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## Canton is a 'welcoming community'

Officials tout township's  
diversity with affirmation

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Canton's elected leaders, in a formal resolution saluting the community's "unique ethnic, cultural and religious diversity," have taken a public stand against violence and discriminatory rhetoric directed at immigrant and religious populations.

Declaring Canton "a welcoming community," the Canton Township Board of Trustees adopted a resolution read aloud by Trustee Sommer Foster at a recent public meeting. Canton is home to an increasingly diverse population that

includes Muslims, Sikhs, Hindus and Christians, among others.

"This is just saying we welcome our diverse community and we are open to our diverse community," Foster said. "We welcome immigrants and we are proud of our large immigrant population."

"It's important to put actions behind our words," she added. "It's up to local elected officials to put public action behind our words and make sure people feel safe and included at home."

Trustee Anne Marie Graham-Hudak said Canton can set an example for other communities.

"We have a very diverse community and it's important to stay strong, get to know

your neighbors and show the world what a welcoming community is," she said. "I believe starting in the local area we can be an example to others."

The resolution, part of a larger "welcoming community" movement, also encourages residents to report any hate incidents or discriminatory actions they may see.

Numerous groups, including The Beloved Community, the Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach and the Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition, among others, have dedicated time and resources to make Canton a place that welcomes diversity. Volunteers also have organized peace walks and events such as Not in Our Town, part of a national movement to combat

hate and discrimination.

What follows is the wording of Canton's resolution:

"Whereas, Canton recognizes and celebrates the unique ethnic, cultural and religious diversity of our community; and whereas the Board of Trustees has taken note of recent events and rhetoric occurring in our country targeting various immigrant and religious populations; and whereas the Board of Trustees desires to assure all residents of Canton's commitment to accepting all nationalities and cultures; and whereas the Board of Trustees encourages all residents to be the eyes and ears of our community and report any discriminatory events or actions; and whereas the Board of Trustees encour-

ages residents to know their neighbors and to stand with them in the face of discrimination and hate; and whereas the Board of Trustees confirms its dedication to the rights and dignity of citizens of all faiths and beliefs; now, therefore be it resolved, that Canton Township reaffirms its commitment, first declared in September of 2015, to equal opportunity for all residents free from harassment or intimidation. We will continue to promote religious and ethnic diversity and acceptance, and declare that the civil rights of all of our residents be protected and preserved."

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## Team USA grabs gold in overtime thriller



The United States women's hockey team celebrates winning the IIHF Women's World Championship on Friday night after defeating Canada 3-2 in overtime in Plymouth. For the story and more photos, see page B1.

## Family friendly: annual SJ5K benefits families

**Brad Kadrich**  
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Canton High School graduate Courtney Todd was getting frustrated.

Diagnosed with non-cancerous tumors in both kidneys a couple of years ago, Todd was frustrated with feeling constantly under the weather and finally asked for a second opinion. Her doctor obliged and sent her to Ohio State University Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

There, the doctors took biopsy of a lymph node in her neck and of the tumors in her kidneys. Examination of those biopsies confirmed Todd's worst fears: the tumors were actually cancerous — and had

spread. "It's frustrating, because all along she kept saying she felt there was something else wrong," said her mom, Karen Damian of Canton. "You trust what doctors say to you. She has had so many tests and so much blood work trying to figure out what was going on. Every test, they always said, 'The good news is you don't have cancer.'"

But Todd does have cancer, the treatment of which is running up pretty good-sized medical bills. So far, Todd has been on her mother's insurance plan, but she turns 26 soon and won't be covered. Her health has prevented her from getting a job that would carry health insurance.

That's why Todd, who recently graduated from the University of Michigan with degrees in communications and marketing, was chosen as a recipient of funds from the 2017 Super Jess 5K race. Affectionately dubbed the SJ5K, the race benefits local families with medical and financial needs.

Named for former P-CEP student Jesse Lindlbauer, who suffered a traumatic brain injury due to illness, the run started in 2011 as a fundraiser for Lindlbauer. Since then, it has grown into a larger fundraiser for Plymouth-Canton families and individuals who are going through a medical



See SJ5K, Page A4 Last year's SJ5K drew some 3,000 participants.



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EEF Uncorked

The Educational Excellence Foundation will host its seventh annual Wine Tasting and Strolling Dinner on April 21 at Fox Hills. Proceeds from this event are used to grow excellence in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools through Classroom Enhancement Grants and district-wide initiatives that will enhance students' educational experiences.

The EEF is accepting silent auction items, event sponsorships and donations of bottles of wine. Contact Gretchen Ward, executive director of the EEF, at 734-416-2718 or

gretchen.ward@pccsk12.com for details.

This event is a sell-out offering food from local restaurants, including Tom + Chee, Karl's Cabin, The Courthouse Grill and more all paired with a wonderful selection of wine offered at Busch's Fresh Food Market. There will also be tastings of craft beer, a Wall of Wine pull and a silent auction. Don't miss the opportunity to have a great night out and support P-CCS. To purchase tickets, go to <https://eeforkids.ejoinme.org/tickets>

Mom-to-Mom sale

Are you looking for huge savings on gently-

used baby and children's clothing, toys, furniture and more? Then be sure to shop Canton Leisure Services annual Mom to Mom Sale from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 22, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

More than 60 booths will be on-site offering great deals on everything that is baby, child or maternity-related. Moms will be selling gently-used children's clothing and shoes, plus toys, books, DVDs/videos, baby gear, Halloween costumes, water and swim gear and more. Bargain shoppers will also be able to find great deals on furniture, strollers, high chairs and more in the large item area.

"The feedback from buyers and sellers from last year's one-day event was so positive that we decided to bring back our spring sale," Special Events Coordinator Julie Allen said. "So many shoppers were impressed with the wide variety of gently-used merchandise at great prices. Everyone looking for great bargains should come see for themselves."

Admission is \$2 8-9 a.m. and \$1 from 9 a.m. to noon. All sales are cash

only. For more information, contact the Summit on the Park front desk at 734-394-5460 or go to [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

Apply for Damaris Fine Arts Award

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will recognize a Plymouth-Canton school district senior (who attends Canton, Plymouth, Salem or Starkweather/Fiegel) who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field.

There will be two scholarship awards, \$1,000 and \$500. Portfolios will be accepted, April 19-20 or 24-25. Artwork will be judged from April 25 through May 3. Winners will be announced May 4. An artists reception is scheduled for 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, May 8.

Contact Lisa Howard if you would like to set up an appointment to turn in application and portfolio or drop off at the address below during PCAC office hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday at Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Email [lisa@ply-](mailto:lisa@plymouthcommunityarts.org)

moutharts.com. Students' artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity and use of material.

Soapers needed

Plymouth Community United Way, in partnership with Comcast Cares Day, S.O.A.P. Metro Detroit and Pearls of Great Price Coalition, is hosting a community discussion about human trafficking. "Soapers" will learn what human trafficking is, hear from a survivor and be able to join the initiative by helping to label bars of hotel soap, that will be distributed at a later date.

The event will be held 9:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 22, at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Check-in will begin at 8:45 a.m. Volunteers must pre-register for this event, as space is limited to 160 "soapers." You can register via the events calendar at [www.plymouthunitedway.org](http://www.plymouthunitedway.org). For more information, call Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 5.

Home buyers workshop

With the busy home buying season underway, Catholic Vantage Fi-

nancial is hosting a free home buyers workshop 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, at the credit union's Plymouth branch, 8817 Sheldon Road, at the northwest corner of Sheldon and Joy roads.

James Clemens, an experienced loan officer with the mortgage center, will talk about navigating the mortgage process, different home financing options, what costs are real and what fees you need to watch out for, along with differences between a home appraisal and inspection.

Clemens will also offer tips and strategies about how to be the top bidder without overpaying.

"This is an excellent workshop for first-time home buyers," said Emma Teller, vice president of marketing and business development for Catholic Vantage Financial. "It's also very helpful for people interested in learning about the latest credit and financing requirements."

To ensure adequate seating, advance reservations are requested. To sign up, go to [www.mycvf.org/workshop](http://www.mycvf.org/workshop) or call 734-432-0212 for more information.

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Community Financial announces essay contest winners

Community Financial Credit Union recently hosted a Presidents' Day Essay Contest for students in grades 4-8.

Students were asked, "Which USA President would you like to have lunch with and why?"

Student winners received the prize of lunch for their classroom with Community Financial President and CEO Bill Lawton and a \$50 prize. Second- and third-place winners received \$25 each. This year's winners were recognized at an open house event at

the Plymouth Historical Museum in February.

Luke Apap, from Canton Charter Academy, was the first-place winner in the middle school category. He wrote about John F. Kennedy and was intrigued by JFK's choices in office and his support of the space program. Elisa Allard from Liberty Middle School and Annabelle Zhen from Discovery Middle School, were the second- and third-place winners. Elizabeth Risch, from Winchester Elementary

in Northville, was the first-place winner in the elementary school category. In her essay, she discussed having lunch with George Washington so she could learn things not found in books. Ashley Reberg from Thornton Creek Elementary and Gage Ellis from Farrand Elementary were the second- and third-place winners.

"Congratulating these students and their teachers is always a highlight for me," Lawton said. "Making the presidential connection

for students by hosting it at the Plymouth Historical Museum was an added bonus. During lunch, the students asked thoughtful and provoking questions."

The Presidents' Day essay contest is an annual contest hosted by Community Financial to support education and help teachers meet Core Competency goals. For more information on Community Financial and its Student-Run Credit Union Program, go to [cfcu.org/scu](http://cfcu.org/scu).

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# ALL SAINTS STUDENTS TOUR THE WORLD'S ANIMAL HABITATS

First-grade students at All Saints Catholic School recently led their parents and pre-kindergartners on a journey through the Arctic, under the sea and into a tropical rainforest, as they completed a study unit on various habitats.

To share what they learned about animals in these locations, students dressed in homemade costumes and presented fun facts about the animal and habitat as parents toured the three converted classrooms.

The visitors stopped at different stations to talk to the costumed students and to learn more about the animals they represented.

"Students worked hard to research, plan, draft and write their final reports," said Samantha Vendittelli, one of the three first-grade teachers at All Saints. "Their completed booklets had information about the animals, including their physical characteristics, predators and fun facts. The students then illustrated their booklets and made posters to complete the project."

An Arctic igloo made of empty milk jugs, a

turquoise blue canopy acting as the ocean and paper vines holding swinging "animals" were just some of the decorations that transformed classrooms to represent the different habitats.

First-grader Nicholas Duong, dressed as a leaf-cutter ant in the tropical rain forest room, enjoyed preparing for the presentation. "Making pictures was fun for me because I'm good at it and I like drawing," he said.

"We felt the students would remember creating their own learning experience," first-grade teacher Caitlin Fishbeck said. "With our guidance, students were in charge of doing the research and decided what information they felt would be interesting and then wrote their own book on the research. Having to present the information to peers and adults brings along a lot of life skills they will carry with them through their years of schooling and beyond."

Vendittelli, Fishbeck, Lori Trower, and Michele Nailos comprise the first-grade team and led the habitat project, which is part of All Saints Core Knowledge curriculum.



Kids at All Saints Catholic School took on the Arctic.



All Saints Catholic School first-graders illustrate the ocean habitat.



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# SJ5K joins Art Van Charity Challenge

Organizers of the annual Super Jess 5K at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park have raised some \$250,000 since the race's inception in 2011.

This year, they've got a chance to earn a whole lot more.

The SJ5K is participating in Art Van Furniture's Charity Challenge 2017, a fundraising campaign on CrowdRise to support charitable organizations dedicated to women, children and human services in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Participating organizations will compete for \$180,000 in prize money.

The SJ5K, as a donor-advised fund with the Educational Excellence Foundation, has joined the Challenge on CrowdRise, the largest crowdfunding platform for good.

The SuperJess5K is a student-organized, volunteer-run charity event that directly benefits Plymouth-Canton community members in medical crisis. The event is scheduled for May 7 at Canton High School's varsity field and is expected to draw more than 3,000 participants. The event was begun in 2011 to honor Jesse Lindlbauer, who was fighting for his life from a ruptured brain abscess. Now in its seventh year, the event is honoring seven



The 2017 student leadership team with Jesse Lindlbauer.

more families.

"The SJ5K provides hope, support and miracles when we come together," said Anu Tuladhar, the event's student family outreach coordinator.

The Art Van Charity Challenge 2017 launched at noon April 4 on CrowdRise and runs through midnight Tuesday, April

25. The team that raises the most during the challenge wins a \$100,000 donation; second place gets \$50,000 and the next three runner-ups will each get \$10,000 grant donations.

CrowdRise Challenges are innovative fundraising competitions for charitable organizations designed to build capacity,

create easy engagement and leverage the power of the crowd to provide new, meaningful funding streams for organizations in every sector.

To help the SJ5K win the Art Van Charity Challenge 2017, make donations at the CrowdRise website ([www.crowdrise.com/educational-artvanchallenge](http://www.crowdrise.com/educational-artvanchallenge)).

through medical crises, allowing them to pay medical bills; purchase handicapped-accessible equipment/facilities; and extend treatment options. The event is organized by P-CEP high school students, supported by Plymouth-Canton community volunteers and supported by local businesses.

The SJ5K is the answer to the question, "How can I help?" All proceeds from the 5K event go directly to support a family in the Plymouth-Canton community. The money and community support benefit survivors, families who fight on each day



Courtney Todd



Fin GorgEffen



Lizzy Verdugo



Lynn Wakuski



Michelle Wilson



Ray Barnes

## SJ5K

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crisis.

Families are nominated and a panel of students — the event is totally run by senior student leaders — makes the final, heart-wrenching decisions of which families get the help. This year's event will help a record seven beneficiaries.

"We had an overwhelming number of families who needed help," said Abbey Jensen, the student coordinator. "We just couldn't say no."

In addition to Todd, this year's beneficiaries (more information on them is available at the SJ5K website) include:

» Ray Barnes — A well-known coach for the Thunderbirds and Compuware softball in Canton, Barnes suffers from kidney failure and has also been diagnosed with multiple myeloma.

» Fin GorgEffen — A 10-year-old boy with spastic quadriplegic

cerebral palsy and intractable epilepsy.

» Lizzy Verdugo — A Canton High School freshman who had a brain tumor that was compressing her pituitary gland. She's had brain surgery, four rounds of chemotherapy and some 20 radiation treatments.

» Lynn Walkuski — A Plymouth-Canton teacher who is managing the care of two ill relatives, one with stage IV renal cancer and the other with complete kidney failure. While managing all of that, Walkuski found out she has breast cancer

» Gina Wilburn — An English teacher at Starkweather Academy who also had other jobs, Wilburn had to undergo a double mastectomy after being diagnosed with stage 2 lobular carcinoma breast cancer. Post-surgery, doctors also found cancer in her lymph nodes, spine and liver.

» Michelle Wilson — Her family is seeking treatment of her liver cancer in Europe after

exhausting treatment options here.

Proceeds from the race — the event has raised more than \$250,000 since 2011 — will be divided among the beneficiaries using a formula the students have produced. The meeting where those decisions are made, the students said, are difficult ones.

"We evaluate how much (money) we have and how much each family needs and we try to give them whatever they need," Jensen said. "We can't always give them everything. That's a tough meeting."

Even if it can't solve everything, every little bit helps, according to Karen Damian.

"Anything to offset doctor bills, radiation and cancer treatment is a help," Damian said. "The SJ5K team is wonderful. They're so supportive. It's been a wonderful experience being part of it."

The SJ5K team focuses on three elements — financial support (from

runners and donors), community support (from business sponsors) and developing student leaders. The businesses are turning out — "The community is really stepping up," National Honor Society faculty adviser Beth Savalox said — with more than 50 businesses, organizations and civic groups sponsoring the race in some fashion.

All the effort is paying off. Last year's race drew some 3,000 participants and the T-shirts that symbolize the event are omnipresent.

"The community support comes in a lot of ways ... their stories are being told through social media and other media," said Anu Tuladhar, the family outreach coordinator. "The awareness helps. Families see the community is there for them. For families, seeing the crowds being there for them is a huge show of support."

Savalox, who has watched the students organize and coordinate all seven races, says their dedication to the



Regina Wilburn

event has turned it into the district's "crown jewel."

"With everything else these kids have to do — sports, extracurriculars, jobs, studying and everything else — the kids work their butts off for this in their senior year," Savalox said. "This is the crown jewel of our district."

The SJ5K is scheduled for 8 a.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Canton High School varsity football field. Cost is \$25 for adults, \$20 for students (register by April 14 for a guaranteed T-shirt). Register at [www.SJ5K.org](http://www.SJ5K.org).

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The teacher is Rafael Lopez, more famously known as DJ Alf Alpha.

The 32-year-old first-generation American is making a living creating music and giving back to his community. When we met, he was wearing a hat with the words "Super Sonido."

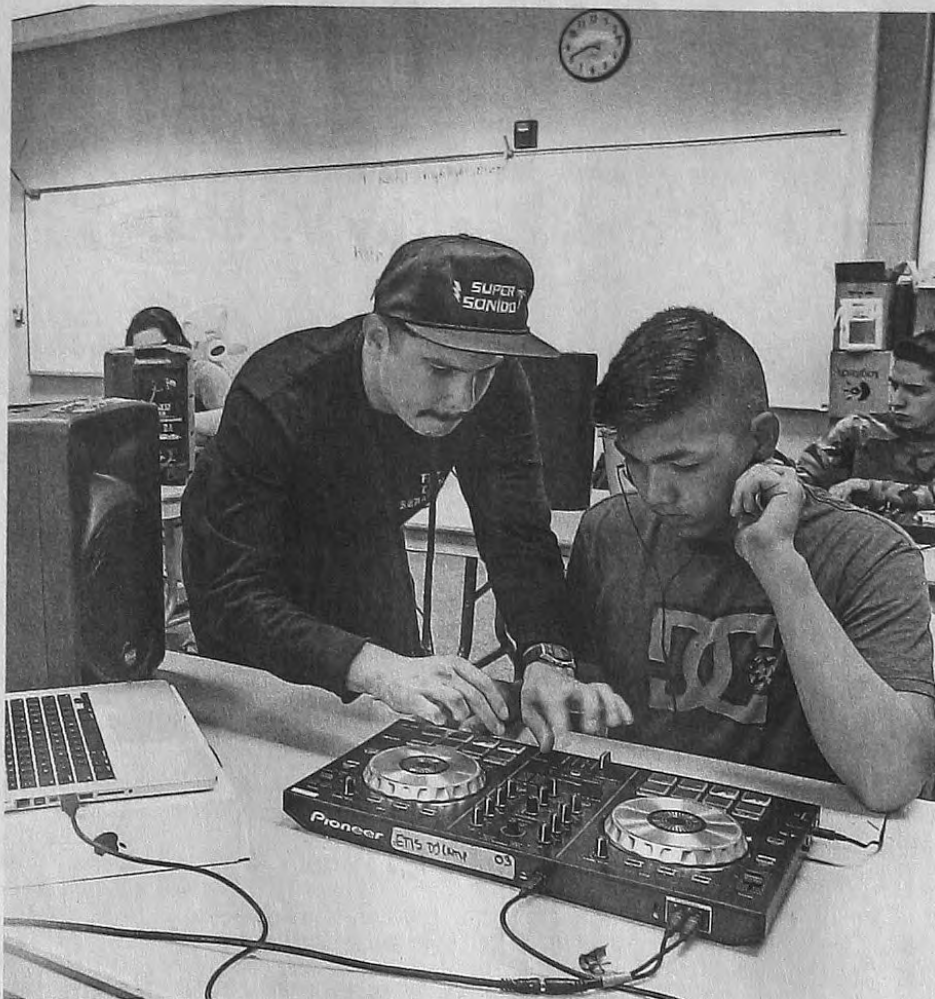
"Super Sonido, it's English and Spanish, meaning super sound," he said. "I'm an American first, but I can't forget my roots. I didn't want to just be a guy at a club playing Justin Bieber's music. ... I need to have my own sound. And for me that's Latin rhythms like cumbia, with traditionally American music like hip-hop or Black Sabbath laid on top of it."

Alf Alpha has graduated from playing dance clubs to playing his own music on the biggest stages, at events like Coachella and South by Southwest. His father, Rafael Sr., and his mother, Maria Guadalupe Reveles, were born in Mexico. As young adults, they both left for California in search of a better life. They met at a facility where they were both learning to speak English. They got married and had four children (Alf Alpha is the youngest).

"Obviously I'm American first — but my blood is Mexican 100 percent," Alf Alpha said. "You should have pride in where you come from, and I do."

And that is evident during his DJ class. In conjunction with the school district, he offers an eight-week free DJ camp after school once a week. He converts a classroom into a beat lab.

Alf Alpha moves from station to station listening to what the seven students



Rafael Lopez (aka DJ Alf Alpha) helps Gerardo Gonzalez during a DJ class at Desert Hot Springs High School in Desert Hot Springs, Calif., in February. JAY CALDERON/USA TODAY NETWORK

— five boys and two girls — are working on, offering advice.

He teaches the class at one local high school for six or eight weeks and then does it at a different school.

"I know people always say this, but I really do learn from them as much as they learn from me," he said. "They keep me fresh. It's pretty cool to be tapped in like that. And really ... they just become my friends."

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## RAFAEL LOPEZ

Stage name: DJ Alf Alpha

Location: Palm Desert, California

Age: 32

Profession: DJ

Mission: Giving high schoolers in his community an after-school option by teaching DJ classes, with the goal of bringing more music and creative people into the world.

## Q&A WITH RAFAEL LOPEZ

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

I feel like as Americans, it's our job to make this world a better place. To work hard. My parents are immigrants, both from Mexico, and that's not lost on me. My belief is that we're all part of one human race, and I think a lot of people get it twisted. People think that one group should be highlighted over another. ... Black people, Mexican people, white people; we're all Americans. And that diversity of culture is why we are the best country in the world and will continue to be.

**How does your heritage inform your music?**

I'm trying to merge American culture like hip-hop and electronic music ... through my spin on being Mexican American. Basing it around Latin percussion like cumbia or chicha. ... I like taking that sound but throwing hip-hop beats on top of that.

**Being from the Coachella Valley, how much of a life-changer was it for you to play the Coachella Music and Arts Festival in your backyard?**

Coachella was a dream come true. Always was a goal, and I've been going to Coachella since it started, since I was 15. Saw Rage Against the Machine and these cool bands.

**One of the ways you're giving back to the community is through a DJ class; how did that come about?**

I wanted something more than just the usual DJ gigs at a club. I mean don't get me wrong, I like getting that money, but do I really want to be in a club ... every Friday night? So I tried to expand, working at art galleries, or doing things that are more a part of the culture here in the desert. And then a friend of mine that worked in the school district office proposed the DJ camp or class idea, and I said let's do it.

**And how are the classes going?**

I love showing them the history of DJing ... and then showing them what the possibilities are now with technology. Then seeing them have their own spin on it. Maybe they can make a career out of it like I have. Sometimes even after the class is over they reach out to me, with some stuff they're working on.

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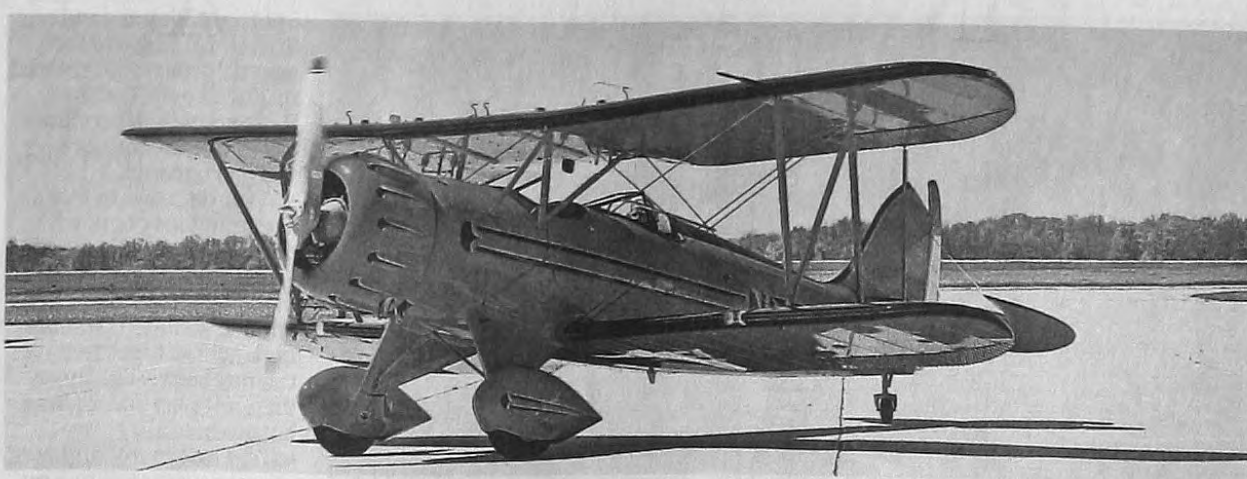
# Waco biplane readies for flight at Yankee Museum

In Yankee Air Museum's Hangar 1 at Willow Run Airport, a red 1992 YMF-5C Waco biplane sits covered in a dark corner. Rays of sunlight beam through the windows casting light and hope onto this lonely aircraft.

As the weather improves, so does the spirit of this extraordinary airplane. All winter long, it hoped for a flight, feeling the wind passing through the open cockpit and over its strong wings. However, with whom would it share this special moment? Will it be you? You could be one of the first riders of the 2017 flying season, Saturday, May 20, at the Detroit Aviation and Airline Collectibles Show!

Winter is slowly leaving Michigan, which means the iconic Waco biplane will be making its first public appearance in more than four months.

"We are excited to open the hangar doors and offer rides in one our newest flyable aircraft," said Kevin Walsh, executive director of the Yankee Air Museum. "Passengers enjoy its vibrant



Yankee Air Museum's Waco biplane is ready to fly.

red color, vast wingspan and open cockpit design."

The YMF-5C Waco biplane pays tribute to the barnstorming era, an important time in aviation history, spanning the 1920s and '30s, in which biplanes (or aircraft with wings stacked one above the other) became increasingly popular. Waco Aircraft Co. quickly became the most recognized biplane manufacturer and has retained their title, even to this day. Modifications have been made to modernize

the aircraft, but the spirit of the barnstorming era continues to inspire those who fly in it.

Although generations have passed since their introduction, Waco biplanes continue to impress all ages with its open cockpit design and remarkable flying capabilities. "Everyone who flies in the Waco always has a great time and really enjoys learning the history of the aircraft," said Geof Bush, Waco Air Adventure representative at the Yankee Air

Museum.

Sitting in an open cockpit, you experience the true glory of flight. Riders view the remarkable landscape, landmarks and experience a new sense of freedom. The pilot will fly under Visual Flight Rules, which ensures the weather is ideal for an Air Adventure in the Waco. Yankee Air Museum pilots are knowledgeable about the aircraft, and have logged numerous hours of flight-time; thus assuring the experience exceeds ex-

pectations.

Members of the museum staff are excited to begin scheduling and booking flights for the upcoming year. "I love working with the passengers and making sure their flight is memorable," said Megan Dziekan, customer service center manager at the Yankee Air Museum. "I can help schedule rides and answer any questions."

Answer the call of the lonely Waco biplane. The aircraft is patiently waiting for quality flying time

with area residents. With seating capacity for two passengers, a ride in the Waco is the perfect activity for family and friends! Do not miss this chance to reserve a flight at the Detroit Aviation and Airline Collectibles Show.

The show will open at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 20, at Willow Run Airport, Hangar 1, 801 Kirk Profit Drive, Ypsilanti.

Although on-site openings may be available, reservations for Waco rides are highly recommended. Anyone wishing to reserve a ride and view additional information, is encouraged to go to the YAM website at <http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org/waco-biplane>, email: [biplanerides@yankeeairmuseum.org](mailto:biplanerides@yankeeairmuseum.org) or contact Geof Bush at 734-776-7569.

Pricing on the WACO is as follows: one person (not to exceed 350 pounds in passenger weight): \$195 for YAM member, \$225 for non-YAM member; two people (not to exceed 350 pounds in combined passenger weight): \$295 for YAM members, \$325 for non-YAM members.

## Canton Book Project celebrated April 11 at the library

Celebrate the third annual Canton Book Project with a Book Givers Reception at 7 p.m. April 11 at the Canton Public Library. This year's book givers have been selected and now it's time for them to distribute their books to the public. The titles this year range from children's picture books to classic novels.

In its third year, the Canton Book Project is now growing in participation and in its impact on the community.

"This year, we saw almost double the applications from the previous year," said Laura Fawcett, program librarian. "It's an opportunity to get more books out into the community and strengthen the community well-being."

Nineteen book givers were selected this year. New to this year's Canton Book Project are Celebrity Book Givers,

who are well-known and inspirational leaders in the community.

Canton Public Safety Officer Patty Esselink chose the book "Officer Buckle and Gloria" by Peggy Rathmann to share with the community. Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams chose "Mother Bruce" by Ryan T. Higgins, and Joanne Maliszewski, editor of O&E Media, will distribute her favorite book, "Wind in the Willows," by Kenneth Grahame. Kristina Wilson, owner of the new Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea in Canton, will distribute "Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Bronte.

Other books to be shared through the Canton Book Project are as follows:

» "Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief" by Rick Riordan, distributed by Govinda Sai Lakshmanan

» "I Survived" books

by Lauren Tarshis, distributed by Saicharen Lakshmanan

» "Who Was?" books by Paula K. Manzanero and Nancy Harrison, distributed by Sayeesha Lakshmanan

» "Violent Ends" by Beth Revis, Blythe Woolston and a number of other authors, distributed by Ariana Kahn

» "Freak the Mighty" by Rodman Philbrick, distributed by Caylin Cook

» "Lord Jim" by Joseph Conrad, distributed by Alfred Brock

» "The Five Love Languages" by Gary Chapman, distributed by Tina Flint

» "Peaceful Parent, Happy Kids" by Laura Markham, distributed by Michelle Minard,

» "The Chronicles of Flannery Fiddlesticks" by A.M. Kenrick, distributed by the book's author, Angela Kenrick,

» "The Gift of Fear"

by Gavin de Becker, distributed by Sandra den Boer

» "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman, distributed by Zainab Elsarawy

» "Crazy in Alabama" by Mark Childress, distributed by Natalie Blasius

» "Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse" by Leo Lionni, distributed by Cecilia Escobar

» "The Good Nurse" by Charles Graeber, distributed by Iris Knight

Copies of these books will be distributed to members of the community in hope to create a spark that inspires the recipient to keep reading, creating an engaged, informed community.

"It's a great program, easy to get involved and an excellent way to share the love for reading and any other message you think is important to get out into the

community," said Susan Kennedy, a 2016 Canton Book Project participant. She chose to share "Go Dog Go" by P.D. Eastman, because she wanted to distribute a book that both kids and parents could enjoy together.

The Canton Book Project was launched as a way for the Canton Public Library to further connect your community. In addition, the Canton Book Project invites people to share their love of reading by giving

books to people in the community who, for whatever reason, don't read for pleasure or own books.

For more information about the Canton Book Project, contact Laura Fawcett at [fawcettl@cantonpl.org](mailto:fawcettl@cantonpl.org) or 734-397-0999, ext. 1079.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Rd. Learn more about the library at [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) or by calling the library at 734-397-0999.

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### GRIFFIN

**JAMES ALLEN** December 19, 1952 - April 5, 2017. Son of Mary Griffin. Preceded in death by James V. Griffin, Jr. (father) and James Griffin (step-son). Survived by dearest friend, Cheryl and her son, Bryan. Brother to Tim (Kelly) and Mary Ann (Mike). Loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. U.S. Army Veteran.

### McINTYRE



**MARGARET L.** 91, passed away Tuesday March 28 in New Port Richey, Florida. Born in Detroit December 3, 1925. Lived in Farmington MI for over 50 years. Will be greatly missed by her sons, Jerry (Mary), Mike, and Tim (Nancy); and her six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Internment 11 a.m. Saturday, May 6 at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

### MARTIN



**BARBARA LOUISE BOUGHNER** 90, of Key West, Florida, passed away on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at Lower Keys Medical Center, Key West, FL. She was born on August 12, 1926 in Highland Park, Michigan to the late Charles Boughner of Canada and Helen Meyer Boughner of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Barbara received a Bachelors Degree from Hillsdale College. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority and served as president of her chapter. Barbara had a thirty year career, working as a social worker for the Oakland County Court in Michigan. She was a board member of the Key West library. Barbara volunteered at the Botanical Gardens. She loved and enjoyed her tennis group in Key West. Barbara was an avid reader, an active Mah Jong Player, and enjoyed knitting and needle point. Barbara and her husband have been visiting Key West since 1959 and a resident since 1981. Their summers were spent in Eastport, Michigan. Surviving is her husband for over sixty-six years, Charles Earl Martin. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 12, at 11 a.m. at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes with the family receiving friends starting at 10:30. Burial will follow in Lakeview Cemetery, Torch Lake Township. A light luncheon will follow at Torch Lake Café. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in her name to dogsfortheblind.org. Arrangements are being handled by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook [mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://mortensenfuneralhomes.com).

### WALKER



**JOSEPHINE F.** 95, of Redford, passed away April 5, 2017. Josephine is the beloved wife of 47 years to the late Robert (d. 1991); devoted mother of Robert Walker and the late Sandra Kay Walker (d. 1992); grandmother of Andrew Walker and Sarah Ashley. Sadly, Josephine was also preceded in death by her siblings, Mary, Joseph and Pauline. Visitation Sunday, April 9, 1-8 p.m., at Heehey-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington, MI 48336. A Funeral Mass for Josephine will be held on Monday, April 10, 10 a.m. (in state 9:30 a.m.) at St. Priscilla Catholic Church 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. Internment Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorial tributes are suggested to St. Priscilla Catholic Church. [www.heehey-sundquist.com](http://www.heehey-sundquist.com)

## CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR

The Canton Public Library, 1200 S Canton Center Road, offers a host of programs and activities. For more information or to register for programs, contact the library at 734-397-0999 or go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org)

### Canton Book Project Reception

The Canton Book Project Book Givers have been chosen and the Canton Book Project Reception provides an opportunity to celebrate reading, the community and this year's book givers. The event is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 11. Light refreshments will be served.

### Trivia Night at the Library

Visit the library with a team or on your own for a night of trivia with questions about pop culture, sports, science, history and more. Light refreshments will be provided. The next trivia event is at 6:30 p.m. April 12.

### What is counseling?

Nicole Goodroe-Monette MA, CRC, LPC, outpatient therapist from the Northville Counseling Center, will explain the types of counseling, the levels of counseling and what to expect your first few visits. She can help you get started and assist you with any questions you may have on the counseling experience. If your or a loved one is in need of assistance, join this free seminar at 7 p.m. April 18 to learn more.

### Library Board meeting

The library board meets the third Thursday of each month and the next meeting is at 7:30 p.m. April 20. The public is invited to attend.

### An Elizabethan afternoon of songs

The Arbor Consort will perform, in period costumes, a colorful array of pop hits of the 16th century in their original a cappella form, songs from Italy, Spain, France and Germany and the golden age of Elizabethan England. Each song will be introduced with a short narrative describing the historical context, and what makes the song interesting and notable. At the end of the presentation, Consort members will answer questions about life during the renaissance, and describe their clothing: ruffs, partlets, doublets, farthingales, bum rolls, cauls, coifs, and all. The performance is at 2 p.m. April 23.

### Family Reading Night: Origami Party

Family Reading Nights are back! Celebrate books with activities and stories inspired by fun themes. There will also be a book raffle to help you grow your personal library. Registration is required. The next Family Reading Night is 7-8 p.m. April 25.

### Zeal's Incredible Free Build Domino Workshop

Domino builders/chain-reaction enthusiasts of all experience

levels are invited to meet-up and build something together at this program. This "free build" will start with a quick tutorial (introducing various types of basic domino structures) and then allow each participant to assemble their own creation with defined start and end points. At the end of the building session, builders will countdown to a sequential toppling of the connected creations.

This workshop includes a focus upon the STEM educational interplay with domino and chain reaction art, as the creation and toppling aspects of the event will help demonstrate how we can rely upon science, technology, engineering, and math to help us obtain a fun and fulfilling toppling experience. This program is designed for kids aged 9-17 years and registration is required. It's scheduled for 1 p.m. April 29.

### Meditation in Motion

Join practitioners from the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual Organization for Raja Yoga Meditation to relax and encourage your inner spiritual development toward a fresh perspective. The next session is 4-5:45 p.m. April 29.

### Sunday Afternoon Music Series

The Canton Public Library and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Jazz Band came together again for a series of Sunday afternoon performances. The next performance is on April 30 at 1:30 p.m..

### Homework Help: NHS Tutors at CPL

NHS students visit the library to provide third-through 12th-graders free homework help. If you're interested in getting tutored:

» You must be in grades 3-12

» If you're under 12, your parent must remain in the library

» You must bring the assignment and any other needed materials

Days and times are 6-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. There will be no tutoring during breaks or school closures/snow days.

Those seeking tutoring will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. They will be allowed a 30-minute maximum if there is a line.

### Family Storytime

Family Storytime is designed to help build early literacy skills in children under age 5 through meaningful stories, songs and dance. Caregivers are also provided an opportunity to actively engage with their children. Family Storytime is scheduled throughout April, in both the mornings and evenings. Check the program calendar at [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) for a full schedule.

### Teen Space Grand Re-Opening

The new and improved Teen Space includes dynamic, interesting and interactive spaces for teens to learn and explore. The official Grand Re-Opening Party is at noon April 30.

May you find  
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and friends

# Transgender actor debuts in first female role

Sharon Dargay  
hometownlife.com

As a transgender actor, Gerri Carney says she is open to any female roles in community theater.

The 67-year-old former Canton resident knows she faces some tough competition.

"Right now, with me being along in my transition to the point I am, I don't have a dream female role. My dream now is to just get female roles," said Carney, who was known as "Jerry" most of her life. "One thing I have found out is there are a lot more females auditioning for female roles than there are men auditioning for male roles."

After trying out for plays at Barefoot Productions in Plymouth and Inspire Theater in Westland, Carney landed two parts in Better Than Ever Productions' comedy, "Mother Truckers," which runs Thursday through Sunday, April 6-9, at the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex, 650 Church, in downtown Plymouth. She has a one-line role as a man in a brief scene and a bigger part as a woman, Trixie, a truck stop hooker.

Jeanne Pruett, president of Better Than Ever Productions, said Jerry Carney first performed with the group two years



Jeanne Pruett adjusts Gerri Carney's wig before rehearsal begins.

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ago when Ray Fraser, an actor cast in "Geezer Games," suffered a stroke just two weeks before opening night. Carney stepped in.

"We were very grateful to Jerry for helping us out. Jerry also starred in our production of 'Palliser Suite,' which was our first production at PARC," Pruett said. "Then he sort of disappeared for a while."

### Life change

The actor resurfaced by email in December 2015, explaining her decision to live life as a woman named Gerri. She had been dealing with some

emotional fallout, but wanted to return to community theater and offered to play both female and male roles.

"Fast forward to this season and we were in need of an actress to play a bit part in our upcoming production of 'Mother Truckers' and we also needed a male for a very small bit part. So we thought of Jerry, who now goes by Gerri, and she agreed to do the show with us," Pruett said. Fraser also will be in the play, his first since he had a stroke.

Pruett said "Mother Truckers" is Carney's first performance since

"making a very important life change."

Carney, who is divorced and has two grown children, with a first grandchild on the way, said she knew from a young age that she was "different."

"I didn't identify it as transgender at the time," she said. "I was able to bury it deeply in my psyche and deal with it most of my life. I must have been one hell of an actor to cross-dress and no one had a clue."

### Passion for theater

Carney studied acting at Wayne State University and was active at

Spotlight Players and Still Got It Players for several years. She retired in 2015 from Thomson Reuters, which produces tax and financial software programs.

Her decision to live as a woman has come with personal loss.

"My wife and I were married almost 43 years and we went to the same high school together," Carney said. "The most difficult part for me was how to break it to my wife. I lost many nights of sleep over that. When we decided we were going to get divorced, it was a very difficult thing on both our parts."

When they divorced in May 2016, Carney moved to Sumpter Township. She said her children, her three brothers and friends in the theater community have been "wonderful and supportive."

"I'm extremely fortunate circumstances are such that I'm able to deal with it and I didn't turn to drugs or alcohol," she said. "Nor did I attempt suicide as many of my (transgender) brothers and sisters have."

### Dangerous time

Observing others is one acting tool that Carney uses to create characters on stage. Incorporating observations into her own life helped her pass as a female in the

early stages of her transition.

"Passing is not one of my concerns now. I believe we need to be visible and we need to educate people. The more we can educate people, the better we'll be," she said. "Since the beginning of 2017, eight transgender females in the U.S. were murdered ... because they were different. Last year, 280 transgender people were murdered. It's a very dangerous time."

Carney doesn't regret waiting until her late 60s to transition. She said her experiences as a man, including serving in the U.S. Army, helped shape who she is today.

"I wake up every morning with a smile on my face and I look forward to all the great things that will happen," she said.

That includes "Mother Truckers," where Carney says she is having "a blast."

Show times for the comedy are 1 p.m. Thursday, 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. They're available at betterthaneverprod.wix.com/btep or by calling 734-306-7883. Check out Better Than Ever Productions on Facebook at facebook.com/betterthaneverproductions.

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## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal Gym Floor Sanding and Refinishing Bid. Specifications of the Request for Proposal (RFP) are available on at PCCSK12.com, under departments and business office or by contacting Kristen Hennessey, Director of Procurement, and Plymouth Canton Community Schools at [kristen.hennessey@pccsk12.com](mailto:kristen.hennessey@pccsk12.com). Proposals will be accepted as specified in the Request for Proposals at PCCS - E.J. McClendon Educational Center Technology Department located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before **Friday, May 5, 2017 at 12:00pm**. Bids shall be labeled: Bid document enclosed- "Sanding Bid." The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
Anupam Chugh Sidhu

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STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF LAKE ) SS: ) IN THE LAKE SUPERIOR COURT  
CAUSE NUMBER: 45D061604JC000376

IN THE MATTER OF A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES  
JSC - DOB 1/13/2005  
(Minor child)  
AND

JOSEPH TADROS, ALLEGED FATHER AND ANY UNKNOWN ALLEGED FATHERS (Parents)

TO: Joseph Tadros and Any Unknown Alleged Fathers;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, as well as Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are also unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Lake Superior Court, 3000 W. 93rd Avenue, Crown Point, IN 46307, 219-660-6900 for a CHINS Publication Service Return Hearing on 6/12/2017 at 1:00 PM. At said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor child is a child in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver to be present at said hearing.

UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child including child support.

YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition and a dispositional decree may be entered against you without further notice.

Dated this 14th day of March, 2017

Michael A. Brown  
Juvenile Court Clerk

Justin R Paris, 31076-64  
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services, 661 Broadway, Gary, IN 46402  
Work: 219-881-6944

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Livonia Democratic Club meeting**

The Livonia Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. April 12, at the LDC headquarters at 33150 Schoolcraft Road, Suite No. L-02, Livonia. The guest is Michigan Democratic Party Chairman Brandon Dillon.

**Lakes Tea Party meeting**

The Lakes Area Tea Party will meet at 7 p.m., Monday April 10, at the Uptown Grille, 100 E. West Maple Road, in Commerce. Health care expert Abigail Noble will discuss the current health care system, Obamacare vs. the American Care Act and Washington's repeal debacle.

**Spring Senior Expo**

Senior citizens, retirees and caregivers can find a wealth of information that's important to them as the Observer & Eccentric presents the 14th annual Spring Senior Expo from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 10, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, in Livonia.

The event is completely free to the public. More than 50 businesses, health care providers, insurance companies and legal practices will be on hand to discuss all they have to offer metro Detroit seniors. In addition, there will be sessions with experienced and insightful leaders in elder law, asset management, health care and pain relief.

Speakers include Christopher Berry of The Elder Care Firm, with a presentation on protecting assets from long-term care costs. Rick Bloom, Bloom Asset Management partner and Observer & Eccentric guest columnist, will talk about building an estate plan that fits your situation.

**Mother Truckers**

Tickets are on sale for Better Than Ever Productions' third season opener, "Mother Truckers," a comedy by Judith Sapperstein and Gary Murway performed April 5-9, at the new PARC facility downtown Plymouth. Show date: April 9, 2 p.m. at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church St., Plymouth.

**Canton Adopt-A-Road**

The first Adopt-A-Road clean-up date is April 22, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or maybe even finish sooner). The first one of the year is always the toughest, since litter has accumulated all winter long in the ditches and on the road shoulder. The routes are: Geddes Road between Michigan Ave-

nue. and Beck, and Beck Road, between Michigan Avenue and Geddes. Tubs of pickup bags and reflector vests will be located in several spots along Geddes. It's important that we take care of our neighborhoods as much as possible.

**Office hours**

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson will host coffee hours in Garden City and Westland with elected officials from the state of Michigan on Monday, April 10. Coffee hour in Westland will be co-hosted with state Reps. Robert Kosowski and Jewell Jones 9-10 a.m. at Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 North Wayne Road.

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

**Widowed Friends activities**

Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group for Widowed Men/Women hosting Stage Play/Dinner, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Sunday, April 9, 2 p.m., show time and dinner after. A musical play "Hello Dolly" is being presented by the Spotlight Players. Then enjoy a dinner at a local restaurant TBD by number attending. Ticket price for show is \$16. RSVP to Mary Ann at 734-589-8292.

Widowed Friends hosts Dinner/Games, Wednesday, April 12, 5:30-9 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Cost \$16 for buffet, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door, cash only. Corsi's, 27910 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. Stay for games and cards. RSVP 248-357-2183 or 313-274-2950.

Widowed Friends hosts Mass/Dinner, St. Hedwig Church, Saturday, April 29, 4 p.m., St. Hedwig, (3245 Junction near Michigan) was the third Polish Church established for Polish im-

migrants in 1902 and now serves as the destination for immigrants from Mexico. Dinner, restaurant TBD. RSVP to call 734-927-0610 by April 20.

Widowed Friends hosts fish fries at the following churches: 4 p.m., April 7, Our Lady of Loretto, 17116 Olympia, at the corner of Six Mile and Beech; 4 p.m., April 14, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 West Chicago at Inkster.

**A safe Internet for kids**

Crossroads Church presents, Creating A Safe Internet for Our Kids: A Special Internet Safety Seminar, at 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 12. Hear from a leading expert about how to help create a safe internet for kids. Visit [www.CrossroadsNow.org](http://www.CrossroadsNow.org) for more information. Free admission.

**3D Photography Club**

The club will meet from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The meeting will feature a presentation on "Stereoscopic Optical Illusions" by Jay Horowitz, a former NASA scientist who specialized in visualization and virtual reality and is the current president of the Ohio 3D club.

After a refreshment break, the meeting will conclude with the monthly club 3D image competition. The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent. For more information, visit [www.Detroit3D.org](http://www.Detroit3D.org) or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

**Hilltop Church of the Nazarene**

Hilltop Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, has the following services:

**Sunday Schedule:** 9:30 a.m. Classic Worship; 11 a.m. Revive (contemporary) Worship; 11 a.m.

Kids Worship; 11 a.m. teen worship; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School

**Monday:** 7 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday:** 9:25 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study; 6:45 p.m. Evening Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday:** 6:30 p.m. Little Trikes (Birth - K) and Kidventure (1st-3rd grade) programming; Club 45 for fourth-graders and fifth-graders; Merge Middle School Worship night; Various classes and Bible Study; Alpha class from 6:30-8 p.m. - an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Alpha is for high school to adult. Free English as a Second Language classes!

**Thursday:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer and Bible Study; Men's 33 study; Engage (Young adult) small groups and community.

For more information, call 248-348-7600 or go to [www.hilltopnaz.org](http://www.hilltopnaz.org)

**Neighbors and Friends**

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a Women's Club in Livonia, will welcome retired Sgt. Robert Haig of the Detroit Police Department on Tuesday, April 11. Haig will discuss how not to become a victim of gypsy scams, utility work impersonators, pigeon drops and computer and phone scams.

The "Don't Get Scammed" event will take place at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church at 34567 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Livonia Neighbors and Friends (A Women's Club in Livonia) is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, September through May at 7 p.m.. Special activity groups continue to meet year round. For more information, go to <http://livonianighborsandfriends.tripod.com>.

Psychologist pleads to felony charge

Darrell Clem  
hometownlife.com

A Plymouth Township psychologist, accused of practicing without a proper license, has pleaded guilty to one felony charge of attempting to work in an unauthorized practice, court records show.

Melissa Ann Sharnowski, 39, is facing sentencing May 3 after she pleaded guilty in March in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge Gregory Bill.

Sharnowski could not be reached Friday at Inspired by Me Psychological Wellness Center, on Haggerty Road south of Ann Arbor Road. An employee said Sharnowski was on vacation.

An administrative complaint also was issued Dec. 21 against Sharnowski by the Michigan Attorney General's

office on behalf of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, LARA spokesman Michael Loepp said Friday.

"It was based in part on charges that she practiced psychology with an expired doctoral education limited license in psychology, submitted bills to insurance companies for treatment sessions she did not provide and submitted bills for treatment under a different psychologist's billing identification number," Loepp wrote by email, in response to questions.

He said the administrative complaint included 10 counts of violations of the Public Health Code against Sharnowski. It wasn't known Friday what potential sanctions she might face.

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**NOTICE**  
**HURON CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLEANING SERVICES**  
**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

Notice: Huron Charter Township is accepting bids for cleaning services for all Municipal Offices. Township Hall located at 22950 Huron River Drive, Police Department located at 36500 South Huron River Road, Krzyske Senior Center located at 28245 Mineral Springs, and Senior Center Barn located at 28245 Mineral Springs, New Boston, Michigan 48164.

Bid specifications are available to be picked up at the Township Clerk's Office Monday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. And at [www.hurontownship-mi.gov](http://www.hurontownship-mi.gov)

A walk through tour of the locations is scheduled for April 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

All bids must be sealed and clearly titled: Cleaning Service Bid.

All bids must be returned to:

Kathlene Van Wasshnova  
Township Clerk  
Huron Charter Township  
22950 Huron River Drive  
New Boston, MI 48164

All bids are due by 2:00 p.m. on April 13, 2017.

Huron Charter Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Kathlene L. Van Wasshnova, CMC,  
Township Clerk

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Regular Meeting**

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting April 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

Sandra Young, Administrative Assistant  
Plymouth District Library  
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**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ROOFING REPLACEMENT - MEADS MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The Board of Education of Northville Public Schools is accepting Prime Contractor firm bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to replace a section of roofing at Meads Mill Middle School.

Bid documents will be available on April 10, 2017, online, by going to the District's web site, [www.northvilleschools.org](http://www.northvilleschools.org) and selecting Departments, then Finance & Operations.

Bids are due Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 2:00 PM at **NORTHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION - ROOM 307, 501 WEST MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE, MI 48167**. Bids should be marked to the attention of Mr. Michael Zopf, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Late or faxed bids will not be accepted. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M., April 27, 2017 at the Northville Board of Education-Room 302, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday April 18, 2017 at Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road, Northville MI beginning at 2:00 p.m.

All contracts to be entered into by the Northville Public Schools must and will comply with the equal opportunity laws of the State of Michigan.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet.

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Northville Public Schools, Board of Education or the Northville Public Schools, Superintendent. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

All proposals shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the owner.

For bidding information, contact Michelle Kerns at [lecoleplanners@gmail.com](mailto:lecoleplanners@gmail.com) and, for technical questions contact Mike Bode at [RTA Associates mcbode@rtaltld.com](mailto:RTA Associates mcbode@rtaltld.com).

Roland Hwang, Secretary  
Northville Public Schools, Board of Education

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NHL HOCKEY

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## Good-bye, Joe - Thanks for the memories

After 37 years and nearly 1500 games, arena is closing

Marty Budner  
hometownlife.com

Good-bye, Joe. It was great knowing you. The final puck will fly Sunday evening at the fabled hockey arena in downtown Detroit.

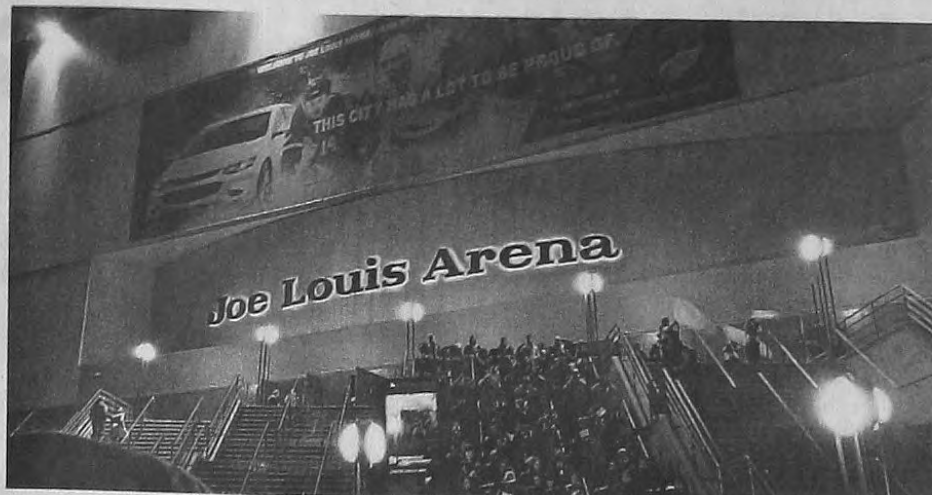
After 37 years, 1,466 regular-season games, 850 regular-season wins and four more Stanley Cup banners added to the fold, Joe Louis Arena, the venerable home of the Detroit Red Wings, is closing.

So many memories. So many stories. So many wonderful moments.

The \$34 million building, nestled oddly amid an assortment of road ways, the Cobo Center and the Detroit River,

made its hockey debut in December 1979. Even with all the quirks of the hastily-constructed arena — the steep steps, overcrowded concourse and dearth of bathroom facilities — it became the nerve center of Detroit's hockey renaissance. The birthplace of Hockeytown.

The Wings entered their new home after having struggled through most of the '70s, leaving behind an iconic barn known as Olympia Stadium. It took a while to overcome the "Darkness with Harkness" and "Dead Things" eras to find success down by the river, but once they did, thanks to an aggressive new owner in Mike Ilitch and a burgeoning



DAN DEAN

After 850 regular-season wins and four more Stanley Cup banners added to the fold, Joe Louis Arena, the venerable home of the Detroit Red Wings, is closing.

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U.S. VS CANADA

# OH SO GOLDEN!

Knight's overtime goal gives Team USA 3-2 victory and IIHF Women's Worlds championship

Tim Smith  
hometownlife.com

Team USA vs. Canada for the gold medal. The 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship had to come down to that. And overtime, too.

Forgot all the controversy before the first puck was dropped at the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth about whether the best American players would even participate because of a drawn-out contract dispute with USA Hockey.

All of that was water under the Ambassador Bridge for both teams and a sold-out crowd of 3,917 Friday night at USA Hockey Arena.

And, although a Canada goal just 61 seconds into the first period briefly served as a buzzkill for Team USA fans, the contest lived up to its lofty billing as the U.S. won 3-2 at 10:17 of overtime on forward Hilary Knight's goal.

Knight blocked a shot at the Team USA blueline, and that triggered a 3-on-2 rush the other way — with spark-plug Kendall Coyne sending a pass across to Knight in the high slot for the slap shot that zoomed over the trapper of tough-as-nails Canada goalie Shannon Szabados (38 saves).

The blast broke Canada's heart and blew the roof off the Beck Road arena, as the U.S. squad — 5-0 in the tourney — won the Womens Worlds for the third consecutive year.

"It felt pretty good," said Knight, about the ultimate reward for making an important defensive play. "I was just looking for some grit plays, I was having a hard time handling the puck tonight.

"... Blocking that shot was huge and then I just went and followed the play."

Knight's tournament winner ratcheted up the emotion as U.S. fans cheered, waved their miniature American flags and watched as the players received their cherished gold medals.

"The energy in the building was

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*"And coming in here knowing we won a battle that we've been fighting for for over a year it just made us feel so light coming into the world championships."*

KACEY BELLAMY  
Team USA defenseman



JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Team USA's Kacey Bellamy (22), Meghan Duggan (10) and Monique Lamoureux (7) celebrate with the IIHF Women's World Championship trophy.



JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

U.S. players Monique Lamoureux (7) and Hilary Knight (21) battle for the puck against Canada's Brienne Jenner (19) during the first period Friday.

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The U.S. celebrates Kacey Bellamy's goal early in the first period Friday against Canada.

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## GOLDEN

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incredible and it was a really fast-paced game," said Team USA defenseman Kacey Bellamy, who scored her team's first two goals. "We had to fight right until the end."

Bellamy added that the team was "united" from the start of the tournament, with an added boost coming from finally settling a year-long dispute with USA Hockey. As of two days before the tourney, it was not certain who would wear the red, white and blue.

"I think that it made us closer as a team," Bellamy said. "Just everything, we had to communicate for months and months straight, we just stayed united. I think that was the biggest thing."

"And coming in here knowing we won a battle that we've been fighting for for over a year it just made us feel so light coming into the world championships."

### Striking early

After a tight checking second period, the U.S. came out on a mission to open the third period and quickly took a 2-1 lead.

Knight gained possession behind Canada's net and slid a no-look backhand pass in front to Bellamy, pinching in on the play. Bellamy jammed the puck past Szabados at the 42-second mark to send USA Hockey Arena into a frenzy.

"I'm not a D that steps into the play but I felt like we had more numbers than them," said Bellamy, about the go-ahead marker. "And then I started waiting around in front of the goalie and I saw Knight get it."

Team USA kept the pressure on, enjoying a 10-5 edge in shots over the first 6:12 and with the "U.S.A., U.S.A." chant getting louder. But Szabados held the fort long enough for Canada to tie the game at 9:44 on the power play.

Scoring on a carbon copy of the night's first goal was Brienne Jenner, who ripped a shot from the left side of the cage past Team USA goalie Nicole Hensley (26 saves). Making a crisp pass from the right circle across to Jenner was Marie-Philip Poulin.

The U.S. had two power play chances in the final 7:30 of the third, but Canada's penalty killing unit kept dangerous chances to a minimum and the period ticked down to zeroes to ensure OT would be needed to decide things.

### Reset button

After Team USA routed Germany 11-0 on Thursday night, the Gold Medal contest had an inauspicious start.

Meghan Agosta one-timed a crossing



Team USA players mob Kacey Bellamy after her goal early in the third period broke a 1-1 tie.

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feed from Jennifer Wakefield past Hensley at the 1:01 mark of the opening frame to give Canada a quick 1-0 lead and sap plenty of energy out of USA Hockey Arena.

Hensley had no chance as Team Canada made good on a 2-on-1 rush, with Agosta snapping a shot from the left circle to beat Hensley under the crossbar. Canada then had a power play less than a minute later, with an opportunity to go up by two goals. But the U.S. women persevered and efficiently killed off the penalty.

That enabled Team USA to tie the game at 4:34 on a slap shot by Bellamy. The shot from the left point seemed to change direction as it fluttered over Szabados' right shoulder.

"Yesterday we just said 'Let's shoot from the point,'" Bellamy said. "I made sure as soon as I got the puck I would shoot, and Brianna Decker screened the goalie perfectly. It really helped give us a little momentum boost."



United State women's hockey team celebrates winning the IIHF Women's World Championship Friday night after defeating Canada 3-2 in overtime in Plymouth.

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## THE JOE

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star in Steve Yzerman, the Joe became a raucous, energy-filled building.

Who can ever forget the 1997 Cup run that broke a 42-year drought dating back to 1955?

Who can forget the infamous Fight Night at the JLA on March 26, 1997, when Darren McCarty sent Claude Lemieux tumbling to the ice in retaliation for the absolutely brutal hit the previous season on teammate Kris Draper?

Who can forget the blissfully euphoric feeling of watching Yzerman blast a long-distance slap shot past Jon Casey in Game 7 of the 1996 Western Conference semifinal against Wayne Gretzky's St. Louis Blues to dramatically end the suspense-filled battle, 1-0, early in the second overtime?

Or how about the other three Stanley Cup seasons of '98, '02 and '08? Or, the 1980 All-Star Game, which featured the return of Mr. Hockey, Gordie Howe, to Detroit as a Hartford Whaler? Or the glorious ceremonies honoring Yzerman (2007), Nick Lidstrom (2014), Sid Abel (1995) and Alex Delvecchio (1991)? Or the remarkable franchise-record 23-game home winning streak that stretched through early November 2011 to late February 2012? Or Al the Octopus cascading down from the rafters during the playoffs?

Yes, the Joe will be turned to dust, but the cherished recollections will live on forever in the minds of Detroit's hockey fans.

A few of those fans, who also double as area hockey coaches, have enjoyed amazing experiences at Joe Louis Arena.

Following are their stories.

### Andy Weidenbach

Weidenbach, Cranbrook Kingswood's longtime hockey coach and president of the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League, has a unique perspective. He helped work on JLA as an American Bridge employee before skating off to Compuware as a full-time coach.

"I actually worked on the construction of the Joe back in 1977-78," Weidenbach said. "American Bridge did all of the steel erection. Sometimes when I am at the Joe and I look up and see those big steel trusses and beams, I think to myself, 'I couldn't walk on those beams today if my life depended on it.'"

The highly-regarded Weidenbach was asked to run some Red Wings skating practices for a few years at Joe Louis in early September before the team headed off to training camp in Traverse City.

"It was a lot of fun hanging out with the team and coaches before and after practices," Weidenbach said. "(Nick) Lidstrom and (Kris) Draper were the (alternate) captains back then. They were good to me and made me feel welcome and part of the team. The other players and coaches were also great to me and that is something I will never forget.



Livonia resident Adam Mitchell poses with former Detroit Red Wings head coach Scotty Bowman during a Stanley Cup celebration.

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"When I coached in the OHL in 1981-91, the Joe was our home ice," he said. "It was fun to play games and practice in the same building as the Wings. It was fun to be a small part of the history at the Joe."

### Ken Anderson

Anderson, Farmington Unified's hockey coach, has memories of watching the annual Great Lakes Invitational tournament, which Joe Louis Arena has hosted since 1979 (except 2013, when the tournament was played outdoors at Comerica Park).

"My first memories of the Joe were as a youth hockey player in the late '70s and going to the Great Lakes Invitational," Anderson said. "It always seemed that my team would be playing in a Christmas tournament at the same time, so after one of our games, we would go watch the college guys. Such a great experience."

"I never did get a chance to play on the ice, but I did coach a travel team that played a game there back in 1992. Definitely a thrill to be coaching where so many great coaches did their work. Obviously, as the years went along and the Wings were in their great era, I was fortunate enough to attend a lot of the playoff games and live the excitement of the Stanley Cup teams."

"If there was one special memory I take away from that, although I was not in the building, was being downtown in one of the bars when Darren McCarty scored that amazing goal (against the Philadelphia Flyers in 1997) that pretty much sealed the first of the cups!

"The most recent memory is being able to take my daughter to this past Monday's game against Ottawa, where we saw a great game and, even better, a Wings win in a shootout," he added. "The atmosphere was fantastic and to have that last memory to share with her was very special."

### David Mitchell

David Mitchell, the Livonia Stevenson hockey coach, will never forget his days

playing AAA games at Joe Louis Arena.

"I have a ton of memories of Joe Louis Arena," said Mitchell, a teacher at Holmes Middle School in Livonia. "I played eight years for Little Caesars AAA and by that time was at the older levels. It was basically our home rink and we had many practices and games there. Nothing beat the feeling of being a teenager and getting to play on the same ice as some of the greatest to ever play the game."

Mitchell's father Adam worked as a volunteer statistician for the Red Wings coaching staff. As a result, he was able to see some of the Wings' most memorable games over the years.

"He didn't get paid, but did get two season tickets," Mitchell said. "I have been at the biggest games in the history of that arena. Obviously, seeing them win the Stanley Cup was a huge highlight."

Mitchell remembers going to the final game at the Olympia in December 1979. Now, his son will be attending the final game at the Joe.

"I'll be humbled to send my son, who is 12, to the last game at the Joe with my brother," he said. "Gonna miss the Joe. It's been a huge part of mine and my family's life."

### Jason Reynolds

The Livonia Churchill hockey coach said Joe Louis Arena was a "major" part of his childhood.

"Growing up, I spent many nights at Joe Louis Arena," Reynolds said. "My family was fortunate enough to share a Red Wings season ticket package — three seats, eight rows from the ice in Section 111."

"My childhood hero was Steve Yzerman, so I have a lot of great memories," he added. "Whether it was Stevie's 50-goal seasons or the many Bob Probert fights, Sergei Fedorov's five-goal game and even the Detroit-Colorado brawl. Joe Louis Arena was a major part of my childhood."

### Adam Mitchell

Adam Mitchell, a former high school hockey coach at Livonia Churchill and the University of Michigan-Dearborn, enjoyed a personal relationship with some Red Wings head coaches at Joe Louis Arena.

Because of his association with Mike Ilitch, whom he befriended while working with the Little Caesars junior hockey program in the '70s, Mitchell was able to land a job working as a personal statistician for the team's head coaches, starting with Nick Polano in 1981.

Mitchell tracked whatever stat each coach was most interested in — Polano with game film, Scotty Bowman with player ice time and Mike Babcock with offensive zone hits and drives to the net. He did his work up in the press box and would make reports to the coaches between periods.

"Each head coach had something that they wanted me to follow out on the ice," said Mitchell, a longtime Livonia resident whose son David is Livonia Stevenson's hockey coach. "Working with the coaches was really a great experience. Just being down there, I was part of the coaching staff keeping stats and that was great."

"It was a lot of fun. I got to meet an awful lot of people through this," he added. "I made tons and tons of friends in the 35 years that I was down there. Just knowing all these people, like Mike Babcock and Scotty Bowman, and being able to say you're friends with them is kind of neat."

Mitchell's favorite moments at the Joe were the four Stanley Cup seasons, after which he was granted championship rings. He loved the intimacy the JLA provided for the dedicated and vociferous home fans — he should know, as he's missed only four home games in 35 years of service.

This year marked the first season Mitchell did not do stats for the head coach, as analytics have taken over his duties. He remains working in the press box, performing various team jobs, and plans to continue that work at the new Little Caesars Arena, scheduled to open late this summer.

While he got to know nearly every nook and cranny of the JLA, the former full-time counselor in the Livonia Public Schools district believes the time is right for a new stadium.

"In all honesty, I think it was time for a new arena. Even though I was teaching school, I did a lot of traveling with the team and I saw different arenas," Mitchell said. "And we were definitely in need of a new one. The Joe was nice, but when you travel to these other new arenas, you can see the real need for something."

"The Red Wings are a very classy organization. They treat their players unbelievably. I think this new arena will draw new players to the Red Wings," he added. "It's going to be sad that the Joe is closing, but on the other hand, it's going to be nice because the new arena will be a state-of-the-art facility and it will be like a city in itself down there."

GIRLS LACROSSE

# Plymouth looks to build off last season

Strong cast of returning players could make it another big year for Wildcats girls squad

**Tim Smith**  
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Plymouth's varsity girls lacrosse team is on to something here. In 2016, the Wildcats were on fire, going 16-3 and winning the first state tournament game in school history.

This time around, with 11 returning seniors, the team is poised to keep the good times coming.

"I think we will compete in all our KLAA contests and have a good shot to win most of them," said Wildcats head coach Jake Wieloch, who noted that he has upped the scheduling ante to help his team elevate its game even more.

"This year we have upgraded our early season schedule to challenge our team and prepare for the (conference) season," Wieloch said.

Plymouth's cast of key returnees includes the following: senior goalie Elizabeth Elliot; senior defenders Claudia Saveski, Megan Eschelbach, Emily LeBlanc, Shelby Strawn; senior midfielders Cathryn VandenBosch and Regan Woodward; junior midfielder Michelle Cirino; and senior attackers

Kari Schoen and Madeline Caswell. The Wildcats also have some promising newcomers that could make an impact in junior attacker Amber Steiner and sophomore attacker/midfielder Jillian Koviak.

Taking care of leadership duties will be VandenBosch, Saveski, Strawn and senior midfielder Cierra Steiner.

"Cat will bring a never say quit attitude and leads by example," Wieloch said about VandenBosch. "She is always working hard to get better and sets the right example for the younger players."

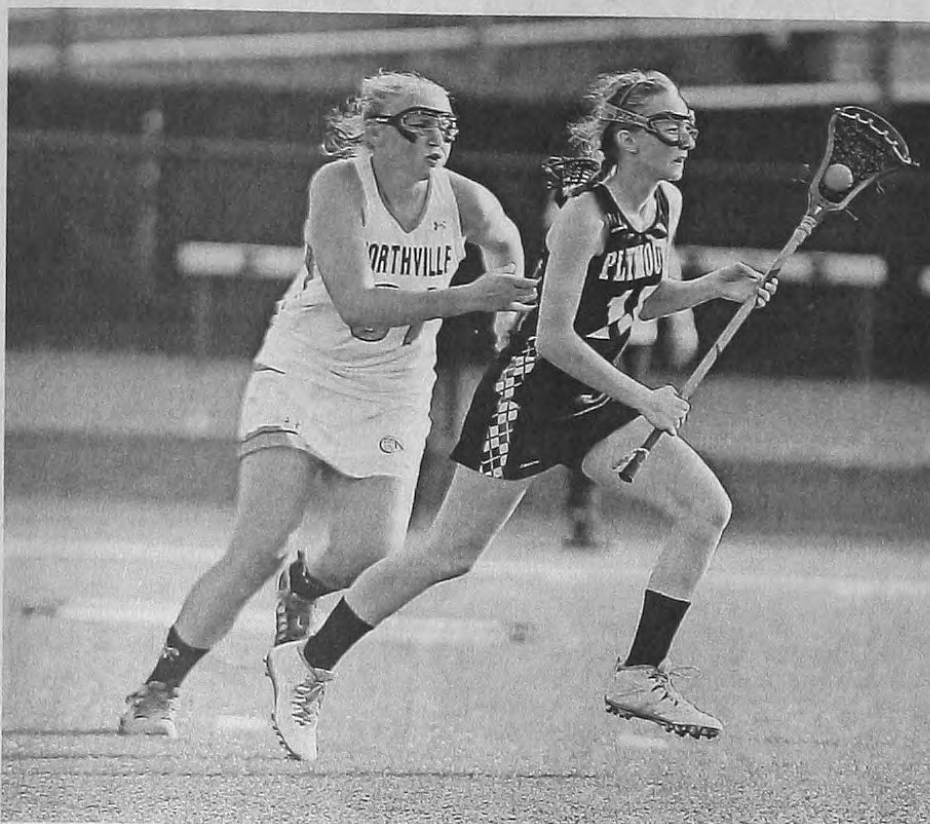
Here's what Wieloch had to say about the other captains:

Saveski: "Claudia brings a great coachable personality and is our spirit center! She will always put forth her best effort and can be relied upon to keep our spirits up with her positive attitude."

Steiner: "Cierra suffered a season-ending knee injury just before the season this year. She is working with our players to coach them up and make them better. She will be missed on the field, but is contributing off the field."

Strawn: "Shelby is a hard worker that has made herself into a great lacrosse player. She is always ready to learn something new and always is smiling."

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One of a number of top returnees for Plymouth is Cathryn VandenBosch (right) shown from last season. FILE PHOTO

BOYS LACROSSE PREVIEW

# High-scoring Salem off to blazing start

Goals and victories coming at a fast clip as Rocks look to fast track way into contention

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What does a boys lacrosse team do after a tough season?

The Salem Rocks went out and brought in Eric West to be the junior varsity head coach and varsity offensive coordinator. Seniors came back ready to battle and get rid of the sour taste of last season's 6-10 disappointment.

And the Rocks are filling opposing nets at a dizzying clip over the first handful of games this spring — including a 19-1 shellacking of Bedford and a 17-5 win over East Lansing. The team is 4-1, with the only loss to an outstanding Haslett team.

"Following tryouts this year, the coaching staff was amazed at just how much improvement was had with our returning players, along with the freshman reinforcements that made the varsity squad," Salem head coach Corey Mattingly said. "We have started off the 2017 season with the best record and goal differential in Salem Rocks lacrosse history."

And there's no chance of a letup, especially after a promising showing at the preseason "Lax War" at High Velocity in Canton.

"We finished with ties against Novi and Howell, lost to Canton and won against Saline," Mattingly said. "We know where we stand and how we stack up. It is all going to come down to execution throughout 48 minutes."

Setting the chip-on-their-shoulder tone are senior co-captains Marty Mills (attackman), Ian Wunderlich (midfielder) and Andrew Fedel (midfielder).

"Marty provides a high level of competitive eagerness to attack the cage," Mattingly said. "Marty is a player who loves to lead by example; he is not the player that likes to yell and get his teammates rowdy by what he says,



Salem senior defenseman Justin Sopha (left) looks to get the ball out of trouble against Dearborn Divine Child. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

rather, he loves to get them involved." Wunderlich is a "follow my action" type of captain.

"He is the player that will tell his teammates what they are doing wrong in the weight room and show them how to improve," Mattingly said. "When a coach leaves the room, he is the player that is singled out and is told to take charge."

The vocal captain is Fedel, who also is showing teammates how to seamlessly take on a change in positions.

**High expectations**

"Andrew has accepted the challenge to switch from close defense to midfield and is taking the role on nicely," Mattingly said. "Andrew is a fast, physical player and his presence has

*"(Michael Mihalic) has the potential to become the best player to ever play at P-CEP and does so much more than putting up points,"*

**COREY MATTINGLY,**  
Salem head coach

been increased by being allowed to roam the entire field instead of being stuck at the defensive end."

They also bring it on the field, with Mills and Wunderlich among 14 players who so far have recorded at least one point.

Other key offensive players include junior midfielders Tyler Thompson and Devin Farmer and freshman midfielder Michael Mihalic.

"On the defensive end, we have been stingy and have only allowed 5.2 goals per game, in part to having a veteran led group with four senior close defenders," he said, referring to seniors Noah Fleming, Justin Sopha, Blake Prieskorn and Nolan Kerwin.

Juniors Kyle Ditton and Tommy Simpson also are key players on defense.

Mattingly is looking forward to how newcomers Mihalic and Thompson mesh with veterans in the midfield.

"(Mihalic) has the potential to become the best player to ever play at P-CEP and does so much more than putting up points," Mattingly said. "He is a ground ball vacuum, a clearing machine and provides an extra kick of energy at any point during the game."

As for Thompson, a JV player in 2016, "He is a player that has drastically improved and provides an offensive attacking presence that either produces or draws attention so that teammates get better looks."

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BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

# Strong veteran athletes could spark Canton, Franklin

Number of state qualifiers back to lift area teams

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Around the bend in full tilt come athletes on area varsity boys track and field teams, who jump into conference action this week.

Following is a look at several area teams and their prospects for the 2017 season:

**Canton**

Under fourth-year head coach Jess Shough, Canton's varsity boys track and field team is looking to build off last season's 4-1 conference record.



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The Chiefs also finished fifth at regionals and boasted eight state qualifiers. At the top of the list of those qualifiers is record-setting senior Jamal Vaunado, third at states in the 300-meter hurdles.

Senior pole vaulter Andrew Koenigsnecht is another returning qualifier. He was undefeated last year.

"We are optimistic for a very suc-

cessful season with a nice crew of returning letter winners and a good number of newcomers with potential," Shough said.

A third-place showing at the recent Ann Arbor Huron Indoor Relays also is something Shough considers a good sign for the coming season.

Vaunado, who will star in the 110 and 300 hurdles, and Koenigsnecht are two of a number of strong returnees.

Others include seniors Zac Clark (distance), Caleb Moraw (400 dash), Brennon Pelland (sprints, mid-distance), Jeremiah McKinney (400 dash), Julian Thornton (sprints), Logamilen Leinbach (high jump, hurdles), Hunter Hall (mid-distance, distance) and Colin Troup (sprints).

Of that group, "great leadership" will come from co-captains Clark, Koenigsnecht, Moraw, Pelland and Vaunado.

Key juniors expected to score points include Dirk Thornhill (400 dash), Shane Andrews (1,600, 3,200 runs), Chuck Carey (pole vault, 300 hurdles), Brandon Mehl (hurdles), Sam Pennock (sprints), Kali Wallace (sprints), Ian Wallman (throws), David Kight (distance) and Gabe Walters (pole vault).

Sophomores include Steven Walker (sprints, long jump), James Deese (throws), William Hall (sprints), Luke Fenstermacher (high jump, hurdles),

Alex Poe (mid-distance) and Lawrence Austin (throws).

Shough noted the team could get a boost from talented newcomers Jordan Forney (junior, jumps and sprints), senior Adrian Borowski (jumps and throws), freshman Daniel Carr (distance and mid-distance), junior Robert Laird (jumps and sprints) and sophomore Vinson Sigmon (sprints).

**Franklin**

The Patriots will rely heavily on seniors and as a result "should be very competitive" in the KLAA South, first-year head coach Aaron Moran said, noting the return of several state qualifiers.

Franklin, 3-2 last year, will be led by seniors Brandon Smiley, Khalil Pasha and Christian Bagnall (all sprinters), Bryan Hives (distance) and Ian Hogg (hurdles).

Other top senior returnees are sprinter Jacob Clark, jumper Jacob Kast and thrower Bobby Madley.

Juniors in the mix are hurdler Marcus Martin, distance runners Grant Rudd, Greg Thaxton and Jackson Nordbeck, jumper Jacob Mass and sprinter Keion Harris.

Helping the cause will be sophomore distance runners Michael Mackiewicz, Andrew Ulaszek and Russell Rusnell, freshman sprinter James Carpenter

and freshman hurdler Mason Hart (who also can do jumps).

**Lutheran Westland**

With only 28 athletes this season, the Warriors will rely on versatility and good health in order to make an impact in the MIAC.

Coach Mike Unger will bank on strong performances from seniors Kyle Farley (sprints), D.J. Nykiel (sprints, high jump), Jake Kuhn (pole vault), Luke Smith (throws) and Matt Reddeman (distance events).

Top juniors are Seth Lambart (pole vault), John Davenport (throws), Lucas Moody (800), Doug Tischler (distance) and Chris Reigel (400, long jump).

Rounding out the Warriors roster are sophomores Devon Nimer (800), Jacob Adams and Mike Brannan (distance events), Dillon O'Reilly (high jump, hurdles) and Jake O'Reilly (long jump, hurdles).

Unger also noted freshmen Ben Baval (pole vault), Austin Martin (400) and Ryan Webb (sprints) as potential contributors.

"We are a little light on numbers compared to previous years, which will present some challenges this season," Unger said. "Even with smaller numbers, most of the events will be covered with experienced athletes, which is a plus."

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## Tips to write a cover letter with no experience

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A crucial component of landing your dream job is crafting a compelling and creative cover letter that shows why you'd be the perfect hire. But if you're a job seeker with little to no prior work experience, there are still ways you can stand out from the crowd.

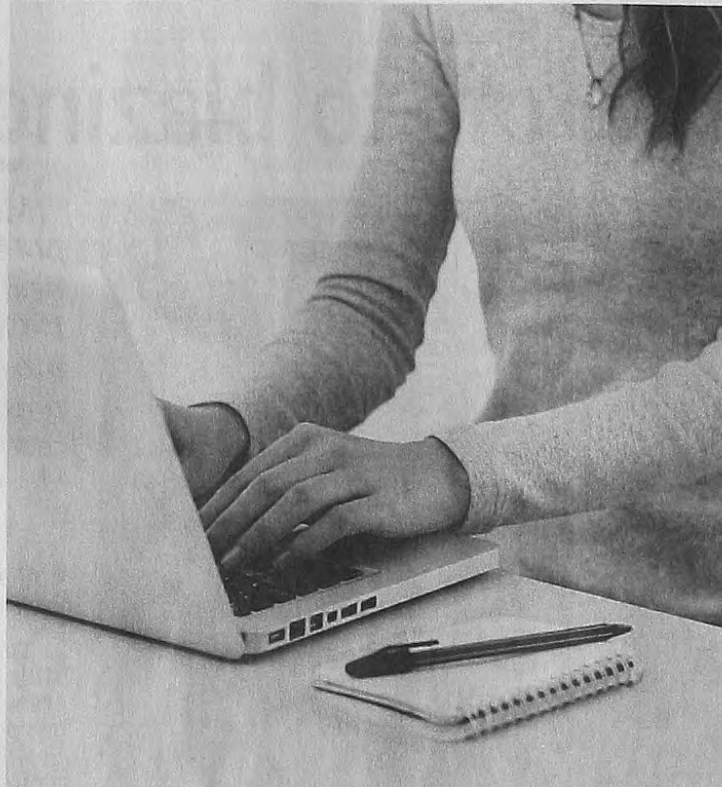
### Don't apologize for your lack of experience.

Everyone has to start somewhere, so don't express regret for being a newcomer to the workforce.

"Never point out or apologize for a negative by saying something like, 'Even though I don't have any work experience...!' Instead, do your homework and open with something that conveys your knowledge of industry trends or the company's needs," says Jennifer Fishberg, chief writer and job search strategist at Career Karma, a professional résumé writing firm.

**Express a keen desire to learn.** What matters perhaps even more than experience is attitude, so be sure to highlight your willingness to learn and grow.

"Not every position truly requires experience, but they all require passion and com-



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mitment," says Jan Bednar, CEO of Shipmonk, which offers order fulfillment services and inventory management software. "Really play up how eager you are to learn and how excited you are to take on new and unfamiliar challenges."

**List related skills or relevant experience.** Just because you haven't garnered experience in the workforce doesn't mean you haven't acquired transferable skills you

can highlight. "Students with no prior work experience need to show through extracurricular activities how they have the soft skills needed to succeed in a corporation," says Mariona Prat Vila, Samsung Pay – Marketing and Partnerships at Samsung Electronics. "As an example, developing an app as a business major shows fast learning skills, leading a college club shows leadership skills and organizing community events shows

initiative. Identify the skills that are relevant to your desired career, get involved in side projects that will enhance their development and ... highlight it in your cover letter."

Additionally, you can show your readiness to tackle new challenges by describing a specific situation where you improvised or found a solution when you didn't know what to do, says Amma Marfo, speaker and consultant with FUN Enterprises, a novelty entertainment company that provides services to educational, corporate and private events.

**Highlight what makes you unique.** Don't hesitate to get creative in your cover letter if you don't have a lot of hands-on work experience to highlight.

"Did you take a year off to travel independently? Not many people do that. Do you speak six languages? [Did you] win an art competition? Call out what makes you unique if you feel you are missing professional experience," says Neely Raffellini, founder of 9 to 5 Project, an organization that helps women get the tools they need to land jobs.

**Do your research and personalize the cover letter.** This ought to go with-

out saying, but take the time to customize each cover letter you send out.

"To impress me and possibly get an interview, a cover letter needed to be specific for the position offered and our company — this was especially important for those with little to no experience or for someone switching careers," says Richard Lowe, Jr., owner of and senior writer at The Writing King. Lowe has reviewed thousands of cover letters during his time as a director of technical services and computer operations at Trader Joe's prior to his retirement.

"The best cover letters emphasized their connection to Trader Joe's — how they liked the stores, the layout and the format. They would talk about specifics from the position being advertised, and perhaps even a few tidbits they gathered from viewing our website and elsewhere," he says, adding that this information, combined with examples of how you can contribute to the demands of the position, is key.

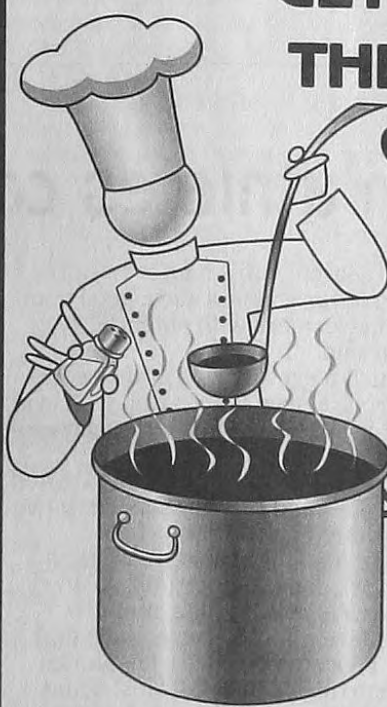
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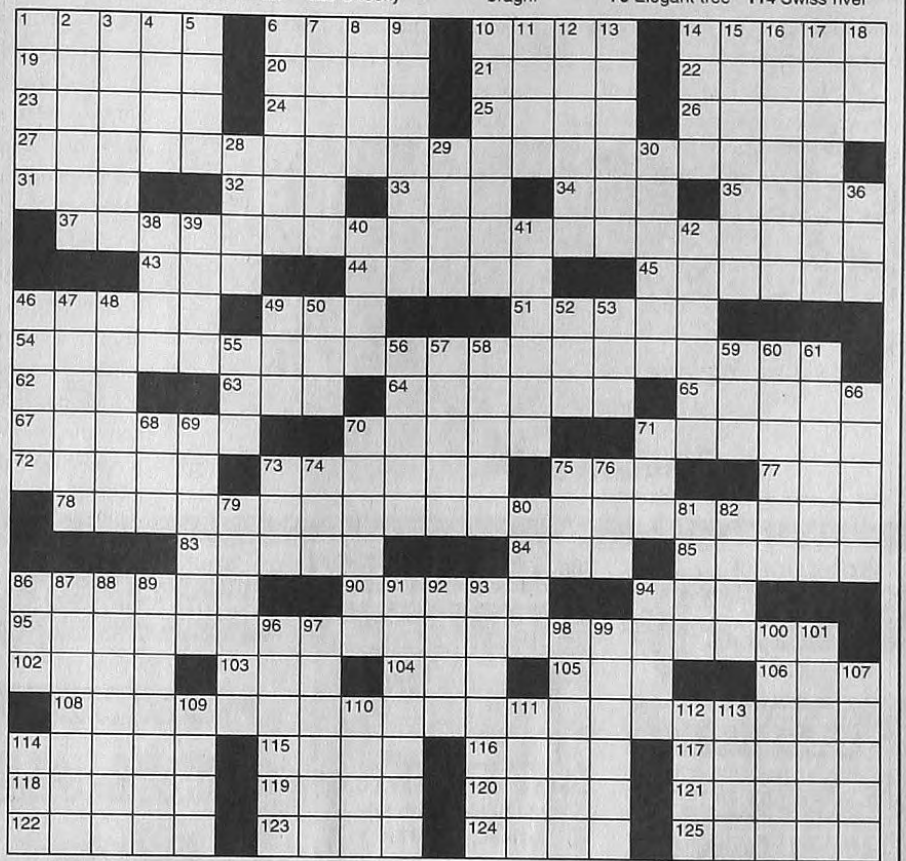
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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 See 19-Across</p> <p>6 Bird refuge</p> <p>10 Girl, to Scots</p> <p>14 Tree thicket</p> <p>19 With 1-Across, spring prank victims</p> <p>20 Difficult duty</p> <p>21 Jai —</p> <p>22 Not inclined</p> <p>23 Papal topper</p> <p>24 Long hike</p> <p>25 Crooner</p> <p>26 Tomb</p> <p>27 Failure artifact, e.g.</p> <p>31 Summer zodiac sign</p> <p>32 On an ad — basis</p> <p>33 "Sprechen — Deutsch?"</p> <p>34 Decade count</p> <p>35 "I — care"</p> <p>37 Person forging duel weapons for a big film studio?</p> <p>43 Trailer-park parkers, for short</p> | <p>44 "— deal?" ("Are we on?")</p> <p>45 Nun's string of beads</p> <p>46 Lederer who was better known as Ann Landers</p> <p>49 Poke (out)</p> <p>51 Nomadic sort</p> <p>54 Head demons</p> <p>62 Article south of the border</p> <p>63 It increases on a birthday</p> <p>64 Single-file</p> <p>65 Somewhat, informally</p> <p>67 Alternative to a Cert or a Tic Tac</p> <p>70 Hamburger unit</p> <p>71 More gutsy?</p> <p>72 "— is human"</p> <p>73 Estevez of the screen</p> <p>75 Letter #26</p> <p>77 Gobble down</p> <p>78 Newly coined synonyms for depression?</p> <p>83 — buddy (close friend)</p> <p>84 Dad's mate</p> | <p>85 Anxious</p> <p>86 Volcanic peak in N. Oregon</p> <p>90 Limerick's rhyme pattern</p> <p>94 Cedar's kin</p> <p>95 Providing refuge for people who use bleach?</p> <p>102 Granola bit</p> <p>103 Adore, cutely</p> <p>104 Hosp. test</p> <p>105 Exist</p> <p>106 Go quickly</p> <p>108 Babies seen moving wavily in prenatal scans?</p> <p>114 Shaw of jazz</p> <p>115 Rear, as legs</p> <p>116 Film director</p> <p>117 Puts freight on</p> <p>118 Very best performance</p> <p>119 Met melody</p> <p>120 A part of scene</p> <p>121 Action scene</p> <p>122 Fight off</p> <p>123 Nastassja Kinski film</p> <p>124 Camp sight</p> <p>125 Cheeky</p> | <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Lethal</p> <p>2 Shared views</p> <p>3 Speaking pro</p> <p>4 Old Italian coin</p> <p>5 Mill refuse</p> <p>6 Later</p> <p>7 Tenor</p> <p>8 Files a case against</p> <p>9 Gives a double cluck of reproach</p> <p>10 Diagnostic procedure</p> <p>11 Et —</p> <p>12 Wooded with a melody</p> <p>13 Contract inker, e.g.</p> <p>14 Rudely terse</p> <p>15 New York tribe</p> <p>16 Lummo</p> <p>17 Device used in Twister</p> <p>18 End-of-list abbr.</p> <p>28 Units of resistance</p> <p>29 "Oh yes, Juan!"</p> <p>30 Russia's Gromyko</p> <p>36 Go for it</p> <p>38 "— go bragh!"</p> | <p>39 With, to Yves</p> <p>40 Act of liturgy</p> <p>41 Battle shout</p> <p>42 To a greater extent</p> <p>46 Key above D</p> <p>47 Literary intro</p> <p>48 Pale shade</p> <p>49 Sprightly dance</p> <p>50 Consume</p> <p>52 "Looky here!"</p> <p>53 Ex-combat GIs' gp.</p> <p>55 Possessed</p> <p>56 Watch faces</p> <p>57 "Nay" voters</p> <p>58 Betray by blabbing</p> <p>59 And not</p> <p>60 Most arid</p> <p>61 Cooks, as some clams</p> <p>66 Dilettantish</p> <p>68 Gold, to Juan</p> <p>69 1950 Asimov classic</p> <p>70 "Simple Simon met a ..."</p> <p>71 Prefix with caching</p> <p>73 Frozen water, to Wilhelm</p> <p>74 L followers</p> <p>75 Beastly site? home</p> <p>76 Elegant tree</p> | <p>79 First Ford car</p> <p>80 Online "zine"</p> <p>81 Increase</p> <p>82 Appropos of</p> <p>86 Eds.' piles</p> <p>87 See 94-Down</p> <p>88 Lift in the back of a shoe</p> <p>89 Quaint</p> <p>91 Task lists</p> <p>92 Ran in the wash</p> <p>93 Baseballer Randy Johnson's nickname, with "the"</p> <p>94 With 87-Down, get a strong desire</p> <p>96 Charge to attack</p> <p>97 Côte d'—</p> <p>98 Strong-force particle</p> <p>99 AWOL pupil</p> <p>100 Greek island</p> <p>101 Vampy types</p> <p>107 Elia offering</p> <p>109 Angling need</p> <p>110 Etats—</p> <p>111 Nil</p> <p>112 "Ah, so sad"</p> <p>113 O'Hara home</p> <p>114 Swiss river</p> |
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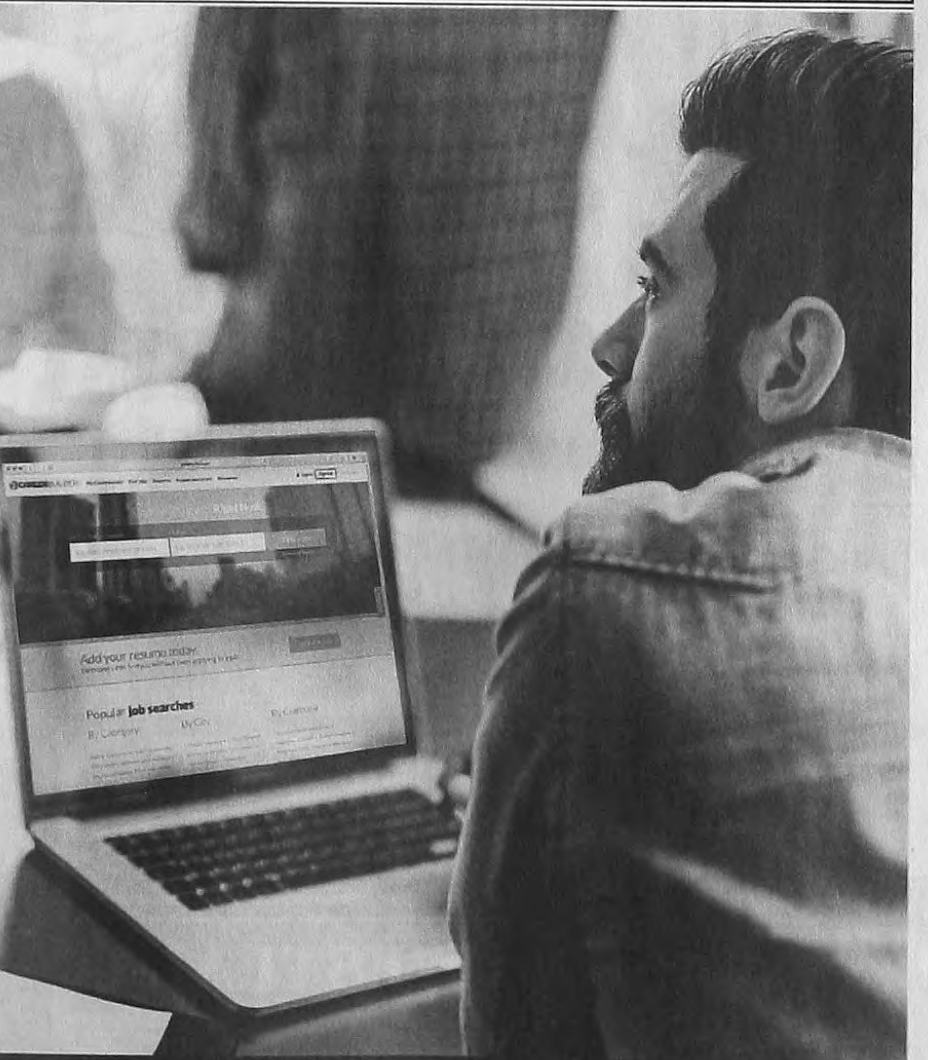
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# Car Report

## FORD'S F-150 RAPTOR TURNS HEADS EVERYWHERE, THEN TURNS IN GREAT PERFORMANCE OFF-ROAD



By Dale Buss

The most fun part of driving a Ford F-150 Raptor isn't actually driving this wildebeest of a vehicle – it's prompting reactions from so many people

who see it.

When I drove up to a friend's house in a bright blue version of the behemoth off-road pickup, he asked me, "Do you have masculinity problems?"

When I used Raptor to take a big rug to a Laundromat and dump it into a washing machine, I couldn't even get in the door before a buy told me he'd worked on designing the truck, peppered me with questions about whether I liked it, and then told me where locally to go for some great off-road workouts.

When I pulled up in front of the neighborhood dry cleaner's, the



Don't try this at home!

owner came out just so he could feel the tires on the thing.

And when I drove Raptor to church, another friend rushed up to me to ask me how I liked the truck. He was very curious – and he had just been to a driving school conducted by Porsche!

So as far as I'm concerned, even though the 2017 Raptor hasn't been available for all that long, it's already a winner in my book. When you get that many unsolicited comments, questions – interrogations – about something you're driving, you know it's something special.

In fact, Car and Driver named Raptor one of its 10 best vehicles of the year, proclaiming it "the new American badass."

Besides its unmistakable street cred, three things really impress about Raptor.

First is its ... immenseness in just about every dimension. The bed size is standard, but that's really an afterthought considering that it leads with a honeycomb grille that is massive, extending below the bumper line, and sports huge off-road-spec BF Goodrich tires, on wheels that are suspended appropriately below the frame for maximum clearance in the brush or stream. Raptor weighs 5,696.

And yet the second biggest attribute of Raptor is its quickness. It's powered by a 3.5-liter, twin-turbo V-6 engine that yields 450 magnificent horsepower and 510 pound-feet of torque. True, Raptor delivers only 18 mpg on the highway, but the highway isn't its main domain.



The monstrous grille of the Ford F-150 Raptor proclaims its arrival.

Combined with a weight savings of 404 pounds compared with the last Raptor SuperCab, thanks to Ford's extensive use of lighter-weight aluminum in its F-150 line, Raptor also is very quick off the line for such a huge machine.

In fact, Raptor barrels to 60 miles an hour in just five seconds and on through a quarter mile in under 14 seconds, finishing at 100 mph. Decelerating it's just as nimble: It requires 206 feet of roadway to stop from 70 mph, even with tires that are meant for off-road performance, not street braking.

The third thing that is reputedly outstanding about Raptor is its ability to take you capably, safely, even excitingly off-road. This is an attribute that I can't testify about directly because I never could find a good place to take the vehicle off road locally, despite the best advice

of the chap I met at the laundry.

The best I could do is take Raptor on one of the famously muddy scenic roads of northeastern Oakland County on one recent rainy day and pretend – without too much imagination – that I was going off road. Raptor absolutely swallowed up muddy gullies, washed-out portions of the road and gravel beds with equal aplomb, not even beginning to test its limits. No amount of muck or mud slowed Raptor in the least.

It needed a wash when I was done but not a rest.

Raptor is a great sweet spot in Ford's lineup, retailing for around \$50,000. As the SUV market has gotten much more competitive, pickup trucks are the last refuge of unchallenged profitability for Ford as well as its traditional Detroit Three counterparts, General Motors and Fiat Chrysler.



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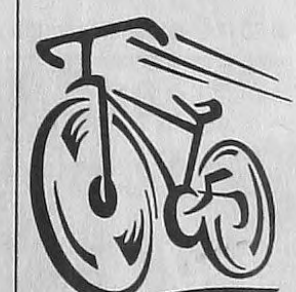
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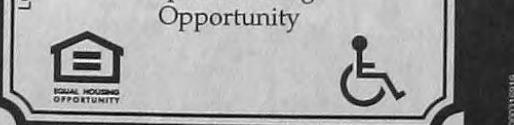
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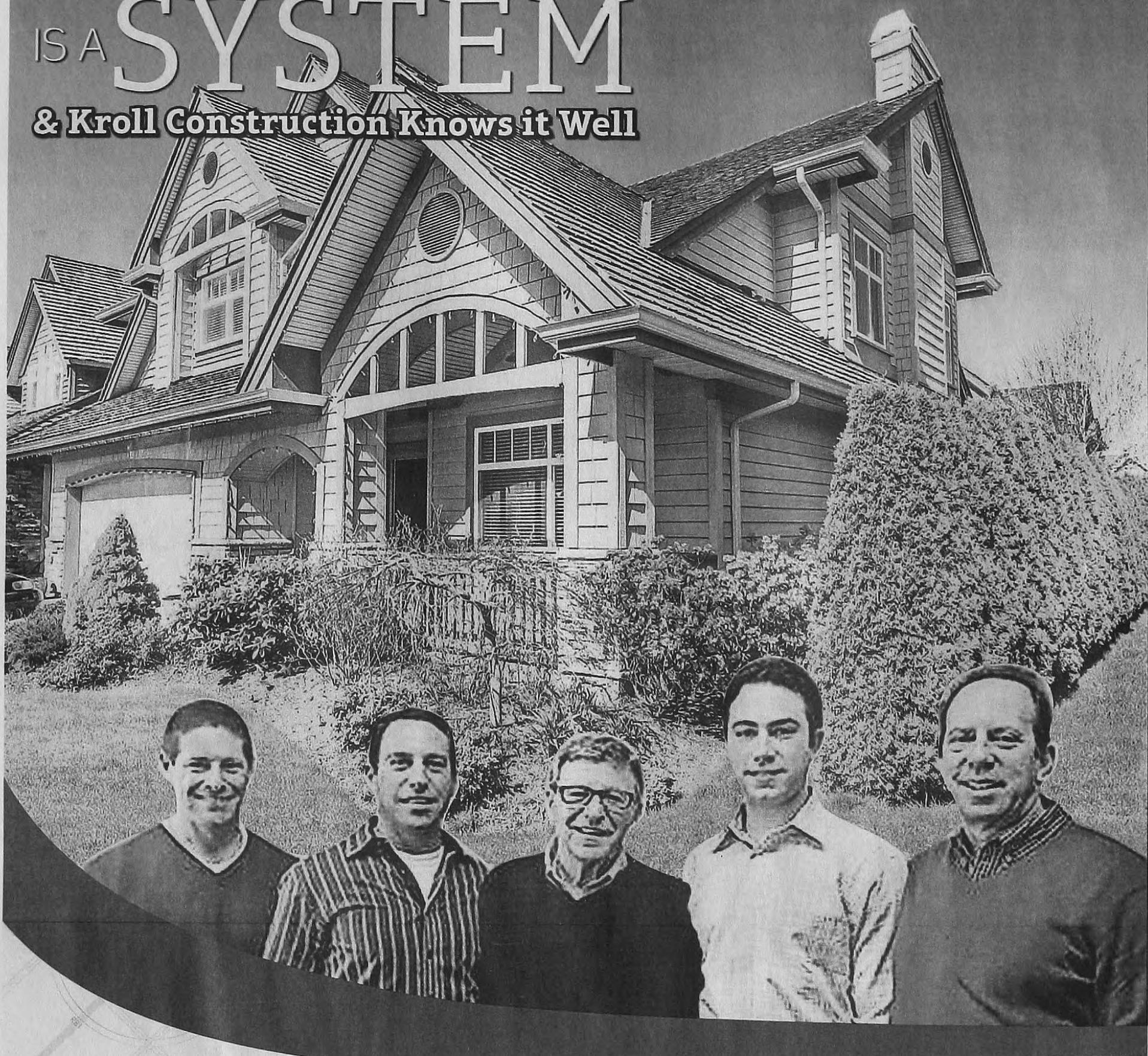
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