights is staying open.

Company officials couldn't reach a

new agreement on an expiring lease in Canton, Moorhouse said. Moreover, the location wasn't ideal because it sat too far back from Ford Road and motorists couldn't see it, he said.

"The location was kind of an experiment anyway," he said, but added Moo Cluck Moo had a loyal following from customers who sought it out.

During a telephone interview, Moorhouse also responded to questions about \$15 hourly wages the company paid when it opened. He said

workers now start at \$12, but still can reach \$15 or \$16 — far more than Michigan's \$8.50-an-hour minimum wage.

Moo Cluck Moo features burgers, chicken sandwiches and vegetarian fare. Its gluten-free options will not be available on its mobile food trucks. The company has 12 employees, including those from Canton who, after being off the job temporarily, will be

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**RIVETING**



TOM BEAUDOIN

Laura Eglinsdoerfer and Iva Davie, two of the original Rosie the Riveters, watch as 16 women practice as a drill team to participate in the 90th annual America's Thanksgiving Parade.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Rosie the Riveters pose during a recent rehearsal for the annual Thanksgiving parade in Detroit.

**'Riveter' shot with Cupid's arrow**

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While Iva Davie, 94, worked at the Willow Run B-24 Bomber Plant she saved enough money to buy a home on the same street she grew up in Ypsilanti.

When her husband returned from Normandy at the end of World War II she surprised him with the house. Iva worked on the center wing section of the planes and started the job when she was 19 — working nine hour days, six days a week for two and a half years.

Eight decades later she is the mother of five and will always hold the distinction of being an original Rosie the Riveter.

"You met a lot of different people from different places at the plant," Davie said.

Her daughter Susan Sweeney and granddaughter Barb Matthews are on a Rosie the Riveter drill team at Willow Run Airport. Davie sat next to Laura Eglinsdoerfer, another Rosie original, as 17 women practiced their routine recently.

**Cupid's arrow**

Eglinsdoerfer, 93, met her husband Edward when he came to the plant two weeks after she started. He died a

**Rosies preparing for Detroit Thanksgiving Parade march**

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Danielle Helms, 16, is the youngest of 17 women on a Rosie the Riveter drill team that will for the first time participate in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade this year.

The 11th-grade student at Canton High School loves history and she likes bringing to life a part of local history.

She practiced the drills with the Yankee Air Museum Rosie the Riveter Tribute Corps at Willow Run Airport on a recent Sunday afternoon. Helms was dressed in her red-and-white polka dot scarf, blue work jumpsuit and metal lunch can. As they went through their drills, two original Rosie the Riveters,



TOM BEAUDOIN

Canton resident Danielle Helms salutes as she and 15 other Rosie the Riveters practice for the annual Thanksgiving Parade.

both in their 90s, were on the sidelines watching — she can't get any closer to a fountain of history than that.

Haley Sellers was a perfect candidate for the drill team. The 28-year-old Westland resident was in ROTC in high school and college. She "loves anything aviation and being part of something that makes people happy. It gives people a little snippet of history." Sellers is also a docent at the Yankee Air Museum.

**War effort symbol**

Rosie the Riveter is a cultural icon representing the American women who worked in factories and shipyards during World War II, many of whom produced munitions and war supplies. Some women took entirely new jobs replacing the male workers who were in the military.

A local group broke a record for the Guinness Book of World Records of most Rosies gathered together and some of those same women joined the drill

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# Defendant accepts plea in mosque assault on boy

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A 65-year-old man has been placed on probation for one year for assaulting a juvenile boy inside a mosque on Canton's west side, court records show.

Defendant Hobibur Rahman avoided possible prison time by accepting

a plea agreement to a single misdemeanor charge of aggravated assault. In return, authorities dismissed a separate felony count of assault with a dangerous weapon.

The latest developments end an ordeal that began Aug. 10, when Rahman was accused of using a blunt object to

attack a boy inside the Masjid Bilal mosque on Ridge Road, north of Cherry Hill. Canton Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor has said the boy wasn't seriously injured.

Police declined to disclose any motive.

Rahman's sentencing comes after he pleaded no-contest Sept. 19 in front of Wayne County



Rahman

Circuit Judge James Chylinski, according to court records. A no-contest plea isn't an admission of guilt, but is treated as such for sentencing purposes.

Rahman also was ordered by Chylinski to take anger management classes and not to have any assault-type contact with minors.

Rahman's decision to accept a plea agreement averted what could have been a four-year prison sentence if he had gone to trial and been convicted.

Early on, Canton Public Safety Director Joshua Meier had called the assault "an isolated incident" and said it was not a hate crime. Police have said Rahman and the boy apparently attended the same mosque.

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## MOO

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brought back, Moorhouse said.

The company is expected to roll out its first food truck within weeks and deliver food in southeast Michigan to places ranging from businesses to churches to catered events. Moor-

house expects the number of food trucks to grow and said customers will be able to learn of destinations through social media.

"I think the metro Detroit area may support five food trucks," he said.

Moorhouse said five mobile kitchens are expected to cost no more than one brick-and-mortar location,

*"This is not the demise of Moo Cluck Moo. The cost of building brick and mortar is king of last century's model."*

**HARRY MOORHOUSE**  
president, Moo Cluck Moo

though he and business partner Brian Parker haven't ruled out more of those.

Moo Cluck Moo also serves food at Ford

Field during Detroit Lions games and concerts.

"We're doing a significant amount of business in three hours

there," Moorhouse said.

Although talks are preliminary, Moo Cluck Moo officials intend to explore the potential for having locations that serve alcohol with a clever play on the company name: Moo Cluck Brew.

"We're never going to rule anything out," Moorhouse said. "That's one thing we've learned in this business."

Canton officials such as Economic Development Manager Kristen Thomas have held out hope that Moo Cluck Moo, if it does choose to lease another site, will return to Canton.

"I hope they do come back to Canton," she said.

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Peggy Schneider leads the drill team that will march for the very first time in Detroit.



Westland resident Haley Sellers practices her marching technique.

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team. Their focus has always been to raise awareness of the Yankee Air Museum restoration project, said Alison Beatty, an Ann Arbor resident.

"It's a cool piece of history," she added.

The story of the Yankee Air Museum began in 1941 when Willow Run Airport was built by the Ford Motor Co. to serve as an airfield for their B-24 Bomber Plant, which was the first aircraft manufacturing complex to use Ford's automotive mass production technique, a leading technological innovation. Today, it provides educational experiences through aviation, military, and home-front history, such

as the local history focused on the Willow Run B-24 Bomber Plant.

The plant has a personal meaning for Beatty.

"I started because my dad worked at Willow Run when General Motors owned it and my grandfather flew a B-24 bomber in World War II," Beatty said. "I do whatever I can do to help. We want to let people know it was a real place. Our purpose is to honor the original Rosies who worked for the war effort and to raise awareness of the ongoing efforts to fill the original bomber plant with history by refurbishing it and making it the new museum."

### Ten-hut

Peggy Schneider, the team drill sergeant, yells out commands. She's perfecting the routine with Fred Hill of the famed Fred Hill Brief Case Drill Team, which started out as a lark 32 years ago. It was a human billboard in local parades to parody those who wear business suits. Hill, a Plymouth Realtor, made it to the big time when he took the team to the 82nd annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

The Rosie team called in Hill for his drill team expertise. "We were inspired by Fred," Schneider said.

The Rosie drill team has been in lots of other parades, but the goal was to get into the local Thanksgiving Day parade, especially since they were rejected last year.

"Then we went to work," Hill said before giving the team a command. "I'm really pleased with how they're progressing."

The women range in age from 16-70 and come from all over the Detroit metropolitan area. Helms, the youngest in the group, is living out part of her dream. She builds model airplanes and wants to be a pilot for the Blue Angels or Thunderbirds some day. "That would be awesome," she added.

Beatty asks people to go to [savethebomberplant.org](http://savethebomberplant.org) for more information about the Yankee Air Museum restoration project. A \$50 donation will save one-square-foot of the plant. The donor will receive a certificate that she said would make a great gift for a history buff or someone who had a family member who worked at the plant.

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couple of weeks ago, but he had a chance, shortly before his death, to see the team.

"This was the last place I took him before he died," said his daughter Tina McKersher, who is also on the Rosie the Riveter team.

The Eglinsdoerfers had nine children and were married 71 years — and you could say Laura was touched by Cupid's arrow, but it was more

like Edward shooting rivets at her that ignited a lifetime together.

She started at the plant on her 18th birthday while she was a senior in high school.

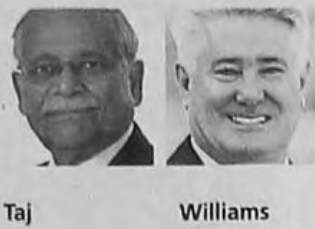
"I had never seen him before and he was shooting rivets at people," she said. They started eating lunch together, usually alfresco outside the plant, shortly after they met. "Then we got acquainted and we got married."

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# Taj, Williams square off in supervisor race

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Taj

Williams

Deteriorating streets, new development, traffic congestion and wise budgeting are among the issues brought to the forefront as Canton supervisor candidates move toward the final stretch of their campaigns.

Democrat Dr. Syed Taj, a former one-term township trustee, ex-Oakwood Hospital chief of medicine and small business owner, and Republican Pat Williams, a two-term trustee, automotive industry commercial sales manager and partner in a pet grooming products business, are competing for a four-year term to become Canton's top elected official.

The winner in the Nov. 8 election will replace retiring Supervisor Phil LaJoy. Hometownlife.com asked the candidates to respond by email to questions voters have said are important to them. Crumbling roads and subdivision streets have consistently emerged among residents' biggest concerns.

"I intend to listen to residents' concerns and then find solutions to the problems on their streets," Taj said. "The

township can be a great advocate with both the county and private developers to help fix residential streets."

Taj said he and a Democratic slate of township board hopefuls could potentially make advances after developing "a positive working relationship with (Wayne County Executive) Warren Evans and his staff. We will work with the county to identify available funds and seek creative ways for the township to help residents fix their roads."

Williams, in the short term, suggested working with the county to ensure spending is prioritized for Canton projects. He also suggested using some Canton money to entice Wayne County to fix streets and said a consortium with other townships might help to get more attention from the county, which is responsible for township streets.

Long term, Williams said Canton should ex-

plore becoming a city so that, unlike townships, money for local streets would come directly to Canton. He said Canton could negotiate with Wayne County for road improvements as just one vendor, among others, rather than having the county own local roads.

In response to a question about being the most qualified, Taj said he has dedicated his life to helping people. He served one four-year term as a part-time township trustee, has spent six years as a Canton Community Foundation board member and serves on the Senior Alliance board of directors.

"I am a leader and Canton needs a forward-thinking leader at this critical time for our community. Mounting issues of traffic, crumbling roads, tight township budgets and the need for greater governmental transparency all require a leader that will work for everyone in Canton. I possess the right mix of experience and temperament Canton needs," Taj said.

Williams touted 25 years of community service and said he has served or was a leader with the Canton Lions Club, Partnership for the

Arts and Humanities, Canton Chamber of Commerce, the tax review board and in subdivision groups. He also is a graduate of Leadership Canton, a local program intended to shape local leaders, and is involved in international student exchange programs.

"After 25 years of dedicated service to our community, I am well qualified to represent Canton as our next supervisor," Williams said. "My passion is Canton and I will ensure we will continue to be proper stewards of taxpayer money through good governance and transparency. I do spend as much time as I can attending community events to understand what we can do to keep Canton a leading community that is evolving, vibrant and diverse. My passion is to ensure Canton is a great place to live, work and play. I love Canton."

For much more about the candidates and their position on issues, go to [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com). For more, go to the candidates' websites at [www.tajforcanton.com](http://www.tajforcanton.com) and [www.patforcanton.com](http://www.patforcanton.com).

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## ANNIVERSARY



Jean and Dick Hofmann of Plymouth Township

### Dick and Jean Hofmann celebrate 55 years of marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hofmann marked their 55th wedding anniversary Oct. 7. They were married in 1961 at St. Linus Church in Dearborn Heights.

They have lived in Plymouth Township since 1966.

Dick and Jean celebrated their milestone with their children, grandchildren and granddogs.



Jean and Richard Hofmann on their wedding day

## Canton library announces lineup for Family Music Fest

At this year's Family Music Fest, the Canton Public Library brings together traditional jazz with a modern punch, rock, a community drum circle and engaging tunes for tots for your soundtrack to fall.

"We're all influenced by different styles of music, but to come together and celebrate music in general is a powerful feeling to share with people and we want

to create that space with this event," said Nichole Welz, program librarian and event organizer.

With the support of the Friends of the Canton Public Library and Vibe Credit Union, the Canton Public Library's free all-day event is Saturday, Oct. 15.

"We wanted to provide high-quality entertaining music for the whole family to enjoy," Welz said.

The lineup for the

event, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., is:

10 a.m., Music with Ms. Carissa - recommended for families with kids up to 8 years old.

11 a.m., Detroit Pleasure Society - Traditional jazz, recommended for patrons young, old and everyone in between.

2 p.m., Drummunity - A big community drum circle, recommended for all ages. No previous experience is necessary.

4 p.m., Istvan & his Imaginary Band - Istvan used to play in rock bands and the birth of his daughter inspired upbeat family-friendly rock songs, recommended for elementary age students and their families.

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# Alumna brings hat-wearing rat to Madonna U. pet blessing

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Belle the rat showed off her Madonna University pride last weekend by wearing a tiny blue hat featuring the school's emblem to an annual heritage week event.

The well-attired rodent was one of the smallest animals with big fashion sensibility at the school's pet blessing.

"I made it," Amanda Arcy said, referring to her rat's hat as she cupped the furry creature in her hands, allowing it to occasionally perch on her shoulder. Arcy, who graduated from Madonna last year with a degree in accounting, has attended the pet blessings, first as a student and now as an alumna, with her Dearborn family for five years. She brought other hat-wearing rats to the event in previous years and says the pocket-sized animals make good pets. She has had Belle since January.

Her father William and mother Nancy outfitted their dogs, Sudzee, 5, a mixed breed, and Snickers, 8, a beagle, in Madonna University T-shirts for the event. Their bird and another rat watched the proceedings from the safety of their carriers.

"I think this is our fifth pet blessing," William Arcy said. "My other daughter is in Missouri, in vet school. She used to bring her dog to the blessing."

## God's creation

The Rev. Charles Morris, a Madonna faculty member, led the gathering through prayers and responses before sprinkling holy water on the pets and their families.

"They connect us to a bigger sense of God's creation," said Morris, who hopes to get a dog after he retires. "I don't know who is doing the blessing, if we're blessing them or they're blessing us."

Michael, 10, a cat with tuxedo coloring, has been a joy to Stephanie Dusute of Westland, a 2013 Madonna University graduate.

"I rescued him about five years ago. He was abandoned at a feral cat community. I got him through Caring for Cats," Dusute said. "He is a sweetheart. He greets me every day



Bubbles greets Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz, to the consternation of owner Cindy Wallet.

when I get home from work. He'll burrow under the covers at night."

She has two other cats at home, but only Michael is trained to walk on a leash, a skill that required persistence on Dusute's part.

"The reason we started the leash training is because he doesn't like the carrier," she said. "He cries and he cries when he wants attention."

Michael was the only cat in a harness amid dogs on leashes, including his two "cousins," Mouse, a great Dane, and Murphy, a beagle, both owned by Dusute's sister, Cassie Ristovski, a 2012 graduate, and her husband Steve.

The West Bloomfield woman said both dogs behave like angels most of the time, although Murphy once chewed through a water line in the

couple's upstairs bathroom and Mouse occasionally likes to munch on a wall.

"Other than that, she hasn't done anything bad," Ristovski said of the great Dane. "She's still a puppy. She just turned a year, so she really likes to play."

## Feral Cat Day

Emma Kent never plays with the cats she feeds. She doesn't touch them, either. The Ferndale woman and Madonna University employee said she has trapped more than 100 cats over the past 30 years, had them spayed or neutered and then released them. She used the pet blessing event as an educational opportunity to promote Oct. 16 as National Feral Cat Day.

"When there is an animal event, I'll take information. So



The Rev. Charles Morris blesses Noble with owner Ann Stacherski, too.



Amanda Arcy with Belle, who is about a year old.

many people have a good heart, they want to take in the cats, but within three months, you have more kittens," said Kent, who set up a display about TNR (trap, neuter, return) efforts to control feral cat population. "Feral cats don't want to be indoors. They're like squirrels and rabbits."

Kent pointed out that both the Michigan Humane Society and the Humane Society of Huron Valley offer community cat programs and advice to individuals interested in TNR. She said feral cats are less likely to fight each other or pet cats after they've been spayed or neutered.

"Once they are spayed and neutered and in their area, they are going to keep other animals out. They are going to live peacefully in their area. If you move them out, you're just

going to get a bunch more cats in that are not neutered and then you start all over again. They protect their territory.

"My next-door neighbor doesn't like animals, but has no problem with feral cats," she added. "They keep the rats under control."

All About Animals Rescue in Warren is offering a TNR package for \$10 on Oct. 15. Through the rest of the month the cost is \$25, which includes sterilization, rabies vaccination and ear clip to signify the cat has been spayed or neutered. The organization also offers a class in feral cat colony management, the second Sunday of each month, except May. Call 586-879-1745 or email [tnr@allaboutanimalsrescue.org](mailto:tnr@allaboutanimalsrescue.org)

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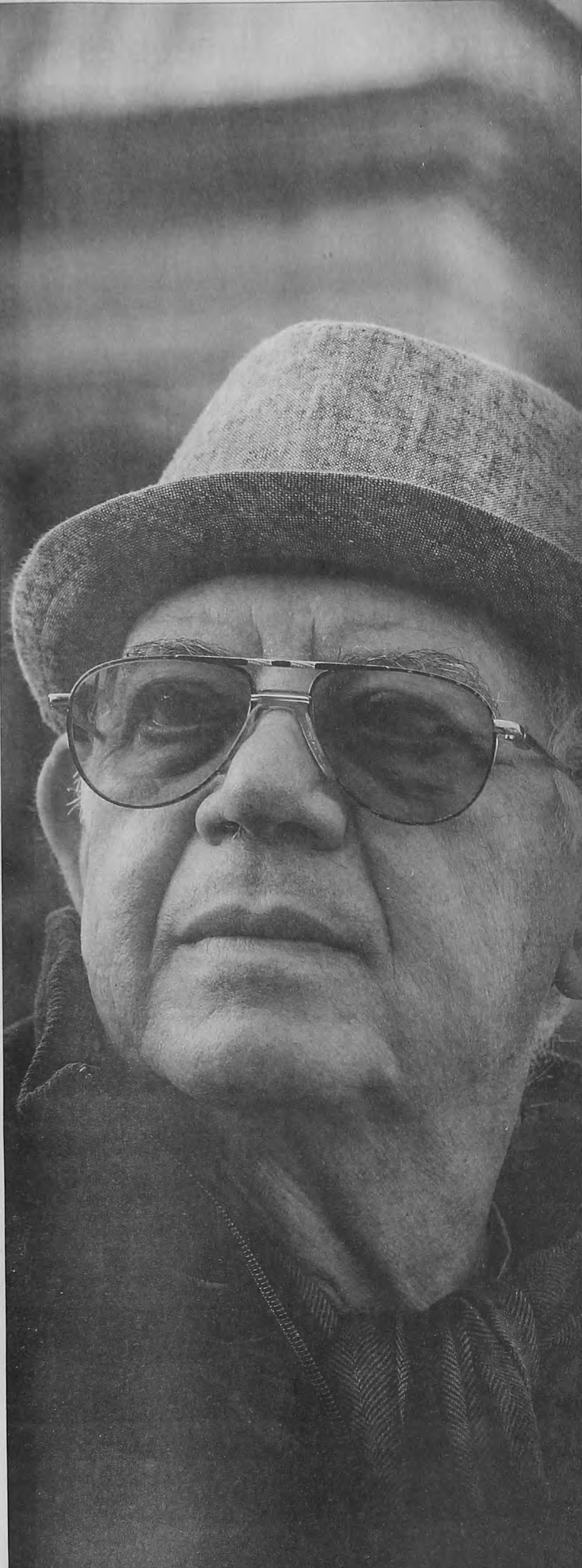
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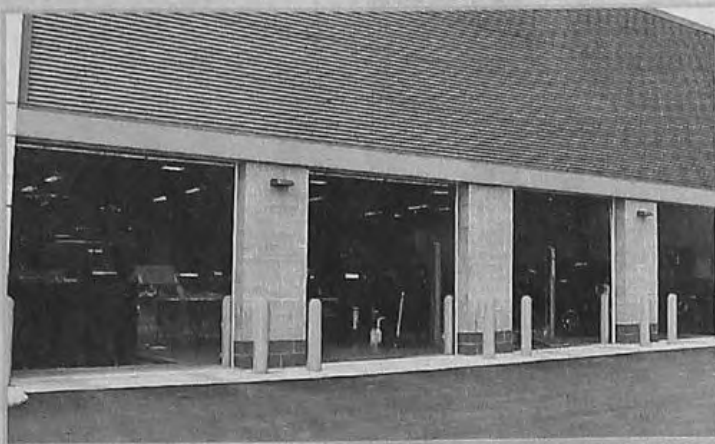
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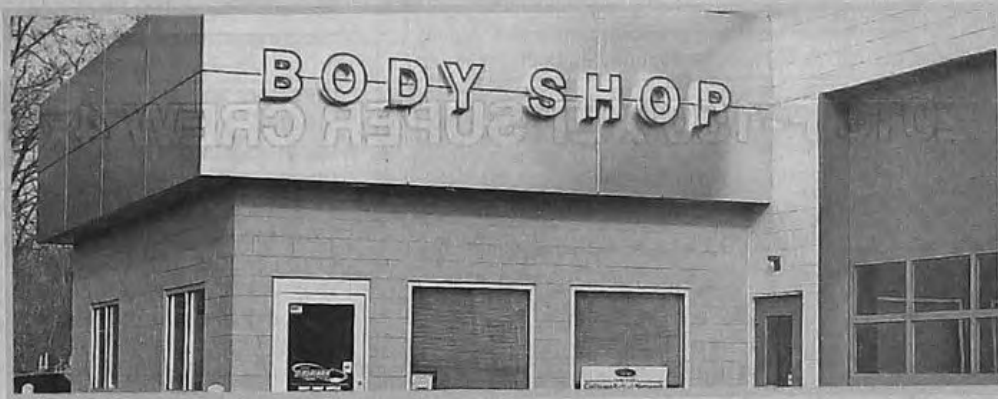
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# Diverse Dodson wins national honor

**Matt Jachman**  
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At Dodson Elementary, students strive toward individual goals together.

It's that philosophy — goal-setting at all levels and plenty of school and community support to help students climb those achievement ladders — that's earning state and national recognition for the 560-student school in Canton Township that opened in 2001.

Last month, Dodson was named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. It is one of 329 schools in the country to earn 2016 Blue Ribbon status, one of just 13 in Michigan.

The prestigious award — schools have to be invited to apply for it — is based on academic excellence and progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

Monica Merritt, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent, gave credit for the success to the Dodson staff and school community.

"This only happens due to the outstanding leadership from principal April Quasarano, a true advocate for kids, as well as her dedicated staff and involved families that are devoted to seeing all Dodson students thrive," Merritt said.

"We have just amazing teachers here," Quasarano said Thursday during a tour of the school. "They are phenomenal."

Dodson was also a Michigan Rewards



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Third-grade teacher Lynne Kennedy works with student Jonathan Hodge on his goals for the week.



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Praanjal Pradeep and Katelyn Ealovega read "Pete the Cat-Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," a book in the media center.

dent achieve his or her goal or a high-achieving student to whom the school can offer a new challenge to meet.

In Dodson's media center, first-graders were using Popplet, a visual learning aid app, to make small displays on computer tablets. The subject was insects.

"We had two books about insects and we read," student Carter Chapman said.

And using the app? "That was easy," Carter said, demonstrating how to manipulate a "popple" — similar to a conversation bubble — on the tablet's touch screen. "This is actually really fun."

"It's a great way to showcase what they've learned," media specialist Beth Sexton said, "because they're excited to use the technology."



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In a school of high-tech learning, there is still time for projects made with construction paper, glue and imagination. Second-grade teacher Noreen Watson holds a spider made by student Madison Albrecht. The personalized spiders will hang in the hall



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Principal April Quasarano walks through the cafeteria. The International Cafe's walls reflect the diversity of students at Dodson Elementary.

## Diverse school

The Dodson community, Quasarano said, serves a diverse section of Canton; about 160 students there come from homes in which English is not the first language.

The school celebrates that diversity with its wall of Inspirational Leaders, which displays framed photographs of heroes — from Barack Obama to Winston Churchill to feminist pioneer Susan B. Anthony to Malala Yousafzai, the 19-year-old Pakistani advocate for the education of girls and Nobel Peace Prize winner — and its International Cafe in the school lunchroom, which features flags of different nations and a wall decorated with paper dolls, each made by a student to represent himself or herself, in different skin tones, hair styles and manners of dress.

"All our work is done through the lens of equity," that is, appreciating one another, accepting differences and listening to one another's points of view, Quasarano said.

Dodson was named for George Dodson, 90, a longtime administrator in the district.

The National Blue Ribbon School program is in its 34th year and has, over that time, recognized fewer than 8,500 schools.

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School in 2013, 2014 and 2015; that honor is based on either being in the top

5 percent in the state, in the top 5 percent in closing achievement gaps or for outperforming expectations or similar schools.

Dodson, Quasarano said, has a cohesive school community and parental involvement there is "huge." Every spring, the school hosts a "celebration of learning" in which each student displays a project that stems from their learning in core subjects like mathematics and reading. It's a "big hurrah," Quasarano said, that gives students a chance to show off their work for parents and for each other. Dodson's supplemental programming — events for school families such as game nights and movie nights — also gives the school a boost.

*"We have just amazing teachers here. They are phenomenal."*

**APRIL QUASARANO**  
Dodson principal

## Setting, meeting goals

In a second-grade classroom Thursday, students were quietly working on their own — some reading, some writing, some doing art — while taking turns discussing individual goals with teacher Lynne Kennedy. Kennedy chaired Dodson's Blue Ribbon application committee and will be traveling with Quasarano, Merritt and another teacher, Jill Dean, to Washington, D.C., next month to receive the formal honors.

Kennedy, in her 27th year of teaching, said she's motivated by seeing her students learn and have fun and excited when she recognizes a student has grasped a new concept. "Every day's a new learning experience," she said.

"They need to start small and go forward," setting higher goals as they progress, first-grade teacher Kim Sparks said. "Some kids don't need to work on lower-case letters. So why waste time on that?" Sparks said she enjoys seeing a struggling stu-



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# Meet the women who pen, draw comic book heroines

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What do a plus-sized flying superhero, a Lesbian Viking warrior and an extraterrestrial mother with wings have in common?

They're a part of the increasingly diverse landscape of comic book characters whose stories are written or illustrated and read by women.

"It's important to have stories that everyone can relate to and women have gotten the short shrift for a long time. Basically, the history of comics is that it has been a boy's club for a long time," said Chelsea Liddy, a Plymouth resident and founder of ComiqueCon, a one-day celebration of female comic book and graphic novel artists, writers, and feminist-leaning comic series. "More than half of comic book readership is women. Another statistic I like to cite is... the big two (Marvel and DC comics) rarely hire more than 20 percent women. We have a long way to go."

Through ComiqueCon Liddy hopes to give women in the industry their due, offer role models for girls interested in comics as a career and expose readers to a diversity of comic book heroines and stories.

The event runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Arab American National Museum, 13624 Michigan Ave., in Dearborn. Tickets are \$12 in advance at [comiquecon.com](http://comiquecon.com) and \$15 at the door. Advance sales end Oct. 20. Children, 12 and under, attend for free. Advance tickets include a special ComiqueCon variant edition of "Heathen" by Natasha Alterici.

### Working outside the box

"Heathen" features the lesbian Viking warrior, Aydis, who takes on the Norse gods to create a more equitable world. Alterici, a panelist at ComiqueCon, will talk about creating believable settings and making diversity mainstream. She turned to Kickstarter to raise funds for her work.

"When the big two in the industry are hiring less than 20 percent, women have to go outside the conventional route or they have to change the



Chelsea Liddy is a Plymouth resident and founder of ComiqueCon.



Comic book fans check out a series at ComiqueCon.



ComiqueCon attendees dress in costume for the event.



A display of graphic novels at ComiqueCon 2015.

statistic. What we see is women working with indie publishers. You see creator owned comics. They're getting their work on Tumblr and crowd funding is happening a lot more," Liddy said. "Natasha Alterici drew the whole thing ("Heathen") and colored it. It's her creation and she was successful in funding through Kickstarter."

Liddy said the industry is open to some changes and has begun to hire artists with fashion backgrounds. Illustrator Babs Tarr, for example, updated Batgirl's costume when the DC comic book series was revamped. The tight-fitting unitard that looked like body paint and her stiletto heels are gone. In their place, Batgirl wears a "more utilitarian"

costume with a snap-on cape and Doc Martens.

Although some artists draw superheroes in an exaggerated style, emphasizing huge muscles and cleavage, readers today are more likely to call them out, Liddy said.

"I don't think there's such a thing as female comics, but there is a hunger for more stories women can relate to. That means not objectifying women. Not putting them in fridges," she said. "Fridges is a term used to define a violent or abusive action toward a woman that spurs a superhero into action."

"There was a superhero's girlfriend who was chopped up and put into a fridge. We want to see less of that," Liddy said. "We want to see art work and

not objectifying women. We want to see more diversity. It is happening more and more."

### Role models

Liddy, who holds a masters degree in international development, oversees the youth philanthropy program at the Center for Arab American Philanthropy in Dearborn. She is an avid reader of comic books and graphic novels and says ComiqueCon offers a positive way to showcase women comic creators.

"I want young people, especially young girls, to develop an appreciation for comics and know that they are not just for boys, that there are women working in the industry," she said. "It's a great medium. It's unique, a really special way

to tell stories. I think people from different backgrounds connect with comics. All ages read comics now. Stores have sections for youth comics. I think it's a democratic industry in a lot of ways, because there is something for everyone."

A "Drink and Draw" event for ages 21 and older will bring guests together with comic book creators for a night of sketching and coloring at ComiqueCon sponsor Green Brain Comics in Dearborn. Tickets are \$25, available online.

Check out [comiquecon.com](http://comiquecon.com) for a list of panel discussions and featured guests, including Carolyn Nowak of Ann Arbor, "Lumberjanes" artist.

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# Lawyer vs. creepy clown? It's really no contest!

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Attorney Barry J. Goodman with Goodman Acker P.C. in Southfield has been practicing law since 1979.

He knows the courtroom, and he also knows about clowning around. Goodman is a member of the Distinguished Clown Corps that marches each year in America's Thanksgiving Parade in downtown Detroit. He joined the group in 2014 at the urging of his partner, Jerry Acker, and now looks forward to the parade each year.

Like so many clowns in America, he's had it with the creepy clowns.

"Most of the clowns in the parade are leaders in the business community that just give back," he said. "Creepy clowns just take."

**Q: What do you think of all this creepy clown stuff?**

**Goodman:** Creepy clowns are not clowns. They are bad impostors. The thing about clowns is

quite simply to make you laugh, smile, be happy. Some clowns can look sad, but that is only because they broke their funny bone. And these creepy clowns are giving us good clowns a bad name. They should be stripped of their attire, and forced to look like Donald Trump. That would even scare them. Sorry about the political comment, but Trump is really creepy.

**Q: Why clowns? Why not creepy Kardashians?**

**Goodman:** Most clowns do not have the Kardashian behind. To us it's the face, not the figures, unless you are in need of balloon animals. And we would have to wear designer shoes, and that would be no small "feet." What was not funny to me, but funny to many is that the first year I was a clown in the Thanksgiving Day parade I got these cool clown shoes that I ordered online. By the time I finished the walk from the DIA to Jefferson



Attorney Barry Goodman is a member of the Distinguished Clown Corps that marches in the annual Thanksgiving parade.

Avenue my feet were killing me. Then I looked around at all the more

experienced clowns and they were wearing comfortable colored sneakers.

My second year, my feet were feeling much better.

**Q: What would you do if you encountered a creepy clown?**

**Goodman:** If I did encounter a creepy clown I would ask for his/her clown identification. If they are not a true clown, then their crime has to include impersonating a good cause with a bad clown. That is worse than any other crime. And perhaps I would just start laughing, unless I had the right shoes, so I could turn and run.

Good clowns look for compliments anywhere. Eggs tell us how we crack them up. Sharks and lions never want to eat us because we taste funny. Creepy clowns would taste like liverwurst. And creepy clowns can be identified easily because their costumes are not made from polyester.

**Q: Will the good clowns form a posse to chase away the creepy clowns? Or will you just blow up more animal balloons?**

**Goodman:** We cannot see in the dark. That would be the acrobats.

**Q: Can anyone be a clown?**

**Goodman:** Good clowns love being clowns. They make kids smile. In the parade I see so many children so excited to see us. Sorry about disparaging all the floats and bands, but unless you are related to someone in those parades, you are there, young or old, to see the clowns. I guess we have egos as big as our noses. Or just hearts bigger than normal. We are pulled to the side to take photos with families, moms, dads, grandparents and most importantly children. They want our beads and our smiles and our dancing around and our horns and our ability to make them, if only for a second or two, forget the crazy world around them and just be happy with life.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WAYNE COUNTY

### 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.

### Livonia library meets

The Library Commission of the Livonia Public Library will hold its regular meeting at 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

### Garden City art show, sale

The Garden City Fine Arts Association will hold its 33rd annual art show and sale Oct. 20-22 at First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriam in Garden City. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, with a reception and awards ceremony at 7 p.m. Friday,

Oct. 21 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free and all are welcome.

### A fall concert

P-CEP Choirs and Orchestra presents "A Fall Concert" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School in Canton, the P-CEP Choirs and Orchestras will perform an eclectic array of music presented by almost 400 student musicians

Suggested donation is \$5 per person. All proceeds are used to support the choirs and orchestras.

### Trinity House music

Trinity House in Livonia will feature for Brooks Williams and Antke Duvetkot 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 Smither, Little Feat, Maria Muldaur, Shawn Colvin and Leo Kottke. For tickets and more information, visit, Ticket Link: <http://www.trinityhousetheatre.org/>.

### Boo Bash tournament

The Canton Sports Center and WCSX are teaming up to present the 12th Annual Boo

Bash Adult Softball Tournament, in conjunction with the Great Pumpkin Smash on Oct. 22. These two fall favorite events will be held at the Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Avenue, Canton.

Festivities kickoff with WCSX's live broadcast starting at Noon, followed by Family Day Fun and Games from 4-7 p.m. Kickers Sports Bar & Grill will hold a Costume Contest, as DJ Royce spins the tunes all day. Costume winners will be announced at 7 p.m. and will receive some great prizes. Two live bands will provide outdoor rockin' entertainment, including: Looking Back, a Bob

Seeger Tribute Band, from 5-7 p.m. and Mad Rabbit from 8-10 p.m. Participants can also enjoy the free Pumpkin Smash starting at 10 p.m.

Softball Tourney registration deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 5 p.m. Men's, Co-Ed and Women's divisions are available with teams guaranteed 2 games on Saturday. Team awards and raffle prizes will be awarded throughout the day. The cost is \$250 per team which includes umpires, softballs, and awards. For more information about the 12th Annual Boo Bash and WCSX Great Pumpkin Smash, visit [csc.canton-mi.gov](http://csc.canton-mi.gov)

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# Free Etsy class at Schoolcraft teaches crafters how to sell online

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Liz Hall-Knight makes art locally and sells it globally through Etsy.com.

"They are the biggest player in the game. They were the first and they do it the best," she said, describing the e-commerce website. "It's super-easy to get a shop up and running."

The Livonia woman, who turns wood pallets into wall art, will teach



Hall-Knight

other crafters just how easy it is, through a free six-session class that starts this month at Schoolcraft College. Etsy Craft Entrepreneurship is offered by the Small Business Development Center through the Continuing Education and Professional Development Program at the college and uses a curriculum developed by Etsy.

Jodie Beckley, center director, heard about the course while attending a conference last year. She said the classes are designed for those who have handmade or vintage items to sell and need help marketing and establishing their business online.

"Online may seem daunting, but if you work with Etsy, you can use their platform," she said. "On Etsy, you have a global market at your fingertips."

Prospective students must have at least one craft item they can bring



In addition to making wall art, Urban Upcyclers turned an old piano into a bar. The piece sold and business is preparing to make another.

to class and ideas for a product line. Crafters who have sold items on Etsy are not eligible for the class. Program applications are available at [surveymonkey.com/r/SBDCEtsy](http://surveymonkey.com/r/SBDCEtsy)

Etsy Craft Entrepreneurship begins Thursday, Oct. 20, and runs through Nov. 17. Students return to class Dec. 15 for a celebration of their new Etsy stores.

"Why I'm sold on this is the actual curriculum is scripted out for the instructor," Beckley said. Hall-Knight, who was recruited by Etsy to teach the class, also plans to share her own experiences as an online

seller. Classes run two hours and cover such topics as pricing, shipping, banking online, becoming an entrepreneur, opening an Etsy shop and strategies for growth. One four-hour session will teach crafters how to photograph their merchandise.

"I think there is so much to offer folks and support them," Beckley said, adding that the center also offers business counseling services and classes. "I'll continue to support them and help them grow."

Twelve crafters, with products ranging from fleece hats to sand-blast-



Urban Upcyclers, a shop on Etsy.com, sells wall art made from wooden pallets.

ed river rocks to cement coasters, had applied by Oct. 3 for 20 slots in the fall series. Additional classes will be held during winter and spring sessions.

### Global market

Hall-Knight and her wife Kristen Knight began selling on Etsy just a few months after starting her business in summer 2013.

"We did do a few craft fairs the first year," she said. "We realized the amount of work that goes into them ... picking everything up, driving there, sitting there all day wasn't worth the time. We like the online

presence. We've sent things as far as Germany and Australia.

"It's super-easy to get a shop up and running," said Hall-Knight, who spent about a week creating their Urban Upcyclers shop on Etsy. "We had a total crash course in the holiday season. We were bombarded with orders. We really learned a lot and tweaked a few things."

Hall-Knight quit her job at a home improvement store to work on their craft business full time for a few years, but recently took on a job outside their home. They create wall art in their spare time, starting each

project in their garage, moving it to the kitchen for finishing and finally to the living room, where they prepare merchandise for shipping.

"We like the idea of taking pallets that would have gotten burned up and making something beautiful out of them. A lot of people make pallet signs, but I'm a perfectionist," Hall-Knight said. "So everything tends to be on the finished end, rather than the rustic end."

"This is my creative outlet. This is what feeds my soul."

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[mi.org](http://mi.org) or contact the Canton Sports Center at 734-483-5600.

### '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 Shesniuk. Visit the website [www.livonia-symphony.org](http://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-KURT or email [KurtHeise@house.mi.gov](mailto:KurtHeise@house.mi.gov) to schedule an appointment.

### Polish dinner dance

The St. Paul Council of the Knights of Columbus from St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Redford will sponsor a Polish Dinner Dance on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2-6 p.m. The event will be held in the Activities Building at St. Robert Bellarmine on the corner of Inkster and W. Chicago roads in Redford. Pre-sale tickets are \$20 per person through Oct. 19 and \$25 at the door. The price includes an authentic Polish dinner, dancing with music provided by the Polish Dukes, beer, wine and soft drinks. For tickets, contact Ron at 734-788-2233 or Keith at 313-320-8695.

### Beaumont yoga in park

Beaumont Healthy Wayne presents Yoga in the Park 6-7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 26 at Goudy Park, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. The event is free. The class is taught by certified yoga instructor, Chelsea Vonfintel. Bring yoga mat, beach towel or blanket.

Class most appropriate for ages 9 and older.

### Turkey Trot

Register now for the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department's annual Turkey Trot 5K fun walk/run at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Bicentennial Park (Seven Mile and Wayne Road). Registration takes place at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. The \$15 per person fee includes a Turkey Trot T-shirt, if registered by Oct. 24.

Proceeds and canned food donations will benefit the Livonia Goodfellows, which provides holiday meals for local families. New this year, visit the food truck rally to satisfy your post-Turkey Trot appetite. The Kirksey Recreation Center will offer Turkey Trot conditioning. Certified personal trainer Deb Vinitski will create a customized and adaptive science-based training program for now and for the long run. Contact her at [ptdebbiev@aol.com](mailto:ptdebbiev@aol.com). For more information, call 734-466-2900 or go to [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us).

### 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 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth, Lewy Body Dementia is a type of dementia that can be hard to diagnose and affects thinking and movement.

### Angelo's music

Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall entertainer Chris Ayotte, who will take guests musically back in time with music of Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley and Tom Jones at 8 p.m., Oct. 21 and 22. Appetizers begin at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., with the show beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$45. Angelo Brothers is at 33550 Ford Road, Westland. For tickets, 734-216-9451.

### 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-Clin-ton 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](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us).

### Cook for the Cure

Bill & Rod's Appliance invites you to the 3rd Annual Cook for the Cure 5-8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 22 at the store, 15870 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. The store will host Dan Meier, Sous Chef at the Walnut Creek Country Club, South Lyon. Chef Dan will prepare short ribs and several winter side dishes, and a fall dessert. Raffles and prizes will be available. Admission is a \$40 donation. All proceeds will benefit Karmanos Breast Cancer Research. Call 734-425-5040 for reservations.

### Candidate night

The Livonia Bar Association will host a "Meet the Candidates Night" at 7 p.m., Oct. 25 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. Seven of the eight candidates for Wayne County Circuit Court Judge will be presented.

### 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](mailto: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 unique 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](http://www.clarencevillechurch.org).

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# Five newcomers among 10 in library board race

Five newcomers are among the 10 candidates competing for six seats in the Canton Public Library race in the Nov. 8 election. Winners will each receive a four-year term.

We asked the candidates to respond to two questions and to provide some background information about themselves. Find their answers first and their biographical information last.

### What would be your top three priorities if elected to the library board?

**Hassan Ahmad:** The current board has taken many productive steps to improve our library, and I hope to continue working toward creating a space that tears down socioeconomic barriers with ease and provides residents with the best possible goods and services. To that end, the incoming board must (a) oversee the fourth stage of renovations that will take place in early 2017, (b) build a multi-year balanced budget plan, and (c) ensure that the fund balance (our "rainy day fund") that was used to pay off the library's bond is once again restored to auditor-recommended levels. The planning of past members of the library board, by building up a strong fund balance, ensured that programming and services (and by extension, the community) would not suffer if the town, state, or country fell on hard times. It was this planning that kept everything running during and after the 2008 financial crisis, and allowed the current board to undertake expensive and expansive remodeling projects as well as pay off the bond. In order for us to be safe and solvent in the future, we must protect the growth of the fund balance without overburdening taxpayers and halting or slowing programming.



**Jasmine Lee:** a.) Continue to challenge the appointed library director to enhance the overall library member experience through community-centric activities and programs that embrace life-long learning. For example, promotion of S.T.E.M. activities for child/parent involvement.  
b.) Ensure that library budget is being well managed and properly spent.  
c.) Start strategic planning initiatives/business planning to strive for year-over-year growth of development objectives (e.g., membership - demographic outreach, technology, educational classes, etc.).

**Jane Pandit:** 1. Study

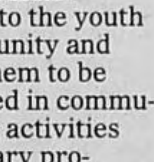
issues and research as much as possible before making decisions on the board. Not just show up and vote on motions without giving forethought. Consider every task with careful thought and fairness/impartiality.  
2. Work hard and diligently to meet the needs of the board and the community.  
3. Help the library meet goals and move forward with patrons and the community in mind, and being fiscally responsible with decisions.



**Paul Talwar:** My priorities if elected to the library board would be to manage the library budget by finding innovative ways to increase funding to accomplish the necessary upgrades.  
Expand the use of technology to draw in more patrons and increase foot traffic.  
Outreach to the youth of the community and encourage them to be more involved in community building activities through library programs.



**Amy Watts:** My first priority would be to continue the long-range budget planning that has made our library so successful. I will also support the continued acquisition of diverse materials, both culturally and multiple formats (i.e. books, eBooks, CDs etc). A third priority would be to encourage the expansion of outreach programs that create an inclusive community such as the summer reading programs & special interest speakers and activities.



**Jane Pandit:** My resume details my varied experience. It includes transferable skills that would mesh very well with this position and prove helpful within the library.  
Human resource roles, one of which was with the HR department of a Central library. Payroll experience, event planning, supervision and assisting with budgets. Communication through newsletters. My volunteer experiences include work on a non-profit organization's board and work as a committee member for large fundraising events.

**What makes you more qualified for the position than the other candidates? Also, some view the library board as a springboard to other elective offices. Where do you stand on that issue?**

**Hassan Ahmad:** I believe that the lowest bar to set for someone running for office is showing up, understanding the community, and recognizing the requirements of the job at hand. While I have been attending the Library Board meetings for two years, the other candidates have either shown up once, twice, or not at all. I have observed the budget-making process for two years, seen the discussion around paying off the bond move from idea to reality, and commented on the various renovation projects that have taken place recently. With regard to the board being seen as a springboard, I believe that no

one should run for library board if they are not fully committed to the library as a prized, central institution in our town. As a student, it is my highest priority to ensure that the library is protected for generations to come, so that they may receive the same level of support I have been given. The library should continue growing with its community, and it should be the board's goal to provide a vision of goods, services, and technologies that cater to our increasingly diverse town, while being good stewards of the resources it is given.

**Jasmine Lee:** My professional career in Global Purchasing at Ford Motor Co. has given me experience with global contract management, business proposals, implementation, execution, strategic negotiation, project management, supplier launch and resource, vendor relationship management, cost reduction measures, and process improvement. I believe these skill sets are important and are beneficial to serve the Library Board for strategic business planning.  
Additionally, I am a business graduate of the Ohio State University (Columbus, Ohio). I also have my master's in business administration from Eastern Michigan University.

**Amy Watts:** My main focus is to support the library. My hope and desire is to ensure that all Canton community residents gain the same positive experiences that my family and I have with each and every visit to the library.

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and small organizations. Technically savvy and able to work with people of different background and customs which should come in handy especially given current political climate.

I have no political ambitions other than to serve my community in a small but effective role.

**Amy Watts:** As the founding homeowners association president for my neighborhood, I was tasked with leading a board who had the unenviable task of trying to recoup upward of \$100,000 of work that our developer had left undone. It took consistent planning and working in partnership with numerous township departments to complete a huge task but I gained tremendous insight to long range planning for large scope projects. In regards to concerns about a library board positions being a stepping stone, I believe it takes a large number of volunteers to keep a community vibrant. If, by trying out a smaller role, one is inspired to tackle a larger, more involved office we are all the richer for individuals who are willing to share their time, talent and experience.

### More about the candidates

**Hassan Ahmad:** My name is Hassan Ahmad, and I'm currently a student at the University of Michigan, studying political science. I work as a field organizer for the Michigan Democratic Coordinated Campaign, and am the regional director of an educational nonprofit called MIST Detroit. His campaign website is here, and the campaign Facebook page here.

**Jasmine Lee:** My name is Jasmine Lee and I am excited to be given the opportunity to serve the Canton community by running for the Canton Township Library Board of Trustees position. The decision to run came easy for me because I have always had a love for the Canton library. I have been a Canton resident for 12 years now. My husband Dennis and I are happy parents to our very busy and rambunctious toddler, Sebastian. Dennis, Sebastian and I look forward to building a lifetime of memories here in the Canton community. Learn more about her campaign here: [www.facebook.com/TrustLeeForTrustee](http://www.facebook.com/TrustLeeForTrustee)

**Jane Pandit:** I am running for this position because I would like to be more involved with my community. At present I am a Friend of the Library, and participate in Relay for Life. I've also been involved with APIA and did the Raksha walk.

This is my first try at a run for a political office. My ancestry includes politicians though.

I have deep roots in Wayne County. My ancestors were pioneers of Detroit when it was still part of New France and

was just established in 1701. My great-grandfather Fafard and his brother were on the boat with Cadillac when it reached Belle Isle and were actually navigating for him.

Many of the streets in Detroit carry the names of my ancestors: Meldrum, St. Aubin, Rivard, Campeau, Chapoton.

I started my marriage here in Canton back in 1979. Still going strong 37 years later.

I would not have had the nerve to run for office in the past, but I beat cancer seven years ago and since that time it takes a lot to intimidate me.

My biggest hobby is genealogy. You probably guessed that from the reference to ancestors. I just participated in a French Canadian reunion in Monroe last weekend. Libraries are an important of my research. I also like reading and crafts.

**Paul Talwar:** IT professional with degrees in engineering and project management. Having lived in Canton for majority of my life, I have seen this community grow and prosper but the work must continue to enhance the lives of every Canton resident. The Canton library is a unique public institution that reaches all local and surrounding communities. My vision and purpose for running for the library board is to continue providing this opportunity to all residence in a fair and unbiased way. Enhance the library offerings, make it easily accessible by using latest technology and build on offering more interactive classes. There is also tremendous need to work with youth in our community to keep them engaged in community activities and Library should be an integral part of that plan. If elected then will work with other board members to bring a comprehensive plan forward that addressed these concerns.

**Amy Watts:** As a lifelong Midwesterner, I grew up in Ohio and after college graduation lived in Chicago for 10 years. In fall 2000, I moved to Canton with my husband and two children. My son now attends the University of Michigan and my daughter is a high school junior. I have served in many volunteer positions over the years primarily helping my neighborhood and my children's schools. As an avid reader and book club member it makes sense for me to give back and focus my energy on a community resource that has given so much to my family.

## Incumbents make case for re-election to Canton library

Five incumbents are seeking re-election to the Canton Library Board of Trustees in the Nov. 8 election. They are facing five newcomers for six four-year terms.

The Canton Observer asked the incumbents to respond to two questions and to provide background information about themselves. Find their answers first and their biographical information last.

### What would be your top three priorities if elected to the library board?

**Michelle Farell:** My top three priorities as part of the library board all center around continuing the path that the board has been traveling for the past four years. First, the library will continue to look to the needs of our diverse community in making program and collection choices. Secondly, I will support the continuation of a conservative budget, which served the library well in recovery from the recession. And lastly, I will be sure that the library continues to improve the physical building, meeting the ever-evolving desires of patrons.



**Jim Fausone:** Fiscal: The Canton Public Library is well run by any metric.





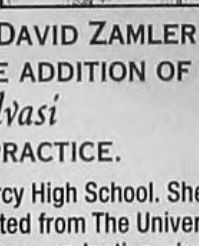
However, board fiscal discipline is necessary to continue the trend of a library that lives within its means and that can weather economic downturns. I have been the only trustee in the last two years advocating for lowering the millage and constraining the budget. Government bodies will spend every tax dollar that they can collect. It is important not to collect more than is needed as it will lead to sloppy budgeting practices. The library has paid off its construction bond early, which I promoted, saving nearly \$300,000, and has nearly completed a total remodel of the facility. It is time to provide some relief to the taxpayers.

**Digital Collection:** The library needs to expand its digital collection and recognize the general trends which exist. The library should also be vigorously training and teaching its patrons how to access the digital collection. The wide adoption of e-readers and smart mobile devices gives the library the chance to have the Canton Public Library anywhere, and lower costs of materials. The creation of a library app to provide ready and simple access is the next step.

**Programs:** The library is great at kid programs and summer reading. However, even those have flattened out in attendance. The teen boy and young man is often left out of programming. I would like to see more in that space. This could involve sports celebrities (local pro or college athletes) at the library or

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# INCUMBENTS

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more e-sports and gaming programs. Also as the community matures, the youth programming must make space for young adults and adult programs.

**Thomas Hartnett:** Stay within budget and try to prepare for another rainy day by maintaining an adequate fund balance; complete the renovations to the library especially the Teen Area; provide a comfortable place for the diverse groups in Canton to meet and feel at home.



**Nancy Eggenberger:** The library building has needed many different upgrades during the last four years. As a member of the library board, I have supported these upgrades and the appropriate and within budget use of our funds to renovate the library. We need to continue to budget to have funds available to keep the library building in good shape. The board must also look toward the future of the library. We must continue to work with the members of the community and make sure that the library meets their needs. We have a wonderful diverse community in Canton and keeping the CPL a place that is welcoming and evolves with the changing needs of our community is the responsibility of the board. Technology continues to change very quickly and the library must be a place where members of the community can use their technology and have access to technology. I look forward to continuing my work on the library board and keeping the Canton Public Library



one of the gems of the Canton community.  
**Don Turner:** My priorities are to represent the interests of the citizens of Canton related to our great library; Oversee the tradition of excellent fiscal management at the Canton Public Library; Support and assist the library director.



**What makes you more qualified for the position than other candidates? Also, some view the library board as a springboard to other elective offices. Where do you stand on that issue?**

**Michelle Farell:** My background in libraries — because of my master's degree in library and information science gives me a unique qualification and perspective compared to other members. This balances out a board already strong in law and budgeting. The position as board trustee has often been used as a "stepping stone" to other political positions in Canton. I would hope that wouldn't be the intention of those running because that gives the impression that other positions are more sought after or more important. That is not my personal intention, being that I have had a lifelong love of libraries and I hope to stay on this board for as long as I am re-elected.

**James Fausone:** I have been involved in public library board civic service for 35 years at numerous libraries (Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe, The Library Network and Canton). As a result I have the experience that no other candidate has in the library trustee field. Additionally, as an attorney I have municipal and library clients giving me an understanding of issues that may arise at our public library from tax collection, human relations, budget, pension, etc. I am also involved in

post-secondary boards at Schoolcraft College and the University of Michigan giving me exposure to educational issues that impact library use. As a business owner, I understand the customer and consumer aspects of service delivery which are similar in the public and private sector.

**Thomas Hartnett:** I believe I am very qualified because I have been a faithful contributing member of the library board for the past four years. I am an attorney and I work at Wayne County Juvenile Court and am attentive to the needs of young people. I do not believe there is anything wrong with a person getting community experience at the library then moving on. My good friend Sommer Foster is doing just that and I commend her for it.

**Nancy Eggenberger:** During the 24 years that I have lived in Canton, I have always had a library card. The library is the place I brought my children for story time. I still use the library to get books for myself, both hard copy and e-books. My experience as a former member of the P-CCS school board, current chair of the Canton Community Foundation and the current chair of the library board keeps me in touch with the community and its needs. I believe the CPL is a wonderful place for the community to gather, get books, use the computers, have meetings and many other activities. I want to make sure that it continues to be that place and to evolve with our growing community. I teach at Washtenaw Community College and see first hand the need for students to have a place to go to study. I also see how important it is for children to learn to love to read and to learn at a young age. The CPL is a great place for this to happen. I believe that it is important to have members of the library board that are invested in the library. This is

done by attending the board meetings and participating in the board discussions. If anyone elected to the board does this for the four years of their term, then what they do after their term is over is up to them.

**Don Turner:** I have served on the library board for more than five years. The library board can be an excellent starting point for those with higher political aspirations. A number of individuals have demonstrated this over the years. However, I would prefer each board member see their role simply as an act of community service and less as a political resume building step. I think it makes a better board member driven by a love for the library and what the library represents in our community.

**More on the incumbents**

**Michelle Farell:** She has served for the last four years on the Canton Public Library Board, currently serving as secretary/treasurer. Farell is a former teacher in the Plymouth-Canton school district and has a master's degree in library and information science from Wayne State University.

**Jim Fausone:** He has been on the Canton Public Library board since 2004. He has a bachelor's degree in civil and environmental engineering and a bachelor's degree in oceanography from the University of Michigan in 1976. He received the 2007 Distinguished Service Award from the Engineering Alumni Society of the University of Michigan College of Engineering. Fausone received a law degree, magna cum laude, from Gonzaga University School of Law in 1981. Fausone has practiced law in Wayne County since 1981. His practice involves business law, municipal law and veteran disability law. His firm, Fausone Bohn, LLP,

has been in Northville since 1995. His community activities have included the Livonia Chamber of Commerce Board, the Canton Community Foundation Board, the University of Michigan College.

**Thomas Hartnett:** He is married to Karen A. Hartnett and they have two adult children and two grandchildren. Hartnett has been a Canton resident since 1981. When his children were growing up, Hartnett coached Little League baseball and soccer. He was an officer in his homeowners association for four years. Hartnett also was a member of the Canton Human Relations Commission from 2000-03. He is an attorney with a focus on juvenile and criminal law in Wayne County. He has served the library board since 2012.

**Nancy Eggenberger:** She has lived in Canton since 1992. She is an Instructor at Washtenaw Community College. Eggenberger has a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Eastern Michigan University, a graduate certificate in human resource development from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Alma College. She is a former member of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, current chair of the Canton Community Foundation and current chair of the Canton library board.

**Don Turner:** He is a 53-year-old business owner, resident of Canton for more than 20 years, during which time he has also served the community in various roles. He is married to Sue Turner and they have two adult children, Adam and Melanie.

# Livonia video offers rat remedies

David Veselenak  
hometownlife.com

Rats. They're a problem for many residents in the area.


That's why the city of Livonia has made a light-hearted video hoping to assist city residents who have questions about how to handle the little critters.

The public service announcement titled "Rats!" was created with the help of several city departments, including the mayor's office and Livonia Television, to help residents understand the steps that can be taken to avoid rats from invading their property.

"Like every community though, we have visitors who are, uh, less than desirable," the video says. "Rodents of various sizes and types find their way into many neighborhoods, like they do in cities of all social and economic levels. These rats and other pests are looking for a place to live and something to eat and drink."

The five-minute video showcases a "rat," played by assistant city attorney Eric Goldstein, as he looks for a new home in Livonia. The video then goes over several remedies for making properties less desirable to rodents, which includes: stacking firewood 18 inches off the ground; keeping tall grass trimmed; sealing open decks; and storing garbage in durable containers and not leaving plastic bags out.

The video script was crafted by Dave Varga, the director of administrative services for the city, while Goldstein served as the on-camera talent, playing both the rat and the homeowner.



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KLAA CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

# PKs doom Canton bid for crown

Chiefs outgunned by Grand Blanc in penalty kick shootout

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Following 100 scoreless minutes of action with the KLAA boys soccer championship on the line, Canton senior Mohamad Miri drilled the first penalty kick on a low line past Grand Blanc goalkeeper Bennett Stokes.

The Bobcats' senior slammed the ground with his hand following Miri's goal, and the Chiefs would not be able to solve Stokes the rest of the PK shootout.

Meanwhile, the Bobcats did hit the back of the net three times, winning the shootout 3-1 and capturing the champi-

onship 1-0 Thursday night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"You kind of go with your instincts, that's what I do at least," said Stokes, who dropped to the turf and kicked his legs out to stop Luke Kurili, Avery Olson and Alex Spratte. "Just go with what I think's going to happen. A little bit of luck there."

Asked if he ratcheted up his intensity for the shootout following the opening goal, Stokes shook his head. "No, I want to save every single one, that's just how I am."

Their choice  
Canton head coach Mark Zemanski said it wasn't a strategy to keep testing Stokes low to his left side.

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Canton's Alex Spratte goes airborne to kick the ball Thursday night while Grand Blanc's Anthony Gasso (left) and Brennan Kane (No. 24) converge.

COLLEGE HOCKEY



ROB LINDSAY

The future is bright for Schoolcraft College's hockey program. The 2016-17 captains are (from left) Sheldon Varhol, Andrew Nowak, Andrew Lindsay and Vinnie Glenn.

## SECOND SHIFT

Ocelots want to build club hockey program, earn NCAA D-III status

Tim Smith  
hometownlife.com

Ice chips were flying all over Redford Arena one recent Thursday night.

And the sounds of Schoolcraft College hockey reverberated all over the old barn. Head coach Rob Lindsay barked and whistled, players' skates carved into the ice and composite sticks whacked pucks.

"We have better players all around; I was rolling four lines during the last (scrimmage)," Lindsay said following the late-night session, on the eve of the Ocelots' second season of existence as a club team.

The future appears to be bright as the 2016-17 season gets underway. First of all, word is spreading all over high schools in Observerland and on the Schoolcraft campus itself that there's a new hockey option.

More than 50 players came out for team tryouts, but only 28 made the cut (including Plymouth High School graduate Zack Wiener and former Salem player Zach Goleniak). That wouldn't have happened last season, when the team first took to the ice with whoever it could suit up.

"We had players that didn't have

### SCHOOLCRAFT HOCKEY

**Local ties:** The 2016-17 Schoolcraft Ocelots club hockey team, starting its second season, has a number of players from Observerland. Those include forwards Vinnie Glenn (Livonia Stevenson), Zach Goleniak (Salem), Spencer Kovacs (Livonia Churchill), Brendan Nutting (Livonia Franklin), Zack Nelson (Livonia Franklin), Jacob Stanley (Westland), Derek Klisz (Livonia Churchill), Sheldon Varhol (Garden City/Cabrini H.S.), Owen Hund (Garden City/Belle Tire AA), Owen Kates (Garden City/Cabrini) and Tanner Sweitzer (Garden City); defensemen Zack Finzel (Livonia Stevenson), Andrew Nowak (Livonia Stevenson), Bayley Brothers (Livonia), Zack Wiener (Plymouth) and Scott Pohl (Livonia); and goalies Matt Monendo (Livonia Franklin) and Brett Kates (Garden City/Cabrini).

**Moving up:** Last year, Schoolcraft was an independent team. The Ocelots now play in the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

**Home games:** Saturday, Nov. 5, Northwood University (6:15 p.m.); Friday, Nov. 11, Lake Superior State-D2 (9 p.m.); Saturday, Nov. 12, Lake Superior State-D2 (6:15 p.m.); Friday, Dec. 2, IUPUI (9 p.m.); Saturday, Dec. 3, IUPUI (6:15 p.m.); Saturday, Jan. 21, Fighting Irish Jr. (6:15 p.m.); Saturday, Feb. 4, University of Toledo (6:15 p.m.); Saturday, Feb. 18, Central Michigan-D2 (6:15 p.m.). All home games at Redford Arena, on Beech Daly between I-96 and Plymouth Road.

much experience last year; it was the beginning of a new program," said Lindsay, a former college coach at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. "This year, we have a very skilled team."

That was evident watching practice. Breakout drills were crisp, end-to-end rushes were lightning fast.

### On the rise

Following the two-hour session, captain Andrew Lindsay — a Trenton graduate who was part of the 2015-16 debut Ocelots team — said the level of talent on the current squad easily trumps last

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Chiefs rout Rockets to make playoffs

Evan Paputa  
Correspondent

When Canton lost its first two games of the season to Dearborn Fordson and Walled Lake Western, the question on everyone's mind was, "What's wrong with Canton?"

Since their second defeat, the Chiefs have rattled off six straight wins and qualified for the MHSAA state playoffs with a definitive 49-0 victory Friday over visiting Westland John Glenn.

"People were wondering what was wrong with Canton. But it was, like, there's nothing wrong with Canton, but that there's a lot right with (Dearborn) Fordson and Walled Lake Western. We lost with a minute left in both games," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said.

"I'm so proud of them. They had to buckle down. It was like playoff time right from the get-go."

It was an unusual game of sorts for Canton (6-2), as it racked up 294 rushing yards, but on only 18 minutes of possession and 35 plays.

It was senior night for the Chiefs and, fittingly, senior running backs Julian Thornton, Reid McDonnell and Markus Sanders paced the Chiefs to a hot start.

McDonnell (five carries, 66 yards) raced for 43 yards on the second play of the game and followed it with a 1-yard TD plunge.

Junior Lou Baechler capped Canton's energetic first quarter with a nifty 28-yard touchdown reception from Jake O'Donnell.

"Offensively, we wanted to come out and smash. Our backs ran hard

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MICHAEL VASILNEK

Canton running back Markus Sanders pushes forward against John Glenn defenders.



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PREP FOOTBALL



Salem's Trevor Nowaske and Parker Selby (left) wrap up South Lyon quarterback Carlo Zoratti during Friday night's contest.

# Salem playoff hopes take step back, 21-7

Tim Smith  
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Salem's march toward a potential state playoff berth hit a brick wall wearing blue and gold Friday night.

Needing to defeat South Lyon to post a fifth win and get within one victory of their first playoff spot in 25 years, the Rocks opened with a touchdown drive to take an early 7-0 lead.

But it all went downhill from there, with starting quarterback Ryan Young injuring a shoulder in the second quarter. By the end of the Lions' 21-7 victory at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's junior varsity field, Salem head coach Kurt Britnell was on his fourth QB of the night.

"When you take Ryan out of the equation, that athletic ability to be able to bust it, what are you going to do?" said Britnell, whose team dropped to 4-4 overall and 2-3 in the KLAACentral. "Especially in the second half, what did we have, four quarterbacks? Never been part of anything like that."

The Lions (4-4, 3-2 in the KLAACentral Division) rallied from the early deficit to tie the game 7-7 at halftime. Then they took control with touchdown runs of 30 and 43 yards by senior Travis Marcus and junior Ryan Gill within three minutes in the third to break it open.

"It was a really good win today," Gill said. "The second half, we just came out firing and we came out faster and stronger than they did."

"And that touchdown, it was actually an (isolation) left and it closed down for a second and then it opened up."

Throwing the key block that sprung him around the left edge was Marcus, an all-around standout with a game-high 11 tackles.

Too banged up

Conversely, Salem junior running back Andrew Davis — who rushed 16 times for 103 yards in the first half — was held to negative yardage following intermission (he wound up with 89 yards rushing). The Rocks were thrown for a loss nine times on running plays in the second half.

"I feel bad for the kids," Britnell said. "As bad as it was from the coaches' and parents' standpoint, I'll give it to our team. They fought, they fought their tails off until the clock hit zeros."

"They kept fighting and swinging and battling. Credit their character and heart for that. But when you lose who we lost and you're banged up at key positions, it's going to be tough."

Not only was Young out of commission, so was his successor, junior Trevor Genaw. Also taking snaps were senior Mason Phillips and junior tight end Kyle Diton — wearing uniform No. 89.

"Kyle played on the scout team this week. He was throwing the ball and running the option, so at least he had a chance to run our offense," Britnell said. "But it's hard to put a kid in that position."

Once Young was done for the night, the Lions were able to focus their attention on Davis.

"Once he went down, we knew they were pretty one-dimensional," South Lyon head coach Jeff Henson said. "So we loaded up the box and stopped (Davis). It was pretty easy."

Tough as nails

Henson said the hard-hitting defense that limited Salem to 106 yards total offense (minus-32 in the second half) continues to be a Lions trademark.

"We've been playing

really well the last five games and our defense has been carrying us, playing real physical," Henson said. "And offensively, as well, we came out in the third quarter and really set the tone."

"Our offense drove it right down the field and we got two big touchdowns that gave us a little cushion. But our defense was outstanding tonight."

The Rocks did come out strong and only needed 3:03 to find the end zone.

Davis ran four times in a row, including a 31-yarder around left end, to move the ball into the South Lyon red zone. Finishing up with a 3-yard TD run was senior VerShawn Patrick (who left the game in the fourth after being hit high and hard along the sidelines).

A partially blocked Salem punt, however, gave South Lyon a first down at the Rocks' 38 to open the second quarter and senior quarterback Carlo Zoratti carried it in from just outside the goal line.

The key play of that short drive was Zoratti's 21-yard toss to senior Chris Job that came less than a yard from going the distance.

South Lyon took the second half kickoff and quickly took a 14-7 lead, with Marcus bursting through the middle for his 30-yard score with 9:10 remaining in the third quarter.

Meanwhile, Salem senior linebacker Trevor Nowaske, outstanding with seven tackles, shook his head in frustration at the turn of events.

"A lot of injuries, we can't control that," Nowaske said. "Things happen for a reason, I guess. It's frustrating to come this far, to be playing for something finally and the way it happened, it's hard."

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YOUTH FOOTBALL

## Canton Lions roll over Dearborn

The Canton Lions varsity football team shut out the Dearborn Tractors 30-0 on Oct. 8, with a 13-yard touchdown run by Shamar Lee getting it started.

On the next Lions possession, Preston Long recovered a bad snap to scamper in for a 20-yard touchdown. Soon to follow were two more trips to the end zone: a 6-yard run from Ethan Bennett and a 21-yard run again from Lee. Justin Johnson kicked in two extra points.

Canton's offensive line held the Tractors at bay with contributions from Luke Skaisgir, Ryan Carter, Logan Russell and Carson Clover.

On defense, Ben Harger clogged the interior line, while Zac Rowland and Gavin Woodard filled the holes on the defensive line to negate any

forward progress. There were three interceptions in the game from Bennett, Marco Johnson and Lee. The key to the Lions defense this week was the rotation of players Ivan Cruz, Jeremy Davis and Briar Vendlands.

The Lions will take on the Belleville Tigers next at Belleville High School Saturday, Oct. 15.

Junior varsity

The Lions junior varsity made a powerful first impression in their meeting with the Dearborn Tractors, winning 51-0. Joshua Nichols sparked the onslaught of touchdowns, scoring early in the game.

Dylan Fleming reached the end zone next for the Lions; and the pride would get the ball back on a recovered kick by Ryan Goodson. Nichols scored the final

touchdown of the first half.

The second half began with a 52-yard touchdown by Aaron Alexander, and Josiah West kicking for the extra points. West would also put up six more with a touchdown run.

An interception by Avery Satterlee set up Lake McIntosh for a touchdown, with Goodson running in the extra point.

McIntosh would put 12 more points on the board before the game was through, thanks to a fumble recovery by Luke Rayborn and a key block by Luke Matusik.

The strong defensive front line, consisting of Brandon Keen, Dominic Johnson and Gavin Bobby, held the Tractors scoreless. Leading with tackles were Alexander and Wesley Faulkner.

## SOCCER

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"I leave it totally up to the shooters what they decide they want to do," said Zemanski, whose Kensington Conference champions dropped to 15-2-2 entering Tuesday's 6 p.m. district opener against Plymouth. "The kid guessed right on three of them and made good saves. He did a nice job."

"You can't make only one PK out of four and expect to win."

Zemanski said it was "a good battle" against a physical, fast opponent.

"Both teams had some good chances and it came down to PKs, it happens sometimes," Zemanski said.

Olson, meanwhile, said the Lakes Conference champion Bobcats (9-4-5) were tough because of constant pressure.

"They didn't give us a lot of time on the ball," Olson said. "And they have a good defense."

Close calls

The Chiefs were frustrated during regulation and both overtimes by the athletic Stokes, although a couple times shots just missed the frame.

Miri drilled a laser from above the top of the 18-yard box with 14 minutes to go in the first half that carried over the crossbar.

A couple minutes later, Stokes scrambled out to get to the ball before senior midfielder Ryen O'Meara could.

Canton junior goalie David McGrath also was outstanding to keep the Bobcats off the scoreboard until PKs.



Grand Blanc forward Muaz Asperger collides with Canton junior goalkeeper David McGrath during Thursday's KLAAC championship contest.

With time running out in the first half, Chase Clark unleashed a low shot from inside the box that McGrath sprawled to get a piece of.

The ball trickled wide of the left post as the final seconds elapsed.

McGrath slid to deny an in-close bid by Muaz Asperger with about 30 minutes to play in the second half.

At the other end of the pitch, Miri served a feed from the right side into the box and senior midfielder Aidan Hurley's subsequent header barely missed the mark.

Stokes dove to stop a point-blank attempt by senior midfielder Caleb Moraw with about 22 minutes left.

Grand Blanc nearly got on the board a minute later when Asperger shot wide of an empty net, with McGrath out of position.

Turn the page

The teams exchanged glorious scoring opportunities in extra time only to come up empty.

Kurili lofted a shot that floated over the

crossbar midway through the first OT.

With about four minutes to play in the second overtime, Stokes jumped high to try and snag a ball with Kurili bearing down on him. The ball eluded the keeper, but a Grand Blanc defender managed to clear it out of danger.

All that was left was a shootout that ended with Max Whitmore ripping a drive that McGrath could not block, followed by a Grand Blanc mob scene. (Grand Blanc's first two PK goals were notched by Brandon Dellaposta and Josh Monosmith.)

According to Zemanski, the defeat on home turf would sting for a little while.

But, he stressed, the Chiefs are battle-tested in the state playoffs — winning the 2014 Division 1 championship and reaching the 2015 finals.

"My boys are resilient," Zemanski stressed. "They don't want to have this feeling again."

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## CHIEFS

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and our offensive line blocked their hearts out," Lou Baechler said.

For the second week in a row, the Canton defense stood tall and pitched a shutout. The success defensively can be attributed to film study and determination in practice, according to Lou Baechler.

"It was pretty important (getting the shutout). Our defense is finally getting it together after the first two, three weeks when it was shaky," Lou Baechler said.

Sanders ran for 58 yards and a touchdown. William Hall ran for 52 yards and two touchdowns. Thornton ran for 91 yards, highlighted by an 85-yard touchdown to close the scoring.

In addition to senior night, the game was also the annual Coaches vs. Cancer charity game, with proceeds benefiting the American Cancer Society.

With everybody from fans to coaches decked out in pink, Baechler was proud of the overwhelming support.

"It's amazing that



Canton's Colin Troup (right) breaks up a pass attempt to Westland John Glenn's Roq Williams during Friday game.

everybody is chipping in. It makes it so awesome. We know so many people that have cancer now or have died of cancer. Anything we can do to contribute and make it a bigger awareness, we are happy to do it," Baechler said.

John Glenn (1-7) was led by senior receiver

Roq Williams, who ignited the Rockets' offense with three catches for 60 yards.

Canton will travel next week to Northville (7-1) to play the Mustangs for the Kensington Conference championship, while John Glenn will play at Livonia Stevenson (4-4).

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# Plymouth captures Wayne County meet

Wildcats finish first at Willow Metropark; Canton fourth

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Spearheaded by the trio of Ethan Byrnes, Brandon Boyd and Carter Solomon, Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team captured the Wayne County Championships.

"The guys have been working hard the last few weeks and it really showed on Saturday," Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz said. "Any time you can win a meet with 33 teams in it always makes you feel good."

"I am sure that Northville and (Livonia) Stevenson will both continue to improve so we have to stay focused and keep our eyes going forward. I am proud of them and they really deserved it."

Byrnes placed fourth overall Oct. 8 at Willow Metropark in New Boston with a time of 15:59 to pace Plymouth — first in the team standings with 109, well ahead of Livonia Stevenson (133), Northville (143) and Canton (154).

Taking the sixth spot with a personal best time of 16:04 was Plymouth sophomore Boyd, while freshman Solomon's personal best of 16:09 earned him ninth place. All earned all-county accolades.

Other Wildcat finishers included sophomore Jarrett Warner (27th, personal best 16:44, all-county honors), junior Adam Stepek (64th, personal best 17:25), sophomore Jacob Stewart (83rd, personal best 17:47) and sophomore Bassil Syed (90th, personal best 17:53).

"Everybody on the varsity team ran a PR with the exception of Ethan and he was only six seconds off his," Mikosz said. "Brandon's 16:04 moved him to the

fastest sophomore in Plymouth history and also eighth all-time on the record board.

"Carter's 16:09 moved him to the fastest freshmen in Plymouth history and also ninth all time on the record board. Also moved him to the fastest freshmen in the state as of right now."

Mikosz added that Warner "broke into the 16's for the first time and ran a great race. Adam, Jacob and Bassil all ran great as well."

Capturing individual medalist honors was Dearborn's Riad Rababeh, who clocked in at 15:21.

### Canton recap

The Chiefs were led by senior Zac Clark, seventh overall with a personal best time of 16:05.

In 18th place for Canton was junior Shane Andrews (personal best time of 16:26).

Clark and Andrews earned all-county honors, as did senior teammates Nick Socha (33rd, personal best 16:59) and Zach Carey (35th, personal best 17:00).

Rounding out Canton's scoring were junior Andrew Lake (62nd, personal best 17:22), sophomore Daniel Jimenez (77th, 17:44) and junior David Kight (96th, 17:58).

### Salem recap

Salem's top runner for the day was sophomore Luke Haran. He finished the 5,000-meter race in 21st place with a personal best time of 16:33, collecting all-county honors.

"We finished seventh, running very well," Salem head coach Steve Aspinall said. "Six out of seven guys ran new season or personal bests."

Aspinall said Haran's strong showing moved him to third on Salem's all-time sophomore list



MICHAEL VASILNEK

The Plymouth varsity boys cross country team celebrates after winning the Wayne County meet. From left are Adam Stepek, Jacob Stewart, Jarrett Warner, Bassil Syed, Ethan Byrnes, Brandon Boyd and Carter Solomon.

Finishing next for the Rocks was junior Andrew Beyer, 45th overall with a personal best time of 17:08 — just a hair ahead of sophomore teammate Shane McKimmy (46th, personal best 17:08).

In 48th place overall was Salem senior Tyler Dew (personal best 17:10) while other finishers included junior Owen Parks (56th, personal best 17:17), junior Ryan Exell (66th, season's best 17:27) and senior Tyrin Johnson (71st, 17:34).

Aspinall added that the JV Rocks had a big day, winning that race and taking four of the top five individual places.

Victorious for the JV team was Alex

Kroll, followed by runner-up Alec Teodori. In fourth place was Nolan Teodori, with Christo Jeffers fifth.

"All four ran new lifetime bests," Aspinall noted.

Salem hosted the county meet, as always, and Aspinall said it was a successful day on all-accounts.

"As the host, we are always proud of the depth and success of the Wayne County Championships," Aspinall said. "This was the most well-attended year in meet history, according to the Metroparks and the level of competition is at an all-time high."

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WRESTLING CLINIC PROMO

## Young wrestlers have chance to learn at Oct. 22 clinic

Park wrestling teams co-hosting clinic for kids looking to improve

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Could the next Alec Pantaleo emerge from the Plymouth Canton Wrestling Club clinic slated for Saturday, Oct. 22 at Salem High School?

One never knows, but Pantaleo once was a youngster who wanted to drink up all the wrestling knowledge he could. Kids of all ages and abilities can do the same at the free program sponsored by Salem, Canton and Plymouth wrestling coaches.

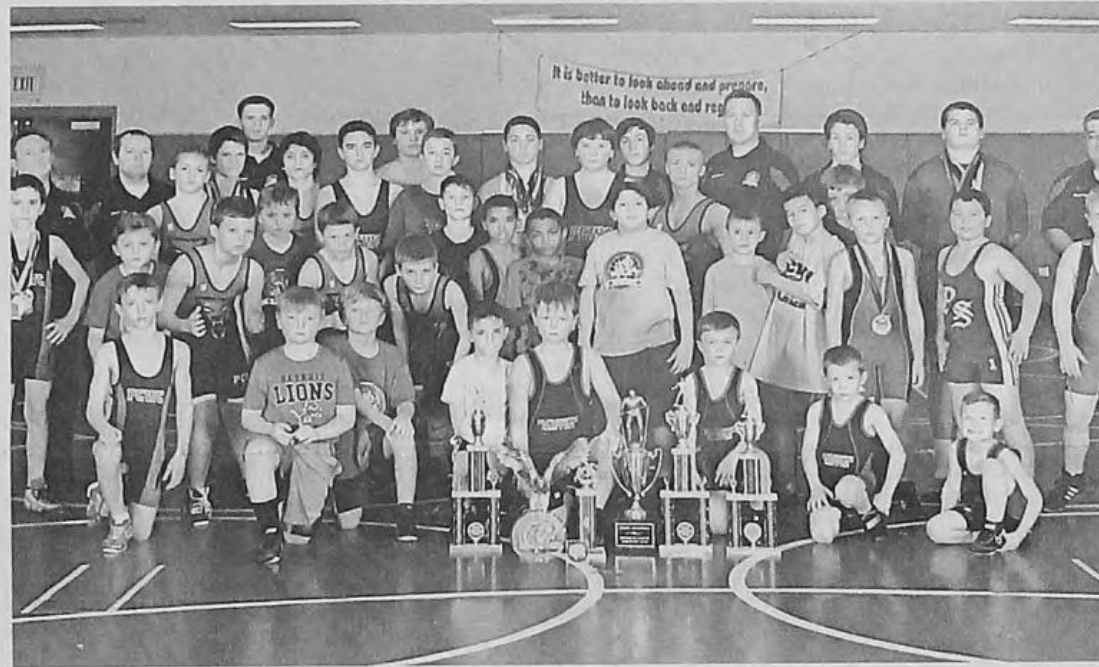
By the way, Canton alum Pantaleo now wrestles at the University of Michigan and was also a recent competitor for Team USA at the 2016 Junior World Championships in Macon, France (going 1-1 at 145 pounds).

"Kids can use this clinic and camps hosted by the club to see if they have interest in continuing with wrestling as well as learn technique, and build strength if they are already involved in wrestling," noted Rocks head coach Jeremy Henderson, himself a former all-state wrestler.

The clinic features two sessions: from 1-2:30 p.m. for youngsters in kindergarten through fifth grade; from 2:30-4 p.m. for middle school and high school students.

Conducting the program will be Henry Ford College head wrestling coach Grant MacKenzie.

According to Henderson, the clinic will



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The Plymouth Canton Wrestling Club is growing every year thanks to programs such as the Oct. 22 clinic slated for Salem High School.

help promote the sport and build middle school and club programs "which essentially feed to all three high schools."

Henderson added that the clinic also would welcome football players looking to ramp up toughness, durability and agility — all of which wrestling undoubtedly helps develop.

"The two sports go together and you can ask Grant MacKenzie himself, along with

all college football coaches," Henderson continued. "They love to see football players' winters spent wrestling."

All participants should wear gym clothes to the clinic.

The Salem High School Wrestling Room is located at 46181 Joy Road in Canton.

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GIRLS SWIMMING

## Canton downed by Northville

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Two Kensington Conference divisional leaders met Tuesday night and it was a bit of a win-win situation.

Northville's varsity girls swimming and diving team demonstrated overall strength in a 129-54 victory over Canton, but the Chiefs came through with a number of outstanding individual performances that show athletes trending in the right direction as the 2016 season reaches crunch time.

"Although the Northville Mustangs are a talented team," Chiefs coach Ed Weber said, "we did have several swimmers and dives to be proud about."

Canton, the first-place team in the KLAA South Division (4-2-0, 4-0-0), followed up Thursday with a 142-35 rout of Wayne Memorial.

At the top of the list against Northville, the Chiefs' 400-meter freestyle relay team of Jessica Clark, Jenna Leppek, Sophia Ballow and Meghan Mans broke the Canton pool record, which had stood for 15 years.

Best times were posted by Caitlyn Marsac (200 free), Abbey Jansen (200 IM, 100 breast), Maya Bhat (50 free), Jessica Clark (100 fly), Danielle Tabar (100 free), Emma Nesbitt (100 free), Leppek (500 free) and Christina Newton (500 free). Diver Annika Wang also was strong, outscoring all other divers.

"Outstanding swims by many of our girls," Weber said. "It's impressive to watch some of the talent on that Northville team, but it was nice to witness our girls stepping up for the competition."

"The final outcome was a bit lopsided, but the accomplishments were not."

### Salem prevails

On Thursday, visiting Salem earned a 99-87 win over KLAA Central Division rival Novi.

"Last night, we had several amazing races," Salem coach Brandon Larkins said. "We had Kate Grimes, who dropped nine seconds in her 500 free, and Ellie Repp, who dropped 12 seconds in her 500 free. Also, we had several other girls drop time in their 50 free."

## OCELOTS

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year's group.

"We made a lot of drastic improvements over the summer," said Andrew Lindsay, a forward. "We had that prospect camp and had a lot of good recruits come out. So far, we're looking pretty good, offensively and defensively."

"Everybody's moving the puck well. We're a lot more physical than last year and everybody on our team can skate this year. That's a big plus."

Concurring were two of the team's three co-captains, forward Vinnie Glenn and defenseman Andrew Nowak. Both played at Livonia Stevenson and are starting their second season with the Ocelots. Also a co-captain is forward and second-year player Sheldon Varhol, from Garden City.

The only other returnees are forwards Derek Klisz and Jacob Stanley and goaltender Brett Kates.

"We're always talking and we have much better skating," Glenn said. "We move the puck really well. And this early in the season, it can only get better."

Nowak's take was just as optimistic. "You can already tell it's a big difference from last year," he said. "The talent's just up there and we're a lot closer than we were last year. Everybody wants to be here, everybody's committed and it's going to be a great year."

Schoolcraft's 10-3 rout Oct. 8 of Washtenaw Community College showed that the self-assessment isn't too far off the mark. Scoring a hat trick was forward Matt Bederka, with forward Owen Hund (Garden City) scoring twice.

### Buzz-worthy

The players said the sky's the limit for the program, especially as word of mouth



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One of Schoolcraft's new hockey players is Zach Goleniak, shown last season with Salem.

about the team keeps building.

"We're getting a great buzz," Nowak said. "A lot more people are finding out about the team. We had a big tryout because word's been getting out."

"So far, it's becoming a really good thing on campus. Hopefully, it will get better moving forward."

Glenn said Schoolcraft is a good stepping stone for high school players and he added that the future is unlimited — especially if the program can move up from its current status as an American Collegiate Hockey Association club team.

"Some people can't afford to go away to big schools, so they come to Schoolcraft,"

Glenn said. "Knowing that there's a hockey team that can potentially be a D-III NCAA team, I think we can get a lot different type of guys, talent from all over the place, to come out."

Coach Lindsay also touts what might be. This year's team is playing in the ACHA, against club teams from colleges such as Michigan State, Lake Superior State, Grand Valley State and others. He plans on pushing the envelope enough for the Schoolcraft athletics department to add it as a varsity sport (currently, it is run by student activities).

### Club to D-III?

For many schools, the path to reach NCAA Division III status often begins at the club level.

"In the very beginning, this is the path (club to NCAA)," Rob Lindsay said. "Some of the big schools started out as club teams, then they became varsity teams, a lot of four-year institutions."

The Ocelots look ready for that jump, sporting new uniforms that are a step up from those worn in 2015-16. They now have a bona fide locker room at Redford Arena, formerly used by Dearborn Divine Child (although renovations are needed, Lindsay said).

Plus, a recent golf outing at Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth netted about \$7,000 to help cut players' ice bills. Everything's looking up.

"I'm extremely proud, just from where we came from," Andrew Lindsay said. "Last year, we started out with what we had on campus. Then we went out recruiting and we have a lot of awesome players on the team now."

"We're playing together. We're brothers and I want to see this program keep moving and keep going until we get to D-III NCAA."

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

# County show: Salem girls top field

Pack mentality sparks  
Rocks to county  
championship

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Salem's fastest performer at the Wayne County Championships trailed three Livonia Churchill runners.

Yet the Rocks — with all seven varsity runners clustered in a one-for-all pack — took down the Chargers by one point for the girls cross country title.

The Rocks tallied 86 points Oct. 8 at Willow Metropark in New Boston, to edge Churchill (87). Plymouth and Canton finished seventh and ninth, respectively, with 158 and 229 points.

"Today, the one-point victory was a great lesson in the importance of finishing strong, because every place counts," Salem head coach Dave Gerlach said. "It also shows the importance of all seven runners to push another team's score up higher."

"We preach every day that all 40 team members are important, because they all push the next person in front of them."

Salem's No. 1 runner for the day was Shea Wilson, who finished 11th overall with a time of 19 minutes, 32.4 seconds.

Wilson was one of seven Rocks to leave the course with an individual medal.

The others included Bridget Nelson (15th, 19:41.9), Gabrielle Mancini (19th, 19:49.2), Madison Grant (20th, 19:50.1), Hallie Younglas (21st, 19:54.2), Erin McCann (24th, 20:05.2) and Charissa Johnson (32nd, 20:27.7).

"We knew going in that Churchill was the team to beat, led by (their) three great runners," Gerlach said. "At the mile, they had four in front of our No. 1."

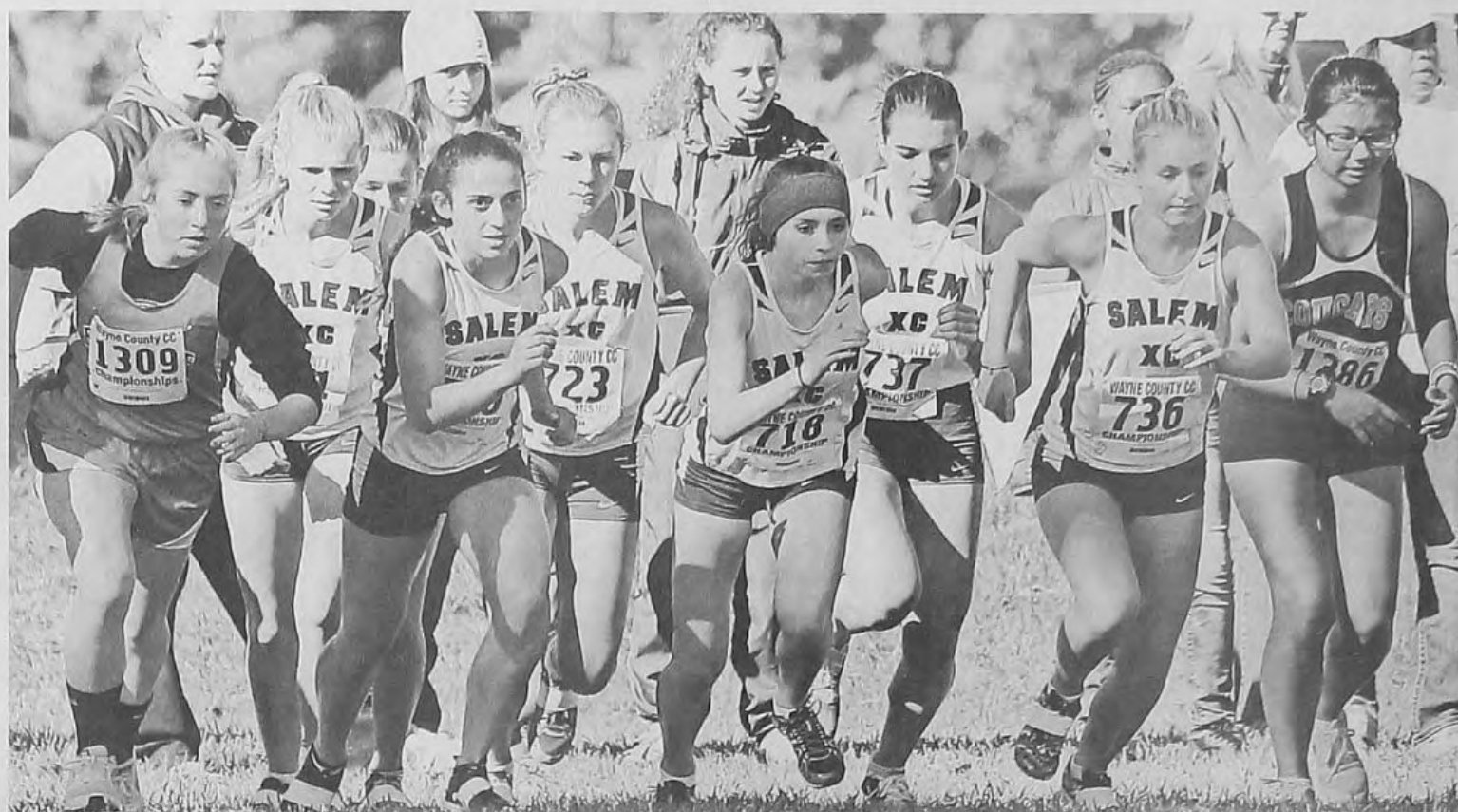
"At the end, Churchill had three runners in front of our No. 1 and another in front of our No. 3. We then packed in our entire varsity in front of their No. 5."

Churchill twins Caroline and Kathleen George finished third and fourth with times of 19:07 and 19:08, while Christina Murphy came in seventh (19:23).

Meanwhile, Plymouth and Canton had disappointing days in the team standings, but did have some outstanding individual showings.

Plymouth's Annie Bonds was sixth overall with a time of 19:15, while teammate Lily Tiplady took 14th (19:42).

For the Chiefs, Anna Nagelhout's



Determination is etched on the faces of these Salem runners as they spring into action at the county girls cross country meet. The Rocks finished first overall.



Salem's varsity girls cross country team members are all smiles after winning the Wayne County Championships (from left): Shea Wilson, Gabby Mancini, Erin McCann, Charissa Johnson, Bridget Nelson, Madison Grant and Hallie Younglas.



Salem's top finisher at the Wayne County Championships was Shea Wilson.

time of 19:38 was good for 13th overall.

**JV also strong**

Gerlach added that the junior varsity Rocks also had a stellar showing, cruising to the championship (15 points) while claiming the first nine spots in the individual standings.

Jessica Hughes won the race with a

time of 20:01.8 to pace the Salem pack.

In second was Hannah Jeffress (20:40.0), followed by Marnie Waggoner (20:46.8), Madalyn Simko (20:48.9), Claudia Shuler (20:50.2), Madison Justice (20:54.4), Annie Dermody (20:56.5), Lizzy Lu (20:57.5) and Anna Kubinski (20:59.1).

"We have been working the last two

weeks on running with passion, desire, drive and confidence," Gerlach said. "Today, the girls did all of those things and for that I am extremely proud."

"They are on a roll and we would like to keep things rolling through the next few championship competitions."

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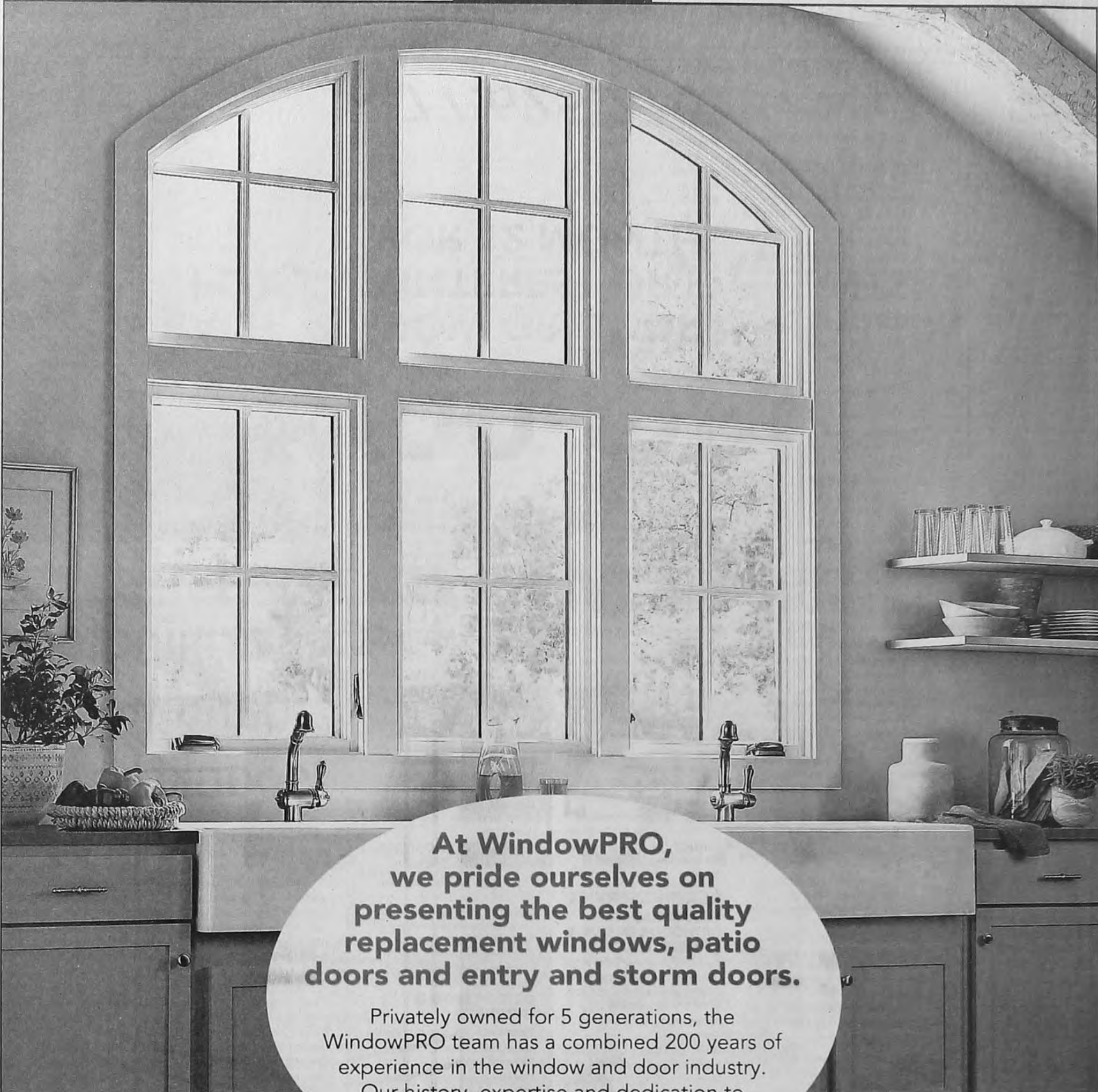
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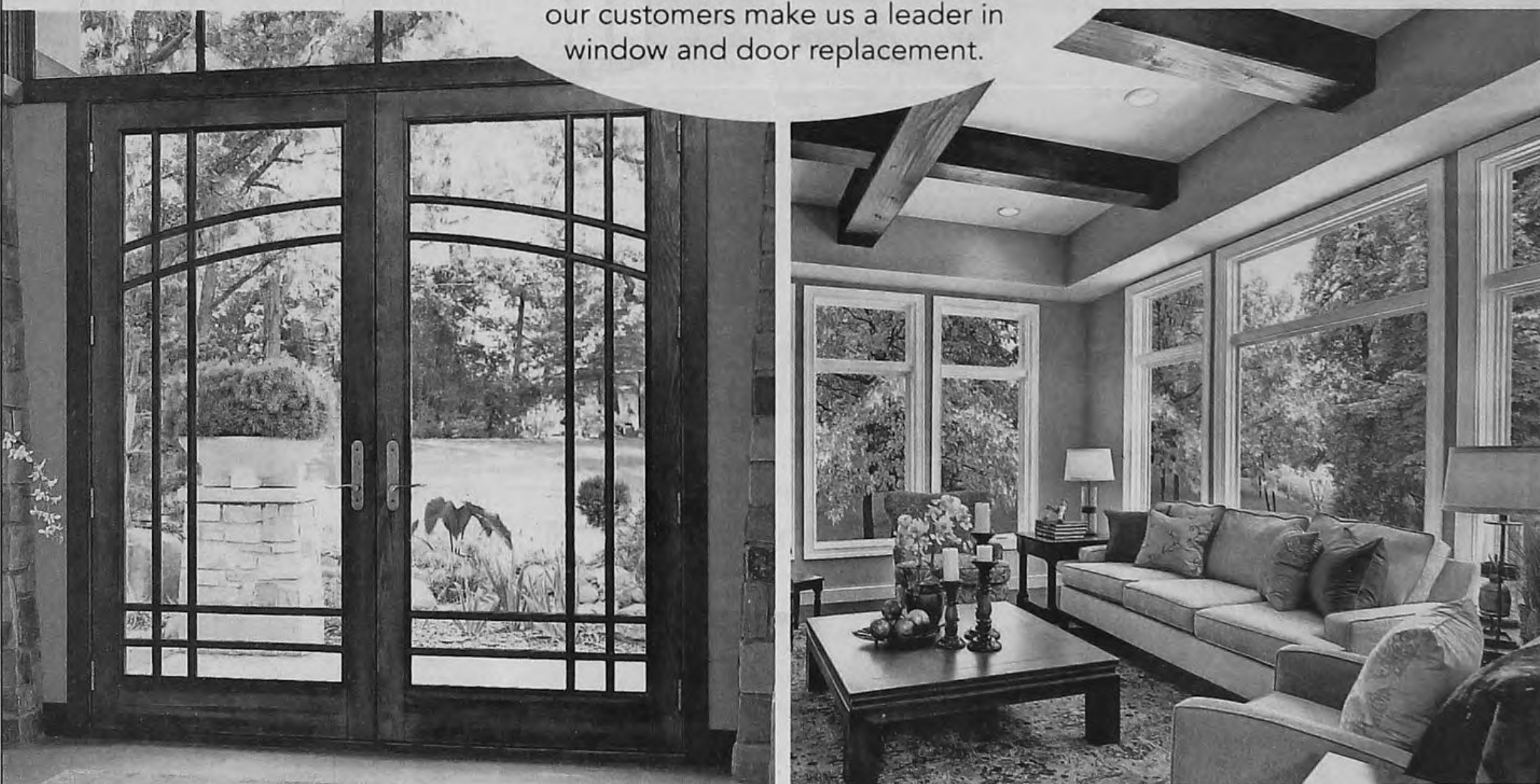
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## Be upfront about job gaps in an interview

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Not every job seeker's career path is conventional — sometimes, there are employment or other résumé gaps in their timeline that may warrant an explanation to a prospective employer.

Here's some advice from the pros on how to handle yourself during a job interview so you can portray yourself in the best light.

**Be proactive so you can steer the conversation.**

"Don't wait for a hiring manager to ask you about it," says Melissa Hirsch, senior recruiter at Betts Recruiting firm. "Include the gap in your background story when asked, 'Tell me about yourself.' Walk through your transitions and be open and honest. It's not a big deal if you don't make it one."

Juli Smith — president of The Smith Consulting Group, which offers executive search services — agrees that being forthcoming can put you in the driver's seat.

"The best defense is a good offense — be forthright and explain upfront about the gap in your employment so the interviewer doesn't have to ask you," Smith says. "This puts you in the position of steering



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the conversation and being able to be matter-of-fact about the gap."

**Don't lie.** "The best advice I can give is to be perfectly honest and explain why there is a gap — things like taking care of an elderly parent or sick relative or having to attend to personal or family matters," says Andrew Miller, president and CEO at BrainWorks, which offers executive search services. "If the reason is because you were searching and couldn't find anything, again there needs to be a decent reason, such as, 'I am not relocatable so that limits my options.'"

Regardless of whether it seems like a setback to an employer, be candid.

"Recruiters and HR managers understand the economy was really rough around 2009," says Jennifer Yeko, founder and recruiter of Ninja Recruiting. "If you took time off to raise a family or something — even though legally you don't need to disclose it during an interview — it might help explain a gap."

**Have a story to accompany the gap.** You should be in a position to offer an explanation for your unemployment or résumé gap.

"If you were fired because

your previous company was making cuts, this clearly is not your fault," says Adam Smiley Poswolsky, a millennial workplace expert, writer and speaker. "If you quit a previous job, why did you leave? Was the company culture not the right fit? Why do you believe this next opportunity will be a better fit for you, given your unique skills, interests and the impact you want to have on the world?"

**Be positive.** It's easy to blame a previous employer or make excuses, but skip the negative talk.

"When it comes time to address gaps on your résumé,

job seekers should address those gaps and the reason for those gaps positively," says Dr. Steven Lindner, executive partner of The WorkPlace Group. "Help the recruiter and hiring manager undo any incorrect assumptions or biases held about employment gaps. Talk about how you have used your time during employment gaps to prepare yourself for your next job."

**Highlight any skills you may have acquired during your time between jobs.**

Perhaps you took time off to travel or study — these can be beneficial not only to you but also to the employer.

"(For example,) did (you) volunteer full time for a while? Go traveling? Take a course that improved (your) skills and will help (you) to be an asset at this new company?" asks Valerie Streif, senior adviser at The Mentat, an organization that hires, manages and mentors candidates. "Things like this make it seem like less of a gap in employment because (you) were still learning and developing as a person."

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## FORD IS STILL WRITING A GROWTH STORY, WITH TRUCKS AND SUVs, WHILE IT PIVOTS TO LEADERSHIP IN SELF-DRIVING FUTURE



By Dale Buss

Ford doesn't look like much of a growth story right now: U.S. sales declined by 8 percent in September versus a year ago, as the company participates in an overall leveling off of the American automotive market after a six-year boom.

But the bigger you go in Ford's lineup, the more growth you see: Sales of its pickup trucks were up by more than 8 percent for the year to date while SUV sales were up by more than 5 percent, against a 12-percent decline in sedan sales.

Its strength up market is one reason Ford is ranked No. 33 in the new Interbrand Best Global Brands report, giving it the only place in the list of 100 brands taken by any U.S. automotive brand.

"This is a global list, so in part it's about the fact that no other American brand has the kind of broad global footprint that these other brands do, and Ford comes

closest," Daniel Binns, managing director in the automotive sector for New York-based Interbrand, told me.

"Also with Ford part of it is financial performance. And its strength of brand does well versus other mass manufacturers."

The trend toward stronger consumer preference for utility vehicles and larger models throws an especially interesting light on Ford's unwitting role in the presidential campaign, as Donald Trump continued to criticize the company's decision to move its small car production from Detroit to Mexico.

But lo and behold: What's moving into the factory in Wayne are completely new models that will help Ford tap into the fastest-growing categories. Sources are telling Automotive News that Ford's first product at the plant will be a new version of its Ranger mid-size pickup-truck nameplate, scheduled for output by 2018, to be followed in 2020 by an all-new Ford Bronco SUV—the nameplate that O.J. Simpson made eternally infamous by making it his "getaway" vehicle in 1996.

Meanwhile, Ford continues to retool for a future where it looks a lot more like a sleek Silicon Valley tech company than an old-world automaker. For example, Ford said that by year's end, three of its models—Focus Electric, Fusion Energi and C-Max Energi—will be able to

communicate with smart-home devices using Amazon's Alexa voice service by pressing a button on the steering wheel.

And overall, CEO Mark Fields recently described a path to future growth that will be strewn with self-driving automobiles, road-sharing services and Midwestern manufacture of high-profit trucks and SUVs—but making small cars only in Mexico.

In the short term, Fields warned, there also will be boulders on this path in the form of lower profitability as Ford ramps up spending for a higher-growth future. And foregoing short-term profits for long-term growth is another way Ford will resemble the digital tech companies that also are threatening to take over the future of automobility.

In fact, Ford projects returns of at least 20 percent from its various "mobility" ventures versus single-digit profitability from the business of making and selling vehicles to individual and fleet owners. "It's not about moving from an old business to a new business," Fields said. "It's about moving to a bigger business."



The Ford F-150 is a major part of Ford's growth plan.

And in that strategic calculation, which Fields has been rolling out over the past year or so, he's attempting to move Ford one major step beyond where his predecessor, Alan Mulally, left the company. Beginning in 2006, Mulally rallied Ford to survive the Great Recession on its own resources and bring out a worthy lineup of new vehicles for the great automotive sales recovery of the past seven years, including laying the groundwork for the hot-selling new aluminum-bed F-150 pickup trucks.

After warming up to the future implications of self-driving and ride-sharing only slowly in his first year or so on the job, by late last year Fields was embracing the new future with gusto. And recently he

laid out the consequences in their greatest detail.

The gist of the strategy is that Ford plans to start selling driverless cars to the public in about 2025, after a few years of selling self-driving taxis. "We're dedicated to putting autonomous vehicles on the road for millions of people, not just those who can afford luxury cars," Fields said.

But meanwhile, the company has made it clear that much of the work of putting those cars together and on the road will occur at its rapidly growing outpost in the Silicon Valley and within startups that it is acquiring or investing in, even though Ford also will spend heavily on overhauling its corporate headquarters operations in Michigan.



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