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Canton's drug drop-off a success

Spot in lobby of police station allows anonymous drops 24/7

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As the opioid crisis sweeps the nation, Canton has taken 480 pounds of prescription drugs out of homes and off the street since last June by placing a 24-hour drop box in the police station lobby.

And Canton police have collected hundreds more pounds of pills in a separate, one-day drug drop-off effort the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration sponsors across the nation every year, most recently Saturday.

It all comes as Canton has vowed to strengthen its fight against the opioid epidemic, amid an uptick in local over-

doses and deaths.

Canton placed a special drop box in the police station lobby Saturday as some 5,000 law enforcement agencies across the United States joined the DEA's one-day drug take-back program. Canton collected 199 pounds of pills in just one day last year through the DEA program.

The DEA program, which allows people to drop off unwanted or unused prescription pills with no questions

asked, proved so popular that Canton last June installed a 24/7 drop box in the police station lobby, where 285 pounds of pills have since been dumped. They are taken to a Monroe incinerator.

"Anytime you can remove that amount of pills and medications from the home, it's worth it," said Police Officer Patty Esselink, the Canton department's community relations offi-

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Members of the Khalek family from Canton are ready for treats at the Holiday Market. TOM BEAUDOIN

Dedd Fredd zombie lurks at Canton Halloween bash

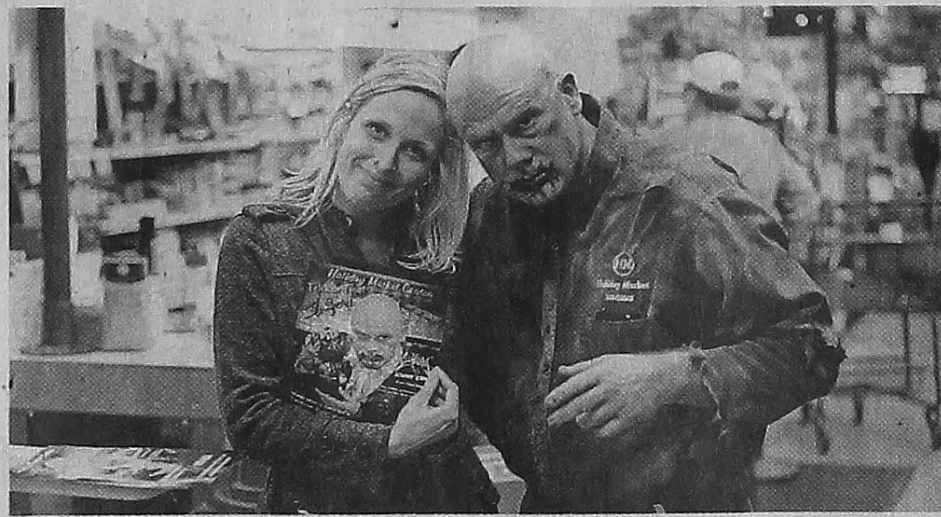
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With a bloody mouth and a threatening stare, Dedd Fredd the zombie made his way to Holiday Market in Canton.

He knew that's where he'd find the children.

He walked past youngsters dressed as princesses, superheroes, skeletons and ghosts. He looked menacingly at them, yet he never harmed them.

It was all in fun as an estimated 500 children and parents showed up Monday for a Halloween party at Holiday Market in Canton, where they got treats such as candy, cookies and Deadworld Zombie Soda.



Jennifer Lamb of Plymouth gets a signed photo from Dedd Fredd at the Halloween party held at Holiday Market. TOM BEAUDOIN

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P-CCS board: No millage money to charters

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When Wayne County voters passed an enhancement millage proposal put forward by Wayne RESA in November, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district officials expected the district to see some \$6.7 million in additional revenue.

If a controversial bill passed last week in the state Senate gets past the House, that revenue could drop significantly.

Senate Bill 574, which passed despite four Republican defections to vote with Democrats, would allow charter schools in the state to collect revenues from enhancement millages like RESA's levied by intermediate school districts.

With estimates of lost revenue around \$1.2 million for Plymouth-Canton, the district's Board of Education took a step Tuesday members hope will help defeat it. The board unanimously passed a resolution urging the House not to pass the bill.

"This legislation is very troubling to me," board President Kate Borninski said. "When voters approved the millage, they expected that the millage dollars would go to districts named in the millage proposal language. For the lawmakers in Lansing to change that after the fact is disingenuous, at the least."

Republicans said the bill would treat all students — whether they attend traditional public schools or charter schools — fairly, but Democrats said the legislation was stealing money that voters approved for traditional public schools and shifting those funds to charter schools.

"I introduced this bill because there are 14,000 ... students in Kent County that aren't being treated fairly," said Sen. David Hildenbrand, R-Lowell. "And there are 56,000 students in Wayne County that aren't being treated fairly either."

Wayne County school districts could be hit the hardest if the legislation re-

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ceives final passage, because the county has more than 100 charter schools. Plymouth-Canton competes with a half-dozen charter schools within its district boundaries.

Hildenbrand said his intent with the bill is that it won't affect existing millages, only when a renewal or new millage comes up before voters. But in its analysis of the bill, the Senate Fiscal Agency concluded it would apply to existing millages, too.

Borninski doesn't like the idea of charter schools having access to the money either way.

"I am troubled by the fact this bill would, retroactive or not, funnel more money to charter schools," she said. "Because of their arrange-

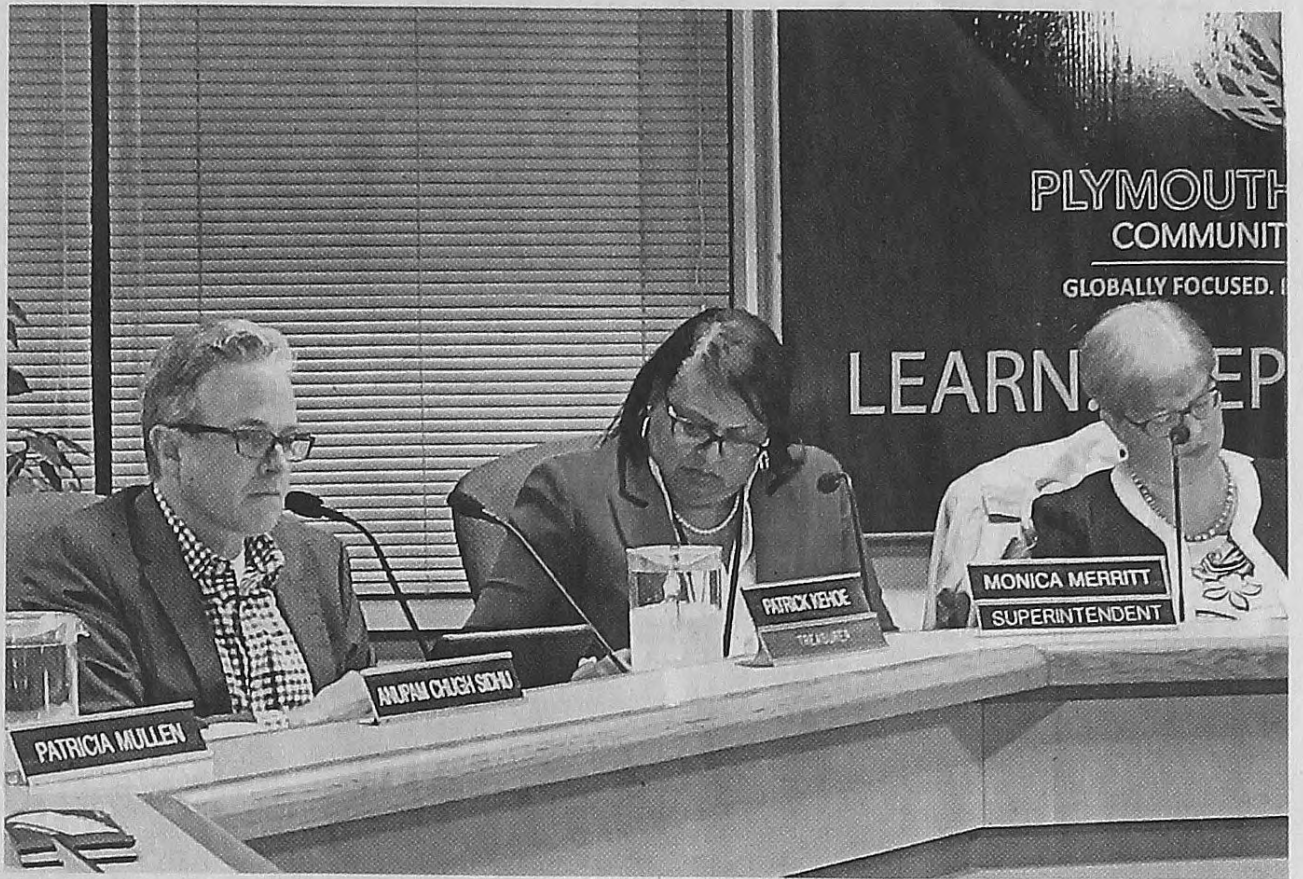
"This is not a public school vs. charter school issue. It's a funding issue."

MONICA MERRITT
P-CCS superintendent

ments with private management companies, such schools do not disclose how all of the public dollars dispersed to them are spent.

"If you look at the state-mandated financial disclosure information every district must post, you will see very little, if any, information on the websites of charter schools."

Enhancement millages can be used for just about anything by a school district, including lowering class sizes, hiring teachers, upgrad-



Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Treasurer Patrick Kehoe (from left), Superintendent Monica Merritt and President Kate Borninski, at Tuesday's school board meeting. BRAD KADRICH

ing technology or purchasing materials.

Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Monica Merritt pointed out the expected revenue has allowed the district to reduce class sizes by one student and put a dozen English language teachers into classrooms, among other enhancements.

"This is not a public school vs. charter school issue," Merritt said. "It's

a funding issue. When you look at how charters are funded, their parents are taxpayers, too, so you'd think (public funding) would be fair. (But) we're also looking at expenses charter schools don't have."

For Plymouth-Canton board Treasurer Patrick Kehoe, it's an issue of doing what the voters agreed to do.

"My feeling is the county worked hard to

pass this on the basis of money going to public school districts and not going to the charters," Kehoe said. "I think the wishes of the voters should be considered."

Democrats tried to get amendments added to the bill that would have required charter schools to have publicly elected school boards, spell out that current millages would stay with traditional public schools and

clearly outline what happens with a charter school's assets if it is closed down. But all the amendments failed.

The bill now moves to the House for consideration.

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cer, adding that it puts a dent in "the opioid epidemic that is circling the nation."

DEA Acting Administrator Robert W. Paterson issued a statement



Esselink

Tuesday saying it's critical to get unwanted painkillers and other addictive medicines out of homes and away from family members who might abuse them.

"More people start down the path of addiction through the misuse of opioid prescription drugs than any other substance," he said. "The abuse of these prescription drugs has fueled the nation's opioid epidemic, which has led to the largest rate of overdose deaths this country has

ever seen." The DEA, in its previous 13 drug take-back days, has collected more than 8 million pounds of prescription pills, or more than 4,050 tons.

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Andrea Rayton brought her 7-year-old daughter Temperance, who dressed as Belle from "Beauty and the Beast." Not surprisingly, Temperance said she came for the candy.

"It's fun, because I came her before," she said.

It was the third year the mother and daughter came to Holiday Market's Halloween bash, now in its sixth year.

Rayton's friend Becky Mata brought daughters Reese, 7, and Peyton, 4.

"It's better than going (trick-or-treating) in the neighborhoods, where we don't know everyone," Mata said.

Holiday Market handed out bags filled with goodies and orchestrated a scavenger hunt for treats inside the store, owned for 19 years by John and Lisa Pardington.

"We live a couple of blocks from here and we like to give back to the community," John Pardington said.

Dressed as a cat, Lisa Pardington said the Halloween bash has become so popular that Holiday Market starts getting calls weeks in advance to confirm the party is still on.

Standing in line out-



Peyton Watkins of Canton receives yummy treats from volunteer Ava Mavracic at Holiday Market. TOM BEAUDOIN



Nine-month-old Kendall Allen of Wayne takes in the sights. TOM BEAUDOIN



Treats were available for trick-or-treaters of all ages. TOM BEAUDOIN

side the store, Dan Zuber brought sons Seth, 7, and Miles, 4. Seth was dressed as a "Star Wars" stormtrooper, while Miles was a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. They pretended to fight as they waited to go in-

side the store.

Zuber, who works as a graphic design artist for Holiday Market, said the Halloween party is a good way for Holiday Market to show its appreciation to its customers.

"I think it's great to

give back to the community," he said, "and it gives the kids a chance to wear their costumes before Halloween."

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Plymouth Township to kick off new 'Neighbors Helping Neighbors' program

Plymouth Township is starting a new program called "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" in 2018, a unique initiative designed to pair residents in need with volunteers willing to help.

"This is an idea that I had been thinking about for some time," said

township Clerk Jerry Vorva, whose office will be leading the effort. "It's a great way to provide help to residents at virtually no cost to the taxpayers."

Local resident Joshua Schriver, who is volunteering as the township's community service coordinator, is developing the program by assembling a database of volunteers and groups looking to help and will work to match those volunteers with residents in need.

"We find that many of our neighbors just need a hand with light housework, yard cleaning,

snow shoveling and debris removal," Vorva said. "We also know that we have hundreds of volunteers in our community - individuals, business, schools, churches and others - who are looking for opportunities to give back.

"I think it will be a unique way for the township to serve as a clearinghouse for folks looking to help and those who need it," Vorva added.

The township will officially kick off the "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" program in January 2018. Until then, Schriver will be contact-

ing individuals and organizations looking to participate in the program.

If you or your organization are looking to help, contact Schriver at 734-414-1423 or email volunteer@plymouthtp.org.

CANTON LIBRARY EVENTS

Hero Hangout: Comics Reading Group

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

Library Board Meeting

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

On the Spot Tech Help

When: 5-7 p.m. each Wednesday and noon to 2 p.m. each Saturday
Details: A team of tech-savvy volunteers has been

assembled at CPL to help you find the answers to those tech issues you can't quite figure out on your own. Whether you need help while working on a project at one of our computers, setting up an email address or downloading an app on your phone, we can help.

International Games Week

When: Through Nov. 4
Details: The library will have different programs each day.

Monster Mash Masquerade

When: 10-10:45 a.m. and 11-11:45 a.m. Oct. 31
Details: Families with young children are invited to this open dance party where our littlest patrons can dance with their grownups to spooky tunes in their costumes. A costume parade through the library follows the dance party. This program is designed for new walkers up to 5 years old. There is no registration required to attend, but please

choose only one time.

ELL Conversation Groups

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

Digital Drop-In Help

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

Computer Skills Lab for Beginners

When: 9-11 a.m. second Saturday of each month
Details: If you are looking to build a foundation of strong computer skills, including

Internet use and setting up an email account, stop in to CPL's Internet Lab. We will have guided activities for practice with mouse skills, copying/pasting and more, with trusted experts on hand to answer any questions you may have or connect you to additional resources.

Family Storytime

Details: Family Storytime provides an opportunity for caregivers to actively engage with their children under age 5. Together with a youth librarian, you can build early literacy skills in a welcoming environment through meaningful stories, songs and play. Encourage a love of language and reading while practicing listening and cooperative tasks. Every Family Storytime is followed by a half-hour of ABC Activity Time. Go to www.cantonpl.org for a full October program schedule.

Preschool Storytime

Details: Preschool storytimes feature longer books,

flannel board and rhymes designed for children ages 3½-55. These activities help develop pre-reading and school-readiness skills. Children must be able to sit independently and be attentive for 30 minutes. Parents may attend, if needed, to help transition their child to this program, and all parents must remain in the children's department. Registration is required and you can pick a Monday or a Friday session. Go to www.cantonpl.org for registration and schedule.

Baby Storytime

Details: Baby Storytime is designed for babies 18 months and younger with an adult and features simple stories, songs and rhymes carefully chosen to build awareness of language and vocabulary, foster a love of books and provide a fun, interactive experience for babies and parents/caregivers. Baby Storytime sessions start Sept. 12. Registration is required. Go to www.cantonpl.org for registration and schedule.

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Children's Leukemia Foundation adds two staff members

Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, a statewide agency based in Farmington Hills whose mission is to help adult and pediatric patients and their families cope with leukemia, lymphoma and other blood-related disorders, has added two new members to its staff, outreach coordinator Brittany Miller and controller Greg Wozniak.

Miller will be responsible for building and maintaining relationships with hospitals, health care systems and community organizations to raise awareness of CLF for patients and families looking for help. Miller will support the patient services department by connecting newly diagnosed patients in the

community with the support and resources of CLF. Miller holds a bachelor of arts in social sciences from Michigan State University and has previously worked with organizations such as the American Heart Association and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Wozniak will be responsible for monitoring CLF's budget, overseeing financial reporting and helping with the auditing process. Wozniak holds a bachelor of science in accounting from University of Detroit and is a certified public accountant. He previously ran his own consulting business and has worked with organizations such as Eton Academy and Leo Burnett.

Pros and cons of selling a house by owner

Q: My brother and I own a house together that we inherited from our parents. We have owned the house for about five years and we finally have decided to sell it. My brother thinks that we can sell the house on our own. We think the house is worth around \$300,000 and he says that we can save about \$18,000 in commission. The money is substantial and my brother has the time to show the home. My question to you is, do you think we're making a mistake by selling it on our own and what are the advantages of using a real estate agent?

A: I do think that some people can sell their homes on their



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

own, particularly if they work with a real estate attorney. Selling a home by owner is not easy, but it's also not rocket science. If a house is in an area where other similar homes are selling, it certainly makes it easier. Because there are more tools available to help, such as online sites to advertise your home, selling your home by owner is easier than it has been in the past.

In making the decision, it is important to understand what a real estate agent brings to the table. If you're selling your home and you use a

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seller agent, they are going to help you properly price your home. If you undervalue your home, you're leaving money on the table; if you overprice it, it makes it more difficult to sell. A good real estate agent understands the market where the house is located and can help you list the property at the proper price.

Real estate agents work in a wide network with other real estate agents, increasing the number of potential buyers that may be interested. The more eyes that see your property, the greater the likelihood someone will buy it. Real estate agents also help you properly market your home. Marketing your home is more than putting up a for sale sign.

Real estate agents also take the emotion out of the process. Sometimes

in negotiations between buyer and seller, things get heated, which could result in the deal being nixed. Good real estate agents are able to keep the negotiations on a more professional level, which will help facilitate a sale.

Real estate agents also make a good sounding board in helping you make decisions, such as what improvements you put into the home and how best to stage the home and should I have the house painted or should I replace the carpet, etc. These items can help not only in selling the home, but also in getting the highest price possible.

There's no doubt that a qualified real estate agent can be of assistance in selling a home. That doesn't mean that you can't do it on your own and be successful. Another alternative is to try to sell it on your own and, if you're not successful, then turn to a real estate agent for assistance.

Good luck!

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Anna's House features plenty of natural choices

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Probably the first thing you'll notice about Anna's House is how bright it is compared to the Max & Erma's that previously occupied the building at Newburgh and Warren roads in Westland.

It's not just the windows — it's also the bright, pastel decor and furnishings.

"A lot of places are very dark. We go on the brighter side. We want it to be happy and cheerful," said Curtis Lubbers, general manager of the Westland Anna's House.

The music helps with that, too, he said, being largely pop favorites from the '50s and '60s. The booths are reminiscent of dinette tables that once graced many homes as baby boomers were growing up. The restaurant also has a large circular counter, where guests can eat seated on old school pivoting stools.

"We like to have a breakfast counter. We're first-come, first-served. There can be half an hour to an hour wait on the weekends," Lubbers said. "You can go to the counter if you want. You can have a meal and (see a) show watching the servers make specialty drinks. Sometimes people wait for a seat at the counter."

Adding to that cheerful atmosphere is a menu that provides something for everyone, regardless of their dietary restrictions. Anna's House is open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily offering breakfast all day, with salads and sandwiches.



Matt Salmeto serves eggs Benedict. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I am not surprised about how well we are doing. I am surprised about excited people have been so excited about our dietary choices. We offer gluten-free, dairy-free, vegan and vegetarian options," Lubbers said. "That's what helped us grow in Grand Rapids. We filled a void for healthy living and all-natural meat products. We filled a void in Westland, too."

Anna's House is based in the Grand Rapids area and the Westland location is the company's first venture into the eastern side of Michigan. Another location is set to open in Farmington Hills.

"We didn't know much about the community, but we knew this was a great location. Everyone has been so welcoming — the residents, the city folks, Mayor (William) Wild have been awesome," said Lubbers, who began as a server at Anna's House in Holland. "The Westland location has been doing extremely well. East Beltline (located in Grand Rapids) is the top location. They're

hard to beat."

Among the top sellers at the restaurant are the breakfast burrito (eggs, sausage, onions, green pepper and cheddar cheese, topped with sour cream, guacamole and ranchero sauce) and the California omelet (cream cheese, bacon, tomato and avocado).

"My favorite on the menu is the chorizo burger. It's a half-beef, half-chorizo patty with a sunny side up egg, onion rings and chipotle aioli on a pretzel bun," Lubbers said.

Anna's House has specialty pancakes, french toast and crepes, entree salads, burgers, sandwiches wraps and pannins. Another popular item, Lubbers said, is the Twilight French Toast, with a creme brulee sauce, fresh berries and a raspberry melba.

Starting in December, Lubbers said a seasonal menu will be offered for three months, including new entrees.

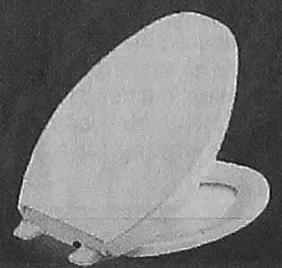
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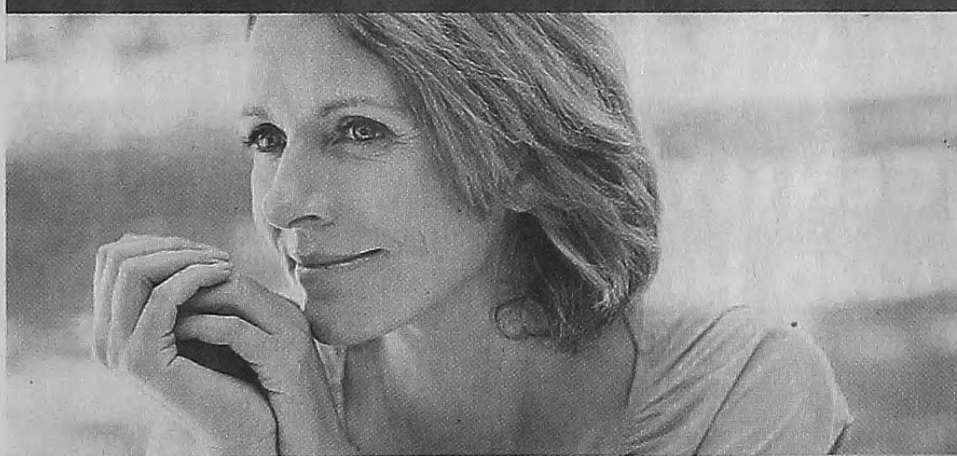


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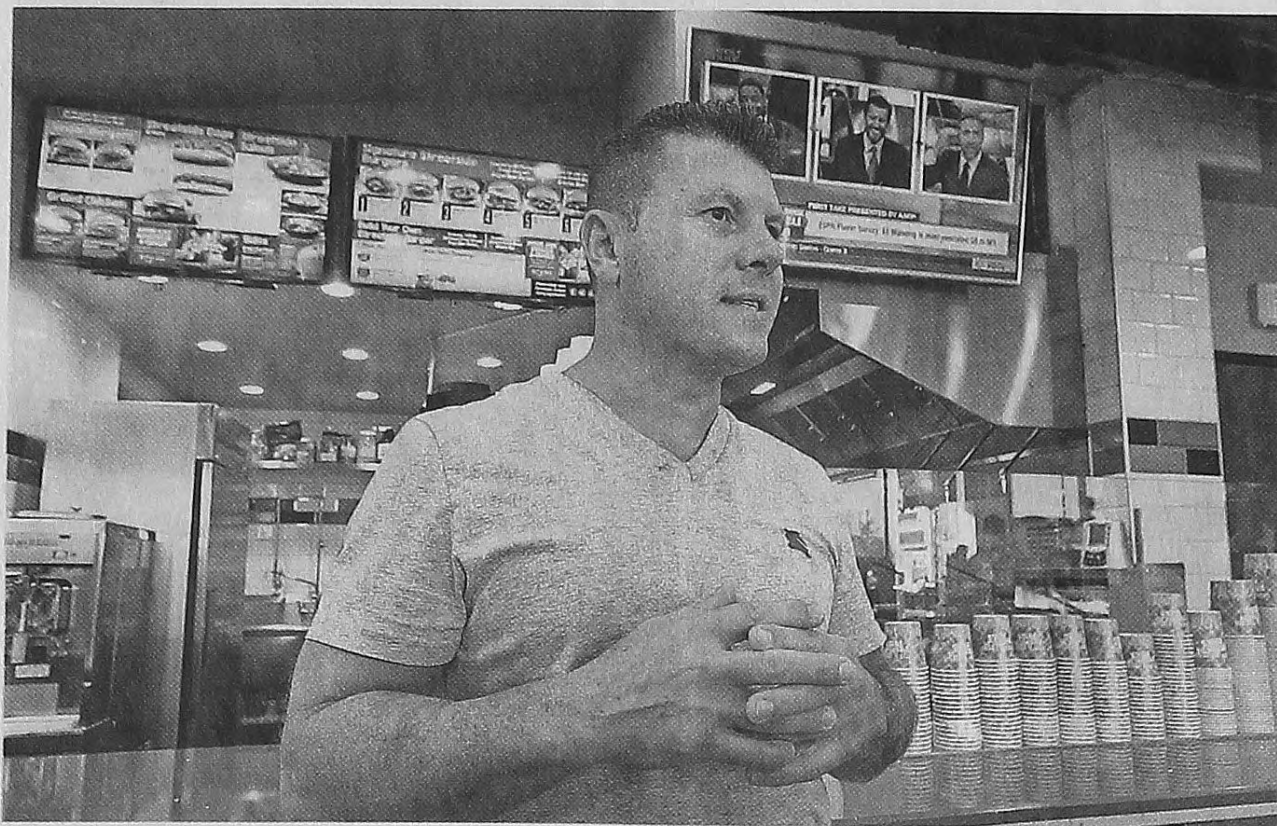
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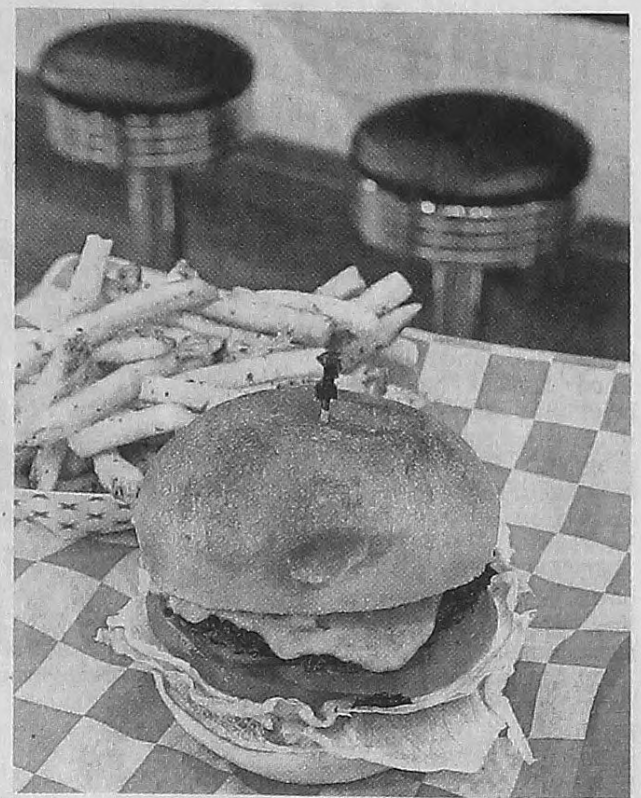
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Steve Hamade has opened a burger joint in his Sunoco gas station. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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Streetside Burger flips orders inside gas station

LeAnne Rogers
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Going out to run some errands, Trish Adams was looking for someplace to get some lunch recently and stopped in at Streetside Burger in Westland.

"I was on Yelp looking at another restaurant and saw this place — I loved the picture," said Adams, a Canton resident. "I thought it was odd that it was in a gas station, but the review said don't be put off by that."

That's how Adams, accompanied by Cartier Morris, also of Canton, came to be waiting for a lunch order at Streetside Burger, located inside the Sunoco gas station at the southwest corner of Joy and Newburgh roads. Adams was waiting for a



First-time customers Trish Adams and Cartier Morris wait for their order. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

California burger and fries — the food is made to order.

"What I wanted to do was bring an old diner look to a gas station. I wanted that old diner feel," owner Steven Hamade said. "You used to

have diners that had a gas station. That's how the concept came up."

The restaurant has old-style seating at a table or counter — both red quartz from Italy with pivoting stools. The kitchen is open; customers can see their burgers and other food prepared.

"We are built on freshness. We hand-cut our fries and grind our own beef," Hamade said. "We use very good beef from Creekstone Farms (in Arkansas City, Kan). It's all natural. They strictly treat the cows humanely with the least amount of suffering."

The russet potatoes are aged in water to remove starch and make a crisper french fry. The restaurant uses 100-percent canola oil in the deep fryer, Hamade said,

"What I wanted to do was bring an old diner look to a gas station. I wanted that old diner feel."

STEVEN HAMADE
owner

adding the fryer oil is constantly filtered. The milkshakes are 9 percent fat with a base of high-end soft serve ice cream, he said.

Diners can have a burger made their way — they all come on brioche buns — or order a specialty burger like the California burger, a one-third pound patty with a cage-free egg, fresh guacamole, onion, lettuce and chipotle sauce.

Or spice it up with a Wild Fire burger, with ghost pepper cheese, sauteed jalapenos, sauteed onions, mayo and sweet barbecue sauce.

Despite the name, Street Side Burgers has other options, like the vegan falafel sandwich, a Quinoa burger with guacamole, tomato, red onion, lettuce, cucumber and tzatziki sauces and a special chicken shawarma. You can also get a fattoush salad.

"It's west meets east. This is a lot of work — it's very labor-intensive," said Hamade, who owns four gas stations, including the Sunoco at Warren Road and Venoy in Garden City. "There is a Subway in the Garden City station. I was a pioneer (of restaurants in gas stations) 21 years ago."

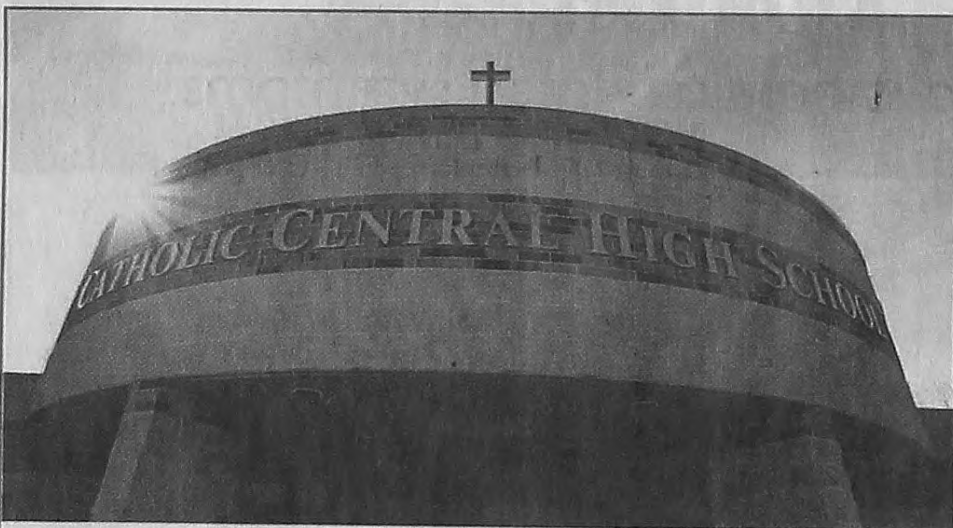
A lot of his friends didn't think a restaurant inside a gas station was a good idea and advised against it, Hamade said.

"They said don't do it. I thought it was a great idea. I've nothing but a great response. People have taken an interest," said Hamade, who is planning a Streetside Burger in Plymouth — sans gas station.

During a recent lunch time, there was a steady stream of customers. Some came intentionally for lunch, while others stopped for gas and decided to have lunch.

"This is amazing. It's very, very clean. It changed my perception of a restaurant inside a gas station," Adams said.

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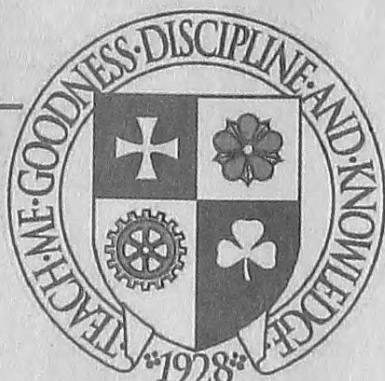
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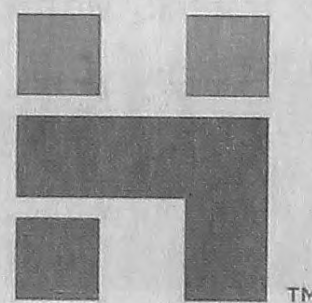
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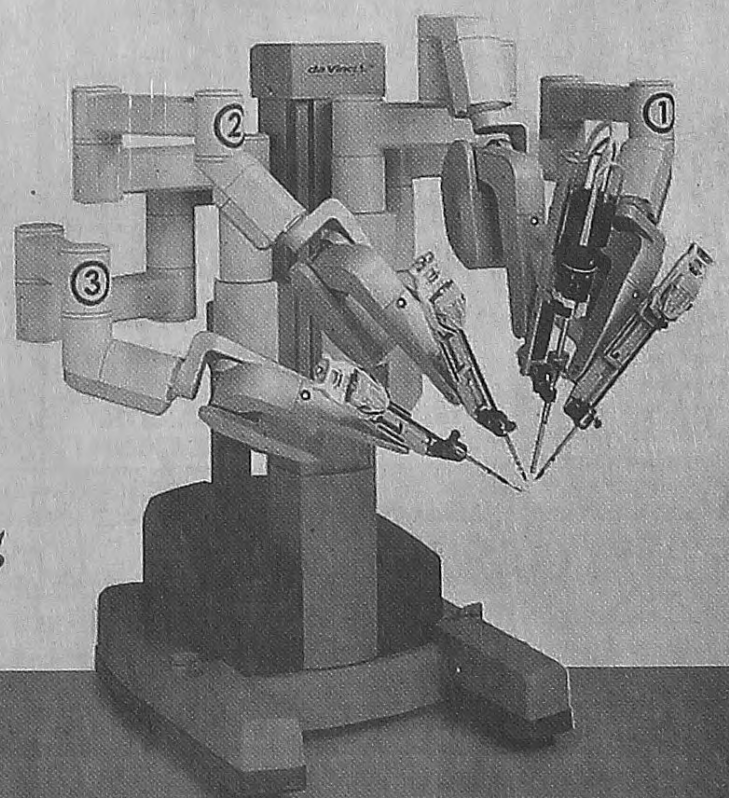
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IMMIGRANT EXPLORES FLAG'S COLORS

Sarvinder Naberhaus, who came to America at age 4, wants to inspire children

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

AMES, Iowa - It's as if everything in her life led to this moment, said Sarvinder Naberhaus.

The Ames woman awoke with the words "blue sky and white stars" drifting between dream and waking. The image of the flag and immigrants at Ellis Island came to her. She began writing a book, "Blue Sky White Stars," that she hoped would make children feel the freedom and unity that she found in America.

"It was put in motion even before I was born. This dream and this momentum ... from my great-grandfather who was aware that America was the light of the world," Naberhaus said.

Her great-grandfather boarded a ship in India in the 1920s to travel to America but had second thoughts and got off. Her father, Harpal Bal, had the same dream, but his pocket was picked in Calcutta. A priest loaned him money to go to school. His education eventually allowed him to come to America in 1965, continue his veterinary education and become an Iowa State University professor.

Naberhaus, 56, arrived with her family at age 4. She was the only face of color in her school class. Three times she was targeted with racist remarks.

But a woman later gave her a book, "Chester the Little Pony." After that she spent her days sitting high on a tree branch reading books. She went to college and became a teacher.

But it wasn't until she had become an American citizen in 1996 and had children of her own, the last of three in 1999, that she decided to write her own books for children.

The dream followed, sparking an image of the flag, its colors a metaphor for the color of the American landscape and the multicultural faces of Americans.



Sarvinder Naberhaus of Ames, Iowa, said she hopes her children's book, "Blue Sky White Stars," will bring people together. MICHAEL ZAMORA/USA TODAY NETWORK

"We are woven together with different colors and threads. The perfect metaphor for people literally woven together," said Naberhaus, who was paired with illustrator Kadir Nelson to produce the Penguin book, released in June.

The book's final page is an illustration of the flag on the moon.

"That's how high freedom can take you," she said. "It can take you to the moon."

SARVINDER NABERHAUS

Location: Ames, Iowa

Age: 56

Profession: Writer

Mission: My mission with this book was healing and unity and to bring joy and stories in the hearts of children.

Q&A WITH SARVINDER NABERHAUS

What does it mean to you to be an American?

I think it means that I am privileged. I have opportunities I would never have had in India. It means freedom, it means a new perspective and ways of looking at things from when we first moved here from India. Today we look back and see how we have changed. I think it has been for the better. Coming here as an immigrant means I have grown and that I've learned. I've looked and I've compared America to other nations. I see what we do in America and how we do it. I think we do very well. In America, you can achieve your dreams.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

It's a culmination of my life and prior to my life — the momentum came from my ancestors and pushed me towards America. It feels like that was my purpose and my destiny. I slept on it, and the words came to me, blue sky white stars. Then I just kept going with the idea. How far can this parallel take me? White rows, red rows. Red, white and blue. I wrote down the images that came to my mind.

What gives you hope and what concerns you?

My hope for our nation would be that it would continue healing. I feel like it has been on the right path of equality and acceptance for all man for who they are, whether they are disabled, whether they are of a different race, whatever makes them different, that we would celebrate the differences rather than try to get rid of the differences. We are not all alike, and we want to be appreciated for who we are, inside and out. We all know the real value of a human being is what's inside of them, not what's outside of them.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I hope to bring more and more joy to people with my books, because I was such a reader and loved books. It was a wonder for me and a new world. My hope is I will pass along that joy to other people. In the book, I hope they will feel something when they read it, when they look at the etched lines of worry on Abraham Lincoln's face. Even before this current political climate, I told my friend that I thought this book was meant to bring healing to this nation, to unite our nation.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 31, brings the Elks debut of the Shahida Nurullah Quartet, with Nurullah on vocals, Rich Michaels on drums, Ray Tini on bass and Chuck Shermetaro on keyboards. In addition to her performing, Nurullah is a University of Windsor special instructor in jazz and pop voice.

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

Plymouth community forum

A community forum featuring five candidates for the Plymouth City Commission will be held 7-8:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. Hear and question the candidates prior to the general election.

'Men Are Dogs' at Canton Village Theater

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

Performances run Nov. 3-5 and 10-12. Friday and Saturday performances are 7:30 p.m. and Sunday performances are 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 to \$18 and printed at home or held in will call at www.cantonvillagetheater.org. The box office is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each weekday. Tickets can also be ordered over the phone at 734-394-5300 ext. 3. If tickets are still available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to show time.

FMAR fundraiser

Canton Vintner's Winery and Canton Brewworks, 8515 and 8521 N. Lilley, will be hosting a wine and beer tasting fundraiser for Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3. FMAR is a no-kill animal shelter for cats and dogs, located in Belle-



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

ville.

Tickets are \$35 per person and includes a tasting of products at both venues, which are located next door to each other on Lilley, north of Warren. Purchase tickets and get more information at fmar1.org/events.

Canton to host film, discussion on race

A free screening of "A Continuing Series of Small Indignities: A Personal Conversation About Race," a documentary film, is the impetus for a community discussion on race. The Canton Response to Hate Crime Coalition will host the screening at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. It will be followed by a moderated community conversation and panel discussion.

The Canton Public Library, the Canton Police Department, Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition and Canton Leisure Services are sponsoring the film and discussion. For more information, go to www.cantonpl.org.

Canton Goodfellows present 'A Brit of Magic'

The Canton Goodfellows will bring magician and comedian Keith Fields' "A Brit of Magic" to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. A pre-show reception will begin at 6:30 p.m., where audience members can participate in a 50/50 raffle, silent auction and enjoy light food and drinks.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at www.villagetheatercanton.com, in person at the box office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or by calling 734-394-5484.

Three Cities Art Club exhibit

Photographer Gwendolyn Roth will display her exhibition, View-

points: Finding Inspiration In Our Everyday World, at the next meeting of Three Cities Art Club, to be held 7-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, at Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road. This is a free event and light refreshments will be served. The exhibition continues through the end of November; call 734-416-4278 for hours.

For more information, contact Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939 or email marilynmeredith@wowway.com. To learn more about the art club, go to www.threecitiesartclub.org.

Zonta Club to host movie screening

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

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

Chicks 4 Charity fundraiser

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

All proceeds of the auction will go to benefit the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy

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

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

Suicide prevention conference

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

Plymouth.

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

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

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

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

Hats for the Homeless

Plymouth Community United Way is gearing up for the annual Hats for the Homeless Drive, scheduled to run through Dec. 29 in an effort keep our homeless community warm during the winter months. New and handmade items can be

dropped at the PCUW office from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Friday.

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

Make a Difference Day

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

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

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

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DeVenny



Dorothy F. Age 92, died October 19, 2017, surrounded by her family at home in Canton. Beloved wife of the late Thomas DeVenny. Cherished mother of Suzanne DeVenny (Doug Waffle), Jennifer (Fred) Beyer, Thomas DeVenny, Jeanne (Carl) Schulze, Janette (Paul) Baggett and Todd DeVenny. Devoted grandmother to Brooke DeVenny, Thomas "TJ" DeVenny, Ian Waffle, Joseph Beyer and Rebecca Beyer. Dear sister of Lois (Ben) Walby and sisters-in-law Mildred (James) Roland and Drue (Sylvan) Ferrell. Aunt and great-aunt to numerous nieces and nephews. Greatly loved by her many friends and neighbors, including her special friend, the late Lamar Authier. Preceded in death by her parents Ella and William Roland, stepfather Anthony Hilgendorf, brothers William Roland, James Roland and Joseph Hilgendorf, and her sister-in-law, Joyce Hilgendorf. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Mahalak



Carole Ann (LeClair), age 79 died peacefully on October 18, 2017 while watching the sunset from her condo patio in South Padre Island, TX. Carole was born January 29, 1938, in Black River, MI, the daughter of Eugene and Dorothy LeClair. Carole attended St. Anne Catholic School, was a member of the 1956 graduating class of Catholic Central High School, Alpena, MI and later completed nursing school. She was an active member of the Alpena community and worked at Alpena General as an LPN Operating Room Nurse. On December 27, 1958, Carole married Lawrence "Joe" Mahalak of Ossineke, MI and upon his completion of Engineering school, they moved to Saginaw, MI and later to Livonia, MI. Family, friends and her Catholic faith were Carole's passion, joy and center. She enjoyed spending time with family and, as a beachcomber, taking long walks on the seashore. As a lifelong learner, she could often be seen reading, sharing her love of the ocean and serving others in need. Her sense of adventure and commitment to others has carried out in all her children and grandchildren. Carole is survived by her husband, Joe, their four children, Bradley (Cindy) Mahalak, Steven (Liz) Mahalak, Lynn (David) Rhein and Daniel (Leanne) Mahalak and seven grandchildren, Hannah, Elle, Logan, Jared, Kendra, Mica and Hazel. Mrs. Mahalak was preceded in death by a brother, Eugene LeClair, Jr. Carole was a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church, Fowlerville, MI. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at St. Agnes, November 10, 2017 with viewing at 9am and Mass at 10am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Agnes Christian Service in Carole's memory. Her cremated remains will be interred at St. Catherine Catholic Cemetery, Ossineke, MI with a Committal Service on July 2, 2018 at 3pm. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.bannanfuneralhome.com. Her generous spirit, wealth of selflessness and friendly smile will be sorely missed by all of her family and friends.

Moorhead

Gertrude "GIGI" of Milford, formerly of Canton, died on October 25, 2017 at the age of 92. Gertrude was preceded in death by her loving husband, William (d. 2005); her daughter, Julie Pheley (d. 1997); and great granddaughter Karlie Wagner (d. 1995). She is survived by her daughter, Barb Moorhead (Leslie Watson); granddaughter, Jennifer (Michael) Sroczyński; great-granddaughters, Rebeka (Andrew) Beresford and Rachel Sroczyński; great-great-grandchildren, Perseus and Athena Beresford; son-in-law, Dennis Pheley; sister, Jeanetta Gibson, and many loving nieces and nephews. Services will be held privately. Memorial contributions encouraged to: National Multiple Sclerosis Society, MI Chapter, 21311 Civic Center Dr., Southfield, MI 48076. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com

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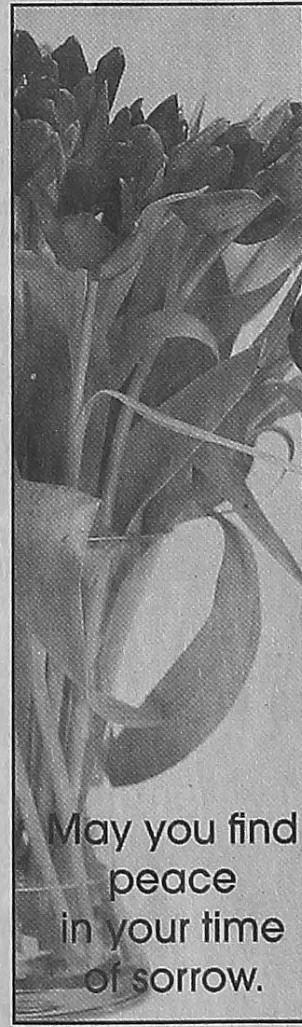


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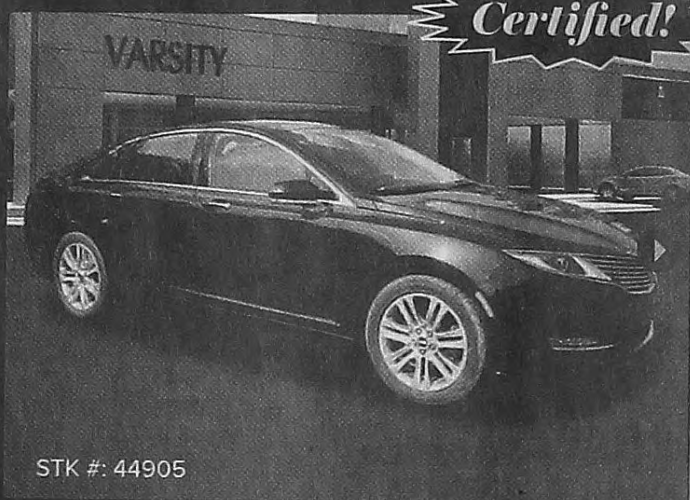
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GIRLS GOLF

Marian's Kennedy bags state crown

Freshman finishes with top individual score at Division 2 state finals

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com

Shannon Kennedy certainly made an impact in her first year on the high school golf circuit.

The Bloomfield Hills Marian freshman played with the poise of a seasoned senior to claim medalist honors at the Division 2 state tournament Oct. 20-21 in Battle Creek. Kennedy carded a two-round total of 146 (76-70) and took first place by three strokes over Alexis Carras of Midland Dow, who finished at 149 (74-75).

"It is a huge honor. She is absolutely

exceptional," said Cathie Fritz, Marian's co-head coach with Leon Braisted. "Her maturity and course management and decision-making is so unbelievable for her age."

"Shannon was not nervous," she added. "She was just ready to play and ready to buckle down."

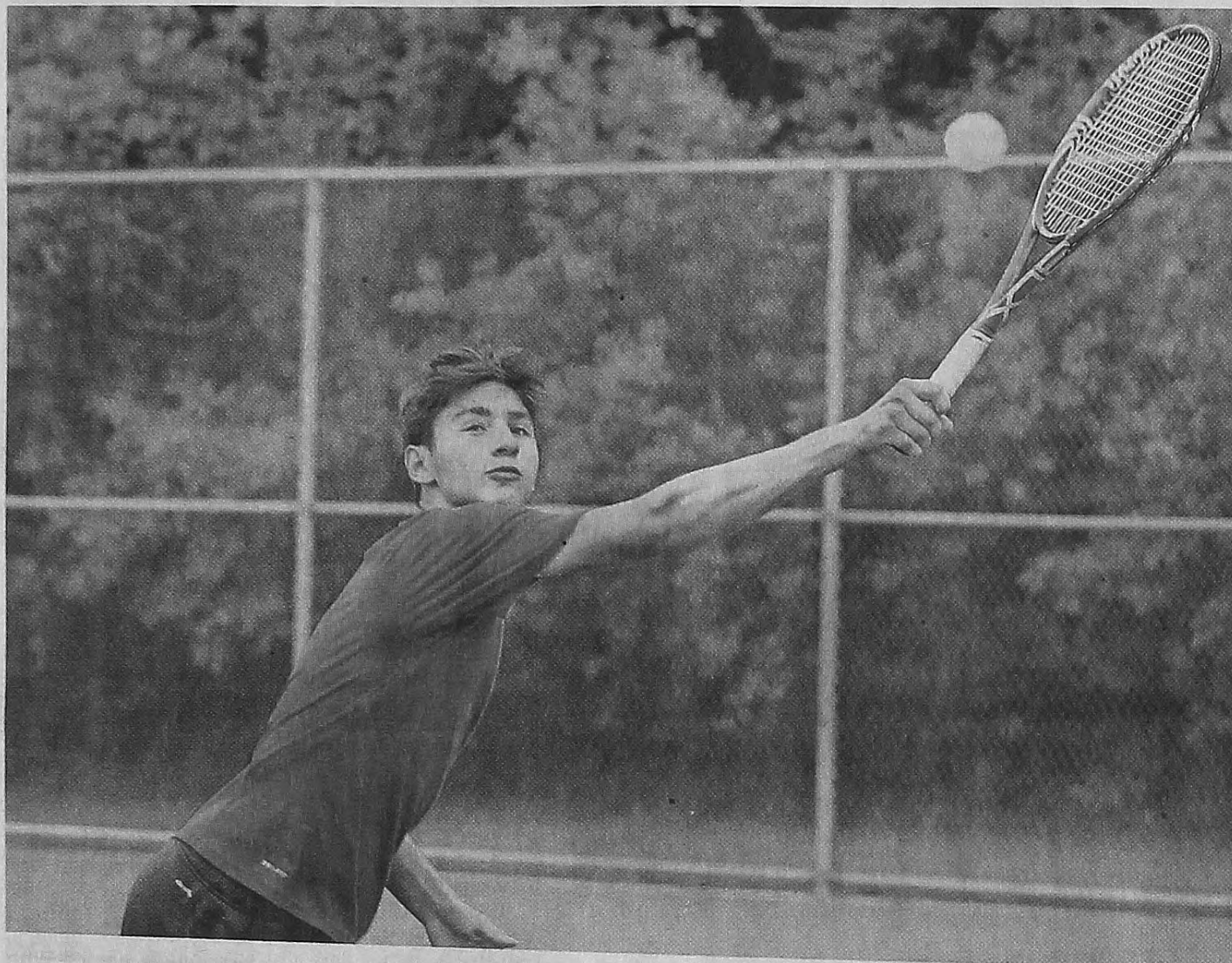
Kennedy ended the first round Oct. 20 with a 4-over score on the Bedford Valley Golf Course and trailed three other golfers after 18 holes. On Oct. 21, the Beverly Hills resident rallied in impressive fashion over a strong group



Marian freshman Shannon Kennedy captured the Division 2 individual state championship Oct. 21 at Bedford Valley Golf Course. CATHIE FRITZ

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BOYS TENNIS



Sebastian Burman and his brother Cade teamed this season to win the No. 1 flight doubles champions for the Bloomfield Hills. MARTY BUDNER

'Targeted' Bloomfield Hills wins with revamped lineup

Marty Budner
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Bloomfield Hills was ranked No. 1 heading into the Division 1 boys tennis state tournament and the Black Hawks showed they deserved that lofty billing.

Head coach Greg Burks's team captured the program's first outright title Oct. 21 at the Midland Community Tennis Center. Bloomfield Hills shared the crown two years ago with Novi and placed second last year.

The Black Hawks had three flight champions and advanced to at least the semifinal round in seven of the eight flights to win with 30 points. Troy, an OAA Red Division member along with Bloomfield Hills, finished second with

28 points. Ann Arbor Huron was third (21), followed by Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice (19).

The pressure-packed tournament triumph allowed Bloomfield Hills to complete a perfect season.

"This year was unbelievable," said Burks, who coached seven years at Lahser before taking over the consolidated Bloomfield Hills program five years ago. "Going undefeated, winning leagues in the toughest league in the state, winning regionals and then finishing it off with a state final championship was a great feeling."

"Going into states being the team to beat is very tough," he added. "You have a target on your back the whole

"This year was unbelievable. Going undefeated, winning leagues in the toughest league in the state, winning regionals and then finishing it off with a state final championship was a great feeling."

GREG BURKS
Bloomfield Hills boys tennis coach

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PREP FOOTBALL

Salem earns first playoff berth since 1991 season

Tim Smith
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Hard, cold rain was pounding down on the helmets of Salem varsity football players Monday afternoon.

But the Rocks weren't feeling down and out about the nasty practice weather they were enduring. Instead, their voices had plenty of enthusiasm as they stormed through the session.

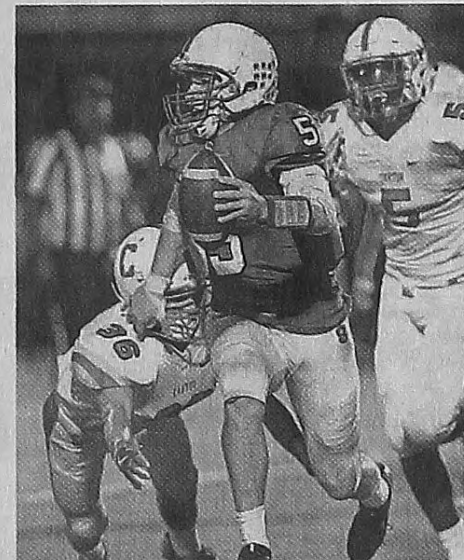
And why shouldn't they be upbeat despite the elements? The Rocks are going to the MHSAA playoffs, finding out Oct. 22 during a "Selection Sunday" gathering in the Salem gym they would visit unbeaten Belleville.

"We are loving practicing in the rain today, for sure," said head coach Kurt Britnell, in his ninth year at the Salem helm. "We've had enthusiastic practices pretty much all year, it's been pretty consistent. Maybe a little bit more hooping and hollering, but it was focused. It was good."


Britnell and his coaching staff actually found out earlier Oct. 22 that Salem earned its first playoff spot since 1991 thanks to a 40-27 rout of Northville in Week 9, enabling the Rocks to make the cut as a 5-4 at-large team.

"We (coaches) knew we were in; we

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Running the ball for key yards earlier this season is Salem senior quarterback Ryan Young. He is one of 31 seniors who will finally experience a playoff game. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Churchill's Dunn sisters are getting it done

Dynamic duo love playing on same team with Chargers

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Livonia Churchill volleyball is a family affair, especially in the Dunn household.

Sisters Annabelle and Sarah Dunn love being able to talk about everything from aces to rallies around the kitchen table. Or on their cellphones. Or in the car on trips back and forth from the Churchill gym.

It doesn't matter where those chalk talks happen. Chargers volleyball is worth it to Annabelle, a senior co-captain and outside hitter, and Sarah, a sophomore right-side hitter/defensive specialist combo player.

"Having Sarah on the team, it's really fun," said Annabelle, now in her fourth season with the varsity. "It's nice because she really is my biggest critic and supporter, so it's kind of good to have someone who will always have my back, no matter what."

"And I think this team can go far. We're practicing hard. This group of girls, we're all so, like, compatible and we all mesh very well, so that's really nice to have that dynamic."

Sarah said she's hav-



Sisters Sarah (left) and Annabelle Dunn are enjoying the chance to play varsity volleyball together at Livonia Churchill. TIM SMITH

ing a blast playing on the same team as her older sister, especially on a squad that won the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Black Division (6-0 overall, according to the website) and has momentum entering the Class A district at Churchill.

The Chargers open at 7 p.m. Monday against Dearborn Heights Crestwood. Also in the district are Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn, Garden City and Dearborn.

"I really like it. It's fun sharing the high school experience with my sister and being on the same team with her," Sarah said. "We always critique each other and give each other good advice."

"At home, we'll talk about volleyball with our family in general, about stuff we can work on and get better at. We always talk about what we can do at practice."

Similar, yet different

Although they have different hobbies and

interests (Annabelle likes to read and watch movies, Sarah likes art and "making stuff"), they have a lot in common — besides their DNA, of course — on the volleyball court.

"We're both very loud and aggressive," Annabelle said. "Personality-wise, I'm more reserved, where she is spontaneous, funky. She's so, like, crazy and it's really refreshing."

Another common thread, Annabelle said, is "we both like rap music

for hyping up on game days."

They also enjoy decompressing from another pressure-packed high school contest by making regular trips to the U-M football stadium in Ann Arbor.

"We both like sports. We're, like, really into watching college football," Sarah said. "And we go tailgate and watch Michigan football. Our family's just really big Michigan fans. My dad (Tracy) has season tickets."

The Dunn sisters don't go long without talking about volleyball — or thinking about it.

"My mom (Mary Beth) played when she was in high school, so that was a thing," Sarah said. "We both started when we were pretty young" in Westland-based rec leagues.

Once both girls reached Churchill as ninth-graders, they immediately found their comfort zone in the world of digs and spikes.

"When I first came here, I was on the freshman team. That was really good," the older Dunn said. "It was a good way to come in, not knowing anyone and make friends."

"My second year, Mark Grenier came into coaching and I, as a sophomore, was selected for the varsity team. That was kind of incredible. I made friends with all the

upperclassmen; that year we went to the final four. That was probably one of the best experiences of my life.

"Junior year, we had eight seniors coming in from the year before. It was good to play with them again and have a really good dynamic. This year, it's kind of cool being one of the senior players and being selected as a captain this year was awesome."

Sarah concurred about Churchill being the perfect place to learn and grow as a player. Last season, she was coached by Grenier (who last spring joined Madonna University's volleyball staff), with Kristin Clutter taking over the Chargers this season.

"(Grenier) is such a good coach and, like, Kristin is also an amazing coach," Sarah said. "And I'm really excited for the years to come and just get better as a team and grow as a team and get farther as a team in the (state) tournament."

Underscoring all that is they really enjoy everything about the sport.

"I like hammering the ball over for a point, especially, like, if it's a good ball and I just slam it down," Sarah added. "I love that. And it's a great pass and a great set, it's just, like, clean volleyball. It's so nice."

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TENNIS

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time and our players handled it so well. We had our moments of being nervous, but in the end fought hard and never gave up."

Hemrich wins again in singles

Senior Constantin Hemrich led the Bloomfield Hills charge by claiming his third consecutive individual title at No. 3 singles.

In each final, Hemrich was the top-seeded player, winning in straight sets. He was 12-0 over that span, including a 6-0, 6-0 pasting of Clarkston's Jacob Burkett to win this year's crown.

"Constantin is one of the most intelligent guys I have ever met," Burks said. "His tennis IQ is off the charts. He figures out how to beat you within such a short amount of time, it's scary."

"What he did is almost



Bloomfield Hills captured the Division 1 boys tennis state championship Oct. 21 in Midland.

unheard of and I couldn't be more proud of him," he added. "He was an excellent leader for our team this year and was a huge contributing factor to our state title."

The top two doubles teams of Cade and Sebastian Burman (No. 1) and Vik Chakraborty and Chaz Blamo (No. 2) were forced to three sets to claim their flight crowns.

The Burman brothers, playing as the top seed, defeated Brother Rice's third-seeded duo of Sam

Schwartz and Jack Brockhaus, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1. Chakraborty and Blamo were seeded second and rallied past Rice's top-seeded tandem of Niko Mamatas and Riley McNulty, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5).

"For myself, probably the greatest moment I've had as their coach was when our No. 2 doubles team of Vik and Chaz won their final match and everyone on the team came out to watch them," Burks said. "It was one of those moments I'll al-

ways remember."

The two runner-up finishes were by No. 1 singles player Andrew Zhang and the No. 3 doubles squad of Adrian Wilen and Chris Sauer. Zhang lost to Troy stand-out and defending state champion Steve Forman in straight sets, 6-1, 6-1.

Sophomore Tommy Herb and the No. 4 doubles team of Kyle Peres and Alex Walkon both lost in the semifinal round. Freshman Andrew Chen, playing No. 4 sin-

gles, fell in his quarterfinal match.

"The reason we won was plain and simple — hard work," Burks said. "It was a complete team effort. Everyone on the team pulled their weight and got us points."

"The fact that our whole team, all 18 guys, were there (Oct. 21) when we won was special," he said. "It truly was a team effort."

Retooling the lineup

Bloomfield Hills lost a few key players from last year to graduation and Burks was forced to retool his lineup this season.

With the graduation of all-state No. 1 singles player Josh Mukherjee, the nationally-ranked Zhang took over that tough flight. Herb moved up from doubles to take over No. 2 singles. Burks put the Burmans together at No. 1 doubles and, of the 10 returning players, Hemrich and Chakraborty were the only ones stationed in their same flight from last year.

The revamped group won their season-opening tournament and went on to create history.

"We graduated a lot of guys last year and had some tough spots to fill," Burks said. "But we had some incoming talent and all of our players practiced very hard in the off-season. With Tommy (Herb) taking over that No. 2 singles slot, we had one of the best one and two combinations in high school tennis."

"And having Constantin at No. 3 again made us so strong in singles. With our doubles lineup looking very strong, I felt that we were going to still have a very solid squad. The boys worked so hard through the season. Every practice and match I saw improvement."

"(Assistant coach) Nick (Tolomei) and I realized quickly, actually right after the Ann Arbor Huron invite, that we had a great group of guys and that we were going to be pretty good," he said.

They proved to be the best.

SALEM

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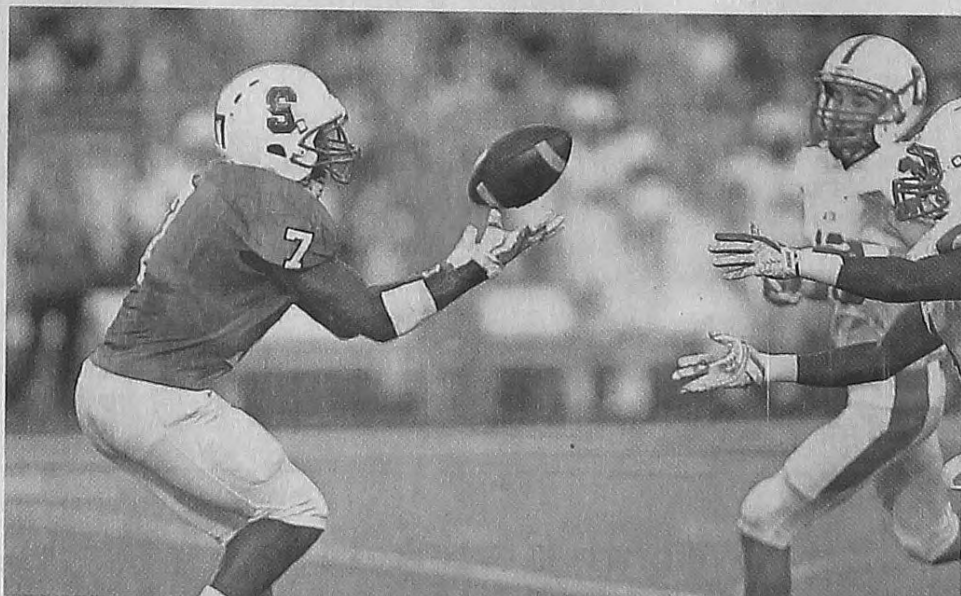
didn't know who we were playing," Britnell said. "We tried to keep it as tight-lipped as possible so it'd be a surprise."

Not done yet

Following the practice, senior standouts Ryan Young, Alex Howie and Andrew Davis all talked about how great it feels to achieve their goal of getting a taste of the playoffs before their high school careers ended.

"It feels great to be out here," said quarterback Young, who completed 12-of-14 passes against the Mustangs to lead a 493-yard offensive outburst in what was a do-or-die situation. "A lot of energy out here."

According to lineman Howie, a 6-4, 300-pound offensive guard who is being courted by a number of Division I universities, it was fun to have the chance to practice in the rain because it



During a September game against Canton, Salem senior Andrew Davis grabs a pass thrown by quarterback Ryan Young. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

came after Selection Sunday and meant their season isn't over.

"I don't think I even minded the rain today," Howie said. "Just knowing that we got an opportunity that a lot of schools didn't, we came out here, we practiced. We're grateful to be here."

Running back Davis

had a monster game against Northville, rushing 26 times for 265 yards and scoring four touchdowns.

"It's pretty big, that, (after) 26 years we finally did it," Davis said. "But I'm just glad to be here and we need to make a statement. It's definitely going to be a big memory of high

school football, finally making the playoffs."

Feeling upbeat

In the victory over Northville, Davis and Young were the main cogs, but the Rocks had stellar efforts across the board.

Other contributors included senior Parker Selby (nine catches for

88 yards), senior Sean McCormack (28-yard TD catch, five tackles), junior Dez Dewberry (two fumble recoveries, two tackles for loss and a sack) and junior Josh Gilmour — who became Salem's all-time kicking leader with his sixth and seventh field goals of the season.

Britnell ended the practice imploring the group to not just think "getting in" is the ultimate achievement.

"That was last night, it's fun and all that," Britnell said about celebrating the playoff berth. "But with 31 seniors, the point is not to be in it. The point is to make a statement in it. We're here practicing to win a game. And today was the first day of that."

And many of those seniors have been on the same page since ninth grade, working toward finally joining the playoff party.

"It was just coming together as a team," Young said. "We had a lot of adversity throughout the year, definitely ...

we've had a strong bond since freshman year, so we knew we could come together and get it done."

"You just got to get in and then you got a chance to prove people wrong."

Prove them wrong

The team learned something about itself as it battled down the stretch for that winning record and a spot in the playoffs.

"We're stronger as a unit, we play well together," Howie said. "When we're on our game we can hang with anybody."

"Nothing's been easy," Britnell said. "We've had issues all year and adversity. It's kind of a good thing. Now that we're in, anything can happen."

"To be able to handle those challenges throughout the year makes us more playoff ready, because we had to fight for it. Hopefully, that means that we'll be ready to fight Friday."

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Mercy claims eighth league title in program history

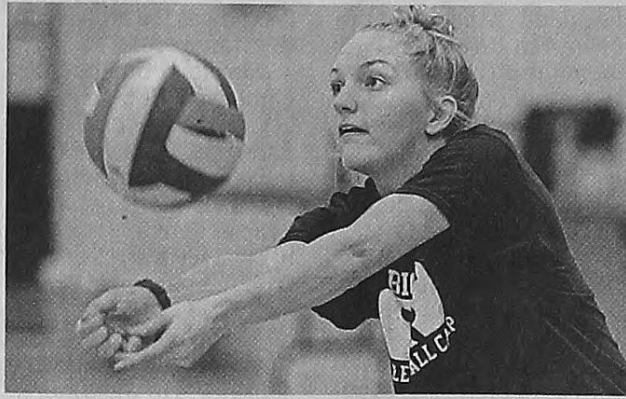
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Farmington Hills Mercy's volleyball team again reigns supreme in the Catholic League.

The Marlins defeated arch rival Bloomfield Hills Marian to capture their first Catholic League tournament title in six years Monday night at Madonna University. Mercy needed four sets — two of which went overtime — to get past the Mustangs, 25-19, 27-25, 29-31, 25-13.

Mercy's last two Catholic League titles, in 2010-11, were also against Marian. The Marlins now own eight tournament crowns in program history.

Veteran head coach Loretta Vogel said it is a very satisfying feeling to have regained the Catholic League title.



Junior hitter Logan Beyer helped lead Mercy to the Catholic League championship with a four-set victory over arch rival Bloomfield Hills Marian. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I'm still smiling, does that express it? We've been there a couple of times since (2011), but we just weren't able to walk away with it," Vogel said. "When you're in the Catholic League, it's important. It's something that is definitely a goal for us at the beginning of

the season.

"It was a great night," she added. "And as everyone knows, Mercy and Marian are big rivalries and that, obviously, added to the excitement of the evening. It was an honor for us to win the Catholic League."

The Marlins were led

by sophomore outside hitter Jess Mruzik, senior outside hitter Lauren Hunt and junior left side hitter Logan Beyer. Freshman setter Julia Bishop also had a strong outing, directing the offense.

"For us, we put together a different plan on how we wanted to play Marian," said Vogel, whose team defeated Marian in five sets during the regular season. "We put together something I felt would be a strong suit for us. We were quite pleased with how everything worked out."

"I'm very fortunate. I have a group of athletes who are willing to change and look at different offensive systems. And playing Marian, we had an idea who the ball was going to, what kind of defense we were going to run and I think that made

a difference.

"You know, when you have two teams that match up like us, everyone plays their best game," she added. "We knew it was going to be close, so we prepared ourselves for that."

Mercy (30-5-1), ranked No. 2 behind Rockford, now turns its attention to the state tournament, which begins this week with district action.

The Marlins will play in the Class A district hosted by Southfield Arts & Technology, with their first match at 5:30 p.m. Monday against rival Farmington Harrison. The district championship game is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday.

The district championship will open regional play at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at Farmington High School.

The Marlins will be seeking their 15th con-

secutive district championship this year. In addition, they have advanced to the regional title game or beyond eight straight times. The past three years, Mercy has been eliminated from postseason play by the eventual Class A state champion.

In each of the past two seasons, Mercy lost to Novi. In 2015, Mercy fell to Romeo.

"You sort of take credit in that the team that stopped us the last three years is the team that went on to win the state title," Vogel said. "But it is really one game at a time when you get into districts. You just have to look at it that way."

"We do our homework.

The team we face, we know what they're going to do," she added. "We always scout them. That's why I say you just take one game at a time."

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Quad scrimmage helps teams get ready for postseason

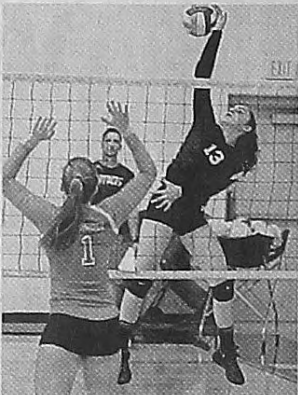
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With districts fast approaching, Monday was a perfect time for volleyball teams to crank it up during a quad scrimmage at Plymouth Christian Academy.

The host Eagles, ranked No. 1 in Class D (as well as Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division champions), went up against Class A teams Northville and Canton, plus Class C Brighton Charyl Stockwell.

"This is the first time we've done a quad scrimmage," PCA head coach D.J. Kellogg said. "You get the most bang for the buck; you get one scrimmage date and you get three good teams. It makes it fun. It's a good tuneup right before districts and regionals."

Plymouth Christian (33-7-2, 10-0 in the MIAC Blue) defeated Charyl Stockwell 25-13, 25-15,



Plymouth Christian sophomore Gabriella Kellogg (right) hammers the ball Monday. Defending for Canton is Abby Zelenak. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

then needed three sets to get past Canton (25-19, 19-25, 15-10). PCA then went up against the Mustangs, ranked in the top 10 in Class A. Northville prevailed 25-16 and 25-22.

Kellogg said his defending state champions are more than willing and able to raise the competitive bar by facing Class

A squads.

"We've been trying to schedule that, as much as we can," Kellogg said. "I think it's like going against a 95 mph pitcher (Class A) and you got somebody pitching 80 (Class D). It slows down a little bit."

"There's still great Class D schools out there. But the height, athleticism. You might get four or five on a team in Class A versus a (Class D) school with a couple good athletes. You can't take a point off, so I think that mental focus helps in the postseason, because you don't have that opportunity to take a breather."

Quad sharpens skills

PCA senior outside hitter Grace Kellogg said although the Eagles fell short against Northville, she liked the way the Eagles improved in the second set.

"It's just to get some good competition in before playoffs," Grace

Kellogg said. "We definitely like to play against some top-ranked teams. It was really helpful, especially playing Northville. They're up there in Class A, they're a really solid team. We kind of struggled in the first game, but in the second game, we picked it up."

Players from the Class A teams also liked the quad format, especially getting the opportunity to get a lot of reps in.

"I think it went really well," Canton sophomore outside hitter Megan Flanagan said. "I like how we can experience different teams and different types of teams, because we don't normally get that. It was really fun. I think all of the girls improved. We got a lot of touches, which really helps."

"It's such a great thing to go up against hitters and liberors, people (targeted to be) playing D-I college. It's such a great experience and we get to

learn and grow as players and as a team."

Northville freshman outside hitter Jenna Boksha had a similar take.

"It really prepares us," Boksha said. "It's better than practice. It's a real game situation, so you're in that mindset of playing an actual game, instead of just going to practice."

"I think that (quad format) helps us. We learn how to match into different defenses, how to play, no matter the circumstances."

Hanging tough

PCA recently had another test against top teams, at the Beast of the East tourney in Warren (at the Michigan Elite Volleyball Academy). The Eagles tied for fifth place out of 32 teams.

"We had good teams in our pool," D.J. Kellogg said. "We had Grosse Pointe North, we had Salem, we beat them both. Grosse Pointe

North, we went to three games. We played (Bloomfield Hills) Marian and went to three games (losing 15-13 in the deciding set)."

"Being second in the pool put us in the gold bracket. We played Mat-tawan right out of the gate, they're the No. 10-ranked team in (Class) A. We beat them in three. And we played Grand Rapids Christian (No. 3 in Class A), they're just phenomenal. For us, being in the top half is something to be proud of."

Plymouth Christian will host a district beginning Oct. 30 and is favored to make it to the regional. Also beginning Oct. 30 is a district at Novi, where Canton and Northville (as well as Salem and Plymouth) will compete.

The favorite there will be defending Class A state champion Novi.

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BOYS TENNIS

Cranbrook senior Jacobson wins third individual state championship

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Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood continues to rule in Division 3.

The Cranes, represented in all eight flight finals, rolled to their third consecutive boys tennis state championship Oct. 21 in Holland. Cranbrook Kingswood finished with 36 points, while arch rival Detroit Country Day placed second for the third straight season with 28 points.

It was Cranbrook Kingswood's fifth crown since 2008 and 21st title in the program's storied history, dating back to 1972.

That was all good news for first-year head coach Steve Herdoiza.

"The boys really wel-



Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood's boys tennis team captured its third consecutive state title Oct. 21 in Midland.

comed me and my coaching style/system right from the start," said Herdoiza, a Bloomfield Hills native and former All-America singles player at Northwestern. "It was extremely gratifying to me that we continued the winning tradition at Cranbrook. They did all the right things and put

in all the hard work, so they were very deserving of the state title."

Cranbrook Kingswood won three singles flights and another in doubles.

At No. 1 singles, senior Benji Jacobson lived up to his top seeding with a 6-2, 6-4, victory over Jack Dausman of Coopersville. Jacobson who won

all four of his matches in straight sets to corral his third straight individual state crown. He won at No. 1 singles last year and won the No. 2 singles crown in 2015.

Lucas Bosch (No. 2) and Justin Luo (No. 3) won their respective flights in straight sets as top seeds. Bosch defeated Country Day's Ricky Warnicke, 6-4, 6-0, and Luo did not lose a game against Allegan's Kody Harrington.

Cranbrook Kingswood's No. 2 doubles team of Joseph Croskey and Nikhil Deenadayalu also won in straight sets.

CK's runners-up included Sohum Acharya at No. 4 singles and the doubles teams of Andrew Du and Jacob Yellen (No. 1), Eshaan Kawlra and Jack Trees (No. 3) and

Hayes Bradley and David Hermelin (No. 4).

"I felt we had the best depth and chemistry of all the teams at the state," said Herdoiza, who also led Brother Rice and Andover to state titles in previous coaching stints. "I think this really showed at the states, as we were the only team to have all eight flights in the finals."

"I felt very good about our chances all year," he added. "We returned most of our players from the previous year, so we had good depth and experience on our side. Also, this group of boys was very motivated, coachable and growth driven."

Cranbrook Kingswood had another strong season, winning the Catholic League and regional tournament titles. The

Cranes finished with a 12-3-2 record.

"This was a really fun group of kids to work with," Herdoiza said. "They really applied themselves well throughout the season, making improvement and development a top priority."

"Every player on our team, even those that didn't play, made such great contributions to our success," he added. "I am thrilled for our seniors that they were able to go out on a winning note."

Detroit Country Day's state champions were Eric Wang (No. 4 singles), Tom Nardicchio and Eric Liu (No. 3 doubles) and Nick Sicilia and Justin Lee (No. 4 doubles).

KENNEDY

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of competitors and carded 2-under 70 to win. Kennedy earned the crown by logging three birdies on the final nine holes.

"When she hit the turn after nine holes on Saturday, they were having to wait some 15-20 minutes between shots, so everyone's energy was getting low," Fritz said. "I was talking to Shannon and told her to keep her energy level up. She said,

'you're right' and on (No.) 10, she made a par, on (Nos.) 11 and 12, birdie, birdie. She was just amazing."

"Most golfers are unraveling on the back nine, making bogeys and double-bogeys, while Shannon birdies three of her last nine holes. She is just that kind of competitor. It's fun and amazing to watch."

"And when her putting is on and she's following the putting process, that's when she shoots these numbers," she added. "She was just putting well. She had

worked on it very hard prior to states and I just think she had her putting stroke down and her confidence down."

Early signs of greatness

Kennedy, who has played travel hockey and basketball, showed signs of greatness right away by winning her tournament debut in August. She earned a runner-up finish at both the Catholic League (76) tourney Oct. 2 at Edgewood Country Club and at the state regional (78) Oct. 13 at Huron Meadows Met-

ropark.

For the season, Kennedy finished with a 75 tournament average.

"We knew Shannon was going to be a great player coming into the season," Fritz said. "Shannon was strong all season long and she strikes the ball well all the time."

"The amazing thing I found is that she's the most coachable golfer I've ever come across," she added. "She's willing to look at things and discuss things from a course-management perspective. She's willing

to put her driver away in order to have good placement off the tee. She was extremely coachable from day one of practice."

As a team, Marian placed second to Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern by a dozen strokes. Northern had two players in the top 10 and finished with a 656 team score, while the Mustangs posted a two-round total of 668.

Marian's other scorers were senior Alexandra Robb who shot 165 (84-81), freshman Lauren Sass at 177 (92-85) and

sophomore Marlo Hudson at 180 (90-90). Junior Kate Zink shot 189 (99-90).

Birmingham Seaholm was sixth with 682.

The Maples, state runners-up last year after having won three consecutive titles from 2013-15, were led by Hailley Roovers with 165. Cate Joelson (169), Sydney Pickell (169) and Allie Weina (179) were the other Maples scorers.

Birmingham Groves had a pair of individual participants, Chloe Colton and Anika Krishnan, who both carded 188.

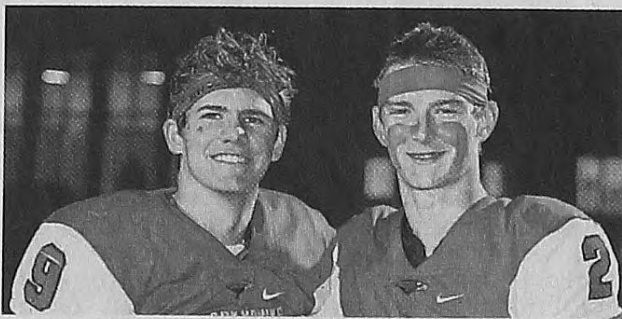
PREP FOOTBALL

Slazinski shatters state record for single-game receptions

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Bloomfield Hills dropped its final football game of the season Oct. 20 in a wild affair with Oak Park, 58-39, but Black Hawks fans still had reason to celebrate senior night.

Senior receiver Ty Slazinski shattered a Michigan High School Athletic Association record for single-game receptions as he hauled in 22 passes from senior quarterback John Paddock. The old mark of 18 was held jointly by Comstock Park's Nick Turowski (2015) and Ionia's Adam Kerr (1992).



Bloomfield Hills wide receiver Ty Slazinski (right) set a state record Oct. 20 for single-game receptions from quarterback John Paddock. MARTY BUDNER

"It was a hard-fought game. I knew coming in that (Oak Park's) defensive backs were great," Slazinski said a few moments after his big night. "I knew they were legit,

so I didn't expect anything like this to really go down in this game. I was just hoping for a win and do my best.

"It hasn't really sunk in yet that I set the rec-

ord, but I'm sure it will," he added. "And when I'm older, I'm sure I'll remember it forever. Coming into this year, I never thought something like this would happen."

The tying and record-setting receptions came on the final play of the third quarter and first play of the fourth with Bloomfield Hills trailing, 50-26.

Slazinski caught his 18th pass for 13 yards on a first-down play from the Oak Park 45-yard line. Bloomfield Hills started the fourth quarter at the Oak Park 32-yard line. Paddock shot a ball out to Slazinski and the sure-handed wide

receiver latched on to the 2-yard pass, which broke the state record.

Slazinski finished the game with 22 catches for 211 yards and three touchdowns. He was targeted 36 times by Paddock, in his second year as starting quarterback after transferring from neighboring Brother Rice.

"I couldn't have done it without John," Slazinski said. "He was finding me all night. When we started getting close to the record, we knew and he was just trying to find me. We really wanted to set that record.

"We found out at half-time that we were on 10

(receptions) and I knew the record was 18," he added. "We did it together. It just wasn't me."

Paddock also hit the records books, as his 59 passes and 36 completions both rank among the top 10 in those single-game MHSAA categories.

"I have no doubt in my mind that Ty Slazinski is the best receiver in the state of Michigan," Paddock said. "I mean, when you talk about route running, composure and having chemistry with your quarterback, it is unbelievable. I could not ask for a better receiver."

BOYS SOCCER

You only need one: Plymouth blanks Saline in regional

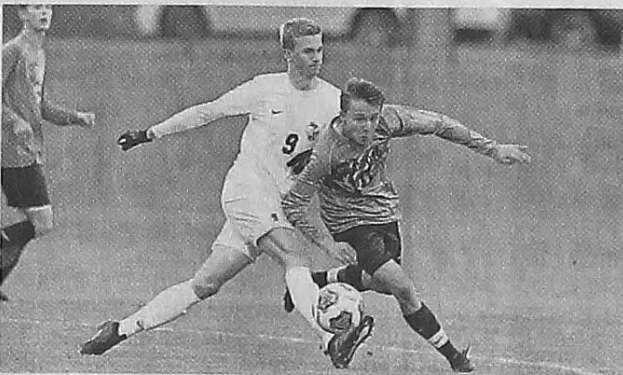
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With the second half clock of Tuesday's Division 1 boys soccer regional semifinal getting close to single digits and the game scoreless, the Plymouth Wildcats were looking for just one scoring opportunity against Saline.

The Wildcats got just what they needed with 11:11 remaining in regulation, with Sawyer Eggen finishing a nifty feed from Caleb Crawford for the only goal in a 1-0 victory at Novi Meadows Stadium.

"I saw Caleb, he looked up," Eggen said. "Their center back wasn't really paying attention. He played me through and I was able to get the goal."

With Eggen scoring



Plymouth's Cameron Cieslik (right) and Saline's Nicholas Scott battle for the ball during the first half of the regional semifinal in Novi. DAN DEAN

what he said was "probably the biggest goal of my career, by far," Plymouth advanced to the regional against Novi Detroit Catholic Central, which was scheduled for Friday.

On the decisive play, Crawford slipped a pass along the right side of the

pitch to Eggen. His low shot eluded diving Saline goalkeeper Sam Herner.

The goal ensured that Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich, who won the pregame coin toss, made the correct call in defending against the wind in the first half. He wanted his team to get out of

the opening 40 minutes without giving up a goal and then go from there.

"We did a great job, accomplished that and just kept the pressure on second half and had a breakthrough," Neschich said. "It was a great finish."

The goal came shortly after Plymouth's Scottlar Chakrabarty nearly ripped a shot into the Saline net, only to be denied by Herner. Chakrabarty had several Grade A scoring chances on a night where rain, wind and cool temperatures made it tougher to be creative.

Following are several other takeaways from the contest:

PLAY THEIR GAME

Eggen said the way the Wildcats won the game "really showed the

fight we had and that will help us going forward."

"Just play our game, play like how we always play," Bennett Brooks said. "Which is part defense and then press them. Especially this game, the touches, no one's touches going to be on. That's how we came out."

SLIPPERY STUFF

With the rainy, windy conditions, it was a tall order for players on both sides to control the ball, let alone connect with passes.

"The weather, the ground was slippery, the touches were a little bit off, I think," senior Ben Tetlow said. "But you just got to play strong and know the conditions aren't that great. It's for both sides, though, so it works with you and

against you."

The Wildcats nearly benefited when Chakrabarty's long-range shot slipped through keeper Herner's fingers like a watermelon seed. But the ball trickled wide to the right.

SHUTTING THEM DOWN

Plymouth's game plan was to get on the board first and then hold off the Hornets with smothering defense. That is exactly how the contest played out.

"Tommy (Sullivan) and Alex Bowser did a great job at center back and (Ryan) Wu, Cam (Cieslik) and Alec (Rogers) were great at the outside backs," Neschich said. "Just a great defensive effort, of course, led by Bennett Brooks."

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COLIN TROUP

FOOTBALL SENIOR CANTON CHIEFS

Canton senior Colin Troup is a running back who knows how to get to the end zone, whether with power or speed. He also finished strong to easily Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week honors for Week 9.

Troup jumped ahead of Plymouth senior girls cross country runner Erin Johnson in the first day of the poll and went on to garner 38.68 percent of the 29,415 votes that were cast — 11,379 to be exact.

In the runner-up spot was Detroit Catholic Central senior soccer player Ryan Pierson with 6,268 votes (21.31 percent). Johnson placed third, with 5,998 votes (20.39 percent). Closing out the nominees were Novi senior volleyball player Erin O'Leary (5,153, 17.52 percent), Bloomfield Hills Marian freshman girls golfer Shannon Kennedy (538, 1.83 percent) and Bloomfield Hills senior football player Ty Slazinski (79, 0.27 percent).

WHAT HE DID: Troup continued his outstanding senior season in the Week 9 KLAA showdown against Livonia Churchill. With the championship on the line,

he scored four touchdowns as the Chiefs prevailed 35-21. Three of those TDs came on the ground and he added a touchdown reception. All told, Troup registered over 200 all-purpose yards — including 174 on the ground.

"We knew we were going to play a tough team, Churchill, they're a really good team. But Coach (Tim) Baechler, he's really been preparing us, he's been watching film every day. He's just really prepared us for

the win and I think that really helped us."

WHAT HE SAID ABOUT BEING NAMED ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: "I think it was really special. My teammates were all proud of me and I have to give them all props, because they're the people that helped me have a stellar game. I wouldn't have had the game if it wasn't for them."



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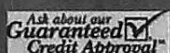
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Estate of **BOBBY JOE CRIDER** - Decedent, Date of birth: 06/05/1936

TO ALL CREDITORS:

Notice To Creditors: The decedent, **BOBBY JOE CRIDER**, of 8950 Brentwood, Livonia, MI 48150, Wayne County, Michigan died June 11, 2017.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to: **Lisa Lemke**, daughter of **Bobby Joe Crider**, care of Law Offices of **David L. Carrier, P.C.**, 4965 East Beltline Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A WETLAND

To: All interested Government Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that HUD under part 50 has determined that the following proposed action, under Section 221(d)(4) New Construction of the National Housing Act, will be located within a wetland area, and HUD will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the proposed action in the wetland and the potential impacts on the wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands, to determine the potential effect that its activity in the wetland will have on the human environment for the proposed issuance of mortgage insurance under the Section 232 Mortgage Insurance Program. The Proposed Eden on the Rouge, FHA #044-43099 is located at 44100 Connection Way and is comprised of an approximately 6.11-acre portion of a larger undeveloped parcel of land designated as tax assessment Parcel Number 108-99-0001-001, Canton, Wayne County, Michigan. The Subject Property is the proposed location of an 88-unit assisted living/memory care facility, associated infrastructure, installation of utilities, and detention basin with forebay.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Written comments must be received by HUD at the following address within 16 calendar days from the date of this publication:
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A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9:30am - 6:00pm Eastern Time at the address above. Comments may also be submitted via email or phone - Lillian.m.mano@hud.gov or 202-402-6413.

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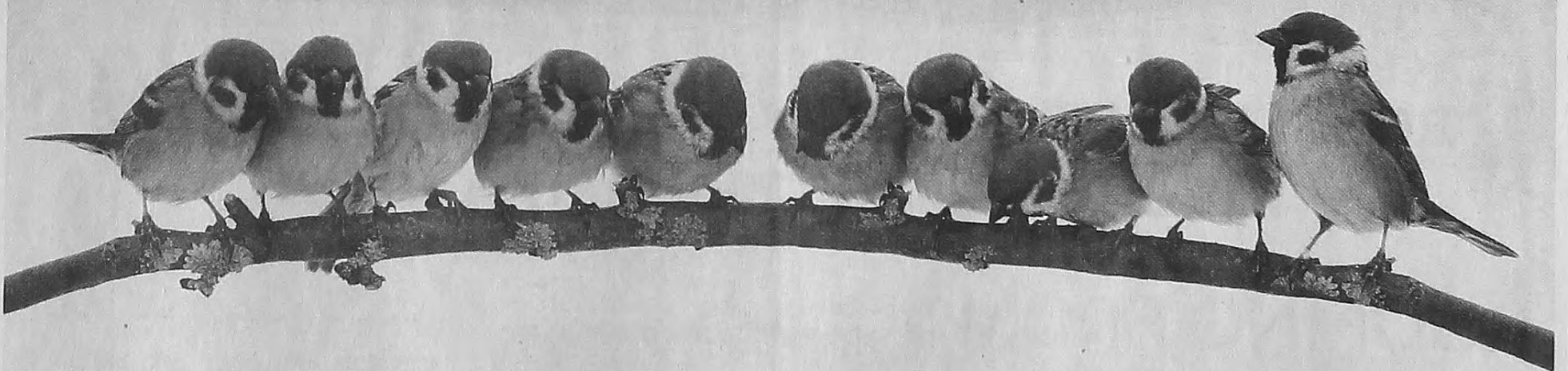
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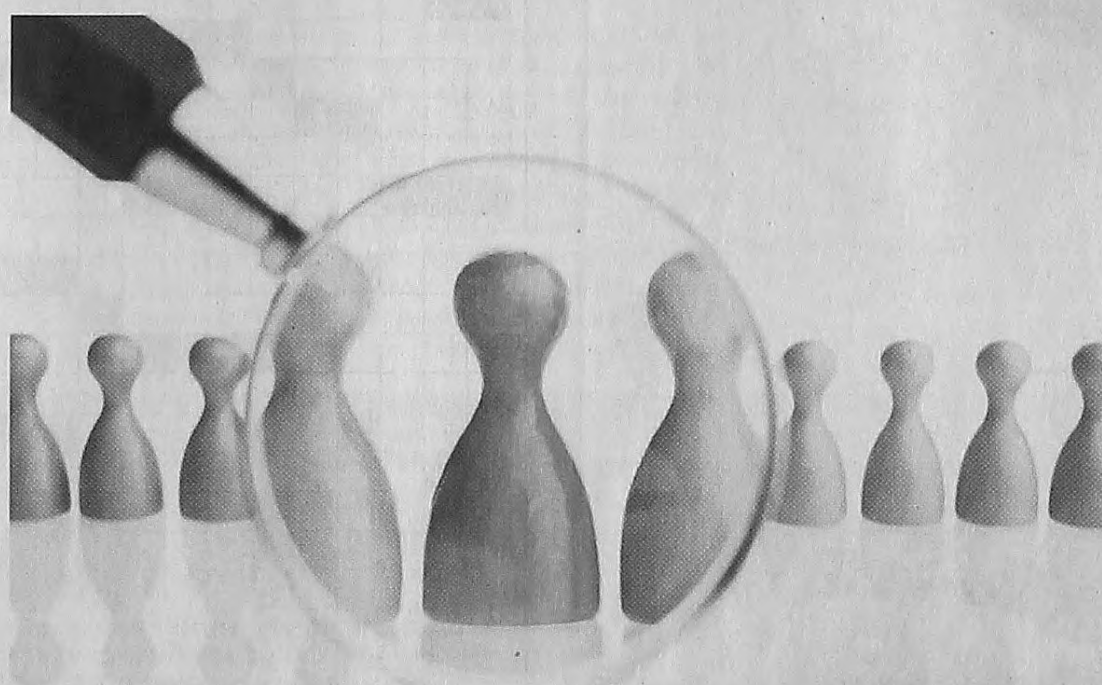
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We all know the market is competitive. Any job you apply for is probably receiving a minimum of 100 applications — with some getting thousands. But someone has to get every job, right? People do make it through to the next levels of the hiring process, even in a crowded, qualified field of applicants.

You have to assume the majority of job seekers you're competing with are on the ball — their resumes are spotless and their experience and skill base matches or exceeds the job requirements. So how can you stand out as the best person for the job? Use some of these more targeted strategies to help elevate your application package:

1. Make your purpose clear and direct.

The most impressive (or at least the most attractive) candidates tend to be the ones who project a kind of professional purpose. These candidates have taken the time and effort to figure out what it is they want to do, and why and how to reach their goals. Recruiters find it very easy to match these candidates into their companies, because it's clear if they'll be a fit. Make



sure you can articulate the talents that make you a good match and place them prominently in your cover letter, resume and other application materials. Know yourself and make that sing.

2. Don't hold back — sell yourself.

It's not enough to just know what drives you. You have to share that vision, enthusiastically, even if you're shy and

not prone to bragging. Put together a short pitch that summarizes why you, and only you, are the best person for the job. Once you have this down, you can use it at many points during your job search. Turn it into an elevator pitch for networking. Emphasize it in your interview. Build it into your social media presence. Make your sales pitch a part of how you present to the world while job seeking.

3. Sanitize your social media.

You could have the greatest application in the world, but if your social media profiles are inappropriate or controversial or just childish, a recruiter is going to toss your file in the trash.

Make sure to Google yourself and scour your net presence until it's every bit as polished and professional as you hope to present yourself.

4. Make your professional info a click away.

There are some fancy trends out there, and you better believe the competition will be keeping up with them. If you're up for it, try building a personal website to give a sense of your personal branding. Include the link in your resume, and include your resume on your website. A website can also (stylishly) convey all the context you didn't have room to include on your resume. Use this extra space to your advantage.

5. Network to build a group of reliable referrals.

Sometimes it really does come down to who you know. Make sure you're constantly networking and making inquiries. Find inroads to companies you want to work for to make contacts and seek mentors. You never know when someone you meet at a cocktail party or a lecture is going to be the one to pass your resume to a decision maker.

Peter Jones is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com, where this article was originally published. He investigates and writes about current strategies, tips, and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.

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Car Report

HYUNDAI TESTS 'SHOPPER ASSURANCE' PROGRAM TO BOOST CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE 4 WAYS, PLANNING NATIONWIDE ROLLOUT IN 2018



By Dale Buss

As U.S. auto sales level off and competition tightens for what is still a healthy pool of customers, brands are turning to traditional levers such as bigger financial incentives to make sure they're competitive.

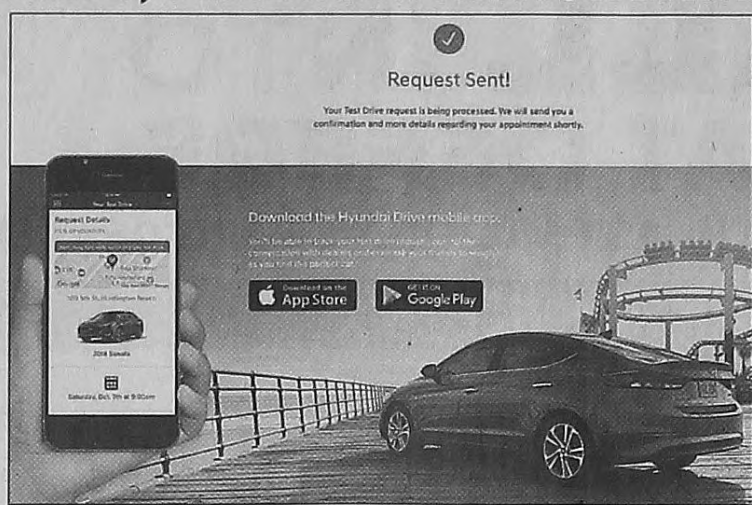
Hyundai dealers are bringing something new to the game: a program called Shopper Assurance that aims to make the buying experience better. It launches in Miami, Orlando, Dallas and Houston and will roll out to all U.S. Hyundai dealers in early 2018.

Of course, the car-buying experience is infamously frustrating to American consumers and especially to millennials, who want to handle as much of the process as possible online. But Hyundai's research found that if the brand could address four pain points, 84 percent of consumers would visit a dealership that offered solutions over one that did not.

"It is the future of car buying, and our commitment to creating a flexible, efficient and better way to purchase a car in partnership with our dealer body," said Dean Evans, CMO of Hyundai Motor America, in a press release.

Specifically, Shopper Assurance offers:

- **Transparent Pricing:** Participating dealers post the fair market pricing on their web sites (MSRP minus



incentives and any dealer-offered discounts) so customers know exactly what the market pricing is for the vehicle, reducing negotiating time and eliminating the frustration of widely advertised incentives not being available on dealer web sites.

- **Flexible Test Drive:** Customers can contact the dealer through a Hyundai platform that allows them to schedule by phone or by app in available markets, for delivery of the test-drive vehicle at a location of their choosing.

- **Streamlined Purchase:** Buyers can complete most paperwork online before visiting the dealership for a vehicle in the dealer's inventory, including applying for financing, obtaining credit approvals, calculating payment estimates and valuing trade-ins.

- **Three-Day Money-Back Guarantee:** Return the car for a full refund as long as it's got less than 300 miles.

Hyundai could use a lift. The brand's sales in the US were down by 15 percent

through September compared with a year earlier, while the overall light-vehicle market was down only less than 2 percent in the same period. Lately Hyundai has struggled mainly with the fact that it's relatively light on SUVs and crossovers compared with sedans, and American consumers have shifted significantly away from the latter.

Hyundai hopes to get about 700 of its 820 dealers to go with the voluntary Shopper Assurance program. Its Genesis luxury brand will get something similar in 2018.

"We did extensive research, some of that internally over the last two years, asking customers what they wanted," Evans told me. "We had good ideas, from being close to customers for years, about test drives. And what were other companies like Amazon and other remote business models like grocery stores doing to bring products to people? There were some studies out there and we said, look at the pain.

"It's a balancing act all the time with retailers and customers. Every store runs a little differently. We're trying to highlight overall improvement categories like time saved without being too prescriptive, and dial in a better experience over time."

"We can't dictate pricing to the dealer body, but we recognize in the marketplace that there is a transaction price that consumers all kind of figure out and go get in the research process through TrueCar and Edmunds and so on. When a customer comes to a Hyundai retailer, especially online, I want that number that they want to sell their car for to be about the same as everyone online says it should be. We want our price to validate that."

"Because of all those variables, and because the dealer network is at various stages of adoption, we're staying at the high level in this year. But some dealers, even tomorrow, could be down to the

penny with the price, a guaranteed trade-in and digital signage online. I want the customer to see only maybe a \$500 difference between my trade and what they see on Kelly Blue Book and CarMax. We're trying to show them transparency, not guaranteeing some online transactional-level sale price."

Do consumers remember Hyundai Assurance, which the brand launched in 2009 to guarantee it would pick up car payments if someone bought a Hyundai and later lost their job?

"What they think of Hyundai today," Evans said, "is that we're definitely a value brand and a rational brand and with these assurances, and they pop up every once in a while. That's why we attach this to 'Assurance'. There's some value in that and we love the word. How do we make the customer more at the center of our world? We think this could be the Assurance that's most memorable over time."



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