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The Garden City Kmart in busier times.

Canton man living his dream

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Correspondent

He has been blown-up with explosives, spun 30 feet through the air dangling by a wire, had his body set afire while wearing a flame-retardant suit and helped Hollywood hero Hugh Jackman fight robots.

Now he's working alongside actors Chace Crawford from TV's "Gossip Girl" series and Elisha Dushku of "Bring It On" fame in "Eloise," a new movie filmed in Michigan and in theaters now.

It sounds both frightening and exciting to most, but for Matthew Philliben, former Canton resident, it is all in a day's work.

Philliben, a 2003 Detroit

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Matt Philliben, a 2003 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central, has gathered more than 40 acting and stunt credits to his name in the past 10 years.

FIRST KMART CLOSING PROMPTS MEMORIES

LeAnne Rogers
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There were always three particular points of pride when it came to Garden City businesses: the first Little Caesars opened on Cherry Hill at Venoy in 1959; the first Kmart opened in March 1962 on Ford at Middlebelt; and the first enclosed McDonald's opened on Middlebelt, south of Ford, in 1966.

Now, that first Kmart store, a traditional anchor of Garden City's downtown shopping district, is in the process of closing. Clearance sales are underway as the store and a number of other Kmarts, including Westland, are closing as the once thriving retail chain struggles financially.

News of the store closing prompted lots of nostalgia from current and former Garden City residents who shopped and worked at the store over the years.

Memories

Norah Fix remembers the date the original Kmart store opened at Ford and Middlebelt in Garden City: March 1, 1962.

"I got married on March 3, 1962. I got every Blue Light Special that they had. They would announce the Blue Light Special for what they had on special. People had to go hurry up and get it," Fix said.

A lifelong Garden City



resident, Fix and her late husband Greg rented her parents' house on Krauter, near St. Raphael Catholic Church, after they were married. "I bought 13 blankets (at Kmart). It was the bloody coldest day of the year. I don't remember all the other stuff I bought, but I remember 13 blankets," she said.

The couple met while working at Garden City Hospital — Fix was a nurse and her husband was an X-ray technician. "I was definitely a regular Kmart shopper. I'd get the kids in the buggy.

They had a place to eat," she said. "It was the closest place to shop. I don't want to go over to Target. I'm sad Macy's is closing. When they closed the restaurant, I missed the Maurice salad. I miss the hot fudge from Sanders — Macy's had it."

Future spouses

Joe Bandy commented that not only does the closing of the store come as a complete surprise, but it's very sad because it is the place where he and his wife met.

Bandy was 20 when he

Having met when they were co-workers at the Garden City Kmart, Joe and Kristin Bandy stopped by the store for a visit following their wedding reception.

hired as a loss control agent at the Garden City Kmart store in February 1997 — basically he patrolled the store looking for shoplifters. His future wife Kristin, then 18, was hired the following month as a cashier.

"She didn't know I was an

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EMU dean discusses partnerships with P-CEP

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Eastern Michigan University is fewer than 20 miles from the hub of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district and Dr. Michael Saylor thinks the university and the school district could be valuable partners.

Saylor, dean of EMU's College of Education, told P-CCS school board members recently he believes there are programs that could be developed in a number of areas that would strengthen the educational experience at both ends.

Saylor told board members he'd read through the district's

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employee, as I dressed as a casual shopper to catch shoplifters. On a particular day I was walking by her register (No. 3) and she summoned me over: 'Hey, come here real quick,' she said. I walk into her register line and basically say 'yes,'" said Bandy. "She then says, 'Do you have 35 cents I can borrow?'"

Bandy said he reached into his pocket and gave her 50 cents and walked away. But she called him back. "She then says, 'Wait, can you purchase this pack of Rolos for me? I'm not allowed to buy my own stuff because loss prevention will fire me,'" said Bandy, who purchased the candy for her.

After the transaction was complete, he said she thanked him, asked his name and what he was doing shopping at



The original Kmart, opened in 1962, is closing.

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Kmart. "I then say, 'My name is Joe and you're fired. I am loss control here.' Her face turned beet red as I laughed walking away."

Joe and Kristin would up happily married in 2010 — the couple had a 5-year-old Carter at the time and were expecting a second child at the time of the wedding.

After their wedding ceremony and reception, the couple and their wedding party made a stop at the Garden City Kmart store. The groomsmen included former and current store loss prevention specialists.

"We are still happily married and living in Garden City today," Bandy said.

Bandy's best man at his wedding was Anthony Skolarus, a former loss prevention officer and by then Garden City Police officer.

"So many great memories from this store. First off, I can remember visiting the Garden City Kmart as a young kid with my grandma. As the first store and staple in Garden City, I couldn't wait to peruse the toy section and cafeteria as a young kid," Skolarus said. "Having the opportunity to work there as a loss prevention officer prior to starting my law enforcement career, I learned a lot about retail crimes, specifically retail fraud and embezzlement, which I still apply in some aspects of my career today."

Like many, Skolarus said he hates to see this store close. "I hope whatever replaces it will continue to serve the visitors and residents of Garden City while positively impacting the



Joe and Kristin Bandy with children Carter and Kendall in 2016.

downtown district," he said. "Whatever that business may be, I'll always see the first Kmart when passing through the Ford and Middlebelt intersection."

Family fun

Former Westland mayor and current 18th District Judge Sandra Ferrence Cicirelli grew up in Garden City with eight siblings and has memories of the first Kmart store.

"We went to that store since I was a kid. I remember going there with my brother Gary when we were 10 or 12 years old," Cicirelli said. "We rode our bikes to the Garden City Kmart.

We had saved our money for a picture of an outside farm scene for our mother. We had a heck of time getting it home with our bikes."

Her mother still has the picture hanging in her home, Cicirelli said, valuing it as a gift from her children.

"I grew up with that Kmart. All of our Christmas trees came from there. People will miss that store," she added.

Causes of decline

Word of the closing also prompted people to take to Facebook to post comments. Some people shared memories while others speculated the causes for the store de-

clining, including empty store shelves, stores not kept very clean, competition with online retailers and general incompetence from top corporate management.

"I'll also say that closing the flagship store, store #1 shows just how they don't care about their history or anything else. There's plenty of other stores that could have been closed, #1 should be at the bottom of the list for possible closings, just on principle," one post read.

Another posted, "So sad. Sadly Kmart is going to go down under due to neglecting their stores. Went to this store while in Michigan five years ago and couldn't believe that it looked like a flea market inside. Sears ultimately killed the Kmart brand by letting their stores fall apart."

"It's a shame. I worked there in the auto service center from '92 until late 2000. That store used to be slammed everyday. Don't what happened. Business slowly dwindled. It was sad to see the service center close and now the store. Lots of memories there," read another.

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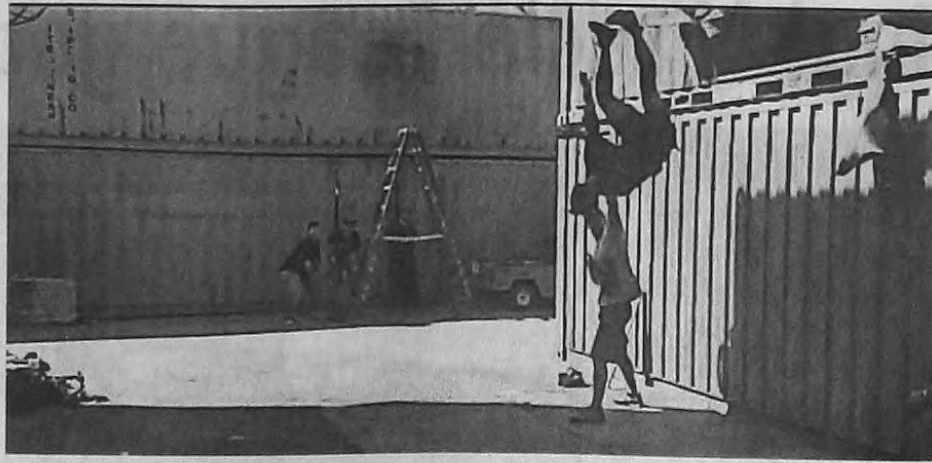
Catholic Central graduate, has spent almost 10 years working as an actor and stuntman in film and TV and loving every minute of it.

"I love it — the adrenaline rush of performing stunts — and I love showing my skills as an actor. I'd do it forever if I could," he said.

His Hollywood career is pretty much of a dream come true for the 32-year-old, who now splits his time between metropolitan Detroit and Atlanta, a worldwide hub for film production. It's also a world apart from his first job at about age 9, delivering the Canton Observer newspaper throughout his neighborhood.

Philliben's ambitions began even before that. "I always knew that I wanted to do this with my life," he said. "There was never any backup plan. I knew that this is what I wanted to do."

Growing up in Canton, he spent a good deal of his time writing, painting and drawing. "I was always creating; always



Matt Philliben performing stunts in a 2016 commercial for the video game "Call of Duty."

using art as an outlet," he said.

It wasn't until he graduated and began attending Schoolcraft College in Livonia that his skills began to really develop under professor James Hartman of the school's theater department.

"He was the first teacher that I had that gave me the confidence that I did have the talent to make it happen," Philliben said.

Philliben next spent some time working in independent films around Michigan and transferring to Western

Michigan University in Kalamazoo to study theater and film. It was after that he received his first big break: The opportunity to work on the set of "Real Steel," a science fiction sports film starring Hugh Jackman, produced by DreamWorks Studios and filmed in Detroit and other locations throughout Michigan.

Although he started out providing security detail on the film set for Jackman, it wasn't long before Philliben's skills in martial arts were brought to the attention of the film's stunt coordinator, Garrett Warren.

Warren, an award-winning stunt choreographer who worked on films including "Avatar," the "Transformers" series and "Iron Man 2," provided Philliben with a glimpse into the world of stunts — and he was instantly entranced.

Philliben was able to perform stunt work in the "Real Steel" fight scenes, offering a rare chance for the valuable-on-the-job training that is necessary to work successfully in the field.

"In the stunt world, to be legitimate, you need to learn on set from a

professional stunt coordinator. Garrett gave me my start. He pretty much took me right off the street and gave me this opportunity. It is not many people that get that chance," he said.

Philliben not only took that chance, he was able to quickly build a career, performing stunt work in films such "Oz, The Great and Powerful" and the upcoming "Fate of the Furious," in which he worked with Charlize Theron, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Vin Diesel, as well "Transformers: The Last Knight" starring Mark Wahlberg, which is scheduled for release later this year.

Also included in his 40-credit strong Internet Movie Database profile is a wide variety of acting roles, including TV series like "12 Monkeys" and "Rush: Inspired by Battlefield" and films like "Red Dawn," "Divergent" and the newly released "Eloise."

"Eloise," a horror movie filmed at and inspired by the now-defunct asylum of the same name located in Wayne, casts Philliben as an orderly. The role allowed Philliben to return

to Michigan, as it filmed at locations throughout metropolitan Detroit.

It also allowed him an opportunity to act and perform stunts, combining both of his loves. While his stunt work keeps the blood rushing quickly through his veins, he appreciates the opportunity to share his acting skills.

"With stunt work, you never know what is coming next and that is really exciting and I love acting, too. I would do both forever, if I could," he said.

On Feb. 26, he will watch the Oscars broadcast, as many others do. Only Philliben will know many of the Academy Award attendees personally. He will cheer on his former co-worker Ryan Gosling, nominated for an award in the Best Actor category and whom Philliben calls "a really nice, down-to-earth guy."

Philliben is hopeful that someday he will be attending the Academy Awards himself — already focusing on an end goal for his flourishing career.

"I would love to get to that level," he said.

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school improvement plan and believes there are collaboration possibilities galore.

"There are plenty of possibilities" for partnerships, Saylor said. "We do a lot of interesting things."

Saylor outlined several in a brief memo to board members. Among the areas of potential:

- » Autism programs. EMU offers undergraduate and graduate special education certification and degrees.
- » Leadership development.
- » Providing career-ready students in educa-



Dr. Michael Saylor, dean of Eastern Michigan's College of Education, talks about potential partnerships with Plymouth-Canton schools.

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tion related fields, including an Urban Teacher Pathways partnership for urban schools within EMU's district.

» Partnering with the district on specific projects. "We may not be able to help with all issues, but we'd like to have a dialogue with Plymouth-Canton about shared interests and challenges," Saylor said.

One focus, he told the board, is early education and encouraging high school students to go into teaching.

"One of the things we need to do as educators is tap the kids on the shoulder and ask, 'Have you ever thought about being a teacher?'" Saylor said. "We don't do that enough. That seed we

plant makes a big difference."

One of the other positives Saylor noted was the number of students who come out of P-CCS wanting to be teachers and the possibility of them returning to the district, degree and teaching certification in hand.

"We have a lot of kids who come out of P-CCS who go into teaching," Saylor said. "If they want to come back here, that would be fun. If we can find ways to work together, we'd love to do that."

Saylor was accompanied to the board meeting by former state Rep. John Stewart, a three-term representative, longtime advocate of public education and a

graduate of Eastern Michigan.

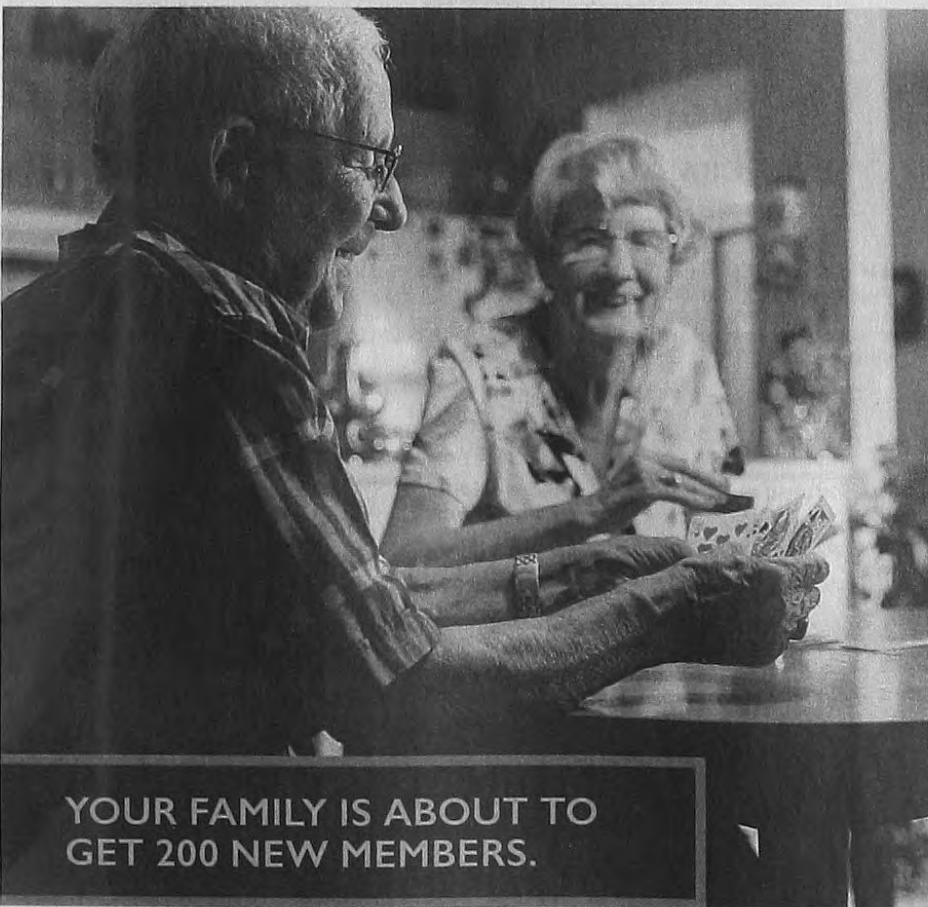
Stewart told board members it would behoove them to work with EMU, much as schools in Kalamazoo have found success working with Western Michigan University.

"I hope to see mentoring and collaboration with our MAC school only 16 miles away," Stewart said. "You have a gold mine in (Saylor). He and his students can be an overwhelming support system for our relationship here."

Said Saylor: "If we can find ways to work together, we'd love to do that."

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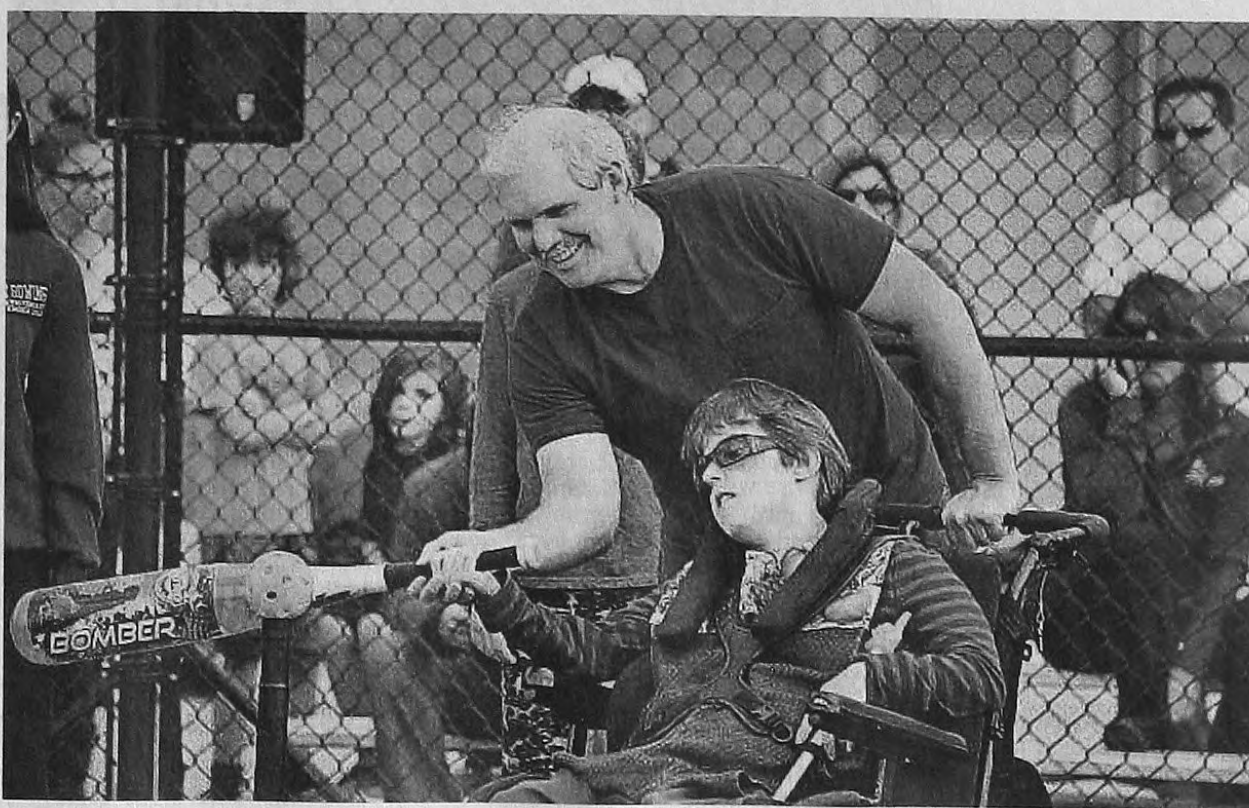
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Melissa Brooks gets some help from her dad, Thad Brooks.



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What's next for the Livonia Kmart property?

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The announcement of the closure of the Kmart store on Seven Mile in Livonia has launched the next big question: what happens with the property?

The store is currently scheduled to close in early April, though there have been discussions over what to do with the property for several years, including input from the citizens group Downtown Livonia Partnership, which has been vocal in recent years in advocating for the property to be redeveloped into a space that includes mixed use development.

"This gives Livonia something, maybe a bit of an edge that we could develop something along those lines," said Heather Douglas, a co-founder of the citizens initiative and a Livonia resident.

She said her organization had met with Livonia-based Schostak Brothers and Co., the developer that owns the 7 Farmington shopping center on the northwest corner of the intersection, though nothing concrete had ever been

decided and the decision to redevelop will remain solely with the Schostak Brothers.

Once Kmart closes, the center will become mostly empty. The only storefronts in use are occupied by Landmark and the Republican Party, which uses a storefront as a temporary office, especially during election seasons.

Mayor Dennis Wright, who has spent many years in the retail industry, said he hates seeing business close within the city, but said it's clear there's a big change happening with the retail industry.

He cited companies such as Amazon, which is currently building a new fulfillment center in Livonia that is expected to open later this year off Eckles, as one such example of the retail business changing.

"Business is done differently today," he said. "Retail is about to take a big U-turn."

Leave development to developers

When it comes to the 7 Farmington shopping center, Wright said he does not plan on getting



Hal Degraff of Livonia stopped by to take a photograph of the Livonia Kmart. He has shopped there for at least a dozen years and said that he will miss it.

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the city involved in directly developing the site, but wants to work with developers to bring what is best for a site like this one.

Schostak Brothers currently lists several vacancies on its website in the plaza as available for interested business-

es. A message was left at the company Wednesday afternoon seeking comment for this story.

Livonia Chamber of Commerce president Dan West said the closure will give the company an excellent chance to do something at the intersection, one that sees

several thousands of vehicles drive by it each day.

"This gives the property owners, Schostak Brothers and Co. and the city of Livonia a great opportunity to redevelop this site at one of the busiest intersections in our city," West said this

past week. Wright cited plans for the former Farmer Jack site down the street on Seven Mile just east of Middlebelt. That property has been vacant for several years, and it was announced last year a developer planned on constructing an LA Fitness and other businesses on the property.

"We had to wait and wait and wait for the right guy to come along and take it," he said.

Douglas, who hosted a meeting in 2015, said it's never great to see jobs eliminated in the city, but also said she, along with many others, want to see the site developed in a modern way that will advance Livonia forward.

"We're always sad to see a business go," she said. "The goal is to improve the city, and my goal is to improve the city."

"This location has been an eyesore long enough."

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Area salons, stylists join forces to collect items for at-risk dogs

Salon Trinity of Livonia is joining together with hair stylists at eight salons in the area to collect donations for the homeless and at-risk dog population.

There is an overwhelming amount of dogs left outside in the cold, chained up or running loose in the streets of Detroit that need help. There are simply not enough resources, funding, rescue workers, foster homes or people who are willing to adopt. Many of the rescue

groups are supported solely through donations and fundraising efforts. In an effort to raise money and collect donations to meet the needs of two dog rescue groups in the metro Detroit area, Detroit Dog Rescue and Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue, an organizational movement called Warm Hearts for Warm Paws was created.

Gifts in any amount and supplies of any kind are appreciated (cat food is also being accepted). Donations are being

collected through March 10.

The donation wish list includes:

- » monetary donations (cash or checks payable to rescue group)
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- » senior dry dog food
- » Kirkland/Costco brand adult dry dog food
- » Kirkland/Costco brand senior dry dog food
- » canned Pedigree chicken and rice adult food
- » canned Pedigree chicken and rice puppy

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- » scent-free liquid laundry detergent
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Global music choreographed for understanding

Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Music performers from around Michigan will share sounds that span the globe at a multicultural music concert.

"Rhythms of Our Life: Music that Guides our Faith" is sponsored by the Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships. The free event will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

The concert will feature more than 120 performers sharing songs

and messages regarding the impact of music in their culture, offering a unique opportunity to develop a better understanding of other cultures.

Musicians and dancers from a variety of cultures will be featured, including Native American, Japanese, Puerto Rican, African, Middle Eastern, India, Bangladesh, American Urban and original music from



Gasaway

local singer/songwriter Amy Saari, said Rodney Gasaway, minister of Adult Education, Programs & Outreach at Newburg United Methodist Church.

The event is well-timed, Gasaway said. "In light of everything that is going on, we need something to bring us together and music is just that," said Gasaway, who also serves as the chair of the Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships in Michigan.

"If we come to better understand one another's cultures, it will be easier

for us to accept and respect the beliefs of others," he said.

In addition to the interfaith and community groups performing, members of wide variety of religions backgrounds, including Islam, Catholic, Hindu, Buddhist, Methodist, Judaism and others will join in an inter-religious choir.

The event will highlight human similarities and focus on that which unites us all, Gasaway said.

"Ninety-nine percent of what we feel, do and experience is shared

between humans of all races, belief systems and locations," he said, adding that "when you look at religions and truly examine the basicologies of most religions, we are very similar."

The concert is the third annual event sponsored by the Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships and held at Newburg United. It is also one of many local interfaith events in which Newburg United participates.

Past events have been centered around interfaith services and have

featured pastors, rabbis, Imams and interfaith ministers sharing from the New Testament, the Old Testament and the Koran in a joint message of communal service, and have all been well-received by the community.

"We are very focused on working together for community benefit," Gasaway said.

"If we unite our efforts to help others in the same way that we are united to each other there is no limit to what we can achieve," he said.

Consider options when trying to gather down payment

Q: I have a little dilemma I hope you can help me with. I have been divorced for about five years. At the time of the divorce, my ex-wife and I sold our house and split the proceeds. Since that time, I have been renting. A couple of years ago, I moved out of my apartment into a house. The owner has offered to sell me the house on land contract. He owns the house free and clear. The one issue I have is coming up with the down payment. I need to come up with \$15,000. I should note that my land contract payment will be less than what I was paying for rent. My question is about the \$15,000. I have a few different options and I hope you can help me decide which one makes more sense. The first option is



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

to borrow the money. I sat down with a lender for a personal loan and I was approved for \$10,000. Of course, the interest is very high - 14 percent. Another option is to take a loan from my 401(k) plan. I can virtually borrow all the money from my 401(k) plan. The interest is about 5 percent. My last option is to take a withdrawal from my IRA. Since I'm younger than 59½, I was told in addition to taxes I would also have a penalty. Hopefully, you can give me some direction as to which way to go.

A: In reviewing your options, I like a combination of withdrawing from

your IRA and taking a loan from your 401(k) plan. I am not a fan of borrowing the money at 14-percent interest. That is excessive, considering where interest rates are today.

My advice would be to first take a \$10,000 distribution from your IRA. Under tax laws, you would be considered a first-time home buyer, you can withdraw up to \$10,000 and not be subject to the penalty even though you are under 59½. Yes, you have to pay the tax on the money, but there is no penalty.

Many people are under the mistaken belief that if you've owned a house in the past, you would not qualify for some of the breaks given to first-time homeowners. That is not the case. Under tax law, the issue is whether or not you owned a house in the last

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two years. Since you did not, you qualify for a penalty-free IRA withdrawal. The maximum you can withdraw as a first-time homeowner is \$10,000.

To make up the difference, I would take a loan from your 401(k) plan. Generally, I'm not a fan of borrowing from 401(k) plans, as I believe the money is for retirement and retirement is sacred. However, there are certain situations where borrowing from a 401(k) plan makes sense. I be-

lieve this situation is one of those times.

In borrowing from a 401(k) plan, one thing you need to be aware of is that, with many companies, if you have a loan outstanding on your 401(k), you cannot add new contributions. If that is the case, then you need to make sure you pay that loan off as soon as possible. If your company matches, you want to make sure that you don't lose that opportunity.

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401(k) plan to take a vacation or to buy a new car, my general answer is no. The purpose of retirement money is to use when you're retired, not sooner. If you get in the habit of withdrawing from your retirement accounts before retirement, I can almost assure you that you will have limited resources in retirement and that is not what you would want. Don't look at your retirement accounts as a savings account that you can tap into on an as-needed basis, but look at it as money that you will only use when you are retired. 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.

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Roland Hwang, Secretary
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Ten tips to help manage heart disease

Every February, we in the medical community recognize National Heart Health Month. Together, we focus extra time and attention to highlight the critical role that our heart plays in our health.



Syam Zampani
GUEST COLUMNIST

and understand your risks. Learn as much as you can about heart disease to prevent surprises and help you stay on top of your health.

2. Explore your taste buds: Use this as an opportunity to try new foods. You're still allowed to eat the bad stuff on occasion, but mix in non-processed, healthier food options more regularly.

3. Find hobbies you enjoy: We often forget about our hobbies when the stress piles up. Use hobbies to help manage stress levels.

4. Get active: Find ways to keep your body moving; whether through classes, programs or sports. Find something you enjoy and stick to it.

If you or a loved one has heart disease, it's not too late. There are healthy, proactive steps you can begin taking right now to improve your overall health and well-being.

5. Be social: Stay in touch with friends and family. Surround yourself with positive people. Talk to those who have gone through the experience of dealing with heart disease and listen to their perspective.

6. Pay attention to your body: You know your body best. Make sure to pay attention to the signs that something may be off. If something doesn't feel right, make

an appointment to visit your doctor.

7. Keep a positive attitude: Attitude can make a difference in how well you recover. Use this experience in a positive way to improve your life.

8. Maintain a healthy blood pressure: High blood pressure causes wear and tear of the delicate inner lining of your blood vessels. Make blood pressure checks a

part of your daily routine. If you are already on medication to regulate your blood pressure, make sure you take them as prescribed.

9. Monitor your cholesterol: The lower your LDL (lousy cholesterol) and the higher your HDL (healthy cholesterol), the better your prognosis.

10. Stay informed: The only constant is change. New techniques and new insights develop constantly in medicine. Maintain an open dialogue with your physician and know your options.

Syam Zampani, M.D., is chief of cardiology and medical director of Cardiac Rehabilitation at St. Mary Mercy Livonia.

Why is this important? According to figures from the American Heart Association, heart disease — including coronary heart disease, hypertension and stroke — is the No. 1 cause of death in the United States. In fact, approximately every 40 seconds an American will have a heart attack. Locally, I suspect that tens of thousands of our friends and neighbors in Wayne County are living with some form of heart dis-

ease and may not be aware of it.

That's the bad news. Here's the good news. If you or a loved one has heart disease, it's not too late. There are healthy, proactive steps you can begin taking right now to improve your overall health and well-being. Together, with the experienced and dedicated Cardiac Rehabilitation team at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, I have laid out our top 10 recommendations for maintaining your heart health:

1. Get informed: Know

Made in America fast becoming a thing of the past

This past January kept me very busy with an appearance at the Novi Home Improvement show, speaking with some 500 homeowners about their major home appliances. From all of these consumers, I heard only one person who had something to say that was on the positive side. She loves her front-load washer and has no problem at all with odors or mold or cleanliness.

Many others complained about repeated service calls on products such as refrigerators and kitchen ranges and the outrageously high costs of replacement parts. My favorite one-liner was used many times: "They don't make them like they used to."

I heard about several people who have paid for repairs on problems that



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

were supposed to have been taken care of under recalls, which makes a point. Be knowledgeable about what goes on in the appliance world or it can cost you dollars you don't expect. I've been reading about a refrigerator that is coming out with a see-through refrigerator door. I call it "anything new to sell a product."

I have a 1948 Philco refrigerator that keeps the temperature at 34 degrees. Will your new refrigerator do that for you? I must say that I didn't hear one complaint about anyone's clothes dryer. Not one — and do you know why? It's the only appliance that the

energy department hasn't touched, although I've heard they will be gearing new energy standards toward that product very soon. And then you can expect a clothes dryer to take two to three hours to dry a load of clothes because the electronics will control everything and cost an absurd amount to replace. So goes the appliance industry, as I have been saying for years.

Speaking of the Novi Home Improvement show, I understand it broke attendance records set way back in 2006. I talked with exhibitors, who stated that they received enough work to last for six months. You could say the improvement in the economy made this show one of the best for many.

I would like to thank the many that stopped by

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who told me they read this column, especially to the lady who told me she has cut out this column and places each one in a scrapbook after she sends copies to her family across the country.

I did meet people who haven't read this column, so they don't have a clue about the recent recall of near three million Samsung top-load washers because the whole top of the washer explodes and is known to have caused

injuries. Or that General Electric has sold its appliance division to a company in China.

From 26 brand names in 2004, down to just a couple today, makes it seem that Made in America is a wording of years gone by. At the time of this writing, my next big appliance purchase will be a Valentine's Day present for my darling Valorie. It just goes to show what a romantic I am. I am going to pur-

chase a new induction cooking-type kitchen range proven to be quick and efficient by 95 percent of homes in Sweden. And can you believe, the burners don't even get hot to the touch. Boils water fast and cooks immediately and I'm going to tell you all about it just as soon as I learn how to use it.

Sort of reminds me of the days when I introduced the microwave oven and people said it would never sell. Look at the great discovery it proved to be and the time it has saved for millions. I said, "The greatest discovery since fire." Stay tuned.

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

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Tuesday, Feb. 28, brings back the seasoned Latin band Nuevo Jazz Detroit with Duncan Jones on keyboard, Don Lewandowski on bass, Patrick Fitzgibbon on Vibes, Chuck Golemba on drums, and Jeff LeDuff on congas. Enjoy original pieces along with old favorites.

For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com

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Post meetings are the first Wednesday of each month. Anyone with an honorable discharge and meets service requirements is eligible to join the American Legion.

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For more information, go to www.post251.org.

Heroin talk

Redford Township Police will discuss the heroin epidemic in Redford and surrounding areas 7-8:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Redford Township District Library, 25320 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. A narcotics detective will talk about the new, and even worse, dangers associated with this addictive drug.

Discussion will also include how to report a



DAVID MALHALAB

Three generations of stamp collectors, Lorraine and Paul Stanton (right) of Plymouth (The Mouse & Such) participated in the 80th anniversary of the Dearborn Stamp Club Show last weekend at the Sokol Hall in Dearborn Heights. They helped three generations of stamp collectors, Daniel (top), Matthew, Jonathan and mom Laura Sinclair of Canton, with grandad Joe Edy of Allen Park (center), who each have their own numismatic collections. Jonathan and Matthew were just some of the young numismatic collectors who attended the show and see future value in stamp collecting.

possible drug house and what information can best assist law enforcement in their investigations. All residents are encouraged to join and bring teenagers, too.

Lightning Robotics

The P-CEP Lightning Robotics team is having a robot unveil 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 22 in the Canton High School Little Theater. Everyone is invited to come meet the robot and learn about the Lightning Robotics team and this year's competition. Canton High School is at 8415 Canton Center Road.

The robotics team's district events are: March 10-11 at Ann Arbor Pioneer High; March 31 and April 1 at Lake Superior State University; state championships are April 12-15, no venue has been determined yet; and world championships April 26-29 at St. Louis, Mo.

Be a Miracle League volunteer

The Miracle League in Plymouth needs two coaches for the 2017 season. Teams will consist of players ages 5-11. If interested, contact Shari Bilkie, shari@miracleleagueplymouth.org. Miracle League player registration ends at 4 p.m. Friday, March 10.

Multicultural concert

A Multicultural Music Concert is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Newburg United Method-

ist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The event is sponsored by the Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships. This is a third annual winter event and this year multicultural music is the focus. The event will feature a large ecumenical choir with churches from across Southeast Michigan. Musicians and dancers from a variety of cultures, including Native American, Japanese, Puerto Rican, African, Middle Eastern, India, Bangladesh, American Urban and original music from local singer/songwriter Amy Saari.

Barone hours

Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone will conduct office hours 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, to meet with constituents who will have the opportunity to discuss matters of concern within the community.

Blazer family auction gala

On Feb. 25, the Ladywood Blazer Family is holding the 21st annual Auction and Gala — the "2017 Blazers Enchanted Evening."

The Auction & Gala will be held at Ladywood High School, 14680 Newburgh Road, in Livonia, starting with Mass in the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft, at 4:30 p.m. The

evening continues at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction, open bar, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, music, dancing and live auction — all for \$85/person. Buy tickets at www.ladywood.org or call Ladywood at 734-591-1544 for more information.

Coffee with a cop

The Canton Police Department invites residents to pull up a chair, grab a cup of coffee and get to know their local police officers from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 25. Residents can ask questions and tell officers about their neighborhood and any concerns. The event is at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton.

Shrove Tuesday pancakes

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 16360 Hubbard Road. For more information, call the parish at 734-421-8451 or go to https://standrews.episcopalchurch.livonia.org.

Garden City Lions breakfast

For the 26th consecutive year, the Garden City Lions will host its annual pancake breakfast. This year's event is set for 8-11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Garden City Moose Lodge No. 538, 29137 Ford Road. Breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage,

juice, milk and coffee. Guest chefs are members of the Garden City Fire Department. Cost is adults \$5, children 12 and younger \$2. For more information, call Bob at 734-612-1775 or Vicki at 734-524-1330.

Wine tasting fundraiser

The Friends of the Canton Public Library and Tony Sacco's will host a Wine & Craft Beer Tasting event benefiting the Friends 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza Restaurant, 1663 N. Canton Center Road, Canton.

Sample red and white wines, craft beers, and enjoy an appetizer buffet. Participants must be 21 or older to attend. Each ticket costs \$25; there are a limited number of tickets available. Purchase tickets directly from Tony Sacco's.

Camera Club featured

Livonia Arts Commission announces that the Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor of the Bob and Janet Bennett Civic Center Library will feature the Greater Detroit Camera Club Council for the month of February.

GDCC is composed of members from the Grosse Pointe Camera Club, Livonia Camera Club, the Motor City Camera Club located in Bloomfield, the Oakland Camera Club located in Waterford, The Photographic Guild located in Southfield, the Seven Ponds Nature Center Camera Club located in Dryden, the Shutterbug Camera Club located in Detroit, the Toledo Camera Club, the West Oakland Camera Club located in New Hudson and the Windsor Camera Club. These photography clubs meet on different days and different times but share a common interest: photography.

Each club has competitions in their Electronic Imaging Divisions, including Monochrome, Color, Nature and Color Creative (altered reality). They also have competitions in the two Print Divisions: Monochrome and Color. During the year, all of these clubs will compete against each other in all of the digital division as well as print division. All of the winners from each competition go into the GDCC's End-of-the-Year Print and Digital compe-

titution. This month they celebrate with an end-of-the-year banquet and preparation for the February exhibit.

Seeking volunteers

Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with patient care and companionship, office support, group activities and more.

Volunteer training sessions will cover mission and values, confidentially, communication and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information pertinent to serving the needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer.

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based hospice organization committed to the highest quality of hospice care for patients, their families and other loved ones. Interested volunteers must complete the online application process prior to training. Early registration is encouraged because several steps must be completed prior to the training sessions.

The next new volunteer orientation is March 11 and will be at the office, 5730 N. Lilley Road, Canton. Contact the volunteer coordinator at 888-983-9050 with questions or to apply for a brief interview.

Red Wings suite raffle

The Livonia Jaycees will hold a raffle to win a suite package of 20 tickets and a \$300 food voucher for the Friday, March 24, Red Wings game against the Tampa Bay Lightning. The raffle is \$20 or three tickets for \$50. The drawing will be March 7 and the winner does not need to be present. Proceeds will go to the Jaycees to use to improve the community.

To purchase tickets, contact the Jaycees at 734-956-0548 or livonia-jaycees@gmail.com or at 37699 Six Mile, Suite 250, Livonia.

Friday Night Glow Skate

The Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland hosts Glow Skate 7-9:20 p.m. each Friday. The cost is \$8 for kids and \$9 for

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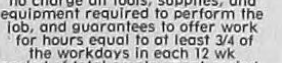
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Poise, polish and presence – those are the keys to climbing the corporate ladder.

And the best way to climb those steps is by working with a certified etiquette instructor like Birmingham's Danielle Kovachevich. Pardon the cliché, but Kovachevich is a real-life Miss Manners.

"Contrary to popular belief, office etiquette is not extinct," Kovachevich said. "It has only evolved."

The former school teacher is certified in etiquette instruction by The Etiquette Institute of St. Louis. She joined Bluestone Executive Communications last December. The Birmingham-based company specializes in helping corporate leaders deliver a message with impact.

"We often work with the CEO, the CFO, the company president or other very high-level executives," Bluestone president Christina McKenna said. "Companies also bring us in to work with the entire organization, helping to cultivate a culture of excellence. We've worked with top executives at General Motors, Magna, La-Z-Boy and Shinola."

Here's what Kovachevich has to say about good manners in the workplace:

Q: Where do you start with a client?

Kovachevich: It depends on whether we're doing a group training to elevate the culture across an entire department or organization or one-on-one coaching to



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Danielle Kovachevich is a certified etiquette instructor for Bluestone Executive Communications in Birmingham.

help one executive fine-tune his or her "professional brand." For groups, we ask the supervisor what they think is working and what is not. With individuals, we ask their professional goals and what they see as the behavioral obstacles to those goals. They're not always the best at identifying their liabilities, but it's a starting point.

Q: How much does it cost for these services?

Kovachevich: I'm not prepared to talk about pricing here ... that wouldn't be polite, would it? But I can tell you this: When our clients add up all the money they spend getting key meetings, preparing for key meetings, flying to key meetings and actually meeting, they realize they cannot afford to blow it once they're in the room. They quickly see our programs pay for themselves.

Q: What about online etiquette?

Kovachevich: This is a huge issue and our biggest area of interest right

now. The work world is increasingly digital, but digital communication is very easily misunderstood and that can lead to all sorts of hurt feelings and other trouble. One of our highest demand programs is Email Etiquette. Email is not new, but we're getting worse, not better, at using it effectively. We've becoming increasingly casual on our communication and that doesn't always read well on a screen. Brevity is fine, so long as the tone is friendly and professional.

Q: Any advice on using cellphones in the office?

Kovachevich: What we're finding is that people tend to be too casual with their cellphones, when they need to keep it more professional. Being on a cellphone, especially during a meeting, is sending a message to co-workers and supervisors that your work isn't important to you. Put it away and make the people and job a priority.

Q: What's the most com-

mon faux pas?

Kovachevich: The most common misstep is putting oneself before others. Manners are a sensitivity and awareness of how we make people feel. Etiquette is not about being perfect or uptight. It simply defines the rules and guidelines of how we should handle social and professional situations. So long as we're being kind, respectful and considerate, we're usually on solid ground.

But if you're looking for one specific example, here's one that's especially relevant in the Michigan winter. While it's OK to wipe your nose at the table, step away from the table if you need to blow your nose. Also, if you must sneeze or cough, do so into the crook of your arm, not your hand, which your dining partner will likely have to shake at the end of the meal.

Q: Is it ever OK to be

rude to someone?

Kovachevich: Never! I think you take the higher road – ultimately what can someone say when you come back with a kind remark? I think it's definitely OK to be direct in a situation, but there's always a way to handle it with grace and class that serves you and the people around you.

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BOKRAM



WILLIAM EDWARD at 87 Dearly loved husband of Heather Elizabeth Bokram for 44 wonderful years, died peacefully in his sleep at his home in East China, Michigan on February 12th, 2017. Bill was the 2nd child of Henry & Martha Bokram of Grosse Pointe, Michigan. He was predeceased by his 1st wife Joanne Katherine Peters of Sheboygan, Wisconsin in 1970. He is survived by their four children, Bruce Bokram & wife Becky, Barbara Heisler & husband Jay, Robert Bokram & wife Jean, and Susan Bokram, grandchildren, Claire Bokram & Graham Bokram. Bill is also survived by his older brother, Robert Bokram, 90, of Harbor Springs, Michigan. He graduated in Aeronautical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Troy, New York at age 21. While in college, he excelled at Lacrosse under the guidance & friendship of the late Ned Harkness, who later became head coach for the Red Wings. At age 22 he enlisted in the Navy during the Korean Conflict, and was a Naval Weapons Instructor and Conning Officer aboard the USS Philippine Sea. Among the several medals awarded to him were 2 Bronze Stars for heroic achievement. He was the President and a Design Engineer for The BH Tool & Supply Company which he and his brother owned in Detroit for over 50 years. He subsequently formed the Tool Design Service Company, serving automotive industry suppliers for over 20 years. Among his many passions were piloting private planes from the age of 14. Being an avid skier, he headed Nubs Nob Ski Patrol in Harbor Springs, Michigan, for 2 years. He enjoyed tennis and golf. His favorite sport in later adult life was fly fishing with friends and his sons & son-in-law, in the streams and rivers of Michigan, Montana and Wyoming as well as Bone fishing in Belize. In retirement Bill and Heather owned and operated The Heather House B & B in Marine City, Michigan for 24 years. Bill was loved by all who knew him. He was always a smiling face, with warm words for everyone. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan or to Grace Hospice of Marysville, Michigan. Other arrangements are to be determined at a later date.

KUEHNEMAN



ERNEST LEE Age 75 of Falmouth, passed away on Thursday, February 16, 2017, at his home. Ernest was born on July 9, 1941 in Muskegon, Michigan, to Harold Albert and Helen Hedwig (Spink) Kuehneman. Ernest taught at the Washington Elementary School in Livonia for 33 years. He was into car racing, hunting, and any sports in general; TV or local. Ernest was a member of the Prosper Christian Reformed Church for many years. He is survived by his son, Ernest L. (Heather) Kuehneman of Canton; grandchildren, Abigail and Hannah Kuehneman of Canton; step-children, Mark Blanton of Westland and Kelley Duffy of Westland; sister-in-law, Lynn Kuehneman of Beulah. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Robert Kuehneman. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at the Prosper Christian Reformed Church in Falmouth, with visitation on Monday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Burkholder Family Funeral Home. Rev. Dick Koetje will officiate at the services. A luncheon will be held after the funeral service. Burial will take place at the Falmouth Cemetery. Thoughts and prayers may be left at burkholderfamilyfuneralhome.com.

RICHARDS



ESTHER ELEANOR February 13, 2017, age 92, of Canton, Michigan. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Richards. Loving mother of Terralynn Keski-Hynnla. Also survived by three granddaughters, Liisa, Leina and Krista Keski-Hynnla and one great-grandson Elias Lockhart. Visitation Monday, February 20, from 9:30 - 11 a.m. with her Funeral Service to follow at 11 a.m. at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI. A luncheon will be served after her service. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Penrickton Center for Blind Children. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

SACKETT



GARY L. Age 74. February 17, 2017. Beloved husband of Susan. Loving father of Amy and David. Dear grandfather of Ezra. Gary was a Tax Attorney for many years and later became an Elder Law Attorney in the City of Livonia. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. and Thursday at the Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, from 10 a.m. until Funeral Service at 11 a.m. Memorials may be directed to Michigan Christian Campus Ministries. Please share a memory at www.rggharris.com.

NEWTON



TYTTI LIISA (BARNETT) December 23, 1968 - February 14, 2017 died unexpectedly on Tuesday. She is greatly loved and will be profoundly missed by her husband Greg, daughter Kelly, mother Vicki Barnett, sister Connie Combs, brother Mike Barnett and extended family and friends too numerous to name. Tytti was a lifelong resident of Northville and Livonia. She was active in the Livonia PTSA, loved working for the benefit of children and was always available to help everyone who needed her. A memorial service was held at Livonia Church of Christ, Saturday, February 18. Internment will take place following cremation. Should you wish to honor her memory, make a donation to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (afspdonerdrive.com) or fund a scholarship in her name at livoniaptsdcouncil.org

SCHULKINS

GEORGE BENJAMIN Feb 10, 2017 Age 78 of Farmington Hills. Became a beloved family member, and resided with James and Mary Wiggle and family from his early 20's. Over the years he became an extra parent to the three Wiggle boys Timothy, Robert (until his passing in 1971) and Kenneth. He was very instrumental in their upbringing and he also shared his love for sports; especially hockey and football. Son of the late Charles and Goldie Schulkins; brother of the late Shirley Watts. He was a loving uncle and cousin who leaves behind many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews. A man who was generous of heart and soul. He will be greatly missed by many that loved him. Memorial will be at a later date.

SCHUMAN



SHIRLEY A. Passed away February 16, 2017. Loving wife of the late Carl. Beloved mother of Karen (Jeff), Marilyn Meredith (Jim), and Carl. Dear sister of Charles Smith, Judith (Dale) Bridge, the late James Smith, and the late Robert Smith. Shirley is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. She was a longtime and devoted member of Grace Lutheran Church. Visitation Sunday, February 19 from 3-8 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Funeral Service Monday, February 20 at 11 a.m. (in state at 10 a.m.) at Grace Lutheran Church, 25630 Grand River Ave. in Redford. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



CALENDAR

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adults. Skate rentals are \$3. Everyone receives a free glow accessory with purchase. The arena is at 6210 Wildwood.

'Calling them Home'

St. Michael the Archangel Parish will offer a new Lenten series, "Calling Them Home," for all parents, grandparents, siblings and others who are interested in helping their special loved ones find their way home to the church. The four-week series, which will meet on consecutive Mondays from March 6-27 in the St. Michael's School cafeteria, will be led by well-known Catholic author, apologist and award-winning Michigan Catholic columnist Gary Michuta, who has extensive teaching experience with teens and young adults.

There is no charge or reservation required for this series. All area Catholics who are interested in this subject are welcome. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard Road, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia. For more information, call the parish at 734-261-1455, ext. 200 or go to www.livoniastmichael.org.

Free open skate

The Redford Ice Arena offers a free open skate at the Redford Ice Arena or all residents and students 6:05-7:05 p.m. each Sunday. The cost for others is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and children. Skate rental is \$3. The arena is at 12400 Beech Daly Road.

Weight management program

On March 14, St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host a weight management program titled Weigh Your Options. Registered dietitians will provide information to help individuals begin a weight loss program. Attendees will learn about successful weight management programs, where to find reliable resources and healthy activities in the community and what is

needed to develop a healthy lifestyle. Participants will learn how to read food labels, write SMART goals and determine their healthiest weight. The class will take place from 6-7:30 p.m. in St. Mary Mercy's Classroom 2, 36475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia (accessed from the south entrance).

There is a \$5 fee for this class and registration is required. Register at stmarymercy.org and click on "Classes and Events."

Slice for Life

This April, Buddy's Pizza will team up with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen to host the 41st annual Slice for Life fundraiser. From 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. April 24, patrons who purchase a ticket can visit any Buddy's Pizza full-service location to enjoy an all-you-can-eat two-topping pizza and salad meal. A carry-out option is also available for purchase at all 11 Buddy's Pizza locations and includes either a 4-square two-topping pizza or a medium sized antipasto, Greek or house salad.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. Advance tickets can be purchased at www.cskdetroit.org or by calling 313-579-2100, ext. 170. Tickets will also be available at the door. All ticket holders may also register to win one 8-square Buddy's Pizza every month for one year. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's community outreach services.

Joint replacement talk

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Livonia will offer free monthly educational seminars in 2017, at which an orthopedic surgeon and expert staff will answer questions and discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures and available implant options. Individuals can also learn about the comprehensive group approach to the joint replacement program at St. Mary Mercy, including pre-surgical classes, choosing a personal "coach" to provide assis-

tance throughout the process, and what to expect post-surgery and following discharge from the hospital. Seminar dates are: Wednesday, Feb. 22; Thursday, March 23; Wednesday, April 19. All joint replacement seminars are held from 6-8 p.m. in Classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36154 Five Mile Road in Livonia. To register, call 734-655-2345.

Lenten pilgrimage

The Lenten Pilgrimage to Solanus Casey Center is at 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8. The pilgrimage, a carpool, departs from St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. Registration forms are available in the St. John Neumann Parish Office. The cost is \$10 and includes tour and lunch. Deadline to register and pay (cash or check): Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017 in the St. John Neumann parish office, 734-455-5910. For more information, contact Ann Doherty at atdoherty707@yahoo.com or Sharlene Borke at sharborke@gmail.com.

St. Pat's dinner

St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland, will host a St. Patrick's Day dinner 5-7:30 p.m. March 17 at the church, between Cherry Hill and Palmer. The dinner includes corned beef, dessert and beverage. Contact 734-721-5023 for more info or tickets.

Free Tax Services

If your annual household income is less than \$54,000, you may be able to get your taxes done free through the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency. Services will be available at the Wayne Public Library 1-6 p.m. Wednesday, March 15 and 22. Walk-ins are accepted, but an appointment would be preferable. Call 734-284-6999 or 313-388-9799 for more information or to make an appointment. You must bring Social Security cards for yourself and all claimed dependents and a valid picture ID. Call to get the full list of additional items you will need to bring.

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CORONER BATTLES HEROIN EPIDEMIC

Spike in addiction deaths spurs official to challenge how problem is treated

MIKE ARGENTO
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When Pam Gay ran for coroner of York County, Pa., heroin wasn't considered a major public health issue.

The number of heroin overdoses had been fairly steady, 10 to 12 a year. But in 2013, the office investigated 17 overdoses, and Gay's chief deputy warned, "I think this may be a problem for us next year."

It was. Not a month after Gay took office, the number of heroin deaths had already exceeded the number from the previous year. "That's when we really knew that we were facing a real problem," she said.

By the end of 2014, her first year in office, 62 people died from heroin overdoses, ranking mostly rural York County sixth among Pennsylvania's 67 counties in per capita heroin deaths.

Gay knew then that her role as coroner would change. In Pennsylvania, coroners are charged with determining the cause and manner of unattended deaths. Medical training is not a prerequisite, but Gay had worked as an emergency department nurse and as an educator.

She also had experience dealing with addicts. Her niece had been addicted to alcohol and crack, and Gay and her husband were drawn into her life, raising her children while she struggled with addiction. It gave her "a different perspective" on the issue, she said. (Her niece has been sober for a decade, and they are very close now.)

Gay set about transforming the coroner's office. She became an advocate for treatment, specifically methadone therapy. She was a leader in the county's heroin task force. She helped bring a needle-exchange program to the county.

And she campaigned to equip police



York County Coroner Pam Gay saw the heroin-related death total spike in 2014. She has since become an advocate for addiction treatment and helps lead the York County Heroin Task Force.

and other first-responders with naloxone, which reverses the effects of an overdose. The drug had been used in emergency rooms for years, she said. It's easy to use, it is effective and it could save lives.

Since April 2015, police and first responders have used naloxone to save more than 330 people.

"I'm just doing my job," she said. "This is what we have to deal with."

Pam Gay

Location: York County, Pa.

Age: 55

Profession: York County Coroner

Mission: To use her office to combat the opioid epidemic

Q&A WITH PAM GAY

What does it mean to you to be an American?

I am so thankful to be an American. A friend of mine who lives in a less advanced country once reminded me that people do not get to choose where they are born, and many times that simple demographic detail of where one is born can be the factor that determines how long they will live, quality of life and if they will ever enjoy the freedoms that we are afforded simply by being born here.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

Two things: One happened 13 years ago when my husband and I suddenly were caught up in the world of drug and alcohol addiction when we discovered that our niece was an addict. Fast forward to 2014 when I first became coroner, one of our earliest decedents, who died from her heroin addiction, was a young mother of two children who had recently been working hard to get sober. The media picked up on the story, and suddenly our community realized we were in the middle of something unlike anything we had experienced before.

What gives me hope?

People give me hope. Especially all the wonderful people I've met in the three years I've been involved in this effort. People who've lost children and parents, people in recovery from heroin or other opioid addiction who bravely tell their story, people who are leading efforts to help in the rehab/recovery process, elected officials who are trying to learn as much as they can to craft helpful legislation, hospital ED physicians and nurses and law enforcement/EMS/fire departments who administer naloxone during overdose without reservation. All of these people inspire me to keep fighting this fight.

What do I hope to accomplish?

I hope that through our office being so vocal about this issue of heroin and opioid addiction that we would one day see a month, several months, even a year go by without a death from this disease.

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Meet Apple's newest security team member

Jay Grossman
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The newest employee at Apple grew up in Bloomfield Hills and started his own computer repair company in middle school.

"Ever since I was a little kid, I loved computers," said Deven Kishore, 21, who joined Apple's product security team in January. "I loved working with them in my house. My dad would give me computers to play with - I would build them, I would take them apart. My parents and a lot of their friends are engineers, so I've been growing up around this culture."

He left for Apple headquarters in Cupertino, Calif., with a couple of suitcases and his mountain bike. His job, in a nutshell, is to help protect company products against any possible cyber security threats that might arise. Asked to reveal more, Kishore politely declined.

"You know I can't share," he said with a smile. "My lips are officially sealed by Apple."

The man from Apple

The first thing that strikes you about Kishore is that he's super friendly and polite. The next thing you notice is that he's darn intelligent.

Kishore was a member of Lahser High School's last graduating class in 2013. He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at the University of Michigan in less than four years. He also skipped second grade.

He credits his involvement on Lahser's forensics team with giving him the confidence to speak in public and articulate his ideas. He also was a member of the school's robotics team. Before that, he earned his Eagle Scout ranking at the age of 13.

And then there was his repair company, called DK Computers.

"This was at the end of middle school, going into high school," he said. "I did it all by word of mouth. It started with a few neighbors, friends and family - I ended up doing a home doctor's office. I set up his home network, making sure he could communicate with the hospital and everything."

At the end of high school, he took on his first full-time job as the IT assistant for a property management company in Troy.

"But the day after I started, the IT manager left," he said. "This was my second day on the job and I'm learning what they have there - and all their computers are at least 10 years old."

He upgraded the entire system on his own.

"So for the whole first year, I set up a brand new computer network," he said. "I replaced all the employee work stations and all the servers. It



Deven Kishore, 21, of Bloomfield Hills is the newest employee at Apple. His role at the company is to protect their products against cyber security threats.

was looking things up on the Internet and figuring out how to get things working ... running test environments. That was key, because being a real business, I didn't want to impact their business activities. It was non-stop learning."

The dark web

It was during his junior year at U-M that he got his first taste of cyber security, through a 10-week internship program at Capital One headquarters in Virginia.

Capital One was one of the first banks to use the public cloud and much of Kishore's internship focused on security in the cloud and keeping the information safe. It was at Capital One that he helped develop an app to weed out hackers.

"Banking is one of the most targeted fields when it comes to cyber crimes, so this app would generate fake credit card numbers, Social Security numbers, passwords - all this consumer data - and it would leak it in the

form of a data dump," he said. "It was like a hacked data base, with information being dumped into places where hackers thrive - places like the dark web."

By generating fake data, cyber security analysts could watch real criminals and hackers trying to access the information. It allows them to better understand criminal behavior in the cyber world. Companies leave these "bread crumbs" and "honey

pots" for criminals to uncover, even disguising them with weak algorithms that are easy to crack.

It was also at Capital One that he won a scholarship to attend Black Hat, one of the biggest cyber security conferences in the world. It's held each year in Las Vegas.

"You don't wear a name tag," he said. "Nobody I know uses their personal cellphones - you get a burner cellphone, because it has a high chance of getting hacked. Most of the networks are compromised and you will be too, if you connect. It's a pretty intense experience - the best government hackers are there, as well as the best cyber criminals."

After Black Hat, Kishore knew exactly what he wanted to do.

"In cyber security, you're dealing with a new fire every day," he said. "You're dealing with one major security problem or story and, the next day there's something that completely trumps the situation."

It was in summer 2016 that Apple reached out to him.

"We started with two phone interviews," he said. "Then they flew me to California and, after a dozen interviews in total, I accepted a role on the product security team."

Birmingham Police Chief Mark Clemence said as society becomes more dependent on the Internet, the need to safeguard systems becomes more critical.

"With billions and billions of dollars being lost each year to Internet fraud, unless Internet security improves dramatically, we will continue to be victimized at an alarming rate," Clemence said. "Improving security will assist law enforcement on the local, state and federal level to

have a better chance of identifying and, hopefully, prosecuting offenders."

Cyber security in the 21st century

Following a mass shooting in San Bernardino in 2015 that left 16 people dead, including the two attackers, the FBI wanted Apple to provide software that would allow the government to hack into the phones.

Apple refused. "They wanted what's best for the consumer," Kishore said. "I think they'll answer to subpoenas, like every company, but there are definitely going to be limits of power. From my perspective, that makes sense."

Eventually, the government was able to hack the terrorist's phone with the help of an outside professional. But the situation raises plenty of questions moving forward, especially when it comes to protecting consumer rights.

"It seems there are a lot of new issues today regarding privacy, security and the government," he said. "The fact that you can use technology to do so many things with different people all over the world is pretty crazy."

As for predictions, Kishore anticipates it won't be long before a 5G network is in place.

"Imagine a downloading speed that's 50-100 times faster than what you have," he said.

"Imagine putting on virtual reality glasses and we're having this conversation in a 360-environment, high speed, perfect HD. That's predicting a few years down the road. In 10 years, who knows?"

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

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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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NO PAIN, NO GAIN

Injured ex-Whalers goalie battling through grueling gym workouts, plus physical therapy at ATI

Tim Smith
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This is the middle of hockey season. So what is Scott Wedgewood doing balancing on a skateboard — which was floating above a rolling pin — frantically taking jabs at an electronic panel?

Maybe the former Plymouth Whalers goaltender — who in 2015-16 made a successful National Hockey League debut with the New Jersey Devils — gave up the game he loves to become immersed in some kind of newfangled extreme sport.

Not on your life. Wedgewood, 24, was doing what he called a reaction exercise at state-of-the-art Barwis Methods Training Center in Plymouth.

It was part of a carefully monitored two-hour morning workout, designed to keep the rest of his body strong and fit while his surgically repaired right shoulder heals.

Wedgewood ruptured the shoulder capsule Nov. 18 during an Albany Devils AHL game and has been rehabbing since the end of December.

"There's no weight involved. It's all muscle memory," Wedgewood said as he tapped the electronic board in response to randomly flashing lights. "So it's react, react, react."

For nearly two months, Barwis Methods has been part of the daily grind in Wedgewood's quest to once again don the goalie pads following plasma anchor shoulder surgery in late November.

Those heavy-duty, core workouts under the watch of Barwis Methods strength and conditioning trainers Dan Mozes and Nick Montoni might keep most of Wedgewood's body strong.

Getting it done

But he also has to spend an hour or so after the sessions at adjacent ATI Physical Therapy, getting his right arm and shoulder kneaded and nudged to health by physical therapist Greg Moore (who also helps high school athletes from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park return from surgeries).

Wedgewood, of course, would rather be standing in front of his goal snagging pucks for the Devils (or with Albany) than dealing with elastic resistance bands during PT.

"It burns," said the affable guy who friends call Wedgie, as he methodically yanked on the bands.

That's fine with him, because it means he is well down the path to a full recovery after what seems like an eternity on the sidelines.

"This is better than doing nothing," Wedgewood said with a smile, adding that it was tough sitting at home in Ontario at his parents' house for close to eight weeks following surgery.

Wedgewood added that his hope is to skate again very soon, maybe before March begins.

"They won't let me on the ice until after week 12 post-surgery, just in case you fall and stretch out the repair," he said. "Very cautious, no running or shaking of it."

"I'm hoping to head down to Albany mid-March and see where we're at. Everyone says don't rush it, you don't want to hurt it, which is very true. But at the same time, that's a timeline I'd be very happy with. Watching hockey's tough sometimes."

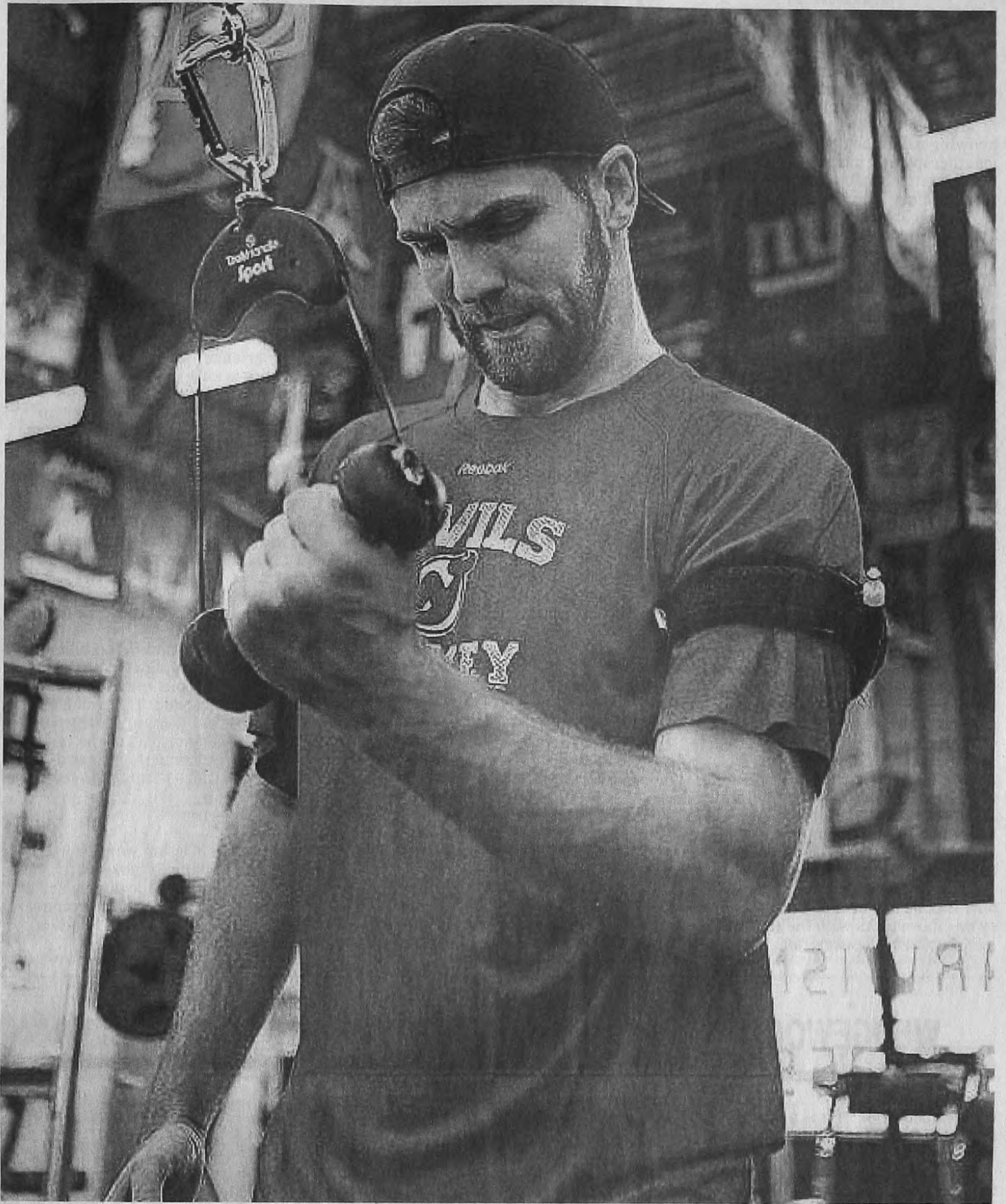
Staying upbeat

For all Wedgewood has gone through the past couple of seasons, it would seem tough for him to crack a smile.

But the goaltender, who played four seasons with the now-defunct Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League, never seems without one.

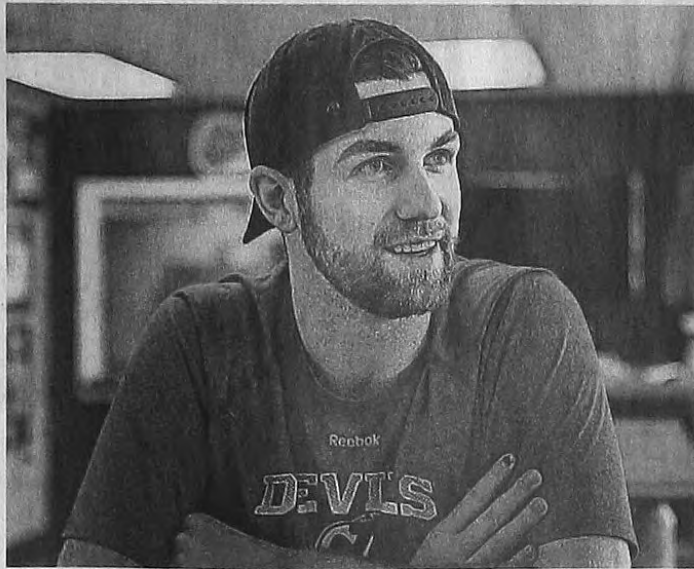
"I don't think I ever have a bad day,"

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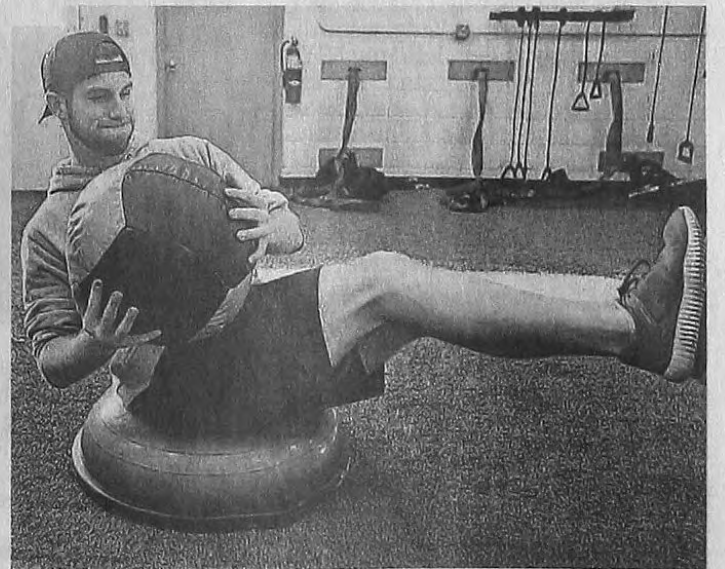


Although Scott Wedgewood still can't put his surgically repaired right shoulder to the test, he goes full tilt on whatever exercises Barwis Methods trainers deem him ready to do.

PHOTOS BY RENA LAVERTY



Goalie Scott Wedgewood of the New Jersey Devils is thankful to get top-notch training and care at Barwis Methods in Plymouth.



Scott Wedgewood works out at Barwis Methods in Plymouth. He discovered the gym while playing for the Whalers of the OHL.

THE WEDGEWOOD FILE

Who: Scott Wedgewood, injured goalie in the system of the NHL's New Jersey Devils.

What: The 24-year-old from Ontario, Canada, is working his way back to health after a ruptured capsule in his right shoulder required surgery.

Injury: Wedgewood fell on his shoulder Nov. 18, playing for the Devils' Albany affiliate in the American Hockey League.

Rest and rehab: After resting several weeks following surgery at the Brampton, Ontario, home of his parents, Mike and Brenda Wedgewood, he returned to Plymouth — where he formerly played OHL hockey with the Whalers and went to high school. In late December, he began a rigorous routine of training and physical therapy, at Barwis

Methods and ATI Physical Therapy, respectively.

Time frame: The goaltender is hopeful that he can soon get back onto the ice and perhaps begin light hockey drills in March.

Career: Wedgewood played four seasons at Compuware Arena with the now-defunct Plymouth Whalers, from 2008-09 through 2011-12. He was drafted 84th overall by the Devils in the 2010 NHL Entry Draft. After playing most of the 2012-13 season with Trenton of the ECHL, he played the following two seasons with the Albany Devils.

NHL: In March 2016, he was called up to New Jersey and went 2-1-1 with a splendid 1.24 goals-against average and .957 save percentage. He posted his first NHL shutout against Pittsburgh.

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LIKE HE NEVER LEFT

N.J. goalie Wedgewood's at home in Plymouth

Local family welcomes former Whalers goaltender into their home while he works his way back from shoulder surgery

Tim Smith
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When Scott Wedgewood found out he'd need shoulder surgery in order to have a chance to resume his hockey career, he blinked hard and agreed it was the best course of action.

Much easier for the goalie was knowing where he'd go for rehab, physical therapy and moral support throughout an arduous process — Plymouth, Mich.

"People are like, 'Why aren't you in Toronto, why aren't you back home?'" said the 24-year-old Wedgewood, who played junior hockey for the Plymouth Whalers. "I fell in love with this town and the way people treated me.

"The area, the gyms ... everybody I've met has been perfect for me."

Wedgewood, who played four games during the 2015-16 season with the New Jersey Devils of the National Hockey League, rested at home with his parents in Ontario in the weeks following surgery.

But since the end of December, he's been back in Plymouth, living with billets Kelly and Mike Collins and their son Mikey (who attends Novi Detroit Catholic Central).

He stayed with the Collinses during his fourth and final season with the Whalers (2011-12), after equally rewarding stints with other billets such as Katie and Dave Tear.

"With the rehab, I called them (the Collinses) and told them what was going on," Wedgewood said. "Moved right in; they're pretty much like my second parents. They've been everything and beyond what I could ask. Just being able to help me out.

"My parents are very comfortable with them; they're close to my family. It's super nice, people opening up their house and it's something you think about, not everybody can do it. Or have the mindset or the love to do it."

Wedgewood added that it doesn't hurt that he sits around and talks hockey or other sports with the family.

"They're big hockey fans, they're



Former Plymouth Whalers goalie Scott Wedgewood (second from left) enjoys time with his billet family (from left) Mikey Collins, Kelly Collins and Mike Collins of Plymouth.



Scott Wedgewood competes for the Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League in this undated file photo.

big sports fans," Wedgewood said. "They're very wholesome people. They care."

Comfort zone

Mike Collins said hosting players such as Wedgewood has been an "amaz-

ing experience" for his family.

"There is an adjustment period that both the family and the player go through," Collins said. "We let them know what is expected ... and, in turn, they let us know their likes and dislikes.

"After a time, they become like family. My son plays hockey and he enjoyed going to the Whalers games and watch his 'brother' play. ... They have become like sons to us — especially Scott."

Collins added that players such as Wedgewood deserve credit for fitting in seamlessly.

"Because most have been billeted before and know what is expected of them in a new home, they tend to fit in quickly," Collins said. "They don't sit up in their room waiting for the next practice ... they are part of the family. "We also welcome their friends and I think that makes them feel even more at home."

Familiarity

In addition to being warmly welcomed back by the Collins family, Wedgewood pushes the pace during rehab sessions at Barwis Methods Training Center (located just east of Sheldon Road in Plymouth).

Meanwhile, don't forget his physical therapy with ATI, located a few steps from the free weights and exercise equipment at Barwis.

According to Wedgewood, knowing he had a welcoming committee waiting for him in Plymouth made his decision to come back a slam-dunk.

"I knew the gym, I knew the area and I kind of grew up here in a sense, from (ages) 15-20," Wedgewood said. "It just kind of worked out. I talked to the Collinses and they were more than happy to have me come down. It just worked out and I've stuck here.

"I got an apartment last year with Alec Nedeljkovic, who was a goalie for Plymouth after I left. We had one in Farmington Hills. It was a lot of fun."

Wedgewood also has had the chance to re-connect with former teammates and coaches with the Whalers, including goalie instructor Stan Matwijiw (now with the OHL Flint Firebirds, whose owners bought the Plymouth franchise in 2015).

"That's one guy that really helped my career and still is," Wedgewood said about Matwijiw, who also runs the renowned Bandits Goalie School during the summer. "It's exciting. You don't want to change your ways too much. He's the guy that taught me my ground work.

"Obviously, people are going to come in throughout your career, different goalie coaches who are going to teach you things you like that are new and use them. But when things are going bad, you go back to your roots, you go back to your basics."

Place to learn

And no matter what happens to Wedgewood in his pro career, he'll always look back fondly on his time with the Whalers.

"I wasn't the fittest kid, I wasn't a pro when I came to the OHL," he said. "I didn't know what it meant. That organization, (GM/head coach) Mike Vellucci and our training staff, my goalie coach Stan Matwijiw ... I had the character and I had the mindset to want to get there.

"It was just fine-tuning all the details and the things you have to do on a daily basis. Plymouth taught me that and the friendships I got from there are going to be lifelong."

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WEDGEWOOD

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Wedgewood said. "If it is a bad day, I usually find a way to smile. I like to have fun and joke around.

"People in this gym and the physical therapy at ATI, everybody in my life, I've surrounded myself with some good people."

Such a positive outlook and relentless work ethic helps keep Wedgewood on New Jersey's radar.

"I think with the way I played over the last couple years," Wedgewood said, "what I've shown when I did my NHL debut and with what I bring to the table — not just as a player, but as a person — I'm very comfortable in the organization.

"Everybody I talked to it seems like it's the same way back."

He certainly has earned a chance to stick around, just from his perseverance alone.

Second setback

That's because this is Wedgewood's second ride on the injury roller-coaster.

Wedgewood already had a round of pain, suffering and rehab under his belt when he made his NHL debut during a four-game stint for the Devils in March 2016. He defeated Columbus in his first game, 3-1, and then blanked eventual Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh.

He played 241 minutes and posted a 1.24 goals-against average and .957 save percentage, while going 2-1-1.

That unforgettable week for the Brampton, Ontario, native actually took place after his first major injury setback.

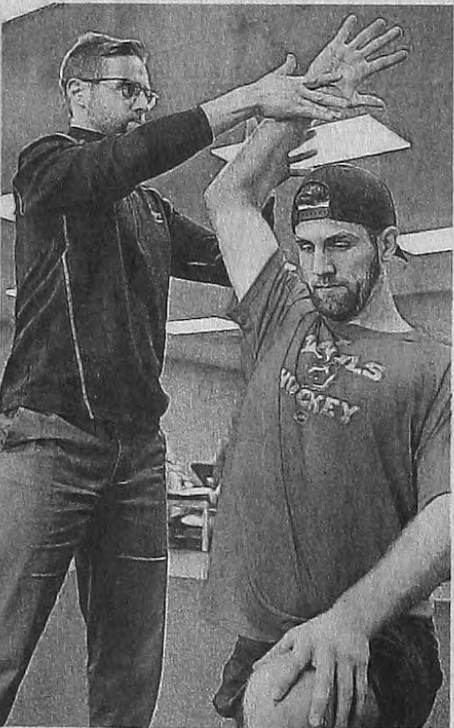
Early in the 2015-16 season, while playing at Albany, he landed awkwardly on his right arm and sustained a partial tear to his interior and anterior shoulder labrums.

"They told me surgery was an option, but I could rehab it for six weeks and I could play for 10 minutes, 10 years or 10 games," Wedgewood said. "You never know and, if you came out again, you'd most likely need surgery. So we rehabbed it.

"Came back early March (2016), played in about four games in the American League and got called to the NHL."

He returned to Albany for the playoffs and then spent summer months rehabbing and training at Barwis Methods (the gym he discovered during his years with the Whalers), along with physical therapy at ATI.

"Unfortunately, in a game in November against Binghamton, I was just behind the net, made a pass and got into a little bit of a scrum with my D-man and the other player," Wedgewood said. "As I was going back to my net, he had a passing option to the slot, so I went down on a knee, slid back into the net and fully stretched again trying to block a passing lane."



PHOTOS BY RENA LAVERTY
Greg Moore (left) of ATI Physical Therapy gently lifts the surgically repaired right shoulder of Scott Wedgewood.

Sounds and sweat

Then came that crunching sound and sharp pain: Wedgewood's shoulder capsule ruptured.

Three months later, he hears different sounds. There are plenty of grunts, along with the whir and wonder of modern exercise machinery, to fill the air at Barwis Methods.

One sound not heard is Wedgewood complaining about his injury-devastated professional hockey life. He isn't crazy about one day's workout blending into the next, but it beats the heck out of the alternative.

"This is a physical battle," Wedgewood said. "It's more of an emotional kind of beat down than anything. You don't have to get up every day if you don't want to.

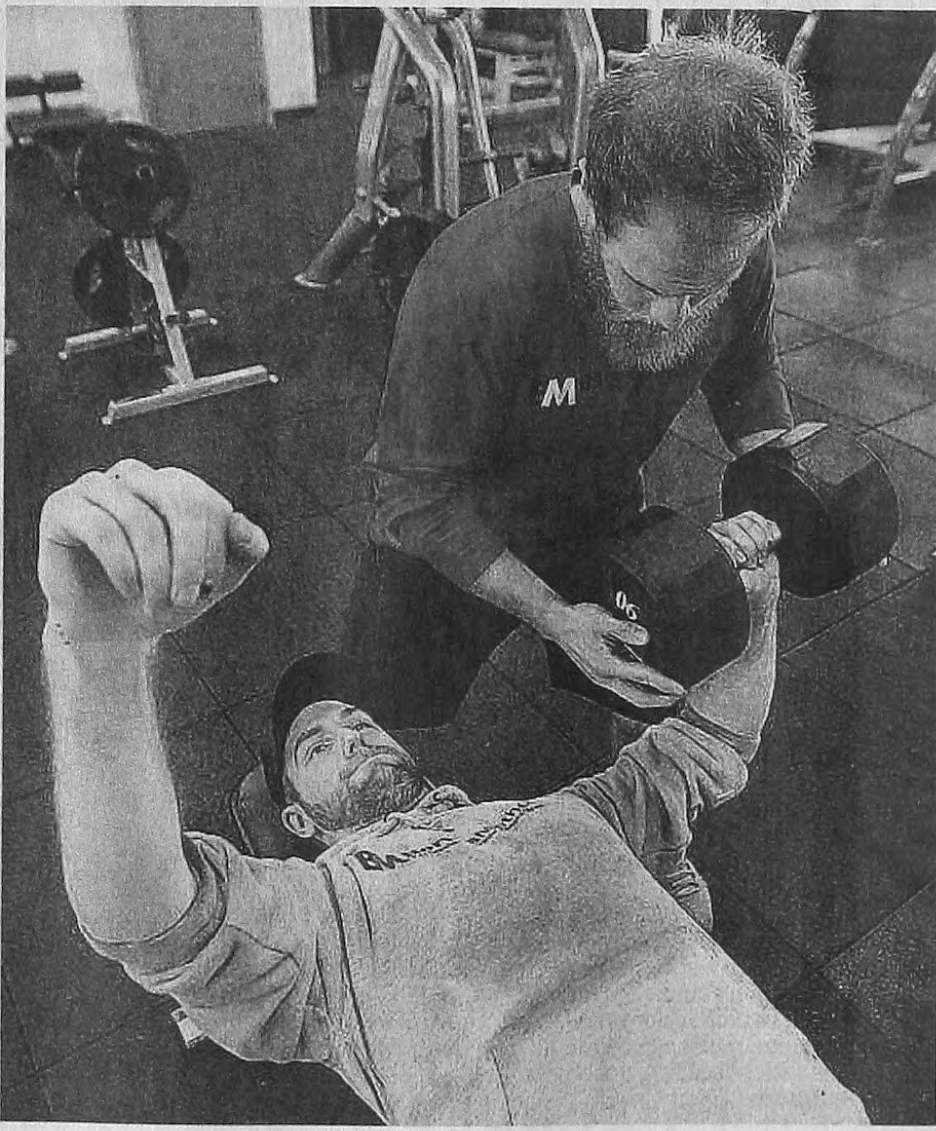
"But you see football guys in here (such as Canton resident Mike Martin, formerly of the University of Michigan and NFL Philadelphia Eagles), wrestlers I worked out with. Everybody's going through the same battle, to be the best they can possibly be.

"You grow and you work together and you push each other. It's fun. I've met a lot of good people through here, not even in the sport of hockey."

Wedgewood is one of the good ones, too.

And once he finally gets the green light from New Jersey Devils management to resume his career, he can be excused for not wanting to see the exercise equipment inside Barwis Methods for quite some time.

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Nick Montoni (right) of Barwis Methods lends a helping hand to Scott Wedgewood during a recent training session. In the two months since Wedgewood has been working out at the Plymouth gym, he has gotten much stronger — he estimates he can do about 20 different exercises now, compared to a few when he began rehab in late December.



Many pro and college athletes from all walks of sports train at Barwis Methods in Plymouth, including goaltender Scott Wedgewood. On the wall behind him are framed uniform jerseys of other big-name athletes who trained there.

CHARITY GAME PREVIEW

Ocelots, police to play for fallen troopers

Schoolcraft men's icers face Michigan State Police Feb. 24 at USA Hockey Arena

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

On the ice, Schoolcraft College's men's club hockey team is carving up opponents — such as wins of 18-2 and 10-2 last weekend against Washtenaw.

But it's away from the rink that the second-year team is hoping to make an even bigger splash. The team organized a charity hockey game against the Michigan State Police that will take place at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

Goals and assists won't be important in the contest, but dollars generated through the event will be. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the gate, with 100 percent of the money going to the Michigan State Police Fallen Trooper Memorial Fund.

"It's going to spread awareness about the troopers who have given the

ultimate sacrifice, protecting and serving our communities day in and day out," said Andrew Lindsay, a former player and current assistant coach with the Schoolcraft hockey team. He also wants to someday become a police officer.

"The Michigan State Police is a family. My best friend's a trooper, my brother's a trooper. I have a lot of friends and family in law enforcement ... and the whole team is passionate about helping the cause."

The doors will open at 2 p.m. and there will be a ceremonial puck drop at 3 p.m. Other highlights will include a 50/50 raffle and chuck-a-puck contest.

About giving back

"Obviously, our team is all about giving back to the community, with all the stuff we've done over the last two years," Lindsay said. "This one's going to be our biggest charity event thus far."

Ocelots players each have a book of tickets to sell to other students and people in the community and about



Andrew Lindsay

\$900 in sponsorships already has been collected.

"I think it's a great thing for the MSP and the Fallen Troopers, because we're raising funds for them," said Rob Lindsay, Andrew's dad and head coach of the Schoolcraft team. "That's what this is all about."

It's not about our hockey team, it's about the Michigan State Police. And our goal is to raise \$5,000."

Andrew Lindsay — whose ambition is to have a police career of his own — promises a good brand of hockey, too. The Ocelots are 18-8-2 in the American Collegiate Hockey Association, entering two season-ending contests this weekend against Central Michigan University.

"The (MSP) hockey team consists of elite players whom have played junior, college and professional hockey," Lindsay said. "It's going to be an exciting game."

According to Lindsay, funds raised from the charity game will go to the fund that helps pay for upkeep on the

Fallen Trooper Memorial, located at the MSP Academy.

Money also will help with various expenses (such as landscaping) for the Fallen Trooper Memorial ceremony the first Monday of May.

Lindsay credited his brother Rob, a state trooper in Niles, for helping to make the game a reality.

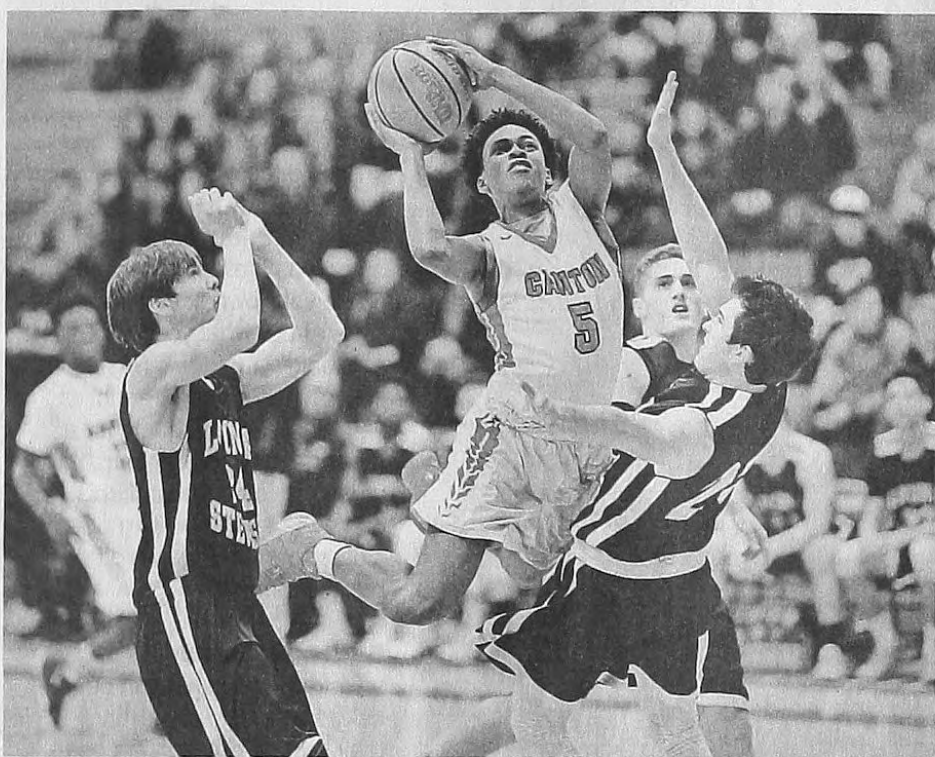
"I was at Christmas with my brother and we needed one more game to fill (Schoolcraft's schedule)," Andrew Lindsay said. "I said ... hey Robbie, would you think about getting your team to play us?"

"He gave me Jon Tibaud's number, he's a Michigan State trooper and captain of the hockey team. We got the ball rolling from there."

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KLAА BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



TOM BEAUDOIN

Canton's Eian Barker splits Livonia Stevenson defenders en route to the basket Friday.

Spartans dazzle down stretch, slip past Chiefs

Canton unable to build on strong first half, fall 68-65

Tim Smith
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Friday night's KLAА tournament boys basketball opener between host Canton and Livonia Stevenson hinged on a foot-ball play in the final seconds.

The Spartans hung on 68-65 to improve to 14-3 on the season, but it took an almost miraculous play to do so.

Leading just 66-65 with 17 seconds to go, junior Parker Graham — who plays quarterback for the varsity football team — heaved a long inbounds pass from behind his own basket that flew over everybody and looked set to bounce out of bounds at the opposite end of the floor.

Enter Devin Dunn, another junior, who did a tightrope walk along the baseline to save the ball from going out of bounds and flicked it back to teammate Ian Knoph.

From there, the Spartans worked the ball around under duress from Canton's fleet defense and Knoph drew a foul. He knocked down both free throws and Chiefs junior B. Artis White was unable to connect on a triple try at the buzzer that would have forced overtime.

"These guys are amazing. They all play football, they're great athletes," Stevenson head coach Kareem Smart said. "So when they do stuff like that, you hold your breath, but that's plays they normally make in practice."

"And they all played together as a team, so they kept moving instead of standing and watching."

Shaking his head at the sequence was Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy, but for another reason.

"They made a good save. We shouldn't have got beat deep to start with," Reddy said. "We talked about it at the timeout, they threw it deep and we still weren't able to come up with it. Stevenson made the play they had to make."

Leaky defense

Reddy also wasn't thrilled that his team, which led 33-24, gave up 44 points after intermission. Scoring 13 of those points was Knoph, who led the Spartans with 19 for the night.

"You can't give up 44 points in the second half and expect to beat anybody, good team or not," Reddy said. "We were way more efficient in the first half at both ends."

"I just think defensively in the second half, we couldn't keep people in front. Our individual defense was real bad and, in turn, that led to scores at the rim or open threes because we have to help

across."

Knoph said the team knew what it had to do to open the third quarter and a 10-0 run to open the quarter turned around the game. He scored the first five points to get it going.

"Just get back to our game," Knoph said when asked about any halftime message. "We started to play a little bit into their hands and then we got back to our game. We started hitting our shots and getting out on their shots. It worked out."

Stevenson regained a 34-33 lead with about six minutes to go in the third, on a layup-and-one scored by Ferguson.

But the Chiefs came right back and maintained a 50-47 lead after three quarters.

Canton still led midway through the fourth, when senior Nader Kandalaf went in for a clutch layup (and foul shot) to put the Spartans up, 58-57.

Stevenson would not relinquish the lead the rest of the game.

"I just told them like I've been telling them all year," Smart said. "They play better as a team than individuals. ... George had a big game because Ian started sharing the ball more and so did Devin."

Bright spot

Canton junior guard Eian Barker led all scorers with 20 points, while sophomore guard Vinson Sigmon had 19 points and connected on five treys (four in the first half).

Chipping in 10 points was junior forward Chase Meredith.

"Vinson's been our best two-way player all year, no question about it," Reddy said. "He's really starting to shoot it well. I'm excited because I love the way (he) competes."

Stevenson had four players in double figures. In addition to Knoph, junior George Ferguson scored 12 points, while Graham and Dunn each chipped in 10.

The Spartans enjoyed a 24-20 edge in rebounding.

NOVI 63, PLYMOUTH 51: Trender Hankerson scored 17 points Friday to spark Novi to a KLAА tournament win over Plymouth.

For Plymouth (7-10), Tariq Woody had 18 points and eight rebounds, while Anthony Crump (15 points), Joe Robb (seven points) and Connor Bush (six points and eight boards) helped the cause.

Travon Maddox Jr. scored 14 for Novi (14-4).

WAYNE 68, SALEM 54: Despite 11 points and eight rebounds from Kyle Winfrey and 10 points from Cameron Grace, the Rocks were downed in a KLAА tournament opener.

Salem (7-10) will face Brighton on Tuesday.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Novi's Mackay torches Canton for 40 in big win

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Novi's Ellie Mackay went into Canton's gym Thursday night and proved to be a human tornado.

And the junior guard left a path of destruction, scoring a school-record 40 points as the Wildcats stunned the KLAА South Division co-champions, 66-42, in the semifinals of the Kensington Conference tourney.

Mackay, hitting four 3-pointers, scored 21 points in the first quarter alone as Novi got out to a commanding 24-7 lead.

"I think it was the perfect storm in the first quarter," said Novi coach Bill Kelp, whose team improved to 14-4 overall. "Balls bounced our way and we hit some shots, got some rebounds and good things fell our way."

Cara Ninkovich added eight points and three assists, while Julia Lalain contributed seven points and 10 rebounds for the Wildcats, who led 36-17 at halftime and 54-30 after three quarters.

Mackay also made 14-of-19 free throws

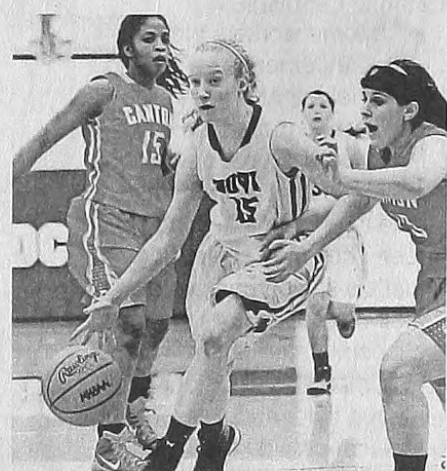
"If we missed a shot or if there was a 50/50 ball, the ball kind of got knocked her way, she picked it up and there were some of those because she was open because of that," Kelp said. "The loose ball stuff kind of went her way. The second half, it was more of her getting to the basket, getting fouled and shooting free throws."

With the win, the Wildcats moved into Monday's conference championship game, where they will host Wayne Memorial (14-3). Game time is 7 p.m.

"I think the girls are excited to play and play for a chance to get to the conference finals," Kelp said. "We haven't played a game like this in a long time. You don't beat Canton too often and you don't beat them easily. And I won't say it was easy, but I'm just real proud of what the kids showed tonight for sure. They're scrappers, they're fighters and I'm very, very happy for them."

Senior forward Erin Hult was Canton's top scorer with 16 points, while Shanya Butler and Alaina Heitmeyer added 11 and nine, respectively.

Ashley Criscenti and Madison



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Novi junior guard Ellie Mackay (middle) scored a school-record 40 points in a 66-44 playoff win over Canton. Trying to defend for the Chiefs are Shanya Butler (left) and Madison Wolfbauer.

Wolfbauer pulled down six and five rebounds, respectively, as the loss dropped the Chiefs to 14-4 overall.

"To say Novi jumped on us early is the understatement of the year," Canton coach Rob Heitmeyer said. "Playing from behind is tough during tournament time. And while our team gave an effort worthy of a comeback, it was not to be tonight."

PLYMOUTH 47, MOTT 46: Chantal LeDoux tallied and basket and one with three seconds to go to lift Plymouth to victory in the KLAА tournament.

The Wildcats (8-10) move on to face Walled Lake Northern on Monday.

Plymouth coach Ryan Ballard said LeDoux's clutch shot was a backdoor cut, off a feed from Alexa Ebeling (12 points). LeDoux led the squad with 14 points, while Angela Schmidt and Becca Przybylo had eight and five points, respectively.

"I'm extremely proud of the perseverance our group showed tonight," Ballard said. "It was a next play mentality type of game. Both teams traded punches all game. We made the final knockout punch tonight."

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KLAА GYMNASTICS

Canton wins share of division title

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The Canton Chiefs are still on the beam, with outstanding performances in this event leading the way Thursday to a 141.15-133.9 win over Huron Valley.

With the win, Canton (10-1 overall, 4-1 in the division) captured at least a share of the KLAА Kensington Division championship with Northville.

"There is one more dual meet next week at Grosse Pointe and then the real hurdles and goals are in sight," veteran Chiefs coach John Cunningham said. "Win regionals and then win states."

Cunningham said the win over Huron Valley was a positive for his team, considering it was battling "injuries and absence, so the scores reflect a good meet."

Missing her second consecutive meet for Canton was Kelsea Kernosek and she was not available for Saturday's KLAА championship meet.

Canton took first on uneven parallel bars (Victoria Faber, 9.75), balance beam (Jana Hilditch, 9.5) and floor exercise (a tie at 9.175 between Faber and Katie Dickson).

"Beam was the major difference," Cunningham said.

In addition to Hilditch, the Chiefs took places two through five — Rachel Socha, 9.474; Katherine Najduk, 8.75;

Dickson, 8.725 and Annika Wang, 8.6.

Plymouth edged by Livonia Red

In a closely contested KLAА meet Thursday at Plymouth, Livonia Red earned a 139.475-139.150 victory over the Wildcats.

For Livonia Red (4-6-1 overall, 2-2-1 in the Kensington Division), a 1-2-3 finish on floor exercise turned out to be key.

Winning the event with 9.35 was Mikaela Hille, with teammate Olivia Dillon tallying a 9.25 score. In third was Saydee Via (8.95).

Other 9.0 performances for Livonia Red were turned in by Hille on vault (9.05) and Dillon on beam (9.40 for second place). Registering 8.9 scores on vault were Mackenzie Boorman and Megan Waters.

Plymouth earned a narrow win on vault (35.650 to 35.6), led by Emily Caragay's first-place finish of 9.45.

The Wildcats also won beam (36.8 to 35.1) behind strong performances from Caragay (first, 9.55), Ava Eiola (third, 9.35), Adriana Tao (9.05) and Sara Hosmer (8.85).

Caragay tallied three nines in the meet, chalking up 9.275 on bars. Just missing 9.0 on vault was Jaya Dhande (8.85).

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5 post-retirement careers to consider

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Some workers picture retirement as a time to take that dream vacation, spend more time with family or pick up a new hobby. Others look at retirement as a time to pursue a second career. They may seek out a role that's a scaled back version of their current job, or they may choose to start fresh. Either way, many types of jobs are a good fit for mature workers and can provide fulfillment, enrichment – and a paycheck.

Here are five career options to consider for workers nearing retirement:

1. Résumé writer

Jessica Holbrook Hernandez, president and CEO of Great Résumés Fast, says mature workers who want to make an impact after retirement should consider becoming résumé writers. "The career experience that you've gained, years of leadership and industry expertise are a great combination for an executive résumé writer," she says. "If you love to write, you should consider looking into certification as a résumé writer. There are many different certification organizations and even online training programs that can turn good writers into great résumé writers. Help-



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ing others pursue their own career dreams is a wonderful way to make an impact post-retirement."

2. Teacher

Another great way for mature workers to use their experience – and give back to the community – is through teaching or mentoring. "Sometimes, a person may teach or work at a university. In other cases, a person may actually teach in a prison, helping inmates to further their education," says Angela Copeland, a career

coach and owner of Copeland Coaching. While some additional schooling may be required, it's a meaningful and rewarding way to spend one's retirement.

3. Virtual assistant

Computer-savvy mature workers may want to consider a career in virtual assisting, or conducting administrative, clerical or other requested tasks for clients remotely. "They can work for an agency or can run their own virtual assistant practice if they wish

to go into business for themselves," says Holly Kile, author of "Virtual Team Builder for Coaches" and founder of HJK Global Solutions. "Virtual assisting offers flexibility in work hours and the ability to work from home or on the road for those who travel, making it an ideal choice for someone nearing traditional retirement age."

4. Blogger

Just because you're not a mom or a foodie doesn't mean you can't blog – anyone who

can tell a good story can find an audience. "If you have some skills as a writer, [blogging] makes a great career option, as it allows you to make your own schedule and write about what you know and enjoy," suggests Susan Joyce, owner and operator of Job-Hunt.org, the guide for a smarter, safer job search. "If your blog is successful, this can even lead to writing or editing opportunities with other publications."

5. Entrepreneur

Entrepreneurship can seem risky for those just starting their career, but workers nearing retirement may be more comfortable taking a risk and following a passion. "It's never too late to pursue a business idea of your own," Joyce says. "Like blogging, being an entrepreneur allows you to work how and when you work best. This flexibility is great for retirees looking for a change. Whether your business idea leads you to 'Shark Tank' or Etsy, entrepreneurship can be a fun, rewarding option for mature workers."

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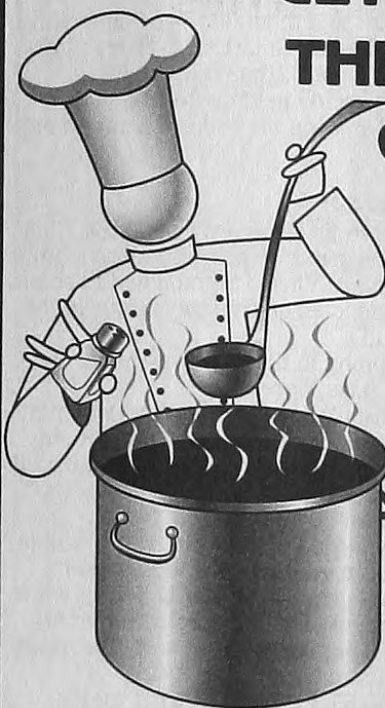
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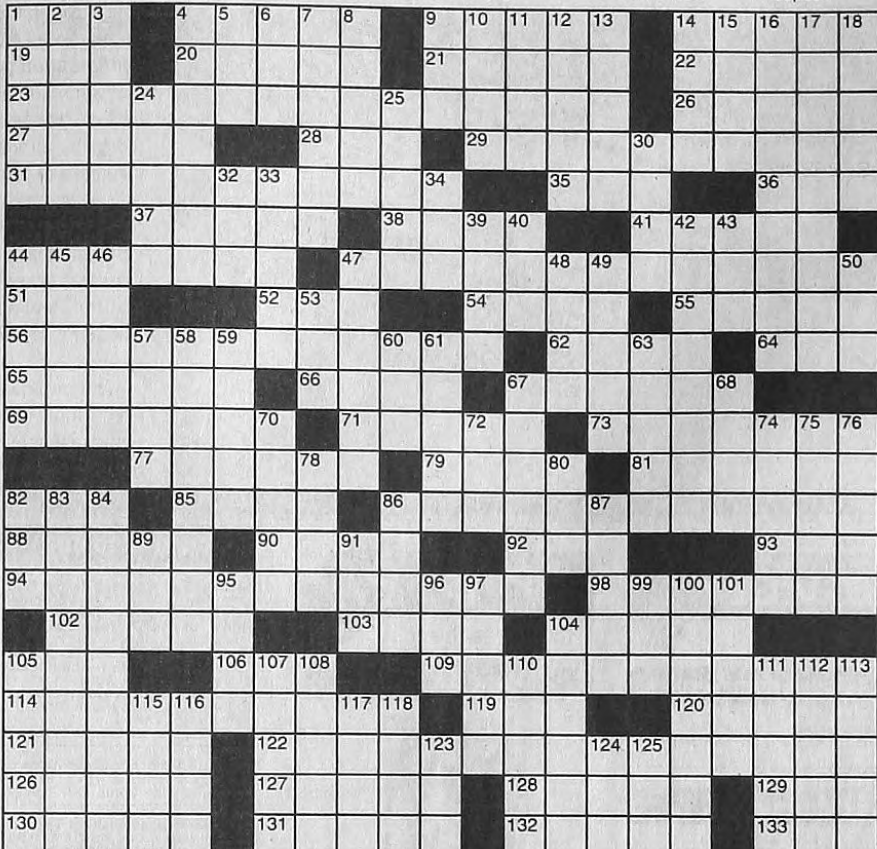
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 - 4 Pig noise
 - 9 Tosses out
 - 14 Some choir women
 - 19 With 74-Down, "Such gall!"
 - 20 Tree-topping ax wielder
 - 21 Expiate, with "tor"
 - 22 Statue of Liberty feature
 - 23 African beast submerged?
 - 26 Ranch rope
 - 27 Unit of Time
 - 28 Park or Fifth: Abbr.
 - 29 Like partially spoiled oil?
 - 31 Five-alarm, for one?
 - 35 Mao — -tung
 - 36 British isle
 - 37 Slyly derisive
 - 38 Mocked by imitating
 - 41 Humdrum
 - 44 Amor or Eros
 - 47 Magic lamp owner's language?
 - 51 Purpose
 - 52 Property unit
 - 54 Hereditary unit
 - 55 Daphnis' lover
 - 56 Tan-colored door security feature?
 - 62 Banknotes
 - 64 Wichita-to-Akron dir.
 - 65 Fueled (up)
 - 66 Tennille or Braxton
 - 67 "Misty" crooner Johnny
 - 69 Hero of Sophocles' "Electra"
 - 71 It's hidden in this puzzle's 10 longest answers
 - 73 Native of Cuba's capital
 - 77 Fail to do as promised
 - 79 Watson of "The Bling Ring"
 - 81 Texas border city
 - 82 "The Simpsons" clerk
 - 85 Q-V link
 - 86 Snap-on parts of a lot's tote?
 - 88 Friend of the Lone Ranger
 - 90 Tenderfoot
 - 92 Do injury to
 - 93 Jockey (for)
 - 94 "Farewell, Ms. Clooney!"?
 - 98 Wading birds
 - 102 Raccoon relative
 - 103 Israel's Eban
 - 104 Texas city near Dallas
 - 105 Dick — Dyke
 - 106 Washroom, informally
 - 109 Thoroughly clean some sour fruit?
 - 114 Tune about Houdini?
 - 119 Several eras
 - 120 Flat piece of microfilm
 - 121 Flat, as pop
 - 122 Cause Reagan to digress?
 - 126 By itself
 - 127 Without — (worry-free)
 - 128 Sandbank
 - 129 Thigh's place city
 - 130 Fiery feeling
 - 131 Faked out, in ice hockey
 - 132 Utilized a keypad
 - 133 "What — the odds?"
 - 4 Providing with footwear
 - 5 Modern, in Munster
 - 6 Rent-to —
 - 7 Adjust on a timeline
 - 8 — Fountain (Rome landmark)
 - 9 Skull bone
 - 10 Great Salt Lake's state
 - 11 — moment too soon
 - 12 Honored a king, maybe
 - 13 Bondmen
 - 14 Razor name
 - 15 Pork cut
 - 16 Like phone calls and outlines
 - 17 1 followed by 27 zeros
 - 18 Like arbors
 - 24 Living proof?
 - 25 Relating to the kidneys
 - 30 McEntire of country
 - 32 — Grande
 - 33 Confound
 - 34 Scholastic meas.
 - 39 Sword part
 - 40 Pres. before JFK
 - 42 Of a large store of data
 - 43 Opposite of "yep"
 - 44 "Hasta —" (Spanish "Later!")
 - 45 Often-quoted Wilde
 - 46 Sonnet, e.g.
 - 47 In one's own house
 - 48 Peruvian of yore
 - 49 Below, in a 46-Down
 - 50 "Meh" mark
 - 53 Decide
 - 57 Pre-'91 empire
 - 58 Fade away
 - 59 Xanadus
 - 60 Lover of Lennon
 - 61 Top part of some forms
 - 63 Intend to
 - 67 "Well, I declare!"
 - 68 Actress Mia
 - 70 Brawl
 - 72 Diplomat's bldg.
 - 74 See 19-Across
 - 75 Allow to enter
 - 76 Snoots
 - 78 Fellas
 - 80 Toothpaste box org.
 - 82 — loss for words
 - 83 Many a Net radio host
 - 84 Teamster ID
 - 86 Utterly fail
 - 87 Toothbrush brand
 - 89 Pekoe, e.g.
 - 91 Irish actor Stephen
 - 95 Annoy
 - 96 Crunches crunch them
 - 97 Slot car, say
 - 99 Kilmer of "Top Gun"
 - 100 Not divided into parts
 - 101 "— Tho' the Rye"
 - 104 Forceful
 - 105 Line of motor scooters
 - 107 President of Syria
 - 108 Verbalize
 - 110 Be sweltering
 - 111 City NNE of Tampa
 - 112 N.J. Devil, e.g.
 - 113 Swamp plant
 - 115 As well
 - 116 Look keenly
 - 117 Neighbor of Mont.
 - 118 Actor Richard
 - 123 TV's Turner
 - 124 Keystone policeman
 - 125 Carly — Jepsen



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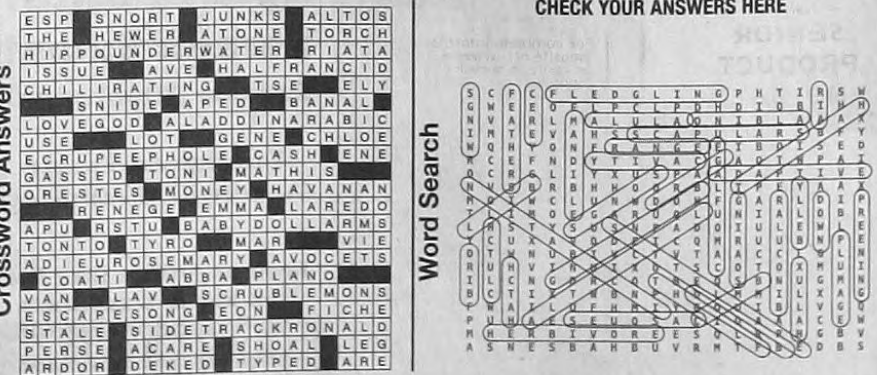
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Car Report

SALES, RAVES AND THIRD-PARTY KUDOS: FCA'S GAME-CHANGING CHRYSLER PACIFICA MINIVAN DESERVES THEM ALL

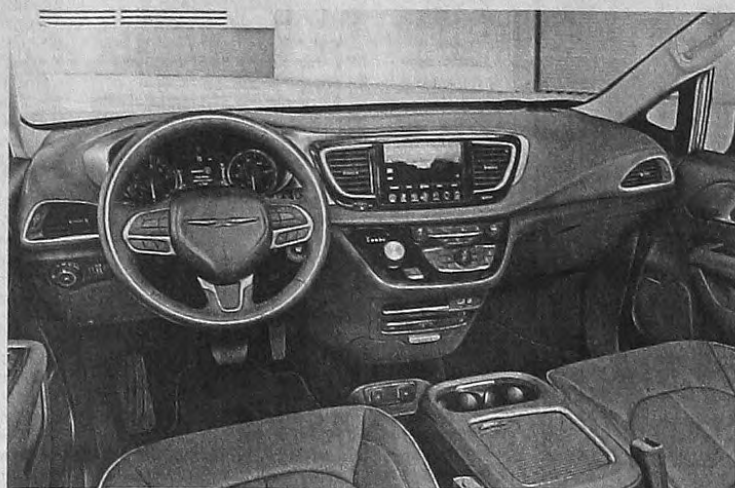


By Dale Buss

Chrysler's Pacifica minivan has fulfilled all expectations for the sharply designed new vehicle since it was introduced about a year ago.

With about 6,700 sales in January, the model began lapping year-ago sales (of just 39 vehicles) last month as Fiat Chrysler attempts to re-establish the kind of dominance that it enjoyed in minivans for a long time after the company created the segment in the mid-1980s, when Lee Iacocca climbed out of an early production model at the Windsor assembly plant.

I've always loved minivans as the ideal — if politically incorrect — balance of adequate fuel economy, decent handling, great front-row visibility, unequalled people-moving



A luxurious but clean interior characterizes Pacifica



Pacifica's roominess is enhanced by the huge sunroofs.

capacity and large and flexible cargo areas.

Then the 2017 Chrysler Pacifica reinvented the minivan segment with what the company called "an unprecedented level of functionality, versatility, technology and bold styling."

The company counted 37 separate "minivan firsts" when it unveiled the Pacifica family.

That's certainly what I found in the recent use of Pacifica as an incredibly capable and flexible platform for a family vacation, during which we were able to take advantage of everything from fantastic vistas available through the panoramic sunroofs, to the roomy front cabin, to the many configuration possibilities for cargo that are made possible by engineering in the rear compartment, to — well, using the onboard vacuum cleaner to take care of a little crumb problem.

The vacuum cleaner actually is only one of many comfort and convenience features, along with more than 100 available safety and security features, and an all-new UConnect Theater rear-seat entertainment system.

The ratification of Pacifica's great execution by American consumers via actual sales followed the rollout of a brilliant multipart marketing

campaign last year, shaped around a series of TV commercials that starred affable comic and father Jim Gaffigan and his real-life wife and five children — a perfect crew to demonstrate the capabilities of the new Pacifica.

Plus, Gaffigan helped establish the new model as one that dads actually could ogle un-self-consciously, despite minivans' hoary reputation as a vehicle only for soccer moms. It isn't clear yet to what extent Fiat Chrysler's appeal to the "father factor" is helping Pacifica's sales. And in the last few months, Pacifica also has gotten some product and technology validation as one of the most forward-looking vehicles in the Fiat Chrysler fleet because Chrysler introduced the first hybrid minivan in the United States.

Not only that, but Google selected the Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid — 100 of them, in fact — to serve as the platforms for testing the tech giant's first self-driving platforms. Google and Fiat Chrysler's experimentation with

these specially outfitted Pacificas has only begun, much like the development work that other combinations of automakers and digital-tech companies are performing. But Pacifica is what finally put Fiat Chrysler into the self-driving conversation.

In any event, not only consumers but also important third-party evaluators are beginning to notice. In early February alone, Pacifica was named Family Vehicle of the Year by the Midwest Media Association, an honor announced at the Chicago Auto Show; "Best Minivan" in the 2017 Drivers' Choice Awards by MotorWeek magazine; and the Best Car for the Money in its category by U.S. News & World Report magazine.

"Choosing a family vehicle is an important decision," Damon Bell, senior vice president of the Midwest Automotive Media Association, said about awarding Pacifica. "It should be versatile, reliable, efficient and reasonably priced ... and the Chrysler Pacifica came out on top."

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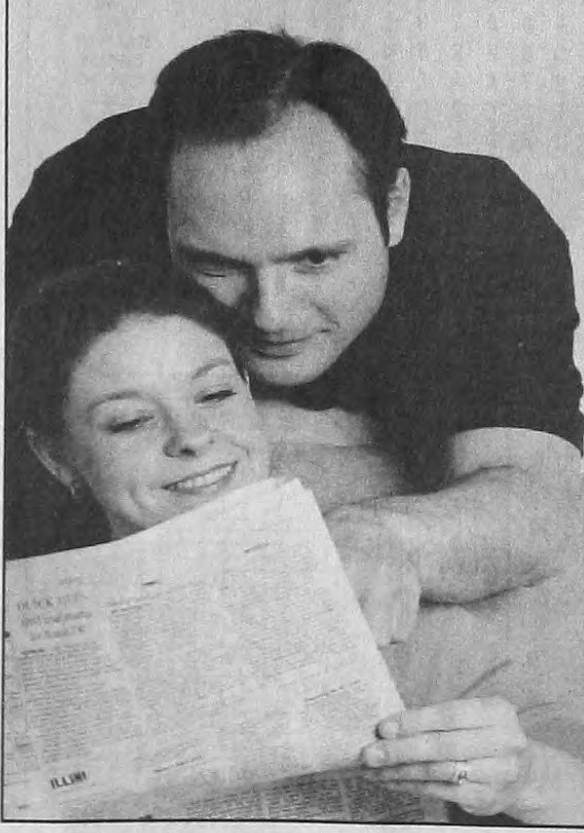
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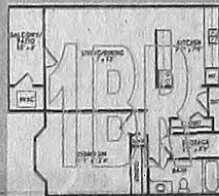
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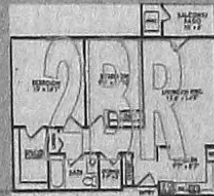
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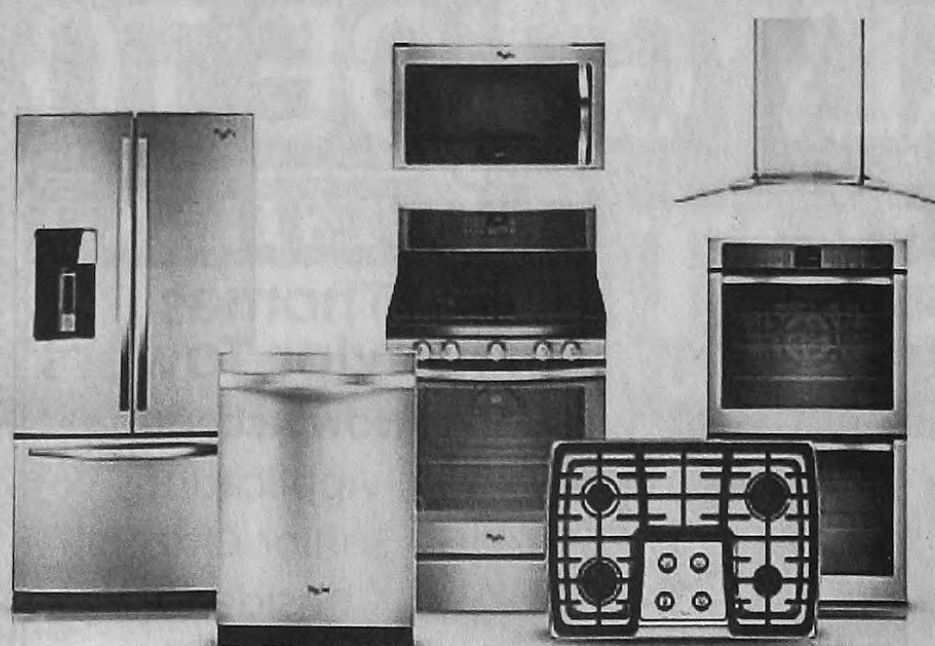
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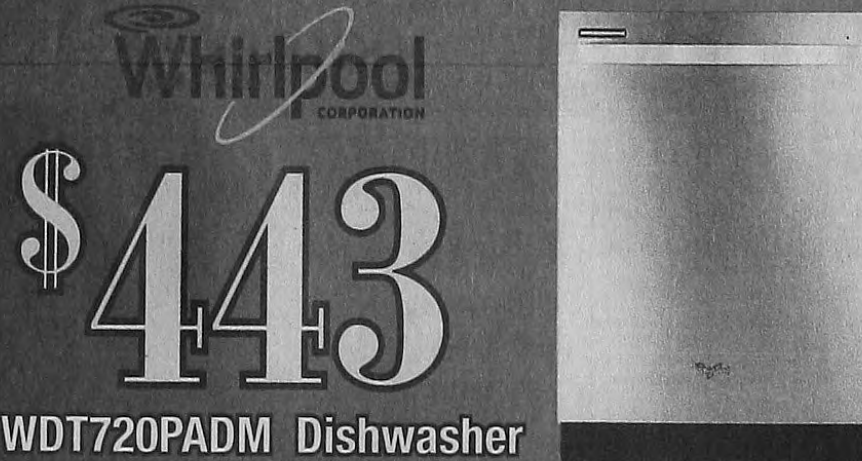
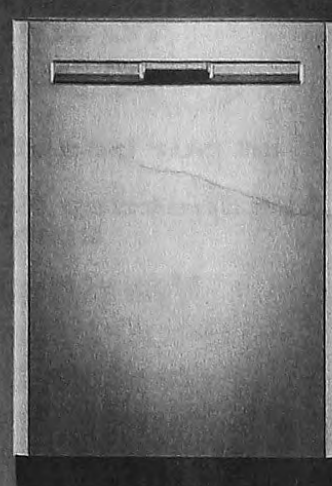


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