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Canton's leaders reject pay raise

Township board members vote against giving themselves increase

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Canton's elected leaders have rejected a 2-percent wage increase, calling it a fiscally responsible decision and saying the money can be put to better use.

In a sweeping decision Tuesday, the seven-member Canton Township Board of Trustees voted against raising its own annual pay levels, which are cur-

rently \$116,295 for Supervisor Pat Williams, \$99,586 for Treasurer Dian Slavens and Clerk Michael Siegrist and \$12,214 for part-time Trustees John Anthony, Sommer Foster, Anne Marie Graham-Hudak and Steven Sneiderman.

The board was in line to receive the same 2-percent pay increase it approved Tuesday for the township's 78 non-union employees, based on a recommendation from the local merit commission.

The decision to reject the pay increase comes just one year after board wages were slashed 5 percent by the previous board, following a study of salaries for elected officials in suburban communities.

Slavens said it wouldn't be fair for the current board, which had a turnover of four board members in last year's election, to undo the previous board's action to curb salaries.

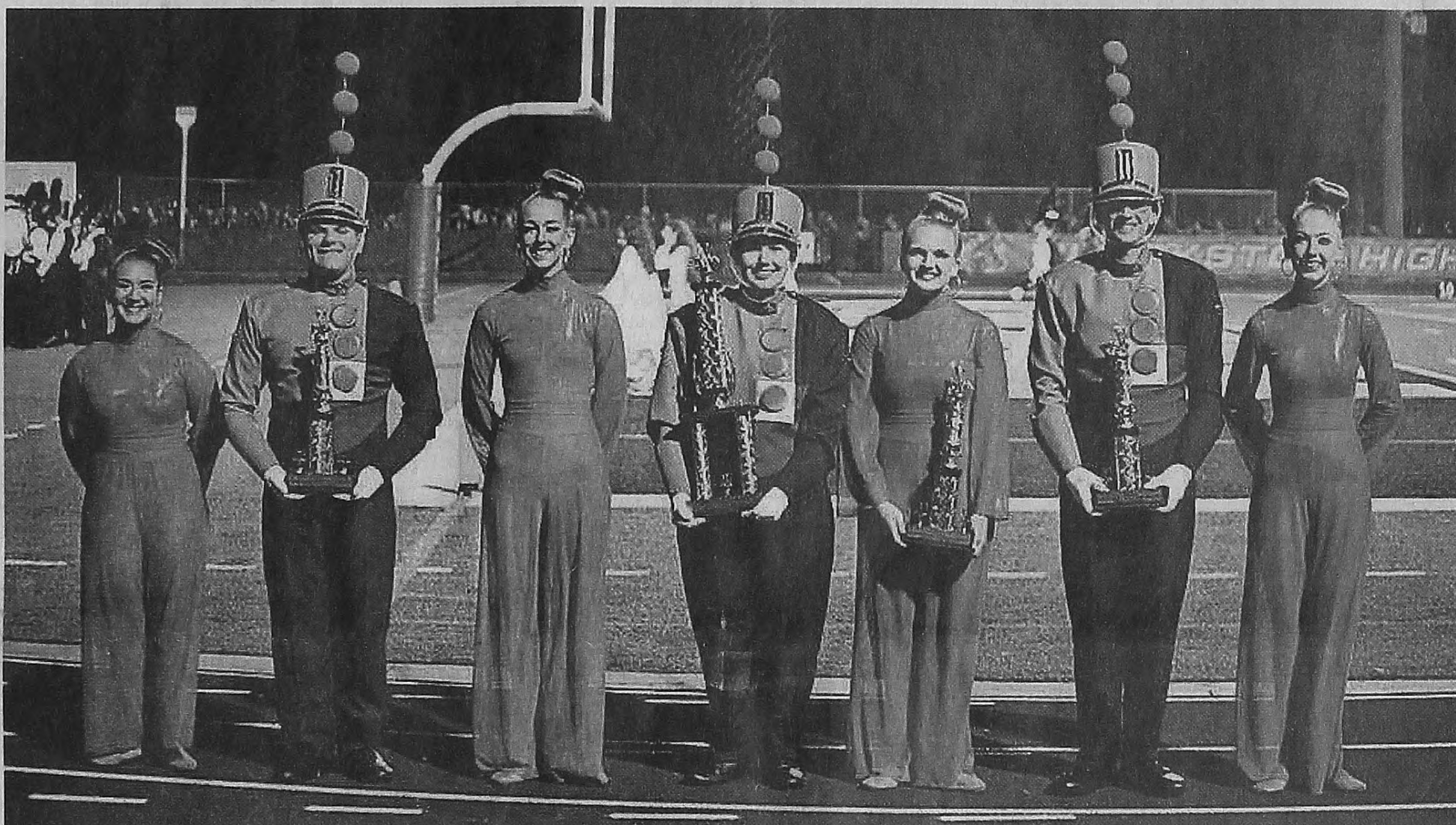
"I'm not in favor of this (increase)," she said.

Anthony called Tuesday's decision "a fiscally responsible vote by the board."

Foster said she wasn't comfortable taking a pay increase when Canton has so many infrastructure problems, such as crumbling roads. She serves on a new Canton task force that is studying local road needs and how to address the situation.

"Right now, we're trying to figure out how we're going to pave our roads and fix our infrastructure," Foster said. "I didn't think it was the responsible thing to do to give myself a pay increase when the residents are getting

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Plymouth-Canton won the gold at the Clarkston competition. JOHN MCKIMMY

Plymouth-Canton marches to grand national performance

John McKimmy

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The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park marching band finished its competitive season the way it always seems to: With an appearance at the Bands of America National Championships in Indianapolis.

On Nov. 11, the P-CEP marchers delivered a solid performance with a score of 88.70 in the preliminaries, allowing the band to progress to the semifinals, where it placed 24th in the nation.

The P-CEP show, titled "arOund," has scored well all year. The band started its competitive season Sept. 23 with a fourth-place finish at the Bands of

America regional competition in Toledo.

It followed up the Toledo performance with three consecutive wins over the next three weekends, at the Novi, Livonia Franklin and the Clarkston competitions.

Besides winning these competitions, P-CEP swept the Flight 1 individual awards of outstanding music performance, outstanding visual performance and outstanding general effect.

On Nov. 4, P-CEP marchers competed in the Michigan Competition Band Association's state championship at Ford Field in Detroit, where they placed second — by less than a point — behind Rockford.



The Plymouth-Canton marching band finished second — less than a point behind Rockford — at the state competition at Ford Field. JOHN MCKIMMY

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Former trustee served Canton community with 'dignity, respect'

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John Burdziak served on the township board in Canton during a period of immense growth for the community.

"He's a part of how we went from farming community to where we are today," township Supervisor Pat Williams said.

Burdziak, who served on the Canton Township Board of Trustees for 13 years starting in 1991, died Nov. 10. He was 81.

Williams, during a township board

meeting Tuesday, said Burdziak was an elected official during an era "marked with great progress in the Canton community."

Williams read aloud from a formal resolution honoring Burdziak.

"John was a true community leader and should be looked to as an example for those who are coming up to help guide Canton Township's future," he said. "We are honored to recognize his work today as he served his community with dignity, respect, dedication and



Burdziak

commitment."

Burdziak served in the National Guard and worked many years as a telecommunications engineer, according to his obituary information from L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Burdziak also served on the Canton Planning Commission, the Tax Board of Review and the Zoning Board of Appeals. He got involved in committees that focused on recreation, transportation and the Canton Downtown Development Authority.

He was president of Windsor Park and Vistas III homeowner associations and volunteered his time to the Canton

Goodfellows and First Step, which helps victims of domestic violence.

He was the beloved husband of Yvonne, father of Carol, Laura (Patrick) Nolta and John A. (Jacinda) and grandfather of Pierce, Landon, Ava and Lola. He was the brother of Patricia Burdziak.

Burdziak enjoyed golf and bowling and was a history buff, particularly with the Civil War.

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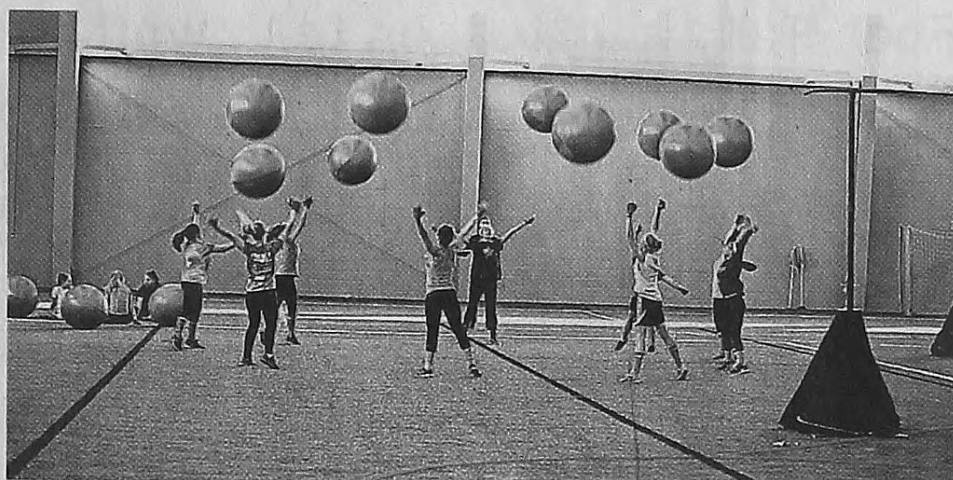
The P-CEP show "arOund" is an exploration of theater-in-the-round.

"Our take on this concept is to explore musical and visual textures in musical rounds and movement that goes around," P-CEP Director of Bands G. Jonathan Thomann said.

The show features a wide array of music, including "You Spin Me Round" by Burns, Coy, Lever and Percy, "Stormworks" by Steven Melillo, "Symphony No. 1" by Gustav Mahler, "Concerto for Violin and Orchestra" by Philip Glass and "2nd Military Suite" by Holst. It includes large spinning platforms and is visually stunning.

The 170 student-musicians and performers who make up the band

started their work last summer, putting in 12-hour days perfecting the show. While they may be closing the books on the 2017 marching season, students are already looking ahead. Many will continue performing in the P-CEP winter color guard and drum line. Others have joined the P-CEP jazz band and pit orchestras. Dozens plan on competing in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra festival and several are being considered for all-state honors.



The Plymouth-Canton marching band color guard gets in some practice before the grand nationals in Indianapolis. JOHN MCKIMMY

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\$25,000 reward offered for missing cats

Famous felines from Farmington Hills have not been seen since house fire Nov. 12

Perry A. Farrell and Ann Zaniewski
Detroit Free Press
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The owner of two world-record giant cats that went missing after a house fire in Farmington Hills is offering a \$25,000 reward for their safe capture.

One of the cats may have been spotted in the area Monday, Will Powers wrote Tuesday on Facebook.

The cats, Arcturus and Cygnus, plus two other felines named Siri-

us and Yuki, disappeared following a Nov. 12 house fire that destroyed Will and Lauren Powers's home in the 34000 block of Quaker Valley Lane.

A "beast" of a cat — possibly Arcturus — was spotted at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the area of 11 Mile and Farmington roads, Powers wrote. But the tipster didn't report it until Tuesday, the first day the person had seen a news report about the missing cats.

"(Arcturus) may have survived the fire as I couldn't find any of the

cats despite many trips back into the house and I opened multiple doors to give them escape routes," Powers wrote.

Powers said the \$25,000 reward — payable through the digital currency Bitcoin — will come from his savings.

"I've been saving my bitcoin for years, and nows (sic) the time to use it," he wrote.

Powers said Arcturus is likely still wearing a collar and has a TILE tracker.

"If you install the (TILE tracker) app and come within 300 feet I get an alert with his GPS location. The app is free. Please share with anyone

in the region," Powers wrote.

He also said: "Arcturus is likely dehydrated and terrified. Do not chase him if he is spotted. Contact me via this post asap. He looks scary but is a sweetheart. Don't fear him. A formal search with animal control will be happening Wednesday morning with daylight."

Cygnus held the Guinness World Record with a tail of 17.5 inches long. Arcturus stood 20.1 inches tall, which was another world record. The cats had just appeared on the national talk show Pickler and Ben last week.

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flat tires because of the potholes."

Canton Finance and Budget Director Wendy Trumbull said the township board last received a pay raise Jan. 1, 2016, and it amounted to 3 percent. However, the board's subsequent vote to slash

wages by 5 percent more than reversed that.

Officials last year said those pay cuts saved Canton taxpayers \$19,151 a year. While it's not a huge pot of money, local officials nonetheless have said it could be better spent on services for residents.

While holding the line on its own pay levels, the board Tuesday approved 2-percent pay raises for

non-union employees, saying they deserved the same increases previously approved for union workers, such as police officers and firefighters. The vote was unanimous.

With the wage hike, non-union salaries will now range from \$26,527 for a cable TV production assistant to \$136,946 for long-term department heads.

Williams said the non-

union pay raises, recommended by the merit commission, keep the township financially secure while recognizing the hard work of employees who, during the last recession, took concessions to stave off budget deficits.

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Lighting ceremony kicks off holiday season in Plymouth

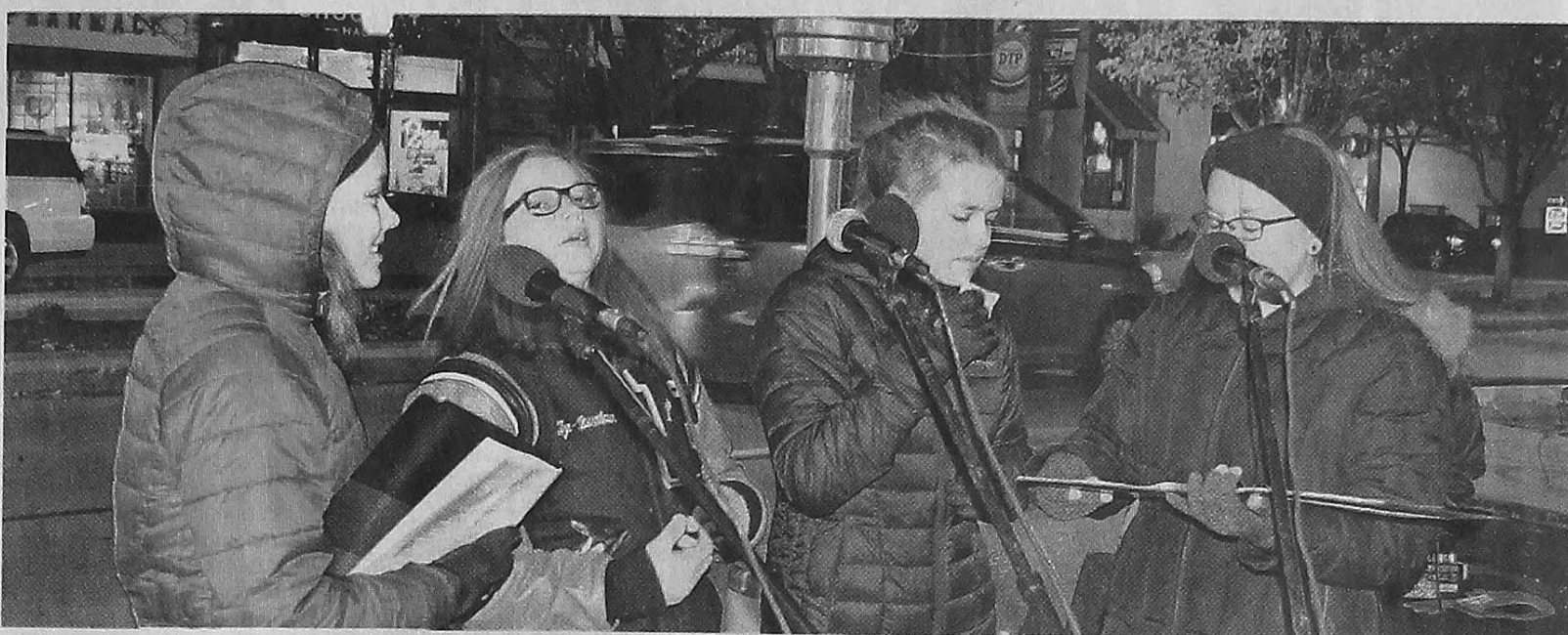
The Salvation Army Brass Band played holiday music and bright colored lights decorated downtown Plymouth streets as the city kicked off the holiday season with its annual tree-lighting ceremony last week.

The event, in which trees along Main Street in the downtown district are lighted for the holidays, also served as the official kickoff of the Red Kettle campaign by the Plymouth Corps of The Salvation Army. It's the group's largest annual fundraiser.

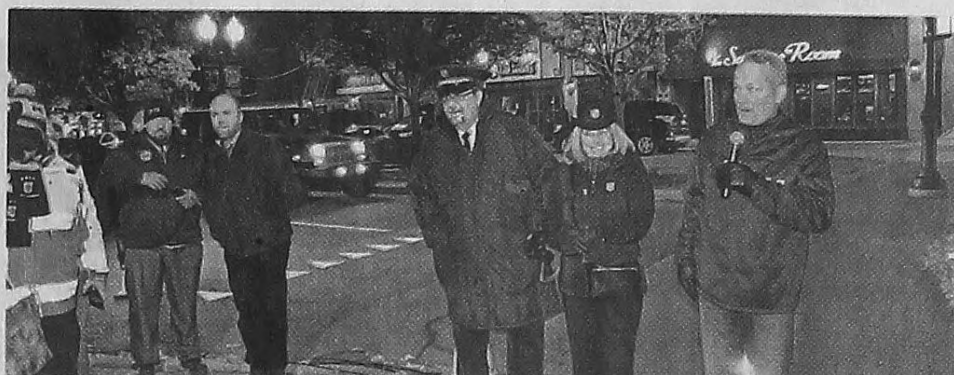
The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choir and WOMC-FM (104.3) provided entertainment for the event.

E.G. Nick's and Gordon Food Service provided free hot chocolate and coffee.

The official start of the holiday season comes the day after Thanksgiving, when Santa arrives by fire truck, to light the official tree in Kellogg Park. That ceremony takes place at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24.



Members of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choir sang at the Plymouth tree-lighting ceremony. PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



The event also served as the kickoff for The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer gets some help lighting the lights. PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Riverside Cemetery chosen to participate in national wreath event

National nonprofit Wreaths Across America announced that Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth will be joining in the effort to support the mission to Remember, Honor, Teach, as an official location for 2017. This is the first year Riverside Cemetery will

participate in this event, scheduled for noon Saturday, Dec. 16.

Every December, thousands of wreaths are escorted from Columbia Falls, Maine, to Arlington National Cemetery for National Wreaths Across America Day. The escort, made up of tractor trail-

ers, public safety officials, Gold Star families and veterans, makes dozens of stops along the way at community events, support rallies and school assemblies.

The goal for Riverside Cemetery is to raise enough funds to place remembrance wreaths

on the headstones of all the local heroes buried there, to ensure that the individuals who served to protect the freedoms of our country never be forgotten and to bring the community together in patriotic commemoration. To date, through the generosity of local

donors, enough funds have been raised to lay 200 wreaths in Riverside Cemetery.

Those interested in volunteering for Wreaths Across America, either locally or at Arlington National Cemetery, can go to the WAA website at www.WreathsAcross.org

America.org to learn more. National Wreaths Across America Day is a free community event open to all people.

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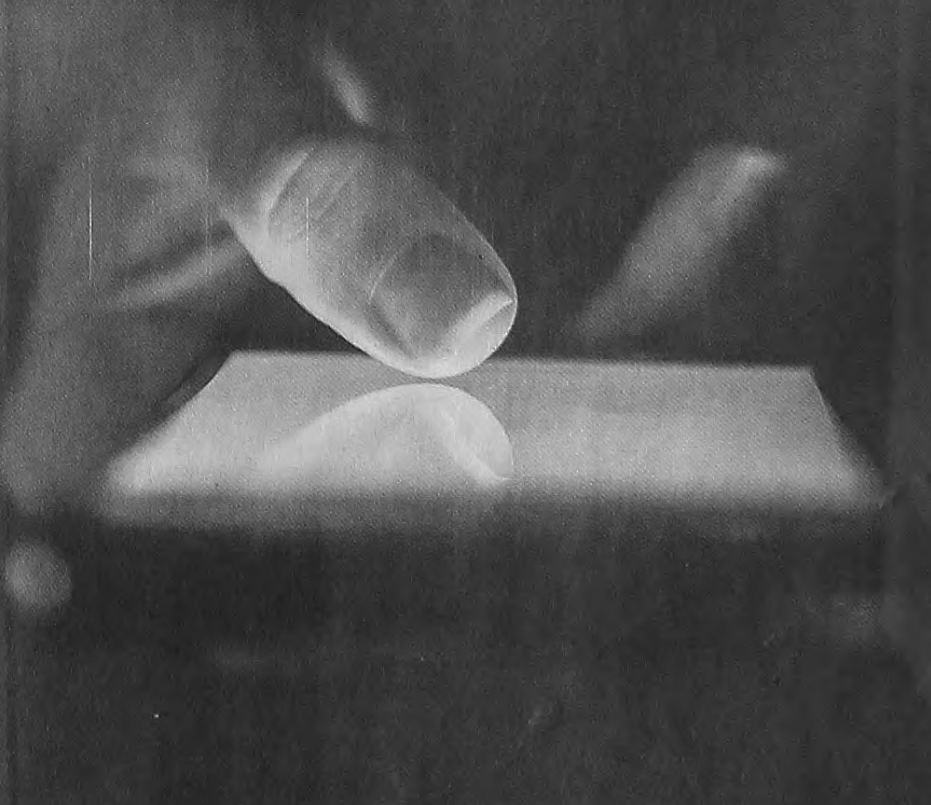
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Automotive heritage projects honored

The MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership honored the best in automotive heritage projects Nov. 1 at the fourth annual Michigan Auto Heritage Day.

The heritage area, a nonprofit affiliate of the U.S. National Park Service dedicated to the historic preservation of the automotive industry and labor movement, honored Charles Blackman with the 2017 Milestone Award.

Blackman, professor emeritus at Michigan State University, was a founding signer of the articles of incorporation in 1998 that established the MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership. Since then, he has remained steadfastly involved with the Lansing Stewardship Community, an advisory component of the heritage area.

"This is a fitting tribute to the quiet, kind, intelligent, knowledgeable, determined and steady presence that Charles has been across all years with MotorCities and across all levels of involvement," said John Beck, convener of the Lansing Stewardship Community.

"Charles is a legend among enthusiasts of old cars and his enthusiasm has never waned," said Steve Purdy of Auto Channel and Shunpiker's Journal Radio.

After 50 years of researching his passion for the Packard Automotive Co., Blackman can account for almost 97 percent of all Packard cars ever produced.

"We're privileged to honor Charles as an exemplary founder of the MotorCities National



"Uncle Jessie White — Portrait of a Delta Blues Man in Detroit," a film by the Detroit Blues Society that chronicles the life of Detroit blues musician Jessie White, was honored.

Heritage Area Partnership with the 2017 Milestone Award, to recognize his outstanding support and vision", said Shawn Pomaville-Size, executive director.

MotorCities also annually bestows Awards of Excellence in its three programmatic categories: auto preservation, auto heritage tourism and auto heritage education/interpretation. Three finalists for each category were tallied and selected by a committee of industry experts. The finalists are:

Preservation

» The Fruehauf Trailer Historical Society for a museum exhibition in collaboration with the Detroit Historical Society, "Fruehauf, The First Name in Transportation," for invention of the semi-trailer

» Yankee Air Museum

— Save the Willow Run Bomber Plant for its efforts to save the Willow Run Bomber Plant and preserve an integral historic structure that tells the story of the region's automotive and labor heritage, as well as its role in the Arsenal of Democracy

» Dana DeCoster, publisher and founder of Cruis'n news publication that changed the way so many automobile enthusiasts obtain the latest information

Tourism

» Don Nicholson, founder of Cruisin' Hines, an event that has grown to one of the leading auto events in the state with attendance of more than 500,000 from 14 states and three Canadian provinces

» Don Sommer, for his service to and preservation of Meadow Brook

Hall during the time it hosted the Concours d'Elegance

» Haven Hill/Marge Sawruk, for keeping alive the preservation efforts at the former estate of automotive pioneer Edsel B. Ford, including the Wayside Sign program

Education/interpretation

» Kettering University Archives, for relocating the archival collection of William Durant to its original home in the newly refurbished Durant-Dort Carriage Co. Factory One in Flint

» "Uncle Jessie White — Portrait of a Delta Blues Man in Detroit," a film by the Detroit Blues Society that chronicles the life of Detroit blues musician Jessie White (1920-2008) who came up from the south during the Great Migration to

work in the auto plants » Secret Experimental Room Exhibit, for re-creating the small room at the Ford Piquette Avenue plant where a team of young men created the Model T, the car touted as the most influential of the 20th century

The MotorCities National Heritage Area is one of 48 National Heritage Areas in the U.S. and the only one in Michigan. Through programming and outreach, the MotorCities preserves, interprets and promotes the region's rich automotive and labor story.

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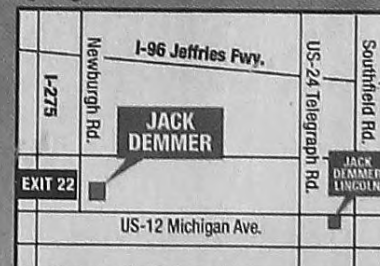
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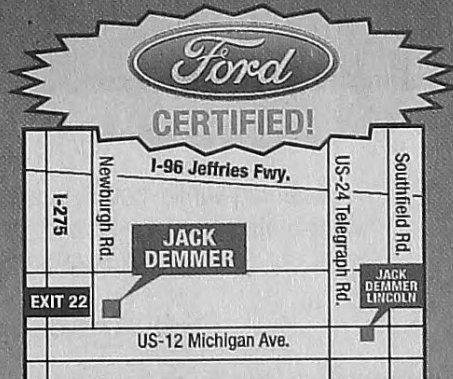
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IRA withdrawal leaves man with more bad news than good

Q: I have a tax problem that I hope you can help me with. I am in my early 40s and, about seven years ago, I invested a substantial amount of my IRA into a real estate venture. I was told at the time that it was very safe and secure. Unfortunately, it didn't turn out that way. For the last couple of years, I've wanted to sell the investment, but I couldn't. In March of this year, I was able to finally sell the investment at a substantial loss. Of the \$150,000 I invested, I only got back about \$30,000, which I have just left in the bank. Recently, in a conversation with my friend, he shocked me when he told me I would have to pay tax-



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

es on the money. I can't believe he is right. I was figuring I would be able to write off my loss. My question to you is, who is right and who is wrong? If in the unlikely event that my friend is right, is there anything I can do to avoid the tax?

A: I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but your friend is correct. In fact, not only do you have to pay taxes, but you're also subject to the early withdrawal penalty of 10 percent. Furthermore, I hate to say, but you also are not entitled to deduct your losses.

In understanding the situation at hand, it's important to remember the money was in an IRA. In a traditional IRA, you do not have a cost basis in the investment because the money you invested was pre-taxed. Because of this, whatever comes out of a traditional IRA, whether you had a gain or loss on your investment, is subject to ordinary income tax. Consequently, when you sold the investment and took a distribution of the proceeds as opposed to reinvesting the money back into the IRA, that is considered a taxable event. Therefore, the \$30,000 you received from the sale of the property is 100-percent subject to income tax.

The next issue is the 10-percent penalty. When

you withdraw money from a traditional IRA before the age of 59½, unless you qualify for some of the exceptions, which I do not believe you do, then in addition to the tax, you must pay a 10-percent early withdrawal fee. Had you taken the proceeds from the sale of the property and reinvested that into an IRA within a 60-day period, there would have been no tax or penalty. Since you did not do this, the money is treated as a normal distribution and subject to the tax and the penalty.

Unfortunately, you're also not allowed to deduct the loss on your investment. Typically, if you have losses on the sale of an investment, those are deductible, but the rules are different

for an IRA. Once again, with a traditional IRA, you have no basis. As a result, you cannot have a loss. With investments outside the IRA, a loss is where your basis exceeds your selling proceeds. With an IRA, since you have zero basis, you cannot have a loss.

I hate to keep piling it on, but something you must also consider is whether you should make an estimated payment or not. Because the proceeds are subject to tax, it may require you to make an estimated payment. Most people think our taxes are due April 15, but that is not the case. Taxes are due on a quarterly basis throughout the year; it's only the return that is due April 15. You should review your tax situation to

make sure that you don't have to make an estimated payment. If you should make an estimated payment and you do not, you could be subject to interest and additional penalties.

I know sometimes our tax laws don't make sense and they seem to be unfair. I'm always reminded of what my tax professor taught me when I went to the University of Michigan Law School — taxes are not meant to be fair.

Good luck!

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

CANTON LIBRARY EVENTS

Hero Hangout: Comics Reading Group

When: 7-8 p.m. third Wednesday of each month
Details: Do you love reading comics or learning about super heroes? Join us for Hero Hangout, a comic book club is for ages 7-12, and you choose what to read. Every week we will be sharing, reading and making comics. Participants are encouraged to bring a comic to share with a group, but are not required.

Library Board Meeting

When: 7:30-9 p.m. third Thursday of each month
Details: CPL is governed by a six-member Library Board of Trustees of community members elected quadrennially on a non-partisan ballot. The public is invited to attend.

On the Spot Tech Help

When: 5-7 p.m. each Wednesday and noon to 2 p.m. each Saturday
Details: A team of tech-savvy volunteers has been assembled at CPL to help you find the answers to those tech issues you can't quite figure out on your own. Whether you need help while working on a project at one of our computers, setting up an email address or downloading an app on your phone, we can help.

ELL Conversation Groups

When: 9:30-11 a.m. each Thursday and Friday
Details: Practice speaking English in an informal setting with Community Literacy Council volunteers. See the English Language Learner Program FAQ at www.cantonpl.org for more information.

Digital Drop-In Help

When: 10-11 a.m. each Friday
Details: Stop in to get one-on-one help with your e-readers from the friendly experts at the Information desk. Just bring your device and your desire to learn. Kindle users must bring Amazon log-in information as well.

Computer Skills Lab for Beginners

When: 9-11 a.m. second Saturday of each month
Details: If you are looking to build a foundation of strong computer skills, including Internet use and setting up an email account, stop in to CPL's Internet Lab. We will have guided activities for practice with mouse skills, copying/pasting and more, with trusted experts on hand to answer any questions you may have or connect you to additional resources.

Family Storytime

Details: Family Storytime provides an opportunity for caregivers to actively engage with their children under age 5. Together with a youth librarian, you can

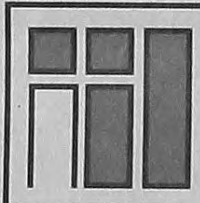
build early literacy skills in a welcoming environment through meaningful stories, songs and play. Encourage a love of language and reading while practicing listening and cooperative tasks. Every Family Storytime is followed by a half-hour of ABC Activity Time. Go to www.cantonpl.org for a full November program schedule.

Preschool Storytime

Details: Preschool storytimes feature longer books, flannel board and rhymes designed for children ages 3½-5. These activities help develop pre-reading and school-readiness skills. Children must be able to sit independently and be attentive for 30 minutes. Parents may attend, if needed, to help transition their child to this program, and all parents must remain in the children's department. Registration is required and you can pick a Monday or a Friday session. Go to www.cantonpl.org for registration and schedule.

American Girl Club

Details: Learn about a different American Girl character each program through crafts, games and activities. The group will explore both the historical characters and the modern day characters. No prior knowledge of the books or characters is needed. If you have an American Girl doll feel free to bring her, and a friend! This program is open to ages 8-12 and registration is required. American Girl Club is 7-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20.

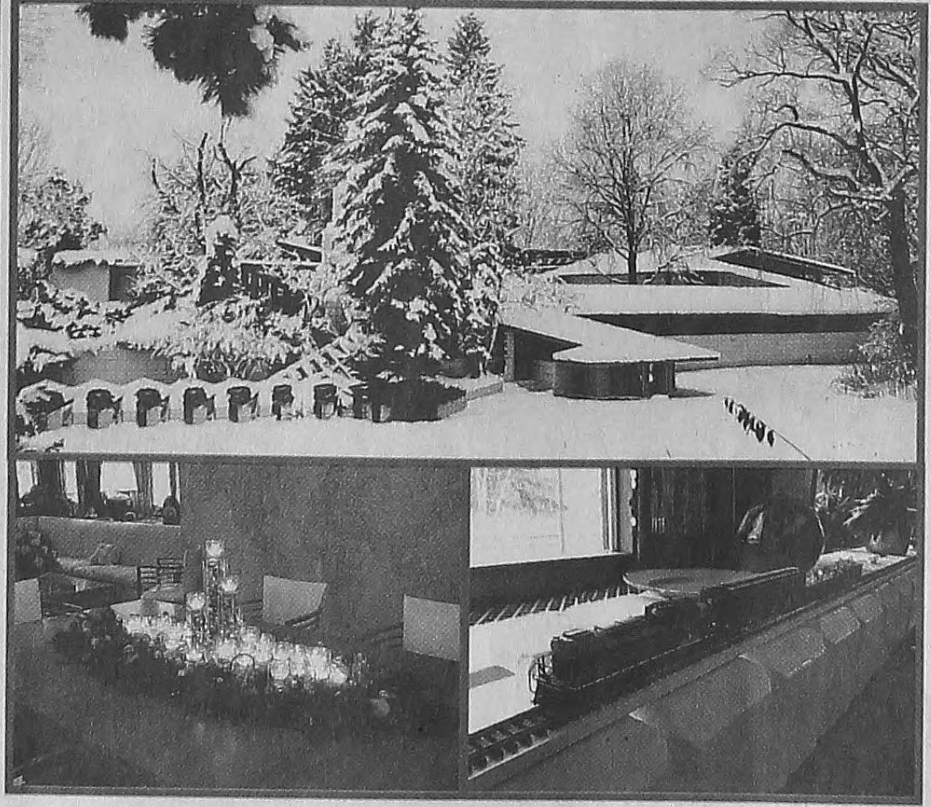


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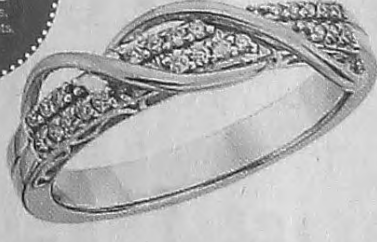
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HE BRINGS MERCY IN BOAT AFTER STORM

Don Manley ferries residents to fetch their possessions after Irma

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Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit one-nation.usatoday.com.

Don't call Don Manley a hero. He hates the word, saying it is reserved for others facing greater challenges.

But for the people living in a flooded Southwest Florida community, the term seems appropriate.

The Imperial River spilled its banks into a Bonita Springs neighborhood after Hurricane Irma's downpour, forcing feet of water into kitchens and living rooms. Many homes were still damp from huge rainstorms just a few weeks prior.

Locals escaped to shelters or sturdier homes as the hurricane passed, returning to rivers instead of streets. People wanted to get what little was left of their belongings, wading through dangerous waters with boxes of family photos and important documents.

The low-income area houses many Hispanic families, and immigration papers are vital to FEMA aid requests.

Don Manley drove by the flooded area a day after Irma hit and saw a boy floating down his street.

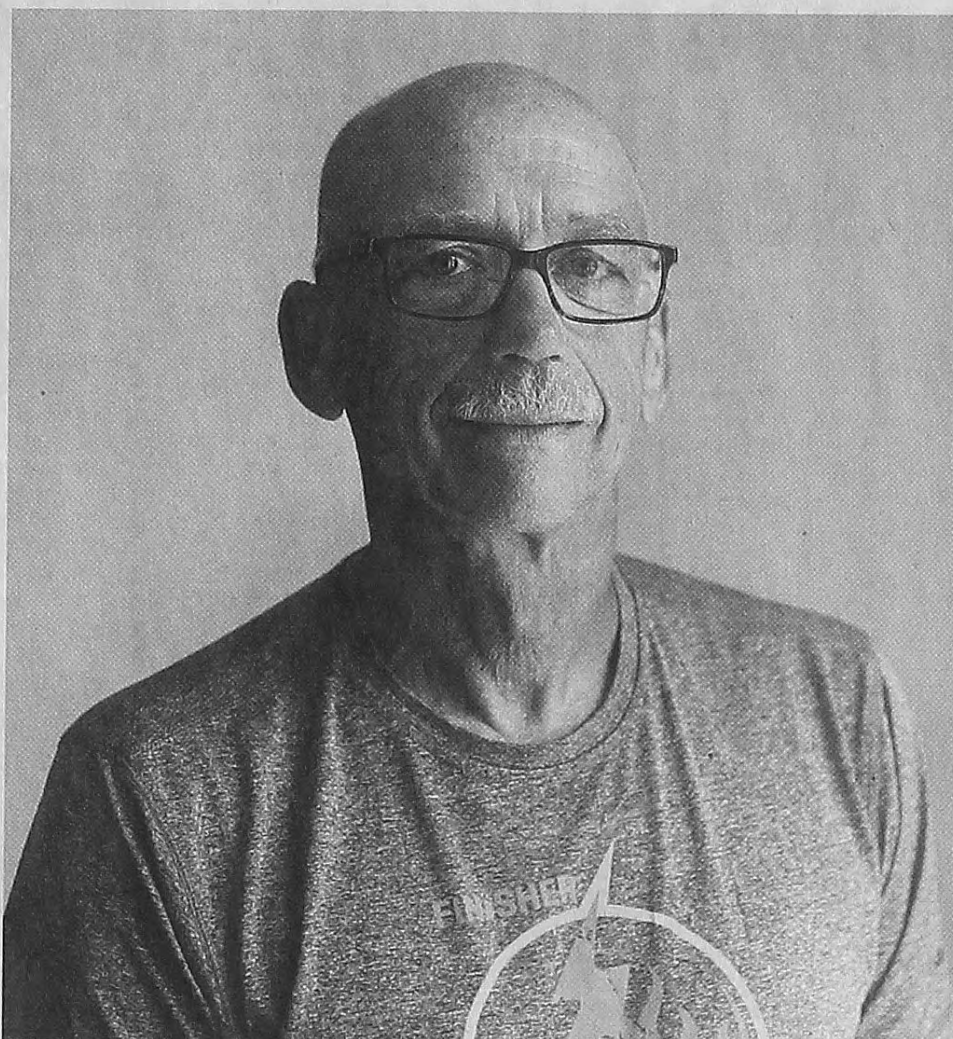
"I drove home, got my boat and went in the water," he said.

Manley spent days in the fishing boat, going up and down the swamped streets. Locals stood patiently near his boat trailer backed into Saunders Avenue, waiting for Manley to take them home.

His boat returned loaded with boxes, totes and garbage bags filled with people's remaining treasures.

"If we're 8 years old playing in dirty water in a boat, our moms would give us hell," he said. "And now, we're called heroes. Are you kidding me?"

It took more than a week of slowly receding flood waters to make the boat unnecessary. However, Manley went back



After Hurricane Irma flooded a Florida neighborhood, Don Manley got in his boat and helped residents retrieve things. NICOLE RAUCHEISEN/USA TODAY NETWORK

to the neighborhood every day, trading out his boat trailer for a crowbar. Scores of volunteers like Manley now help residents gut their homes, tossing furniture and drywall in 6-foot-tall debris piles on the curb.

The gutting process will be long, Manley said. He's personally worked through about 15 houses in about a week. More than 200 homes fill the flooded neighborhood.

But Manley's personal love and investment in the area will keep him working through the end.

"People say, 'Oh you're wonderful,'" Manley said. "I say, 'No, I'm not. I do this because I'm selfish.' This is what I'm supposed to do."

DON MANLEY

Location: Estero, Florida

Age: 63

Profession: Retired, former owner of care centers

Mission: "If I can make this place a little better, I've done my job. Wherever I happen to be."

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Q&A WITH DON MANLEY

What does it mean to you to be an American?

It means having the greatest freedom and opportunity in the world, but it also comes with the requirements that we help those less fortunate.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

There are two moments. The first one is always help those in need. But the moment that solidified it for me was seeing a young man in an inner tube floating down his road trying to get to his house to save what meager possessions he had. That just resonates in my mind, and I'll never forget it.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

What gives me hope is the people we're helping. Really, it's more than hope. What gives me peace of mind is knowing that this is going to be OK is Miesel, who tells me, 'I am saved. I am alive. God bless, I am an American,' and he's had his house destroyed. And he's thankful. It doesn't give me hope, it gives me absolute knowledge that this is going to be OK.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

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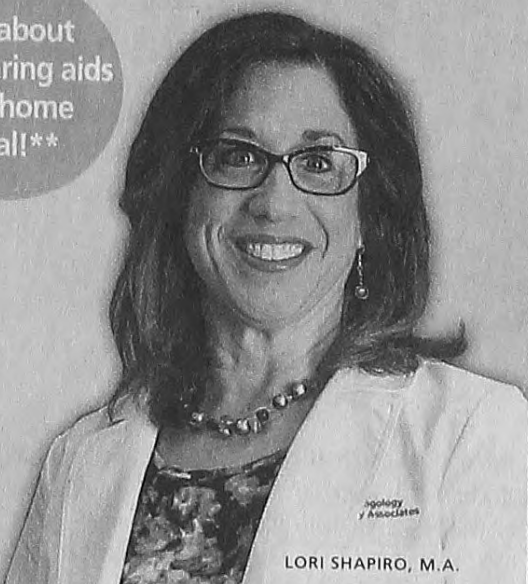
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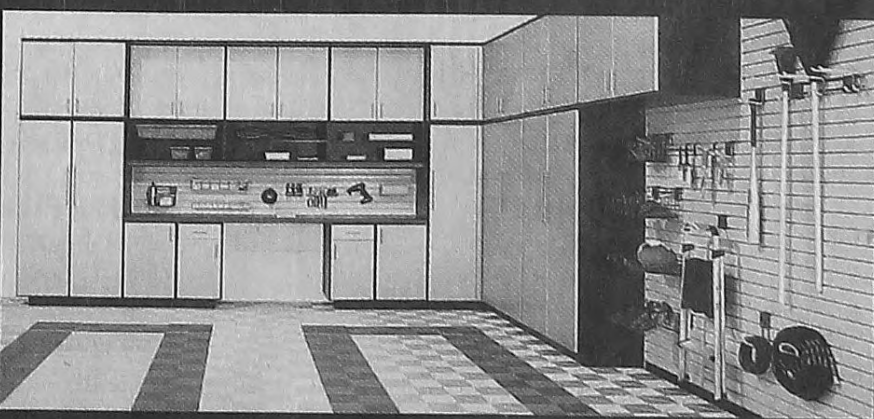


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Letters to Santa from Canton

From now through Nov. 30, Canton residents can mail a letter to Santa by dropping it off in the North Pole Express Mailbox in the Summit on the Park lobby, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Santa asks that participants who send him some special mail this holiday season print their names and addresses clearly so that he is able to personally reply to all letters. Each household will receive a return letter and Santa will take care of the postage. Canton residents only.

For more information about this or any Leisure Services activity or event, go to www.cantonfun.org or call 734-394-5460.

Canton Turkey Trot

Canton Leisure Services will conduct the 15th annual Turkey Trot for a Cause starting at 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 23. The 5K race or 1-mile fun run will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, an organization dedicated to empowering individuals with seizure disorders.

This year's race is set to start at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, and will cover a picturesque, flat course that winds through Pheasant Run Golf course and Heritage Park, ending back at the Summit.

Pre-registration is available online at csc.canton-mi.org until midnight Sunday, Nov. 20. Participants registered by Nov. 9 are guaranteed an event T-shirt. Registration fees are \$25 for the 5K race and \$15 for the 1-mile fun run.

Participants can pick up shirts and bibs starting Friday, Nov. 17, at Gazelle Sports, 39737 Traditions Drive, Northville, during regular store hours. Pickup will reopen 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, in the Summit Banquet and Conference Center.

For more information, including course map, go to csc.canton-mi.org or call 734-483-5600.

Benefit concert at Cornerstone Church

A benefit concert for Puerto Rico will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, at Cornerstone Church, 39390 Michigan Ave., Wayne. The event will be hosted by pastors Mel and Eifey Bedi, and feature local artists John Bidden, Courtney Moore, Elias Defils and Gayle and Brannan.

Proceeds will be directed to Heal The World and aid disaster response in Puerto Rico. Tickets can be purchased from the website <http://cornerstone.church> or at the door.

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, 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.



The Terry Lower Trio will perform Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge.

Tuesday, Nov. 28, returning will be The Terry Lower Trio. Members are Edye 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.

Craft and vendor show

Abundant Life Church of God, 2100 Hannan Road, in Canton is hosting a craft and vendor Show from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25. There will be many vendors and crafters selling goods, as well as raffles, door prizes, concessions and baked goods available. Contact Jennifer Smitherman at 734-536-9917 for more information.

Christmas concert to benefit human trafficking

"Tidings of Comfort & Joy," a Christmas concert, is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. Featuring classic Christmas music from England and Italy, including favorites such as Handel's "Messiah" and Corelli's "Christmas Concerto," all proceeds will benefit Pearls of Great Price Coalition, a local nonprofit Christian alliance working to fight human trafficking.

There is no ticket required; suggested donation is \$25. For more information, contact Darlene Kuperus at drk210@hotmail.com.

Franklin High reunion

Livonia Franklin High School will hold its class of 1970 reunion 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, at Karl's Cabin, 6005 Godfredson Road, Plymouth.

Cost is \$55 per person. Seating is limited to 100 people. The Dale Hicks Band performing in restaurant at 9 p.m. There will be dinner and a group photo.

For more information, contact Jeff Kind at 734-788-8346 or jjkind@att.net.

Toy show at Elks Hall Livonia Elks Hall, 31117 Plymouth Road, will host a toy show, Sunday, Nov. 26. Items for sale may include Hot Wheels, comics, games, beer signs, G.I. Joes, sport and non-sport cards, "Star Trek" and "Star Wars" items, music memorabilia, records, CDs, movie posters, buttons, lunch boxes, model cars and more.

Admission is \$5; children under 12 are free. For more information, call Joe at 586-775-3289.

Railroadiana Train Show

The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club is sponsoring a buy-and-swap Railroadiana Train Show from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, at the Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Church Social Hall, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland.

There will be approximately 100 dealer tables available. The cost is \$10 for an eight-foot table. Dealer setup is 9 a.m. the day of the show and complimentary coffee and doughnuts will be available to dealers until 10:30 a.m. Food also will be available. Admission is \$2 per person and \$4 per family. Parking is free.

For more information or table reservations, call Bob at 734-728-1247 or Norm at 734-595-8327.

St. Mary Mercy to offer joint replacement event

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Livonia will offer a free educational semi-

nar 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30. Attendees will hear from an orthopedic surgeon and expert staff as they discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures and available implant options. Individuals can also learn about pre-surgical classes, choosing a personal "coach" to provide assistance throughout the process, and what to expect post-surgery and discharge from the hospital.

The seminar is held in Classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36154 Five Mile Road. To register, call 734-655-2345.

Civic Park craft show

The Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia will be hosting its annual holiday craft show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. There will be more than 40 craft vendor tables. In addition to all the Christmas/holiday crafts, there will be a bake sale, Share the Wealth drawings and refreshments available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit

S.C.A.N. (Senior Citizen Achievement Needs). This is a free event. For more information, call 734-466-2557.

Merrick's Miracle benefit dinner

Merrick's Miracle benefit dinner is a family friendly event that will be held 3:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Redford Jaycees Hall, 15585 Beech Daly. The event will feature a spaghetti dinner, balloon entertainment, live music, a silent auction and 50/50 drawings.

Tickets are \$10 per adult, \$5 children ages 7 and under and free for children under 3. All proceeds will benefit The Riley Kathryn Foundation. You can purchase tickets to this event ahead of time via Paypal using email address info@rileykatheryn.com. You can also mail checks to The Riley Kathryn Foundation, c/o Laurel and Paul Space, 9040 Hanlon St., Livonia, MI 48150.

Compass to host Billingsley

Michelle Billingsley will be the featured speaker at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at the Compass Christian Business Alliance Western Wayne luncheon at Dave & Buster's in Livonia. She will discuss how her walk with Christ has influenced her career, lessons she has learned, her leadership principles and perspectives on key challenges.

There is a \$20 fee for the luncheon. Register and pay online at michigancompass.org.

Holiday tea event

The Canton Historical Society will host a holiday tea event 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the historic Bartlett-Travis House, 500 N. Ridge Road. at Canton's historic house while it is decorated for Christmas! Ticket price. Tickets are \$25 a person and include tea, sandwiches and small desserts. They are available at the Summit on the Park.

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Plymouth shop to host holiday exchange on Small Business Saturday

Plymouth's Espresso Elevado will be hosting an outdoor holiday exchange from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, to celebrate Small Business Saturday. It will be held in the shop's parking lot at 606 S. Main Street under a large covered tent. Some of the items offered will include jewelry, handmade goods, essential oils, burlap coffee sacks, local honey, beauty products, greeting cards and an array of locally baked goods. "Small Business Saturday is one of our busiest days of the year, so it's the perfect time to also drive traffic to other small merchants in the area," said Amy Dage, event coordinator and barista. "We really value the hard work that people put into their craft, so providing

a space for them to sell their unique items is a special way for us to recognize that commitment to quality. Shopping small allows for the individual and the community to thrive as a whole."

Espresso Elevado is an artisan roaster and brew bar that focuses on sustainability, innovative, handcrafted coffee and elevated customer service. While supplies last, it will be giving away a canvas tote bag with goodies for customers who purchase two or more 12-ounce bags of fresh-roasted coffee beans, among other promotions.

Questions can be directed to Espresso Elevado at 734-904-8323 or emailed to info@espressoelevado.com.

Canton man completes USAF military training

U.S. Air Force National Guard Airman 1st Class Andrew J. Napolitano graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare prin-

ciples and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Napolitano is the son of David and Jean Napolitano and brother of Mario Napolitano, all of Canton. He is a 2017 graduate of Canton High School.

Linear AMS back in local hands following ownership changes

It has been a whirlwind couple of years for the staff at Linear AMS.

The manufacturing company was slated to close in June, leaving some 100 workers without a job. Owner Moog Inc. planned to take Linear's additive manufacturing equipment and some employees to its East Aurora, N.Y., headquarters and shut down operations at the company's four Livonia facilities. Before finalizing the move, Moog extended a lifeline to Lou Young, who oversaw tooling and injection molding operations.

He was asked to explore divesting and selling the other operations at Linear. Then he decided to see if he could find a way to buy it himself. Young, a Livonia native and Stevenson High School graduate, turned to the man who started Linear in 2003 - John Tenbusch.

"Their interest in Linear was in the emerging additive manufacturing technology," Young said. "Moog was interested in keeping as many jobs as possible and this was a way to do it."

Tenbusch established Linear Mold and Engineering in Livonia 14 years ago. The company grew with his focus on the latest technology. Linear was one of the first companies to own a 3-D metal printer when it purchased its first such machine in 2005.

"We learned what we could about any kind of new technology," Tenbusch said. "It spurred a lot of other technology applications and we



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learned how this would benefit our customers."

With Tenbusch looking for additional support for Linear's additive manufacturing operations, Moog bought 70 percent of the company in December 2015. As minority owner, Tenbusch continued to work as a consultant for most of 2016, until he sold the remainder of his interests in the company. He was interviewing for other jobs when Young called him earlier this year to explore reacquiring the company.

"I was offered a couple of really good opportunities, but it would have required me to

move and I really didn't want to move," Tenbusch said. "In this deal, I wanted to make sure we could continue being innovative, particularly with additive manufacturing."

Tenbusch and Young established a partnership and closed the deal with Moog in July. The timing of the deal enabled the company's employees and customers to continue their relationships without interruption. Linear AMS continues to run the four Livonia buildings and 89 employees.

"It was very stressful looking for the way to work things out, keep everything together, and

make sure people don't jump ship," Young said.

With a focus on advanced manufacturing solutions, the duo will keep the name: Linear AMS. They have some 50 automotive, appliance, and industrial customers. The immediate focus is to grow the business with low-volume injection molding and injection tool building. In 2018, they plan to rebuild the additive manufacturing operation.

"We are both coming back a little smarter," Tenbusch said. "We will stay focused on segments and industries where we've done well."

Livonia Chamber of Commerce President Dan West said Linear was getting more involved in community efforts to boost interest in skilled-trades careers. "We are happy to see Linear is here to stay," West said. "It would have been disappointing to see that company, and all it accomplished, disappear. It is good for our community that Moog, John and Lou were able to work things out to keep Linear going with a viable path into the future."

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World-famous architect killed in car crash

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Tobocman

His work would be classified as modern, but the homes and buildings that Irving Tobocman designed over the years are considered by many to be timeless masterpieces.

The renowned Birmingham architect, recognized around the world for his sleek, contemporary designs, was killed Friday in a car crash. He leaves behind a rich body of work that will surely stand the test of time.

"I would call him a modern master," fellow architect Victor Saroki said Monday. "He grew up in that era of architecture and was quite prominent in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area for a lot of the modern homes he did."

The Nov. 10 crash occurred at the intersection of Telegraph and Lone Pine roads in Bloomfield Township. Initial reports indicate a 2016 Jeep Wrangler, traveling northbound on Telegraph, ran the red light and collided with Tobocman's 2004 Ford Thunderbird that was traveling westbound on Lone Pine on a green light.

Police say the driver of the Jeep, a 16-year-old Bloomfield Hills resident, was taken to a local hospital and listed in stable condition. A female passenger in her vehicle was also taken to the hospital and listed in stable condition.

Both girls attend Bloomfield Hills High School. While the crash remains under investigation, police do not believe alcohol played a role in

signs," David Tobocman said. "Homes were his specialty, but he also designed stores and restaurants and commercial buildings, synagogues and large apartment complexes."

His parents immigrated to the U.S. from Poland in the 1920s. Growing up in Detroit, Tobocman developed an artistic flair at a young age, along with a love of music and literature. He graduated with a bachelor of architecture degree from the University of Michigan in 1956. His first project was a set of apartments near Six Mile and Greenfield roads in northwest Detroit.

"We actually lived there for several years," Susan Tobocman said. "There were two apartment buildings and my grandmother owned one of them."

Closer to home, he designed the Max Fisher Federation Building on Telegraph Road and the headquarters for the Sandy Corp. on Big Beaver in Troy.

The family then moved to Franklin Village in 1967, where Tobocman built a house on a two-acre wooded parcel. It was one of the first contemporary homes in the area and the two children have memories of passers-by pulling over in their cars to take photos of the uniquely designed structure.

After his children grew up and moved away, Tobocman moved into a house he designed in downtown Birmingham.

Piece of a puzzle

"He never liked those towering ceilings or open floor plans," David said.

"He didn't like to exceed more than 12 feet with his ceilings ... but the hallway going into the room always had a lower ceiling to give you a sense that you were moving into something larger. It was a matter of scale of proportion."

He liked to fill his homes with candlelight and fireplaces, crystal goblets and sterling silver. Susan said his vision was a juxtaposition of modern sensibility, peppered with a mix of antiques, contemporary furnishings and the comforts of home.

"It was much more eclectic than one might expect from the outside of his homes," she said.

A Tobocman-designed home came with certain signature markings — the flat roofs and white painted brick, oak trim, floor-to-ceiling windows and lots of skylights. Tobocman loved the integration of nature with his work and always tried to create a seamless transition from the outdoors to the indoors.

To Tobocman, designing a home was like putting together a puzzle. He started with the land, always allowing the topography and particular flora to suggest the shape and materials of the house. Whether it was a small home or a large one, he always tried to create a sense of continuity in which one room flowed into the other.

"Even with those gargantuan 18,000-square-foot homes, he would insist on creating these small intimate spaces," David said. "He never wanted to make you feel like a mouse inside this gigantic room."

Tobocman's younger

brother Alfred was the building contractor on many of his projects.

"They were incredibly close," David said of his father and uncle. "They were best friends throughout their lives. Al helped my father marshal his vision and bring it into the world."

Family man

Rabbi Boruch Cohen, executive director of the Birmingham Jewish Connection, always felt at home with Tobocman.

"We shared, I think, a sensibility — not about modern homes, but about life," Cohen said. "That if it's going to be done, it should be done well. That the feel of a place matters, that details matter, that people matter. That if one cannot laugh, especially at one's self, it's a wonder how that person can get from one end of the day to the other. His Jewishness was not formal in a religious sense, but his pride in being Jewish and identification with the Jewish people seemed, at least to me, rock solid and obvious."

Susan said her dad had a razor-sharp mind, always hungry for knowledge and new experiences. He never rested on his laurels and never planned to stop working.

He was also a staunch supporter of the community, holding fundraisers at his home in Birmingham to help inner-city theater groups, Democratic politicians, local and national and other causes.

"He loved to be around people and he loved jazz — that's what got him out of the house," she said. "He was a pillar of the Detroit jazz scene — all the jazz musicians

knew him.

"Both David and I are career musicians," she added. "He always encouraged us to follow our passion instead of following a career just to make money, a strategy that actually worked for both us. He was also a great musician who could play almost anything by ear."

While the two children celebrate the man, they bear the pain of losing their dad — and a close friend.

"He came to New York just a few weeks ago," Susan said. "He and my son were so close ... he loved to visit his grandchildren on both coasts. He loved his family so much."

The two ultimately hope to craft a book that will showcase their dad's legacy. As for the loss to the greater community, Saroki said all one needs to do is look around.

"It's a loss to see Irving gone," he said. "But these buildings, these homes, will be around for a long, long time."

Tobocman is survived by children Susan Tobocman and David (K.C. Mancebo) Tobocman; grandchildren Caleb, Zoe and Margo Tobocman; and brother Alfred (partner Marsha Weiss) Tobocman. He was preceded in death by his first wife and mother of his children, Lois Maxine Tobocman, and his longtime partner Barbara Joyce Mazer; also survived by his second wife, Laura Tobocman.

Funeral services for Tobocman were Nov. 15, at the Ira Kaufman Chapel in Southfield.

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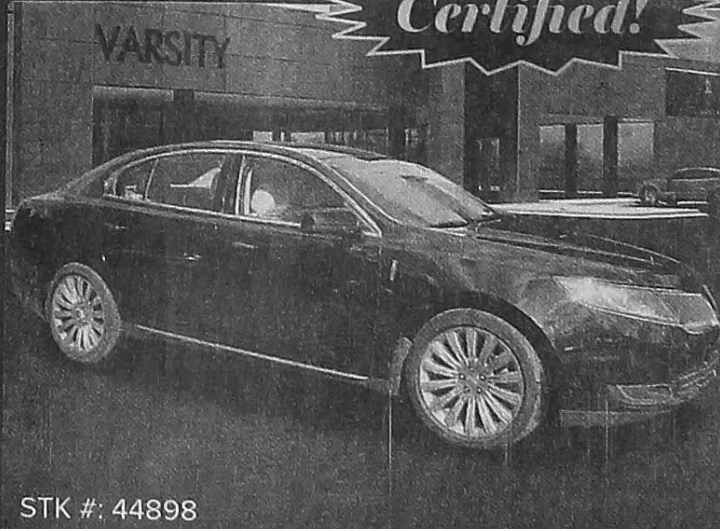


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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Big Ten looms for Divine Child duo

'Endless effort' leads Day, Hutchinson from Falcons to MSU, U-M

Tim Smith

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Just before Christmas break, Dearborn Divine Child seniors Theo Day and Aidan Hutchinson will sit behind a table and sign to play Division I football — for fierce rivals Michigan State and Michigan, respectively.

And yes, it is a distinct possibility that 6-5, 200-pound quarterback Day might look up during a Big Ten showdown and see longtime pal and Falcons teammate Hutchinson closing in on him.

"It's going to be funny if that ever happens," Hutchinson said, standing next to Day for a recent interview. "It'll be pretty cool."

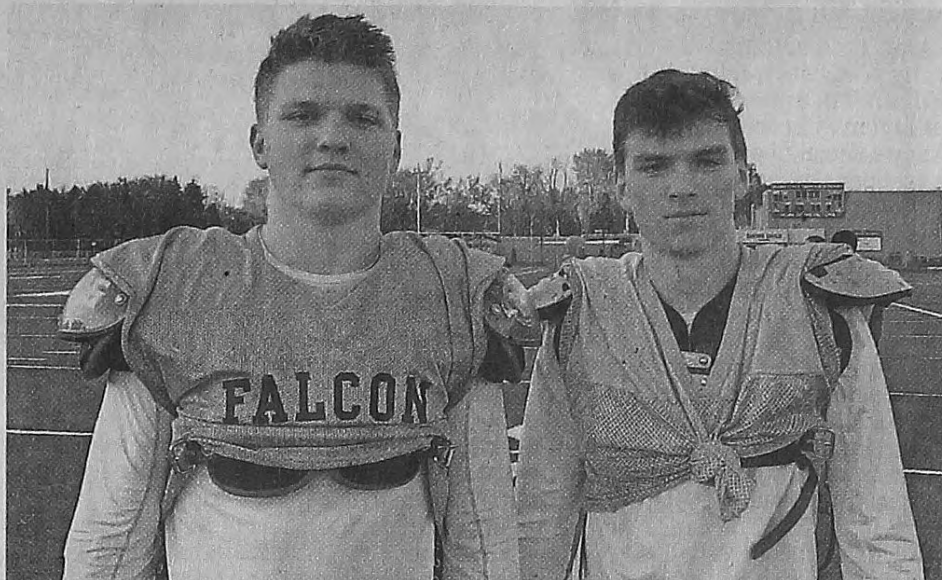
But Hutchinson — a 6-6, 250 pound tight end and bone-crushing defensive

end from Plymouth who also can long snap — wouldn't mind being on the receiving end of several more tight spirals thrown by Day before their Divine Child career comes to a close.

"There's nothing better than seeing that ball thrown by Theo," Hutchinson said. "It's great having him at quarterback, because I'm confident he's going to get the ball to me when I'm open."

The Falcons took a 10-1 record into the deep freeze of the Division 3 regional final Nov. 10 against Riverview, but were defeated 36-31 to suddenly end the playoff push. This season's success follows a 2016 season which ended with a loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the semifinals.

"The last time we made it as far as we did last year was '85," said Day, a



Big Ten football is in the future plans of both Aidan Hutchinson (left) and Theo Day. They wanted to lead Dearborn Divine Child as far as possible during the 2017 high school football playoffs, but the Falcons lost Nov. 10 to Riverview. TIM SMITH

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GIRLS BASKETBALL



Olivia Perkins, a senior at Harrison, will play varsity girls basketball at Farmington this year as the Harrison program was dropped due to lack of numbers. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Harrison drops program, but players given lifeline

Marty Budner

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Farmington Harrison's gymnasium won't be quite as busy this winter.

Harrison administrators recently were forced to drop the girls basketball program as there were not enough players to field a squad.

Harrison will be closing its doors following the 2018-19 school year and girls basketball is the first sport to be eliminated as a result of the school's declining numbers.

"We have made the decision not to field a team for girls basketball for the coming school year and likely the final year as well," Harrison Principal James Anderson said.

"We have been closely monitoring the number of interested students since the end of the season last school year," he added. "We have called meetings and made announcements to try to attract students, but we did not have enough students interested to field a team."

While Harrison's girls program is history, the few student-athletes who were hoping to play basketball this season will still enjoy that opportunity. They just won't be wearing Harrison's green and gold uniforms.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association, the state's governing body for prep sports, will allow Harrison's student-athletes to play at the district's two other high schools, North Farmington and Farmington, based on

residence.

"Throughout this process, our goal has been to find alternatives that would allow interested students to play basketball," Anderson said. "We petitioned the MHSAA and asked for flexibility due to the pending closure. We were notified that the option to play for another school based on residence was approved by the MHSAA."

Grateful for opportunity

Olivia Perkins is a thankful beneficiary of that decision.

Perkins played three years of varsity basketball for the Hawks, but entered this season not knowing if she would be able to play a fourth. She is

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BOYS HOCKEY

Season of change in offing for the Rocks

Salem to move into new home midway through season, to play up a level at tournament time

Tim Smith

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Things are in a state of flux for Salem's varsity boys hockey team as the 2017-18 season looms, but the Rocks expect to again be a highly competitive bunch on the ice.

Exactly where that ice will be located is something head coach Ryan Ossemacher and company are figuring out on the fly.

The Rocks won't be playing their games at longtime home Plymouth Cultural Center, but their future arena (Plymouth Arctic Pond) remains a couple of months from being renovated.


That means Ossemacher and his squad are grabbing practice ice wherever they can get it (Redford Arena and PCC) and booking early home games at USA Hockey Arena and Canton Arctic Edge.

"Right now, they're saying the first week of January," Ossemacher said about the anticipated move-in date at Arctic Pond. "So for us, we're bouncing around between rinks, primarily the Cultural Center and Redford, which is fine. I mean, this is what these guys are used to. Most travel programs that these guys are coming from don't have their own locker rooms. ... It's going to

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Salem forward Colin Goleniak (right), shown from a game last season, is one of the Rocks' big guns on offense. KELLY DOBSON



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Canton resident who transferred to Divine Child from Novi Detroit Catholic Central during his sophomore season. "So yeah, this is awesome, this is great for the community. It's great for the program."

Nothing fazes them

Having two coveted D-I recruits on the same roster is something Falcons head coach John Filiatraut (former coach at Livonia Churchill) knows doesn't happen on a frequent basis.

Even rarer is having two student-athletes with the drive, football IQ and capability that Day and Hutchinson bring to the gridiron or weight room.

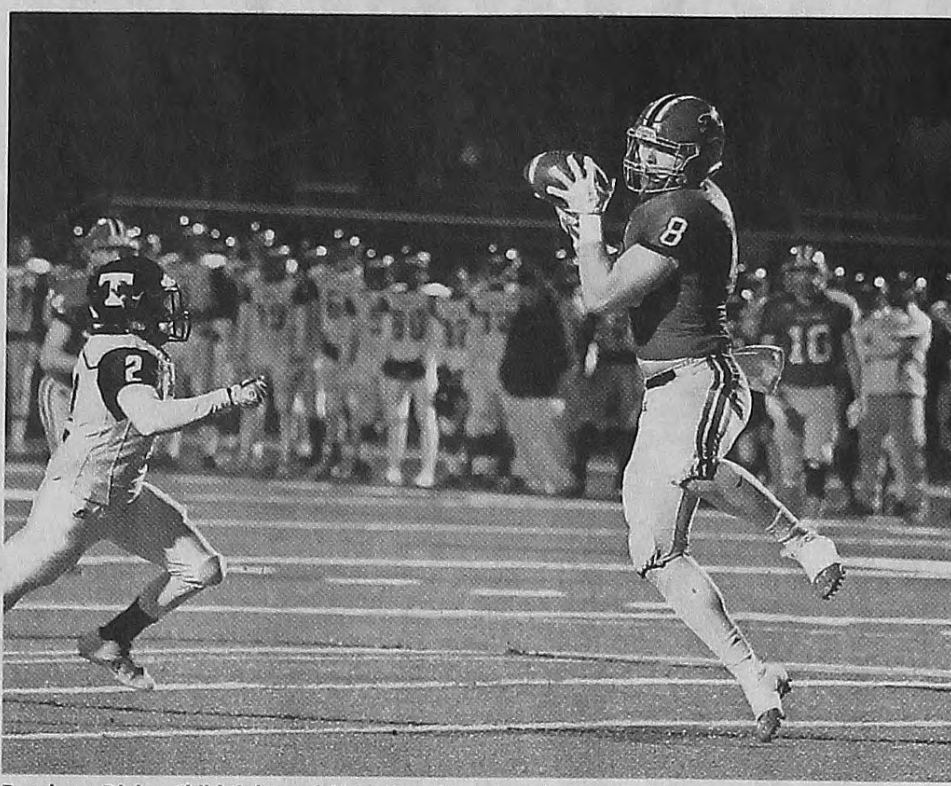
"From a coaching standpoint, when you have such quality kids, it makes life easier," Filiatraut said. "They can do the things you ask them to do. They're terrific high school football players. They're willing and able, which is the key thing."

"A lot of times, we ask a lot of kids in high school football that they're sometimes not able to do. These guys can do it. That makes coaching them easier and kind of makes our team go."

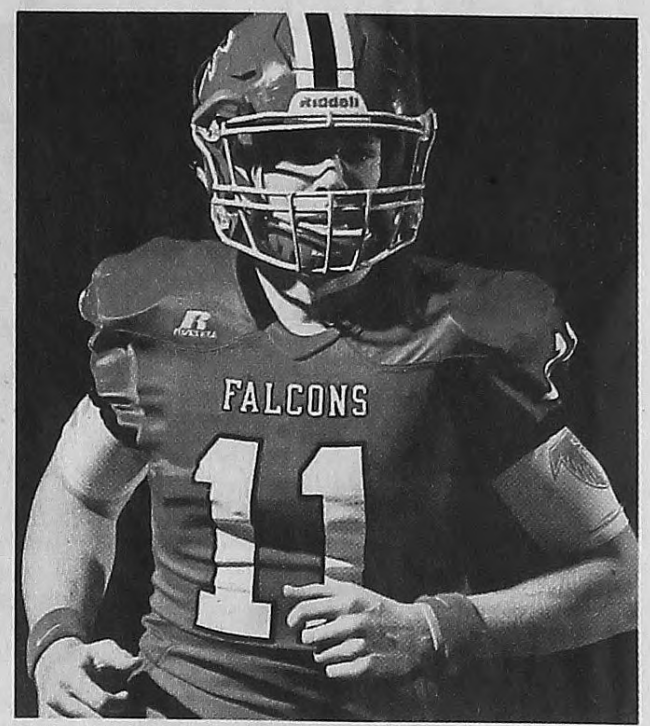
Filiatraut stressed that he doesn't have a crystal ball. But he envisions both players doing special things on the football field after leaving Divine Child.

"I think both of those kids have success in front of him," he said. "Now what does that mean? I don't know. In terms of putting a cap on it, are these guys NFL guys? Are they college starters?"

But they're all about the Falcons now, catalysts for a team that touts its family culture. At the



Dearborn Divine Child tight end Aidan Hutchinson reels in one of Theo Day's passes during a playoff game against Redford Thurston. He will play college football at Michigan. TOM BEAUDOIN



Quarterback Theo Day, the picture of confidence for the Falcons, will now take his talents to Michigan State University. TOM BEAUDOIN

end of practices, Filiatraut brings all of his players in to put their hands together and yell "family" in unison.

"We have shirts that say 'family' on it, too," Hutchinson said. "That's what we stress a lot in this program, to show our unity as a football program and to show our togetherness."

Day nodded as his friend and teammate talked about Divine Child's brotherhood.

"We're all really close. We're all in here in the summer lifting together, we're all running together," Day said. "We're all working really hard for the same goal. So it's good having them alongside of me."

Looking back

Their path getting from Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth to U-M and MSU went through Dearborn.

Yet Filiatraut couldn't have envisioned four years ago something as big as two Falcons sign-

ing together Dec. 20 (the scheduled date for signing early).

For starters, Day was a freshman at Catholic Central and Hutchinson was an ordinary ninth-grade football player.

"When (Hutchinson) showed up as a ninth-grader, he was probably six feet tall and maybe 180 pounds," Filiatraut said. "He looked like every other kid. By the time he was a sophomore, he was probably 6-4, 220. And by the time he was a junior, he was 6-6, 225."

"He's really just grown a ton. Now he's playing at about 6-6, 250. He works at it. He's got to eat a lot. He lifts religiously. And he gets after it, he wants to be a great player as well."

Hutchinson — following the U-M football footsteps of his dad Chris — also is as versatile and driven as players can be.

"Aidan talked about moving (to) tight end in the spring and I was against it," Filiatraut

said. "He was a terrific tackle, a great tackle, maybe the best tackle in the state of Michigan. He is an outstanding offensive lineman."

"And so when he came and said he wanted to play tight end, I thought, 'Why would I move my best kid?' But he would be our best player at a number of positions."

With the Wolverines, Hutchinson projects to play on the defensive line.

Nobody works harder

Day takes a while to get to know. But he has a work ethic second to none and a will to succeed that is just as strong, Filiatraut added.

"Theo's a quiet kid. There was some 'getting to know you' period," Filiatraut said. "He's very reserved, so he's not an easy guy to get to know. But as he's been here and loosened up, he's got a good set of friends here."

"He's been great for

us. Terrific leader and he's just grown into his position as well. He's really, really competitive. He wants to be the best player he can be. I'm not sure I've been around a kid in 21 or 22 years who's worked harder than Theo Day."

Once practices are over, Day sticks around to throw additional passes.

"After practice, we have to get him off the field because he's throwing extra routes. We worry about his arm because he throws the ball so often," Filiatraut said.

Endless effort

According to Day, expected to graduate early and begin in early January at MSU, the extra tosses and reps are essential to being as sharp and confident as possible when orchestrating a Divine Child scoring drive.

"You got to be confident out there, you got to be tough and make plays," Day said. "You

just got to be confident in yourself."

Day pointed out that the coaching staff's collective work ethic is a definite motivator for players to follow.

"They're game-planning every single day, they're watching hours and hours of film," he said. "You know, they really work hard with us, so that really helps the confidence when you go out there on game day."

For Day and Hutchinson, their game days as Divine Child football players are done. But there promises to be many more of them waiting in East Lansing and Ann Arbor.

And both can't wait, even if it means being rivals for a while.

"I did," Day said, asked about which Falcon made the better college choice.

"I think everyone knows I did," Hutchinson added with a chuckle.

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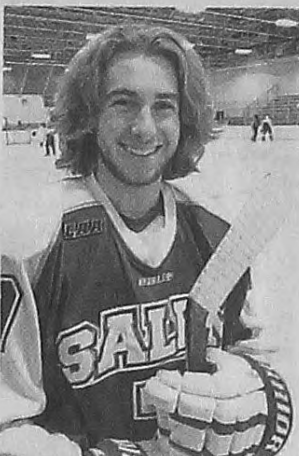
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be a fantastic facility when it's done and a good home for us."

Rocks opt up

And when the postseason rolls around, the Rocks will compete in Division 1 instead of D2 — for a change of pace, perhaps, at least slightly motivated to not have to play campus rival Plymouth head-to-head with a chance to play in the quarterfinals on the line. Salem opted up for a minimum of two years, per MHSAA stipulations.

"It's just a different thing, to change it up," Ossenmacher said. "I think they (Wildcats) have been in our pre-region every year I've been here (11 years), with the exception of one."



Salem defenseman Ryan Boyd. TIM SMITH

Both the Rocks (14-10-2 last year) and Wildcats have played in the quarterfinals at Yost Arena in recent seasons and now both will have the chance to qualify in D1 and D2, respectively.

Salem will probably have a few bumps in the road during the early

portion of the schedule, with the team losing several standouts to graduation and younger players growing into their roles.

"We graduated 60 goals, we return something like 30 goals," Ossenmacher said. "Goal scoring might be a little bit of an issue until we figure that out."

"But I think it's a well-rounded group. The ceiling's pretty high."

Solid group returns

Although the team lost forwards Matt Schaumburger (41 points), Marty Mills (11 goals 11 assists) and Joey Driscoll (eight goals, 10 assists) to graduation, it still has junior Colin Goleniak (19 goals, 14 assists) and senior Tyler German (20 points) in the lineup.

Ossenmacher also can rely on "steady" forwards Martino Zaia,

Matthew Homrich and physical Logan Sowa, as well as sophomore winger Alex Schaumburger (Matt's brother), "arguably one of the most skilled players we've had."

The younger Schaumburger tipped his cap to Matt for having a "better shot than me, but I think I'm faster and (have) better hands. My edges are a little bit better. But he's smarter and a better defensive player than me."

Salem should be a sound defensive team, led by senior blue liners Ryan Boyd, Sean McCormack and Chase Kee.

Augmenting them will be "highly skilled" sophomores Josh German and Anthony Gattoni.

"We return three seniors and then (junior goalie) Austin Goleniak, who was our starter in net during the playoffs

last year, is back as well," Ossenmacher said.

"We've got a good blend of new and old. It will be the smallest team we've ever had from a physicality or size standpoint. "But the game of hockey has changed. You can get away with being a smaller team the way the game's called now."

Chomping at the bit

One player to watch is Boyd, who played only three games in 2016-17 before breaking his leg in February. He will be one of the team's captains, along with Tyler German and Kee.

"I'm definitely a lot better," Boyd said. "I've been doing physical therapy all summer to get that back and healthy, so I should be good to go for the season."

Boyd said he will bring a defense-first mindset to the team.

"I'm not going to jump up into the play and score many goals this year," he said. "I'm more of a stay back and make sure the other team doesn't score kind of defenseman."

And the wait to move into Arctic Pond, to feature first-class training facilities and a larger dressing room, is worth smiling about.

"Oh yeah, the guys can't wait," Boyd said. "It's supposed to be a way bigger locker room, new workout facilities and stuff like that. It should be awesome. I'm really excited."

According to the Michigan Hockey Hub website, Salem opens the season at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, against Brighton at Wallace Ice Arena in Bloomfield Hills.

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HARRISON

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ecstatic that school administrators and the MHSAA were able to work out a suitable solution.

"I feel like during that time (when the program's status was in doubt), I was just honestly hoping I could finish out my senior year with a bang and be successful my senior year," said Perkins, who also plays soccer, volleyball and tennis for the Hawks.

"I was really appreciative of the administration that they were able to send in their request to the MHSAA to see if we could play at either Farmington or North," she added. "I'm really thankful that the MHSAA allowed us to play."

The Farmington Public Schools district has combined athletic pro-



Harrison students Olivia Perkins and Nevada Hargess will play for the Farmington High School girls basketball team this season. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

grams in a few other sports — girls and boys swimming, boys and girls bowling, gymnastics and hockey — based on

MHSAA guidelines. MHSAA restrictions would not allow the Harrison girls basketball team to combine with

another FPS team. "We researched a number of different options and sought advice on how to word our pet-

ition for the best results," Anderson said. "Because we still have almost 900 students, the idea of completely merging with one of the other two high schools was not likely to be approved."

"Sometimes there are trends in the interests of kids and sometimes merging makes sense. What is different about basketball is that it is a sport that is generally more popular," he added. "I do know our seniors are a little disappointed they cannot play together, but they are happy they have the option to play with full teams."

Hawks trio to play elsewhere

Besides Perkins, a 5-foot-8 power forward, two other Harrison players will continue their varsity basketball career at a neighboring school.

Senior Nevada Hargess will join Perkins at Farmington High School,

a member of the OAA Blue Division, where they will play for new head coach Laura Guzman. Harrison senior Khyra King will play at North Farmington, an OAA Red Division member, for longtime head coach Jeff Simpson.

"It wasn't, like, the best option because they did split us up, but I get to play basketball at the end of the day and I appreciate that," said Perkins, a member of Harrison's International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. "I was really thankful that it turned out this way. I can still be in the IB program, which will help me in college, and I can still play basketball."

Perkins hopes to continue playing basketball at the college level and is seriously considering Case Western Reserve in Ohio. She has also looked at Heidelberg (Ohio) University.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Livonia United taking positives out of first game

New team making history despite 5-1 loss

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When Mackenzie Compton wore her brand new Livonia United hockey jersey in school Monday, she had some explaining to do about what it represented.

"Nobody knows about it; none of the teachers knew about it," said Compton, a Livonia Churchill student. "I had to explain it to so many people."

In a nutshell, a two-year quest to form a girls hockey team in the Livonia Public Schools district bore fruit with the squad's official debut in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

Despite a 5-1 loss to Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett before a nice, welcoming crowd at Eddie Edgar Arena, the event itself was one the players and coaches will never forget.

"It was absolutely amazing, because I've been wanting to play high school hockey forever," Compton said. "And there's nothing for girls to do around here once you get to a certain age."

"So I was so excited and it was just amazing to be able to go out there and do something like this for the first time."

Head coach Janine Martinez was the catalyst for the team becoming



Livonia United players gather around their net before the start of Monday's game — the first in program history. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

ing a reality and it was fitting that her daughter, Corrin, scored the first-ever Livonia United goal (not counting a recent scrimmage in Port Huron).

Down 5-0 in the final 30 seconds, forward Beth White (Livonia Stevenson) wheeled into the Knights' end and flipped a shot that was knocked down by goalie Eve Bournias.

The rebound try by Ashley Harlock (Churchill) also was stopped, but not controlled. Corrin Martinez (Stevenson) arrived in time to slide the loose puck inside the left post with 14.6 seconds to go.

"You know what? We talked about it in the locker room," the younger Martinez said. "We

might have lost, but we won in our hearts. We won. We had fun doing that. (The goal) was for my team. I did it all for my team."

She then smiled through her face mask and added that "it was awesome to know we made history tonight."

What a day

Coach Martinez said it was a good finish to a day that began with all 11 players (six from Stevenson, four from Churchill, one from Franklin) wearing their uniforms in school.

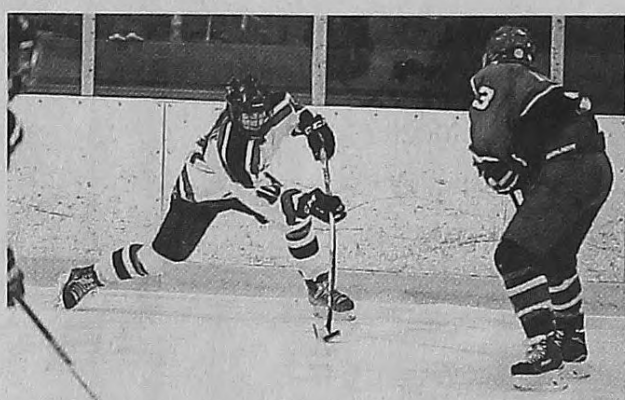
"They were extremely excited and proud to put the jersey on and it's nice to have quite a few people here," she said. "They had a lot of teammates' support. ... I actually had

a couple girls come up to me that said they want to play next year."

The Knights had the edge in experience and overall skating ability and that, ultimately, was too much for Livonia United to overcome.

Despite an outstanding game by Livonia United goalie Maddie Marciw (Churchill), who faced a number of quality shots, GPWUL built a 3-0 lead after two periods and upped that to 4-0 on Kendall Zinn's third goal of the game with 7:49 remaining.

According to White, who hit the goal post in the second period and was a standout for the home team, the first contest wasn't as bad as the score might indicate. "We skated really well



Stickhandling into the University-Liggett zone is Livonia United forward Beth White. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

for, like, the first-year players we have that are just trying to play hockey," White said. "I think we did a really good job for our first game and we can always build off of it."

The late goal will help lift the team's collective spirits, she added, "and gave us a kind of positive thing to go off of."

Here are several other takeaways:

THE FIRST SHOT

Compton took a shot from the right circle just over two minutes into the game that was turned aside by Bournias.

GOOD ON THE PK

Livonia United killed off all three minor penalties, with solid goalkeeping from Marciw and good defensive clears getting the puck out of danger.

COME ON OUT

White added that it would be good for a couple of more players to sign up with the team.

"I think it is do-able, because there's a lot of people that just don't

know about the program yet," White said. "Just by getting it out, by inviting people to these games and having people wear our (Livonia United) shirts around school, it will help (the word) get out and have a couple more people join."

VIEW FROM THE STANDS

One of the player's moms liked what the team brought to the ice for it being the very first contest.

"I think they played great. They played as hard as they could," Melissa Compton-Hope said.

WHO'S WHO

Livonia United's debut roster includes forwards Compton, Martinez (goal), White (assist), Harlock (assist), Kamryn Murray (Franklin) and Allie Metiva (Stevenson); blue liners Valerie White (Stevenson), Caroline LaPointe (Stevenson), Ezra Leannais (Churchill) and Sophie Temkow (Stevenson); and goalie Marciw.

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COLLEGE RECRUITING

Ten Birmingham-area students make their college choice

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A trio of Bloomfield Hills Marian student-athletes inked letters of intent Nov. 8 on National Signing Day.

Seniors Lauren Biglin (Michigan State University for swimming), Maggie DePorre (Hillsdale College for volleyball) and Lauren Wenzel (University of Notre Dame for volleyball) all made their college intentions official in a brief ceremony at the school.

Wenzel figures to play as a middle blocker for the Fighting Irish. She has garnered all-league, all-region, all-Catholic, all-state and JVA All-America honors during her Mustangs career.

Wenzel is a member of Marian's National Honor Society and, along with her sister Lilly, spearheaded a textbook donation drive for Hamtramck High School. She has also coached in a youth soccer league.

"Academically, I feel prepared to step into a college classroom with a solid foundation," said Wenzel, who plans to study business or pre-law. "Great coaching helped me prepare for next year."

DePorre plans to study pre-law at Hillsdale, where she hopes to play as a hitter. DePorre is also a member of Marian's varsity soccer, track and field and bowling teams. She has landed all-league and all-Catholic honors in volleyball and all-region, all-county and all-state honors in track.

"Marian has equipped me with the knowledge to do well in college," said DePorre, who is also a member of Marian's student government. "Especially, Marian ath-



Five Country Day seniors, (sitting, from left) John Malcolm III, Andrew Jonna, Hunter Hickner, Kaela Web and Maxine Moore, recently signed national letters of intent to play college athletics.



Marian seniors (from left) Maggie DePorre, Lauren Biglin and Lauren Wenzel signed national letters of intent earlier this month.

letics has introduced me to amazing coaches and players. All of my coaches have challenged and pushed me to achieve things I never thought I could."

Biglin, who plans to study physical therapy, will join the Spartans swim team as a freestyler. While at Marian, she has earned all-state and All-America honors. Biglin is a senior captain of the Marian swim and dive team who won the 2016 Most Valuable Player award.

Biglin also received the Work Ethic and Motor City Aquatics. She is a

member of Marian's Ambassador Club and the National Honor Society.

"Marian gave me tools and confidence to accomplish my dreams and goals, both in the pool and in the classroom," Biglin said.

Academy of the Sacred Heart

Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart had a pair of student-athletes who announced their college intentions — Kelleigh Keating and Caroline Szydowski.

Keating is a multi-sport standout who plans to play lacrosse next year

at Stanford University. In addition to being named all-Midwest, Keating is a two-time all-league and all-state player. She is a four-year varsity player in lacrosse, field hockey and basketball for the Gazelles.

Keating recently was named Sacred Heart's Wendy's High School Heisman scholar-athlete.

"I would like to thank my family for their unending support, sacrifices and love throughout this journey," said Keating, who intends to major in economics or pre-med. "I would also like to thank my many coaches for giving me the right



Sacred Heart seniors Caroline Szydowski (left) and Kelleigh Keating will continue their athletic careers at Kentucky and Stanford, respectively.

opportunities and pouring into me as a person and a player.

"Additionally, Sacred Heart has helped shape me into a Godly woman of character and strength," she added. "Lastly, I would like to thank my Stanford coaches for believing in a kid from Michigan and for giving me this opportunity to continue playing the game I love."

Szydowski plans to swim at the University of Kentucky while pursuing a pre-med major.

A distance swimmer from Oakland Township, Szydowski swims for the Rochester-based Oakland Live Y'ers, where she has trained for 14 years. She was a Junior National swimmer by age 13 and continued to attain Junior National status all four years while attending Sacred Heart. She was a finalist in the 1,500-freestyle at last March's

Speedo Sectionals.

"I knew (Kentucky) was the best fit for me the first time I visited, with its great academics, beautiful campus and strong traditions," Szydowski said. "The team culture, family environment and elite coaching staff inspire me to the best. I can't wait to start my life as a Wildcat with such an amazing and talented team."

Following are student-athletes from other area schools who signed national letters of intent:

DETROIT COUNTRY DAY: Hunter Hickner (Waldorf University for hockey); Andrew Jonna (Albion College for swimming); John Malcolm III (Vanderbilt University for baseball); Maxine Moore (Western Michigan University for basketball); and Kaela Webb (Providence University of basketball).

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Coaching Lady Ocelots is a 'family' affair

For married couple, coaching college volleyball together is a true joy

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After four years of marriage, Shannon and Ron Pummill are, safe to say, not getting tired of each other.

To the contrary. The 2009 Garden City High School graduates arguably spend more time together than most married couples. The Pummills coach Schoolcraft College's women's volleyball team.

"No, never, never see too much of him," said Shannon Pummill, the third-year head coach of the Lady Ocelots whose last name was Pietruszka when she met her future husband in eighth grade. "I'm in charge, but I do run things by him. He's really good giving input on lineups and letting me know who he thinks is doing well, who's excelling in their position and when we need to make a change."

Ron Pummill, her first-year assistant coach, smiled when asked whether it ever is too much of a good thing to also work right next to his spouse.

"You know what? Never enough time with this woman," he said. "I fell in love. And got an opportunity to coach. We just get stronger and better. Each season, we get better as coaches and I think we get better as a married couple."



Lady Ocelots women's volleyball coaches Shannon and Ron Pummill talk to players during a timeout at a recent game. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Taking the family angle farther, Shannon's cousin Courtney (who played at Livonia Churchill) is also an assistant coach, primarily working with the hitters.

Kitchen talk

The subject of Schoolcraft volleyball is a hot topic around the kitchen table, too. But the Pummills don't mind.

"We don't drink coffee, but we talk about

volleyball every day and every night," said Shannon, 26. "He's a tea drinker, for sure. Yerba Mate is the only tea he likes, though."

Ron, 26, said they do have some away time, if you will. That's when he works his "day job" as athletic director and part-time physical education teacher at Taylor Prep High School.

"She is definitely in charge of the volleyball.

I'm here to help in any way that she needs, any capacity that she needs," he said. "So, yeah, she is definitely in charge."

"But we talk about it a lot. Obviously, we both work during the day. We come straight here to the gym, spend a lot of time here. When we leave, we usually go to eat, we're talking Schoolcraft volleyball."

"We're going to leave here tonight and go

recruit (at a Livonia Ladywood game) and try to get some girls from other schools. That's the nice thing. When you have a partner with the same interests, vested in the same kind of things, we're both about it. So it's really cool to have somebody you can bounce ideas off of."

She trusts him

Shannon said it is great to have Ron as a

trusted confidante when discussing Lady Ocelots volleyball.

"I trust his opinion and feedback," she said. "He helps make decisions every day. It kind of just fell into place. He started off driving (the team bus) for us, trying to take a little of the heavy weight off me on bus trips. I mean, he got more knowledgeable and became a right-hand man."

Sports have always been huge in the Pummill and Pietruszka households, from playing them to now holding the clipboard on the sidelines.

"I grew up and just remembered it was tough to remember the seasons," Ron said. "You just remember it as what sport you're playing that time. From going from golf practice with my dad as a child, then getting to work my way up and play in high school and then college (Schoolcraft, then Concordia University).

"And now getting to coach several sports, both at the high school level and now at the college level, it's a gift. I love it, it's what I've always wanted to do."

Especially when he is able to do those things with Shannon right next to him.

"I transferred over to Garden City half way through eighth-grade year," he said with a grin. "I took Algebra 1 in middle school. I walked into class and that beautiful girl was sitting in the front row with some Garden City softball sweatpants. The rest is history."

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Mercy moves on in tourney after victory over Anchor Bay

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Lauren Hunter has felt the sting of three consecutive heartbreaking state tournament losses.

In each of the past three seasons, Hunter and her Farmington Mercy volleyball teammates lost late in the tourney to the eventual Class A state champion. The last two years, it was to Novi in the regional title game. Three years ago, it was to Romeo in the state quarterfinal.

Things have taken a wonderful turn for the Marlins this season.

Mercy advanced to the semifinals thanks to a satisfying four-set triumph in the quarterfinals Tuesday over New Baltimore Anchor Bay at West Bloomfield High School. After splitting the first two sets, the Marlins won two straight sets for a 25-17, 21-25, 26-24, 25-19 triumph.

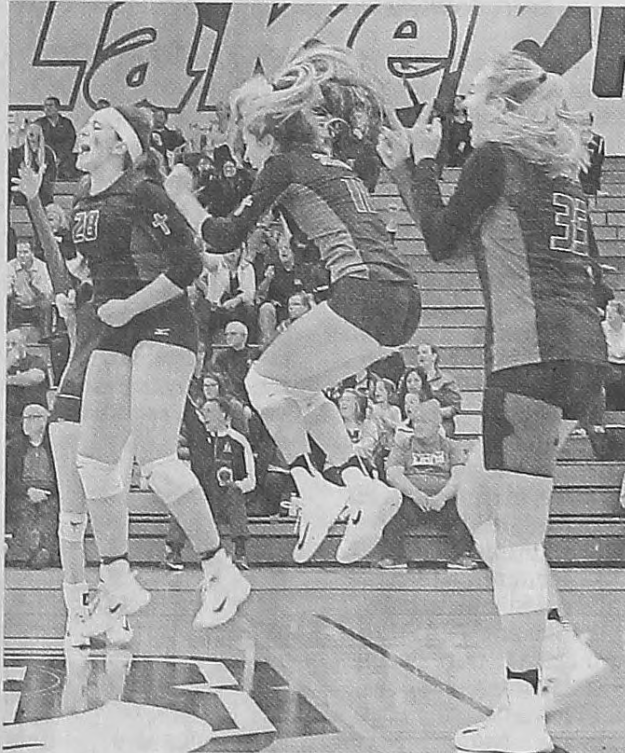
Mercy headed to the Class A semifinals in Battle Creek, where it was scheduled to face rival Bloomfield Hills Marian. Hunter, one of two seniors on the team, is delighted to still be playing.

"This feeling is unlike anything, because when I was a freshman (the state quarterfinal) is the game that we lost to against Romeo," Hunter said. "I've never been to Battle Creek and this is just amazing to go here in my final season. I know all of us are so happy to be going. We are going to make the best of it and play our best."

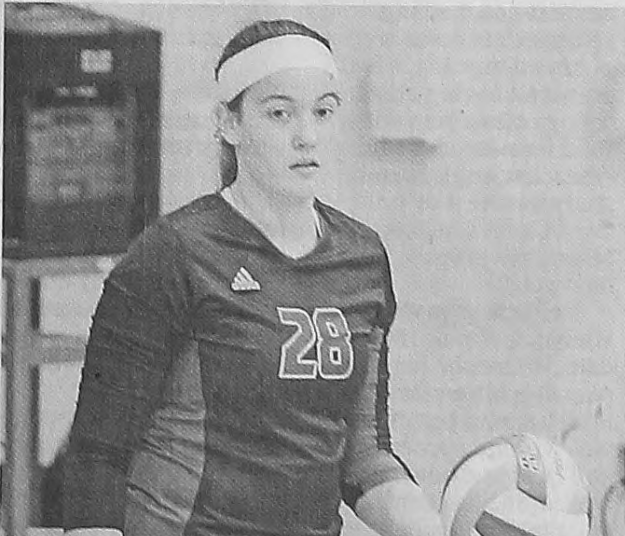
Mercy 'ecstatic' with victory



Mercy senior outside hitter Lauren Hunter delivers one of her 14 kills past a pair of Anchor Bay defenders. MARTY BUDNER



Mercy's (from left) Julia Bishop, Maddie Malecki and Jess Mruzik celebrate the winning point in the quarterfinal win over Anchor Bay. MARTY BUDNER



Freshman setter Julia Bishop prepares to serve against Anchor Bay during the Class A quarterfinal match. MARTY BUDNER

Although it owns 15 straight district titles, this year marks the first time since 2010 Mercy has reached the state semifinals. Mercy lost in the state championship game that year to Marian.

Veteran head coach Loretta Vogel couldn't be happier for her young squad.

"We're just ecstatic," Vogel said. "I think it's quite a compliment that you can get to (the final four). To extend your season and be in the final four is wonderful for us at Mercy."

Against Anchor Bay, the Marlins (50-7-1) came

out like they were headed to a sixth straight playoff sweep after controlling the first set. They went up 2-0 and 8-2 and finished with an eight-point win in a set which they never trailed.

The next three sets were more competitive.

The Tars, led by senior hitting star Marian Malon, survived a close battle to win the second set. It marked the first time Mercy had dropped a postseason set this year.

The pivotal third set was just as close and featured 17 ties and nine lead changes. Mercy was up 19-16 before the teams

were tied at 20-20, 22-22 and 24-24. The Marlins captured the last two points on kills by sophomore hitter Jess Mruzik and Hunter.

The fourth set was close early before Mercy surged to a 19-13 lead. The Marlins won six of the next 12 points for the win.

"I think we were just precise (in the third set)," said Vogel, whose team beat the Tars twice during the regular season. "I think we realized on serve-serve where we wanted the ball to go and I think that made a difference."

"And I think what was

crucial, right when we had the big transition, we started hitting our middles," she added. "And that changed everything. I thought that was big." Mruzik finished with a

team-high 17 kills and Hunter contributed 14 kills and 11 digs. Sophomore libero Kayla Shields finished with 10 digs and junior Grace Kane had three aces.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Blazers scorch Trojans to move on to Class B semis

Tim Smith

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With a trip to Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena within grasp, Livonia Ladywood came out with extra crunch and punch in Tuesday's Class D volleyball state quarter-final at New Boston Huron.

The Blazers showed no mercy against Livonia Clarenceville with a dominant three-set victory — 25-11, 25-8, 25-6.

"We've all worked so hard. We've come a long way to get to the final four and push up every game," junior right-side hitter Mikayla Kuphal said. "This is a great accomplishment for our team."

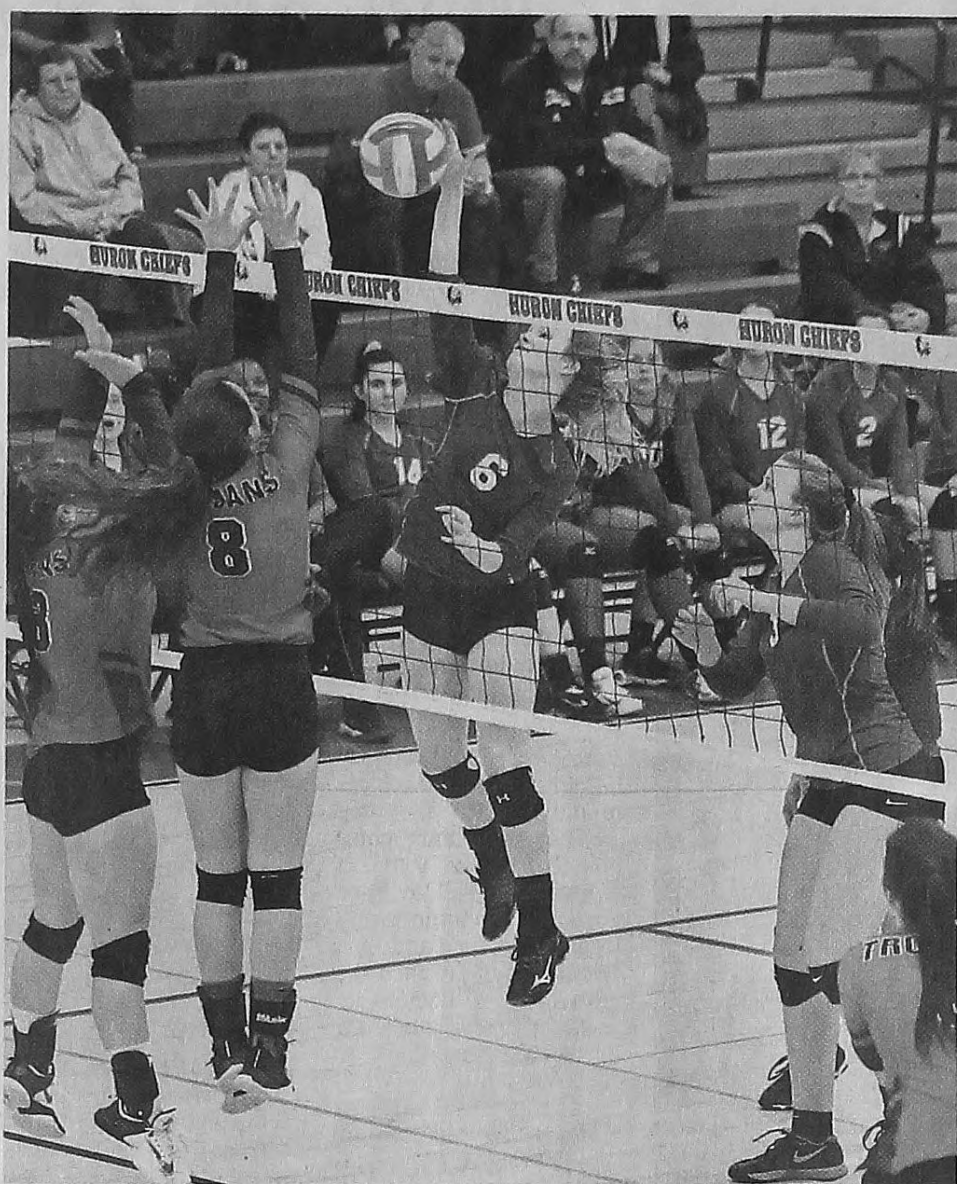
Although the Trojans didn't help their cause with some errant serves and other unforced errors, the final outcome wasn't in doubt almost from the opening serve.

Ladywood (23-5-1) broke out to an 8-1 lead in the opening set and delivered throughout the match with thumping kills and all-out defense, leaving Clarenceville players with few places to go with their own kill attempts.

Sparking the Blazers' attack were juniors Madison Benoit and Madeline Hudson, with 10 kills each, with senior Natasha Strzelewicz, who added nine kills.

"They are on fire, Madison and Madeline," Ladywood head coach Kathryn Chinavare said. "I call them 'Mads.' they're great."

"It's hard not to want to feed the ball to them



Smacking the ball over the outstretched arms of Clarenceville players is Ladywood's Mikayla Kuphal. TOM BEAUDOIN

all the time. Their energy's always there, they swing as hard as they can at all times. I'm blessed with a really great team."

Whenever the Trojans tried to climb back into the contest, waiting on the other side of the net was a Ladywood defense led by senior libero Reese Moschetta (11

digs).

"Reese is one of the best high school liberos I've ever seen," Chinavare said. "So I always count on Reese to be in the back row. She's a star; she's phenomenal."

The Blazers also had the upper hand from the service stripe, with Benoit, Moschetta and sen-

ior Danielle Lamoureux tallying four aces apiece.

Clarenceville, regional champion and in a quarterfinal for the first time since 1997, could not mount much momentum despite some spurts of positive momentum.

Junior outside hitters Michelle Marzolo and Audrey Owens provided



Setting the ball for a teammate is Ladywood's Samantha Serra. TOM BEAUDOIN

some offense for the Trojans (13-15-2) with six and four kills, respectively.

Helping the Clarenceville cause with nine assists and four digs was senior setter Erica Berteira.

"It was a huge deal to our program to make it this far," Trojans head coach Wendy Merschman said. "It took 20 years to get this far. I think it's a good thing."

Merschman emphasized that the Trojans essentially ran up against a Ladywood wall. "They were just stronger than us tonight."

Following are other takeaways:

NET GAINS

Although the Blazers were clearly in control against Clarenceville, they were the recipient of several freebies. In the opening set, the Trojans sent three serves directly into the net to hand points over to Ladywood.

POWER COMBO

Although Hudson often was a front-row nemesis as far as the Trojans were concerned, Ladywood's combination of setter Monique Lamoureux to Strzelewicz repeatedly resulted in spike kills.

HAT TIP

Clarenceville seniors Bertera, Mia Daniels, Londen Green and Allison Lay closed out their high school careers with the defeat.

But the Trojans coaching staff, including Merschman, Katie Tuomi and Katie Blacker, will next season welcome back the 11 other players from Tuesday's roster.

"They learned how to win at the end of the season," Merschman said, "and they'll carry that (experience) through to the next season. I think that will help them."

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JACOB KELBERT

FOOTBALL
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Being the son of a coach, Jacob Kelbert has been around Livonia Franklin football all his life.

The sophomore starting quarterback for the Division 2-Region 2 champs started out as a ball boy for his dad Chris, now in the midst of a serious playoff run in his 17th season as the Patriots' head coach.

Meanwhile, current teammates John and Mario DiPonio, along with Cal Fournier, are current varsity starters as well and were sons of former Patriots' football assistants John DiPonio (now the school's assistant principal) and Matt Fournier (the varsity baseball coach).

"It was definitely a very crazy and unbelievable feeling of winning a regional championship after we had been ball boys our whole lives," said Kelbert, who was the top vote-getter for Hometown Life's Prep Athlete of the Week.

"We've been coaches kids our whole lives. And growing up and watching everybody win all these championships and I was thinking one day, 'Wow, this is going to be us,' and it came true."

The 5-foot-10, 175-pound signal caller garnered a total of 27,703 votes (53.9 percent),

while Harrison-Farmington swimmer Madeline Greaves was runner-up with 22,458 votes (43.2 percent).

WHAT HE DID: In last week's improbable 31-29 playoff win Nov. 10 at home over Flushing, Kelbert ran for a team-best 137 yards on nine carries and one touchdown, while also completing 8-of-12 passes for 147 yards and two TDs. But it was his 55-yard scramble run with just over a minute left that set up Brad Gibson's game-winning field goal and put the Patriots into the state semifinals for the second time

in three years. Franklin travels Saturday to Grand Ledge to face unbeaten Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central. (Game time is 1 p.m.)

For the season, Kelbert has posted respectable numbers for a 10th-grader completing 80 passes (59 percent) for 1,101 yards and nine TDs, while rushing for an additional 742 yards and seven TDs.

"Every week I come into practice I'm learning new stuff because every week it's new opponent and every opponent is better than they were the week before," Kelbert said.

"And so I have to push myself to be better, and knowing that I'm the starting quarterback, I can't be lackadaisical on the field and I have to set an example because if I'm not going 110 percent the rest of the team won't."

Kelbert credit's the team's 10-2 record and eight-game winning streak to his blocking unit up front.

"They've definitely come a long way," he said. "Everyone on the offensive line has switched positions somewhat at some point during the season, and to get everything click when it matters the most is what we were looking for. And it's been going really well."

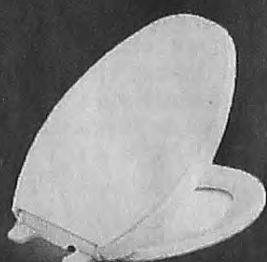


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GIRLS SWIMMING

Record-breaking Wildcats ready for Division 1 state finals

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Plymouth-Canton Educational Park was well-represented this weekend at the Division 1 girls swimming and diving state finals at Oakland University.

All three high schools sent healthy contingents to the finals. Following is the breakdown:

PLYMOUTH

Plymouth was represented by school record holders in the 200-yard medley relay.

That relay team, composed of juniors Vy Nguyen and Kelsey Peregor and sophomores Regan Pereford and Liz Breda, set the record with a time of 1:52.53.

Nguyen also qualified in the 100 breaststroke (1:09.60), while the two Perefords and Breda — along with senior captain Grace MacLellan — qualified in the 200 free medley (1:42.78).

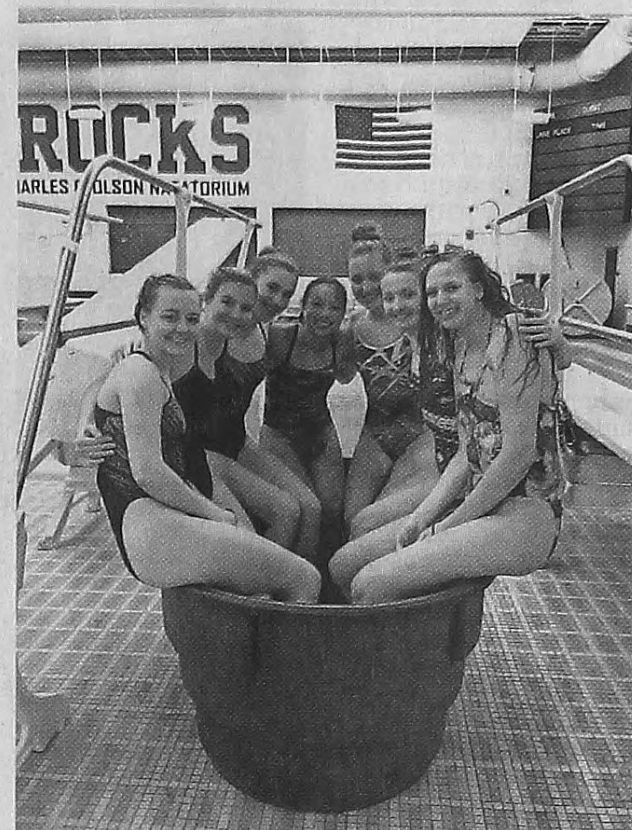
The Wildcats were also represented by senior captain Alyssa Crisp and junior Ellie Kendall, both as alternates.

SALEM

Led by stellar senior diver Camille Burt (who recently signed to compete at Division 1 West Virginia), seeded third with 426.30 points, the Rocks had a nice group taking part at Oakland University.

Serena Hao qualified in the 200 IM, 100 breaststroke and as part of the 200 and 400 free relays.

Sabine Bradford qualified in the 100 freestyle and 200 and 400 free



These Plymouth High School swimmers were set to compete at the Division 1 state finals (from left): Alyssa Crisp, Ellie Kendall, Grace MacLellan, Vy Nguyen, Kelsey Peregor, Regan Pereford and Liz Breda. EMILY WEINER

relays.

Also qualifying in both relays (either as regulars or alternates) were Jenna Chen, Morgan Davis, Sarah Griffiths and Morgan Cummings.

Elisabeth Repp (200 free relay), Lauren Bradford (200 free relay), Anapaula Silva (400 free relay) and Krittika Banerjee (400 free relay) made the cut as well.

CANTON

Likewise, a number of Canton performers are headed to Oakland University.

The regular lineup for the 200 medley and 400

free relays includes Jessica Clark, Jenna Leppek, Sophia Balow and Sadie Miller. Available as alternates in both were Elena Balow, Ellie Caruso and Leah Kolb.

Canton also had swimmers in the 200 free relay, including Caruso, Kolb, Elena Balow, Miller, Sophia Balow, Clark and Leppek.

Clark earned a berth both in the 100 backstroke and 200 IM, while Elena Balow and Leppek also qualified in the 100 breaststroke.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Defense again leads Marian to a state tournament victory

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Bloomfield Hills Marian traveled Tuesday to Saginaw to face Midland in a Class A volleyball state quarterfinal match.

Midland had the shorter-ride and the larger fan base. Marian had the longer ride home, but it was the happier one.

The Mustangs continued on their express route through the state tournament with an impressive three-set sweep of the Chemicals, 25-21, 25-10, 25-21. Marian has played six state tournament matches and has only dropped one set.

Marian advanced to the state semifinals for the first time since 2013. That year, the Mustangs played for the state championship and lost to East Grand Rapids.

"I've coached high school volleyball for seven years now and have never won a district title, so this has been like a crazy ride," first-year Marian head coach Lauren Duquette. "(Saginaw was) 15 minutes from where they were from and two hours from where we were from. Our fan base wasn't quite as big as theirs, but I was impressed that we were able to maintain our composure.

"I keep thinking I'm going to wake up from this dream. To me, it's not

even making it to the final four. I'm just so impressed how these girls have changed off the court, changed their mental toughness and bought into a whole new system offensively and defensively when I came here this year.

"They just work so hard and I would have been satisfied two games ago," she added. "I've really been impressed with how they've played."

Marian (43-12-1) had a semifinal date with Catholic League rival Mercy (50-7-1), scheduled for Thursday in Battle Creek. Mercy advanced with a four-set victory over New Baltimore Anchor Bay.

The Marlins defeated the Mustangs in their two previous meetings this season, including the Catholic League championship match. The last time these teams met this far along in the state tournament was 2010, when Marian defeated Mercy in the state championship game.

Ironically, Duquette, a former star at Oakland University, was to face the first volleyball coach she ever had in veteran Mercy head coach Loretta Vogel.

"My first club coach ever was Loretta, when she was with the VIP team way, way back, probably when I was 10 years old," Duquette said. "I've know her for a

long time. It's a small world."

Marian, like it has all season, played a strong defensive match against Midland.

After struggling a bit in the first set, the Mustangs were able to take control in the second with a 15-point victory. They cruised home in the third set.

Marian was led by senior Lauren Wenzel, who finished with 17 kills and hit for a sparkling .500 average. Junior outside hitter Sarah Cavanaugh contributed a double-double with 11 kills and 12 digs.

Senior Maggie DePorre added 11 kills and one block, while junior libero Mallory Lynch had an outstanding match with three aces and 19 digs.

As usual, junior setter Maddie Dowd ran the offense with precision by logging 39 assists to go with five kills.

"In the beginning of the match, I was disappointed in our defense," Duquette said. "I feel like that's what sort of kept us going this far in the state tournament. Once we started getting active defensively and making plays, that's when we got comfortable."

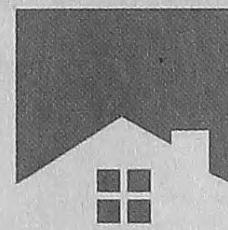
"We served well. We watched film and on them and that helps," she added. "But we just really wanted to get them out of their system."



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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PLYMOUTH CITY FIRE CODE CHAPTER 38- FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, ARTICLE III-FIRE PREVENTION CODE, SECTION 38-56-ADOPTION OF FIRE PREVENTION CODE.

TO ACHIEVE THE REFERENCED ORDINANCE AS NOTED ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING SECTION HAS BEEN AMENDED AS SHOWN BELOW:

Sec. 38-56. - Adoption of fire prevention code.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909 (MCL 117.1 et seq., MSA 5.2071 et seq.), as amended, the International Fire Code (2015 Edition), published by the International Code Council, and the Michigan Fire Prevention Code, Act No. 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1941 (MCL 29.1 et seq., MSA 4.559(1) et seq.), as amended, are hereby adopted by reference; provided, however, that in case any provision of such codes shall differ from any requirement of this Code, the provision imposing the highest standards of safety shall be followed and enforced, and; provided further, that Chief of the Fire Department or Chief of the Bureau of Fire Prevention or the Bureau of Fire Prevention as used in such code shall mean the Fire Chief or the Fire Marshal or office of Fire Marshal, as the case may be. Complete printed copies of the International Fire Code (2015 Edition), published by the International Code Council, and Michigan Fire Prevention Code, adopted in this section, are available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

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Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland

To: All interested Government Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that HUD under part 50 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The activity is funded under the HUD Section 232 program (FHA #044-43099). The Proposed Eden on the Rouge is located at 44100 Connection Way and is comprised of an approximately 6.11-acre portion of a larger undeveloped parcel of land designated as tax assessment Parcel Number 108-99-0001-001, Canton, Wayne County, Michigan. The Subject Property is the proposed location of an 88-unit assisted living/memory care facility, associated infrastructure, installation of utilities, and detention basin with forebay.

According to the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory map accessed at <http://nepassisttool.epa.gov/nepassist/entry.aspx>, there are no mapped wetland areas on the Subject Property. However, D3G was provided a copy of the Overall Existing Conditions Plan produced by MCA dated December 12, 2014, and according to the Overall Existing Conditions Plan, there were five (5) wetland systems located in the southeastern portion of the property that total approximately 0.31 acres.

The wetlands on the southern portion of the parcel, which contains the Subject Property, were re-assessed by MCA on June 16, 2017. The re-assessment identified fourteen (14) wetlands, AA, L, K, CC, DD, EE, N, FF, GG, UA, UB, UC, UD and BB (totaling 0.52 acres).

Of the fourteen (14) areas meeting the criteria to be considered wetlands in the southern portion of the parcel, only one, Wetland BB (0.04 acres), meets the MDEQ criteria to be considered a jurisdictional wetland as it is contiguous (within 500 ft) to the Sines Drain and/or the Lower River Rouge. MCA had previously described Wetland BB as a small isolated emergent and wet meadow wetland. MCA determined that since the wetland assessment that was completed in May of 2014, Wetland BB has become dominated by low quality invasive species such as common reed grass (*Phragmites australis*), purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) and teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*). Also observed were early successional species, such as side-flowering aster (*Symphotrichum lateriflorum*), fox sedge (*Carex vulpinoidea*), pointed broom sedge (*Carex scoparia*), path rush (*Juncus tenuis*), wide leaved cattail (*Typha latifolia*) and wool grass (*Scirpus Cyperinus*).

As proposed, impacts to Wetland BB include the excavation of the southern portion of Wetland BB in order to construct the wet detention basin for the proposed senior housing facility. The proposed 0.87 acre forebay and wet detention basin will provide on-site treatment of the stormwater generated by Eden on the Rouge. The construction of the proposed forebay and detention basin will require the excavation of approximately 11,240 cubic yards of upland soil and as well as the excavation of 68.15 cubic yards of wetland soil from 0.016 acres of Wetland BB. According to the Wetland Impact Plan produced by MCA, an additional 0.35 acres of non-regulated wetland impacts will result from proceeding with the development on the Subject Property. No mitigation is proposed at this time as the total permanent wetland impacts to regulated wetlands are less than one third (0.33) of an acre.

Following three (3) on-site Pre-Application Meetings with staff from MDEQ, MCA submitted a Minor Wetland Permit Application on August 9, 2017 to MDEQ for authorization of 0.016 acres of impact to regulated wetlands for the construction of a forebay and wet detention basin associated with the proposed senior housing project. This permit was approved and issued on October 13, 2017.

HUD has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural beneficial values:

- (i) According to the Planned Development Agreement dated March 24, 2015, the proposed definite benefits of developing a Home for the Aged associated with Connection Assembly of God Church at this location are: providing living facilities for Senior Adults that need assistance and memory care where the local church will minister to the occupants on a regular basis addressing their spiritual, emotional, and physical needs, new employment opportunities, development of vacant land with long term sustainability and additional revenues for local businesses along with additional tax revenue for the township. As described, the proposed development would provide a safe and desirable housing community for senior citizens of Wayne County, Michigan.
- (ii) Alternatives were investigated for the proposed development that included evaluating alternative locations and the "no action" alternative. It was determined that the potential alternative locations were not compatible in terms of zoning designation required for the proposed development, accessibility and/or surrounding land use, the presence of on-site floodplains, and/or the potential to impact wetland areas remained. The no action alternative is also impracticable because it will not satisfy the need to provide affordable housing.
- (iii) To comply with the Executive Order, the Developer has entered into consultation with registered engineers and wetland consultants who have prepared development plans that minimize the effects of the impacts to that wetland areas located on the Subject Property. The proposed impact will require the excavation of approximately 11,240 cubic yards of upland soil and as well as the excavation of 68.15 cubic yards of soil from 0.016 acres of a regulated wetland. The result of the impact will be a forebay and wet detention pond for on-site treatment of stormwater runoff produced by the proposed Eden on the Rouge.

Erosion and sediment control measures will be conducted in accordance with all applicable regulations to ensure the protection of the wetlands during construction, and a stormwater management pond will be constructed to mitigate the loss of the natural absorption qualities of the on-site wetlands to be impacted by providing attenuation and volatilization and mitigating the size and intensity of storm-induced flooding on downstream receiving waters by retaining stormwater for an extended period of time and releasing it at a controlled rate.

Compensatory mitigation is not required as the impact to existing regulated wetlands (impact = 0.016 acres) is less than 0.33 acres, per Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Land and Water Management Division Wetlands Protection R 281.925 Rule 5 (3)(a)(i).

HUD has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document the compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11990, are available for public inspection, review, and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice of receipt for comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public education tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by HUD at the following address within 15 calendar days from the date of this publication:

US Department of Housing and Urban Development
ATTN: Lillian Mano, Environmental Reviewer
451 7th St. SW
Washington, DC 20410

A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9:30am - 6:00pm Eastern Time at the address above. Comments may also be submitted via email or phone - Lillian.m.mano@hud.gov or 202-402-6413.

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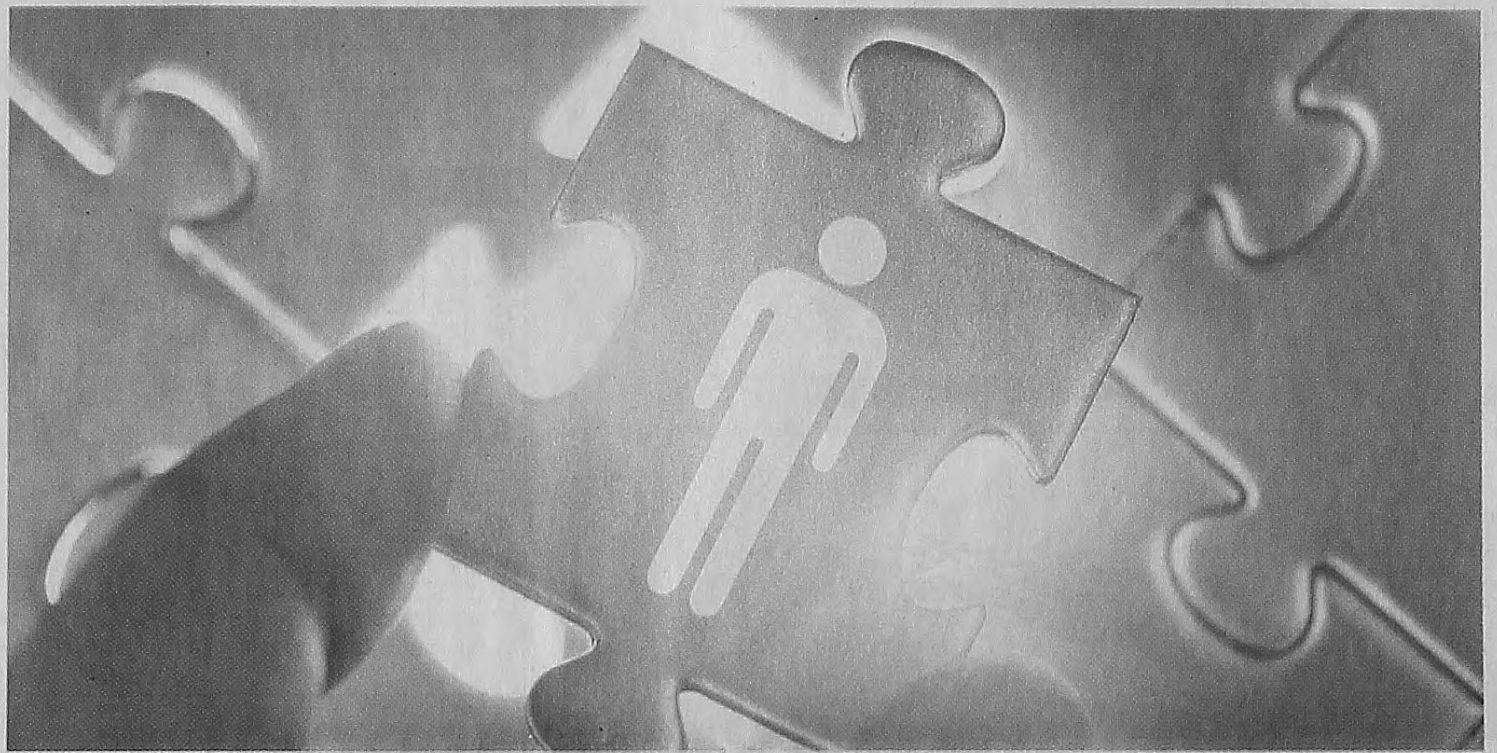
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You're looking for work, but unsure how to interpret some job postings. There's a difference, for example, between contract employment (with a specific, nonpermanent term, usually without benefits), temp work (varying from one day to a year or more, with no promise of becoming a permanent position), temp-to-perm or tempt-to-hire (meaning you work in sort of a probationary period until the employer decides whether or not to take you on full-time) and the standard direct hire (or full-time) long-term position with benefits.

Temp-to-hire jobs are booming, and easy to find. The move toward temporary hiring might mean that more and more employers are preferring to try out new employees rather than hiring immediately. Even if you can't necessarily get a guarantee that your position will be temp to perm or temp to hire, there are benefits to temping.

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Car Report

10TH-GENERATION HONDA ACCORD IS BRAND'S BEST SEDAN EVER, BOOSTED BY NEW 'TROPHY CITY' CAMPAIGN



By Dale Buss

Accord has always been Honda's trophy car. So why not build a marketing campaign around that idea?

The brand's new advertising campaign for its iconic mid-size sedan, "Trophy City," dwells on trophy-worthy accomplishments by humans and encourages them to excel — as Accord does. "Trophy City" advertising made its debut last week during televised NFL and NHL games, and Accord was placed on an episode of *Will & Grace* and on *The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon*.

Upcoming high-exposure moments will include ads during the Golden Globes and Latin Grammy Awards as well as across several sports platforms.

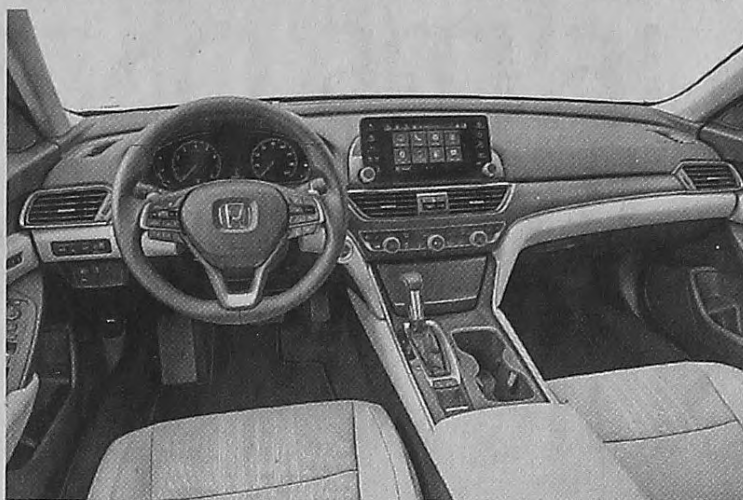
Honda recognizes that the U.S. market has shifted toward SUVs and crossovers and away from sedans, but

Susie Rossick told me that Accord is special.

"Realistically we recognize that SUVs are becoming more and more of the car market," the assistant vice president of Honda marketing said. "People are moving toward SUVs. We're not discounting that for sure. But there's still a lot of demand for sedans. Sedans are still the major driver when it comes to brand opinion for your overall brand, according to GfK. That's another reason why Accord is so important to Honda. Eventually SUVs will be the major driver of brand opinion but that's down the road.

"Our goal is that if you're in the market for a sedan and this is a choice you want to make, that you choose Accord, because it offers you everything you need. For the first time in a sedan, for instance, we have the Honda Sensing suite of safety features across all trims."

Indeed, with the all-new, 10th-generation Accord, Honda is certainly aiming for better. Among other upgrades, it's got two new turbocharged engines, a segment-first



Clean lines and a high-tech feel grace the Accord interior.

10-speed automatic transmission and six-speed manual transmission for each engine, and a third-generation hybrid powertrain.

So, in a TV ad, a city skyline of metallic, animated trophy figurines pontificate about pushing higher to achieve things, until finally they ascend to the level of a new Accord, suspended on a pedestal over the city. "The most impressive Honda ever," the ad concludes. "Our quest for better never ends."

Because this Accord represents the pinnacle in sedan achievement for Honda, Rossick said, "We wanted creative to reflect that. This concept from RPA really speaks to the idea, the notion of never resting on your laurels. Accord has been on *Car & Driver's* 10 Best list more times than any other car in history. Even in the last year of the previous version. That made us work even harder to produce an even better Accord.

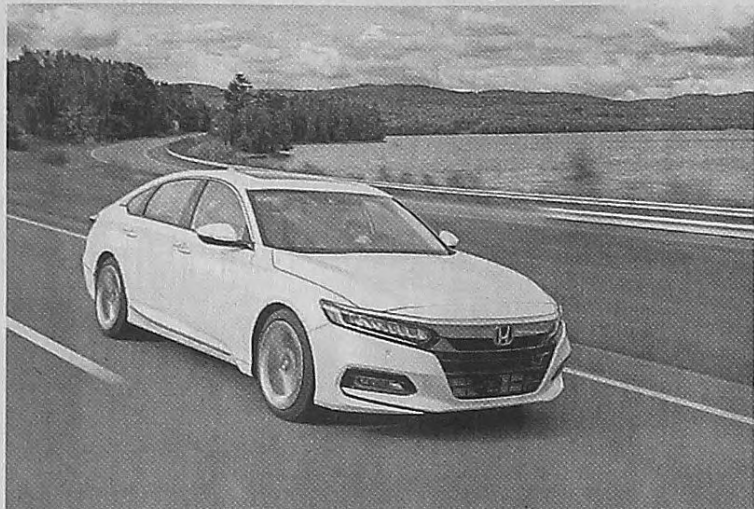
"In this Trophy City, everyone is in first place, but Accord is saying we didn't rest on our laurels, wanted to be even better."

campaign is great for that.

"We're looking from a media plan at doing the most comprehensive media plan we can, targeted at certain audiences, and we're going everywhere we can including regional and digital."

But while Honda "wanted to go with high-profile programming to introduce the Accord" including the marquee NBC shows, and National Football League telecasts, "the real guts of the launch will take place in January. We're at an awkward point right now where we're getting to end-of-year sales events. But we wanted to introduce the new Accord to consumers to let them know it's out there."

Does the NFL still qualify as the megabuy that it did a couple of years ago? "Clearly were' not going to deny that NFL ratings are down," Rossick said. "We'll make compensation for that but it's still reaching millions and millions of people, and live television is still the place you have to go to get those big numbers for awareness. We'll re-evaluate it as the season continues. It's still big."



The 10th-generation Honda Accord is the brand's best sedan ever.



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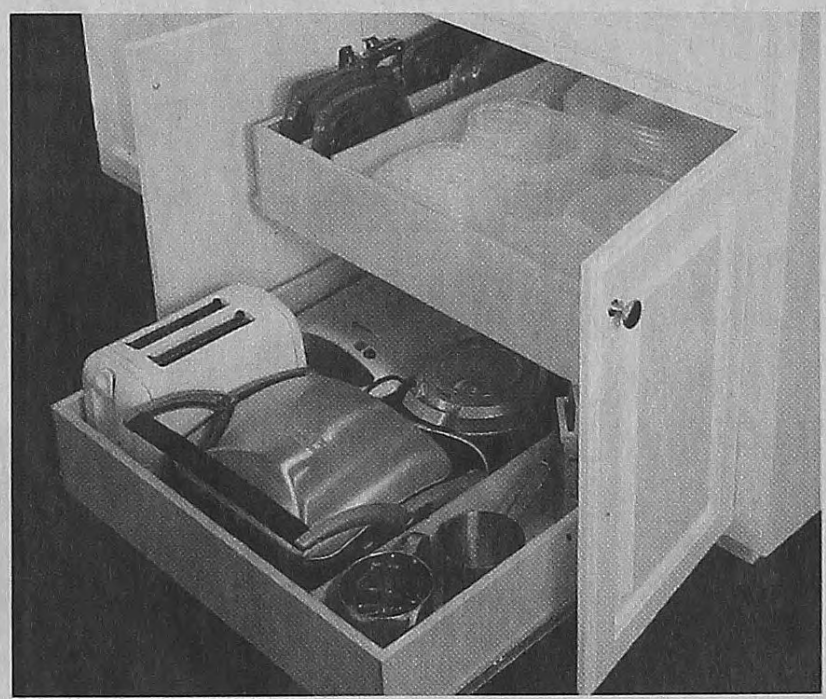
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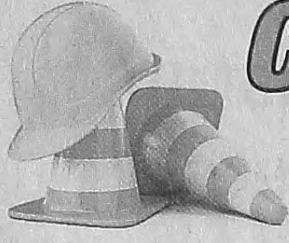
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