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New grocers add fresh competition

Busch's, Fresh Thyme set grand openings 1 week apart

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Call it the grocery store wars. Two new stores, Busch's Fresh Food Market and Fresh Thyme Farmers Market, are opening a week apart in Can-

ton, giving shoppers more options and bringing hundreds of jobs.

Four years after announcing it was coming to Canton, Busch's is opening Wednesday, March 15, after a massive renovation of the old Farmer Jack store at Canton Center and

Cherry Hill roads. Fresh Thyme has confirmed it plans to open for business on Wednesday, March 22, on Morton Taylor north of Ford.

Busch's and Fresh Thyme join the big chains, such as Kroger and Meijer, and smaller, independent stores like Holiday Market as Canton's grocery store competition heats up. The latest devel-

opments come as Canton also witnesses an uptick in residential growth, with 506 new housing permits issued just last year.

Canton Economic Development Manager Kristen Thomas said it's no coincidence that more grocery stores are following residential development trends.

"I think it's a positive sign of

our growth," she said. "We've got all these beautiful homes being built. We're not a stagnant community."

Busch's features a Starbucks Coffee, a barbecue eatery called J.B.'s Smokehouse, a bar serving 24 Michigan-made draft beers and a sushi and hot Asian bowl station, among

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Slider shops continue to deliver greasy goodness

David Veselenak
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Coney dogs are typically seen as the quintessential Detroit comfort fare. But Kelly Cobb, a manager at Hunter House Hamburgers in Birmingham, will contend that main food is another greasy treat: the slider.

"It's a local institution. It's just a distinctly Detroit thing," the Royal Oak resident said at the restaurant on Woodward Avenue. "If you go anywhere else, everyone says, 'oh, sliders like White Castle,' and you go, 'no, not really.' Nobody does it the way Detroit does it."

No matter what the preference, there's a longtime slider stand somewhere that can be found throughout the region. Be it Hunter House, Bates Burgers, Greene's or The Telway, these little hamburger stands serving up patties with fried onions, pickles, ketchup and mustard dating back to the 1950s have built on a life of their own. And despite the abundance of options for fast burgers in the 21st century, sliders are still going strong decades later.

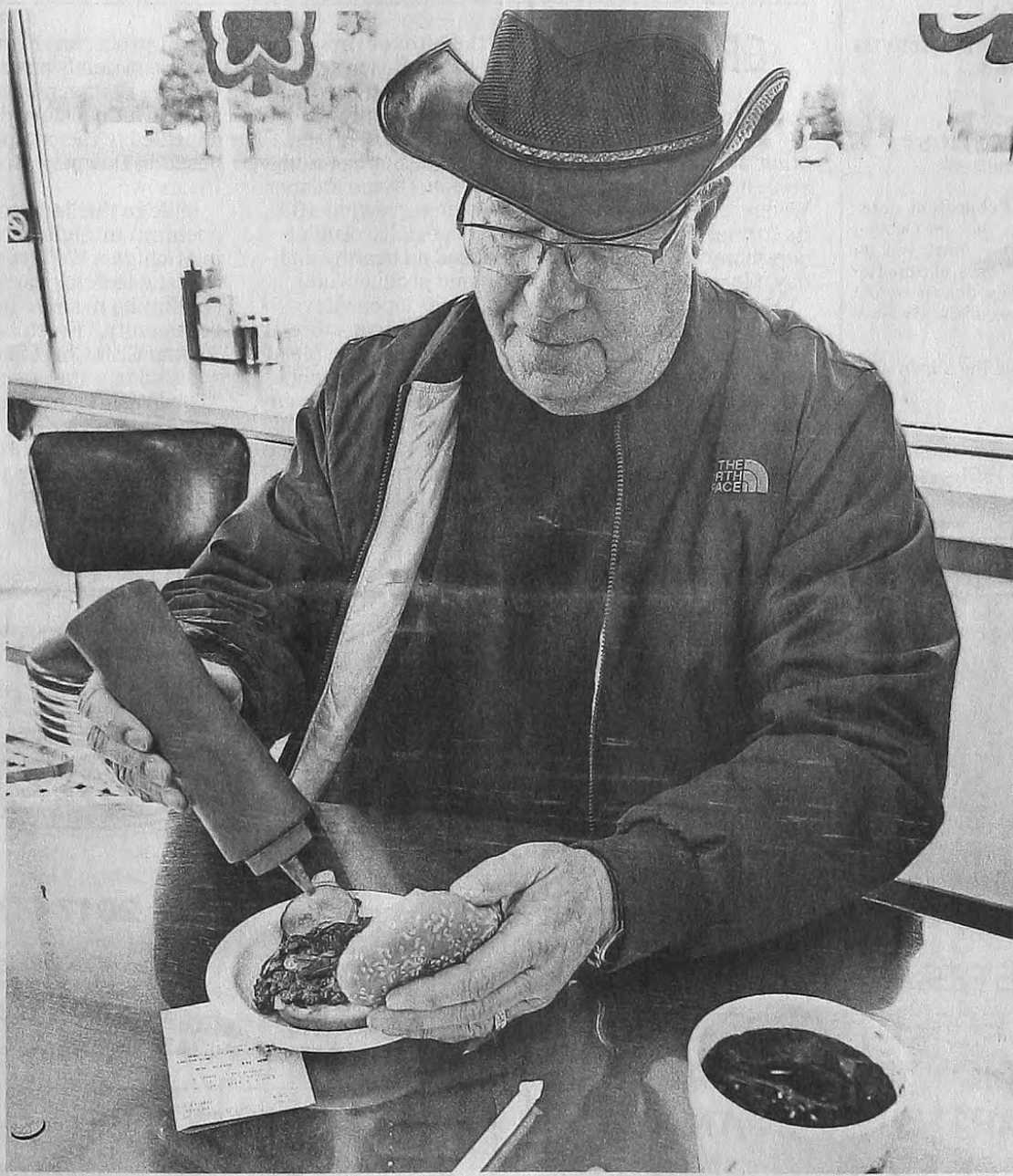
It's the nostalgia for the good ol' days that have kept so many slider businesses up and running, according to Kevin McCown. McCown is one of the "Michigan Burger Boys," who have traveled the state in search of a great patty. Calling himself the website's slider enthusiast, they've reviewed several stands across the region.

Combine the feel of going back in time and sitting at a stainless steel counter, along with the (relatively) inexpensive price for many of the burgers and the stories from family members passed down through the generations, and it creates a culture all its own.

"You go in there, and it's like you're stepping back in time," the Canton resident said. "Outside of the metro Detroit area, I've never come across anything like the slider."

Seeing such a hamburger place was eye-opening for Farmington Hills resident Amanda Seppala, who recently moved to the area about a year ago and who grew up in west Michigan. It wasn't until

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Livonia resident Clifford Carson adds a little ketchup to his burger.

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Kelly Cobb poses for a photo with two cheeseburgers and fries.

Area slowly rebounds from wind damage

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Plymouth-Canton area officials were hopeful Friday that power would be restored over the weekend to residents, businesses and government buildings still affected by the powerful wind storm Wednesday that pummeled southern Michigan.

The storm knocked out power to Plymouth City Hall, which was using a generator Friday to conduct business, but places such as the Plymouth District Library remained closed. City Manager Paul Sincock said a growing concern Friday was the Plymouth Cultural Center and its ice arena.

"The ice is melting," he said. DTE Energy estimated Friday that power would be restored by Sunday evening to 90 percent of 400,000 customers who remained in the dark.

Residents and municipal work crews in Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township continued to clean up widespread debris from a storm that toppled trees, snapped utility poles, downed power lines and snarled traffic.

GFL (Green for Life) Environmental, Inc., plans a special, one-week curbside pickup of residential yard waste in Canton and Plymouth townships. Chris Porman, municipal services director for the city of Plymouth, said city workers were making sweeps through neighborhoods to clean up debris as they routinely do, storm or not.

GFL's special yard waste collection pertains to storm damage and coincides with normal trash pickup days starting Monday. Local officials said twigs, branches, brush and wood debris should be tied with heavy twine into bundles no longer than three feet, no more than 1.5 inches in

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diameter and weighing no more than 50 pounds. Neither GFL nor municipalities will remove trees that are the homeowner's responsibility on residential properties. Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said trees that fell on public easements are the responsibility of Wayne County and should be reported by calling 888-ROADCREW.

"Clearly the worst is over," Heise said Friday morning, as clean-up efforts continued.

Heise announced Thursday three warming centers for residents who needed to escape cold homes amid the power outage. Those were the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N Territorial Road, St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 N. Haggerty Road and NorthRidge Church, 12401 Ridge Road.

In Canton, the Summit on the Park and the Canton Public Library were serving as warming centers during their normal hours. Canton also announced area-wide, temporary shelters including the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center's Hubbard Ballroom, 15801 Michigan Ave., and the Dearborn Public Schools McCollough-Unis Middle



This tree blocked Penniman, near Harvey, on Wednesday.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

School, 7801 Maple St. Police and firefighters responded to numerous calls during the storm, but local officials weren't aware of any serious storm-related injuries.

"I don't know of any incident where there was any injury," Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said. "It's definitely not a disaster. It's more of an inconvenience that anything else."

Canton Deputy Fire Director Christopher Stoecklein said police and firefighters in Canton received some 700 calls for service during the first 12 hours after the storm hit. Residents reported numerous downed power lines.

"The power is slowing coming back on," Stoeck-

lein said Friday. "We ended up not having any structure fires, which was great. We did have a couple of power lines on top of houses. Overall, we were very fortunate."

Stoecklein lauded DTE Energy for "a great job" responding to downed power lines. He also said police officers, firefighters and dispatchers effectively handled an extraordinary number of calls.

Canton Municipal Services Tim Faas said 7,500 local DTE customers remained without power as of Thursday, but progress was being made Friday. He said DTE crews had been in the community repairing utility poles snapped by strong winds.

Initially, thousands of

Plymouth-Canton homes and businesses had no power as winds topping 60 mph in some places wreaked havoc on the area. High winds toppled trees, including one that blocked a section of Penniman, near Harvey, and another that fell onto a house in Plymouth.

Stoecklein said at least one tree caused structural damage when it fell on a house in Canton.

Across metro Detroit, motorists in many places had to use caution at major intersections because traffic lights weren't working. Many were working again by Friday.

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TO: NATHAN ALLMOND

By order of the Court for Service by Publication dated February 6, 2017, you are hereby notified that on October 13, 2016, Jonathan Adam Sides filed suit against you for adoption. You are required to file with the Clerk of Superior Court and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, Justin Berelc, an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the Order of Publication.

Witness the Honorable Jeffery S. Malcom, of the Superior Court of Franklin County.

This the 10th day of February, 2017.

Jeffery S. Malcom
 Clerk, Franklin County Superior Court

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GROCERY

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other amenities. The store opens at 7 a.m. Wednesday but is saving its formal ribbon-cutting ceremony for 8 a.m. Friday, March 17.

Busch's customers can sign up for a chance to win a free year of groceries, and spokesman Mort Meisner said the first 150 shoppers March 15 get a Busch's eco-friendly shopping bag filled with local products.

The Canton store will

be the 16th for Ann Arbor-based Busch's.

"We think this will be the first and only of its kind of store in Michigan," Meisner has said.

Fresh Thyme Farmers Market, a growing Midwest specialty retailer focused on healthy and organic products and groceries, opens its eighth Michigan store at 7 a.m. Wednesday, March 22, following a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony the previous afternoon.

The first 250 shoppers 18 and older who are in line the morning of March 22 will get a free

bag of groceries. Fresh Thyme officials have said the Canton market and Ford Road corridor appealed to the company, based in Downers Grove, Ill.

"We're thrilled to be opening our eighth store in Michigan. We love this city and look forward to continuing to serve the community," Fresh Thyme CEO Chris Sherrill said in a statement. "The Fresh Thyme mission is to service our customers like family and to offer healthy, good food at really good prices."

Fresh Thyme has been described as larger than Trader Joe's but smaller than Whole Foods Market. Its niche includes natural, organic produce, hormone-free meats and fresh seafood, among other items.

Fresh Thyme's opening comes after the company in January 2016 received the go-ahead for its site plan from the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

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Conductor strikes chord for Michigan Phil

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An older man with gray, thinning hair is likely how many people imagine an orchestral conductor. The Michigan Philharmonic and its conductor, however, knocks that stereotype off the charts.

Nan Washburn, the award-winning conductor of the Michigan Phil — as it is affectionately known — is neither an old man nor has gray, thinning hair. She was among the early ones in what has become a growing cadre of female conductors leaving their mark on the orchestral world.

"I fought it — being a conductor," said Washburn, who has been with the Michigan Phil for 18 years. "I used to make fun of the bad ones. What I wanted to do was play in orchestras and teach."

But when Washburn began seeing other women conduct, she reconsidered her plans. "I was 30 when I set foot in beginning conducting class."

Today, the Plymouth resident is known not only for conducting the Michigan Philharmonic — formerly the Plymouth Symphony — but serving as its concert master and leading the organization's youth orchestra.

That's her day job. What Washburn has done for the Michigan Phil is what peanut butter has done for chocolate. She has added a strong and different dimension to music typically associated with symphonies. And she has helped in the evolution from the Plymouth Symphony to the now regional and increasingly popular Michigan Philharmonic.

Beth Stewart, Michigan Phil executive director, can't say enough about Washburn's dedication and role in the evolving orchestra and the music for which it is becoming known.

"She is very hands-on when working in all aspects," Stewart said. "I will give it to our board and administration to make it worth her while to stay here."

Washburn's touch is evident not only in choices of music and composers but the marketing, programming, fundraising and donor



TANYA MOUTZALIAS

Michigan Philharmonic conductor Nan Washburn gives it her all.

relations. What Washburn has done with the music is what Stewart believes has put the Michigan Phil on the map and yet also sets it apart from other smaller — and in some cases, larger — symphonies.



Washburn

"Nan's idea is that in the music world, new music is important. Classical music is no different than that," Stewart added.

Washburn experiments with what are known as classics, but has added popular music to the Phil's repertoire. For example, Halloween wouldn't be Halloween if Washburn didn't change up the Phil's music with scary stuff — just enough to thrill you, yet put you a bit on edge for the season.

Last weekend, Washburn was at the podium again leading the Phil musicians in "A Touch of the Irish," in time for St. Patrick's Day, but also in a celebration of Amy Beach's 150th anniversary. A composer and pianist, Beach was the first woman composer of western classical music, known as art music.

'Trial by fire'

With a bachelor's degree in music from the University of California at Santa Barbara and a master's degree from the New England Conservatory in Boston, Washburn then headed to the Con-

ductor's Institute at the University of South Carolina.

"I learned how to conduct. It was trial by fire," said the Denver native, who was raised in California.

What sets Washburn apart from that stereotypical sense of an old-world conductor is that she seeks out new composers, including women, who are collectively expanding the symphonic genre.

With a resume filled with awards and recognition, Washburn's latest triumph is receipt of the American Prize Ernst Bacon Memorial Award for the performance of American Music. She was honored for performances that included Michael Daugherty's "Ladder to the Moon," Carter Pann's "Slalom" and Kareem Roustom's "Hewar."

"This is a really big deal," Washburn said. "It really represents a body of work I did for many, many years."

The award is a testament to the efforts and successes Washburn has accomplished in bringing new American composers and their works to symphonies and the general public. In fact, it is not unusual if the actual composer of a piece Washburn is conducting with the Michigan Phil to be on hand to talk with the audience.

Practicing in mirror

She admits she practices conducting in the mirror because there is a certain amount of chor-

eography. As Washburn describes, a conductor is someone who leads the musicians, keeps time and decides how the piece will flow. "It's like being a traffic cop — more in terms of shaping the sound and the techniques."

For those who may have never thought of why a conductor waves his or her arms and fingers during a performance, there is a definite reason. "You gesture for the sound you want. It helps the musicians feel the sound I am going for."

"Harnessing the energy and the focus and having everyone engaged — that's a tough one."

In her tenure, Washburn has brought recognition to the Phil, including six ASCAP Awards, several prestigious grants from the Knight Foundation and 2nd Place honors from The American Prize, professional orchestra division.

In 2009, she was appointed the artistic director and principal conductor for the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, an ensemble that she founded in 2003. "She took it on and the results of that have been exponential," said Stewart,



MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Nan Washburn conducting the Michigan Philharmonic for its "Mama Mia" evening of music.

referring to the youth organization that draws from 13 communities.

For Michiganders, Washburn's fame has paralleled the growth of the Michigan Philharmonic. But she has had an award-winning career in other parts of the country.

She first received national attention as a co-founder, artistic director and associate conductor of the San Francisco-based Women's Philharmonic from 1980-1990, during which time she became one of the leading authorities on and advocates for orchestral works of women composers. Washburn researched and reconstructed historical scores, commissioned new works, and programmed and performed dozens of works by women. In addition, she created some of the orchestra's most successful projects, such as their educational concerts and the New Music Reading.

Her career has included conducting orchestras in California and guest appearances

with Oregon Mozart Players, Women's Philharmonic, Colorado and California All State Honor Orchestras, the University of Michigan Philharmonia and the Firelands Symphony in Sandusky, Ohio. She is also guest conducting with the San Luis Obispo Symphony.

"I love music. I love the challenge. I love the rhythm. We took baby steps with the music. I didn't want to shock audiences too much."

She loves bringing the best of all in the music world to the musicians in the Michigan Phil and to audiences. And, yes, she does like the classics of Bach and Beethoven. In fact, she will sneak some in when no one is looking — or listening.

"A lot of the classical stuff is on TV. Did you know that the 'Sabre Dance' (a movement in the final act of Aram Khachaturian's ballet 'Gayane') is used in the Scrubbing Bubbles ad?"

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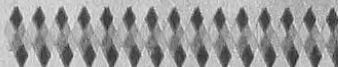
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she moved here she discovered Bates Hamburgers at Nine Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills and Greene's Hamburgers at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake in Farmington.

Now, she's hooked. "I try and limit myself to go only once a couple of weeks," she said. "It's cheap and it's delicious and it's fast. It's better quality than McDonald's."

All about family

Perhaps the biggest draw back to the slider counters is a sense of loyalty through family. These stands see plenty of activity, especially around family gathering times such as Christmas, Thanksgiving and events like the Livonia Spree, Founders Festival or Woodward Dream Cruise.

Lorrie Berlan said it's not uncommon for them to hear stories of people coming from out of town stopping at the Livonia Bates Hamburgers restaurant at Five Mile and Farmington heading to or from Detroit Metropolitan Airport, seeking a cheeseburger and fries.

She said the restaurant has gotten accustomed to at least one family who makes the trek to the hamburger joint after their holiday celebrations.

"For the last 10 years, they've been coming in the day after Christmas," the Redford Township resident said.

That loyalty is seen across the region when it comes to those little burgers, McCown said. Routinely, it's parents passing down the tradition of hitting up the burger joint to their children.

He's curious to see if that tradition continues.

"They're regulars, and they're loyal," he said. "I wonder if maybe 20-25 years from now, if these places will survive."



JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Alex Valente prepares fries in the kitchen at Hunter House in Birmingham.

Clifford Carson recently found himself inside Bates Burgers in Livonia. He had moved away to West Bloomfield but recently moved back to Livonia and rediscovered the nostalgia he had for the little burgers topped with onions. He said he used to take his son to Bates when he was younger. "I took my son here when he was small about 25 years ago," Carson said. "He used to play hockey at one of the ice arenas around here, and this was our little treat after practice."

From far and wide

These stands will tend to have a draw from all over, Berlan said. Bates routinely gets guests coming from outside the tri-county region, with people driving from Brighton or Lansing to just have a taste.

This desire is a big reason Hunter House decided to make a move and expand. After several decades of just operating on Woodward, the restaurant recently opened a new restaurant on East William Street between State Street and Maynard in Ann Arbor back in 2014.

Cobb said many of the young people who grow up eating Hunter House

end up going to school in Ann Arbor, bringing their hunger and cravings for sliders with them.

"A lot of the kids that grow up around here go to Michigan," he said. "And so, it's kind of a natural move for us out there."

"It's all nostalgia. People know what the food is, they know it's good, they keep coming back."

Joseph Dillard has made a habit of seeking out these small slider diners. A Warren resident, he still finds his way over to Birmingham on a regular basis to enjoy some classic Hunter House fare. He said he's traveled the area and even eaten routinely at Bates Burgers in Livonia when his son was enrolled in school in Redford.

As long as the grill is still hot and the sliders are still greasy, he'll always find his way.

"I actually only needed to go to Clawson, but I came this far just to get the cheeseburgers," he said. "When you've got a craving for one of these burgers, you gotta go."

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Student radio station scores statewide broadcast honors

The Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation honored 11 Plymouth-Canton Educational Park students in their annual High School and College Awards Competition.

The MABF presented the awards during the Great Lakes Broadcasting Conference and Expo on Wednesday, March 8, in Lansing.

P-CEP students received 11 of the 30 awards presented in the high school radio category. The students received five first place awards in the 11 categories.

"Our students continue to amaze us each year. They are consistently among the best in the state and we couldn't be prouder," said Bill Keith, station manager.

The MABF received almost 700 High School and College entries in the radio and television competition. The entries came from over 30 schools.

Plymouth Senior Amanda Barberena also received the WXYZ-TV



Staffers from 88.1 the Park, Plymouth-Canton's student-run radio station, earned a bevy of awards from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation.

Broadcasting Scholarship at the conference. She was recognized among current college students for this special honor.

"Amanda is so deserving of this recognition. She is a wonderful leader at our radio station and her impact at 88.1 will be felt for many years. We are lucky to have her on our staff," said Keith.

Winners from 88.1 the

Park included:

» First Place - On Air Personality or Team - Zain Omair (Canton senior)

» First Place - Daily Newscast/News Feature - Sam Badger (Canton sophomore)

» First Place - Daily Newscast/News Feature - Mathieu Mondro (Canton senior)

» First Place - Daily Newscast/News Feature

- Jack Krumm (Canton sophomore)

» Second Place - Daily Newscast/News Feature - Abby Morningstar (Salem senior)

» First Place - Talk Show - Saba Mangla (Plymouth junior)

» Second Place - Public Service Announcement - Danni Adegbite (Salem senior)

» First Place - Sports Public Service Announcement - Sam Badger (Canton sophomore)

» First Place - Sports Public Service Announcement - Saba Mangla (Plymouth junior)

» First Place - Sports Public Service Announcement - Fiona Hughes (Canton sophomore)

» Honorable Mention - Promotional Announcement - Maisy Seale (Plymouth sophomore)

» First Place - Digital Media Experience - Amanda Barberena (Plymouth senior)

» First Place - Digital Media Experience - Maisy Seale (Plymouth sophomore)

» Second Place - Most Innovative Media Technology - Saba Mangla (Plymouth junior)

» Second Place - Current Events Program - Serafine Hinz (Salem junior)

» Honorable Mention - Current Events Program - Sam Badger (Canton sophomore)

The MAB Foundation is dedicated to promote, support and enhance the broadcast industry for the good of all Michigan citizens, through education, research, public service, historical preservation, information dissemination and a commitment to diversity in all aspects of the broadcast industry.

WSDP is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem High Schools serve as staff members; 88.1 The Park is celebrating 45 years of serving the Plymouth and Canton communities.

Communication, not hateful rhetoric, needed from our leaders

Senator Gary Peters hails from Bloomfield Hills. Disclosure first: I voted for him in his Senate race and when he ran for Congress in our district. I also did not vote for Donald Trump, mostly because of what I considered to be the outrageous things he said during the campaign and in my view his unrepresentative like conduct.

Since President Trump took office, and even beforehand, media coverage, as he careens from one morass of his own making to another, has been ubiquitous and



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

deafening. And while I am resigned to the likelihood that this circus will continue while he remains in office, I certainly hope that it will not.

So when an equally obnoxious email from Sen. Peters arrived in my inbox recently I didn't appreciate it either. In it, our senator writes: "Trump wants to damage middle class families by trying to strong arm his

unqualified nominees into office..."

Characterizing our president with nefarious and evil intent to harm the middle class of our country, in my opinion, is just as corrosive to the functioning of our democratic system as some of the president's conduct. Had Sen. Peters written "I believe Trumps policies and actions will hurt the middle class..." I wouldn't have had a problem with it and I wouldn't be writing this column. The Senator is certainly entitled to his opinion

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Scenes from Wednesday's wind storm

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Numerous trees fell in the high winds. This tree just missed hitting bleachers at a softball diamond located at the southwest corner of Ford Field in Livonia.



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Over two hours later, firefighters are still battling the blaze, and the roof of the home begins to collapse.



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Workers cover a hole in the roof at the Highland Township Fire Station 1, where an evergreen fell and pierced the roof.



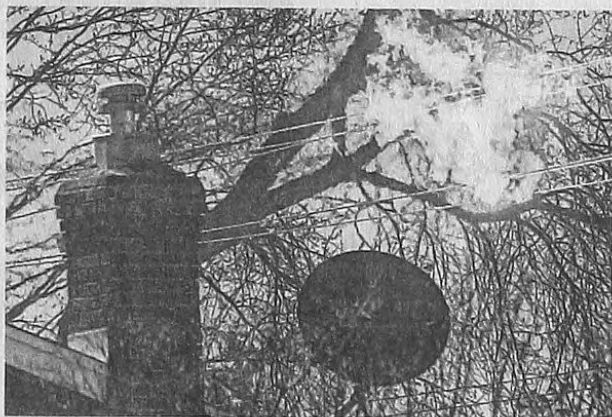
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Firefighters pour water on the home, located on Westmore, south of Lyndon, in Livonia.



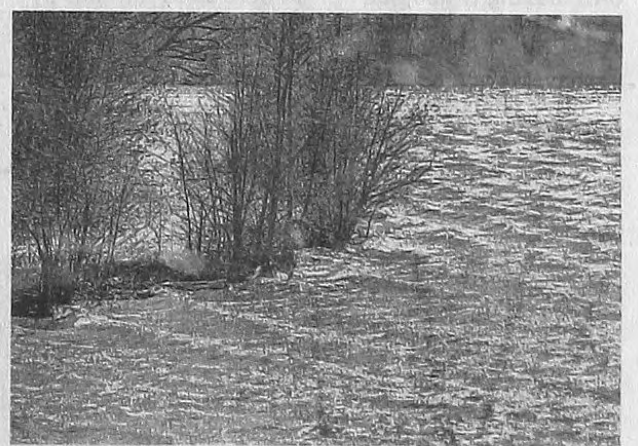
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Northville firefighters and city personnel on the scene of a large maple tree that fell and barely missed a home at 212 Lake St. in the late afternoon Wednesday.



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Power lines arc behind the burning home on Westmore, south of Lyndon.



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Late Wednesday fire damages Plymouth home

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A quick response by firefighters helped limit damage to a two-story house that caught fire Wednesday night at 1260 Ann Arbor Trail between Joel and McKinley streets in Plymouth, Fire Chief Steve Ott said.

A man who lives in the house escaped unharmed with a pet, Ott said.

The fire was reported just after 11 p.m. Ott said the cause remains under investigation but the heaviest damage occurred in the joists be-

tween the basement ceiling and the first floor.

"I would say we were able to limit the spread of the fire with a quick attack and a quick knock-down that limited the damage to the home," Ott said.

Officials have found no indication the fire was related to high winds that pounded the area Wednesday.

Firefighters were on the scene about four hours and Ann Arbor Trail was closed to through traffic for a little more than two hours, Ott said.

Firefighters from the Plymouth and Northville stations of the Northville City Fire Department responded to the fire and received mutual aid help from Plymouth Township firefighters.

"We appreciate the help of the Plymouth Township Fire Department," Ott said.

He also lauded Huron Valley Ambulance for coming to the scene, though it turned out no one was injured.

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Firefighters battled a blaze Wednesday night on Ann Arbor Trail

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

'They don't make them like they used to' holds true

It was not so long ago that I watched a news special on television which talked about print media being on a slow downhill slide due to the high-tech world we live in today. It stated that the newspapers which covered local communities would continue to become more popular than ever before.

The following email I recently received is an example of why I continue to write this column after many years of doing so: "Dear Joe, my sister forwarded me your column from Hometown Life and I read it immediately because I have a house full of appliances that were bought in 1995. They are still running fine, possibly because I'm a single guy who doesn't overuse or abuse



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

them, but I'm guessing they will all need replacement within five years. I'm especially concerned about the fridge and the dishwasher, both Jenn-Airs, since they could cause a mess if they fail. Neither has given me any problems to date. Correction, I had to call a repairman once for the fridge, about eight years ago, because of an icing problem. It was solved and it's run fine since.

"I also had to call my appliance guy last week for my clothes washer, which stopped mid-cycle, a top-loading Kenmore

also of 1995 vintage. He found and fixed the problem and told me, 'Keep this machine until it fails apart and can't be fixed anymore because the new ones have more complicated drives and need more repairs and fail much sooner than these older models.' If you write a regular column, I'd like to get it by email, if you have an email distribution for it. I figure I could use your information and perspective to help me make good choices when the time comes to replace my appliances.

"One thing I know already is that I'd like to avoid Chinese-made appliances. Some things made over there are good, some aren't. You don't know until you buy whatever it is. A sales-

man at ABC Warehouse told me recently when I was checking out new fridges that Whirlpool has brought all its manufacturing back to the U.S. and everything of theirs is now made in Ohio, I think it was. Is that true? Sorry for the long message. Hope your column available by email. Signed, Jim."

Reply: Well, Jim, I must thank you for the long message as it hits many subjects I write about and hope to do so for many more years. As for Whirlpool's production standards these days, I will trust the salesperson who gave you this information. I will trust that if you found out he knew different or didn't know what he was talking about, you might not deal with him

again. But then again, there is so much fake news going around these days one can never know what to believe.

I also don't like what is being made in China and 95 percent of the recalls I read on my radio show come from exactly that country. I would agree with the service technician who told you to keep that old 1995 Kenmore washer. It is built like a tank and has two major components that are common to fail. One is the coupler between the transmission and the motor and the other is the plastic lid switch and both of these parts are commonly changed by homeowners.

I will help you along the way as my personal email is at the bottom of what you are reading. As

for your sister's consideration in sending my column to you, please thank her for me. I wonder if she is the lady I recently met who has saved every one of my columns and places them in a scrap book after she sends copies to relatives across the country.

As for the email system, that is not necessary. You can go to hometownlife.com and read many of the past columns to catch you up on the appliance world news. Meanwhile, stay healthy and remember, "They don't make them like they used to." Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. each Saturday on WAAM-AM (1600). You may email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmri.rr.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Coffee hours

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson will be hosting Coffee Hours in Garden City and Westland with elected officials from the State of Michigan on Monday, March 13.

Coffee Hour in Westland will be co-hosted with State Reps. Robert Kosowski and Jewell Jones from 9-10 a.m. at Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 North Wayne Road.

Coffee Hour in Garden City will be 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Michigan room at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood St. Garden City Coffee Hour will be co-hosted with state Sen. David Knezek and Rep. Jewell Jones.

Blues, Jazz at the Elks

Blues @ The Elks happens on the second Tuesday of the month from 7-10 p.m. at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society. There is a \$5 donation at the door.

On Tuesday, March 14, the Kathleen Murray Band will be featured. Playing are Kathleen on vocals, Mike Ferencz on guitar, Cray Scott on bass, Bob Bowman on drums, and Evan Mercer on keys.

Jazz @ The Elks happens on the last Tuesday of the month from 7-9:30

p.m. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

On Tuesday, March 28, the popular The Paul VornHagen Quartet will perform. Hear the standards and some of his original songs. Playing with him on reeds, Chuck Shermetaro on keyboard, Kurt Krahnke on bass and Scott Kretzer on drums.

The Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, email jazzattheelks@gmail.com or visit www.plyaa325.com.

Freedom House Detroit presentation

Deborah Drennan, executive director of Freedom House Detroit, will be the speaker at the 7 p.m. March 14, Citizens for Peace meeting at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. She will share her experiences and insights on the residents of Freedom House Detroit, people who are survivors of persecution from around the world who are seeking asylum in the United States and Canada. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or visit www.citizens4peace.com

Kindergarten roundup

St. Michael Lutheran School, 3003 Hannan

Road in Wayne, is having kindergarten roundup at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16. A tour of the school and information about the program will be provided. Guests will receive a free hot pizza to take home for dinner. For more information, call 734-728-3315.

P-CEP all night party

To raise money for the Plymouth-Canton Education park senior all night party, the public is invited to a vendor fair for all things graduation party, tents, caterers, photo booths, and all sorts of other things. It is free to get in and lots of vendors will have deals that day if parties are booked. It is in the Salem Cafeteria at Salem High School from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18.

Belle Isle talk

At 2 p.m. Monday, March 20, the Livonia Historical Society will present a program on "Our Island Jewel: Detroit's Belle Isle Park," presented by Brendan Roney of the Detroit Historical Society. Meet at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, Livonia's Historical Park, which is off Newburgh Road, just south of Eight Mile Road. The parking lot is to the right as you enter and in front of the House.

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JAMES 78, of Mackinaw City, formerly Livonia. Passed away March 8, 2017. For a complete obituary, www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

CAUGHEY

DR. ANDREW FRANCIS JR., was born in Detroit on August 4, 1921 and died in Livonia on March 1, 2017 at the age of 95. Andy graduated from Cooley High School, and then attended the University of Michigan (BA 1943, MD 1945). Andy was an Eagle Scout, HAM radio enthusiast, pilot, and above all else a physician and life long student. After retiring from the practice of OB-GYN (he practiced medicine for more than 50 years), Dr. Caughey enrolled again at the U of M and received a Masters' Degree in Public Health in 1999 at the age of 78. He is survived by his wife Walda Jo, six children (Madeleine Caughey, Emily Celino, Patricia Gordon, Pamela Magaro, Andrew Caughey III, and Shelley Adams), two step-children (Robert Steffes, BethAnn Korczyk), 15 grandchildren and three step-grandchildren; preceded in death by step-daughter Francine Steffes. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

SMITH



SIDNEY W. JR., A prominent Detroit, Michigan lawyer for over forty years, passed away on March 7, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Smith was born on May 13, 1920 in Ogdensburg, New York. After serving in World War II, he earned undergraduate and law degrees from Duke University. Mr. Smith was Senior Partner of the Clark, Klein and Beaumont law firm until his retirement in 1990. He specialized in tax, corporate and business law, and absolutely loved the law and serving his devoted clients. Following his retirement, he was Of Counsel for the law firm Dawda Mann in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, where his former partner and dear friend, Curt Mann, was a Founding Partner. Mr. Smith served on the boards of several corporations and foundations, and was especially devoted to the Baldwin Public Library, Duke University Law School, where he endowed a permanent scholarship, and the Detroit Zoo. Outside of his professional and philanthropic work, Mr. Smith also enjoyed life to the fullest. He was a member of The Detroit Club, Birmingham Athletic Club, and Orchard Lake Country Club, where he was an avid golfer. He loved adventurous travel with family members, having backpacked, horse-packed, white water rafted and traveled to the Middle East, Europe, Africa, Peru and Mexico. Mr. Smith is survived by Margaret, his wife of 70 years, and his four children: Sarah Hoffelz (Fred) of Indianapolis, Indiana; Sidney W. Smith III (Gloria) of Boston, Massachusetts; Susan Whiting of Santa Margarita, California; and Amy O'Connor (Terry) of Delmar, New York. He also is survived by eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Most of all, Sid was a humble, self-made man who lived a full and wonderful life, and made an enormous difference in the lives of those fortunate enough to have known him. There will be a private memorial service for his family in Indianapolis at a later date. His ashes will be interred in the Sarah P. Duke Gardens at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. The family requests that any memorial contributions be made to the charity of your choice.

WIDGER OSBORNE



KATHLEEN MARY passed away on Thursday March 2nd peacefully at home in Florida. She was born February 18, 1945 in Buffalo, New York. Kathy grew up in Lathrup Village, Michigan and was a graduate of Marian High School in Birmingham. She attended Marquette University in Madison, Wisconsin where she met Russell Widger (married 1964-1980). She later moved to Florida, where she ran an In-home daycare, spending her summers in her well-loved family cottage in Port-Austin, MI. Kathy is survived by her four children Meghan (Garry) Caldwell, Molly (Peter) Berberich, Russell (Paulina) Widger and Vincent Widger; her grandchildren Samantha, Mariah, Abigail, Aileen, Camly, Sian, Callum and great granddaughter Hallie. She also leaves siblings James (Gloria), John, Joan and Margaret (Bill) O'Neill, as well as many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, James and Helen Osborne, sisters Gael (Stan) Rogers and Mary Schmit (Rick), as well as brother-in-law William Clements and sister-in-law Rosemary Green. Lovingly known as "Oma", Kathy was an avid sewer, crafter, dog lover and gardener. She planted flowers in many people hearts that will bloom on forever. Services will be planned for a future date.



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and to share it. Many people in our country also feel this way.

But there are many others, including academics, who cast enough votes to elect the president that believe his proposals will make things better for the middle class, not worse. And although I may or may not agree with the president's policies, saying that he wants to deliberately harm the middle class is a statement way over the line, and only serves to add fuel to the political fires burning in Washington, making it more difficult for our government officials to work together toward anything accomplished.

After reaching out to

the senator's office for comment regarding my concern, I was told that the letter came from his campaign office and a day later, Amber Moon, his press spokeswoman, contacted me to discuss these concerns. After a few discussions and emails, she provided the following statement for this column: "Throughout his career in public service, Senator Peters has always strived to work across the aisle and find bipartisan, commonsense solutions to the problems facing Michigan.

"He remains open to working with President Trump, but will stand up when he is not acting in the best interests of Michigan families. Sen. Peters is extremely discouraged by President Trump's divisive approach since taking office, which includes a number of cabinet secre-

taries whose policies are harmful to Michigan's middle class — from privatizing Medicare, repealing the Affordable Care Act, cutting taxes for big corporations, undermining public education and rolling back clean air and water protections."

I am certainly glad that Sen. Peters remains open to working with President Trump, which is the way I believe it should be, and I hope that in these divisive times we will all be more careful in how we publicly communicate our opinions so that we can try to work together to make things better.

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CLASS D DISTRICTS

PCA boys cagers roll to district title

Big second half by Malcolm sparks Eagles to 70-38 win over Rudolf Steiner

Tim Smith
Hometownlife.com

Yes, Plymouth Christian Academy did lead 26-20 at halftime of Friday's Class D boys basketball district final against Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner.

But the wearers of the purple might have been feeling a little blue because the game at PCA wasn't going as smoothly as they thought it should have.

"I think we were a little overzealous in the first half," Eagles head coach Matt Windle said. "We had a few jitters coming out, which can be understandable."

The tables turned in the third, largely thanks to a 13-point frame from junior wing Matt Malcolm, and PCA got on a roll that continued until closing out a 70-38 victory. It was the Eagles' first district title since 2010.

"We came out in the second half and calmed down," said Windle, whose 15-7 team will face Hillsdale Academy at 5 p.m. Monday at the Lansing Christian-hosted regional. "We played our basketball and really settled in after that."

"We did a great job pressuring them defensively in the

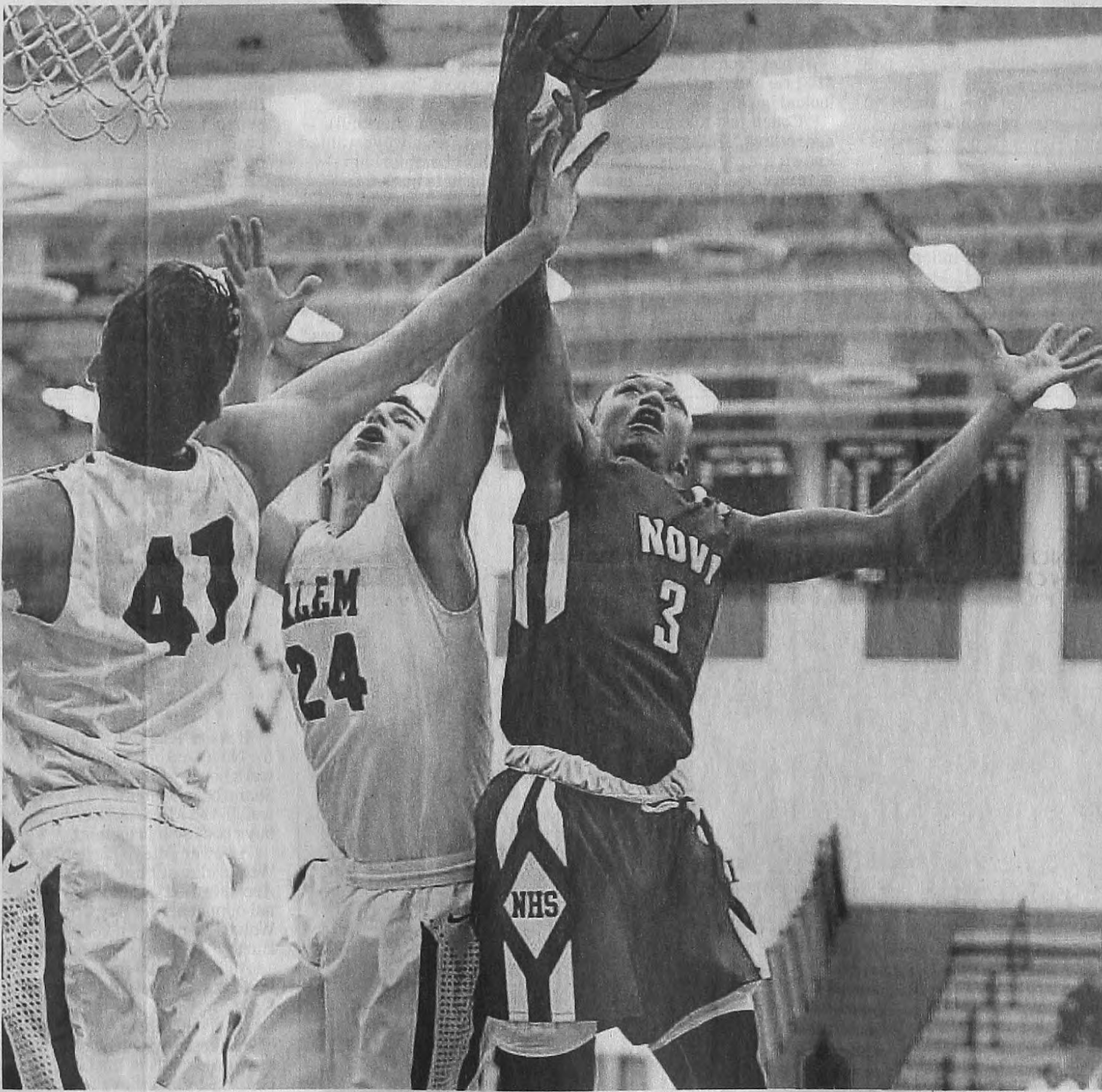
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TOM BEAUDOIN

The Plymouth Christian Academy boys basketball team is all smiles after winning Friday's Class D district final, 70-38, over Rudolf Steiner.

BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICTS



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Vying for a rebound Wednesday are Salem seniors Kyle Winfrey (41), Jeff Whalen (24) and Novi sophomore Giovanni Miles (3).

BOYS BASKETBALL

Plymouth can't shake Mustangs

Wildcats stymied 48-37 by Northville in Class A district semifinal

Tim Smith
Hometownlife.com

Playoff time is crunch time.

And Class A district host Northville rose to the occasion in Wednesday's 48-37 win over Plymouth — in what was a blue-collar effort by both squads.

Both teams didn't shoot the lights out, but there was no shortage of hustle plays all over the court.

"The first time we played them in December (a 59-56 loss) we really got beat on all the 50-50 balls," said Mustangs senior guard Kevin Morrissey, who tallied 10 points, six rebounds and three steals. "So that was a big emphasis tonight, to get all the loose balls, shut them down and get them one shot per possession."

Extra energy also was generated by senior guard Jack Burke, who came in off the bench to provide an emotional spark.

Burke missed virtually the entire season after sustaining a Lisfranc (foot) fracture in Northville's football playoff game against Canton in November.

"Kevin is an energy guy, certainly Burke gives us a lift off the bench as well," Northville head coach Todd Sander said. "But we expect so much of Kevin, he's always guarding one of the other team's best players."

"He helps get everyone in the right spots and defense has not been one of our strengths to date. But the guys are really buying in and playing great team defense."

One of Plymouth's top scoring threats, junior forward Tariq Woody, opened the game with a trey from the left corner to give the Wildcats a quick 3-0 lead.

But those would be Woody's only points of the night, largely because of a

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END OF THE LINE

Salem unable to hold off high-scoring Novi in Class A district semifinal

Tim Smith
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Novi's penchant for going on potent offensive runs stung Salem in Wednesday's Class A district semifinal at

Northville.

The Wildcats got off to quick starts in each of the two halves and the hard-working Rocks just could not overcome those obstacles, as Novi rolled to a 55-41 victory.

With the win, coupled with Northville's 48-37 win later Wednesday against Plymouth, the district final at 7 p.m. Friday will pit the two KLAACentral Division rivals.

"Coach (Brandon Sinawi) just wanted us to come out and play strong," said Novi senior Alec Begeris, who launched two treys in the first 45 seconds of the game to

give the Wildcats a lead they would never relinquish.

"They weren't going to let down for us no matter what happened in the regular season."

"So to come out and get an early lead like that really set the tone for the rest of the game. that really helped us

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Three-peat for Schoolcraft men's team

Second-half surge enables Ocelots to rally past Muskegon for MCCA championship

Tim Smith
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After a tough first half Saturday, with his team trailing 45-40 to Muskegon at the intermission, Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Abe Mashhour boiled things down to the basics.

Play better defense in the final 20 minutes or else lose the chance to win a third consecutive MCCA championship.

The Ocelots did that and everything else they needed to do, with a 10-0 run launching a 49-point second half that resulted in a convincing 89-74 win. Schoolcraft (23-5) now moves on to the NJCAA District Tournament, receiving a first-round bye Tuesday.

"We just started playing with better energy on the defensive end," Mashhour said. "I think our press wore them down. That's the good thing about our depth. Obviously, they shot the ball really well for the first 20 minutes, they were 50 percent from the 3-point line (9-of-17 in the first half).

"But to sustain that four over 40 minutes is not easy to do for any team, as great as Muskegon is at shooting the ball. We made it a little tougher for them and got them out of rhythm a little bit."

The Jayhawks (22-6) made just 2-of-18 attempts from beyond the 3-point line in the second half and Schoolcraft parlayed plenty of steals (three from Richard Talley) and fast breaks into transition buckets.

Leading the Ocelots with 23



The Schoolcraft College men's basketball team rallied Saturday to win the MCCA championship. It was the third straight title for the Ocelots, coached by Abe Mashhour (far left). TIM SMITH

points was Walt Kelsner (Walled Lake Central), with Delo Hansbro (16 points), Tariq Jones (13 points, nine rebounds) and Kevin Hayes (11 points) also chipping in.

Catalysts

Schoolcraft's rally began shortly after Talley and Kelsner rejoined the lineup minutes into the second half. Muskegon enjoyed a 51-44 lead, but before the Jayhawks could add another point it was a 54-51 Ocelots lead.

A trey from Kelsner broke a 51-51 tie and the Ocelots never looked back.

"Coach just told me to be aggressive," Talley said. "I'm known for my defense, so a lot of times be a defensive threat and run my team when I'm on offense. We came in, got a couple steals, went on a 10-0 run and, once we got the momentum, there was no stopping us."

Talley said winning with a freshman-laden team "feels good. Most of us are coming

back next year, so maybe go for a four-peat."

Another freshman, Joan Andoni (Livonia Churchill), added that "we always wanted to win this championship — back to back to back."

Mashhour, meanwhile, said it is gratifying to win with a largely different team on the heels of two squads that advanced to the NJCAA elite eight.

"It means a lot that we've done it with different groups," Mashhour said. "In junior col-

lege, the group changes year to year. So it's very important for that and just goes to show the support we get here at Schoolcraft from the administration on down.

"Mr. Fox is as good an athletic director as there is in the state and it's just a blessing to work for him. And, obviously, we've been blessed with some very, very good kids and very good basketball players."

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All-KLAA honorees



ERIN MCCASLIN

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park was well represented in the 2016-17 All-Kensington Lakes Activities Association girls basketball team. In the back row (from left) are Erin Hult (Canton), Lyniah Wilson (Salem), Elle McCaslin (Plymouth), Madison Wolfbauer (Canton), Alexa Ebeling (Plymouth) and Samantha Mattern (Canton). In the front row (from left) are Darby Scott (Salem), Chantal LeDoux (Plymouth), Janya Lenders (Salem) and Brianna Finn (Canton). Making the first team were Hult, Wolfbauer, Finn, LeDoux, Ebeling and Lenders, the others were honorable mentions.

BOYS HOCKEY

CC's big third period yields 6-2 victory

Brad Emons
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It was a long day and night for Novi Detroit Catholic Central's hockey team, but the Shamrocks remained alive and well in the MHSAA Division 1 boys hockey tournament.

A power outage earlier on Wednesday at Flint's Iceland Arena forced CC and quarterfinal opponent, the Bay City Wolves, to nearby a venue in Burton.

And after a 90-minute delayed start time from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the three-time defending state champion CC took care of business by scoring four unanswered goals in the final period for 6-2 victory over the unified team from Bay City Central and Western High schools.

With the win, Catholic Central (21-7-1) advances to the state semifinals beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth against Grandville (19-10).

After switching sites, the Crystal Field House Ice Arena also experienced difficulties losing power as well earlier in the day, wreaking havoc with ice surface conditions through the first two periods.

"There were almost puddles in certain areas and the puck was sticking all over," CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. "Fortunately by the third (period) it started to get sorted out."

After redo of the ice surface a couple of extra times, the Shamrocks took off getting a pair of third-period goals from Brendan West and one each from Zachary Sprys-Tellner (power play) and Nicco Bifano.

CC outshot the Wolves 14-1 in the opener period, but Bay City goaltender Griffin Kwaiser, who finished with 39 saves on the night, kept it to a 1-goal deficit.

John Zielinski and Jared Lee also scored goals for the Shamrocks, who trailed at one point 2-1 late in the second period after the Wolves (19-10) got goals from Alec Bailey and Thomas Kayner.

Michael Considine also collected two assists as CC outshot Bay City, 45-12. Shamrocks goaltender Joe Pernecky had a relatively quiet night with 10 saves.

'Cats in state finals



PLYMOUTH SWIMMING

Ten members of Plymouth's varsity boys swimming and diving team qualified to compete Friday and Saturday at the Division 1 state finals, slated to take place at Oakland University. In the front row (from left) are Brady McWilliams, Mike Wischer, Matt Weiner, Ben Kirchoff and Jordan Groves. In the back row (from left) are Ethan Byrnes, Logan Kendall, Tyler Gala, Nathan Chimka, Cameron Zinn and coach Kenn Forbes. The quartet of Wischer, Weiner, Byrnes and McWilliams qualified for the 200 freestyle relay and set a new Plymouth school record in doing so Feb. 28 at the Skyline Last Chance Meet with a time of 1:30.54. Divers Groves and Kirchoff qualified by coming in sixth and ninth, respectively, at the regional meet March 2. The remaining members shown in the photo are going as alternates. Groves, a senior, will join the diving team next year at Indian River State College in Florida.

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Family love of golf launches his career

UD Jesuit's Garchar glad he took up sport late, signs to play at Ave Maria University

Tim Smith
Hometownlife.com

Ryan Garchar's eighth birthday featured all the usual trappings — cake, gifts, cards. But the biggest gift that day was going to Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth and watching grandpa Steve Garchar ace the second hole. It was big for his father, too.

"I had not played golf for many years due to work and family obligations but I decided to give it a go with Ryan and my father," said Ryan's dad, Stephen. "On the second hole of the (Par 3) Golden Fox my father teed it up and hit a hole in one right before our eyes, I remember how special that was for all three of us to witness.

"The ball going right for the hole and one hopping in, we all jumped up and down like we were school boys."

Stephen was back in the game again. Even bigger was the Redford Township youngster decided golf was the sport he wanted to pursue in high school and beyond.

Less than a decade later, the youngest golfer in the Garchar family is living the dream.

The senior at University of Detroit Jesuit, where he is



Ryan Garchar (left) shares National Signing Day with his grandpa and golf mentor, Steve Garchar. Ryan, a senior at University of Detroit Jesuit, signed to golf at Ave Maria University.

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co-captain of the boys golf team and owns a 3.25 grade-point-average (with a 4.0 his last two semesters), recently took part in National Signing Day. Right there with him were family members, including Ryan's grandfather — who happens to be his golf mentor.

Garchar will play collegiately at Ave Maria University in Florida in the NAIA's Sun Conference.

"I liked how small the college was and I also liked how open I would be to experi-

encing new people and new places far away from home," Ryan said. "To be honest, I'm a bit nervous but that isn't necessarily a bad thing.

"I believe it is a good thing because I'm stepping out of my comfort zone and moving forward into new places in my life."

Late bloomer

According to Stephen Garchar, however, the big birthday moment was the catalyst.

"Ryan continued to golf and

kept getting better and better until one day my father and I decided he needed some advanced instruction," Stephen explained. "Because I had previously worked at Western Golf and Country Club (in Redford), I decide to pay the local club pro Ben Bockin a visit."

Bockin worked with Ryan and the protege went on to make the Cubs' freshman team. He moved on to JV and varsity, and had success at summer tournaments to further motivate him.

Dedicating his athletic endeavors to golf came at a price, however. He had to give up sports he had played his entire life, such as baseball, soccer and basketball.

"My grandpa (Steve Garchar) is the one that really got me started with golf but it was never my main sport," Ryan continued. "I played baseball, basketball, and soccer and had to give all of them up in order to take my golf game to the next level.

He admits he is a bit of a late bloomer on the links, and that makes his college opportunity even more of a blessing. "I didn't actually start practicing and playing regularly until eighth grade which is why it is such an achievement and honor to play in college."

Asked about why golf now has a hold on him, he responded that the game's inherent challenges propels him to improve.

"The process of getting better and the constant failure in golf is what entices me to this day," Ryan said. "It's a funny answer but it's true. The ability to improve at something so difficult is what drives me.

"There is so much room for improvement in golf and there is never a definite or correct answer as to how to swing the club or how to practice. (That) makes it really limitless as to how you train."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mercy storms into quarterfinals, 35-14

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They say if defense wins championships, then the Farmington Hills Mercy girls basketball team is on the right path.

The Marlins, who overcame a slow start leading only 5-4 after one quarter, used their signature half-court trap in the second and it propelled them to their first Class A regional crown since 2014 with a 35-14 victory Thursday night over Walled Lake Western in the finals at North Farmington.

With the victory, Mercy (22-3) advances to the state quarterfinals beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14 at Southfield against defending Class A champion Warren Cousino (23-2), which survived its regional final with a 41-39 overtime win over Bloomfield Hills Marian.

It was the half-court trap that tipped the scales in Mercy's favor in a 47-42 regional semifinal win over Hartland and it was again the magic potion against Western, which bowed out with a 20-5 overall record.

"That's been a good defense for us," Morris said. "We rely on pressure, try and create turnovers to generate some offense, get some easy baskets. I think we execute it pretty well. I think other teams prepare for it because at this point there's no secrets. Fortunately it was effective for us, especially in the regional. I thought we were solid defensively in everything we did. That was really good to see."

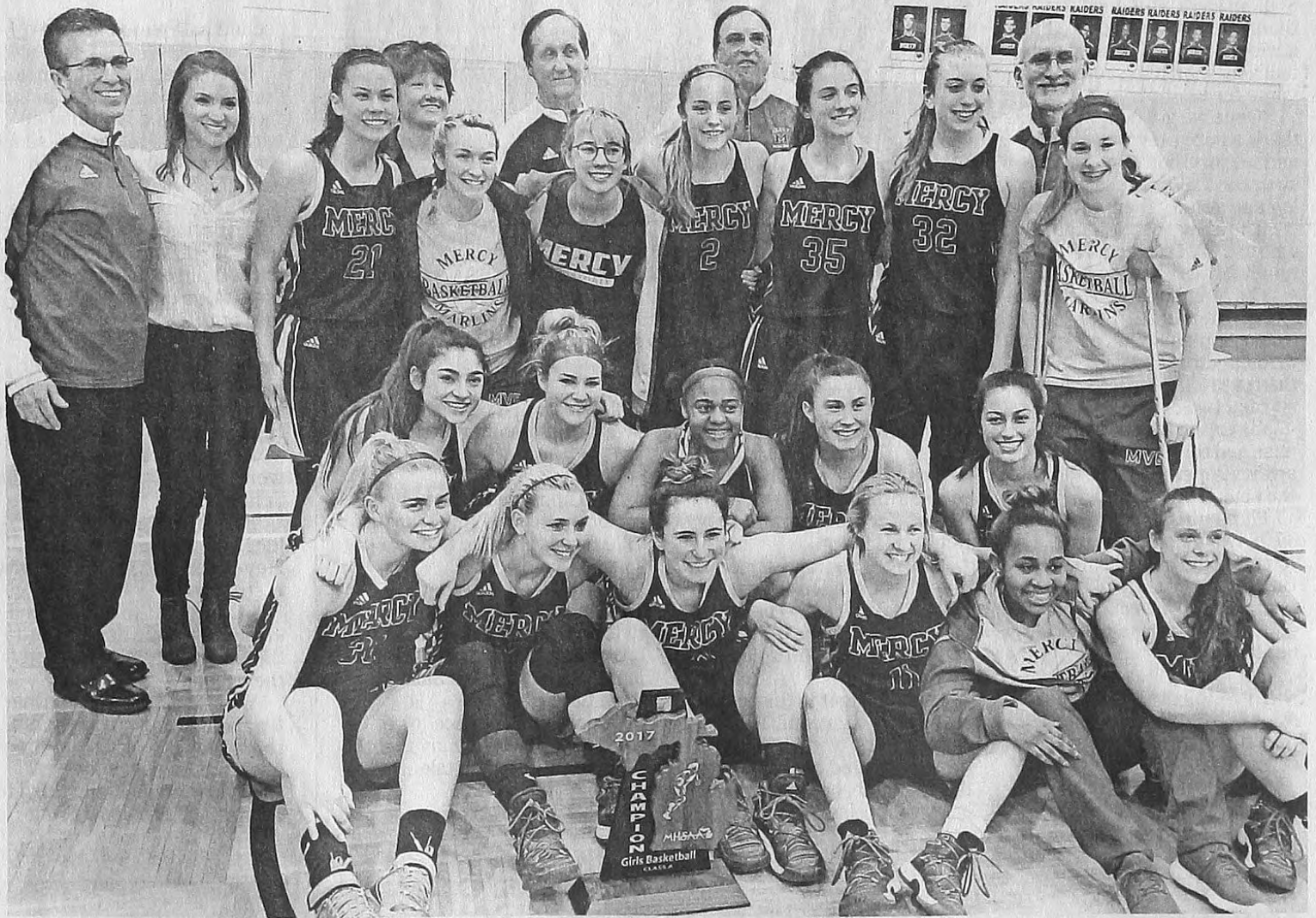
The Marlins extended their lead to 20-10 at halftime and put the game away by outscoring the Warriors 12-2 in the third quarter.

"I don't think it wasn't really a secret that we'd come out with it, but it's really how well they prepare to come out with it," said Mercy junior guard Jenna Schluter of the half-court trap. "I think they just couldn't find a way around it."

Mercy went only 1-of-10 from the field in the opening quarter and made just 32.2 percent of its shots, but yet won by 21 points.

"It shows how good of a team we are that we can come out and not hit shots and still win by how much we won," Schluter said. "I think we trust each other as a team. We're a good defensive team and offensive team, but if we're not good offensively, we can come out and play really good defense."

Western made only 5-of-27 shots from the floor (18.5 percent) and committed 11 turnovers after having just six in a 48-42 regional semifinal win



The Mercy girls basketball team celebrates after winning the Class A regional at North Farmington.

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Mercy's Jenna Schluter (12) finished with eight points in Thursday's victory over Walled Lake Western.

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over Novi. The Warriors' leading scorer, junior guard Janara Flowers, finished with just three points.

"That was probably the best defensive effort that we've had put against us all year," Western coach Skip Stevenson said of the Marlins. "They did the things that we like to pride ourselves on here. They played great defense and the credit

goes to them. They won the game. They deserved this region, there's no doubt about it."

Mercy's hero in the upset win over Hartland, senior guard Jackie Bauer, finished with a team-high nine points hitting three timely 3-pointers, two in the second quarter and one in the third.

"So far she's been hitting 'threes' to start to the game,"

Morris said of Bauer. "That wasn't the case today, but then eventually you figure she's going to hit shots and she did."

Senior guard Chloe Godbold and Schluter each added eight points.

"I thought we had a number of players play really well," Morris said. "I'm happy for this group. It's been a hard working group. They really compete and

it's great to win a regional final."

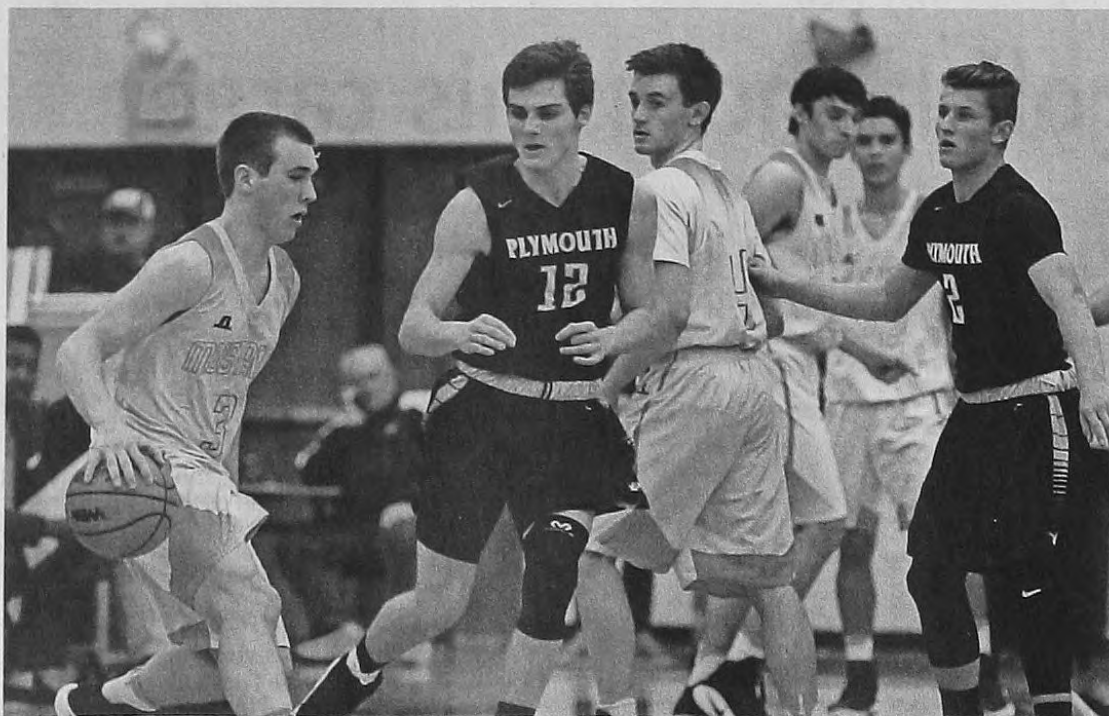
Mercy slowly dismantled Western, which had only four players score, led by sophomore guard Kailee Ford's six pints.

"It was the same half-court trap that gave Hartland fits," Stevenson said. "We looked at it and we thought we were going to be O.K. We wanted to attack it head-on-head. We rolled the dice with it. We looked O.K. at times, but they made us pay every time. And what was worse is that we didn't hit a shot. We needed to hit just a couple of them."

Despite the loss, Stevenson was proud of the season the Warriors put together.

"Like I told them in there, I said, 'Yes, it's disappointing and would I have liked a better result? Absolutely,'" said Stevenson, who loses five seniors to graduation. "It's tough, but it's the whole body of work in the season. Twenty wins, won the (KLAA) North (Division), won the district and made the regional finals. I can leave here tonight being very content."

Meanwhile, the Marlins will try to earn a spot in the state semifinals for the first time since 2014.



Northville's Jake Justice (3) tries to dribble past Plymouth's Joey Robb (12) during Wednesday's district game. Also shown are Kevin Morrissey (4) of the Mustangs and Zach Beadle (2) of the Wildcats.

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defensive mindset led by Morrissey.

Grinding it out

Also strong were seniors Jake Justice (20 points, nine rebounds), Gustaf Tjernberg (13 points) — who Sander said has “really come on this week” — and Phil Jovanovski (five rebounds, three blocks).

“Plymouth always plays hard, they’re always very well prepared,” said Sander, whose 13-9 team will face Novi Friday night in the district final.

“Coach (Mike) Soukup does a great job. We were really able to clamp down on the defensive end and get to some of their shooters. But Plymouth always plays tough.”

Plymouth (9-12) was led by junior Anthony Crump (13 points) and freshman Connor Bush (11 points).

“We had some trouble scoring the ball, especially early,” Soukup said. “But good for them, they’ve been using that strategy all along to hold the ball a little bit and shorten the game for us.”

“Once we got behind, I knew that’s where they were going and we just didn’t have an answer for that as far as pressuring and getting them to speed up. They have senior guards who are experienced. It’s tough.”

The Mustangs led 13-8 after one quarter and 21-12 at half-time and maintained a nice lead through three frames (32-23) thanks to a triple from Morrissey and two buckets by Justice — one on the tip-in of a Burke miss and the other on a fade-away jumper from the top of the key.

Plymouth did get to within 34-28 two minutes into the fourth, following a slam by Bush.

It was a 37-32 contest with 4:10 left following a nifty runner by Robb.

But Northville iced the win with proficient free-throw shooting. In the fourth alone, the Mustangs made 14 of 16 attempts.

“We shoot a lot of free throws every day in practice



Plymouth freshman Connor Bush (23) goes for a dunk. Trailing are Justin Reynolds (11) of the Wildcats and Phil Jovanovski (32) of the Mustangs.

MICHAEL VASILNEK



Northville's Kevin Morrissey (4) looks to throw the ball in over a wall of Plymouth defenders in front of Northville's orange-clad student section.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

because we understand how important they are in finishing a game,” Morrissey said.

Chipping in with five points each for the Wildcats were juniors Zach Beadle and Joey Robb.

“I loved the way Connor played, rebounded the basketball,” Soukup said. “Did a real nice job. He played hard, a couple really athletic plays in there tonight.”

“Anthony got to the basket real well tonight, and Joey Robb, what a warrior tonight. I think he played every minute of the ballgame, pressuring and everything else. Love that kid

to death, he just comes to work every single, solitary day.”

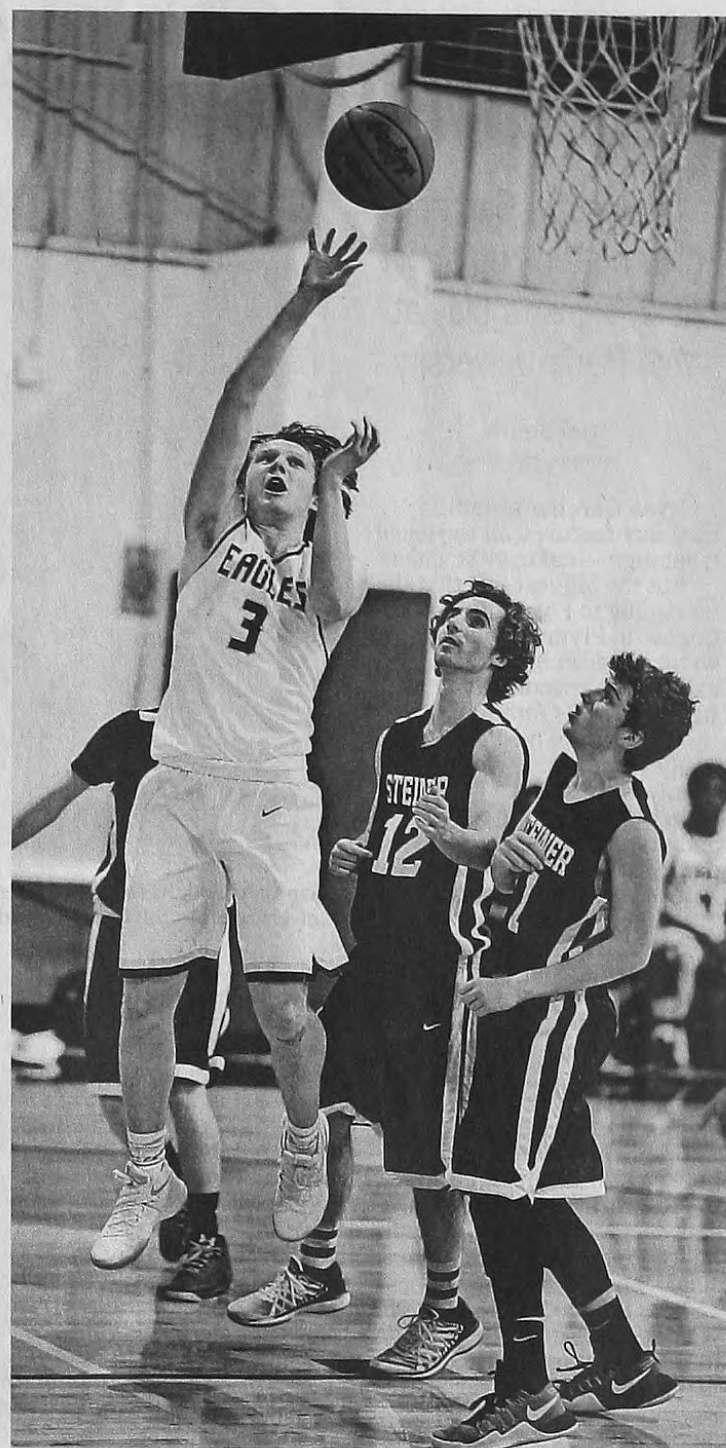
Encore

And now, the Mustangs gear up for the second Novi-Northville district final in two seasons.

“It’s a flip-flop of last year,” Sander said. “We beat them twice during the regular season last year and then they beat us in the district final at Salem the third time.”

“So we get a chance to get some revenge on Friday night. They’re loaded with talent.”

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Levi Yakuber (3) of Plymouth Christian Academy puts up a layup Friday against Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner defenders. The Eagles won the Class D district title thanks to a 70-38 win.

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EAGLES

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second half which helped a lot.”

Of course, Malcolm hitting “some big shots for us” helped the team relax. He finished with 21 points to lead all scorers and pulled down seven rebounds.

Windle also pointed to the contributions of Levi Yakuber, who “made some great effort plays that really gave us a lot of positive energy and momentum.”

Yakuber wound up with seven points, while another big performer for the Eagles was Max Okolo (13 points, nine rebounds).

Adding six points each were Jayme Fadden and Brian Schlientz.

For Rudolf Steiner, Schuyler Distelzweig and Marshall Hayes scored 13 and 10 points, respectively.

PCA got off to a 14-10 lead after one frame and padded the edge slightly to 26-20 at the break.

With Malcolm connecting from long range (a trey) and short range (6-of-6 from the line), the Eagles enjoyed a 23-10 advantage in the third to go up 49-30 and coast from



Max Okolo of Plymouth Christian Academy goes in for a score Friday night.

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out.” Salem (7-14) still gave Novi (16-6) a run for the money during portions of the late afternoon matchup.

The Rocks pulled to within 24-21 at halftime thanks to an 11-7 edge in the second quarter, spearheaded by senior Camren Barden's triple and buckets by senior Kyle Winfrey (nine points) and junior Jordan Ingram.

Regaining control

But the Wildcats talked during halftime about making sure the Rocks didn't get any closer, and sophomore guard Giovanni Miles (12 points, eight rebounds) answered the bell — opening the third quarter with the first three baskets.

By the time 1:35 of the frame had been played, it was a 32-21 lead following a slam dunk by junior Traveon Maddox Jr. (15 points) and another Begeris field goal. Begeris finished with 14 points.

“We wanted to get off to a good start, which we did,” Sinawi said. “And then we

kind of, in a way, stopped playing hard. And to their credit, they continued to play hard and they got back to within three at the half.

“We talked about what we wanted to do against their defense, but really we spent a lot of time just talking about matching the energy they brought against us. And not backing down and keep fighting.”

Sinawi gave credit to his team for that, especially Miles who “came out and scored six in a row to get us started in that quarter. He was the catalyst to get us going in that second half.”

Veteran Salem head coach Bob Brodie said his team competed all game long, as it has all season. Unfortunately, it was a struggle to stop the Wildcats once they got into run-and-gun mode.

“They shoot the ball very well and they score in transition,” Brodie said. “We had a hard time just finding players up and down the floor and we told them they were going to make runs.”

“You can't let them score quick without making them play their half-court offense. We didn't do a very good job of that.”

Salem did have a brief spurt midway through the third, when Barden (12 points) drained a triple and a long deuce from the left corner to make it a 36-28 game.

Any hopes of a comeback were dashed when Novi then went on a 12-4 run to end the quarter.

With the final outcome determined, Brodie gave his five seniors a classy sendoff. Barden, Winfrey, Cameron Grace (nine points), Jeff Whalen (six rebounds) and Lukas Jira all played as a unit during the late stages before they left the floor together with 1:13 remaining.

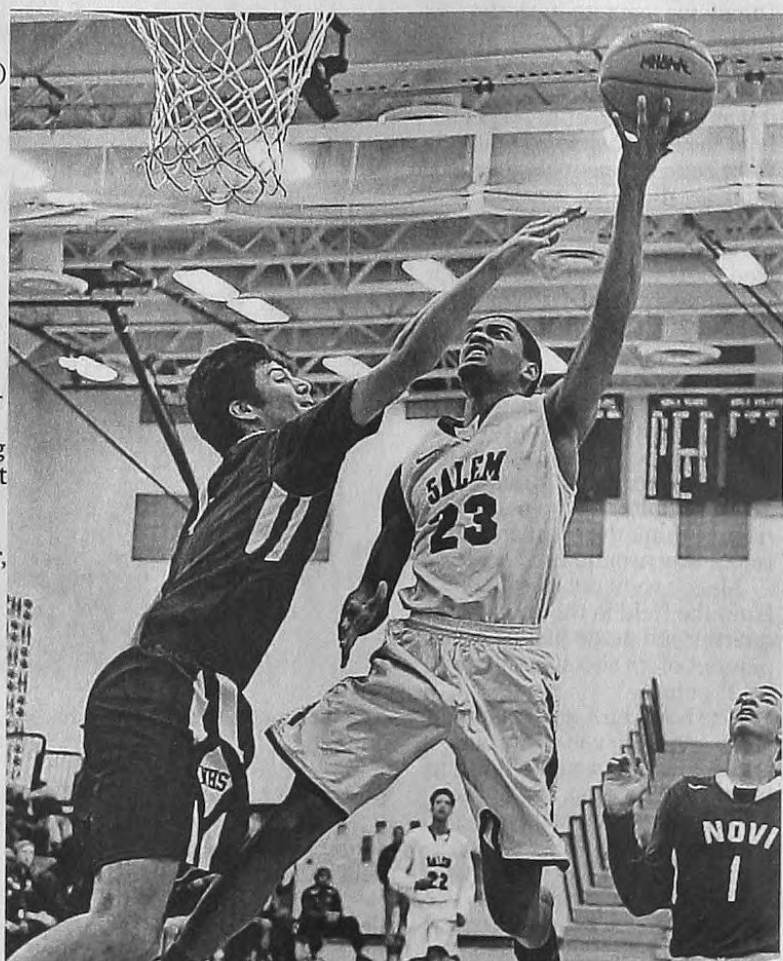
“They've had a good career, those five seniors stuck it out,” Brodie said. “We've had a lot of kids who moved away, or haven't come out or chose not to play any more.”

“Give these guys credit for sticking it out in our program. I'm proud of them.”

Third-year starting guard Grace said he appreciated the gesture.

“It was emotional, I enjoyed the ride with these seniors,” Grace said. “Great group.”

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Salem senior Cameron Grace (23) goes up for a layup against a Novi defender during Wednesday's Class A district matchup.

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Why it's crucial to use keywords in your résumé

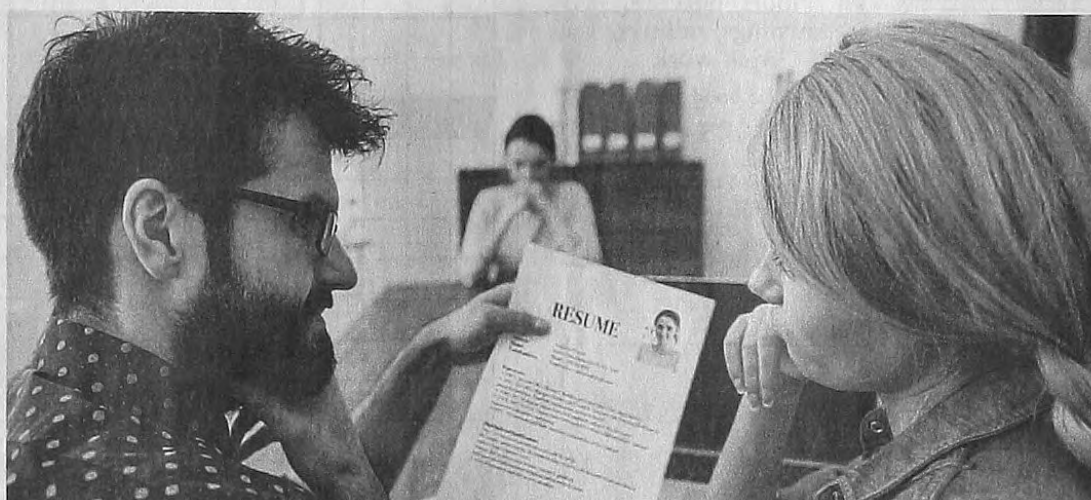
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When it comes to finding a new job, there's a crucial step in the résumé-writing process you may not have heard about to improve your chances of making it past the initial round of screening.

"With ... more and more recruitment services transitioning to being solely online, HR departments are using different computer programs to scan through résumés and pull out documents based on the frequency of certain words and acronyms," says Valerie Streif, senior advisor at Mentat, an organization that hires, manages and mentors prospective job candidates.

While you painstakingly perfect your résumé, remember that a hiring manager potentially has to sift through dozens of other résumés and use an applicant tracking system (ATS) to cut through the clutter.

"An ATS scores résumés based on how well their content matches the keywords input by a hiring manager — this is why it's imperative to incorporate relevant keywords and phrases throughout your résumé," says Andrew Pearl, partner at Precision Resumes, Inc., a career management



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services firm. "Without those keywords, you won't make it past the first gatekeeper in the hiring process. You can have the best qualifications, but if you're not framing them right and using the most relevant keywords, you'll miss out on opportunities."

Keep these tips in mind when writing your résumé to help you get your foot in the door.

Research and identify other keywords to highlight.

Don't be afraid to borrow language from the job description.

"Recruiters are comparing you against the job description, and often times they're looking for buzzwords," says Cristina Lara, manager

of global diversity programs at Amazon, and a former national diversity manager for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. "It's still a good best practice to reframe your work experiences using the language of the job description. This will make it easier for recruiters to mentally align your background with the job, and you'll increase your chances of having your résumé sent up to the hiring manager."

Examples of keywords you'll want to integrate include job title, technical skills and academic requirements, according to Pearl. "Evaluate the posting you're applying to, line by line, and highlight what appear to be the most fundamental terms," he says. "If the job posting is sparse,

find other similar job descriptions online and use those as a guide for determining keywords and phrases. Focus particularly on similar jobs in similar industries to make sure the jargon you incorporate in your résumé is on track."

Master the art of sprinkling keywords throughout your résumé.

Cheryl E. Palmer, owner of executive career coaching firm Call to Career, recommends including a section at the top titled "Core Competencies" where the keywords could be highlighted prominently.

"That way, the keywords are at the top of the résumé and are easily found, [and] you can also judiciously sprinkle keywords in the 'Professional Experience' section," she says.

Remember that context is key.

"Keywords should also be in context with the content — plugging in a list of skill sets in a bulleted list and not actually relating how you know the skill, or what you did with it, is useless," says Dawn D. Boyer, résumé writer and CEO of D. Boyer Consulting. For example, instead of merely listing "business development," "marketing," or "sales," Boyer advises that you say "Responsible for business development and marketing to 25 Fortune 500 clients, with contract sales resulting in \$500 million in revenue within six months of hire."

Palmer agrees it is more effective to show rather than to tell. "For soft skills, I recommend demonstrating a result rather than simply listing these types of skills," Palmer says. "Instead of saying: 'good people skills,' it's more impactful to say, 'Improved staff relations through regular meetings where staff members could clearly define expectations for upcoming projects.'"

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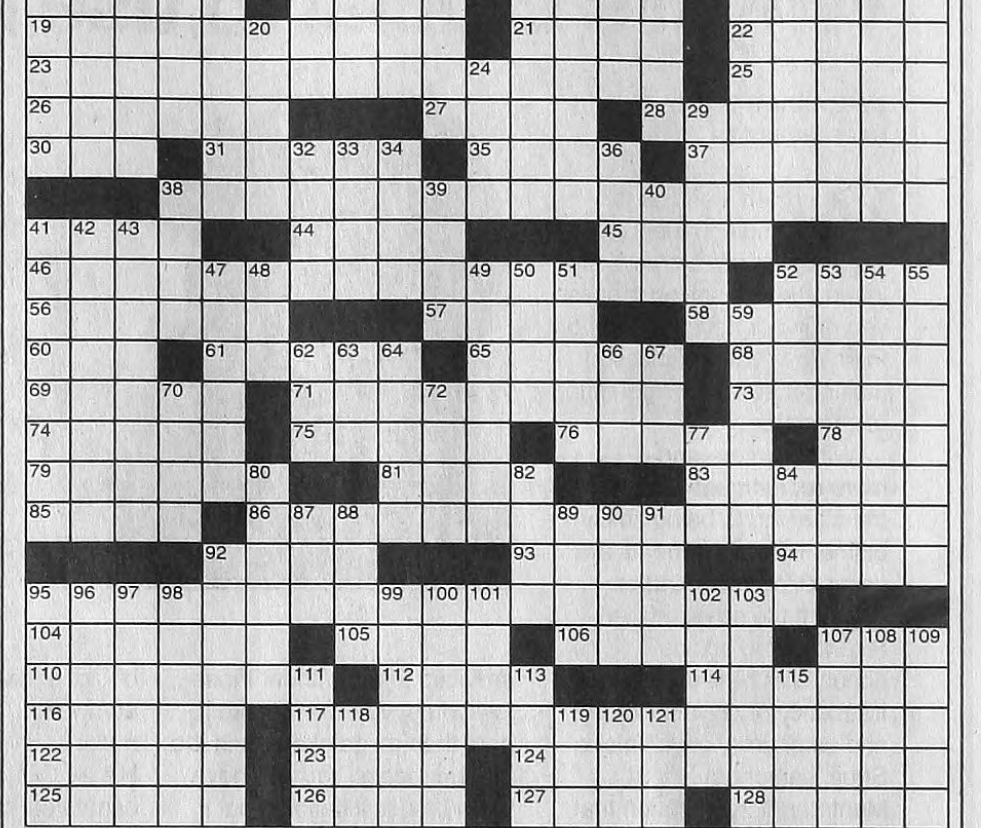
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73 Cussed
74 Windy City air hub
75 Land surrounded by water, in Italy
76 Spiny plants
78 — Mahal
79 Not at all, old-style
81 Arm bone
83 Conceive of
85 Struck disk
86 Riddle, part 5
92 Prefix with dose or watt
93 Actor's job
94 Class seat

95 End of the riddle
104 One lacking pigment
105 Slangy suffix with switch
106 See or smell
107 "— aboard!"
110 Ump's call halfway to a walk
112 "Falling Skies" star
116 — worse than death
117 Riddle's answer
122 Strength of a chemical solution
123 Account
124 Absent
125 Arena strata
126 "Wise" birds
127 Man in Eden
128 16th-century Italian poet

7 "That's — -brainer!"
8 Actor Gilliam
9 Quot "Hey!"
10 Very many
11 Wolf down
12 Wolfed down
13 Dog cry
14 Flower anew
15 Eye ring
16 Became irate
17 Downton Abbey, e.g.
18 More loved
20 Heavenly food?
24 Ephron or Roberts
29 — Alex (racehorse)
32 In — hurry
33 Dads' lads
34 Writer Victor
36 Final, e.g.
38 How many TV shows are now shown
39 Greek T's
40 Old verb suffix
41 Farewell act
42 Sarcastic cry of sympathy
43 Bronx area with a historic cemetery
47 Eagle nests

48 Code-cracking org.
49 City south of San Diego
50 Alda or Bean
51 Debate need
52 Cold one
53 Comment on, as in a margin
54 Plato was his disciple
55 Leg reflex
59 Favorable aspect
62 Anat., e.g.
63 Set — (rows)
64 Love, to Yves
66 "One thing — time!"
67 B'way site
70 Math branch
72 Miss, in Meuse: Abbr.
77 Involuntary wink, maybe
80 Heretofore
82 Razor brand
84 Boundaries
87 Frittata need
88 Site for a bite
89 Bits of physics

90 Aged, quaintly
91 Inert gas
92 Coin producers
95 "Blue" beer brewer
96 Sainted king of Norway
97 Flattened at the poles
98 Out of — (amiss)
99 "1984" author
100 Rolls — (ritzy rides)
101 "Hi, amigo!"
102 Onetime Pan Am rival
103 Online protocol for remote log-in
107 Pines (for)
108 Some bank holdings
109 — rest (inter)
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WRANGLER KEEPS SUCCEEDING BECAUSE IT REMAINS THE TRUEST REPRESENTATION OF THE JEEP BRAND – AND OFF-ROADERS LOVE IT



By Dale Buss

There's lots of news going on with the Jeep Wrangler brand these days. But at the center of all the exciting developments about new versions and even new products is the undeniable fact that, through thick and thin, Wrangler has maintained one of the most authentic brands and platforms in the U.S. auto market. Wrangler is for people who are rugged and adventurous, or who want to be rugged or act rugged, and bring both a Spartan attitude and a desire for adventure to their automotive purchases. In its stubborn insistence on keeping Wrangler as a mostly unadorned model that leads with its off-road capabilities, Fiat Chrysler has ensured that it's got a vehicle that still represents the true lineage of the Jeep brand all the way back to the



Rubicon Recon is the latest edition of Wrangler

World War II vehicle that helped save democracy. Over the last few decades, the brand has wandered successfully into ever-expanding territory. Jeep fielded one of the first sport-utility vehicles meant for comfort and everyday utility in Jeep Grand Cherokee. And lately, it has dared to take the Jeep name and apply it to a couple of smaller models, Cherokee and Renegade, that are based on Fiat-designed platforms. And there have become several versions of Wrangler. But at its core, Wrangler has stayed pretty much the same. It's like a smaller and equally unapologetic version of what the Hummer used to be: not meant for

everyone; certain to give offense to some; but drawing passion and devotion from those who are meant to own one. True, FCA lately has talked about producing a pickup truck based on Wrangler beginning in late 2019. Mechanically, that certainly makes sense if Jeep is determined to produce a pickup truck, because most of its platforms now are car-based – and Wrangler already is more of a truck-style platform than anything else in the lineup.

Meanwhile, FCA keeps adding versions of the existing Wrangler SUV platform, such as the new Rubicon Recon that it introduced last month at the Chicago Auto Show. It features improved off-road prowess with a stronger front axle, enhanced rock rails and heavy-duty cast differential covers.

And that, folks, is the kind of thing that Wrangler is all about. The doors that close not with a thud but with more of a "bonk" sound, lest you suspect that Jeep wasted money on niceties. The visible exterior hinges on the doors that make the same point. The relative lack of the latest technology features. Sparse standard equipment that includes



The 2017 Jeep Wrangler Sahara sports matching body paint.

four-wheel drive, 16-inch steel wheels, skid plates, tow hooks, fog lamps, removable doors, a fold-down windshield, manual mirrors and locks, and full metal doors with crank windows.

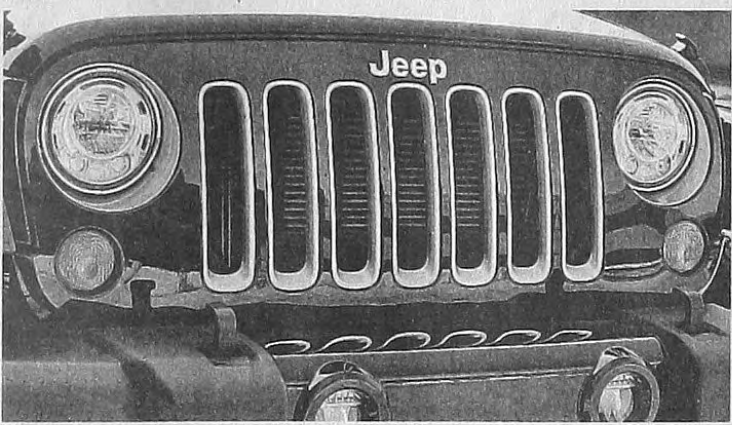
The ride on the highway is not at all the point either, of course. It's all about being able to go off-road just about wherever and whenever you want, and being in a vehicle that's capable of taking you there – and back. To that end, Wrangler and its 3.6-liter V6 engine, good for 285 horsepower and 260 pound-feet of torque, provide plenty of push, and the suspension plenty of support.

The fact that you can basically take the vehicle apart to clean it also is attractive for off-roaders who only want their trophy mud coverings on their Wranglers to age for so long. However, at just 18 mpg

combined, 16 in the city and 20 on the highway, Wrangler is only in the middle of the pack at best for utility vehicles of its size. But again – that's beside the point. Wrangler owners are more concerned about clearance at 15 mph than fuel economy at 70 mph.

Interestingly, though, The Sahara version I drove was attractive to mainstream customers because it's got an upgraded suspension and attractive body-colored paint treatment. Despite warnings I heard and read about a bumpy ride and too much cabin noise, Sahara did much better than I'd expected in both regards.

If I wanted a vehicle mainly for off-road applications that also could handle drives into the city, Wrangler Sahara would rank as a high possibility.



It's got the traditional grille, but Wrangler now has LED headlights

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