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Railroad delays stretch into Canton

CSX trains blocking roads for hours at a time, just like in Plymouth

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Stalled CSX trains blocking railroad crossings have resurfaced as a public safety issue in Canton, officials say, a situation that mirrors recent problems in neighboring Plymouth.

"We are frequently experiencing significant delays and problems in Canton as we speak," township Supervisor Pat Williams said Tuesday.

Some residents have reported crossings blocked for hours on Canton's

northeast side along the Haggerty Road corridor, specifically on railroad crossings on Koppernick and Joy roads, officials say. It comes as federal lawmakers are demanding a remedy from CSX.

Township Trustee Anne Marie Graham-Hudak said residents who live east of the railroad crossing on Koppernick, east of Haggerty, have reported stalled trains "for up to eight or nine hours."

"The residents are calling me all the time," she said.

The latest remarks come after a CSX train blocked a railroad crossing

in the Lilley-Fair area of Plymouth for nine hours Oct. 23. CSX officials have told Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincok the company is working to resolve the problem.

Company spokeswoman Gail Lobin left a voicemail message Tuesday saying she had no new information.

Canton Public Safety Director Joshua Meier said he has spoken with a CSX governmental affairs division representative to voice concerns about Canton's situation.

"He is now aware of the magnitude of the problem," Meier said Tuesday.

Meier said blocked crossings have "absolutely" become a public safety issue.

"We have experienced delays in response time from the police and fire standpoint," he said.

Firefighters from Canton station No. 2, on Warren west of Haggerty, have had times when they are delayed reaching emergency scenes because of train-blocked crossings. At times, Meier said, Canton has had to call in mutual aid from Plymouth Township and Westland, until Canton firefighters can maneuver around problem areas.

During one incident last year, Meier said, a vehicle fire in a driveway spread to the garage of a home because a blocked railroad crossing delayed fire-

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Keth Famie and his crew film, at Michigan Great Lakes Military Cemetery in Holly, with Master Sgt. Jeff Rector (ret.) causality assistance officer, for "ENLISTED." He helps us understand the significance of a military funeral. VISIONALIST ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTIONS

Film asks why would you join the military?

Famie's 'ENLISTED' tries to tell the story of those who have

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They came wearing blue jeans and vests of military groups, suits, ball caps proudly displaying their involvement in the military and even tuxedos.

And as retired U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Michelle Wager walked into Royal Oak's Emagine Theater on Oct. 26, you would never have known she had lost a leg in military service. But soon, the 100 or so other veterans in attendance would witness her story, told along with those of many others, in the documentary "ENLISTED."

Wager, who lives in Linden and is a 1993 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School, deployed to Iraq in 2006 with the 46th Military Police Command Michigan Army National Guard out of Lansing.

Five months into her 15-month tour in Baghdad, a roadside bomb hit her vehicle, seriously injuring her and two others and killing two other soldiers. The attack resulted in Wager's left leg being amputated above the knee. She went through a long road of rehabilita-



A scene filmed at the War Dog Memorial in South Lyon during the summer. VISIONALIST ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCT

tion and, after her physical wounds healed, she had to deal with PTSD.

After seeing herself on the big screen, Wager had nothing but praise for the film.

"I thought the film was really well done. It touched on so many different

topics that a lot of people don't want to discuss," she said. "I feel our vets get swept under the rug and this film, hopefully, will lift that rug. Help people understand a little better what it is

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Football team supports autistic teammate's concert

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Nicolas Walch has autism. He doesn't let it keep him from pursuing his dreams, such as playing football or singing Broadway tunes in a confident, baritone voice.

The Salem High School freshman just finished his football season as a wide receiver and defensive back on the Rocks' junior varsity squad.

Perhaps more impressive was Walch's performance Oct. 17 during the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choir concert in the Salem auditorium — as well as how his football family came out to lend loud, enthusiastic cheers.

"That was player-led," Salem football coach Kurt Britnell said. "It's family here, that's the big thing. We supported one of our brothers. And that's what we did."

"We had 35 or 40 players and coaches there to support him in his choir endeavor. That's what it's about. He's put in the time and we're just supporting him."

And how did Walch perform during the concert as part of Parksomen, a beginning level men's choir for students from all three high schools at P-CEP?

"He's pretty good; he shocked me," Salem senior quarterback Ryan Young said. "He shocked us. He came out and did it with a smile on his face."

Senior lineman Alex Howie said it was all about being there for a friend and a teammate.

"It was just us coming together as family," Howie said. "He's been here every day, every workout in the summer. Every practice, every two a day. He's worked as hard as anybody else, with a smile, too."

"He comes here with a great attitude. So it's only right that we go support him."

How did a football team then on the cusp of playing in its first state playoff game in 26 years find the time to go to a concert?

"During the day, (Salem assistant principal for athletics and activities director) Brian Samulski came to me and let me know the football team wanted to come to the concert and asked if we could save seats in the balcony," P-CEP choir director Jennifer Neumann said. "We did, they came and, after each song that Nick's choir sang, you could hear them applauding loudly and saying Nick's name."

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"Nick was very proud. You could see it on his face that that meant a lot to him."

You'd never guess

Walch, whose parents are Jennifer and Michael Walch, was born with autism spectrum disorder. Neumann said no one could ever guess the teen has the developmental disorder.

"Nicolas is highly functional. He can talk, he communicates well," Neumann said. "He fits in well with the group. He sings well. He is really interested in Broadway, he's seen lots of shows in Detroit, at Meadowbrook Theatre and he's very excited to see 'Love Never Dies,' a musical in Detroit."

"He's sung for the class on his own, during



The P-CEP choir, including Nicolas Walch, performs Oct. 17 at Salem High School.

our talent show days in class. Songs from musicals and things like that. He has a very strong interest in musical theater, in addition to just choir music and football."

Neumann added that the Salem football team's exuberant show of support for Walch was unique and a pretty big deal.

"I've been here 17 years as the choir direc-

tor and I can't say for absolute certainty," she said. "I'm not always aware of who is in the audience during a concert, because I'm on stage. But this is the first time ... that a full team was there to support a teammate who is in choir."

The following day in Parksmen class, Walch mentioned that the football team was at the concert.

"The choir's obviously on the stage, they're not interacting with the audience much," Neumann said. "So some of the choir members did not

realize that. He told the class about it and they were all kind of high-fiving him and really proud of him that way."

Brings people together

According to Neumann, it is a goal of the P-CEP special education department to make sure students with autism or other developmental disorders have the chance to grow and bond with other students through choir programs.

"It's a class during the day where they are next to people they otherwise might not have another



Nicolas Walch can't help smiling when he's around Salem friends — on the football team or in choir. SALEM ATHLETICS

class with," Neumann said. "We have seniors and freshmen in the same room, athletes and non-athletic students in the same room."

"In terms of having somebody that's autism spectrum in there, I've seen it really, really work wonders in terms of helping them figure out how to communicate, artistically, and really feel good about it. Everybody loves music, to some degree."

"So giving them a chance to sing and study

music, find out more about how to create it and perform it with excellence has really done great things for many autistic students in the choir program over the years."

Great things indeed, like a heartfelt standing ovation that Nicolas Walch will never forget — regardless of how many touchdowns he scores during the rest of his Salem career.

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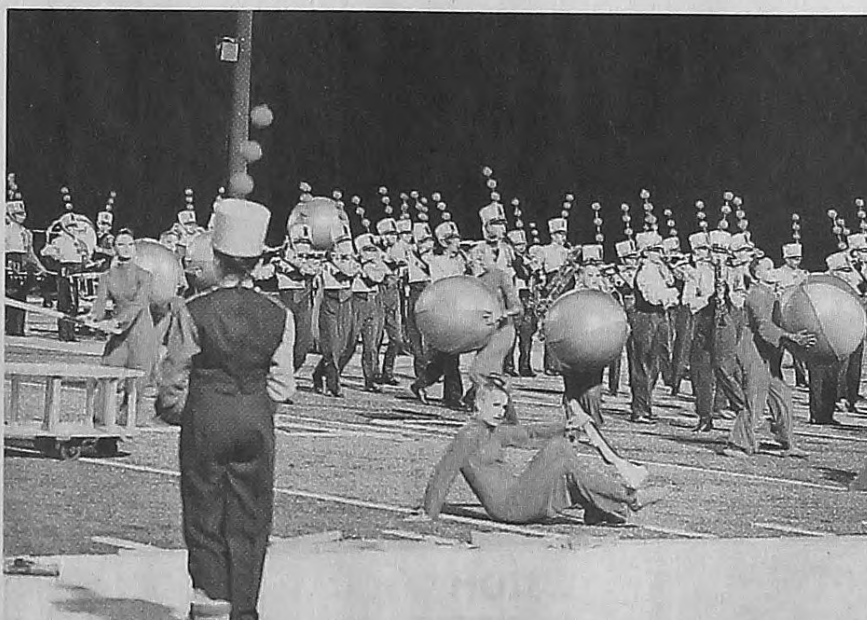
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P-CEP hosts annual invitational



Some 15 high school marching bands descended Oct. 28 on the Plymouth-Canton Education Park for the annual Great Lakes Invitational, hosted by the defending state champion P-CEP marching band. The GLI is a massive undertaking encompassing most of the P-CEP campus. The 15 schools were divided into three flights, depending on school size. Flight 3 winner was Ferndale High School, Flight 2 winner was South Lyon High School and Flight 1 winner was Novi High School, which narrowly beat Lake Orion High School. As host, the P-CEP marching band (pictured) performed an exhibition and did not compete for awards or placement. Up next for marching bands is the Michigan Competition Band Associations State Championship, which was scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4, at Ford Field.

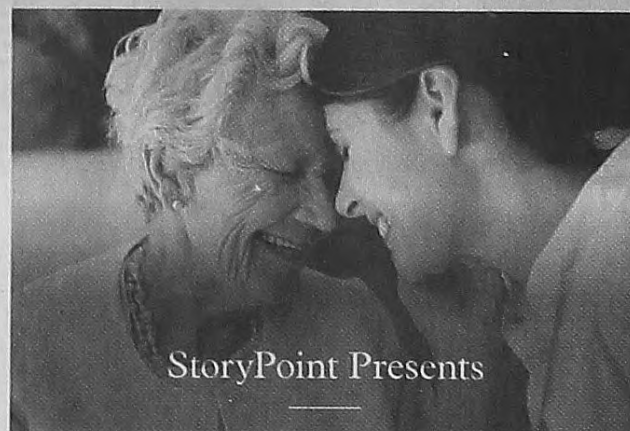
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fighters.

Meier said he is working with the township's attorney, Kristin Kolb, to determine if a local ordinance might be possible to enforce penalties.

Williams said CSX had agreed about two years ago to resolve problems that were occurring then. He said the situation improved.

"Sadly," Williams said, "we've deteriorated back to the old (crossing) lock-ups and it's worse now than it was then."

He said one Canton woman in her 30s recently "crawled through a stopped train" so she could get to work — a desperate situation Williams said is certainly not encouraged for obvious safety reasons.

Federal lawmakers representing the Plymouth-Canton area also have weighed in by pressuring CSX to take significant steps to resolve the problem.

U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Birmingham, called anew for Congress to look into CSX trains blocking crossings here and elsewhere and said, "If CSX will not take substantive steps to resolve this serious situation, we will."

The situation on Kop-



A train blocks a crossing in Plymouth. Canton officials say they are having the same problem.
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pernick, east of Hagerly, helped influence Graham-Hudak's decision as she recently cast the Canton Township board's lone dissenting vote against a 90-home condominium development east of the railroad crossing, near an existing subdivision. She is concerned about increased traffic congestion, made worse by blocked crossings.

"Some of the residents are upset about adding more people to an al-

ready bad situation," Graham-Hudak said.

Plymouth has had more problems than some communities, simply because it is just over two square miles in size, but has seven railroad crossings. Sincok said CSX has pledged a swift response to addressing the issue.

Sincok has said the city received conflicting reports about what caused the recent nine-hour delay. He said CSX initially said the sched-

uling of trains got "mixed up," but the company later said the train broke down.

Years ago, Plymouth issued tickets to CSX and the two sides ended up in a court battle. The end result, Sincok has said, is that CSX apparently only has oversight from the federal level.

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Salon opens on Main Street



Longtime stylists Gina Cejmar (left) and Brittney Mayotte are reuniting to move their B. E. Unique salon to 290 S. Main Street in downtown Plymouth. Their first day at the new location was Oct. 31. The phone number is 734-455-5070.

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Today's military

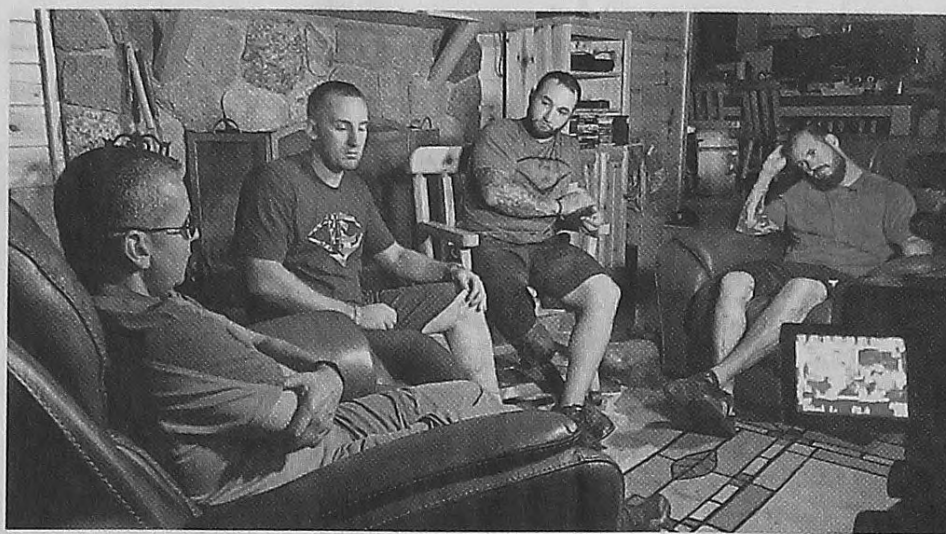
They are teenagers following the path chosen by family members before them; some are looking for a way to pay for college; some looking for structure in their life; others want to see the world or prepare for a career.

Whatever the motivation, today's military is 100-percent volunteer. A big change from the 38.8 percent who volunteered for service during World War II.

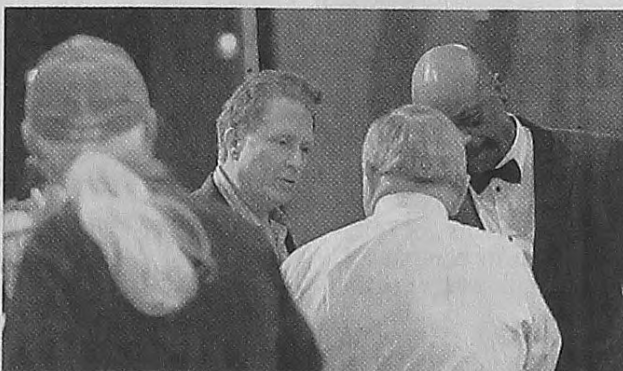
The military has undergone a wide range of changes, from the pride and patriotism of World War II to skepticism and domestic unrest during the Vietnam era and the battle on terrorism today.

So why does anyone join? This was the overriding question film maker Keith Famie kept asking himself after producing many films on the military. What do or don't they get out of it and, for those who were severely injured, would they do it again? These are the questions Famie, who lives in Novi with his wife Katrin, set out to answer.

"Having grown up with a father who was a World War II pilot bombardier and a brother who served in Vietnam, I always had a sense of patriotism or maybe respect for the uniform," Famie said about being drawn to telling the stories of those who serve. "I guess the answer is both my fascination with military history and appreciation for the sacrifice a person can make, not always for his or her country, but for each other when they are in the middle of something



Four military veterans gather at the ranch owned by retired Brig. Gen. John Kulhavi of White Lake during the filming of "ENLISTED." VISIONALIST ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTIONS



Keith Famie meets with Michigan Veterans Foundation Executive Director/CEO Tyrone Chatman (right) and retired Brig. Gen. John Kulhavi before the screening of "ENLISTED." DAN DEAN

most of us cannot imagine.

"I am sure what goes through their mind is not the flag of America or the president, but 'Is my fellow soldier, marine, airman, etc. going to be safe and get out of this alive?'" he said.

Michigan connections

"ENLISTED" will be shown locally on Detroit Public Television at 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, on WTVS-TV (Channel 56).

The film hits a wide range of topics and the stories of many who have served. Besides Wager, it features other local veterans, including retired

Brig. Gen. John Kulhavi, a White Lake resident, who gave opening remarks at last week's screening. Also featured is South Lyon's War Dog Memorial president Phil Weitlauf, Hamburg Fitness Center owner Tom Rau, the Pinckney High School cross country team and local runner Mark Bowen, a Vietnam veteran who has run one mile for every soldier killed in that conflict—more than 58,000—and continues to do so for today's wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Kulhavi is the owner of a large hunting ranch in northern Michigan, where a portion of the

filming was done. Four retired veterans featured in the film came to the ranch to get away, connect with other veterans and have fun with all the motorized toys the ranch has to offer, including a Scorpion British tank driven in the film by Maj. Ivan Castro, who lost his sight while serving in Iraq in 2006.

"Keith is performing a great service to humanity," Kulhavi said in response to the film. "He deals with things most people don't want to talk about."

Kulhavi spent 35 years in the service. "We can relate, understand what (veterans) are going through," he said. "I have been very blessed and it is my responsibility to give back."

Kulhavi said he got a chuckle a week after the filming when Castro's wife emailed him, saying he had so much fun he keeps asking for the car keys.

Bob Gillette, founder of American House who resides in Bonita Springs, Fla., during the winter and Bloomfield Hills during the summer, is an executive producer on the film.

"It is a simple equa-



World War II veteran Don Straith is introduced at the screening of "ENLISTED." DAN DEAN

tion," he said about his involvement through personal friends related to the project. Gillette was a sponsor of the Wounded Warriors amputee softball team sponsored by Louisville Slugger. Three of the four invited to Kulhavi's ranch play on the team.

"No words can adequately describe the valor of the men and women we honor today. Because of them, our freedom endures," Kulhavi said in his opening remarks.

"I do believe that soldiers in today's military, an all-volunteer military, are better disciplined. All are there because they want to be. None were drafted or given the choice by a judge to be drafted or go to jail," Kulhavi said.

Famie, a former chef and restaurant owner, created Visionalist Entertainment Productions to produce cooking shows, most notably Food Network's "Keith Famie's Adventures." He is widely known for his appearance on "Survivor: The Australian Outback." But in 2004, he turned his attention to producing documentary films. He has earned 11 Michigan Emmy awards and been nominated for several others for a variety of

documentaries.

"I hope that 'ENLISTED' might be able to broaden the understanding of the person who chose to put on a uniform. Some do it for country, some do it for a career, some do it because they may feel this might be their only chance to move out of a life they are in now," Famie said.

Wager would do it again. Despite all she went through, her answer is "yes."

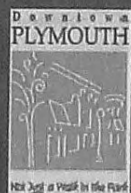
"If asked to go back to Iraq, I would in a second. I truly miss being a part of the armed services," she said. "That was my calling in life and, unfortunately, it was cut short. ... It was an honor to be a part of this film."

And for Famie, the film answers his questions as well "and I hope it does for anyone who sees it."

Kulhavi, is an executive producer for "ENLISTED," along with Gillette. Kulhavi told the audience being an executive director simply means he has the means to write a check to help underwrite production. Also, contributing as an associate producer are Anthony and Mary Schimizzi of Novi.

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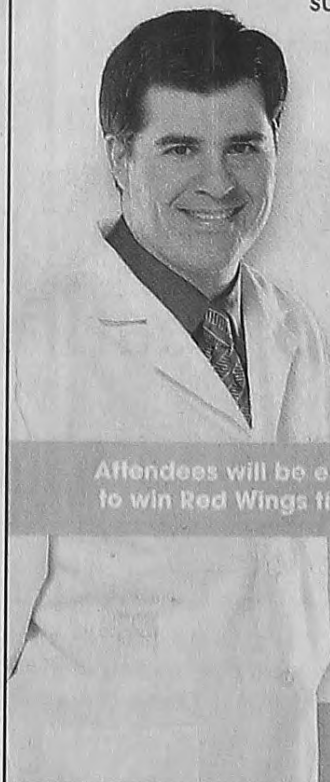
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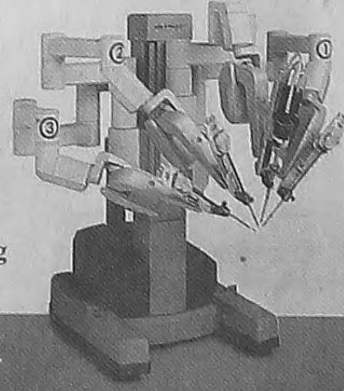
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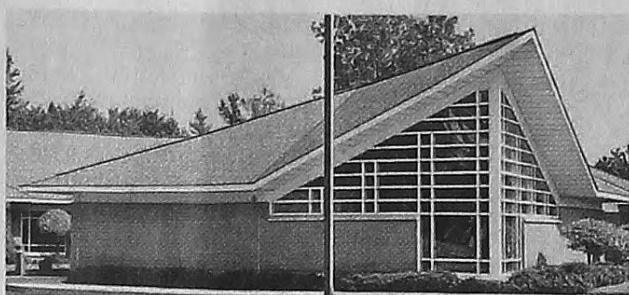
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Memorial service helps ease grief during holidays

For more than two decades, David Griffin has hosted a special annual memorial service at his L.J. Griffin Funeral Home to help people who have lost loved ones navigate the emotional void they inevitably feel during the holidays.

Each year, he puts in so much time planning the event that he swears it will be the last time he does it. Then the families show up for the special service, and Griffin remembers exactly why he began hosting the service in the first place. He said it is very moving – and healing.



The 23rd annual Holiday Memorial Service takes place 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at the Chapel of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road, Canton.

"I know this really does make a difference, and helps a lot of people get through the holidays," said Griffin. "Holidays are when families

get together. When there is a loss of someone who's no longer at the table, it is difficult. This event lets them know they are not alone."

The 23rd annual Holiday Memorial Service takes place 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at the Chapel of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road (west of Lilley Road), in Canton.

When the service began 23 years ago, it was something Griffin offered only to the people who used his funeral home. After seeing the impact it had, he began offering it to the larger community and it grew every year. He even added other components to the service, including a military ceremonial presentation by mem-

bers of the local American Legion and experts who spoke about dealing with grief during the holidays.

The event typically attracts about 125-150 people. Griffin said each person lost will be acknowledged during a ceremony.

"It is a solemn little ceremony. We light a candle for each person, and place the candles on a large table. At the end, the glow of the flames is really quite touching," Griffin said.

It is free to attend the service and there will be light refreshments

served.

All Griffin asks is that you call beforehand to let them know you will be attending and also provide the name of the person who you would like recognized, so they can plan accordingly. Griffin said each person will be given a gift at the conclusion of the ceremony.

"The door of invitation is open to you, your family and friends. Please join us," Griffin said.

To attend, call the funeral home at 734-981-1700.

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The Plymouth and Canton communities will once again honor area veterans with special Veterans Day events.

In Plymouth, the traditional ceremony takes place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, in Veterans Memorial Park, in front of the former Central Middle School at Church and Main streets.

The ceremony is hosted by American Legion Post No. 391 Cmdr. Johnnie Johnson, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6695 Cmdr. Clyde Rains and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 528 President Richard Adis and their committee.

All veterans and the public local communities are invited. The VFW, the VVA, the American Legion and the Plymouth Elks will give presentations on the various vet-

erans programs they participate in.

Canton has three events:

» The Canton Senior Center will honor senior veterans 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, with a pinning ceremony and a lunch. That event takes place in the Maple Room, next to the senior center, in the Summit on the Park.

» The township marks Veterans Day with a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park at 11 a.m.

» Canton hosts its traditional salute to veterans Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Village Theater, featuring speakers and other dignitaries honoring veterans. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Veterans Day commemorates the courage and patriotism of all the men and women who have served in the United States armed services. It was originally called Armistice Day and was



Plymouth and Canton will join communities around the nation Saturday, Nov. 11, in marking Veterans Day. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

created to celebrate the end of the fighting in World War I.

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"B-The Underwater Bubble Show" comes to life on stage at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25.

Village Theater to host 'Underwater Bubble'

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will host two performances of "B-The Underwater Bubble Show," at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25. Tickets (\$25) are available at www.villagetheatercanton.com, in person at the box office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or by phone at 734-394-5484. If tickets are available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to show time.

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The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton, is a regional center for the arts that also provides a home for several cultural organizations and community groups. For more information, go to www.cantonvillage.theater.org.

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Plastics company expands, adds jobs in Canton

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A global plastics company is getting a tax break as it invests \$60 million in its Canton facility and creates 100-150 jobs, officials say.

Kingfa Science and Technology USA Inc. has sought — and received — a 10-year, 50-percent tax abatement from Canton's elected leaders for certain equipment it is buying to accommodate the company's growth on Michigan Avenue, near Beck.

"We're excited they chose to come to Canton to begin with — and now they are continuing to expand," township Su-



Kingfa is getting a 10-year tax break in Canton as the company grows and creates new jobs.

of the world's largest suppliers of engineering plastic resins.

The company opened its Canton facility in March 2016. It's a partnership that goes beyond plastics, Williams said. Kingfa's headquarters in China is located in Guangzhou — the Chinese word for Canton.

In a 7-0 vote of support in late October, the Canton Township Board of Trustees approved the 10-year, 50-percent tax abatement on \$4.8 million in equipment the company needs for its local expansion.

Clerk Michael Siegrist said Kingfa is a good fit for a Michigan Avenue corridor where Canton is trying to lure more light industrial and research

and development companies.

"The market had been lagging and part of that was due to the economic downturn," Siegrist said. "As we've come out of the recession ... it allows us to bring in a large-scale employer who is going to be doing both manufacturing and research and development. That's what we want to see."

The company's growth comes as the Michigan Economic Development Corp. confirmed in February it was granting Kingfa a \$1 million performance-based grant through the Michigan Business Development Program. The MEDC cited a \$60 million investment by Kingfa.

Kingfa was one of four companies in Michigan to win state support to invest millions of dollars and add 555 jobs in south-east Michigan, the MEDC said at the time.

Company officials have said the new hires will be spread over three years.

The MEDC has said Kingfa is primarily engaged in the research, development, production and sale of modified plastic products, with its main products including flame-retardant resins, reinforced resins, toughened resins and polymeric alloys, among other products.

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Parental guidance: Mom's fave inspires Mercy actor

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Julia Twigg grew up hearing about and watching, "Anne of Green Gables," the 1908 novel (later play) by Lucy Maud Montgomery, because her mother loved the story.

So when the Mercy High School senior saw the school's drama program was producing "Anne" for its fall show, she did something she'd never done in her high school drama career: Tried for (and got) a speaking part.

And not just any speaking part; she's playing Anne.

"Anne of Green Gables" has always been my mother's favorite story," said Twigg, a transfer student from the International Academy. "I figured I'd go out of my senior year with a bang and I managed to get the lead. It still blows my mind."

The story follows the adventures of Anne Shirley, a 11-year-old orphan who mistakenly is sent to live with Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert on their farm in the fictional town of Avonlea on Prince Edward Island.

The premise takes the audience on Anne's journey of connecting with Matthew and Marilla, the school and the town.

It's about growth (Anne's and Marilla's), loss and adjustment and its family tones were attractive to Mercy's longtime director Kathy Sill, who also liked the facts the two main leads are good roles for female actors at the all-girls school.

"We decided we want-



Mathew Cuthbert (Tommy Wiaduck) picks up orphan Anne Shirley (Julia Twigg) and brings her to the farm in a horse-drawn wagon. Anne is overwhelmed with the sights along the way to the farm. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ed to do two family-oriented plays this year," said Sill, who pointed out the next production will be "Mary Poppins." "We're always looking for stories with strong female leads. This show has tremendous female leads."

The other lead character is Marilla Cuthbert, played by senior Cara Forfinski, last seen in "42nd Street." Forfinski said she relished the role because Marilla is, in many ways, a polar opposite to Forfinski herself.

Marilla, especially in the beginning, is a more negative personality than Forfinski, a challenge the actor found exciting.

"I'd like to think I'm a nice person. ... It's hard to look at someone I like and be harsh to them," Forfinski said. "That's what I like about her. She's the opposite of me."

Marilla's growth and change — she's forced to



Marilla's (Cara Forfinski) best friend, Rachel Lynde (Alana O'Donnell) is known for her sharp tongue. She calls Anne (Julia Twigg) ugly and comments on her very red hair. Anne's temper rises. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

adapt to a little girl rather than the boy she wanted, she loses her brother — are also traits Forfinski enjoys bringing to the stage.

"She realized all the challenges Anne puts her through are teaching her something," Forfinski

said. "(Marilla) gets thrown through life and Anne teaches her she can love again."

But nowhere is the change as noticeable as with Anne, who overcomes low self-esteem issues to establish herself in the town and,



Gilbert Blythe (Charles Hilu) teases Anne (Julia Twigg) and she retaliates with her slate. He had it coming. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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JULIA TWIGG

Mercy High School senior

more importantly, with Marilla.

The growth, Twigg said, mirrors her own.

"It's a really interesting character," said Twigg, mostly a crew member except for an on-stage, non-speaking role in "Night of January 16th" two years ago. "I see a lot of myself in her. It's interesting to see where she started and how she's grown and it shows me how I've grown, too. She's coming out of her shell at the same time I'm coming out of mine."

Production started with auditions in late August and rehearsals started right after that, Sill said. There are 26 students in the cast, including a half-dozen boys from Detroit Catholic High School in Novi.

The biggest challenges so far, Sill said, have been technical issues brought on by the simultaneous staging set built for the play. All of the play's locations — the front porch, the kitchen, Anne's bedroom and even a school room — are on the stage throughout.

"It's challenging for the lighting, in particular," Sill said. "There's a lot of attention to technical work in this show."

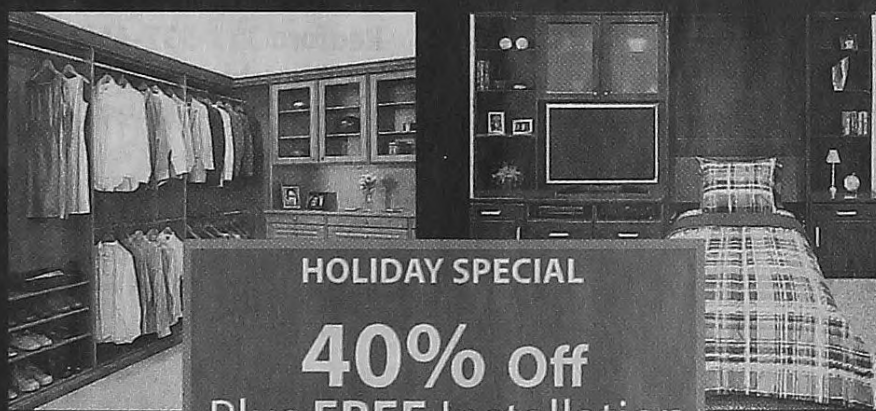
"Anne of Green Gables" plays in the Mercy High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday Nov. 10-11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling the drama office at 248-893-3572 or at the door.

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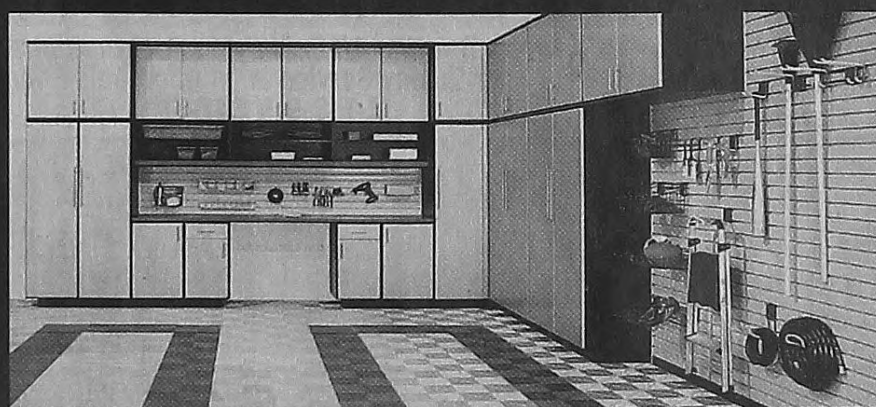
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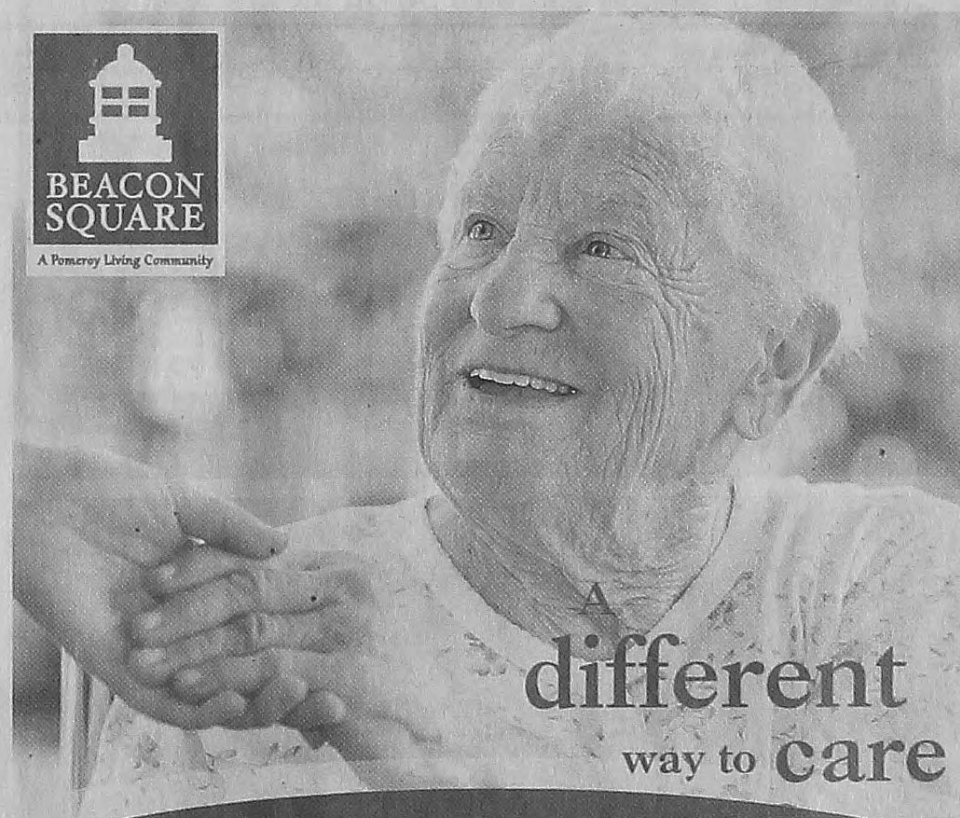
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Why can we read the weather, but not our human condition?

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Jesus commented once on our incisive ability to read the weather, but then criticized our lack of perceptiveness in reading the human condition. We do well reading the weather, but pretty poorly at reading people, the times we live in and our spiritual lives.

In Luke 12, Jesus said, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain' and it does. And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot' and it is. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?" It's as true today as it was in the first century. When you first heard about the shooting in Las

Vegas, did you think, "This is a spiritual issue. That man was truly evil. What happened in his surroundings that brought him to do something downright satanic? And I pray for his victims and their families." Or was your immediate response simply political or social or psychological? Jesus says, "How is it that you can interpret the weather, but you can't figure out why the world is so messed up and why

you desperately need what I'm offering?!" There is a place for the political, social and psychological. But our hearts are tainted and we desperately need a relationship with God and for him to begin to make us new in heart and mind. How can we look at the march in Charlottesville, Va., the barbarism in Syria, the violence in the streets of Detroit, our indifference toward refugees, the blatant immorality in our movies

and TV shows and our addiction to opioids and pornography? How can we look at all that and not say, "This is a spiritual issue and we desperately need God"? The weather app on my phone says it's going to rain tonight, but it occasionally gets it wrong. But my Bible app never does.

The Rev. Dean Johnson is senior pastor at Lake Pointe Bible Church in Plymouth. Email him at DeanLPBC@sbcglobal.net.

Peripheral arterial disease and narrowing of arteries

Have you ever discussed peripheral arterial disease with your spouse or a parent? Do you recall a time when you have ever discussed this health topic with your physician? For most adults in our community, the answer is no. And this reality alarms me. Peripheral arterial disease occurs when plaque accumulates and narrows or clogs the arteries, reducing blood flow to limbs or organs. Don't think this affects you or someone you love? Statistics suggest otherwise. According to the Centers for Disease



Control and Prevention, approximately 8.5 million people in the United States have PAD, including 12-20 percent of individuals above the age of 60. PAD most commonly affects blood flow to the legs, feet and toes. What may begin as light tingling following physical activity could lead to cramping and numbness. Those affected will sense a loss of energy and stamina. Even walking a

short distance to the mailbox may prove challenging. If not addressed by a physician promptly, symptoms can worsen and could lead to pain during rest, which can get so severe that it can wake people from their sleep. If left unchecked, PAD in your legs could lead to sores that don't heal, gangrene and even amputation. The carotid artery, located in your neck, is another common artery where narrowing or clogging can occur. This is the most dangerous form of PAD, since blood is limited or stopped from reaching your brain. This

can result in a stroke. Symptoms may include vision disturbances, facial droop, arm weakness or speech impairment. If you ever feel these symptoms, call 9-1-1 immediately and get to your nearest emergency room. This is life threatening and time is of the essence. Do not wait or delay. Despite the dangers of PAD, knowledge of it among the general public is severely lacking and is estimated at only 25 percent. There are many ways to prevent or delay development of this disease so it is important you take action. The National Institute of Health lists these controlling risk factors: » Be physically active. » Be screened for PAD. A simple doctor's office test, called an

ankle-brachial index or ABI, can help determine whether you have PAD. » Follow heart-healthy eating. » If you smoke, quit. Speak with your doctor or local hospital about programs and products that can help you quit smoking. » If you're overweight or obese, work with your doctor to create a reasonable weight-loss plan. Every patient experiencing PAD is different. Some patients may be put on an exercise plan if they simply have cramping. In other cases, a physician may prescribe blood thinners to reduce clotting or medication to lower cholesterol. In more advanced cases, angioplasty or open surgery may be considered. The important thing to remember is that it is never too late to begin making healthy lifestyle choices. Know the symptoms of PAD and ask your physician if you should be tested for it.

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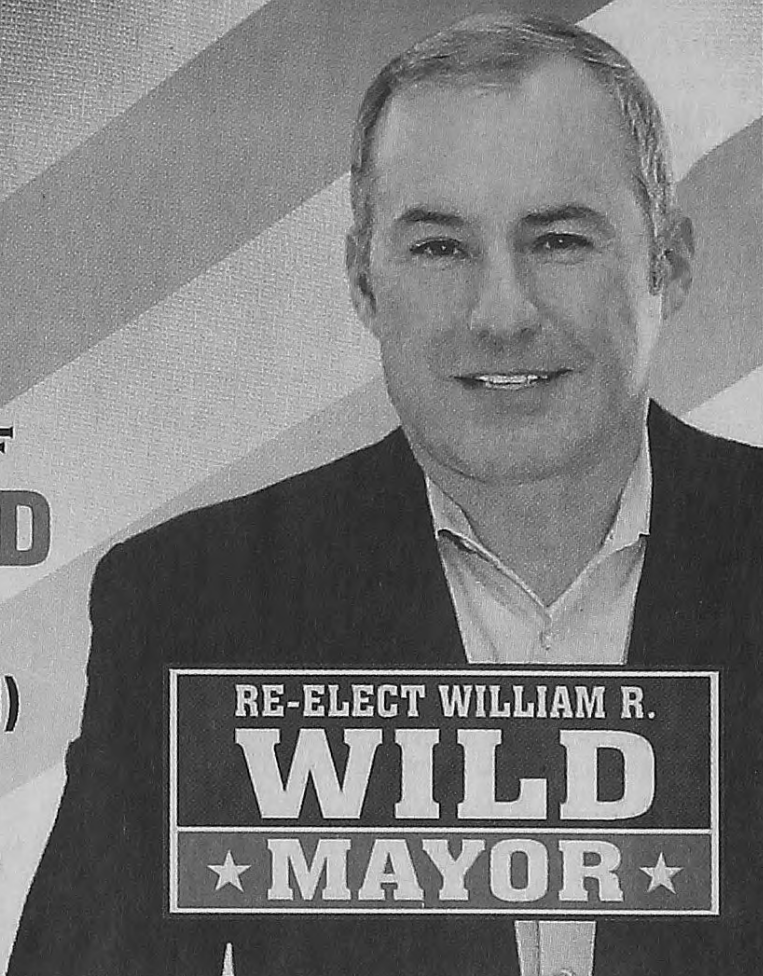


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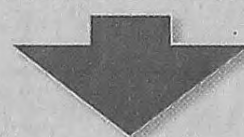
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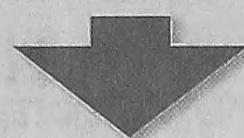
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In January, the Truckee River threatened to overflow its banks and flood parts of Reno, Nevada. While businesses covered their doors with plastic wrap and sandbags, Lisa Lee rallied local police forces, nonprofits and volunteers to warn people living in homeless camps along the riverbanks.

Lee and about 40 people walked the icy banks to tell people about the city's emergency shelters. She waited for shuttles to retrieve people and their belongings before moving down the rocky embankments in search of another hidden tent.

Once the flooding subsided, most people moved back to their spots along the river or in nearby parks. But Lee didn't stop after the crisis ended. She even found permanent housing for some of the people she met that day.

She walks trails every week in search of people who need help. She doesn't force them to go to the city's homeless shelter, but instead tells people what services are available. She frequently helps people use those services to find a permanent place to live.

Her empathy for people on the street and her approach to service comes from her experience living on the street as a teenager. She ran away to Seattle in 1994 and eventually became homeless and addicted to heroin.

"I got clean and housed when I took a job in Dutch Harbor, Alaska," Lee said. "I went up there on methadone and someone stole my methadone from my room, so I kicked methadone cold turkey."

Lee's boss in Alaska challenged her to push herself, saying women can do anything except touch the large and dangerous fish processing machines. But she



Lisa Lee is a psychiatric case manager and off-campus Crossroads coordinator at Alta Vista Mental Health in Reno, Nev. MIKE HIGDON/USA TODAY NETWORK

learned to use them anyway.

"I left Alaska completely ripped, smelling like fish, but totally different," Lee said. "I came back to the Lower 48 not knowing what I was going to do, but knowing I wasn't going back to drugs."

Now Lee is a case manager at Alta Vista Mental Health and also is working on her anthropology thesis at the University of Nevada, Reno. She's using her position and education to find and keep homeless communities together when re-housing them.

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Q&A WITH LISA LEE

What does it mean to you to be an American?

To be an American means freedom from persecution. It means to celebrate diversity, to respect the liberties of our fellow citizens and to fight for those liberties. For me, America is the "Mother of Exiles" as exemplified by the Statue of Liberty and the famous words of Emma Lazarus, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door." That to me, is what it means to be American.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

As a child, I had several experiences with houseless individuals that left an impact. Years later, at the age of 18, I experienced homelessness for almost a decade. After years of reinventing myself — housed and sober — I pursued undergraduate and graduate degrees in anthropology. All of these experiences have driven my passion to draw attention to income inequality, the fallacy of meritocracy, mental illness, substance abuse, the trauma-informed approach and the belief in empowering others to use their own voices to become advocates for themselves and their communities.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

The current political climate, globally, nationally and locally concern me. It feels as if the pendulum has shifted the world out of balance. Inequality is blatant; racial, economic, gender and ability inequality. We stand at the crossroads. I do have hope for the future. The youth fuel my hope for a chance at a sustainable and egalitarian world.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

The eradication of stigma and homelessness. I would love to put myself out of a job, make mead and live off the land. For now, I'll keep plugging away at fighting for social justice, equality, inclusion and the right of everyone in America to have their basic needs met.



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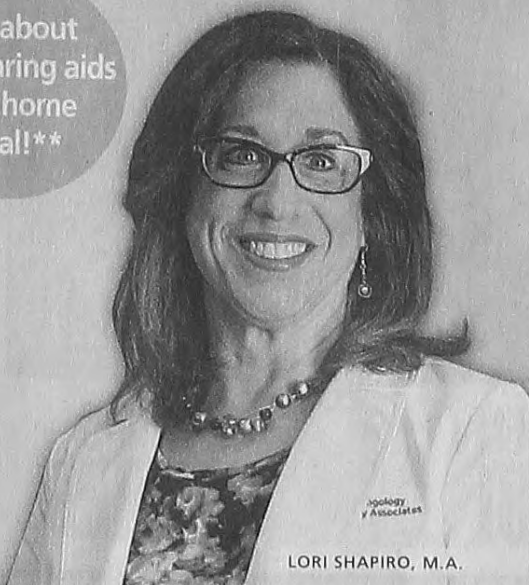
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Noble to host office hour

State Rep. Jeff Noble, R-Plymouth, will host an open office hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street. No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Noble at 517-373-3816 or via email at JeffNoble@house.mi.gov.

Plymouth library veteran photo tribute

In what is becoming a fall tradition, the Plymouth District Library is again collecting photos of veterans and active military personnel for its "Honoring Our Veterans" display. Photos can be submitted by emailing them to print@plymouthlibrary.org. The library staff can also scan original photos upon request. No personal information will be displayed with the photographs. For more information, call 734-453-0750, ext. 4.

Zonta Club to host movie screening

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County will host a screening of the award-winning documentary film "Little Stones," which follows Brazilian graffiti artist Panmela Castro, Senegalese rap-singer Sister Fa, Indian dance therapist Sohini Chakraborty and fashion designer Anna Taylor as they use their art to combat violence against women and to empower women and girls globally.

The film will screen at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. All proceeds benefit the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County in its service and advocacy efforts.

Chicks 4 Charity fundraiser

Woman's Life Society, Chapter 827, Chicks 4 Charity will host its annual Quartermadness fundraiser Thursday, Nov. 9, at the Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 S. Lotz Road, Canton. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the auction starts at 6:30 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase (\$12 buffet) and a full cash bar will be open all evening.

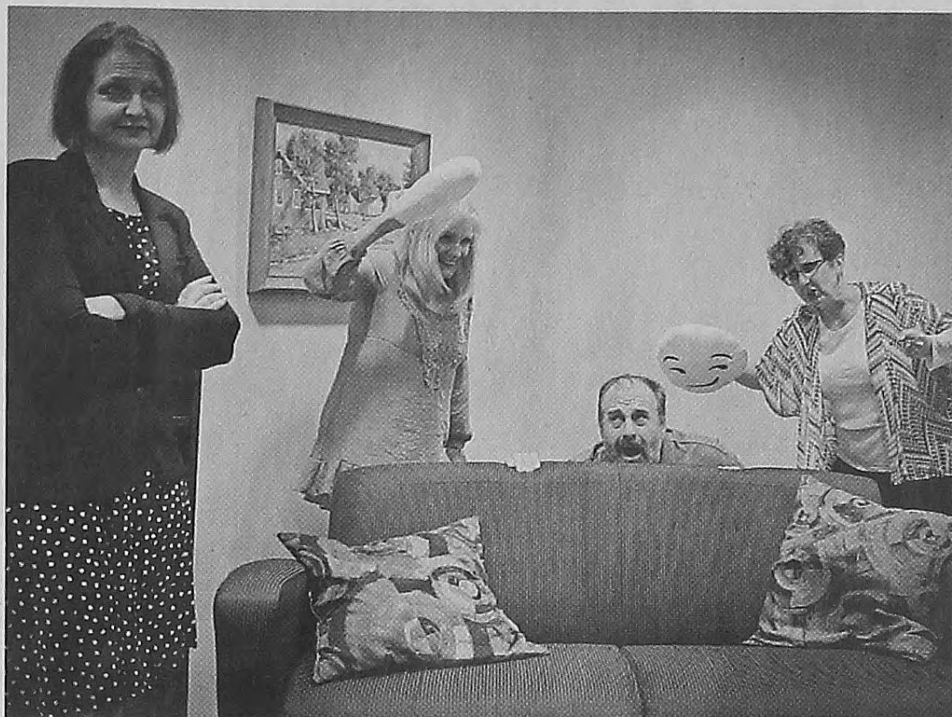
All proceeds of the auction will go to benefit the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council, a nonprofit organization that trains volunteers and provides free tutors for adults with literacy skills at or below a ninth-grade level in western Wayne county. For information to volunteer, go to www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org. The literacy council changes lives, one word at a time.

For questions or to reserve a chair or table, email Tammy Brown, president of Chicks 4 Charity, at tammybrown@fbinsmi.com or call 734-844-9180.

'Elf Jr.' at PARC

Forever After Productions will present "Elf Jr." at The Playhouse at the PARC, 650 Church Street, Plymouth. The cast is composed of more than 40 young actors from Plymouth, Canton and surrounding communities.

General admission tickets are \$10 and are on sale for all six performances: 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. They can be purchased at www.iheartforeverafter.com or by calling



"Men Are Dogs" will run Nov. 3-5 and 10-12 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. JOE KVORIAK

Forever After Productions at 734-547-5156.

For more information, go to www.iheartforeverafter.com.

Suicide prevention conference

The Silent Epidemic: A Conference on Suicide is scheduled for Nov. 9-11 at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth.

The event includes "Songs of the Heart," a benefit performance by Judy Collins with special guest emcee Matt Watroba, beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, in the Grand Ballroom of the Inn at St. John's. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Join ranking mental health professionals, employee and union leadership, clergy, people who have lost their loved ones to suicide and people who have survived suicide attempts at this three-day event focused on suicide prevention and healing.

This year's conference is focused on five key themes: research and therapeutic modalities, youth and education, veterans and active military, suicide prevention in the workplace and Surviving Suicide: a Journey of Healing and Hope. Single-day registrations and Continuing Education credits are available.

Registration is \$100 (one day) or \$300 (three days). For more information or to register, go to <https://kevinssong.org/conference/>.

Michigan Phil to host veterans concert

The Michigan Philharmonic, under the direction of Nan Washburn, commemorates Veterans Day by honoring those who served with a "Hail to the Veterans" concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territo-

rial Road, Plymouth.

The Michigan Philharmonic welcomes special guest children's choirs from Our Lady of Good Counsel, the Main Street Opera Children's Chorus and the Detroit Children's Choir. For tickets and information, call 734-451-2112 or go to www.michiganphil.org.

Baseline Folk Society

The Baseline Folk Society opens its 13th season at The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, at 774 N. Sheldon Road.

This month's performance, set for 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, features Spanish guitarist Ray Hough. Host John Delle-Monache, singer-songwriter, will perform a couple of songs and host the evening of music and entertainment. All proceeds from this performance will benefit Plymouth Goodfellows.

Tickets are \$5 at the door, including performers. Sign-up for open mic starts at 6:15 p.m. and ends at 6:40 p.m. Performances are the third Saturday of each month, September through May.

'Men Are Dogs' at Canton Village Theater

Spotlight Players senior group, Still Got It Players, will present the comedy "Men Are Dogs," by Joseph Simonelli, in the Biltmore Studio at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Performances run Nov. 10-12. Friday and Saturday performances are 7:30 p.m. and Sunday performances are 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 to \$18 and printed at home or held in will call at www.cantonvillage-theater.org. The box office is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each weekday. Tickets can also be ordered over the phone at

734-394-5300, ext. 3. If tickets are still available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to show time.

Stella at the Plymouth library

Plymouth's favorite Bernese mountain dog, Stella, will be spending some time with the neighbors when she appears at the Plymouth District Library for a book launch 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. She is the focus of a new children's book, written by Helena and Bob Ostendorf, co-owners of Stella's Black Dog Tavern.

A variety of fun family activities are planned for the day. Mr. Ostendorf will read from the book with Stella by his side. Photo opportunities with Stella will be available as well. Copies of books will be on hand for purchase.

Proceeds from books sold will be shared with the library and a nonprofit veterans support group. For more information, call 734-453-0750, ext. 242.

Music at the Elks

Blues @ The Elks happens 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluesociety.org). There is a \$5 donation at the door and bring your dancing shoes.

Tuesday, Nov. 14, the Boa Constrictors Band returns. Playing will be Carl Caballero on vocals and harmonica, Steve Allen on vocals and bass, Glenn James on vocals and guitar and Mike Kissick on drums. www.theboaconstrictors.com.

Tuesday, Dec. 12, for its debut appearance with the Elks will be The Sax Maniacs Band. Performing will be Terry Burton on vocals, Ray Wise on guitar and vocals, Tom Hunter on bass and vocals, Joe Bruglio on

drums and vocals and Dave "Dr. Z" Daniele on keys, sax and vocals.

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Tuesday, Nov. 28, returning will be The Terry Lower Trio. Members are Edey Evans Hyde on vocals, Terry Lower on keys, Ray Tini on bass and Jim Ryan on drums.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Human trafficking benefit

To bring greater awareness to men about the problem of human trafficking in the area, Pearls of Great Price Coalition is hosting a men's night fundraiser Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. A cash bar opens at 5:15 p.m., with dinner beginning at 6 p.m.

The event will highlight the role men can play in the fight against prostitution and sex trafficking. The featured presentation following dinner is by Greg Bristol, former Michigan State Police trooper, retired FBI special agent and founder of the Human Trafficking Investigation and Training Institute.

The cost is \$50 and registration is required at courageousoutrage.eventbrite.com. For more information, email stopthnow@yahoo.com.

Village Potters Guild sale

The Village Potters Guild will hold its holiday sale Nov. 16-18, featuring original handmade pottery from more than 20 artists all crafted in Plymouth. Hours are 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17-18.

The Potters Guild is

located at 326 N. Main, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-207-8807 or go to www.villagepottersguild.org.

Hats for the Homeless

Plymouth Community United Way is gearing up for the annual Hats for the Homeless drive, scheduled to run through Dec. 29 in an effort keep our homeless community warm during the winter months. New and handmade items can be dropped at the PCUW office from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Friday.

Should your company or group like to participate by hosting a drive on-site or like to sponsor items like coats or blankets, contact Randi at 734-453-6879, ext. 5. For more information, go to www.plymouthunitedway.org.

Make a Difference Day

Plymouth Community United Way is looking for volunteers for the annual Make a Difference Day event Saturday, Nov. 18. Volunteers will be helping to provide fall clean-up for low-income and disabled community members in Plymouth and Canton. The event will kick off at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast at Plymouth First United Methodist Church. After breakfast teams, will head out to two homes in the community.

Volunteers are asked to register with Randi at 734-453-6879, ext. 5. This event is perfect for families, youth groups, local companies or just about anyone. Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Volunteers should be prepared to bring rakes and other yard tools if they have them. PCUW will supply lawn bags secured through grants and donations. For more information, go to www.plymouthunitedway.org.

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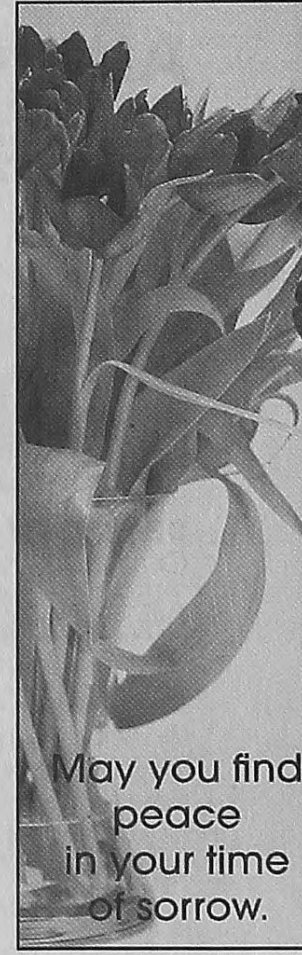
Heller



Gerald R. of Bloomfield Hills, age 89, of Bloomfield Hills, passed away on Friday, October 27, 2017. Beloved husband of Mary Claire Heller. Loving father of daughters Kathryn Fishbain (Dr. Joel Fishbain) Linda Heller, and Jeanne Bourget (Jack Bourget). Cherished grandfather of Steven Fishbain of Bozeman, MT, Michael Fishbain of Catonsville, MD, and Theodore Bourget of Chicago, IL. Dear brother-in-law of Margaret Heider of Milwaukee, WI and is survived by many beloved nieces and nephews, their children and grandchildren. A proud veteran of the U. S. Army Air Force, Jerry was the Franchise Owner of Manpower of Detroit, Inc., for over 40 years until his retirement in 1990. A true gentleman with a firm handshake, an infectious smile and a mentoring spirit, he will be remembered fondly by those who knew him. A Memorial Service will be held at St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham, MI on Tuesday, November 21 at 11:00 AM. Memorial contributions can be made to Gleaners Community Food Bank, 2131 Beaufait, Detroit, MI 48207, or to Forgotten Harvest, 21800 Greenfield Road, Oak Park, MI 48237. Please share a memory and read his full obituary at www.cremationmichigan.com

Sweeney

Suzanne nee Hudson entered God's rest at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, on October 5, 2017, at the age of 66. She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert Paul Hudson and Dorris Irene Hudson nee Howtown. She is survived by her children, Laina S. Dolin and Robert D. Dolin, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.



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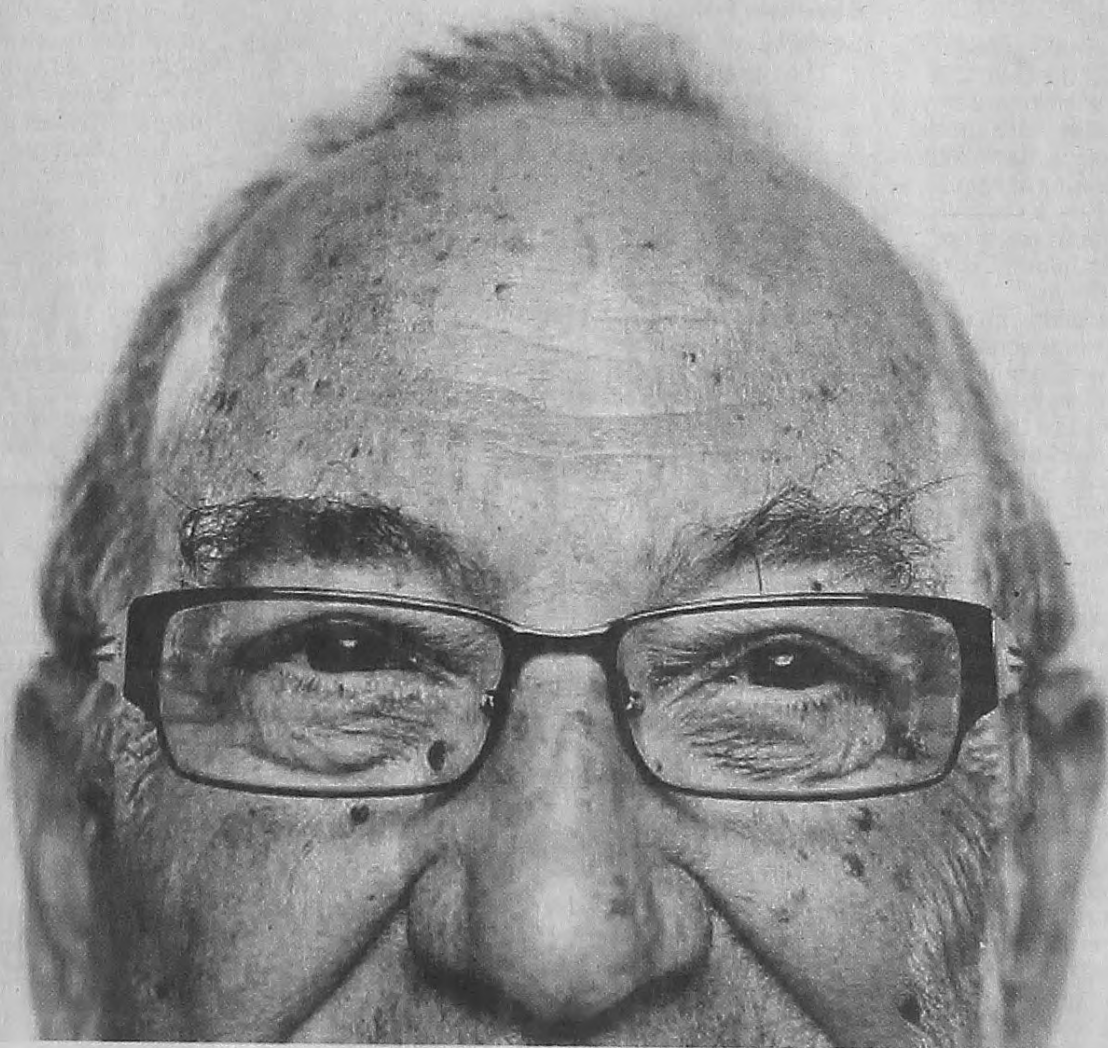
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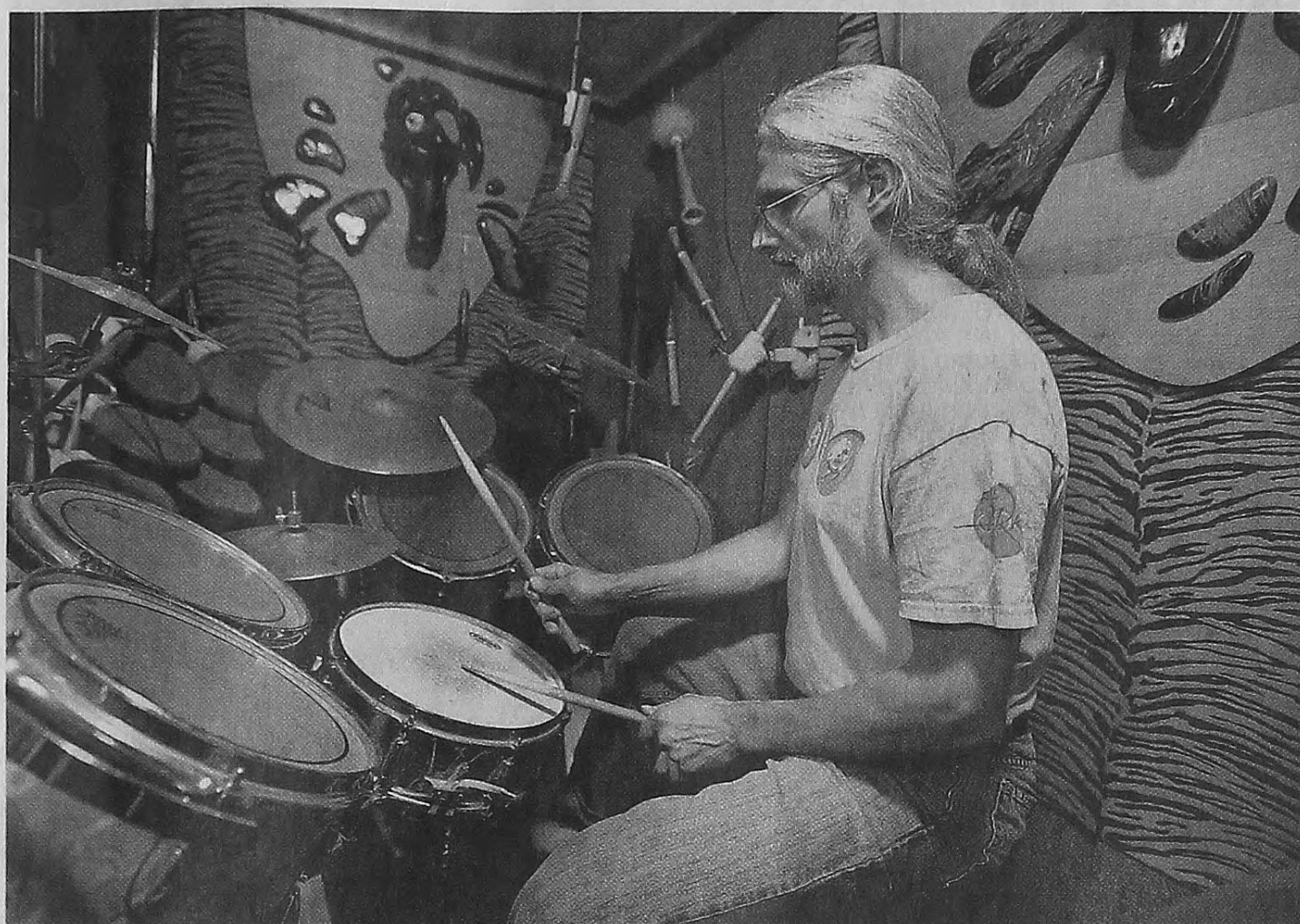
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Matt Schellenberg on drums in his basement studio. On the walls is artwork that he made himself. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

God is the back beat of modern-day Renaissance Man's multi-faceted life

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

God. Love. Rock and roll. Maybe even hockey with friends.

With apologies to early 1970s musical duo Teegarden and Van Winkle, all of those diverse pursuits — and more — are why Matt Schellenberg is a modern day Renaissance Man.

Schellenberg plays hockey, but the 53-year-old also is a polished singer, songwriter and musician who records eclectic "prog rock" music in the basement of his Farmington Hills home.

On top of that, he takes annual mission trips to Budapest, Hungary. Hand-made arts and crafts abound in his studio and he makes silk-screen tees with colorful designs about nature.

Amid all of those creative riffs is the back beat of his life.

"My relationship with Jesus Christ is the center of everything," Schellenberg said. "To me, I would call hockey a hobby, because it's a blast. It's a good way to keep in shape."

"Whereas the other things, the music and the artwork and stuff, I would say it's much more of a calling. There's definitely a message in the music. Like any artist, you're putting out stuff into

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Matt Schellenberg watches his weekly 6:30 a.m. hockey game from the bench. He plays in three adult rec leagues. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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MATT SCHELLENBERG

PREP FOOTBALL

Soccer experience is key to Graham's work

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Olivia Graham spent the first third of her senior year playing high school football and she didn't regret it one bit.

Graham was the kicker this fall at Birmingham Seaholm. She was just the second female football player the Maples have had in their long history, which dates back to the early '60s — the first being Amanda Stubbs in 1999.



Graham

While Stubbs never did kick in a game, Graham had multiple opportunities.

The soccer-style, right-footed kicker connected on 18 out of 21 extra-point attempts. In addition, she also hit the only two field goals she attempted — both from 25 yards out in the same game against district rival Birmingham Groves.

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BOYS SOCCER

'Jackets' title bid falls short

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Detroit Country Day's tremendous run through the boys soccer state tournament came to a crushing halt in the cruelest of ways — a shootout.

Flint Powers Catholic, ranked No. 3 in the state, powered to victory Wednesday in a Division 3 semifinal with a 3-1 shootout advantage to register a 1-0 win. The teams had played through 80 minutes of regulation and two 10-minute overtime periods without a goal to force the shootout.

Chargers goalie Brendan Tilden, a four-year varsity player, was sensational on DCD's first two shootout shots, diving to his right to stop Justin Harris and to his left to thwart Elbert Yi. Country Day senior Kevin Huang scored on his attempt, but DCD's final shot by Gabe Abu-Akeel went over the net, which gave Powers the win.

Powers iced the victory on the chilly evening at Parker Middle School.

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GIRLS HOCKEY

Inaugural Livonia United squad officially takes to the ice

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

For two years, Janine Martinez worked overtime to launch a high school girls hockey program in Livonia.

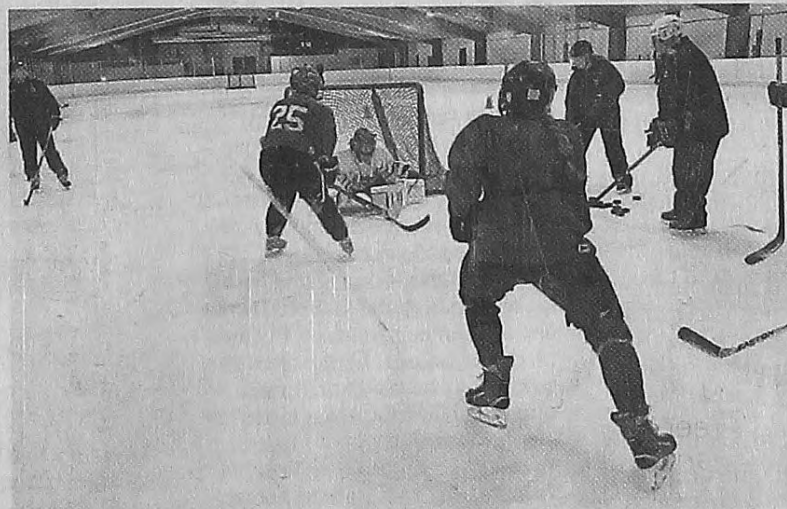
That became reality Monday night at Devonaire Ice Arena, as Livonia United skated as a unit for the first official practice. Head coach Martinez, several adult volunteer instructors (including her husband Gus) and a dozen or so players took part in various drills and low-key, on-ice scrimmages.

The team, composed of players who attend either Churchill, Franklin or Stevenson high schools, will spend the next couple of weeks preparing for its

debut game in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League. That contest is at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia against Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.


"The girls are really excited," said Martinez, a former referee for college women's hockey. "I wish, obviously, I had a few more players, but I'm hoping that this year will spark other girls for years to come and then each year just keep growing the program and keep going."

Among girls practicing Monday were Janine and Gus Martinez's daughter Corrin, a Stevenson sophomore.



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Getting in some scrimmage reps Monday at Devonaire Ice Arena are Livonia United players. In front of goalie Maddie Marciw is Mackenzie Compton, a freshman at Livonia Churchill. TIM SMITH



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Boys tennis

DIVISION 2 STATE TOURNAMENT: Okemos won the Division 2 state tournament held Oct. 20-21 at Kalamazoo College with 36 points. Birmingham Groves and Midland Dow tied for second with 21 points, followed by Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (20) and Birmingham Seaholm (18). Individually, Groves junior Gabe Vidinas captured the No. 2 flight singles championship with a straight-set victory over Josh Portnoy, 6-1, 7-5. Groves junior Gabe Liss (No. 1 singles) and freshman Jonah Liss (No. 3) each lost in their respective flight title matches. In doubles, the Seaholm teams of Aidan O'Neill and Max Levitsky (No. 3) and Alex Acho and Ben Adams (No. 4) lost their flight championship matches in three sets. Farmington scored three points and finished in a four-way tie for 16th place.

Girls golf

DIVISION 1 STATE TOURNAMENT: Traverse City West captured top honors in the D-1 state tournament held Oct. 20-21 at Grand Valley State University with a team score of 626. Bloomfield Hills placed seventh with a 691 and Farmington Hills Mercy was 11th at 726. Bloomfield Hills junior co-captain Mikaela Schulz placed fourth overall with a two-day, eight-over total of 152 (78-74), 11 strokes behind medalist Anika Dy from Traverse City West who carded a 141. The other Black Hawk scorers included Lizzie Pierce (168), Cassidy Proctor (181) and Sanju Swamy (190).

PREP ROUNDUP

Mercy's low scorer was Sophie VanderWeele who carded a 157. Mia Soch (162), Elyse Zurawski (198) and Maddy Gwinn (209) were the other Marlin scorers.

DIVISION 3 STATE TOURNAMENT: Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood and Detroit Country Day finished among the top 10 at the D-3 state tournament held Oct. 20-21 at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West Golf Course. Macomb Lutheran North won the tourney with a final team score of 697 and Grand Rapids South Christian was second at 700. The Cranes took fourth place with a 718 while DCD was eighth at 773. Cranbrook was led by Carmen Chan at 158 (79-79) and Kate Cao at 166 (75-91). Country Day's top two scorers were Lucy Lui at 172 (89-83) and Alaina McKeen at 193 (92-101).

Boys cross country

CATHOLIC LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS: Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice raced to its second straight Catholic League cross country title Oct. 21 at Kensington Metropark. The Warriors had four top-10 finishers en route to a winning team score of 30. Novi Detroit Catholic Central was second with 65 points and Dearborn Divine Child third at 80. Rice's Grant Davey was first across the line with a time of 16:23. Mike Tremonti (third at 16:31), Alec Miracle (fourth at 16:35) and Kevan O'Brien (ninth at 17:21) were the other top Warrior runners. Jacob Hannawa was 13th as Rice's other scorer.

OAA WHITE DIVISION JAMBOREE NO. 3: Rochester Hills Stoney Creek won the third Jamboree to complete its White Division sweep Oct. 19. The Cougars won the overall title with 28 points,

followed by Royal Oak (23), Farmington (21), Bloomfield Hills (14), West Bloomfield (12), Troy Athens (eight) and North Farmington (six). Stoney Creek senior Harrison Steen won the final Jamboree with a time of 15:39.6. Farmington senior Nick Trevison was second in 15:46.7. Farmington senior Josh Saba was fifth overall. Senior Jack King led Bloomfield Hills with a time of 17:24.7 to place 14th overall. North Farmington's top runner was senior Robert Irwin who crossed 23rd in a time of 17:45.0.

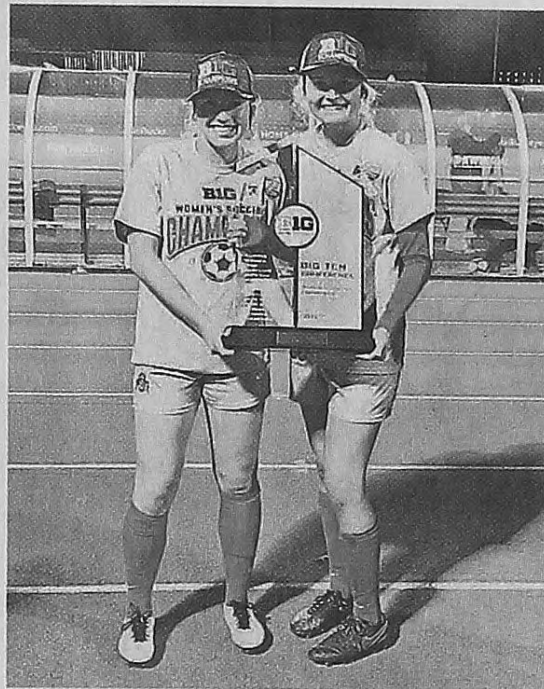
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On Oct. 14, Brother Rice placed third in the Gabriel Richard invite with 79 points. Ann Arbor Pioneer won with 35 points and Plymouth was second with 45. Mike Tremonti (fourth), Alec Miracle (fifth) and Grant Davey (seventh) were Rice's top-ten runners.

Girls cross country

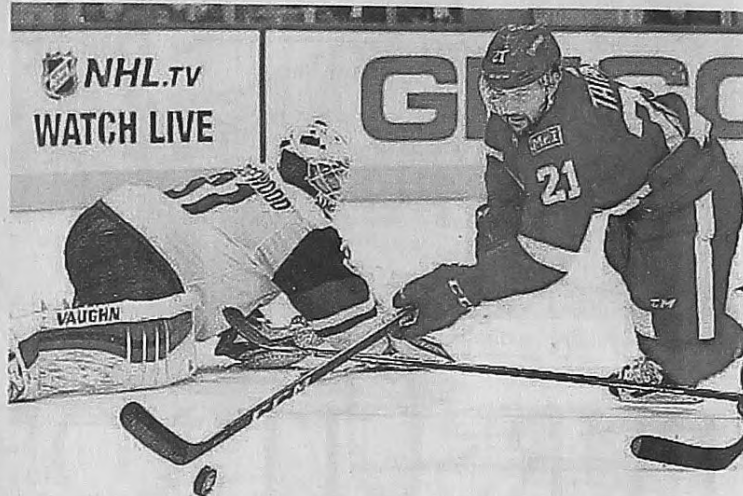
OAA WHITE DIVISION JAMBOREE NO. 3: Rochester Hills Stoney Creek captured the third Jamboree and won the overall title with 28 points. Bloomfield Hills was second in the final standings with 24 points, followed by Farmington (20), Royal Oak and West Bloomfield (13), Troy Athens (eight) and North Farmington (six). West Bloomfield junior Kyla Christopher-Moody and Farmington junior Abby Inch placed first and second with respective times of 18:24.2 and 18:38.6. North Farmington junior Whitney Reid was third with a time of 19:30.6. The top runner from Bloomfield Hills was sophomore Shelby Jenkins who placed sixth in 20:11.3.

Big Ten champs!



Salem High School graduates Izzy Rodriguez (left) and Kylie Knight of Ohio State University proudly hold the Big Ten women's soccer championship trophy. With Rodriguez and Knight starting on defense for 13th-ranked OSU, the Buckeyes last week won 2-1 over Indiana to win the title.

Wedgewood returns



Arizona Coyotes goaltender Scott Wedgewood (left), a former Plymouth Whalers player, sprawls while Detroit's Tomas Tatar attempts to score during Tuesday night's game at Little Caesars Arena. The Red Wings won, 5-3. Wedgewood finally made his return to the NHL after a long absence. He tore the labrum in his right shoulder in November 2016 and spent a number of months in injury rehab to rebuild his strength. Wedgewood was traded last week from New Jersey to the Coyotes, where he played his first game Monday night, a 4-3 overtime win over Philadelphia. RICK OSENTOSKI | USA TODAY

SCHELLENBERG

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the public sector and into the marketplace of ideas. We want to be there where other people are who have all kinds of different messages.

"My message is there's a God who made the world and He's very interested in every one of our lives."

On-ice creativity

Hockey is something Schellenberg loves to do, but not for the reasons one might think.

Yes, he plays in not one, not two, but three adult men's recreational leagues. He gets up at the crack of dawn to play each Wednesday at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, with a bunch of buddies.

Other puck pursuits include glorified drop-in contests each Tuesday morning at Suburban Ice Farmington Hills and a free-lance venture called the Unorganized Hockey League (formerly based in Berkley), with its games each Sunday night at Viking Ice Arena in Hazel Park.

Schellenberg is a master of speed and creativity on the ice, with his long, gray ponytail flowing under his helmet as he weaves through traffic, preparing to rip a laser toward the goaltender.

But hockey, to him, is just a means to an end — to get to know other people.

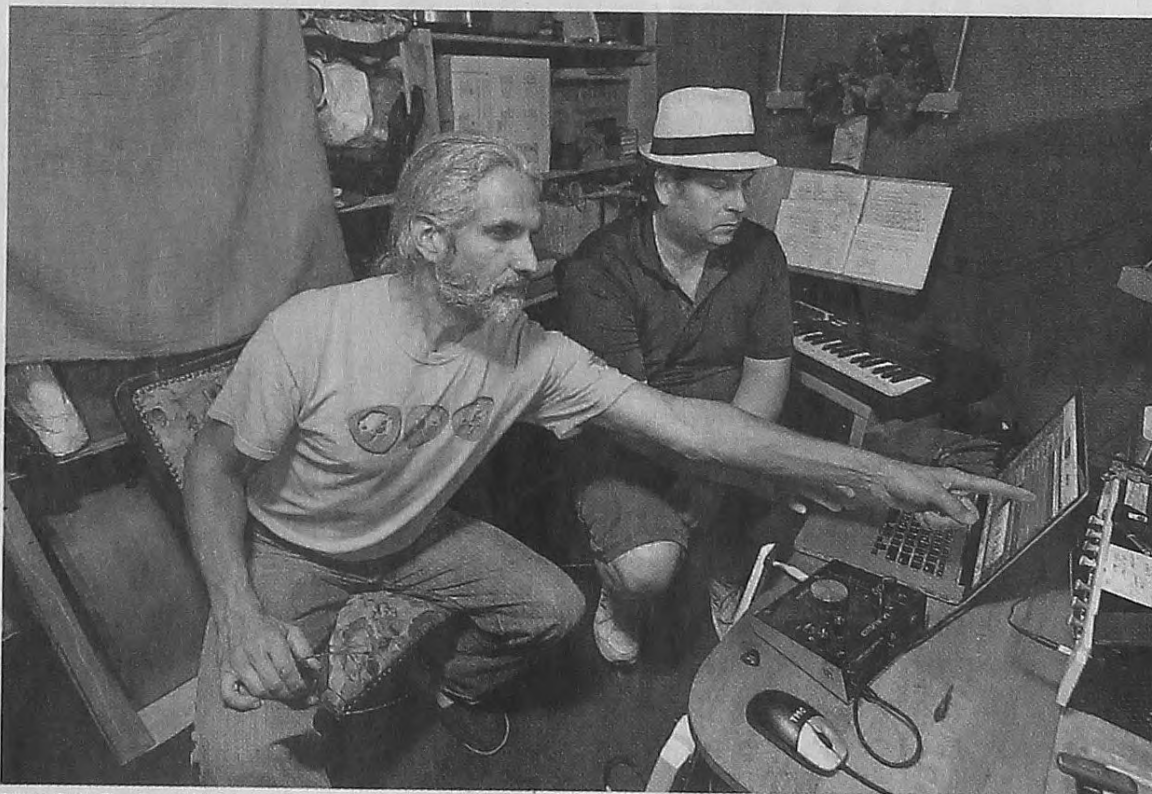
"It's funny, every one of these skates has different people you connect with and enjoy," Schellenberg said following a recent morning game at USA Hockey Arena. "I just enjoy the relationships that you get."

"There's a couple architect builders, there's a chiropractor in net ... and there's a guy that helps run a golf course."

He started playing the sport as a youngster, growing up in Detroit and then Milford.

"My style of play has always been to skate about 90 percent and let them think that's my 100 percent," Schellenberg said. "And then get to a certain point and kick it in to 100 and then blow past people."

"So I have really used my hustle and speed for most of my game, until recently. I'm having to learn, I can't blow past these 25- and 30-year-olds. I've got to learn to hang onto



Matt Schellenberg (left), in the recording studio with fellow musician Enzo Duva. Both are in the progressive rock band Territorial Chant. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

THE SCHELLENBERG FILE

Who: Matt Schellenberg, 53, Farmington Hills resident.

What: Schellenberg plays adult rec hockey at three venues across metro Detroit and makes/sells artistic T-shirts and sweatshirts for his company Full Ark Tees. He also is involved in mission work in Hungary. And then there's the music.

T-Chant: He is founder of Territorial Chant, a prog rock group now working on "Territorial Chant 7." The group also includes wife Carolyn on vocals, guitarists Enzo Duva and Bill Compeau and son Temmon on drums. Schellenberg is a co-writer with Duva and Compeau, sings and plays numerous instruments.

Tunes: "The Times & The Tides," "All My Life," "It's Hard to Know."

Info: Send emails to tchantrock@gmail.com or go to spotify.com/territorialchant, bandcamp.com/territorialchant, or soundcloud.com/territorialchant.

Misc: Matt and Carolyn have two children, both home-schooled: son Temmon, 21, and daughter Tessa, 11.

the puck and try some different things."

Studio magic

Schellenberg's seamless transition from hockey player to musician is as easy as dropping his equipment bag in the garage and walking down steps into his basement — where he



Vying for a loose puck during a recent game at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth is Matt Schellenberg (right). BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

is recording an album with his group, Territorial Chant.

He can deftly move from keyboards to drums to hammered dulcimer, with some acoustic guitar thrown into the mix. He uses Pro Tools and other computerized programs to merge vocals and instruments as he maps out a work in progress.

One recent afternoon, Schellenberg went to work on a new song with electric guitarist Enzo Duva. They are trying to finish up the "Territorial Chant 7" album and maybe do some

live dates before the end of the year or in 2018.

"We want the music to be out in the world, we want to share it, this beautiful thing," Duva said. "I have 101-percent faith that this music has something beautiful to share. It's just getting it out there and playing live is the first step."

It's a reunion for the two men. Duva, a 53-year-old Clarkston resident, played in Schellenberg's band during the 1990s.

But in 1996, Matt and wife Carolyn (who also sings in the

band) went to Hungary for a mission trip that lasted seven years.

"Our main goal was to talk to people about Jesus Christ and how He, in our personal lives, He's made all the difference," Schellenberg said about the mission work. "I like to tell people I was the most selfish (person) I've ever met in my life, before I found out that God cares about me and He doesn't want me to be that kid."

"He wants me to become like Him. He wants me to be somebody who loves people."

Old is new again

Although the Schellenbergs returned to Michigan in 2003, they only recently reconnected with Duva.

"Matt's been an inspiration for me, somebody to look up to," Duva said. "I had this one song, because I was working on music by myself, I tried to get this one guy to sing on it and, after seven weeks, nothing was done ..."

"I go, 'Hey Matt, can you sing on this song?' Next day, after one hour, he's done. Wrote all these harmonies to go with it. It was great. We were, like, 'Hey, we should do this together more often.' That's how it all started. There was no plan of getting back together to make music again."

Both now can't wait to see where the music takes them.

"This phase of us working together, I think it's being brought to a new level," Schellenberg said. "When you get older, you're able to express yourself better. Thirty years ago, we were still trying to find out a lot of stuff about ourselves. We still are, but I think we found out the major things."

"I just expressed to Enzo that I really want to work together more. It used to be usually I'd build a shell, the road map of a song and put it down. Guys would come in and fill in parts and that was OK. It's not that that's wrong, there's probably other bands that do it that way."

"But I let Enzo know, I want to do more collaboration. You bring ideas, I bring ideas and we see how we fit them together. That's actually happening now. There's some really magical things happening and it's fun."

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Seaholm senior Olivia Graham made both field goals she attempted this fall in her first year of varsity football. MARTY BUDNER

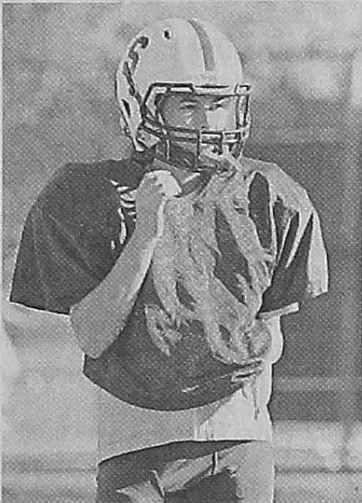
GRAHAM

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Seaholm finished with a 1-8 overall record, but played one of its best games against arch rival Groves. The Maples fell, 35-33, but Graham could have been called upon to kick a potential game-winning field goal.

Playing against rival Groves

However, the opportunity never arose. “We were down by two points and I thought I was going to have to kick a field goal,” Graham said. “So like the wind, that would have been super-scary, but I was kind of ready for it. As long as we get close enough, I can usually make it because I can aim from (playing) soccer and that makes it a lot easier. “I was so happy when I made those two field goals. If I would have missed them, I would have felt so bad,” she added. “It felt like we were so close at the end. And for us to get that close and keep up with them was crazy. And I feel like I helped out.” It was a bit overwhelming at first, playing varsity football as the team’s only female. But Graham quickly adjusted to the atmosphere, was warmly welcomed by her teammates and turned it into a fun adventure. “It’s was cool for me,” Graham said. “It was new, but I really felt like I was part of the team, which was kind of fun. I get along with the guys well now, which is cool. But at first, it was kind of scary. “I mean, there were, like, 60 guys in helmets,” she said about one of her first practices in full uniform. “And, obviously, I knew some of them



Olivia Graham enjoyed her time as a kicker, but she plans to play soccer in college. MARTY BUDNER

from school, but it was different because I couldn’t see their faces and that was the scary part. It was funny.” Graham won’t forget how her teammates had her back and made her feel comfortable in the Groves game. “During the Groves game, I was kicking a field goal and one of our guys turned around and said — and he obviously said it jokingly — ‘Olivia, don’t worry. We won’t let anyone touch you,’” Graham said. “I was just laughing, because it was kind of funny. It was a serious game but that was a funny moment for me,” she said. “As I’ve gotten closer to the boys we’ve been able to joke around a lot more and that’s fun.” **Soccer experience a key** Graham has played varsity soccer at Seaholm since her freshman year and will serve as a team captain this spring. She grew up developing her game with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Soccer Club and with the Birmingham United Soccer Club travel squad.

With all that soccer experience, Graham was encouraged to play football this year by her father. So she called Seaholm head coach Jim DeWald and asked if she could be part of the team. He responded affirmatively. “She came out and I told her at first she probably wouldn’t be the starting kicker, we probably had someone else. But she asked if she could fight for the spot,” DeWald said. “I said certainly. She came out every day and was very consistent on her PATs and field goals and we were happy to have her. “I think it was awesome that she played,” he added. “For her, I think it was cool that she could be just one of the guys, if you will. I think at first it was kind of awkward for her, but she’s fit in with the guys and she gets a lot of respect from them. She’s put in her dues.” Graham was glad she came out. Graham plans to play college soccer — she’s thinking seriously about attending Nova Southeastern University in Florida — but she will never forget her final year high school when she played football. “I just think it will really be cool when I look back on playing football,” Graham said. “It’s already kind of cool. Like my parents, obviously, enjoy saying I’m the girl kicker on the team. They get a kick out of that. “I feel like a get a lot of respect from being the only girl on the team. I’ve heard stories about little girls wanting to kick because of me and that’s kind of cool. Just kind of them looking up to me is kind of cool. “I’m really glad I did it,” she added. “It was a lot of fun.”

HOCKEY

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“My passion to do this whole team was for my daughter Corrin, who didn’t have a place to play,” Janine Martinez said. “I wanted this mostly for her but for every girl, to give them a chance to play for their high school.”

Making history

A parent watching the practice, Melissa Compton-Hope, said daughter Mackenzie, 14, simply wanted a chance to play for the first Livonia high school girls hockey team (which is a club team and not an official varsity offering). “She has wanted to play and represent Livonia,” Compton-Hope said. “She played travel hockey, but she decided she wanted to play for the high school to make history and play for the first high school unified team.” Melissa, a freshman at Churchill, competed during a spring league at Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills, along with several other girls who also are now on Livonia United.

Martinez added that she is being helped by volunteer assistant coach Rob Kucharski, a science teacher at Holmes Middle School. “He coached his daughter from 10U (Livonia) Knights up to 19U,” Martinez said. “She’s off in college right now, so he needed a fix. He said he’d continue to help me out with the program. He’s got a lot of coaching experience.” The first season for Livonia United likely will be very challenging on the ice, considering the small number of players so far (11 skaters and a goaltender). One of the girls practicing Monday is a figure skater “who just decided to come out tonight.” The backup goalie (to first-string goaltender Maddie Marciw) probably will be a skater who can don the equipment when necessary. **Close to home** But Martinez insisted that wins and losses aren’t what she’s going for in 2017-18 as

“Finally got some people to support (the venture) and got us the ice we needed to get, because I thought it was extremely important for these girls to play in our back yard. And it would be easier for them to get their classmates and their family out to Eddie Edgar instead of saying, ‘I skate out of Garden City.’”

JANINE MARTINEZ
Livonia United head coach

Livonia United squares off against established programs such as Livonia Ladywood, Farmington Hills Mercy and the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins. “I told the girls I don’t have aspirations of winning a lot of games and I’m OK with that,” she said. “I told them at the end of the year I want them to tell me they had fun and made some great lifelong friends. That’s our goal.” Well, one of them. Another is to plant seeds that could help sprout future interest in someday playing for Livonia United. That is why Martinez was so adamant about the team getting ice time at Eddie Edgar for games, instead of having first-year “home” contests in other communities. “Finally got some people to support (the venture) and got us the ice we needed to get, because I thought it was extremely important for these girls to play in our back yard,” Martinez said. “And it would be easier for them to get their classmates and their family out to Eddie Edgar instead of saying, ‘I skate out of Garden City.’ “They can say, ‘It’s five minutes from your house. Can you come watch my game?’ And hopefully, 12U and 14U Knights girls players come out and watch the team, too.”

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Livonia United girls hockey coach Janine Martinez presided over her team’s first official practice Monday at Devonaire Ice Arena. TIM SMITH

SOCCER

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in Howell by scoring on all three of its shootout attempts, by Connor Boerman, Kyle Genord and Mason Smith. “You have to get someone to go to the finals and it’s not us,” third-year DCD coach Steve Bossert said. “Their keeper made two good saves in the PKs and it’s disappointing. The kids are heart-broken. “We work on PKs every day in practice. They were not bad shots. The goalie just made great saves. I give him all the credit in the world. That was the difference because, in the second half, I thought we had them, but unfortunately we couldn’t put it in. “It’s disappointing, but Flint Powers is a great team and they play great defense,” he added. “We weren’t able to get it.” **Goalie is big hero**



Senior forward Dylan Prime was one of Country Day’s leading scorers this season. MARTY BUDNER

Powers head coach Tony Rowe, whose team finished as a state runner-up last season, also marveled at Tilden’s shootout effort. “It was unbelievable,” Rowe



Freshman Justin Harris had a strong season for Country Day, including the game-winning goal in a 1-0 victory over state-ranked Grosse Ile in the regional championship game. MARTY BUDNER

said. “Our whole defense and Brendan have stepped up in this postseason. A lot of preparation and a lot of experience goes into it. (Tilden) is a four-year player for us and you can’t

beat experience.” After a fairly even first half — without a quality scoring chance on either side — Country Day gradually took over play in the second, but was unable to get a ball past Tilden. DCD’s best opportunity came at the 27-minute mark, when Tilden, lying on the artificial surface with half his body in the net after stopping an initial shot, reached out to stop a second DCD shot from crossing the line. A few minutes after that close call — the best for either team in the game — Yi lofted a 40-yard shot that went over the goalie’s head, but just wide of the net. “We were really dangerous, all these through balls that we had,” Bossert said. “And I thought we were more dangerous in the second half, but it didn’t do any good.” For the game, DCD outshot Powers Catholic by a 10-6 margin. DCD had five corner kicks to Powers’ three. Country Day was looking for its first state final appearance

since winning the state championship in 2011 under then-coach Bob Bukari. The Yellowjackets have been to 15 state title games, bringing home 14 state championships. “I’m very proud of the boys,” said Bossert, whose No. 5-ranked team finished with a 15-7-2 record. “We played a tough schedule and at one time we were 5-5. We kept getting better and better and I thought this was our best game of the season. “So we continued to improve and we had great senior leadership, excellent defense and great goaltending to keep Flint Powers off the board. We had a great run. We beat a Grosse Ile team (ranked No. 2) to win the regional championship and this is the farthest we’ve been since 2011. The boys did everything I asked of them and they did everything they possibly could have today. “Penalties are fickle,” he added. “This is a tremendous group and I’m going to miss them.”

PREP FOOTBALL

Rice kicker Hajjar boots winning field goal in third OT

Marty Budner

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What a way to open the playoffs.

Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice and Birmingham Groves had so much fun in the rain Oct. 27 they decided to go three overtimes. The visiting Warriors emerged with a pulsating 24-21 Division 2 pre-district victory thanks to a 20-yard field goal by senior Christian Hajjar that ended the three-hour marathon.

For Rice, the emotional triumph avenged last year's 24-20 loss to Groves in the district title game.

"To beat Groves, the inter-city rival, it was great. I mean, there's nothing better," said junior quarterback Mariano Valenti, starting his first game since hyper-extending his knee in Week 4 against Catholic Central. "No one stopped talking about this game around school. They've been holding it over us, but we got 'em this time."

"We were motivated. It was awesome," he added. "I think we're going to make a run in the playoffs."

Brother Rice head coach Adam Korzeniewski said it was a game where his seniors where extra-motivated.

"For the seniors, definitely, I think so because that was a real good team we played," Korzeniewski said. "But I think just the opportunity to play a first-round playoff game and try and get a 'W' is the bigger thing."

The victory lifted Brother Rice to 7-3. Groves, which won a three-overtime game earlier this season against Farmington Harrison, ended its season with a 7-3 record.

Following are five takeaways from the game:

THE OVERTIME SESSIONS

Neither team scored in the first overtime.

Groves had first crack at



Junior quarterback Mariano Valenti threw for one touchdown and scored two others to lead Brother Rice. MARTY BUDNER

the end zone from the 10-yard line, but missed a fourth-down field goal. Rice picked up 9 yards on its first possession and elected to attempt a fourth-down field goal for the win. However, Hajjar's 19-yard attempt was blocked by Groves junior Damonte McCurdy, who exploded straight up the middle to knock down the ball and force a second OT.

Rice started the second extra session and went for it on fourth-and-one as junior QB Mario Valenti vaulted in on a quarterback sneak. Groves countered with a sensational fourth-down play to keep the game going. Tinsley hit a wide open Khalil Dawsey in the corner of the end zone on a 4-yard pass play and the teams

were tied at 21-21.

The Falcons started the third overtime and worked their way to the 2-yard line after three downs. Groves head coach Brendan Flaherty elected to go for the touchdown on fourth-and-two, but Groves running back Chaise Ford was stopped short of the goal line on an off-tackle play.

Rice was stopped after three downs at the 2-yard line. Hajjar then lined up for the kick and successfully booted the game-winning field goal.

RICE'S SECOND-HALF DOMINANCE

Brother Rice trailed 14-7 at halftime, but had a decided second-half advantage.

The Warriors ran 39 plays in the final two quarters — 34 in

Groves territory. On their first three possessions, however, they were stopped by the determined Groves defense on fourth-down plays. They finally scored on their fourth possession, when Valenti pounded his way in on a 1-yard quarterback sneak with 3:59 left in the fourth quarter. Hajjar's extra point tied the game at 14-14.

Rice had an opportunity late in the fourth quarter inside Groves territory again, but Valenti's pass was intercepted by Joshua Salter, which eventually led to the overtime.

Brother Rice scored first in the opening quarter on a 9-yard pass from Valenti to Matt Torey.

"Our defense just buckled down in the second half and we just kept getting great field position and we could not do anything in the red zone," said Korzeniewski, whose team had three other comeback victories this year. "We couldn't make plays. And (Groves) had a lot to do with it, don't get me wrong. They are coached well and they took away some of the things that we were hoping to be able to do."

"With this group, I did not doubt they could do it," he added. "This team just fights to the end. But it was a heck of a game. Both teams played their butts off. They have pride, too."

FORD DRIVES FALCONS

Ford was the first-half story for Groves, tri-champion of the OAA White Division along with Farmington Harrison and Oak Park.

The senior halfback finished the game with 172 yards rushing, 152 of which came in the first two quarters. In the first 12 minutes, he rushed for 150 yards including runs of 42, 25 and 83 yards. The 83-yarder on the final play of the first quarter resulted in his team's second touchdown.

Groves' first touchdown came on the possession just before that, when quarterback

Colton Tinsley hit wide open sophomore Eli Turner with a 51-yard pass play right down the middle of the field.

Groves mustered 212 yards total offense in the first half. The second half was a different story. Not counting overtime, the Falcons ran just 17 plays for minus-3 yards over the final two quarters.

"It was a good game all-around, but they played good defense in the second half and we had a tough time putting points on the board," Flaherty said. "They just stepped up and we kind of stalled a bit. We couldn't catch a break."

"Chaise had those long runs in the first half. We got a break and he caught a couple seams and that was it," he added. "We just couldn't find a way to get points in that second half. But we had a successful season and I'm extremely proud of them. We just came up a little short today."

Defensively for Groves, senior linebacker Zak Abdulwasi had seven tackles and junior Jacob Edelman had four tackles, including a sack. McCurdy had an outstanding game. Besides the blocked field goal, the junior defensive back had five tackles and three important pass breakups.

THE SERIES HISTORY

This was the 12th meeting between Groves and Rice. The Warriors now lead the series, 9-3.

The last eight games have been in the district round of the state playoffs, where Rice owns a 7-1 edge.

The teams met in the final game of the regular season from 1962-65, with Groves winning the first two games and Rice the next two games.

It was the first ever playoff game for Korzeniewski, a former assistant coach both at Brother Rice under Al Fracassa and at Seaholm under Jim DeWald.

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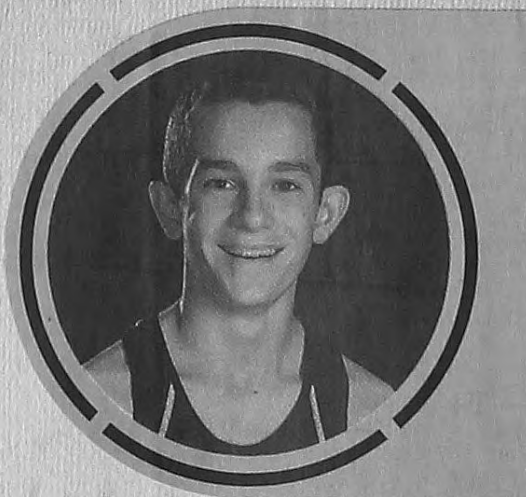


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PREP ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



CARTER SOLOMON

CROSS COUNTRY
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PLYMOUTH WILDCATS

It's been quite a season for Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team on the courses and in the Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week poll.

For the second time this season, a member of the Wildcats won the poll as sophomore Carter Solomon collected 6,134 votes (42.9 percent) to easily grab the number one spot. In Week 7, teammate Ethan Byrnes was the poll winner.

Solomon outdistanced Birmingham Seaholm senior cross country runner Emily Rooney (4,266 votes, 29.86 percent) and Livonia Franklin junior cross country runner Erin Seibert (2,746 votes, 19.22 percent).

WHAT HE DID: Solomon spearheaded Plymouth to its first-ever Division 1 regional champion-

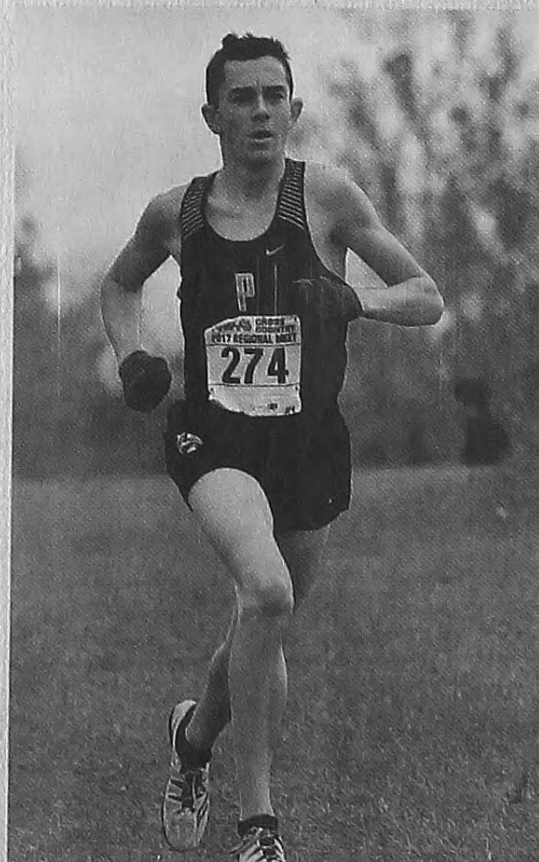
ship in boys cross country on Oct. 28 at Willow Metropark in New Boston. His time of 15:29.2 was good for second overall and led an impressive

pack of six Wildcats in the first nine spots.

"Finishing second was another improvement from last year, which was also very exciting," Solomon noted.

"... Going to states as a team was our top goal coming into this season, and completing that task provided a feeling of accomplishment."

WHAT HE SAID ABOUT BEING NAMED ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: "When I received the text from my coach that I had won, I was quite joyous and blessed because I knew my friends and family went out of their way to vote for me. I was happy to win this week after coming off a new park record the previous weekend, which to me was a huge milestone," Solomon continued.



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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Churchill sweeps way to district final match

Tim Smith

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Friday promised to be buzz-worthy at Livonia Churchill, and not just because there was a football district final between the Chargers and Livonia Franklin scheduled that night.

Earlier in the day, the Class A volleyball district final was slated to take place between host Churchill and Dearborn. The Chargers swept Westland John Glenn (25-14, 25-15, 25-18) Wednesday to advance to the deciding match. Results were not available as of press time.

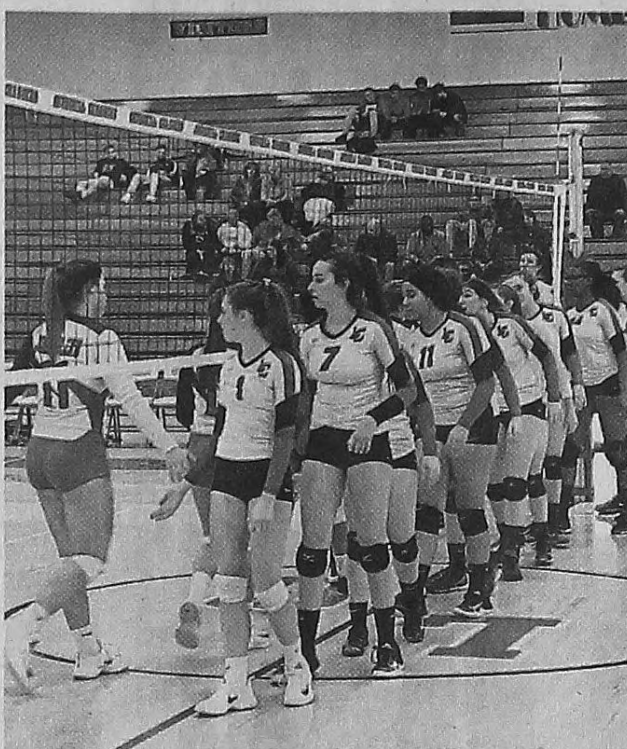
"The (Churchill) volleyball program has a long history of being successful during the state tournament, so I think the girls want to make sure that they uphold that tradition," first-year Chargers head coach Kristin Clutter said. "They also want to make the school proud. They know that the football game will be more exciting Friday if we leave here with a win."

Clutter was looking forward to facing the Pioneers, too. She coached Dearborn before taking the Churchill job during the summer.

"I know that team very well, because I coached there last year, so I know most of the players, most of the girls," said Clutter, whose team improved to 33-16. "They're well-coached. We're going to have to make sure we are ready physically and mentally to play that game."

"Their teams are always consistently aggressive. They're good defensive teams."

Against the Rockets, top performers included senior outside hitter Annabelle Dunn (16 kills, .469 attacking percentage, four aces), setter Grace Vaeth (39 assists), libero Jessica Maladecki (16 digs) and outside hitter Molly Chantres (12 kills, four aces).



Livonia Churchill volleyball players Grace Vaeth (front left), Annabelle Dunn and teammates greet Westland John Glenn players such as Carley Loving (far left) following Wednesday's district contest. TIM SMITH

"We're pretty confident," Chantres said. "I think if we come out and play like we did tonight and play our game, then district finals will definitely be ours. We're hoping. We played together as a team and we worked hard off of every ball."

Mary Claire Yost added that the Chargers "played with a lot of energy and got it done" and that minimizing the damage caused by John Glenn senior outside hitter Carley Loving was key.

"We were worried about Carley, but we got it together," Yost said.

Churchill opened the districts with a 3-0 win Oct. 30 against Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Stevenson district

LIVONIA STEVENSON 3, REDFORD THURSTON: Audrey Lackey and Claire Beaudoin both tallied 13 digs Wednesday to spark the district host Spartans to a 25-4, 25-9, 25-16 victory in a Class A semifinal match-up. Chipping in 10 kills was Libby Cleaveland, while

Koryl Parmenter registered eight kills. Beaudoin and Julia Bice had five aces each. The Spartans advanced to the district final, scheduled for Friday.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 3, REDFORD UNION 0: On Oct. 30 in a district opener, the Spartans rolled to three straight 25-14 wins. Sparking Stevenson were Erin Pietruszka (16 assists, 13 aces), Eliza Alushi (6 digs), Abby Cleaveland, Libby Cleaveland and Koryn Parmenter (six kills each).

Novi district

NOVI 3, PLYMOUTH 1: On Oct. 30 in a district opener, Plymouth fell short despite solid performances from Kenna White (12 kills, 25 digs), Hannah Ramer (eight kills), libero Maddie Kirchoff (16 digs) and all-conference player Lauren Wheeler (35 assists, nine digs, three aces). It was senior Wheeler's final high school contest. Plymouth won the first set by a 25-23 score, but Novi roared back with 25-17, 25-20 and 26-24 victories.

GIRLS GOLF

Another memorable season for Plymouth

Tim Smith

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The spotlight of the Division 1 girls golf state finals didn't stop Plymouth from enjoying a solid two-day performance.

Led by senior Erin Johnson's 81-76—157 scoreline, the Wildcats finished fifth among a highly competitive field at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows Golf Course.

Plymouth started out with 341, but rebounded nicely with a 328 score Oct. 21 and finished with a total of 669. Winning the championship was Traverse City West (626), followed by Brighton (648), Saline (649), Northville (664) and the Wildcats.

"Our golfers work as hard as anybody and we played our best golf on the biggest stage," veteran Plymouth coach Dan Young wrote in an email. "Very proud to have coached this group."

Johnson enjoyed a stellar showing at what will be her future golf course, as she has committed to play golf at Grand Valley State University.

"She's had an incredible career and will be an outstanding college play-



Plymouth's varsity girls golf team finished in fifth place at the Division 1 state finals. Top left is Rachel Stibel. Bottom (from left) are Sara Vohra, Erin Johnson and Shae Zydeck. At top right is Maire Sullivan.

er," Young said.

Johnson narrowly missed finishing in the top 10.

The Wildcats received other strong performances, including junior Shae Zydeck (81-77—158) and senior Sara Vohra (87-80—167).

Young said Vohra had "her best round of her career on Saturday."

Plymouth scorers also included juniors Maire Sullivan (92-95—187) and Rachel Stibel (110-105—215), both who "gained valuable experience" at The Meadows.

It was another excel-

lent season for the Wildcats, who earned the KLAA Central Division championship with a 4-0 dual match record.

Overall medalist was Traverse City West junior Anika Dy, with a 3-under 141.

Also in the top 10 teams was Livonia Franklin (700), with Sophia Wygonik registering a 79-82—161 score line as the Patriots had a respectable showing at their first finals appearance.

Other Franklin performers were Sofia Cueva (87-83—170), Summer Horen (87-97—184), Stephanie Cueva (92-93—185) and Olivia Napier (96-97—193).

Among the area individual qualifiers were Novi's Abby Livingston (86-80—166), Livonia Stevenson's Anna Vento (84-83—167) and Livonia Churchill's Ashley Harlock (81-92—173) and Paige Peterson (110-83—193).

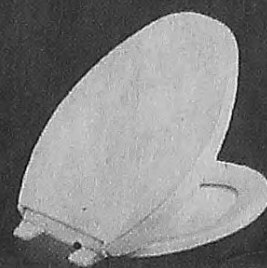
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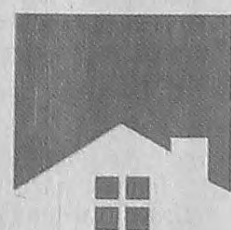
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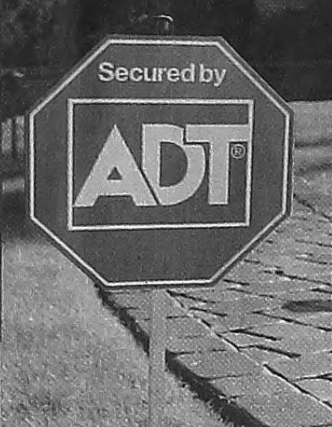
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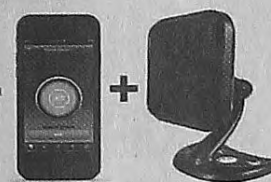
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How to answer "what is your desired salary?"



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Without a doubt, the "What is your desired salary?" question is one of the hardest to answer — either on a job application or in an interview situation. An online application doesn't usually offer a box to tick for "I'd be willing to negotiate, within reason."

Don't just make something up.

If you're faced with a drop-down application box, remember that you have two tools available to you. First, do your research. Find out what the industry standard would be for that role in that geographical area, and ask for that (or a little higher or lower depending on your particular skills and experience). This is vital for not

being weeded out based on asking for far too little or far too much.

Most companies have hiring policies that dictate they will pay new hires the midpoint of the stated salary range they are prepared to offer. Negotiation technique would suggest you ask for just a bit higher than the midpoint, in order not to be offered less than policy would get you.

Use your application to explain your reasoning.

A good use of your cover letter is to justify the number you selected. This is where you can add in that important sentence about being open to negotiation. Or explain, with numbers, why you feel a percentage increase from your former salary is called for — based on performance appraisals, market trends, new skills or experience, etc.

How to figure out and verbalize what you want.

There are different ways to go about this. You can ask for a flat salary number per year, which is usually negotiated and standard across a wide variety of industries and careers. Or, you might be looking for a job where you're asked to state what you would expect to make per hour. In both cases, it's important to ask for just a little more than you expect to be offered — usually 10-15 percent above what you really need to make.

In the case of hourly pay, make sure you've done the calculations to figure out exactly how much you need to make per hour to make ends meet. Most workers can expect to work about 2,000 hours per year. Don't forget to factor in sick days and vacation time — for which you will often not be compensated in an hourly

wage job. Don't accept a job for less unless you absolutely have to. And don't forget to ask about overtime and bonus pay, if applicable, so you can factor that into your calculations as well.

Sometimes you'll find yourself in a situation where you don't particularly care what you make for salary, as this number might be standard or nonnegotiable in your industry, but there are specific benefits you'd like to negotiate towards. If there are any deal breakers for you in the benefits package, make sure to focus on these when asked about your salary requirements.

The bottom line.

Make sure you know the minimum you need to make. You can always use that as your answer, "I can't accept this position for anything less than [AMOUNT]." And be prepared to hold to it. (These calculations are important and should be done with care.) If you prefer a softer touch, you can always answer, "I think [AMOUNT] would be a fair salary for this position."

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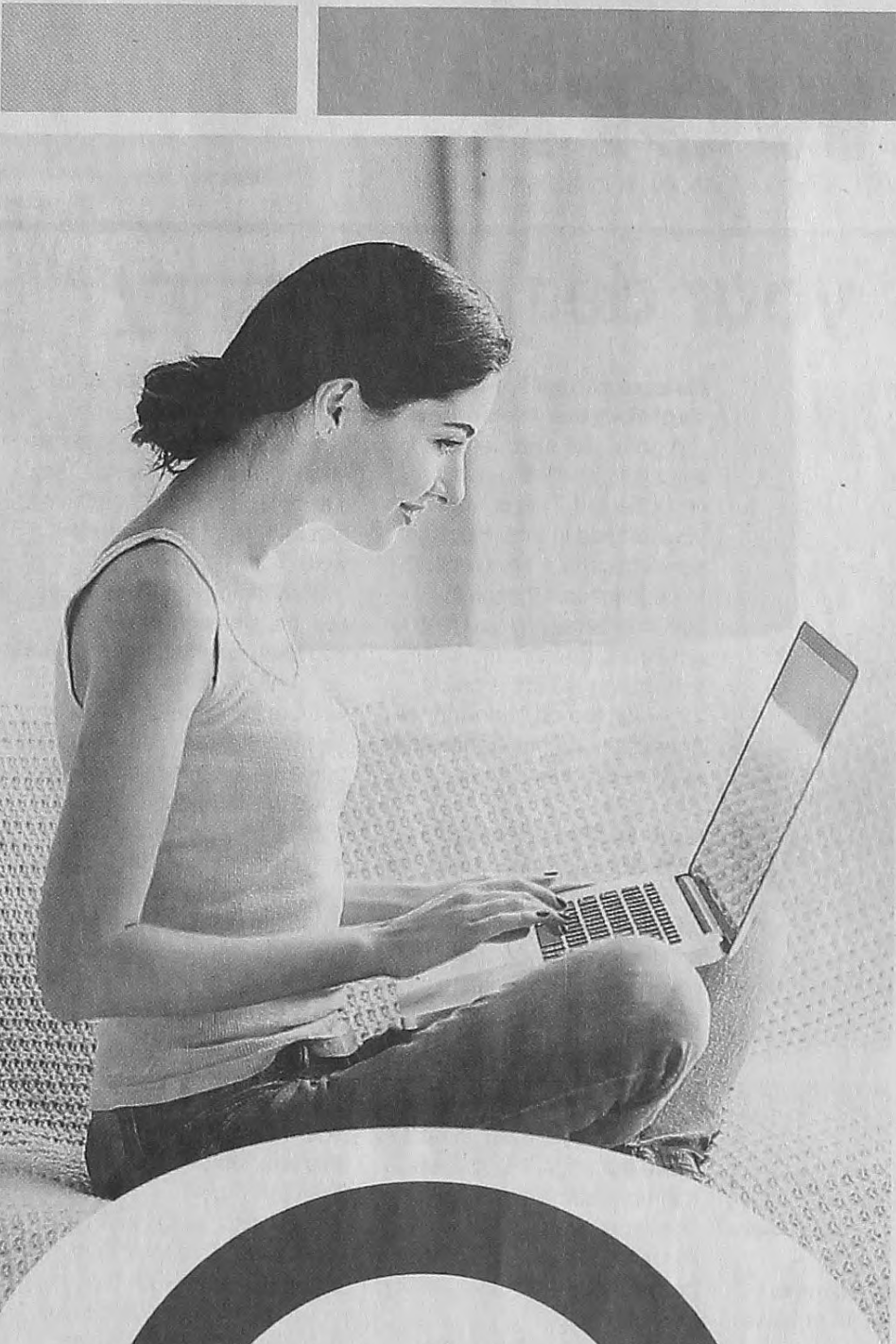
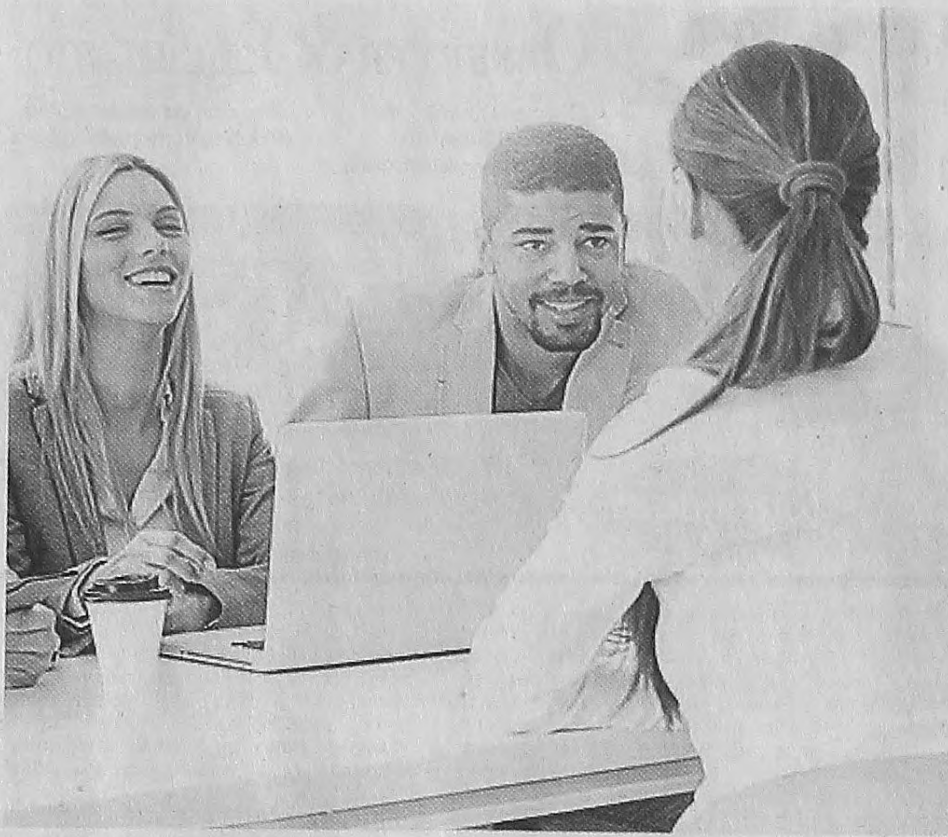
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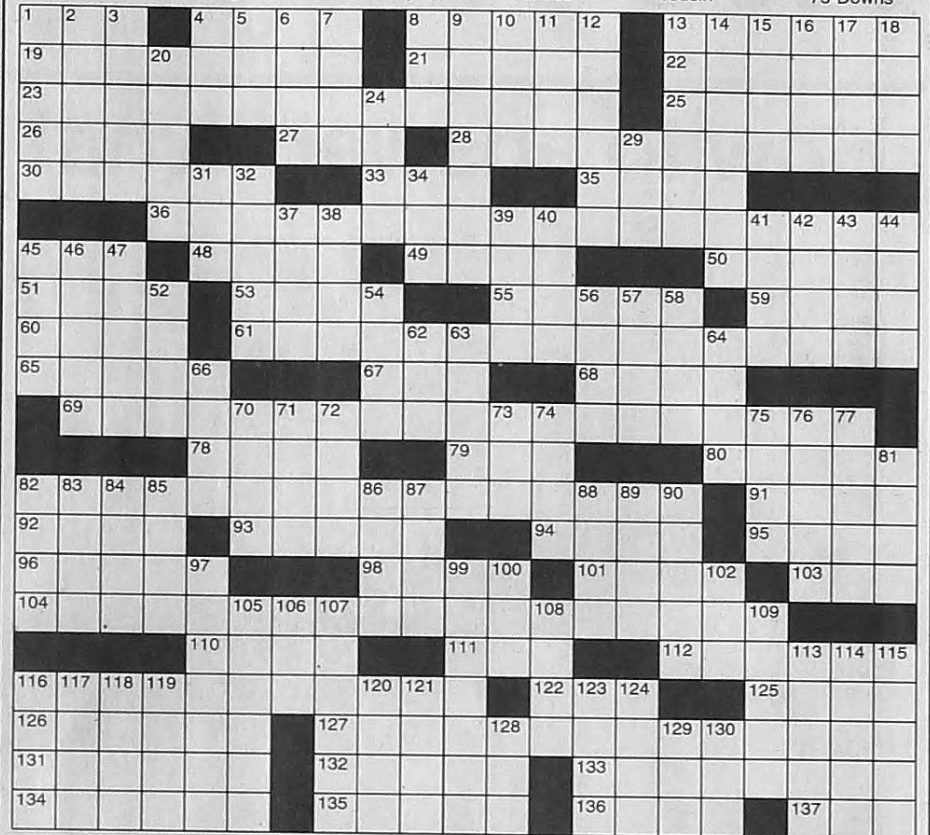
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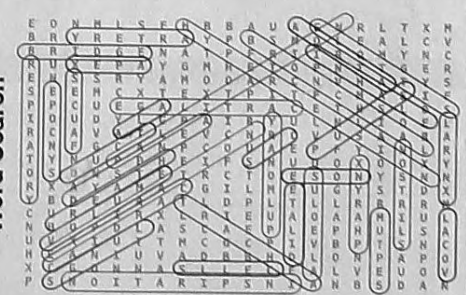
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ROOM FOR 2: GENERAL MOTORS MAKES \$5-MILLION DONATION TO THE HENRY FORD, JOINING RIVAL FORD AS MUSEUM PILLAR



By Dale Buss

General Motors has been turning lots of heads lately with its investments in innovation, even enjoying a new sheen on Wall Street for how it's transforming itself for the era

of automated driving.

Add one more GM investment in innovation to the list: its \$5-million donation to The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation. The company has forged a new partnership with the nonprofit organization that is so familiar to Michiganders, from families strolling its fascinating exhibits, to tourists who wonder at the eclectic collections, to generations of schoolchildren whose imagination has been spared by what they see there.

Yes, The Henry Ford was established by the founder of GM's most historic rival and will always emanate the persona of one of America's greatest industrialists.

But lately, under President and CEO Patricia Mooradian, it has steered itself into the center of discussion of national renewal through industrial and technological innovation.

"The Henry Ford is a national treasure," Mark Reuss, GM's head of global product development, purchasing and supply chain said upon announcing the donation to the National Historic Landmark in Dearborn that was founded by Henry Ford in 1929 to



display his personal collection and other treasures. "One that all of us who grew up [in metro Detroit] feel a lifelong personal connection with."

GM will sponsor the museum's rotating exhibit that will become known as the Gallery by General Motors. Reuss said that The Henry Ford will work with the automaker to promote STEM — science, technology, engineering and math — topics and STEM education.

For The Henry Ford, the donation is "a real gamechanger," Mooradian told me.

"It's clear that 'Henry Ford' is in our name. And while that's a tremendous asset, in the past it hasn't given everyone the right idea of what we are: an American history museum about innovation. Many times our name conjures visions of being a museum only of Ford vehicles or about Henry Ford the man."

Ultimately, GM's donation to The

Henry Ford may recall how GM took up residence in the Renaissance Center, Detroit's tallest building and the symbol of a long-delayed rebirth, in the late Nineties, decades after Henry Ford II had spearheaded construction of the complex as a big urban-renewal gambit in the 1970s.

Edsel Ford II, a trustee of The Henry Ford and son of Henry Ford II, and great-grandson of Henry Ford, lunched with Reuss a few years ago to first discuss the idea of GM's playing a bigger role in the institution.

"We know that Henry Ford and Ford Motor Co. have always been and will always be inextricably linked," Reuss said. "There's no getting around that. But the museum is a celebration of American innovation, particularly in the transportation space, and you can't tell that story without General Motors and Ford together."

But the linkage of GM and Ford

Motor through The Henry Ford is only one interesting aspect of the transaction. The very amount of the donation also is significant in that only a relative handful of people and organizations — including Ford and the Ford family, of course — have ever made such a sizeable gift to The Henry Ford.

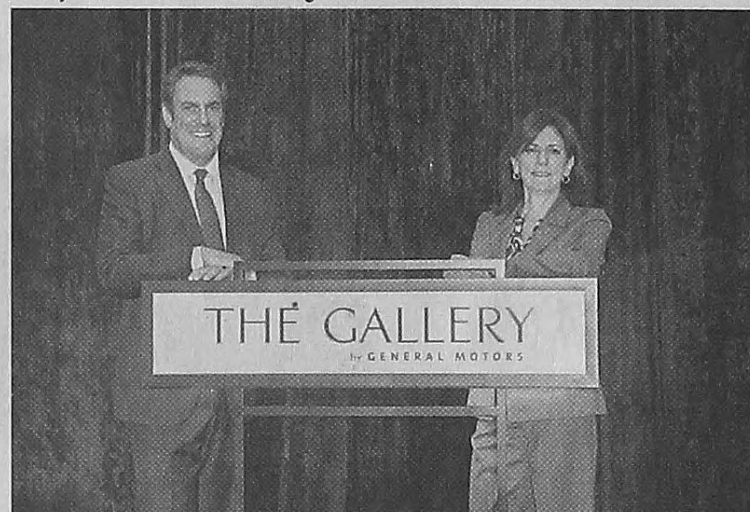
Also, naming the flexible exhibit space The Gallery by General Motors will affix a prominent name to a part of the museum that has been used for a few temporary exhibits each year but never identified for a particular purpose. And GM's gift, Mooradian said, "will go directly to innovation programs, with STEM at their core."

The first exhibit in The Gallery by General Motors is "The Science Behind Pixar," examining how the Walt Disney-owned computer-animation film studio does its staff.

GM also is throwing in with The Henry Ford at an interesting time

in the institution's history. Long one of Michigan's most popular tourist attractions, and known for iconic exhibits such as the limousine in which John F. Kennedy was assassinated and R. Buckminster Fuller's Dymaxion "house of the future," Mooradian has led a transformation of The Henry Ford into an outreaching, proactive force for American innovation for the future, not just a passive site for visiting American innovation of the past.

For example, a new generation of kids — and this one, nationwide, not just buses of schoolchildren from across Michigan on a field trip — has discovered The Henry Ford via its weekly Saturday-morning TV show on CBS, The Henry Ford's Innovation Nation with Mo Rocca. And the museum recently signed a deal with Pearson, the educational publishing giant, to develop content for educators, business audiences and others.



GM's Mark Reuss, left, and President Patricia Mooradian of The Henry Ford.

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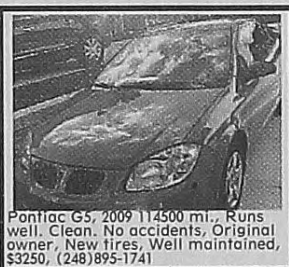
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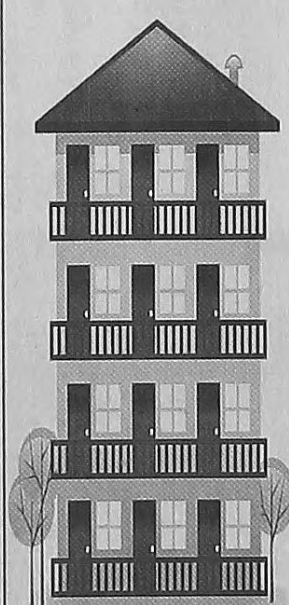
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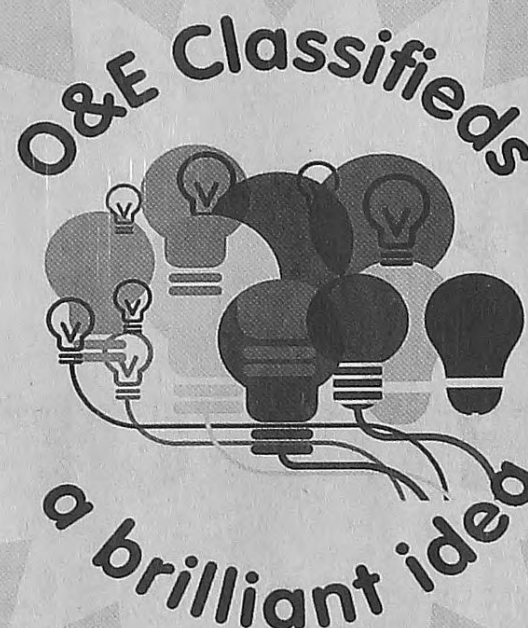
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