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Canton 'under siege' from potholes

Officials scrambling to answer residents' complaints

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Canton senior citizen Kaethe Curry had to spend \$177 to replace the front tires on her car after she hit potholes.

"There are so many potholes, you can't even go around them," she said.

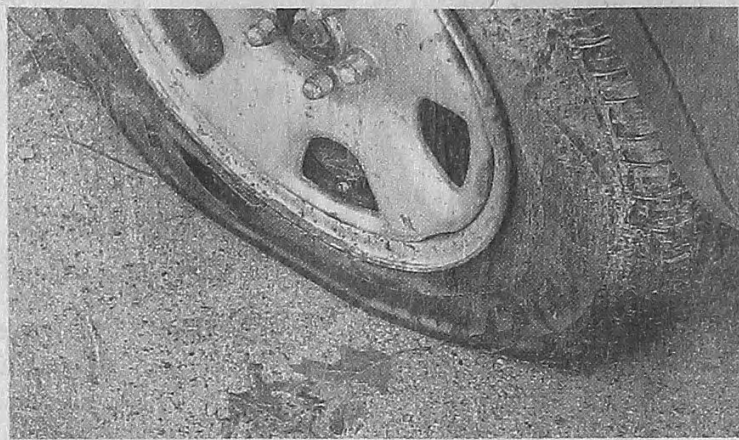
Curry knows the worst roads for potholes in Canton. The mile-long stretch of Morton Taylor, between Joy and War-

ren, is one trouble spot.

"It's unbelievable," she said Tuesday. The next afternoon, four cars could be seen at one time alongside Morton Taylor after pothole damage forced motorists with flat tires and damaged rims off the road.

Curry said the section of Sheldon, between Cherry Hill and Warren roads, is terrible.

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A car parked on Pepperwood, within sight of the deep potholes on Morton Taylor Road.

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After filling the hole, Daimon Parker tamps down the patch with the back of the shovel blade. He knows the patch is temporary. Michigan's freeze-thaw cycle means that road crews never run out of work. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

A THANKLESS TASK

Meet the workers who try to keep our roads from falling apart

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It's a slow-moving procession, similar to what you'd find during a parade. But this two-vehicle operation doesn't

feature candy thrown a float. Just cold patch.

Such is the day of highway maintenance workers assigned to fill potholes across Oakland County in the winter and spring. Crews are sent out to spend eight hours a day filling those dangerous

craters that form along county roads with a combination of freezing, thawing and precipitation.

Crews take a reprieve when snow is all plowed from county roads and use

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Homeless family surrenders pet dogs to shelter

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A homeless family that left two dogs in a truck overnight has surrendered the pets to an animal shelter after police investigated a neglect complaint at a Canton hotel, authorities said.

Ralphie, a 4-year-old pit bull mix, and Seger, an 11-year-old Labrador mix, ended up at the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland after Canton police turned the dogs over to Varmint Police, Inc., a contractor for Canton's animal control services.

"Both of the dogs were in good shape. They were very healthy, very loved," Varmint Police owner Sheryl Sutherland said. "The family was just on hard times."

The police report didn't indicate how many people were in the family and Sutherland wasn't sure.

Police went to Baymont Inn & Suites, 5700 N. Haggerty, after receiving reports Monday that two dogs were left overnight inside a truck, with the windows slightly rolled down.

A 46-year-old man who spoke with police said he recently became home-

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Complaints

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"It's even worse than Morton Taylor," she said. "And nothing is being done."

Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams put the pothole situation in Canton in terms most drivers understand.

"There is no area in Canton that is not under siege from the potholes," he said, naming Warren, between Canton Center and Tonda, and Lilley, between Palmer and Michigan Avenue, as other trouble spots.

Williams said he is in frequent contact with Wayne County, which is responsible for maintaining township roads, about the problem.

"We're working on it," he said.

Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone, who represents Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township, said the overwhelming number of complaints he hears is from Canton, which has the highest population in his district and seemingly the worst roads.

Barone said this year's freeze-thaw cycles have been brutal on local roads, causing problems that outpace the ability of Wayne County road crews to patch the potholes.

"They don't have the manpower to keep up with the severe weather that we've had," he said. "They're out there doing the best they can."

Barone said a lack of money to fix roads is occurring



Cars weave through the potholes, but it's hard to avoid all of them. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

at all levels of government, including federal, state, county and local.

"It's a major issue," he said, adding later, "I drive the roads every day. It's frustrating to me, because I don't have the answers."

One measure could help. The Michigan Legislature is putting on the fast track a move to spend an additional \$175 million in road funding for this year's construction season.

"As we all know, the roads are kind of crazy, so time is of the essence," said Rep. Laura Cox, R-Livonia, chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee. "We're proposing to take action now to allow communities time to prepare for the construction season."

State Rep. Jeff Noble, R-Plymouth, supported the House bill that now advances to the Senate, saying "extreme potholes" cause "treacherous" driving conditions.

"Repairs to automobiles caused by pothole damage takes money out of the pockets of Michigan residents. When that is happening, the quality of our state's road system has to be addressed," Noble said. "I'm pleased the Legislature has stepped up and provided this funding commitment for our residents."

Noble issued a statement saying statewide funding distribution will include nearly \$6.5 million for Wayne County communities.

In the meantime, officials are encouraging motorists to report potholes by calling 888-ROAD-CREW. Be prepared to possibly wait, though. A call to the hotline Wednesday afternoon indicated 32 callers already were in line.

Barone said complaints also may be made by going to <https://www.waynecounty.com/>.

Either way, Barone said callers should get a service request number they can use to call back and keep track of pothole repairs.

Barone also said motorists can report damage to their vehicles and possibly get reimbursed from the county — if the damage occurs more than 30 days after the pothole was first reported. That's the window Wayne County has to respond to a pothole complaint.

The county also may move a pothole higher on the list if it is especially bad and causing a large number of problems.

Williams said reporting problems to Wayne County appears to be the best way to get any results.

"The most powerful tool we have is if the county is inundated with calls and (online) tickets," he said. "That's the strongest way we can send a message to Wayne County."

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Applications and portfolios are due by 5 p.m. Thursday, April 26. An award ceremony and exhibit reception is scheduled for 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, May 7.

There are two scholarships, one for \$1,000 the other for \$500. In addition, all submitted work will be exhibited at the PCAC during the month of May as part of its Emerging Artists & Damaris Fine Art Scholarship Exhibit.

Seniors from the following schools are eligible: Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Starkweather/Feigel. Students should submit a portfolio containing a minimum of

three to a maximum of pieces of art. Each piece should be labeled. At least one piece of artwork must be framed. Students will also be required to submit two letters of recommendation, a statement about the work being submitted, a one-page essay describing how art affects their life and a recent photo.

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Music In The Park schedule announced

The 2018 schedule for the Music in the Park concert series, hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, has been announced. All performances are scheduled for Wednesday at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

For 34 years, the PCAC has presented this free family concert series with more than 20,000 in attendance each summer. The concerts are held rain or shine, with the rain location in The Gathering adjacent to the park.

The schedule includes: June 20, Earth Angels; June 27, Nick Fugedi; July 4, no concert; July 11, Gemini; July 18, Nick Davio; July 25, Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady; Aug. 1, Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic; Aug. 8, Joel Tacey's Tip Top Entertainment; Aug. 15, Earth Angels; Aug. 22, Chautauqua Express; and Aug. 29, Miss Paula & The Candy Bandits.

The full schedule is available at www.plymoutharts.com or the Music In The Park facebook page. Check out pictures, performers and special offers from season sponsors. For information on sponsorship opportunities, email lisa@plymoutharts.com.

Dogs

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less and was staying temporarily at Baymont Inn, which doesn't allow dogs on the premises unless they are service dogs for impaired guests, a police report said.

He told police he had checked into the hotel about midnight. Witnesses also reported seeing the dogs in the truck from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday. Accuweather.com said the overnight low Sunday was 26 degrees and the high Monday was 55 degrees.

Witnesses told police the dogs had been barking for

hours. According to the report, the situation was investigated as an animal neglect case.

Even though it was a difficult decision, Sutherland said the family agreed it was in the best interest of the dogs to turn them over to the humane society, Sutherland said.

"They did surrender them," she said.

She confirmed that Seger, the Labrador mix, was named after Detroit rock legend Bob Seger.

A woman at the animal shelter said no information about the dogs could be divulged for legal and privacy reasons.

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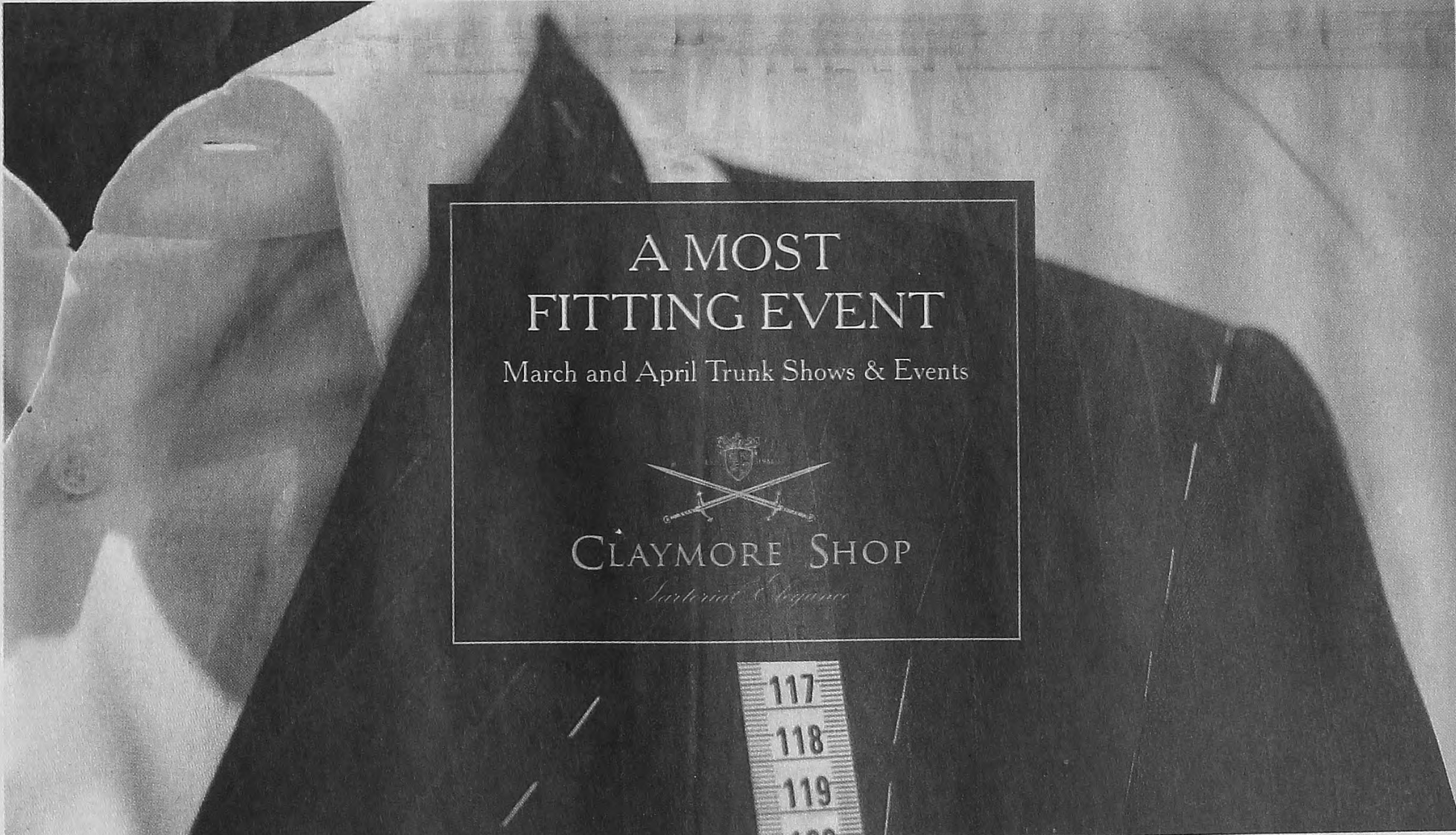
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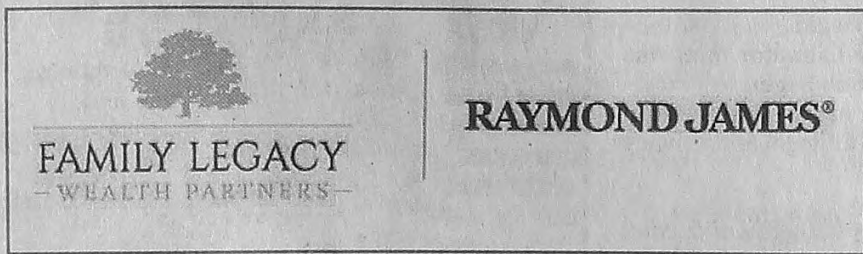
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CANTON POLICE BRIEFS

Adult special-needs sons with left home alone

A 51-year-old Canton mother has been referred to Adult Protective Services after she left her three adult sons — all with mental disabilities — home alone overnight, according to a police report.

Police went to the home Monday after receiving a 9-1-1 call from one of the sons, who then hung up without saying anything. Police learned the mother left the brothers alone overnight while she was out with her boyfriend to celebrate his birthday.

The report indicated the three brothers all have mental disabilities, but they also have other conditions. One is 21 years old and autistic. Another is 28 years old and cognitively impaired. The third is 29 years old and has Huntington's disease, the report said.

The mother hadn't arrived when police got to the home. The 28-year-old son told authorities it was unusual that the mother hadn't returned.

When the mother did return, police spoke with her about her whereabouts overnight. She told police two of her sons had managed previously to live on their own.

Gun threat

A 38-year-old Canton man notified police after he received what he considered threatening calls involving a gun from his brother.

Police went to a home in the Sher-

wood Village mobile home community Feb. 16 to investigate. The 38-year-old man told police he wanted to document threatening calls his younger brother, 34, had made.

The older brother said his younger brother was upset over an arm injury he had earlier caused, telling him he had received a \$500 medical bill in the mail. The younger brother demanded money to pay the bill within two days and told the older brother, "you're not the only one with a gun," the police report said.

Police were in the process of contacting the younger brother and also advised the older brother how to get a personal protection order.

Careless driving

A 42-year-old Canton man was ticketed for careless driving amid reports he was swerving in and out of traffic on Michigan Avenue, at times driving off the road and onto the shoulder to pass other motorists, a report said.

Police received reports of the man's erratic driving and spotted his 2011 Honda sport utility vehicle, which at times was traveling at a high rate of speed, the report said. Police initiated a traffic stop near Beck and Geddes.

Witnesses told police the situation was dangerous as the driver was traveling on westbound Michigan Avenue, between Sheldon and Lilley roads, weaving in and out of heavy traffic. The driver now has a court date for the careless driving charge.

— By Darrell Clem

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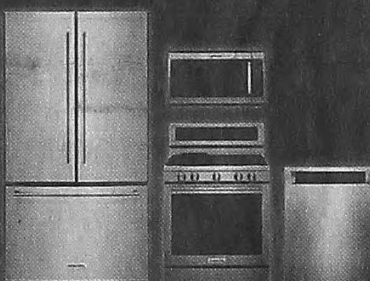


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Potholes

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that additional time to head out and fill, not repair, potholes.

"You just know when the snow lets up, that's usually when the potholes start popping up," said Ron Hoolihan, a crew leader for the Road Commission for Oakland County, who works out of the garage along Franklin Road in Southfield. "We know we're either going to be patching or plowing snow from December to the beginning of April."

That was the scene earlier this month, as highway maintenance workers Daimon Parker of Oak Park and Alan Beyer of Waterford worked their way east along 10 Mile Road, between Evergreen and Southfield, in Southfield. That was their assigned location Feb. 14, though they could be assigned to fill potholes anywhere between Eight Mile and 14 Mile and Coolidge and Novi roads, one of the most densely populated parts of Oakland County. And plenty of the roads along its southern border are in bad shape.

In fact, potholes have cropped up all across the region earlier than expected. Both Wayne and Oakland counties have reported using more material and manpower to fill potholes earlier this season than previous years. The cause? Dramatic swings in temperatures that form potholes on roads such as Interstate 275, Middlebelt and 10 Mile, to name just a few.

Parker, who's worked at the RCOC the past six months, said their assignment that day was to travel along 10 Mile Road, east toward Greenfield, before making their way back toward Evergreen, a round trip of about four miles.

The procession is slow, with one driving a pickup truck pulling the trailer full of cold patch, another worker walking right behind to spot those "tire-eating" potholes, then a larger county truck behind them to flatten and solidify the cold patch after it fills the hole.

"Once he drives over it, it packs it down," Parker said. "Then the excess stuff comes off and it'll fly."

'I could actually lay down in one of these holes'

Throwing his arm up whenever he saw a pothole in need of filling, Parker

would then grab his shovel and get to work, scooping up cold patch and dropping it into craters that would make the moon blush. After scraping the excess patch and dropping that into another hole or crevasse that needs filling, the process would begin again.

This is how a day filling potholes goes, unless they get called out to fill a pothole that's big enough to draw a motorist complaint. While those happen, Parker said they'll only get called out to such a pothole perhaps three times a week.

While he's been on the job only a few months, Parker said the largest pothole he's seen came just down the road at the intersection of 10 Mile, Evergreen and Northwestern Highway.

"It was just one and it was real bad," he said. "We were actually working on 12 Mile in Novi (and had to come back)."

But the potholes aren't limited to the eastern side of the county. That stretch of road in Novi, especially near the 12 Mile and Novi roads intersection, has seen better days. Hoolihan said crews were just recently out filling potholes that had gotten so bad, it took several trailers of cold patch to do.

An average crew will use three to six tons of cold patch a day. That intersection alone, Hoolihan said, used up nearly double that.

"We put about six or eight tons of material down there," he said. "I know it's usually bad, but I was amazed when we got out there."

The worst area, according to 10-year highway maintenance worker Frank Pena, was Greenfield, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile. There, crews would fill that stretch of roadway on a regular basis before it was repaired.

"We were there every single day," he said. "I could actually lay down in one of these holes."

Busy season

It's been quite busy in recent weeks between the snowfall and patching, especially for Beyer, who just begun working for the road commission three weeks earlier.

Beyer, who recently left the U.S. Air Force after serving about five years and joined the RCOC, said the work is a nice break from doing the same thing all the time, something he experienced as a

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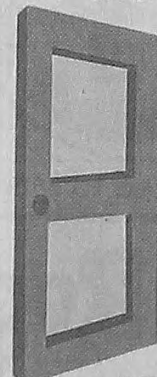
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"As the credit union for hard-working Americans, Zeal knows that hard work is not often recognized," said Lisa Fawcett, chief marketing officer for Zeal Credit Union. "Last year, we created the Hard Working Spirit Awards to celebrate people who go the extra mile. There were so many heartwarming stories that we realized how important these awards are."

The deadline to submit a nomination is Wednesday, March 14. The winner does not need to be a member of Zeal Credit Union.

A winner will be selected from each of eight categories, including skilled



Regina Lee, winner of the 2017 Hardest Working Member Spirit award, received a bouquet of flowers and \$1,000 check from Zeal Credit Union CEO Anthony Carnarvon (center) and marketing coordinator Bryan Feldpausch at the credit union's annual membership meeting. ZEAL CREDIT UNION

trades, medical, office, service industry, civil service, education, unsung hero and community superstar.

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Regina Lee, winner of last year's Hardest Working Member award, was nominated by her daughter Rogi Banks, who is pursuing a doctorate at Howard University in school psychology. Banks described the sacrifices her mother had made for her, her siblings and cousins that enabled them to have what she never had growing up.

For more information and to apply for this year's Hard Working Spirit award, go to www.HardWorkingSpiritAwards.com.

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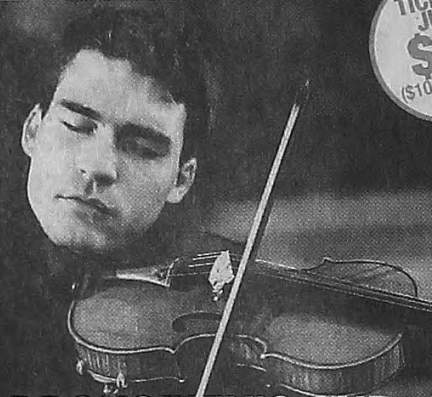
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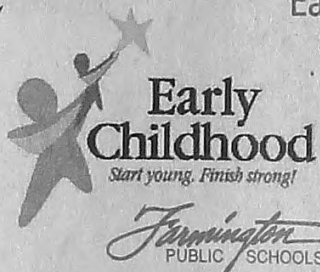
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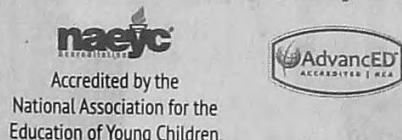


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AREA EVENTS

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Colbeck to hold office hour

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, will hold an office hour 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, meeting room B. Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. No appointment is necessary.

Colbeck represents the 7th District, which encompasses the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth. For more information, go to www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com or call 517-373-5713.

Music at the Elks

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

The Ramona Collins Quartet will perform Tuesday, Feb. 27. Collins is on vocals, Cliff Monear will be on keyboards, Jeff Pedraz on bass and Sean Dobbins on drums. Go to www.ramona.collins.com.

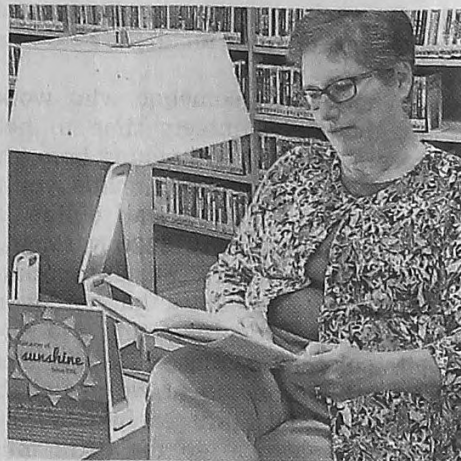
In addition, the West Side Ramblers will provide a free concert of Dixieland/bluegrass 5:30-8:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Burger Night. A limited menu is available.

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.

Benefit fashion show

To help bring awareness to the problem of local human trafficking, Pearls of Great Price Coalition, a local Christian coalition, is hosting a Fashion for Freedom fashion show dinner 6:30-9 p.m. Monday, March 5, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, in Plymouth.

The fashion show will feature human trafficking survivors. Speakers from



Electrify Your Winter at the Canton Public Library through March 20.

Sanctum House and Vista Maria will give short talks on how their organizations are helping survivors to heal and rebuild their lives.

The event includes a dinner, desserts and a cash wine and beer bar. Some proceeds will be used to support Sanctum House, the first southeast Michigan safe home for female human trafficking survivors ages 18 and older. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at fashionfreedom.eventbrite.com.

Village Theater exhibit features Gross

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, will exhibit the collected works of artist Raymond Gross in the Gallery@VT, through Monday, Feb. 26.

The exhibit, titled "Brushes, Pens & Pencils," features numerous works from Gross's 50-year career as an artist. Gross, a Canton resident, has taught in the Van Buren Public Schools district as an elementary art teacher, as well as a middle school assistant principal.

The exhibit is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday; during public performances at the theater; and by appointment by calling 734-394-5300. The Gallery is closed on holidays.

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Rotary Club presentation

The Canton Rotary Club will host Lt. Dale Waltz from the Canton Police Department at 6 p.m. Monday, March 5, at Antonio's Italian Cucina, 2220 N. Canton Center Road. Waltz will speak on the Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition.

Members of the community are invited. Attendees can order and pay for their individual meal from the restaurant menu. RSVP to Susan Kowalski at 734-968-1436.

The Canton Rotary Club meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month and also at noon the second through fifth Monday of the month. For more information, email suekowalski@mac.com or go to <http://www.cantonrotary.com>.

Movie premiere at St. John Neumann

St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, in Canton will host the world premiere of the latest Footprints of God film starring Steve Ray, "ELIJAH & ELISHA: Conscience of the Kingdom," at 7 p.m. Friday, March 9.

The film runs 1:15, followed by a reception with light refreshments. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and talk with Ray, as well as to purchase the DVD and have it autographed. Tickets are \$5 and proceeds will benefit the seminarians at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit for their Desert Experience in Israel.

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.goo.gl/12RcT9 or call St. John Neumann at 734-455-5910.

St. Mary to hold wellness expo

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will be holding a free health and wellness expo, hosted by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at the Friendship Station Senior Center, 42375 Schoolcraft, Plymouth. It is a drop in event and everyone is welcome.

Topics will include blood pressure checks, chair exercise, fall prevention, diabetic education, signs and symptoms of a stroke, pneumonia prevention, diet education, education on advance directives and plan in a can. Educational material and handouts will also be available.

For more information, call Bobbie Pummil at 734-354-3222.

Baseline Folk Society

The Baseline Folk Society continues its 2018 season, at The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts

Council, at 774 N. Sheldon Road. Performances include 10 open-mic artists and then the feature act at 8 p.m.

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

The season schedule is available on its Facebook page. For more information, email bfsresident4u@gmail.com.

Electrify Your Winter

Avoid cabin fever, stay entertained and engaged without having to leave your house with Electrify Your Winter, the Canton Public Library's winter program. Now through March 20, the International Day of Happiness, you can take part in a Checklist Challenge, engage in online opportunities like Facebook Live storytimes, Youtube fireside storytimes, a Pinterest board with projects and much more, without leaving your couch.

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For more information on Electrify Your Winter, go to www.cantonpl.org.

Lions Club Easter egg hunt

The Plymouth Lions Club will hold its annual Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 31, on the ballfields of Plymouth Township Park, 46640 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Bring baskets and camera for photos with the Easter Bunny.

VFW fish dinners

The Plymouth VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill Street, will host fish dinners during Lent 5-7 p.m. each Friday through March 30.

Diners can get cod or walleye, baked or fried. There will also be shrimp and chicken strips available. All dinners include french fries, baked potato or mac and cheese, along with cole slaw, a roll and butter. Coffee is on the house, all other drinks are available on a cash basis. There is also a dessert table and 50/50 drawings.

Diabetes support group

A diabetes support group meets 2-3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street. Facilitator is Fern Vining, R.N., a diabetes educator. The group is sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club.



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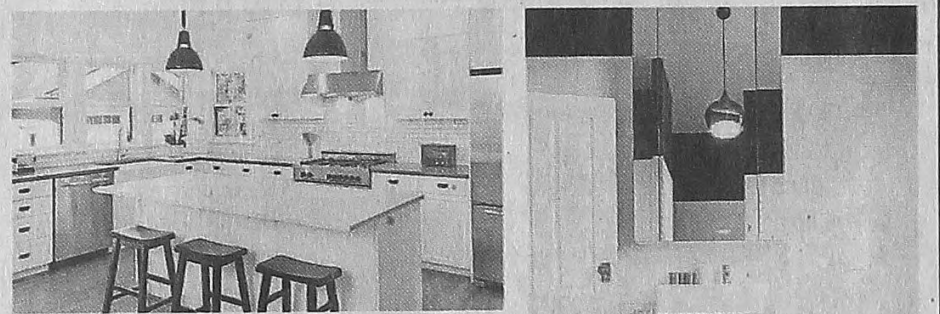
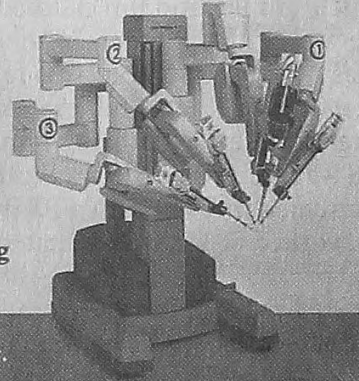
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Potholes

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mechanic while in the service. "There's always something different every day," he said. "I was an aircraft mechanic, so every day was the same." The road maintenance work, while it can be taxing, has benefited Parker in other ways. Picking up the skills he's learned out of the RCOC garage, he's applied some of that to work around his house. "So far, it's helped me at home do dif-

ferent things," he said. "Where I would probably pay somebody, I don't do that anymore. I pick it up and at least try first before I need to get it serviced." Those who need to report a pothole on Oakland County roads can do so by calling 877-858-4804 or filing a complaint online at rcocweb.com. Potholes in Wayne County can be reported by calling 888-762-3273 or online at waynecounty.com. Contact David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak.

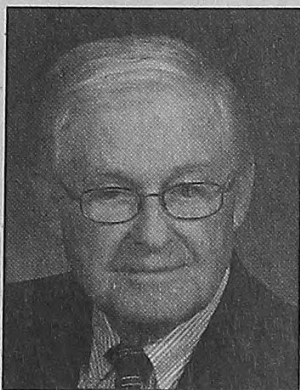


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Obituaries

James B. (Jim) McKeon

PLYMOUTH - 92 went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, surrounded by his family. Born July 18, 1925 to Paul and Edith (Trollman) in Fenton MI, he was their only child to be born in a hospital and is survived by his sister Eileen Fous, 97 (Flint) and Jack, 89 (Ann Arbor). He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years Shirley (nee Scott), brother Charles (Bloomfield Hills) and sister Mary Mora (Flint). He is survived by his 6 children: Marcie (Ron) Foster; Jim (Carol); Jean (Chuck) Martin; Rebecca (Richard) Horvath; Karen Holstad; Janet (Bruce) Lillie; 15 grandchildren and 7 great-grand children. Jim grew up on a family farm in Fenton, and enjoyed telling stories of daily life during the 1930's. He made history come alive from his recollections of hitching up draft horses, winters without central heat, Christmas' with homemade gifts, feeding cats while milking cows, trading a goat for a doctors house call and many more. Jim attended Fenton High School, playing football and baseball. Football was played without face masks resulting in an occasional dentist visit after a game. Baseball was much simpler and Jim claimed to be quite skilled at making bats on a lathe. He was on the Student Council at Fenton and President of the 1944 Senior Class. Notwithstanding his farm deferment, after graduation Jim enlisted in the Navy. The GI bill earned him a trip to MSU where he continued his interest in serving others by finding homes for persons displaced by the war. He was elected to MSU's Student Council and served as its President. He graduated in 1949 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. After graduation he worked at Detroit Radiator followed shortly by Ford Tractor. During this period Jim became a Professional Engineer, but more importantly he spotted another Fenton graduate - Shirley Scott, Fenton's 1st homecoming queen - who was attending Wayne State. Through careful study of class times and bus schedules Jim carefully planned what Shirley thought was a



chance meeting. In the late 1950's Jim moved from Ford Tractor to Distribution Services Inc. (DSI), which moved to Plymouth in 1962. In 1965 Jim designed and built the company's main production area that was the largest clear span area on the country at the time. In 1985 he also built the Hamilton Street plant and later was an instrumental member of the Board of Directors at the at the time of the Company's sale. In 1973 he began McKeon, Inc. Real Estate, his many business interests continued to keep him involved in property management and commercial investments. Community concerns have always been an important factor to Jim. He has been an advisor to Junior Achievement, and the Boy Scouts. He served on the Plymouth City Commission from 1966 through 1973, as a Commissioner, Mayor pro-tem and Mayor. As Mayor he visited Plymouth, England and hosted the Mayor of Plymouth England during his time in Michigan. Jim has served on the Board of Directors of the Schoolcraft Development Authority, the Board of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, and since 1962 a member of the Kiwanis Club as well as a dedicated and involved member of Our Lady of Good Counsel's congregation. He was very honored when he was named to the Plymouth Hall of Fame. When Jim needed to relax he enjoyed cultivating roses, a fine green lawn, time at his cabin on Burt Lake, but mostly telling and re-telling his grandchildren stories of his childhood growing up on a farm. Visitation Sunday, February 25th 2-7 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (Between Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Rosary Sunday 4 PM. In state Monday, February 26th 9:30 AM until the 10 AM Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Community Foundation of Plymouth, or the Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



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Obituaries

Margaret Jane Barton

-- was the daughter of Irma and Henry Walsh of Owosso, Michigan. She was a graduate of the Owosso High School in the class of 1941 and received her Bachelor's Degree in Art History from the University of Michigan in 1945. In 1946 she married her University classmate, David Watt Barton of Flint, Michigan. In 1949, their daughter, Linda Jane, was born when they lived in Birmingham, Michigan. In 1955, the family moved to Foxcroft subdivision in Bloomfield Township, Michigan. Over forty years of happy summers were spent at their summer home at L'Arbre Croche Club in Harbor Springs, Michigan beginning in 1971. In 1975, Margaret Jane began selling her folk art "theorem" paintings under the title, "Jane Barton Theorem Paintings". The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan gave her a contract to copy examples in their collection and bought her paintings to sell in their museum shops. Antique dealers and museum shops were among her best customers. David made her painted grained frames. Her interest in historic preservation inspired her to hire a restoration architect to preserve her father's Victorian style building in Owosso, which had housed his cigar store. The work was completed in 1980. Jane was a member of The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Metropolitan Detroit, Foxcroft Improvement Association, The Foxcroft Women's Club, Heirloom Chapter #145 Questers. She was a Silver Life member of The Village Club in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. While a member of the Classes Committee, she gave some lectures on historical subjects. In addition, Jane belonged to the U. of M. Alumni Association, The Martha Cook Building Alumnae Association, D.A.R. Piety Hill Chapter, Bloomfield Township Historical Society and Christ Church Cranbrook, etc. After 59 years of marriage, David passed away in 2005. Predeceased by daughter, Linda Jane Barton of Hackettstown, New Jersey in 2016. Jane is survived by her nieces Dorothy Barton Pazzi (Dennis) and Donna Barton. Memorial service February 26, 2018 Monday 11 a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine and Cranbrook Rds., Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to Christ Church Cranbrook or Women's Auxiliary of Salvation Army of Metro Detroit or Charity of Donor's Choice. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at AJDesmond.com

Sophia H. Fonseca

BAXTER, WV - Mrs. Sophia H. (Chiater) Fonseca, born on March 5, 1923 in Baxter, West Virginia, to the late Elizabeth Chiater and the late Andrew Chiater, passed away at age 94 on February 13, 2018 in Port Charlotte, Florida.

Sophia was the loving wife of Anthony Fonseca and would have celebrated their 49th anniversary this June. Preceded in death by her 3 brothers and 4 sisters. She is survived by her daughters, Lois (Marshall-deceased) Field, Nancy (Tom) Smith, Melissa (Tim) McAteer and Melinda (Pete) Brewis; son Michael (Pat) Fonseca; 14 amazing and beautiful grandchildren; and 11 beautiful great-grandchildren and many other extended family members.

She had a passion for golf, bowling, gardening, cooking and embraced all family, extended family and friends and made everyone feel accepted and special. A Celebration of her life is being planned for July in Michigan.



May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



George Washington Soroka

WESTLAND - 92, passed away peacefully Saturday, February 17, 2018 at Four Chaplains Nursing Care Center in Westland. George was a lifelong Michigander, born February 22, 1925 to the late Joseph Soroka and Augusta (Koss) Soroka in Detroit.

He graduated from Wilbur Wright High School in Detroit at the age of 25, after he was honorably discharged from the United States Army, surviving the Battle of the Bulge and earning a Purple Heart. Retired as an automotive designer from Fisher Body, he enjoyed collecting stamps and coins, bowling and watching Tigers baseball. An honest, hardworking, quiet man, deeply loved by his wife, Erma of 58 years (who passed away in 2010) and his three children: Diana Septer, George Soroka and Christopher Soroka. George is also survived by many grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

According to George's wishes, cremation has taken place and no services will be held.



Shirley Stone

JACKSON - age 92. Beloved wife of the late George Stone for 47 years. Loving mother of 4 sons, Allen (Char), Chris (Pam), Keith (Marlene), Ken (Cinda) Stone and 2 daughters, Kathy (Dennis) Kolehmainen and Diane Bastarache. Dear sister of Catherine Beach. Also survived by 12 Grandchildren, 6 Great-Grandchildren and several nieces & nephews.

Memorial Services, Saturday, April 28, 2018, 11:00 AM, Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland The family would like to extend a Thank You to Legacy Assisted Living Center and Southern Care Hospice. Please view and send tributes to, www.uhtfh.com



Marie Breach

CANTON - Marie Breach of Canton, passed away February 21, 2018 at the age of 82. She was born in Stirling, Ontario on June 23, 1935 to Alexander and Gertrude McCrory. Marie was the beloved wife of the late Arthur Breach who passed away in 2004. Marie is lovingly survived by her sons James (Holly) Breach, David (Emily) Breach and Robert Breach, her precious grandchildren Natalie, Meredith, Adam, Benjamin, Lauren, Olivia, Riley, Sidney, Bobby, and Jolee, and her dear siblings John (Barb), Clifford, and Pauline. Marie was preceded in death by both of her parents, and her sisters Eleanor and Brenda.

Marie left high school in 9th grade to begin working at Northern Telecom. She eventually moved on to work for A & P Supermarkets where she met her husband of 49 years, Arthur. They were married in 1955 and began building a wonderful life together. Marie and Arthur moved from Toronto to Winnipeg and then back to Toronto, before immigrating to the United States in 1979. They eventually settled in the Detroit area beginning in 1981. She was a homemaker for 25 years raising "her boys". After they were grown, she pursued and received her GED. Marie went on to become a teaching assistant at Plymouth Starkweather where she helped in the Adult Education Program. She was always an intellectually curious woman who loved her crosswords and pursued a lifetime of learning. Marie also enjoyed sewing, knitting, gardening and playing cards. She also loved to travel to new places going to France, England, and Hawaii. More than anything, Marie cherished the time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren.

A Memorial Gathering will be Sunday, February 25, from 12-2:30pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170. Her Memorial Service will immediately follow beginning at 2:30pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association.



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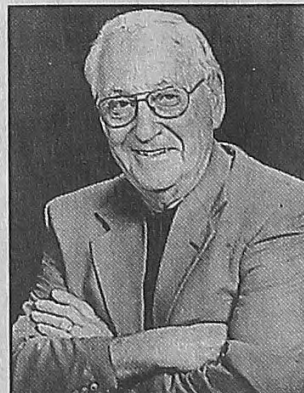
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Richard "Jerry" G. Raymond

HONOR - passed away surrounded by his family on February 19, 2018. Born in Highland Park, Michigan on July 14, 1928, he graduated from Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University) in 1950 where he lettered in two sports - football and baseball. He later received his Masters degree from the University of Michigan and did post graduate work at Wayne State University.

He had a diverse career as a coach, teacher and mentor, playing an integral role in the development of many young men and women over the years. As a coach at both the high school and college level, he excelled. At the high school level, he coached in Cass City Michigan and Highland Park, Michigan. At the college level, he progressed from various assistant coach positions, ultimately serving as head football coach at Eastern Michigan for the 1965 and 1966 seasons. He also coached basketball at Eastern Michigan, leading the freshman team to an undefeated season. In 1986, he was inducted into the E-Club Athletic Hall of Fame at Eastern Michigan University for both football and baseball, and is also a member of the Highland Park High School Hall of Fame. After coaching, he was the director of admissions and registrar at Highland Park Community College till his retirement in 1988, at which time he made his permanent home in Honor, MI on his beloved Platte Lake on the site of the former Highland Park Summer Camp; later splitting time between Honor and Fort Myers, Florida.

In retirement, he continued to support Eastern Michigan athletics as a charter member of the EMU Dugout Club and EMU Football Bust Committee. Also, he was a member of the Frankfort (Michigan) Rotary, as well as the Michigan Sports Sages, while at the same time, volunteering as a



starter at Crystal Mountain Golf Club. Through retirement he maintained a deep belief in the benefits of higher education, volunteering on various local committees supporting Northwest Michigan College. For adventure, he and his wife Mary Jo enjoyed traveling, with visits to locations including China, Australia and New Zealand, and multiple trips to Europe. He raised his family in Redford Township and Plymouth, Michigan and also his beloved cottage on Platte Lake in Honor, MI.

He is survived by his wife and partner of 66 years, Mary Jo (Bradley), five children: Brad (Marilyn), Laurie, Connie (Kim), Richard (Holly) and Christopher (Wendy). He is also survived by 11 grandchildren. He is remembered for his undying love for Mary Jo, unwavering dedication to his family, and for his passion, humor and integrity. He was preceded in death by his loving siblings; Marie, Charles, Patricia and Lawrence.

Friends are welcome to visit with Jerry's family on Friday, March 9, 2018 starting at 6:00 PM with a 7:00 PM Rosary at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, 11411 S. Lacore Rd., Empire, Michigan 49630. A Mass of Christian Burial honoring Jerry will take place at 11:00 AM, with visiting one hour prior, on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church. Rev. Fr. Tony Cureton will officiate. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial donation to Hospice of Michigan, 10850 E. Traverse Hwy, Traverse City, MI 49684 and the Alzheimer's Association, 921 W. Eleventh St. Suite 1W, Traverse City, MI 49684. Please feel free to share you thoughts and memories with Jerry's family at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com. The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

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Sports



Southfield's Cheyene McEvans (left) attempts to get past North Farmington defender Khyra King-Ealy earlier this season.
MARTY BUDNER

Groves' Dunbar qualifies for finals

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As far as Groves wrestling head coach Joseph Jones is concerned, Damon Dunbar should have qualified for the wrestling individual state finals last year as a freshman. The talented lightweight fell one match short.

Dunbar made up for that disappointment Feb. 17 in the Division 1 regional at Hartland High School.

Wrestling at 130 pounds, Dunbar placed second overall and will head to the individual state finals, scheduled for March 2-3 at Ford Field in Detroit.

"Damon should have qualified for states last year," Jones said. "He got into the regional and had some issues and didn't make it out. This year, hands down, I knew he was going to qualify. I just didn't know what weight class he was going to go.

"At first we had talked about (119), but he stayed at (130) and wrestled all

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Canton guards hit gas pedal in tourney opener

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When Canton guards Vinson Sigmon, Eian Barker and B. Artis White start flinging the basketball around the horn, each successive pass with more steam than the previous one, something just clicks for the Chiefs' high-octane offense.

Throw in some clutch shooting from elsewhere in the lineup, not to mention hard-nosed defense that forces turnovers and transition points, and it's easy to see why the Chiefs improved to 17-0 Tuesday with a convincing 68-46 win over Howell.

The victory opened the KLAA boys basketball tournament for both teams. Canton advanced to Fridays tourney semifinals against Novi.

"We look at it, like, all gas, no

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OH, MERCY!

Marlins to host one of state's toughest districts

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The girls basketball state tournament begins Monday with district play in four different classes across the state. Record-wise, you would be hard pressed to find a more challenging district than the one at Farmington Mercy.

The five team Class A district includes three OAA division winners: Red Division champion Southfield Arts & Technology (13-4), White Division co-champion Birmingham Groves (17-2) and Blue Division co-champion Far-

mington (15-4).

North Farmington (12-5) placed third in the perennially tough Red Division and host Mercy (16-3) finished as the Catholic League Central Division's regular-season co-champion.

The combined record of those teams is 73-18, for a whopping .802 percent winning average.

"It is a very tough district. There are times when you have maybe two or three good teams in a district, but all the teams are coming in well above .500," Mercy head coach Gary Morris said. "I don't know if I've ever seen a tougher district in terms of across the board. Every team that's in there will present a challenge.

"When I first saw that district, I knew it was going to be tough," he added. "It's

going to be a real challenge and, unfortunately, you're going to have some good teams falling by the wayside quickly."

The district opener at 6 p.m. Monday features a terrific match-up between Groves and five-time defending district champion Mercy.

Veteran Groves is ready

Groves, a veteran team led by first-year head coach Jessica Wieseler, had a stellar regular season last year with 18 wins en route to the OAA Gold crown. However, the Falcons, after soaring to an early lead over arch-rival Birmingham Groves in their postsea-

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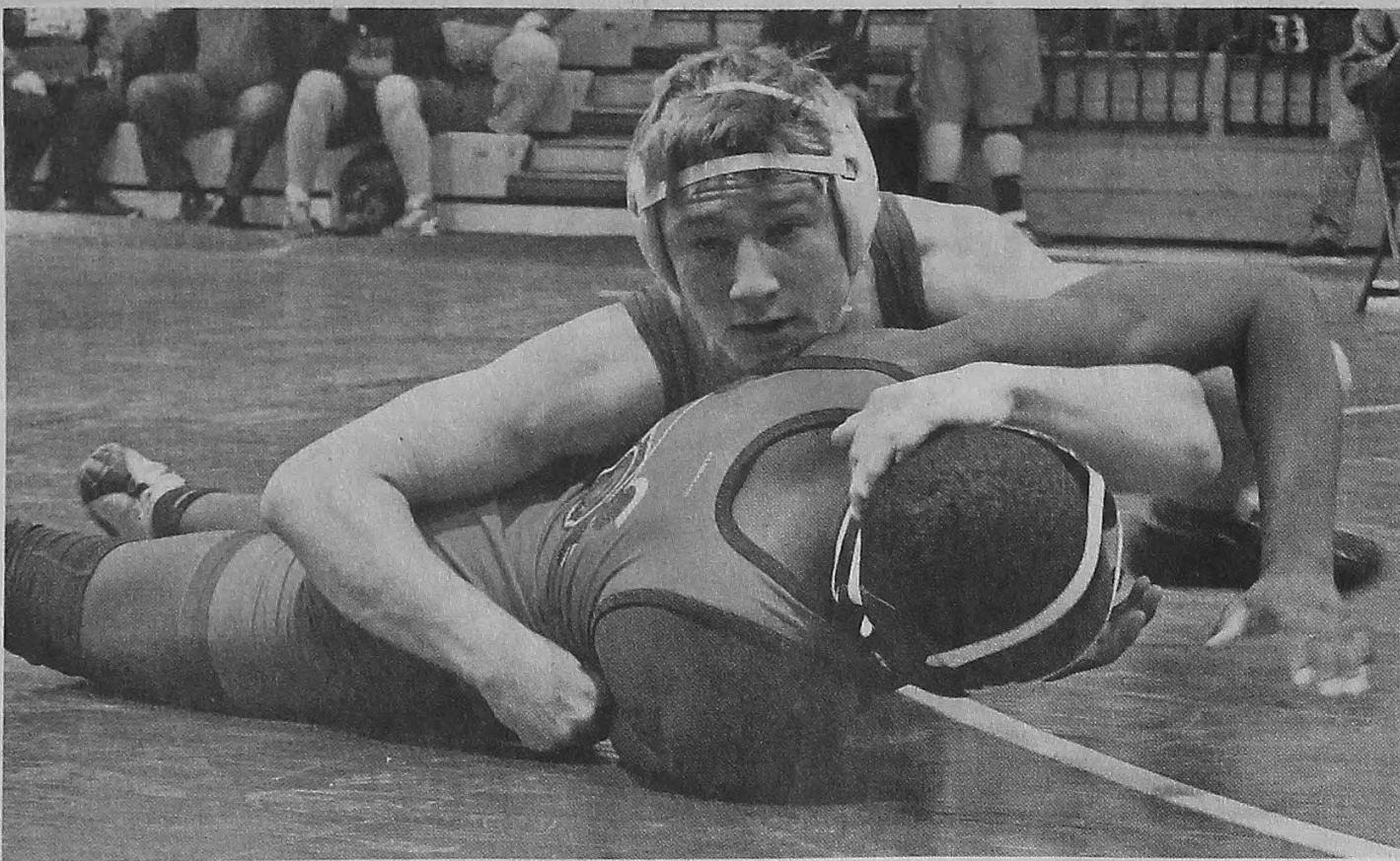
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Senior Nick Law heads to his first individual state finals during his record-setting career at Birmingham Seaholm.

Seaholm sends pair to state finals

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A senior and a freshman will represent Birmingham Seaholm at the wrestling individual state finals.

Nick Law, a four-year varsity wrestler, and Jackson Vance, a high school newcomer, had strong regional tournaments and are headed to the Division 1 finals, set for March 2-3 at Ford Field in Detroit.

The grand march kick-starts the two-day affair at 11:45 a.m. Friday and the championship matches are scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. Saturday. The starting weight is 103 pounds.

"I think it's been, like, six years since we've had two guys making it through," Seaholm head coach Neil Tuomi said. "It's a very satisfying feeling and pretty exciting."

"I was hoping those two guys would make it through," he added. "I was hoping for a third, but two is better than none. It's more than we got last year and the year before that we got one and the year before that we got one. So this is good for us."

Law, wrestling at 145 pounds, went 2-2 at the regional to earn a fourth-place finish and his first state finals berth.

After placing second at the district, Law opened the regional with a 9-3 decision over Warren De La Salle freshman Brett Stanley. He then lost to Fraser's Jalen Smith (8-6), defeated L'Anse Creuse junior Samuel Shaw (pin at 3:50) and fell in a rematch to Stanley (10-6) in the consolation battle.

"It's awesome that he made it through, because last year he got sick just before the tournament started and he couldn't wrestle in the district," Tuomi said. "So this was a big weight off his shoulder."

Tuomi never doubted that Law could make it to the state finals this year.

"He's had over 30 wins in every year of his career. He's beaten a few kids who were ranked in the state and he's beaten some pretty good kids and his losses this year were to good kids," Tuomi said. "He's a take-down kind of wrestler. He likes to stay on his feet. He likes fast moves and he likes shooting. He likes to get his opponent off-balance and then he goes in for the shot."

Law, Seaholm's record holder for career wins with 149, takes a 43-9 mark to the state finals, where he will meet Bay City Western junior Vic Schoenherr in a first-round match. Schoenherr was a regional champion and enters with a 44-2 record.

"If he can wrestle his style at states, I think he can place," Tuomi said. "He has a tough opening match, but if he sticks to his style, he can win and, if he wrestles to win, he'll place. He can compete with almost anybody in his weight class."

A freshman surprise

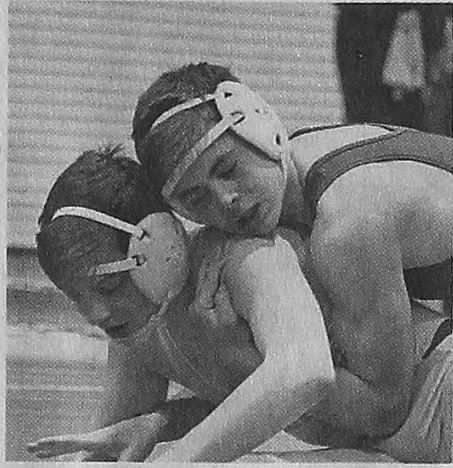
Vance is Seaholm's surprise qualifier. According to Tuomi, Vance is the first Maples freshman to qualify for states since 1990.

"I didn't expect him to qualify in his first year of high school wrestling, but I knew he had the talent to do it," Tuomi said of Vance. "I think he is our first Seaholm kid to go to state as a freshman, at least since I've been here since 1990."

"He's been wrestling since he was 4 years old," he added. "He's a don't-make-mistakes kind of wrestler and he likes to capitalize on other opponents' mistakes. He wins a lot of really close matches."

Vance qualified by placing second at the regional, matching his district finish.

Wrestling at 125 pounds, Vance won two of his three matches. He wrestled his way right to the regional champion-



After placing second at both the district and regional, freshman phenom Jackson Vance qualified for the Division 1 individual state finals.

ship match after defeating Fraser senior Seth Fillar (7-6) in his opener and Macomb Dakota senior Connor Casey (5-3) in the semifinal.

In the final, Vance lost to Hartland junior Kyle Kantola in a first-period pin (35 seconds). Vance suffered a third-round pin to Kantola in the district final.

"It was great, because at the district, he was only a seventh seed and he had to beat a state qualifier in the semifinals to get into the final," Tuomi said. "After he got through districts, I thought he had a pretty good shot at getting to states. But he had to wrestle a couple of tough kids at the regional and he did really well."

Vance will meet another high school rookie in Brighton freshman Zach Johnson in his opening state finals match. Vance takes in a 30-11 record and Johnson, who was third at his regional tournament, is 42-7.

"It's great for our program to have a freshman go to states," Tuomi said. "Because we have, like, 12 freshmen on our team, so now he can set the example for our team and lead, too. He's a great kid and I kind of think he can place, too."

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Marian captures another league title

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Bloomfield Hills Marian is back atop the perch.

The Mustangs, after surrendering the Catholic League A-B tournament title to Farmington Hills Mercy last year, regained the crown Feb. 18 with a 49-30 triumph over Dearborn Divine Child. It is the Mustangs' third title over the past four years and the 16th in their illustrious history — the first in 1986 — under head coach Mary Cicerone.

"Winning the Catholic League title is always satisfying," said Cicerone, whose team tied for the Central Division regular-season title with Mercy, but beat it twice during the regular season to earn the top seed. "It was good, very good. We played well. We played some serious defense and frustrated them."

The win was even more satisfying, considering the Mustangs avenged two regular-season Central Division losses to the Falcons. Divine Child defeated Marian in early January (39-30) and in late January (38-34).

In both of those losses, the Mustangs could not find an offensive rhythm. In the Catholic League final played at the University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall, Marian was on its game at both ends of the court.

The Mustangs came out on fire, hitting four 3-point shots en route to a 19-8 lead after the first quarter. Senior guard Samantha Patterson hit two of those treys, while freshman guard Shannon Kennedy and sophomore Sophia Mancini hit one each.

Mustangs show balanced offense

Marian held a 27-18 halftime lead and outscored the Falcons 22-12 in the second half. Divine Child did not score more than nine points in any quarter.

"We shot the ball very well. We came out and hit some big shots right from the beginning," said Cicerone, fifth on the state's all-time win list. "We hits those four threes and they had to come out of their zone and it was downhill for them."

"They came out in their zone like they did the first two times we played them and we didn't shoot the ball well," she added. "They played well in the first game and we didn't. In the second game, we lost a close game, but we didn't have (senior center) Uche (Ike)."

Ike, who was sick in that second game against the Falcons, led the balanced Marian scoring attack in the title game with 10 points. Patterson added eight points, while junior guard Olivia Moore and Mancini had seven apiece. Freshman guard Shannon Kennedy and sophomore forward Lauren Licari contributed six each.

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Two Farmington wrestlers head to finals

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North Farmington's Scott Hampton and Farmington's Jake Justice are headed to the wrestling individual state finals.

Justice, a senior, and Hampton, a junior, both wrestled in the 130-pound weight group and both finished fourth at their respective regional. They will now compete in the state finals, scheduled for March 2-3 at Ford Field in Detroit.

A three-time team captain, Justice went 1-2 at the Division 2 regional at Warren Woods Tower.

Justice had a first-round bye and then lost to Hazel Park's Joseph Eisho (8-3 decision). Justice then defeated Redford Union sophomore Shakaleb Nicholson via a first-period pin (1:21). In the consolation match, Justice lost to Madison Heights Lamphere junior Matt Tomsett by a technical fall (17-2).

Justice will take a 35-11 record into the state finals. The three-time state qualifier's first match will be against

Mattawan senior Peter Deaton, a regional champion who is 36-1.

Justice has 134 career victories, tied for the most in Farmington High School history. He finished second this season at the annual Oakland County tournament and was third at the Observerland meet.

"Jack has wrestled a tough schedule this year," said Howard Welsh, Farmington's assistant coach. "I believe all of his losses have been to state qualifiers."

"Although Jake finished fourth at the regional, the consensus is that this was the toughest regional for his 130-pound weight class," he added. "If Jake wrestles up to his capability, he can certainly place at the state meet this year."

In the Division 1 regional at Hartland, Hampton went 2-2 by winning his first and third matches.

Hampton opened with a 7-5 decision over Fraser senior Joshua Brady and then fell to top-seeded Groves sophomore Damon Dunbar by a 14-0 major decision. Hampton then defeated Walled Lake junior Jack Greenstein 6-5 and lost his consolation match to Hartland senior Carter Hankins by a first-period pin



Senior Jake Justice has 134 career victories at Farmington, which ties a school record. He has a chance to set the record at next weekend's individual state finals at Ford Field.

(1:35).

Hampton (28-10) opens the state finals against top-seeded and undefeated Detroit Catholic Central sophomore

Joshua Edmond (17-0).

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Dunbar

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year at (130)," he said. "We just want him to keep pushing and pushing."

State meet journey

Dunbar began his individual state finals journey in fine fashion by winning the district championship Feb. 10 in his home gym. The second-year varsity wrestler defeated three foes, including top-seeded Carter Hankins of Hartland by a 5-1 decision in the championship match.

Dunbar then made sure his second regional appearance was more rewarding.

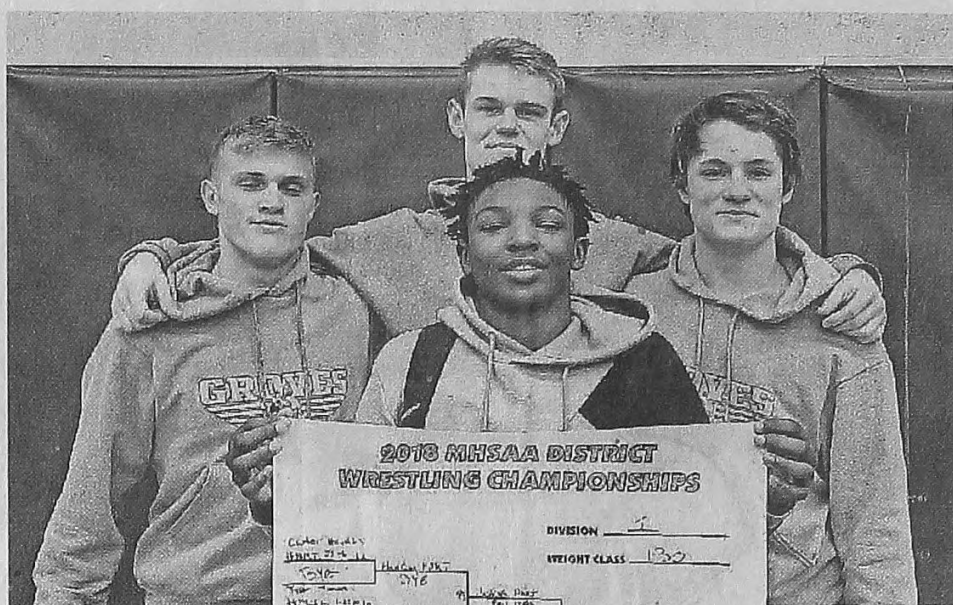
Entering as the top seed, Dunbar easily won his first two matches. He defeated Chippewa Valley junior Carson Boni in his opener (21-6 technical fall), then downed North Farmington junior Scott Hampton in the semifinals (14-0 major decision).

In the championship match, Utica junior Zach P. Wells surprised Dunbar with a 3-2 decision.

"It really wasn't a good match. The Ford kid kind of stayed away from (Dunbar)," Jones said. "It was kind of a thing where he wanted to keep his distance because he is tall and Damon is short so he couldn't get in on him."

Despite the loss, Dunbar advances to the state finals, where he will meet Westland John Glenn senior Isaac Lefler in his opening match. Dunbar enters the match with a 38-4 record while Lefler, who finished third at his regional, is 43-6.

"Damon got a tough draw in his first match against the John Glenn kid who's



Groves sophomore Damon Dunbar (front) qualified for the state finals after placing second at the recent regional tournament. Dunbar's teammates (from left), Micah Mydloski, Jacob Smith and Nathan Campbell, were also regional qualifiers.

pretty good," Jones said. "We just have to go after the kid and stay on him and have no mistakes. We just have to stay with him."

"But I think Damon can have a good run at states," he added. "I think he can place. We're hoping he can place high this year. He's wrestled a lot of those kids out there as they kind of grew up together out of the Silverback Wrestling Club."

A spectacular season

Dunbar has enjoyed a spectacular season for the Falcons.

He was third at the Oakland County championship meet, captured the OAA league championship and the West

Bloomfield Invitational title. He was second at the Walled Lake Northern Invitational, where he lost to Hartland's Hankins.

In just two years, Dunbar is nearing the 100-victory mark with a 93-6 record.

"I'm really excited for him as a sophomore. He's an exciting kid and he has some special talents," Jones said. "He's been wrestling all his life, basically. This year, he's having a really good year and he's starting to peak when he's supposed to."

"We just have few things that we have to tweak before the state finals. One thing about Damon is that he never gets tired. He just keeps going and going. He can wrestle and you never see him get tired. Even when he gets off the mat, he

has more energy. He has tons and tons of physical and I've never seen him get physically tired in a match — never.

"He's finesse and he's very, very physical. He has a lot of different styles of wrestling. If you tie up with him, he will throw you. He's a leg rider. He can shoot. He's an all-around wrestler."

"We just have to get him to be a little more disciplined at finishing things and that's just from being young in high school," he added. "We still have to critique him and get his technique completely down."

Emotional for seniors

Groves had three seniors who were regional qualifiers, but could not make it through to the state finals.

Micah Mydloski (140 pounds), a state qualifier last year, Nathan Campbell (160) and Jacob Smith (171) all lost their first two matches. All three finished the season with at least 30 victories: Mydloski at 31-11, Campbell at 33-11 and Smith at 31-8. Mydloski, who eclipsed the 100-victory mark this season, will wrestle at Heidelberg (Ohio) University next year.

"This was a good season for the team. I had five seniors, three of them I was hoping would make it through (to states)," Jones said. "This was one of my hardest years emotionally for me, because I have some seniors that dedicated their off-season the last two years to wrestling."

"They did great to get as far as they did," he added. "And just the luck of the draw, they didn't make it out of the regionals. That touched me really hard."

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Districts

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son opener, finished with a stunning 10-point defeat.

The Falcons hope to make a longer state tournament run this year. They are playing with a tremendous amount of confidence after their outstanding regular season.

Wieseler, however, knows it will not be easy.

"We are definitely in a tough district and it will be a tall order to make a run in the postseason," Wieseler said. "Right now, our team is hitting strides and coming together and have been working hard to stay mentally focused to help us prepare for our upcoming games."

"We are going to need to be firing on all cylinders in order to make a run," she added. "But we are looking forward to the challenge."

The Falcons are led by star guard/forward Sha Carter, who averages in double figures and is capable of hitting the 30-point barrier every game. Carter has plenty of support in returning players Kayla Nelson, Lauren Palmer, Bella Boerman, Sacha Tyler, Emilie Felax, Ellie Ruprich and Jasmine Worthly.

Morris knows his Marlins, who struggle to score at times but always play good defense, are impressed with Groves.

"We know Groves is a very good team and that game is going to be a challenge for us," Morris said. "We've seen them several times and they have an outstanding player in Carter and they have other pieces to go along with her. Our attention is now focused on Groves."

Mercy has balanced scoring

While Groves is a senior-laden team with plenty of experience, Mercy is nearly the opposite.

The Marlins have enjoyed a successful season despite a roster laced with five freshmen — Alexis Roberts, Ellie Tisko, Lindsay Lukomski, Jillian Smith and Julia Bishop — who get their fair share of playing time.

Mercy's co-captains are seniors Jenna Schluter and Bella Dugas. Senior Lexi Thomas and junior Isabelle Miner both play a significant role.

The balanced scoring attack is led by Schluter, Dugas and Bishop, who all average eight points per game. Dugas and Bishop are the leading rebounders and Schluter leads in assists.

"I've been very pleased with the season we've had. For the most part, we played with one returning starter in Jenna Schluter," Morris said. "Our freshmen play significant minutes and, at times, our inexperience shows and that's to be expected, because we are very young."

"But it's a fun group to coach and it's a group that really gets along well," he added. "The older players have embraced the freshmen and our chemistry



Senior center Olivia Perkins (right) helped lead Farmington to a strong season in the OAA Blue Division. MARTY BUDNER



Groves senior Kayla Nelson (right) provides strong guard play for the OAA White Division co-champions. MARTY BUDNER



Mercy senior co-captain Bella Dugas provides veteran leadership on a very young Marlins squad. MARTY BUDNER

is very good. We'll see what we can do come next week."

The Groves/Mercy winner advances to the semifinal against North Farmington at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Raiders had streaky season

The Raiders have had a streaky season, winning their first six games, dropping four in a row, followed by five straight wins. They have split their last

four games.

North Farmington is led by standout senior center Sam Cherney, who averages a double-double per game. The team's other seniors are Madisyn Hoke, Patil Tcholakian, Natalie George, Lynn Lerner and Khyra King-Ealy. Sophomore Molly Simpson is a 3-point shooting guard capable of putting up big numbers.

North Farmington lost in last year's district championship game to Mercy by two points.

Southfield A&T and Farmington are on the other side of the bracket and will play in Wednesday's other semifinal game at 5:30 p.m.

If anyone gets a favorite's nod, it would be Southfield. The Warriors, under veteran head coach Michele Marshall, advanced to the Class A state semifinals last year before losing to eventual state runner-up East Kentwood.

High-scoring Southfield A&T is led by junior Alexis Johnson, who averages 20 points per game, and sophomore Cheyenne McEvans, who averages 15 points and 12 rebounds. Senior D'Layna Holliman, senior Shayna Manning and freshman Kayiona Willis are other top players for the Warriors.

Farmington, under first-year head coach Laura Guzman, finished strong. The Falcons split their first six games, then followed with 12 wins in their next 13 outings. The only loss during that span was to North Farmington by 11 points.

Farmington is led by senior forward Olivia Perkins, who is a strong force inside the paint. The other top players include seniors Abbey Smentowski, MyKayla Martin and Nevada Haggess, juniors Iasia Rimson and Cecilia Norris and sophomore Hailey Walker.

The district champion advances to the regional hosted by Southfield A&T, where it will play a first-round game against the Detroit Martin Luther King district champion at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 6.

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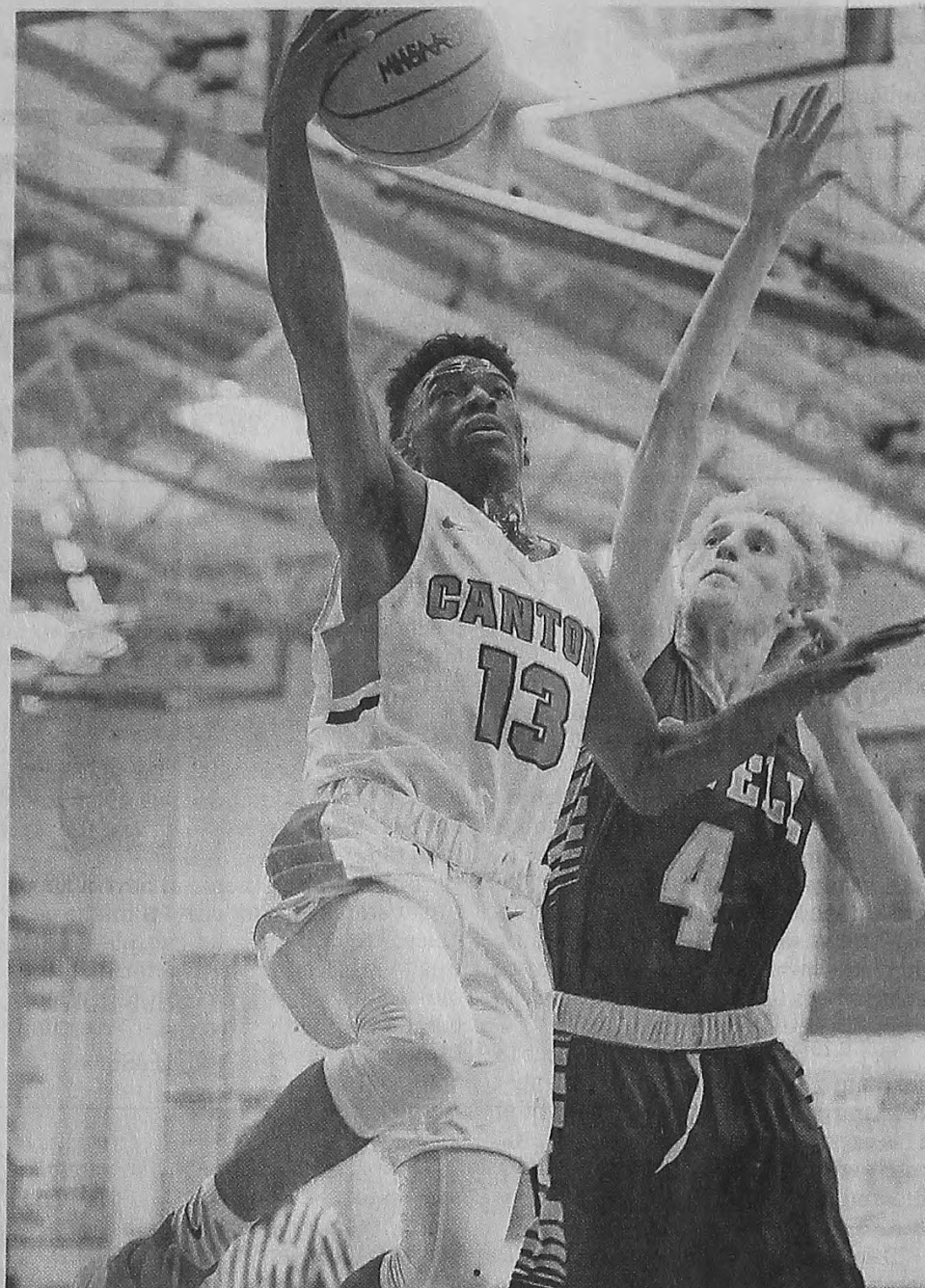
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Canton's Vinson Sigmon, guarded by Matthew Dewar of Howell, makes this shot during the second quarter of Tuesday's KLAA tournament game. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

Canton

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brakes," said Sigmon, a senior who scored 13 points. "We try to keep our foot on the gas, no braking, keep our foot on their throat. When we get a lead we push it, we push it as hard as we can as far as we can, for 32 minutes. We know where we need to be, we know what we got to do. We keep pushing on it."

Barker also had a solid game, with a team-leading 14 points. He was one of four Chiefs to reach double figures (junior White and senior Chase Meredith added 11 apiece).

"We had good chemistry last year, but this year is even better," Barker said. "And also we have good chemistry on the court and off the court. That helps, too. We're able to find each other. We know where everybody should be at. We know our roles."

"Coach (Jimmy) Reddy will be on us in practice, so we say practice how you want to play in the games. We know our roles in practice, so it shows up in the game."

The Highlanders (10-7) gave the Chiefs plenty, especially in the first half, lifted by the return of junior guard Josh Palo — who scored 18 points to lead all scorers. Contributing nine points was sophomore Anthony Honkala, while senior Cody Deurloo had five.

"There were lots of bright spots," Howell head coach Nick Simon said. "Josh came back and played pretty well for being out a couple games with a hurt ankle. We're going to learn and grow a lot from this. I thought we did a lot of good things early. We just hit a patch where we got a little out of sorts, but I thought we competed real well the whole game."

Reddy said a key to the win was a defensive coverage adjustment that reaped benefits in the second half, which began with Canton nursing a 30-21 lead.

The Chiefs then outscored Howell in the third, 27-12, registering a handful of mid-court steals and cashing in those with points.

"In the first half, Howell's cutting and player movement gave us a little bit of trouble," Reddy said. "For the most part, defensively, we were very good in the second half ... better help, better communication, for sure. In the third and fourth quarter, we were able to do that."

And Reddy's trio of starting guards moved the ball and orchestrated quick-strike attacks on the Howell basket time after time.

"Those guys are individually outstanding but, more importantly, they're great teammates," Reddy said. "And they share the ball, they're all willing passers and, when they're all on the same page, they're moving it quick, fast. They're all tough covers."

Canton got off to a 12-2 lead, with triples from Sigmon, White and senior

guard Connor Engel.

The Highlanders clawed back and trailed 16-12 after one quarter, with a lay-up-and-one by Palo and Honkala's trey.

And then Canton's guards starting working their magic in the second. White dished it to Barker for a fast-break bucket and, moments later, White stripped the ball and fed a no-look pass to Sigmon for a layup. That opened a 28-17 lead with 2:30 left in the half.

A 12-0 run by the Chiefs in the third quarter salted the game away, turning a 37-30 lead into an insurmountable 49-30 edge.

During that span, senior forward Noah Brown was a catalyst. He grabbed an offensive rebound and converted a layup, then stole the in-bounds pass and scored again. Brown finished with eight points, four rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Following are several other takeaways:

THEY'RE UNSUNG

Although the Chiefs have their top guns, Reddy likes to talk about his glue guys — such as Meredith, Brown, Engle, senior Danny Lanava and sophomore Benny Stesiak.

"Chase was real good tonight, he was real good at both ends," Reddy said. "He helped us defensively, protect the rim a little bit, rebound the ball. And he was good on the offensive end, finishing around the rim. He even knocked down a three."

"We've got other guys that help. Noah Brown off the bench, Connor Engel, who starts, those guys do a lot of little things that nobody sees. Benny Stesiak off the bench is another weapon for us."

Meredith led the Chiefs with seven rebounds.

HOT IN THE OVEN

One of the keys to Canton's season-long success is relentless defensive pressure that forces miscues. Such was the case again Tuesday, as the Highlanders made 16 turnovers compared to Canton's six.

"I think they hurt us a lot in transition, on turnovers more than anything else," Howell's Simon said. "Obviously, they're good in the half court, too. But if you're going to pick your poison, I'd rather play against them in the half court than letting them get a bunch of buckets."

IT WORKED FOR A WHILE

Simon tried to get his team to slow down the game enough to keep the score close. That game plan was moderately successful early on.

"In the second half, we just got sped up a little bit," he said. "And once we got sped up, they hit big shots and that ballooned that lead to a point where it was going to be kind of tough to come back. We're going to learn a lot from this game, for sure."

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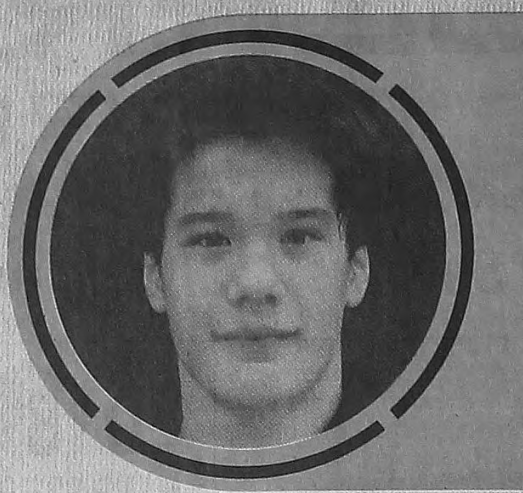
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Persistence defines Livonia Franklin junior wrestler Russell Rusnell, who captured this week's Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week poll by a landslide.

Rusnell — who came in a close second place in the previous week's weekly poll — was nominated for a second consecutive week after his strong second-place showing in the 112-pound weight class at the Division 1 individual regionals Feb. 17 at Saline High School. He collected 7,316 of 9,276 total votes cast for just under 79 percent. In second place was Livonia Stevenson senior girls basketball player Sarah Tanderers (1,842, 19.86 percent).

The third-place finisher (wrestler Mikey Mars of Westland John Glenn) received only 40 votes.

"I was very surprised, in response to being selected as Prep Athlete of the Week," wrote Rusnell, in an e-mail. "I was nominated last week and was very close to winning it, and was a little disappointed when I lost."

"When I was nominated this week, I found out a little bit earlier and immediately started to tell my fam-

ily and friends to go vote, which I think made a huge difference."

Rusnell's second nomination followed his performance at the individual regionals, where he defeated Temperance Bedford's Chase Grzegorzczuk and Plymouth's Tyler Campbell to reach the finals at 112.

Following a loss to Alec Balogh of Southgate Anderson, Rusnell's record entering the March 3 state individual finals at Ford Field in Detroit is 47-7 with 18 pins. For his career, he has 107 victories.

"I think I wrestled really well at individual regionals, however, there were a couple things that I need to work on during these next two weeks of practice heading into the state tournament," Rusnell continued. "I have been wrestling much better this year than I did last year

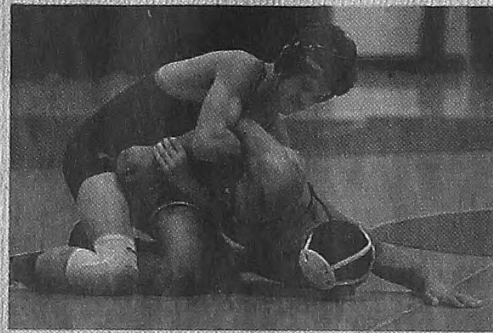
which I think can be contributed to confidence."

"This year I have stepped on the line confident in every match and that has helped me wrestled much better. I am extremely excited to wrestle next weekend at Ford Field, there is nothing better than the feeling of wrestling at states."

With another season left in his prep career, Rusnell has a shot to reach 150 career wins. He already is the latest in a long line of outstanding Franklin wrestlers.

Joining Rusnell from the Patriots at Ford Field will be Johnny DiPonio, Jake Swirple and Manee Willie.

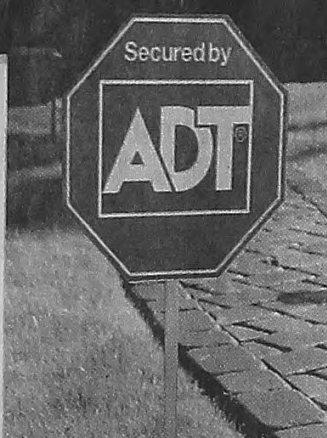
"It is amazing to be able to help continue the legacy that was made by previous teams and individuals, such as Nathan and Jordan Atienza, and to be apart of a program that has won 13 straight district titles," Rusnell said. "Much of my success can be attributed to coach (David) Chiola and coach (Josh) Billiau. They have helped me tremendously to grow on the mat" since seventh grade.



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Lewis keys Wayne's KLAA playoff win

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The back of his jersey reads '0,' but Wayne Memorial's Isaiah Lewis can put up some impressive numbers when called upon.

The soft-spoken junior point guard proved to be the difference Tuesday as the host Zebras pulled out a hard-fought 65-55 boys basketball victory over upset-minded Northville in the opening round of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association playoffs.

"I was feeling it today," said the 5-foot-11 Lewis, who scored 23 points to share game-high honors with teammate Rashad Williams. "At first, I heard them talking and they were saying to leave me open. They were giving me open shots. I was hitting them and tonight I had a big day."



Lewis

Lewis, who already has an scholarship offer from Wayne State and some interest by a couple of NCAA Division I schools, connected on six 3-pointers, while Williams added three from beyond the arc.

"(Lewis) is a good player and they're loaded with good players that play very well together," Northville coach Todd Sander said of the Zebras (13-4). "Obviously, with (Rashad Williams), you know what you're dealing with, so you've got to pick your poison. But Lewis made us pay and he hit open shots. It seemed like every loose ball bounced to him and he buried it in the bottom of the net."

Wayne coach Nkwane Young was not surprised by yet another strong outing turned in by Lewis, who shot an efficient 8-of-16 from the field.

"Isaiah has been carrying us a lot lately," Young said. "He's been playing pretty good. He's stepped up big time this year. He can shoot the ball. With he and Rashad, we have two of the best in the state. When they're both on, we click."

Northville trailed by as many as 15 points late in the third quarter, 55-40, after Terrence Williams (11 points) made an acrobatic layup with 1:08 remaining.

But the Mustangs (11-7) refused to fold and made a stirring comeback in the final quarter, only to fall short.

On two separate occasions during the final four minutes, Northville trimmed Wayne's lead to four, but couldn't convert to make it one possession game.

"Northville played a good game," Young said. "Their guys played with a lot of energy, tough. We knew they were going to be well-coached. We got up by 15 and then we lacked a little bit. Their guys played hard and I've got to give them credit. They kept on fighting."

Junior forward Steven Morrissey scored 14 first-half points as the Mustangs trailed 34-27 at intermission.

Morrissey finished with a team-high 17, while senior guard Niko Barach and senior forward Mark Grimes added 14 and 12, respectively.

The Mustangs did a good job protecting the ball against Wayne's full-court pressure defense, committing just 10 turnovers.

"They way they move the ball is excellent," Lewis said. "It's kind of hard because you've got to keep switching, but we ended up with the 'W.'"

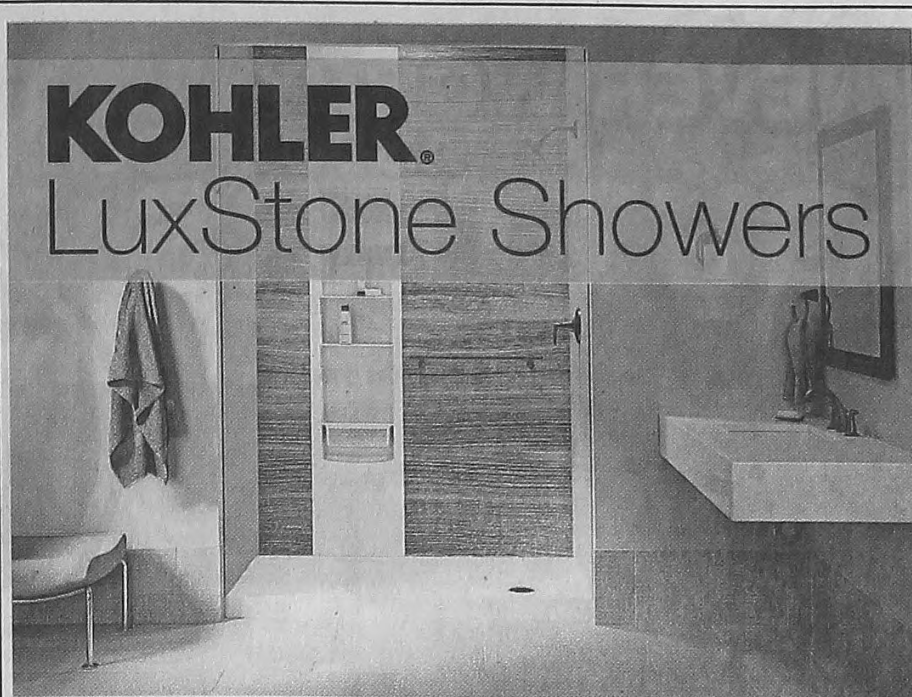
Northville was 19-of-54 from the floor (35.1 percent) and 10-of-13 from the free-throw line (76.9 percent).

"When we play our best, we make a lot of shots from the perimeter," Sander said. "We shot it better late, but I thought we missed a lot early. But it seemed like every darn loose ball bounced their way one way or another and it resulted in a hoop for them."

Williams, Wayne's other standout guard headed to Cleveland State, was automatic at the foul line, going 8-of-8, including six straight in the final 1:55 to help seal the win.

The Zebras shot the ball extremely well, going 22-of-42 from the field (52.3 percent) and 12-of-15 from the foul line (80 percent).

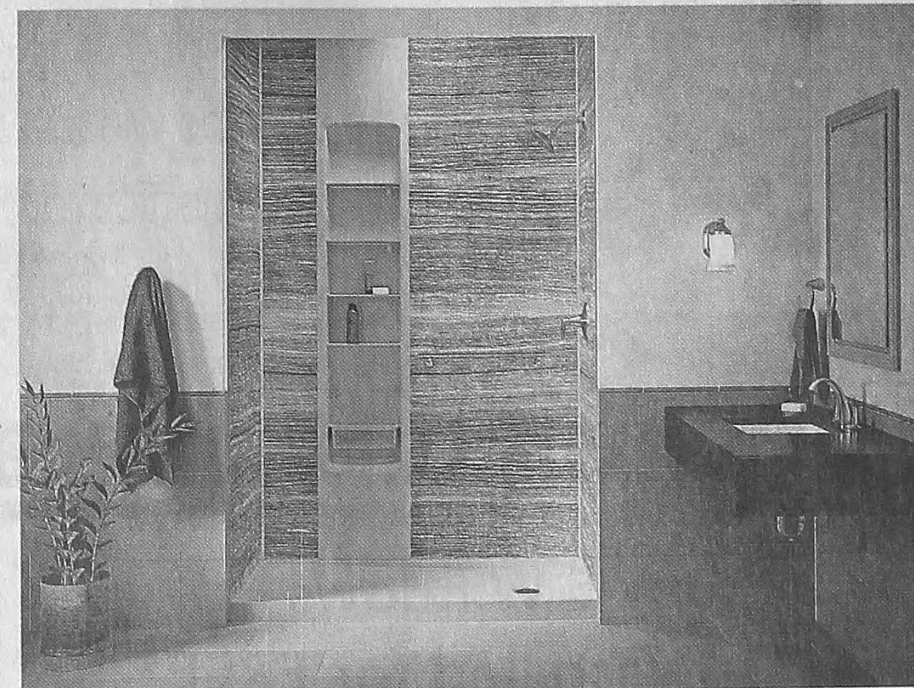
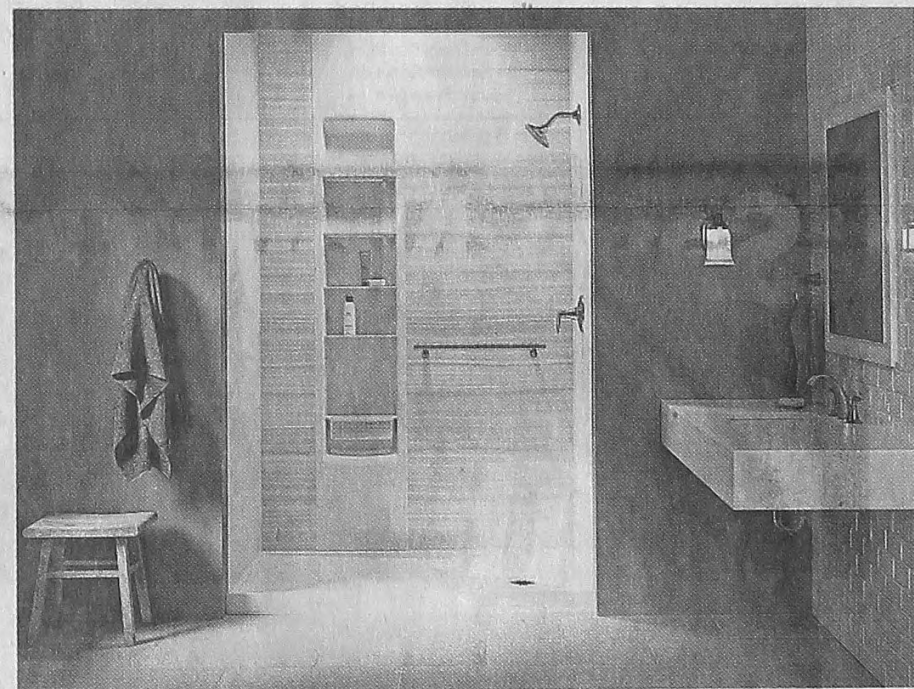
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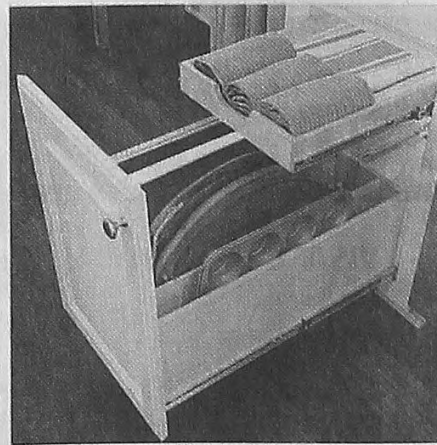
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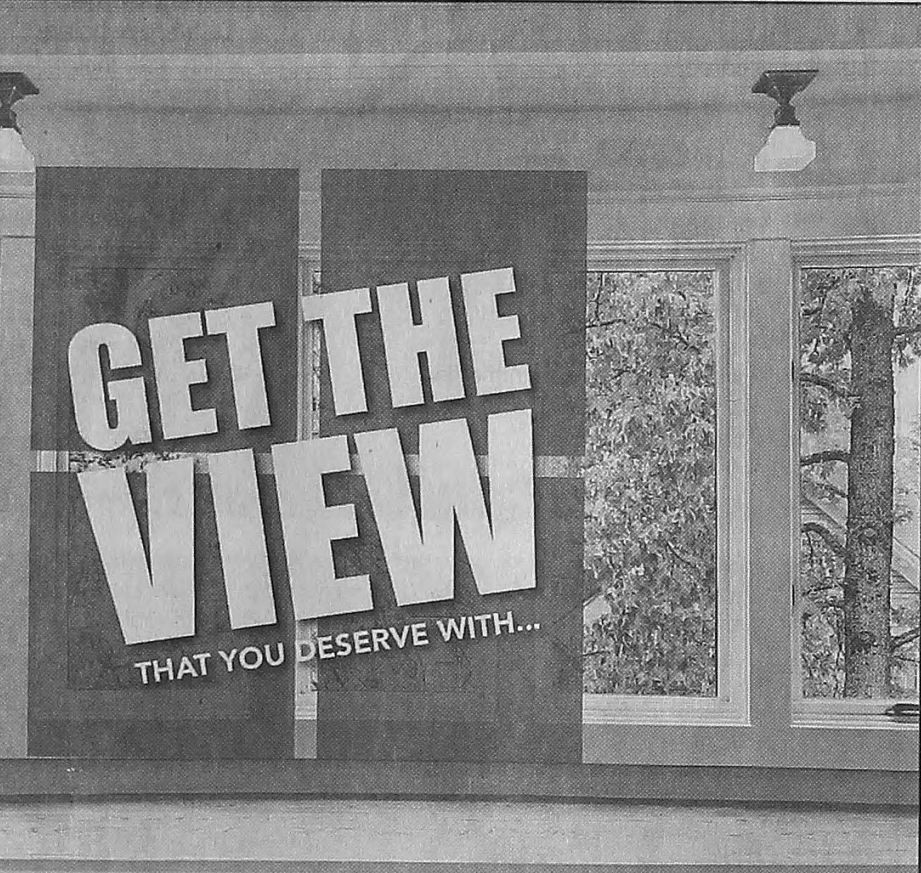


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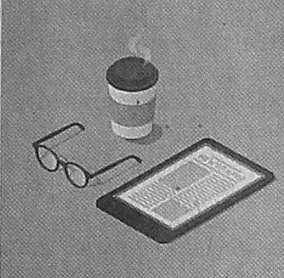
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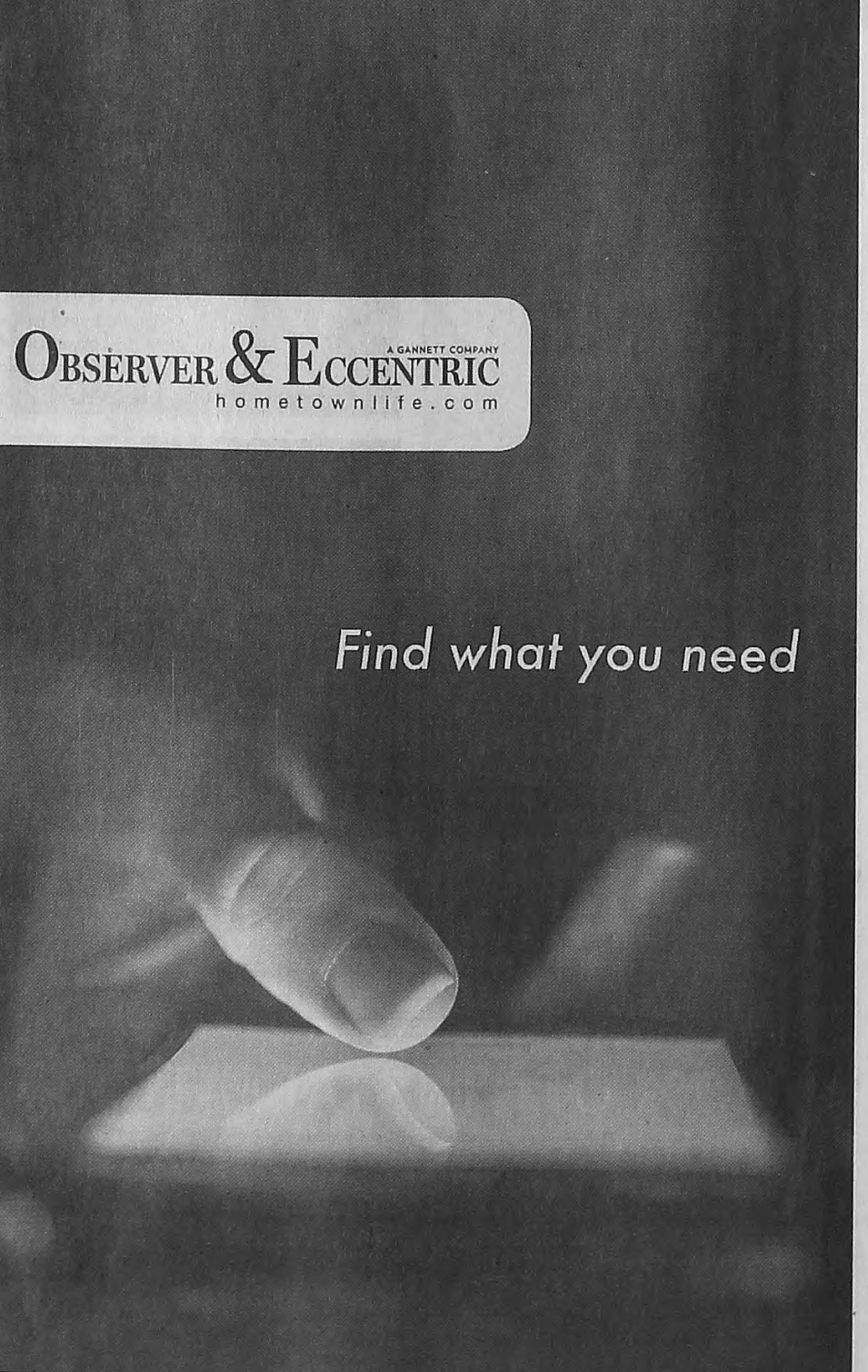
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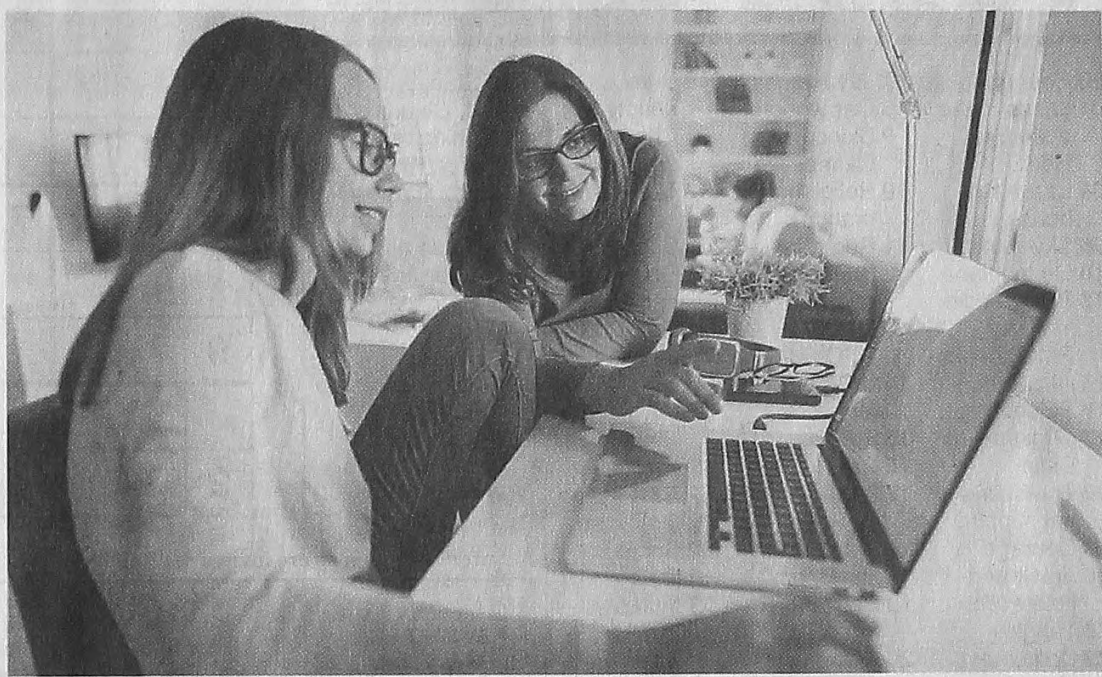
These days, it's more challenging than ever for teens to choose the right career path. On top of having a lack of real-world life experience and the self-awareness to help guide them toward making choices that are right for them, the work world is changing rapidly these days as a result of accelerating technological innovation, a fluctuating economy and shifting staffing demands.

That leaves many young adults struggling to find their purpose after high school.

The challenges teens face when searching for their ideal careers starts in college. According to a recent Borderzine article, "About 80 percent of students in the United States end up changing their major at least once, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. On average, college students change their major at least three times over the course of their college career."

This general level of indecisiveness can have serious implications for young adults and their ability to make clear and rational life decisions, on top of adding stress and pressure to an already challenging time in life.

If you're a parent or guardian of a teen who's trying to figure



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out what career path to pursue, consider taking advantage of the following five strategies for helping them out:

1. Help them make choices based on who they are.

This one's important: although you may have big dreams and plans for your teen, your child is not merely an extension of you, and projecting your hopes and wishes for their future on them is not a guaranteed path to career fulfillment.

If you want your teen to pursue a career path that has

a good chance of making them happy, help them make choices based on who they are and what makes them a unique individual.

2. Empower them to explore their strengths and passions.

Choosing the right career shouldn't be a shot in the dark. If your teen is having trouble making a decision, a great first step is to help them make a list of their strengths, interests and passions.

Once they have a list, it's much easier to come up with a manageable set of possible

career options that might be right for them.

3. Help them find a suitable mentor.

If your teen has an interest in a particular field, a great way to learn more — and discover if it is the right path for them — is to help them connect with a prospective mentor in the field who can help them learn the day-to-day realities of life on the job, as well as short-term and long-term career options and outlooks. Intern and volunteer opportunities are excellent ways to get valuable exposure and experience.

4. Support their choices.

Sure, this seems obvious, but what happens if your teen chooses a career path that you don't agree with?

This happens all the time, and the parents who support and encourage their teens to follow their dreams — whether it's a choice you wholeheartedly support or think is a bad idea — are much more likely to have teens who are happy and successful, no matter what path they decide to pursue.

Be patient, supportive and encouraging to your teen as they grapple with this tough life decision, and you're much more likely to see a positive result.

5. Set a good example.

The truth is, parents who are happy and fulfilled with their professional choices in life and who display positive work habits and behaviors are much more likely to have children who make smart choices regarding their career paths — and they're also much more likely to exhibit similar positive work habits, which will help them achieve success in their chosen fields.

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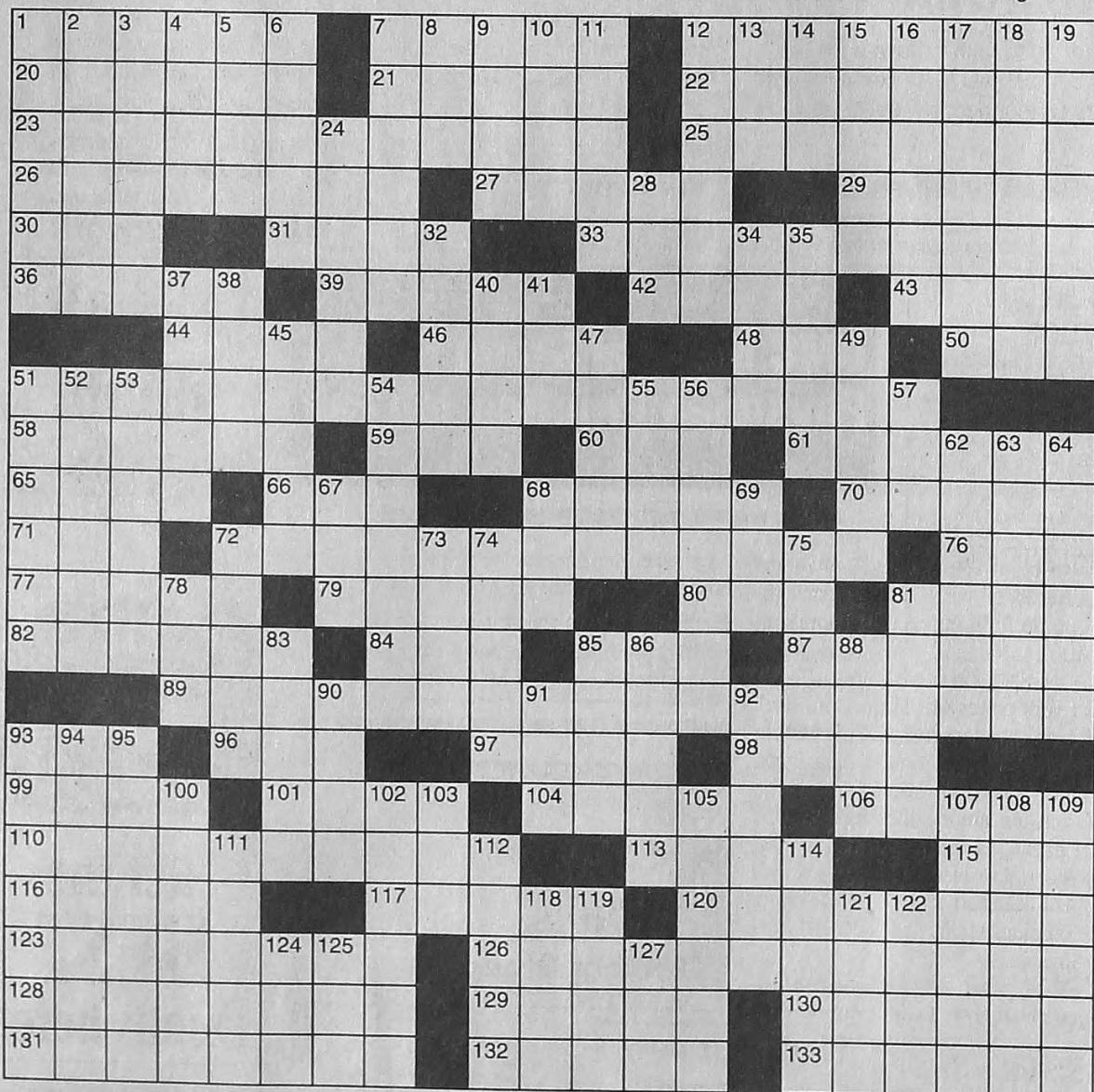
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ACROSS

- 1 Spanish squiggles
- 7 Blue Ribbon brewer
- 12 Places for military craft
- 20 Declare the truth of
- 21 — Brothers ("That Lady" R&B group)
- 22 Most rare
- 23 Elicit the stamp "NSF"
- 25 Pause with uncertainty
- 26 Web site facilitating job-hunting
- 27 In — (prebirth)
- 29 Credit card come-on
- 30 Bit of work
- 31 Little mistake
- 33 Chinese appetizer
- 36 Premolars, e.g.
- 39 Splendor
- 42 "Allow — introduce myself"
- 43 Mall come-on
- 44 Austrian "a"
- 46 Nation due south of Iran
- 48 Maritime plea
- 50 Put a flaw in
- 51 Hell-bent
- 58 Got the soap out of
- 59 Slalom turn
- 60 "— won't!" (firm refusal)
- 61 Gave the slip
- 65 "That's —!" ("False!")
- 66 Its cap. is Boise
- 68 French subway
- 70 Beethoven's "Für —"
- 71 Drill Sgt., e.g.
- 72 Sky's high arch, figuratively
- 76 Abbr. on a rap sheet
- 77 "Inferno" author
- 79 Milo of movies
- 80 Hector
- 81 Skated
- 82 Nuts
- 84 "Whether — nobler ..."
- 85 Beatty of movies
- 87 In-house
- 89 Start following a trend
- 93 Acct. amount
- 96 — Paulo, Brazil
- 97 Spanish coin
- 98 Starting from
- 99 List abbr.
- 101 Lands in the ocean, to Henri
- 104 Leave the house
- 106 Sky twinklers
- 110 Go by plane
- 113 Bronze coin in Harry Potter books
- 115 — chi
- 116 Stupefy
- 117 Angel player Della
- 120 Transverse rail support
- 123 Courage
- 126 Track-and-field event
- 128 Tangles
- 129 Come next
- 130 Irish city near Killarney
- 131 Scares
- 132 — Park, Colorado
- 133 Indian lutes
- 7 Lawn lunch
- 8 Oar wood
- 9 Sky color, in Cannes
- 10 Religious branch
- 11 Rug rats
- 12 No longer sailing
- 13 See 73-Down
- 14 Univ. dorm monitors
- 15 BYOB part
- 16 Cast list
- 17 Froth made by waves
- 18 Ward of Miss Havisham
- 19 Pittsburgh footballer
- 24 Quinn who played Annie
- 28 Tachometer abbr.
- 32 Walks laboriously
- 34 "Who's there?" response
- 35 Nary a soul
- 37 Uptight
- 38 Animal skin
- 40 City of Iowa
- 41 Tit for —
- 45 Gymnast Comaneci
- 47 Cherry with the 1989 hit "Buffalo Stance"
- 49 Number of deadly sins
- 51 Chastain of soccer
- 52 Tin Man's container
- 53 Coalitions
- 54 Gives a hand at a card table
- 55 Mechanical learning
- 56 Carmen of "That Night in Rio"
- 57 East Indian lentil stew
- 62 Scripted lines
- 63 Inuit or Yupik language
- 64 Benumb
- 67 Tag team, e.g.
- 68 Deg. for a painter
- 69 Female cells
- 72 Hot planet
- 73 With 13-Down, it's risky to skate on
- 74 Opposite of east, in Spain
- 75 "By garl"
- 78 Trump — Mahal
- 81 Elevator part
- 83 Send via PC
- 85 Stepson in "I, Claudius"
- 86 Thing read on a Kindle
- 88 Low cards
- 90 — sci
- 91 "O" in a letter, maybe
- 92 Essence
- 93 Isn't naughty
- 94 Super-insect of 1960s TV
- 95 City near Anaheim
- 100 More slothful
- 102 Means of exit
- 103 That lady
- 105 Mothers' brothers
- 107 Head Hun
- 108 Luise of "The Good Earth"
- 109 Long fights
- 111 Lavish meal
- 112 Giggly laugh
- 114 Wrongful acts, in law
- 118 Phoenix hoopsters
- 119 Once, old-style
- 121 Goa dress
- 122 Some jazz singing
- 124 Org. for pucksters
- 125 Mid grade?
- 127 Fitting

DOWN

- 1 iPad Air, e.g.
- 2 Côte d'— (country in Afrique)
- 3 Cocktail bar
- 4 Flashy hoops shot
- 5 Latin "Lo!"
- 6 Tool-holding buildings



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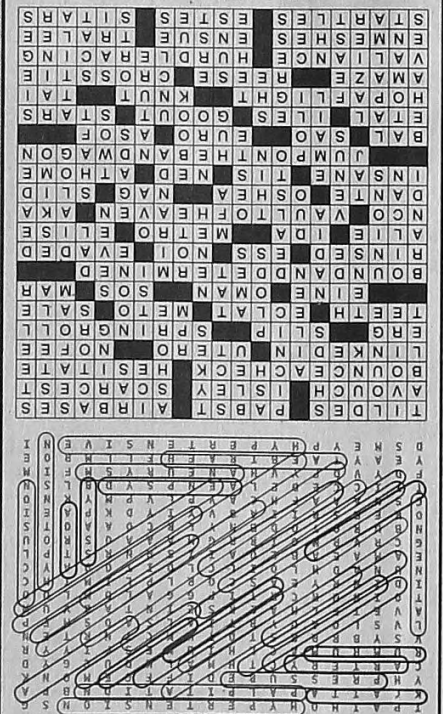
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Car Report

HOT ON THE HEELS OF ITS SUPER BOWL AD, KIA PIVOTS TO PROMOTING CRUCIAL NEW VERSION OF FORTE



By Dale Buss

While some other brands have been singing kumbah-ya with their marketing and focusing on messages of peace, unity and mobility, Kia has come out lately with a bare-knuckled message about capability, performance and even power.

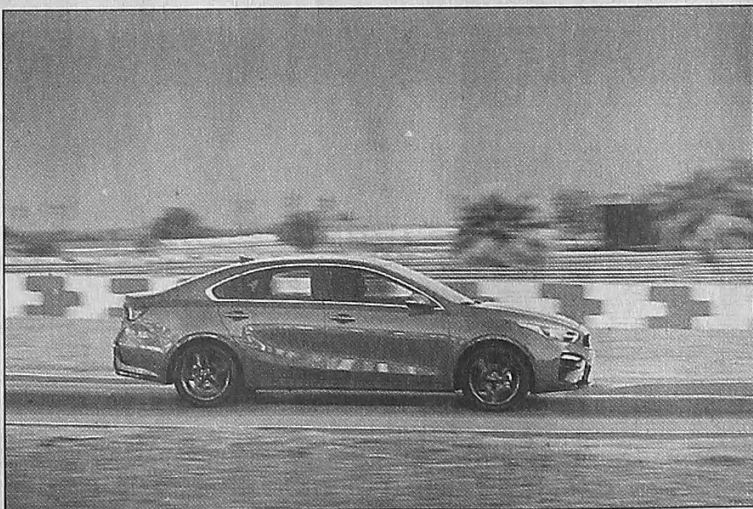
Witness its Super Bowl commercial, in which Kia introduced its Stinger performance sedan with an ageless Steven Tyler and a race track.

That only followed one of the standout promotional moments at press days for the 2018 North American International Auto Show, in which Kia took on Lamborghini—and won. With a cheeky video stunt, that is, which compared the new 2019 Kia Forte with the Lamborghini Aventador.

Its bigger mission these days is making an impact with a new version of the Kia Forte compact sedan that is crucial for a brand that still relies heavily on providing affordable entry-level and mainstream-priced sedans.

The U.S. market has embraced crossovers and SUVs lately, and Kia has entries in those segments including Soul, Sorento and the new Niro.

By introducing a redesigned version of its Forte compact sedan at the Detroit auto show, the Korean automaker revealed a larger and more fuel-efficient 2019 model, one that



The fully capable 2019 Kia Forte

takes design inspiration from the slick Stinger car.

Kia would love the 2019 Forte to be a hit. The model had its best sales year in 2017, which Michael Sprague, COO and EVP of Kia Motors America, said at 2018 NAIAS was “extraordinary for a vehicle in the last year of its life cycle.”

The new Forte, Sprague added, is “bold, strong and ready to rock the compact segment where Kia has been steadily gaining.”

Orth Hedrick, VP of Product Planning at Kia Motors America, said the third-generation Forte is “full of standard features and amenities—and styling, packaging and content to take the category to a new level.”

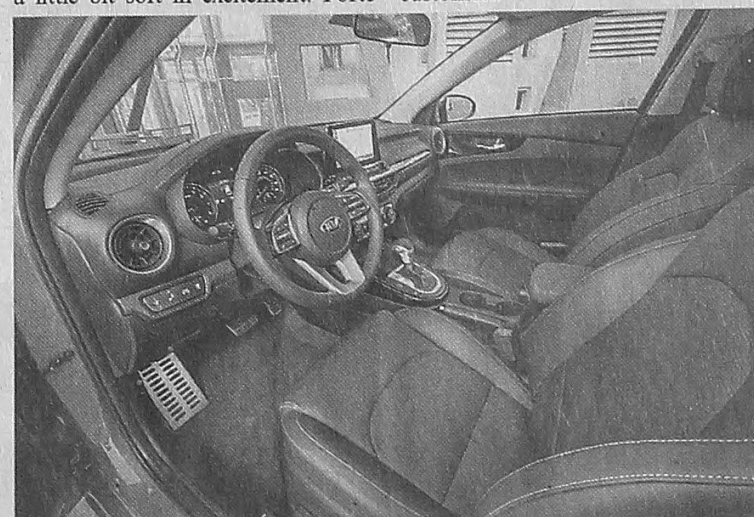
Forte is “compact and nimble” yet taller, longer and wider than before, he said, featuring a longer hood and “a new take on Kia’s iconic tiger-nose grille.” Hedrick also mentioned the car’s “sleek and dynamic styling cues.”

segment. Also we have the roominess that people continue to look for. Why look at a smaller SUV versus a car like Forte? It has the room, practicality, safety and technology you need, and you don’t need a ladder to climb into it.

Kia is well represented across both SUV and CUV segments, and sedans. So how do you strategically approach the shift in the market?

You have to be relevant. That’s why we’ve introduced Niro, a new crossover plug-in hybrid. If you’re in the market at the right size with the right vehicle at the same time with the colorfulness of choices and tastes that exist in the marketplace, the majority want sedans.

Hatches are in too, and fuel-efficient and environmentally friendly sedans are hot. Practicality is in. We need to stay with as wide a portfolio as possible to attract folks looking for style in segments that have become a little bit soft in excitement. Forte



The interior of the Forte is a revelation.

comes in as a big answer in that big market that still has a lot of market share.

Kia has been ranking No. 1 in the J.D. Power Initial Quality Study for the last two years, a huge accomplishment for the brand. What does that enable you to do marketing-wise?

For any brand who has achieved and invested in this, it’s a badge of pride that we have, as an engineering and manufacturing company, produced these great products to share with the world. It’s important for consumers to know that they can put their money into something that they know will be reliable, dependable and the best of the best at a similar price to any other product.

What’s going to be our differentiation? Styling, and a dependability award not given by some ad agency but by the customer. We’re proud of customers’ feedback and want to share it with other customers.

Functionally, the new Forte offers high-beam assist headlights and “functional air curtains” on the outside, for instance, and “more soft-touch surfaces” on the inside as well as ventilated front seats and a 10-way driver’s power seat in one trim level. There’s “better egress and ingress” for passengers than in the current Forte, and “passenger room and cargo room are among the largest in the segment,” Hedrick said.

For more insights we spoke with Saad Chehab, VP of Marketing Communications at Kia Motors America.

Saad, what are consumers telling you about Forte’s segment these days and how does the new car meet those expectations?

It’s an exciting shape that they’re looking for. It has always been known for vehicles at an affordable price but not so much excitement. But we have the design capability to change that and bring excitement back to the



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