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MDOT closing rest stop along I-275

Rest area between Michigan and Ford to shut down

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Drivers needing a break will have one less stop along Interstate 275 in western Wayne County beginning next month.

The Michigan Department of Transportation announced Oct. 3 it planned to shutter the Westland Rest Area on Nov. 14. The rest stop, actually located in

Canton, lies along the northbound portion of the freeway at mile marker 23, between the Michigan Avenue and Ford Road exits.

MDOT says the costs associated with keeping the structure open are too great to justify it remaining one of the state's 78 rest stops.

"The estimated cost to replace the

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The building containing restrooms at the rest area along I-275 in Canton. The Michigan Department of Transportation recently announced the rest area would close in November. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Amand Saab shows a pan of baklava cheesecakes, cooling from the oven. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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'MasterChef' contestant opens bakery in Livonia

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Amanda Saab was watching "Iron Chef America" on the Food Network when her friends were watching music videos on MTV.

Coupled with a love of baking, it paid off.

She became a contestant on television's "MasterChef" in 2015 after charming judges with her baklava

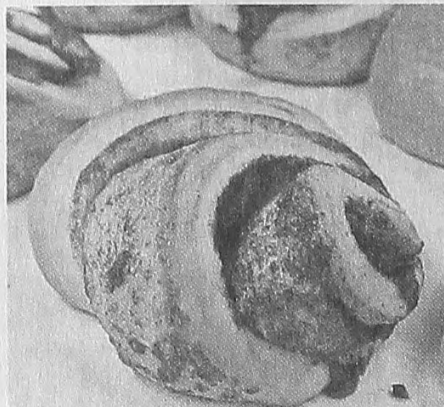
cheesecake and upbeat personality.

The same recipe landed her a spot in Joe Yonan's "America The Great Cookbook," subtitled "The Food We Make for the People We Love from 100 of Our Finest Chefs and Food Heroes."

And she traveled to Japan in August to film a pilot episode of "Chef in Hijab," wearing her Muslim headscarf for a segment about finding halal food in unexpected places.

Much closer to home, Saab has found another winning recipe in Livonia with her Butter Bear Shop, 33825 Five Mile, west of Farmington, where customers

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M-m-m. Fresh cinnamon rolls can be found at Butter Bear Shop. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Scholarship fair gives opportunities to students

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With the cost of college increasing significantly to the point where it's cost-prohibitive for many students, local organizations are partnering for the second straight year on a scholarship fair they hope makes "a positive difference in the lives of local youth."

The Ypsilanti chapter of Jack and Jill, Canton High School and the Infinite Scholars organization will host a scholarship fair 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Canton High School.

The fair gives students an opportunity to meet with colleges and universities about scholarship opportunities. Some colleges will be accepting students and notifying about scholarships on the spot.

Last year's fair drew some 200 students and resulted in more than \$2.9 million in scholarships being awarded to high school seniors.

"The fair started as an idea in the teen group and expanded into a chapter-wide event," said Kim Crouch, a member of Jack and Jill and a trustee on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education. "It was a huge success last year."

Crouch pointed out that several recent studies showed that college affordability is at risk for students, especially youth of color, which is why the Ypsilanti Chapter of Jack & Jill of America, Inc., partnered with Infinite Scholars and Canton High School to sponsor the scholarship fair.

The fair allows students to learn about scholarship opportunities and

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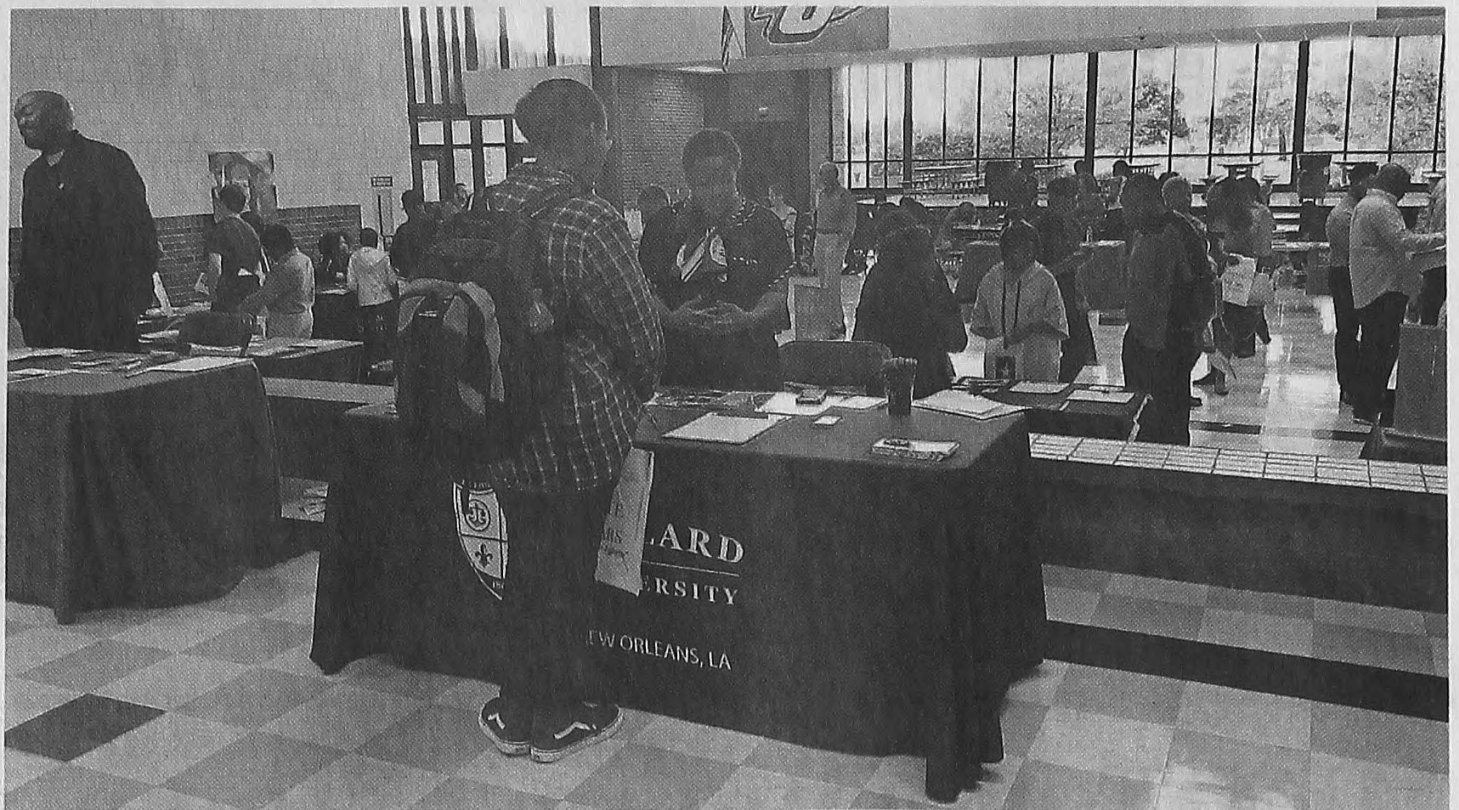
Fair

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other funding options directly from college recruiters. For high school seniors, the fair also provides an opportunity to apply to colleges and receive on-the-spot college admissions and scholarship awards.

Students are encouraged to bring their ACT/SAT scores, high school transcript, letter of recommendation and a college essay on "Why They Wanted to Attend College" so they can apply to any of the colleges in attendance. Last year's fair drew some 50 colleges and universities. Many colleges waived the college application fees and most awarded on-the-spot scholarships.

Jack and Jill of America boasts more than 230 chapters nationwide, representing more than 40,000 family members. Through service projects, Jack and



Last year's scholarship fair attracted hundreds of students.

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According to information on its website, the Infinite Scholars Program has served more than 100,000 students and

has facilitated more than \$1 billion in scholarships and financial aid in the last decade.

The group sponsors scholarship fairs in 27 states, connecting students with scholarship and financial aid opportu-

nities from participating colleges.

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Rest stop

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building is \$1.1 million to \$1.5 million, plus the continued costs for maintenance, safety and security," MDOT said in a statement. "These costs combined amount to two to three times the typical operating costs of other rest areas."

The rest stop was built in 1977 at a time when western Wayne County was more rural. Today, as populations grow and commercial businesses line nearby Ford Road, MDOT says there are plenty of options for motorists to stop at for services.

A request for additional comment was left Wednesday morning with MDOT.

Most of the site will go back to a natural look, with crews planning on demolishing the building as well as remove the parking lot and walkways. Those areas will be replaced with grass. The scales and truck parking area will remain and be used by law enforcement. The site's ramp will be barricaded and locked.

The nearby I-275 bicycle trail will not be affected.

The rest area has had its problems in recent years. The closure comes less than two years after MDOT made several investments into the property, including repairs to the parking lots, after a string of vandalism. And back in 2016, a couple was charged after Canton police say the man brandished a weapon during an argument with a maintenance worker at the site. The man ended up taking a plea deal and was sentenced to

six months in jail.

The closure will leave I-275 with just one rest stop, located at mile marker 5, near Carleton in Monroe County. MDOT also points out the Belleville Rest Area along I-94, just west of I-275, will also remain open.

With the closure, that leaves the Belleville Rest Area, the Mexicantown Welcome Center in Detroit, the Clarkston Rest Area and the Davisburg Rest Area (both along I-75) as the lone rest areas in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

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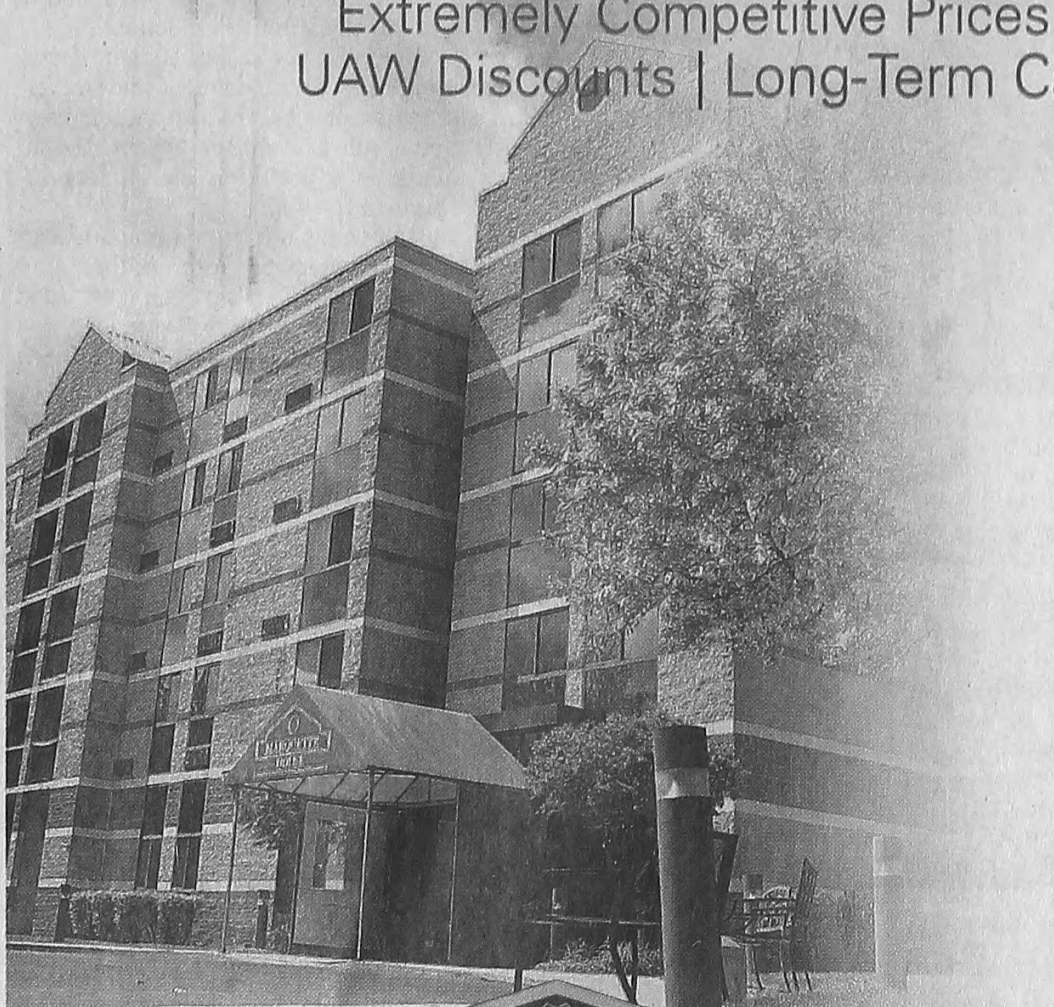
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Eagle Scout project yields owl houses

Visitors to Canton Parks may notice an influx of owls flying overhead thanks to the addition of several owl houses built and installed by Evan McKimmy, as part of his final Eagle Scout project.

McKimmy, a 15-year-old Canton resident, completed the installation of 15 owl houses in several parks across Canton in late spring 2018. The Salem High School student enlisted his fellow scouts in Troop No. 854, based in St. Michael's Lutheran Church of Canton, to assist in building and placing the owl houses in these open green spaces.

Visitors can see McKimmy's owl houses tucked into wooded areas in Heritage Park, Independence Park, Griffin Park, Flodin Park, Barchester Park, Freedom Park and the Lower Rouge River Trail.

"The entire project lasted eight months," McKimmy said. "This included planning, fundraising, building and eventually placing the houses."

In order to gain access to Canton's parks, McKimmy was required to present his idea to his troop and to the Canton Leisure Services Advisory Committee to get its approval.

"It never was stressful (presenting my project to the committee)," McKimmy said. "Everyone at the Canton Leisure Services department was really supportive and inviting."

McKimmy, who has been a Scout since kindergarten, said he learned a few lessons during the project — about

both owls and leadership. "I learned that owl houses needed to be set at a certain height, as well as a certain distance away from each other, so the owls have adequate feeding territories," he said.

He also learned what owls are native to the Canton area and what type of houses they need. According to McKimmy, "Barred owls are larger owls and need larger houses. The eastern screech owls, on the other hand, are smaller and utilize smaller dwellings."

McKimmy thanked his fellow troop mates for their help getting the project done. Leadership, he said he learned, isn't always about being "the boss." "What I learned was not to be too over controlling," McKimmy said. "Always being a control freak is never good. It's better to be more of a friendly leader."

John McKimmy, Evan's father, is proud his son completed the project. He is even happier that Evan made a positive contribution to his hometown of Canton. "Boy Scouts has done a lot for (Evan's) leadership abilities," John McKimmy said. "This Eagle Scout project had more than eight years worth of work behind it."

For additional information on how to submit an Eagle Scout project for consideration, contact Canton's Volunteer Coordinator at 734-394-5191. For more information about Canton Parks, go to www.cantonfun.org or call 734-394-5310.



Canton resident Evan McKimmy, 15, stands below one of the 15 owl houses he constructed and placed throughout several Canton parks as part of his Eagle Scout project, which he completed in spring 2018.

Two Canton charters earn blue ribbon status

Two Canton charter schools are among 349 schools nationally that have been named National Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education. This is considered the most prestigious honor a school in the United States can earn. The announcement was made this month in Washington, D.C.

Named to the elite list were Achieve Charter Academy and Canton Charter Academy, both located in Canton. Both schools are managed by National Heritage Academies, a for-profit charter school operator that is one of the highest-performing charter networks in the country.

Achieve Charter Academy is autho-

rized by Grand Valley State University, while Canton Charter Academy is authorized by Central Michigan University.

"There is no higher honor for a school in the United States, so to have two Michigan charter schools on this list speaks volumes," said Dan Quisenberry, president of the Michigan Association

of Public School Academies, the state charter school association. "What a great testament to these talented educators and hard-working students. I know the parents are thrilled they were able to choose these schools for their children and the entire charter school community takes great pride in this accomplishment."

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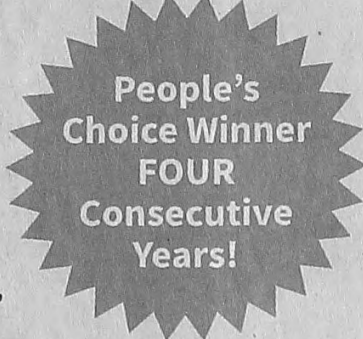
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Preschool Storytime

When: 10-10:30 a.m. each Monday and 1-1:30 p.m. each Friday

Details: Preschool storytimes feature longer books, flannel board and rhymes designed for children ages 3½-5. Children must be able to sit independently and be attentive for 30 minutes. Parents may attend to help transition their child to this program. All parents must remain in the children's department. Registration required.

Computer Skills Help for Beginners

When: 9-11 a.m. each Saturday

Details: Experts are on hand to answer questions or connect you to additional resources.

Baby Storytime

When: 10-10:30 a.m. each Tuesday

Details: Designed for babies ages 18 months and younger with an adult, Baby Storytime features simple stories, songs and rhymes. Registration required.

Board Gaming League of Canton

When: Noon first Saturday of each month

Details: Drop by to play some of the hottest games, sharpen your mental skills and meet new folks.

ABC Activity Time

When: After every baby, preschool and family storytime, lasts 30 minutes

Details: Experience a variety of hands-on and imaginative play opportunities while building social and cooperative skills with other young children and caregivers.

ELL Conversation Groups

When: 9:30-11 a.m. each Thursday and Friday

Details: Practice speaking English in an informal setting with Community Literacy Council volunteers.

Early Literacy Workshops

When: 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month

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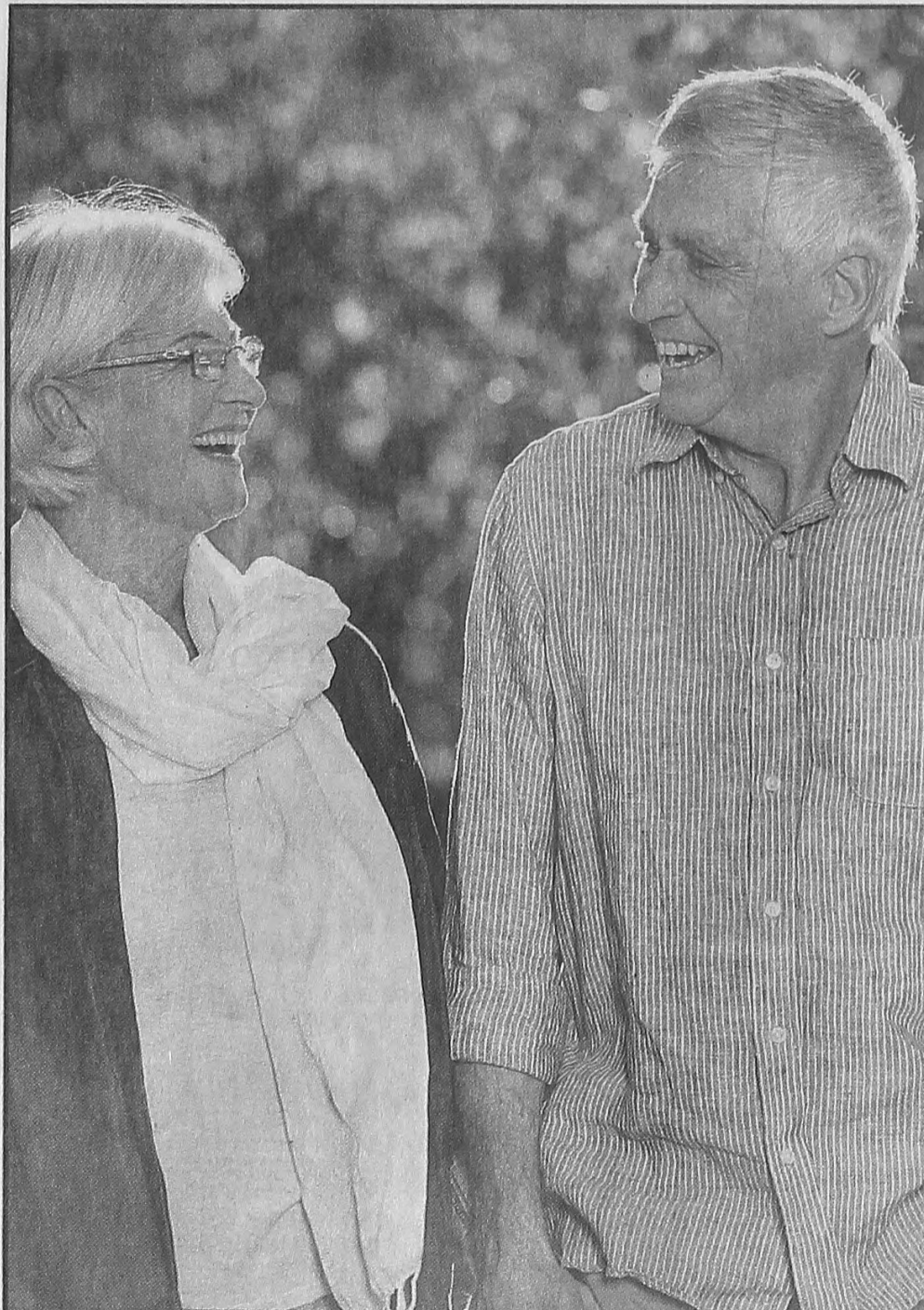
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- Central Middle School was sold to the Malcolm's at appraised fair market value.
- The Malcolm's have donated the property to the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and can never get it back.
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Make a Difference Day set for Nov. 17

Plymouth Community United Way has scheduled the annual Make a Difference Day for Saturday, Nov. 17. PCUW is inviting volunteers to rake leaves and provide light outdoor labor for senior citizens and people with disabilities in Plymouth and Canton.

Plymouth Community United Way is looking for volunteers, who will be helping to provide fall clean-up in Plymouth and Canton. The event will kick off at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast at Plymouth First

United Methodist Church. After breakfast, teams will head out to homes in the community.

Volunteers are asked to register with Erica Garbacz by Oct. 26 at 734-453-6879, ext. 5, or erica.garbacz@pcuw.org or online at www.plymouthunitedway.org/difference2018. This event is perfect for families, youth groups, local companies or just about anyone. Come with friends or alone — you will be matched with a great group of

hardworking team members. Anyone under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers should be prepared to bring rakes, gloves and other yard tools if they have them. PCUW will supply lawn bags secured through grants and donations.

If you are over age 65 or disabled and could benefit from this free service, also contact Garbacz.

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

Salvation Army stores feature October savings

All through October, The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center will be offering shoppers at all 35 thrift stores up to 50 percent off certain items during the October ThriftFest event.

Each Monday in October is men's night, where men can get 50 percent off all clothing, shoes, accessories and electronics from 6 p.m. until close.

Kids are the stars each Tuesday, when the youngest

shoppers can enjoy 50 percent off all clothing, toys, accessories and shoes all day.

Residents over age 55 will benefit each Wednesday, when thrift stores will offer shoppers anywhere from 25 percent to 44 percent off select items, including jewelry and collectibles.

Shoppers who come in wearing their Halloween costumes Oct. 31 will receive 33 percent off their entire order.

Each Thursday will be ladies night from 6 p.m. until close, offering 50 percent off all clothing, shoes and accessories.

Furniture Friday offers shoppers 50 percent off all furniture, as well as 15 percent off new mattresses and bed frames.

Early-bird shoppers can look forward to Sally Savings Saturdays, when the first 25 shoppers at each store will receive 50 percent off their entire purchase.

Proceeds from all metro Detroit thrift stores benefit The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center's independently funded, 180-day residential rehabilitation program for men and women.

For more information, go to www.facebook.com/semiarc.

Meet local author at Seedlings' open house

The author of the popular children's book "Sheep in a Jeep" will be the special guest at Seedlings' open house 5-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29.

Nancy Shaw of Ann Arbor will read and autograph copies of her books, which also include "Sheep Out to Eat," "Sheep on a Ship," "Sheep Go to Sleep," "Sheep in a Shop" and "Sheep Trick or Treat." The books will be available for sale at the open house, both with and without braille.

Shaw's aunt, Lorma Gardner, who died in 2003, worked as a volunteer brailist, transcribing books for the Library of Congress. Shaw commends Seedlings for making children's books accessible to those who are blind. "I love the idea of getting stories out to everybody," she said.

Besides meeting Shaw, attendees will be able to tour Seedlings' facility and watch as staff members and volunteers make braille books.

Seedlings is located in the MetroPlex Office Complex, 14151 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call 734-427-8552, go to www.seedlings.org or contact Karen Smith at Seedlink7@ameritech.net.



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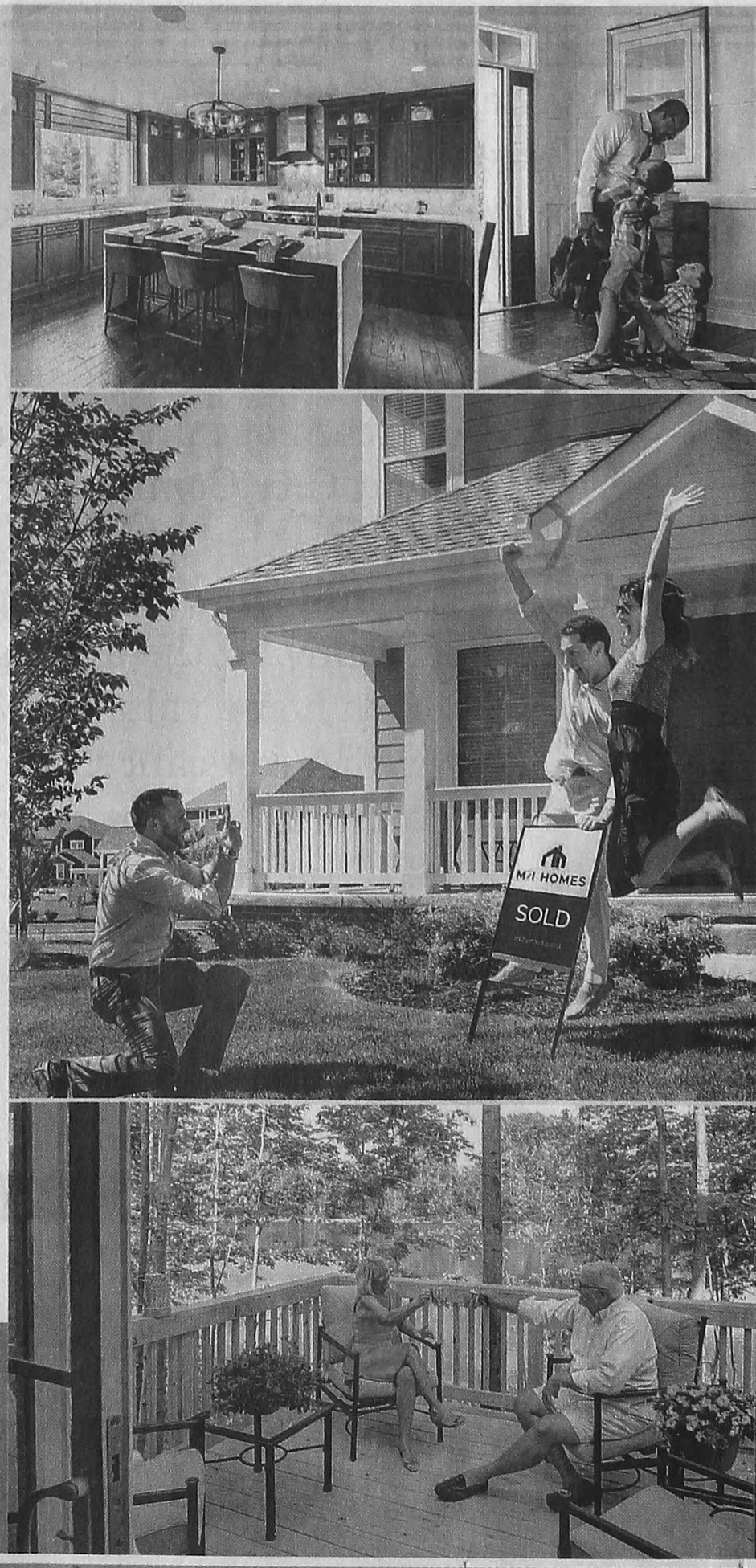
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Canton woman arrested for hitting ER nurse

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A Canton woman was arrested Oct. 1 for assaulting a nurse who was examining her at Beaumont-Farmington Hills hospital.

Farmington Hills police and fire were originally dispatched to the hospital, 28050 Grand River, at about 5:15 p.m., when an unresponsive woman was reported laying on the ground outside the emergency room. As paramedics were assessing the woman, hospital security told officers that the woman had just left the hospital after assaulting a nurse.

The nurse told police that the woman had been brought in and was being

asked multiple questions to assess her mental status. The woman was described as staring past the nurse without answering.

The nurse administered two sternal rubs — a painful application of a closed fist aimed at getting a response — when the woman sat up and punched her in the right chest wall. The nurse said the woman was aware of her surroundings and conscious when she hit her. The woman then got up and left the hospital as the nurse contacted security.

Another employee who was present during the incident gave police the same account of what happened.

The woman, 49, was in the hospital waiting room using her phone trying to get a ride from her sister when the offi-

cer came to talk with her. She told the officer that she had struck the nurse reflexively due to the sternal rubs. Having had sternal rubs previously, the woman said she didn't like them.

After being arrested and cited for assault and battery, the woman was released from custody. She had reported

she was staying at a nearby motel, but declined a ride from officers.

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WEDDING

Selden-Rager

Clare Terese Selden and Kyle Martin Rager were married Sept. 22 at Lookout Farm Brewing and Cider Co. in Natick, Mass. Colorado state Rep Jeff Bridges, a friend of the couple, officiated.

Selden, 31, is a corporate health care attorney with the Boston office of Foley and Lardner, LLP. She graduated from the University of Michigan and received her law degree from Harvard University. She is the daughter of Craig Selden and Cheryl Hodges-Selden of Plymouth. Rager, 32, is a sales professional with Suitsupply in Boston. He is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University. He is the son of Martin and Wendy Rager of State College, Pa.

The couple met in Boston in June 2015. Three years later, they got engaged in January 2018 in the Boston Public Garden.

In lieu of a honeymoon, the couple has elected to sponsor an eastern red-bud tree in the Boston Public Garden commemorating the date of their wedding. The happy couple will reside in Beacon Hill.



Clare Selden and Kyle Rager.

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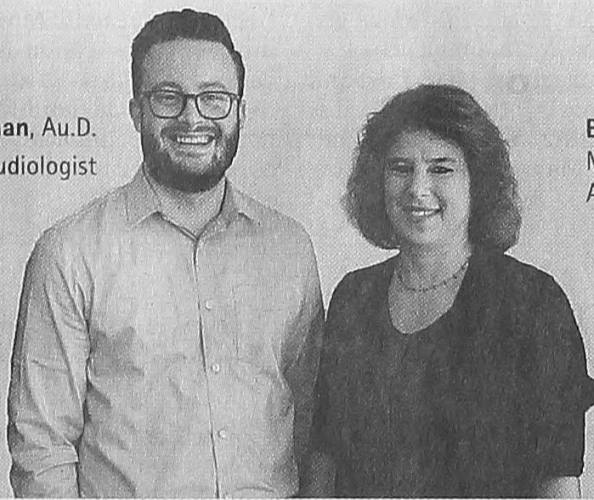
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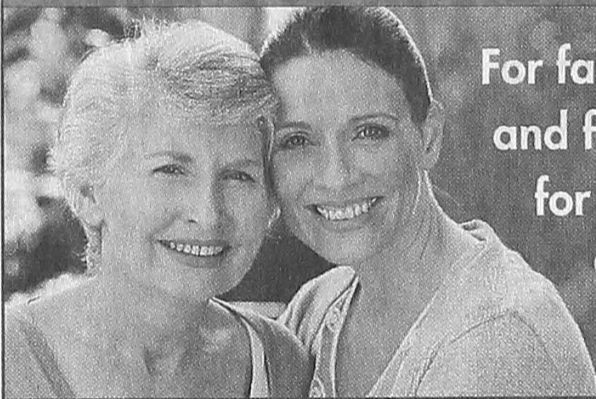
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can find cakes, cookies, breads and pastries — all served with a smile.

Saab searched metro Detroit before locating in Livonia, dubbed one of America's 10 happiest mid-sized cities in 2016 by Zippia, a career information website that studied educational levels, unemployment rates, work commute times and family ties.

"I wanted a happy place," Saab said. "Happy people like sweet treats."

Along with strong local sales, she and pastry chef Patty Chamberlain also have had online orders from 28 states, including Alaska, since Butter Bear Shop opened in mid-July, serving golden raisin bread, salted brown butter chocolate chip cookies, lemon rosemary bars, seeded tahini banana bread, French coconut macaroons and custom-made birthday cakes, among numerous other treats.

One recent Monday afternoon — a day when Butter Bear is closed for baking — Saab paused to discuss her life and business. She worked several years in social work, helping troubled families to heal and addressing problems such as homelessness, after earning her master's degree in social work and her bachelor's degree in psychology and Asian studies from Wayne State University.

But her hobby, her passion, always has been baking. As a young child, she made banana bread with her mother, Hala Baydoun, and as she grew she tuned in to television cooking shows.

After later marrying her husband Hussein and moving to Seattle for his job transfer in 2012, he encouraged her to audition for "MasterChef" in Califor-

nia.

The couple traveled to Los Angeles for their wedding anniversary, Saab auditioned with her baklava cheesecake and she was chosen for the show. She survived eight episodes with dishes such as her grandmother's recipe for lamb kofta with jalapeno spiced potatoes and sumac aioli, and crab cakes with green apple slaw and a spicy sauce.

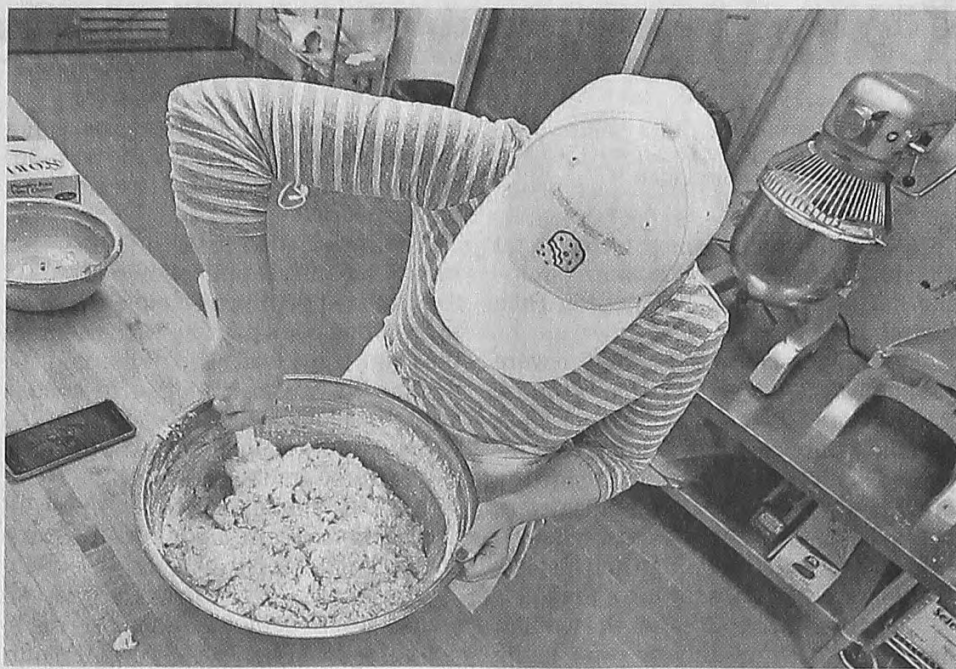
Then, in a cruel twist of fate, it was Saab's 26th birthday when she had to make a birthday cake on "MasterChef." It looked good — vanilla cake with a strawberry Nutella filling and decorated with pink rosettes.

But she ran out of time, it was undercooked and she was sent home. She recalls being frustrated making the cake. "I thought, 'I hope I don't swear under my breath because my mom would see that,'" she said with a smile.

Her "MasterChef" fame behind her, Saab and her husband later returned to their metro Detroit roots after five years in Seattle. And now she has her own business. Why the name Butter Bear? Her family loves butter and, when she was young, she was often affectionately called Amanda Panda Bear. Now she sometimes calls Hannah, her 13-month-old daughter, Hannah Panda Bear.

Butter Bear Shop's offerings are diverse and everything is made from scratch, whether it's the San Francisco-style sourdough bread, cinnamon rolls, birthday cake cookies, chocolate caramel cupcakes or a birthday cake shaped like the recipient's age.

Chamberlain, the pastry chef, was busy one recent Monday afternoon making butter cream frosting for cupcakes and custom cakes. She earned her degree from Oakland University's culinary arts program and enjoys putting her skills to use, especially on a variety



Patty Chamberlain mixes dough for brioche. The shop has an excess of leftover egg yolk, since egg white is used in many recipes. Brioche is a great way to use the yolk. This batch will be kneaded briefly, covered, then will rise slowly overnight in the cooler. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

of cheesecakes.

"That's something we can have a lot of creativity with," she said, adding that she enjoys her job. "How could you not love a place like this?"

Saad, who grew up in Dearborn Heights and now lives in Huron Township, is certainly a busy entrepreneur. She has continued a blog, www.amandasplate.com, that she started in Seattle. She also still has her roots in social work, donating a portion of her company's sales to organizations that fight hunger.

Saad admits she was surprised when a Japanese production company reached out to her about filming a pilot

for "Chef in Hijab." She thought it was a scam at first, but she responded and learned it wasn't. She made the trip to Japan in August, but shrugs when she asked where the pilot show might lead. "We'll see," she said.

One thing appears certain, though. With her dedication to baking, she's likely to make Livonia — and communities beyond — a sweeter place.

For more on Butter Bear Shop, go to www.butterbearshop.com or call 734-744-6310.

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Art therapy offers hope for those in recovery mode



Our Mental Health
L.J. McCulloch
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Whether targeting medical or mental health problems, art therapy has become increasingly available in the public and private sectors.

Most hospitals now include art therapy as part of their milieu. College and advanced academic degrees can be ob-

tained through most universities. Certification for providers can be obtained. It does not seem to matter what the malady is, art therapy, including the performance art of music therapy, has been shown to benefit folks from our developmentally disabled population, people with traumatic brain injuries, seniors with dementia or Alzheimer's, cancer patients and others. Some artful treatments can make use of ceramics, pencil sketching, oil painting, model making — even face painting can be of tremendous therapeutic benefit for all ages.

Psychologically, colors can be the visualization of feelings that can't be put into words. Think about rage-filled red, the blues of depression, the black of mourning a loss and the green of envy. Also, the activity of doing art provides distraction from suffering. It can be an outlet for pent-up fears and angers. It can be used as a means of communication.

Creating something under one's own power or with the aid of a trained professional often goes far in the recovery process for people recovering from traumas of any kind. The process soothes and helps heal emotional wounds. In certain settings, the objects of the artist's productions can be used diagnostically and can play a role in mental health treatment.

Upon attending a conference about the use of art therapy in the field of medical and mental rehabilitation, I discovered an organization called Paint a Miracle. This nonprofit art studio offers

people with disabilities and other challenges an opportunity to explore the arts in an atmosphere of hope, growth and encouragement. Paint a Miracle works to recognize the value each person adds to this world. The work of one of the program's "artists" was done by a person born with cerebral palsy. One needed only to look briefly at the productions and hear from the artist to be inspired by his determination and desire to create.

The city of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division is offering an array of day and evening visual arts classes for youth and adults this fall at the Heritage Park Stables Art Studio, 24915 Farmington Road.

All classes welcome beginner through advanced students and small classes accommodate one-on-one instruction, as well as group demonstrations. Offerings include three- to six-week classes, as well as one-day workshops.

For more information, go to www.paintmiracle.org, <https://recreg.fhgov.com> or call 248-473-1800.

Leonard J. McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is a certified brain injury specialist and is board certified in traumatic stress, mental health, addictions and social work. He can be reached for a courtesy consultation at his Farmington Hills office at 248-474-2763, ext. 222.

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Paying off debt and beginning to save — both smart moves



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
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Q: About five years ago, I wrote to you seeking your advice about investing and you told me that the best investment I could make would be to pay down my debt. At the time, I had a substantial amount of charge card debt. I took your advice and now, five year later, I am totally debt-free and it feels great. I am now in a situation where I can start investing money and I'd like your advice as to how to proceed. I am now age 50 and I plan to work another 15-20 years. I would like to save for my retirement to supplement my pension. My first question is, should I use my company's 401(k) plan, even if they don't match? My second question is, do you think it is too aggressive to invest the money 100 percent in stocks? My thought is I am starting late, so I need to be a little more aggressive.

A: First of all, congratulations on becoming debt-free. Debt has a way of strangling people and the fact you are debt-free gives you a new sense of freedom. I cannot stress enough how important it is for everyone to manage their debt situation and, particularly if you have charge card debt, do what you can to alleviate that debt.

With regard to saving for retirement, I do believe a 401(k) plan is a great way to start. It is an easy way to invest because you have money taken directly out of your paycheck. In addition, there are some tax benefits to using a 401(k) plan. If you invest in the traditional 401(k) plan, your money grows tax-deferred; you only pay taxes on the money once you withdraw it. If you choose the Roth option, the tax break is that when the money is withdrawn, it is tax-free. Whatever option you choose you will have some tax benefits.

With regard to the portfolio, I do believe a 100-percent stock portfolio is too aggressive. I do agree that you are start-

ing late in saving for your retirement, but as you mentioned in your letter, you're going to be working for at least another 15-20 years. You still have plenty of time to save for your retirement.

I've always been a believer that diversified portfolios are best for investors over the long run. Not only should someone be diversified within the type of equities they own, such as large company and small company, foreign and domestic, but it is also important to have some fixed-income investments in your portfolio, such as bonds. Even though over the last few years bonds have not done very well, they still are an important part of a portfolio. Bonds can protect a portfolio in different types of market conditions. In order to protect your portfolio, you need to have some fixed-income exposure.

I get this question a lot about 401(k) plans — if the company does not have a match, does it make sense to invest in it? The answer is a resounding yes. The match is a bonus that most companies don't have. Even without the match, the benefits of a 401(k) plan are still substantial enough that people should invest in them. Of course, you always want to make sure that your 401(k) plan has good investment options that are low cost. If you find that your company has excessive fees in its 401(k) plan or poor investment options, the course of action is to try to convince the employer to change the plan, because in today's world there are many low-cost 401(k) plans with very good options.

Probably the best investment anyone can make is to pay off their charge card debt. When you pay off an 18½-percent charge card, you're getting an 18½-percent return on your money. I can't think of any investment that would give you such a high guaranteed rate of return. For those in debt, particularly charge card debt, the best investment you can make is to pay off that debt.

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

Canton man killed in Westland crash

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

A 53-year-old Canton Township man was killed in a Sept. 30 traffic crash in Westland.

The crash occurred on Merriman near Bridge Street, south of Warren, around 7:30 p.m., police said. It appeared the Canton man was driving south when his vehicle went into the northbound lanes and collided with another vehicle with several occupants,

said Sgt. Robert Wilkie, a police department spokesman.

The man was taken to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead. His name was not released. The occupants of the other vehicle were treated for minor injuries.

Police said it was unknown if drugs or alcohol were a factor in the crash. The investigation was ongoing.

Contact Matt Jachman at mjachman@hometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter: @mattjachman.

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

The Blue Cat Band will perform Tuesday, Oct. 9. This group has been together for 22 years with backgrounds in rock, country and folk. Al Carmichael is on guitar and vocals, Billy Farris on guitar and vocals, Frankie Lee on bass and Ken Murphy on drums.

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

Funding college workshop

A free workshop on funding your child's college education will be held 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at Plymouth High School, 8400 N. Beck Road, in Canton. The speaker will be Robert Hoger, certified college planning specialist with Michigan College Funding, LLC.

Admission is free, but seating is limited by the size of the room. Call 248-662-1300 to reserve seats.

Family Music Fest

The Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, will be hosting Family Music Fest from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. The fourth annual event is free and open to the public. This year's event will bring children's music, street dancing, face painting, Latin jazz and Indian fusion music to the community.

Bring your own lunch for a break where there will be face painting and more thanks to co-sponsor Vibe Credit Union. For more information, go to www.cantonpl.org or call 734-397-0999.

Star Wars Reads Day

The Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, will hold a Star Wars Reads Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. A wide variety Star Wars activities are planned.

The library will join other libraries, schools and bookstores around the world in this global event. Locally, attendees will find Star Wars characters, collectibles, posters, decorations and more throughout the library. All are encouraged to dress as a favorite character and enjoy the following free activities, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

For more information, contact the library at 734-453-0750, ext. 4, or go to plymouthlibrary.org.

Ghost stories at Cady-Boyer Barn

The Canton Historical Society will host its annual evening of ghost stories presented by Judge Ronald Lowe, 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, in Cady-Boyer Barn, located in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road. Participants will enjoy hearing about ghosts, goblins and all things spooky. Cider and two doughnuts are included with the ticket and will be available while supplies last.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway; the White Pole Barn at the Canton Farmers Market each Sunday; the Canton Historical Museum, 1022 Canton Center Road; and at the door. All proceeds benefit the Canton Historical Society.

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

U.S. Air Force Academy Band concert

The U.S. Air Force Academy Band's Stellar Brass combo will perform a free concert at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. The concert will feature a mix of music from Americana and patriotic favorites to unique twists on the classical repertoire by this energetic six-piece ensemble.

Ticket are available at The Village Theater box office or online at www.cantonvillage theater.org.

Grace Canton craft market

Grace Canton church, 46788 Cherry Hill Road, will host a holiday craft market from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17. This event will feature crafters and artisans selling an array of fine arts, handmade gifts, jewelry, ceramics, apparel, accessories and home goods.

Grace Canton is offering free spaces to local artists and small business owners. Space is limited. To apply for a table, go to <http://www.kellycaroline.com> and apply and complete your the application by Monday, Oct. 15.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, email kelly@kellycaroline.com or call 734-536-1705.

Plymouth Goodfellows meetings

Christmas planning has begun for the Plymouth Goodfellows, who have assisted families with food, clothes and toys for the past 80 years. The group is looking for volunteers. Fall meetings in preparation for the 2018 Christmas season are scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, and Monday, Nov. 19, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street.

For more information, contact Kristen at 734-262-3199, email plymouthgoodfellows@yahoo.com or go to www.plymouthgoodfellows.org.

Monster Mash at Village Theater

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton will host a special adult Halloween party, titled Monster Mash, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20. The event will feature top 40 hits and Halloween covers by Atomic Radio. Guests can also participate in games, a costume contest, cash bar and refreshments.

Tickets are \$15 for Canton residents and \$20 for non-residents. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonvillage theater.org or by calling 734-394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater box office one hour prior to event time.

Miller Woods fall walks

Join the Friends of Miller Woods during one of their fall walks 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21 or 28. Tours leave every half-hour from the entrance to the woods on

Powell Road, just west of Ridge Road, between North Territorial and Ann Arbor roads, in Plymouth Township. Tours are free and typically last 60 minutes.

No dogs or strollers allowed. Must be able to walk on uneven surfaces due to large tree roots. For more information, go to millerwoods.com or by call 734-459-7666.

'Hallelujah Girls'

Still Got It Players will perform "The Hallelujah Girls," scheduled for Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 25-28, in the Biltmore Studio at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton, with performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are \$15 to \$18 and can be purchased at www.cantonvillage theater.org, over the phone at 734-394-5300, ext. 3, or at the box office between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each weekday. If any tickets are still available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to show time.

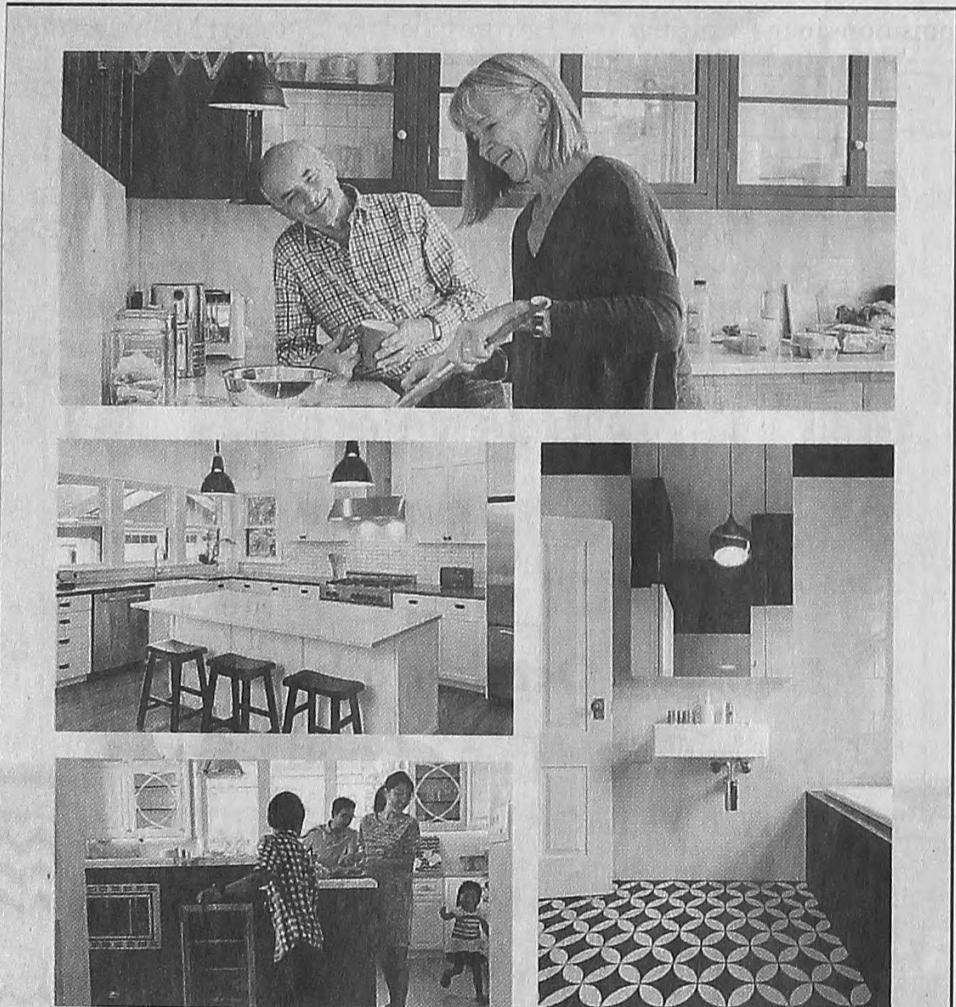
For more information, contact director Joe Arcel at jarcel1670@wow-way.com or 734-812-3325.

Canton's Trick or Treat Parade

The Canton Leisure Services will host annual Trick or Treat Parade 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, inside the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend this family-friendly event in costume and follow the not-so-scary trail from room to room, each filled with special surprises and little goodies. For those who dare, a spooky haunted house will be available in the Summit's Gymnasium. Note that this experience may be too intense for small children.

Tickets will only be sold in advance through Oct. 25 for \$6 per child for Summit on the Park members, \$7 per child for Canton residents and \$11 per child for non-residents. A limited number of fast pass tickets for designated time slots will be available for an additional \$1 fee at the Summit Front Desk, while supplies last. All ticket sales will end at 10 p.m. Oct. 25. Proof of residency will be required to purchase tickets and there is a 10-ticket limit per person.

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Birmingham company's app helps mourners

Sharon Dargay
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Who wants to post grandma's death next to a dancing cat meme?

Mark Alhermizi of Birmingham is betting no one does and that they'll trade Facebook for a mobile app called Everdays when it's time to announce a loved one's death.

"What's Facebook? Facebook is merely a post. It's the Walmart of social media. You go in and post it to Facebook and that's it. Then people post condolences and it's done," said Alhermizi, CEO of Everdays and the founder of Gas Station TV. "Only 3 percent of the funeral industry even has a Facebook page."

Death announcements created with his Everdays app "is an entire social network within itself."

"That announcement has all the posting, has all the pictures, has events, has donations, it has videos, it has everything all in one place," he said. "It has private messaging for family. It has 30 features that a single post on Facebook doesn't do."

One feature reminds users to reach out to a grieving friend or family member during holidays, at anniversaries and a month or two after the funeral. Another allows family members to quickly access photos, videos and condolences.

Spreading the word

The app, launched Sept. 20, is designed to help family members manage and spread the news of their loved one's death. It also helps other users stay in the loop about deaths within their social networks.

"We are an app for the living," Alhermizi said. "It's about bringing people together to help love you and support you during a difficult time ... to help bring them together to support each other, not just for the two weeks around the (funeral) event, but for the long term."

Alhermizi, 51, hopes Everdays will "de-stigmatize the conversation about death, making the subject more approachable and acceptable."

After downloading the app, users shares their contacts and identifies the networks, such as schools, employers, their hometown and clubs, that they care about. The Everdays platform uses artificial intelligence and machine learning to make connections in a network and send death notifications. The goal is to "make sure you never miss another important passing," Alhermizi said.

"You share your contacts with us," he added. "You tell us a little about yourself and then we monitor the world and automatically send relevant announcements that matter to you. By the time you reach 50 years old, you're touched by a relevant passing one every 30 days, on average."

The app appeals to users ages 45 and up and its core demographic is women ages 45-54. Alhermizi suspects his market will expand to users in their 20s and 30s as the app becomes more pervasive.

"We're delivering it in a modern way, using tools that everyone, especially young people like," he said. "That's how we expand the conversation and take it

younger."

Not interested

At first, Alhermizi couldn't convince his mobile development team that Everdays was worth pursuing. Its members were under age 30 and none had experienced significant deaths in their families or among friends.

The group had worked with him when he developed and expanded Gas Station TV, taking the business from "zero to 10,000 gas stations" in seven years. When he sold Gas Station TV in 2014 to a private equity firm led by Dan Gilbert, he kept the development team.

Alhermizi had plans to "celebrate life and enjoy it with family" after selling his business. He had one son, Max, twins on the way and plans to take his parents on a vacation trip. Two months after the sale, his father ended up in the hospital and died seven weeks later.

Alhermizi took six months off and then returned to work.

"It was a weird time," he said. "This was three years ago. My team had been busy coming up with ideas, throwing stuff against the wall to see what would work and what wouldn't work and I hit them with, 'Look guys, I just had this miserable experience trying to bring together all those who matter to me around my dad's passing. The whole industry is devoid of any worthwhile technology. There is a really big opportunity here.'"

He tried for nearly a year to get his team excited about the idea, but couldn't get them on board until one of them experienced the death of a grandmother.

"He went home to Connecticut to help his dad bury her," Alhermizi said. "He came back and said, 'Now I get it.' The rest is history."

Funeral homes

Alhermizi invested \$5 million into the company and recruited other investors. About a year and a half ago, Everdays launched a dashboard that enables funeral homes to create and send obituary information to their clients via text message or email. Approximately 1,000 funeral homes use the platform. The mobile app takes the process a step further.

Paul Connell, co-owner and funeral director at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Directors, says the dashboard and mobile app give families "another way of announcing the funeral arrangements" beyond classified death notices.

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He said baby boomers and younger generations both like using the technology.

"We're already announcing one-half of 1 percent of the passings in the U.S.," Alhermizi said. "Soon, it will be 3 percent and then 5 and 10 and then we'll have so much data that you truly will never miss another passing that is relevant to you."

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Mark Alhermizi hopes his new Everdays mobile app will destigmatize conversations about death. LANCE ROSOL | PIXEL PERFECT PHOTO

Obituaries

Dane Criger

CHARLESTON Dane Criger, a retired banking executive, passed away suddenly at his home in Charleston, SC on September 30, 2018.

Dane was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the son of Marvin and Marie (Panattoni) Criger. He graduated from Plymouth High School, Plymouth, Michigan and the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. He had an outstanding banking career, first with First Chicago NBD in Detroit, Michigan handling mergers and acquisitions in the trust and mutual funds areas, and later with First Data / Nations Bank / Bank of America in Charlotte, North Carolina also in mergers and acquisitions in the securities area. He concluded the work phase of his life doing consulting work with various banking and financial service providers. While in Charlotte he was a member of St. Gabriel Catholic Church and the long-time treasurer of the Notre Dame Club of Charlotte. Upon moving to Charleston last year, he became actively involved in the Notre Dame Club of Charleston and his neighborhood homeowners association.

He is survived by the love of his life, Catherine St. Onge; his sister, Nadine Criger Hershey, of Mt. Pleasant, SC, as well as his rescue dog Gabby, his stepchildren Amanda and Bill Denomme, and many dear friends and cousins.

His Mass of Christian Burial was held at Stella Maris Catholic Church, 1204 Middle Street, Sullivan's Island, SC 29482 at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 6, 2018. Arrangements by J. HENRY STUHR INC., WEST ASHLEY CHAPEL.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pet Helpers, 1447 Folly Road, Charleston, SC 29412 (pethelpers.org) or East Cooper Meals on Wheels, PO Box 583, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29465 (ecmow.org)

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Elizabeth "Betsy" McGeorge

LIVONIA - McGeorge, Elizabeth "Betsy" of Livonia, Age 86.

Passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on September 28, 2018

Beloved wife of the late Richard "Rick" McGeorge. Loving mother of Susan (Jim Wenson) McGeorge, Amy McGeorge Bunch and Karen (Paul Wenson) McGeorge. Dear Grandmother of Devin Bunch and Lauren Wenson and sister of James Pearce.

Betsy was an independent woman with many interests including travel, classical and jazz music, reading, playing bridge. She was a great fan of tiger baseball. Betsy was a very active member of The Nativity United Church of Christ in Livonia, where she was the flower chairperson. And was very proud of her lifelong affiliation with her sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

A private Memorial Service will be held. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Lung Association and the Robert and Janet Bennett Civic Center Library in Livonia. Please share a memory at www.rggrharris.com

Judith Ann Prodin

- - 79, Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of Kevin, Jennifer (Dan) Chopp, Brian (Heidi), Keith (Robin) and Tim (Anna). Cherished grandmother of 14. Great grandmother of 2. Dearest sister of Dennis (Antonina) Mally, Paul (Kathy) Mally, Barbara (Jim) Blain and the late Robert Mally. Devoted teacher at St. Damian School for 20 years.

Visitation Monday October 8th 3-9 pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Rd. in Livonia. Funeral service Tuesday October 9th, in state 10 am until the time of Mass at 10:30 am at St. Collette Catholic Church 17600 Newburgh Rd. in Livonia. Judith will be laid to rest at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions appreciated to the Alzheimer's Association.

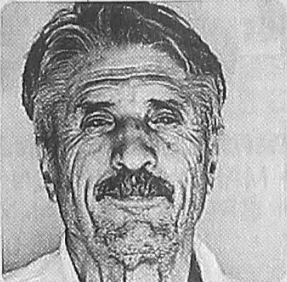
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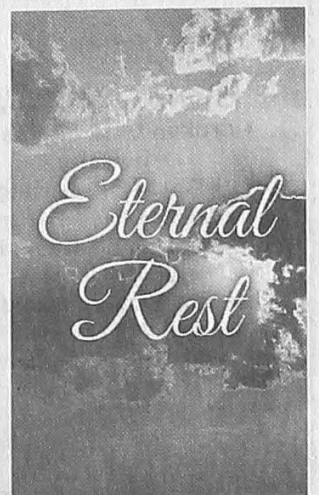
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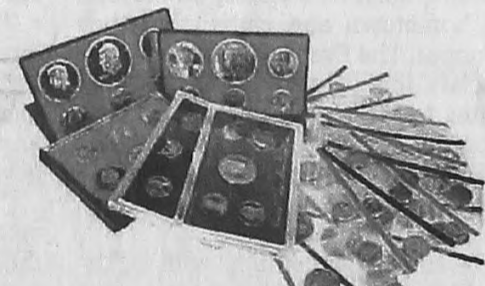
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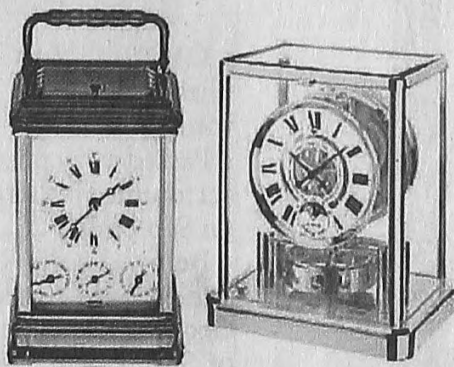


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Cranbrook players gain lessons

Time spent with Heisman Trophy winner invaluable

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It is often said athletics, an extension of the classroom, offer life experiences.

Cranbrook-Kingswood's football program recently offered one of those lifetime memories.

Pete Dawkins, a 1955 Cranbrook High School graduate who went on to win the 1958 Heisman Trophy as a running back for Army, returned for the Sept. 28 homecoming game against Detroit Loyola.

Dawkins was recognized prior to the game, not only for his famed college football accomplishment, but also to

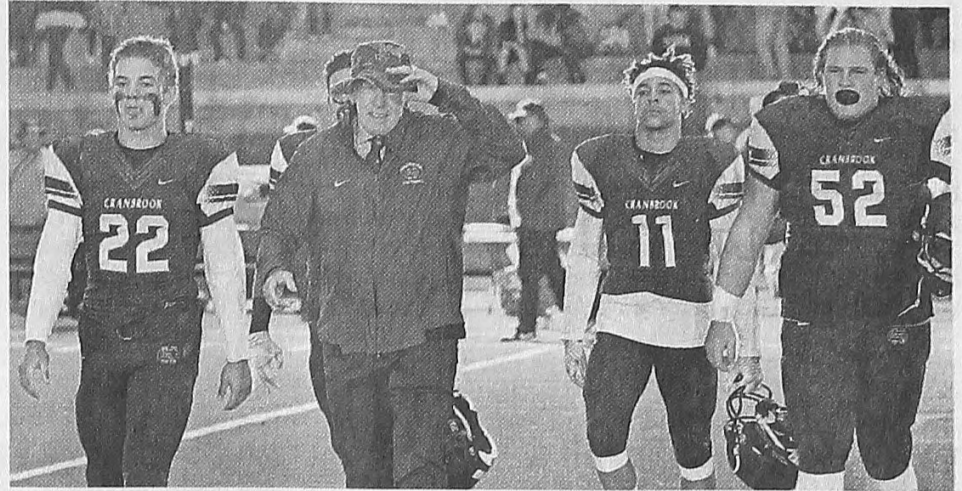
have his No. 19 jersey retired by school administrators. The 80-year-old Dawkins also presented an autographed football to Noel Dougherty, head of the Upper School, and Aimeclair Roche, director of schools.

In addition, Dawkins paid a special visit to the football team the previous day as he attended a practice and later spoke to the players.

Unforgettable experience

It was a two-day engagement Jack Fairman, a junior quarterback and one of three team captains, will never forget.

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Cranbrook alum and 1958 Heisman Trophy winner Pete Dawkins walks off the field accompanied by current tri-captains (from left) Jack Fairman, Torrell Williams and Danny Files prior to the homecoming game against Detroit Loyola. SARAH FAIRMAN

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The hockey world will be keeping close tabs on U.S. NTDP standout Jack Hughes, expected to be the top draft pick in the 2019 NHL Entry Draft. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

TOP DOG?

Big-league hype doesn't bother mega-talented Hughes

Tim Smith
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It's not hard spotting Jack Hughes on the ice for USA Hockey's National Team Development Program.

Just watch the puck. Chances are pretty good 17-year-old Hughes is there, too.

Mesmerizing, quick, nimble and creative are just some of the words that aptly describe Hughes. Scoring ma-

chine, workout freak and almost certain top pick in the 2019 National Hockey League Entry Draft are other spot-on characterizations.

"The draft is 10 months away," said Hughes, a 5-10, 168-pound forward, who opened the 2018-19 season along with his NTDP U-18 teammates with road games Sept. 29-30 in Cranberry, Pa. "All those websites can come out or people can come out with the rankings, but

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Jack Hughes is focused on a big-league hockey future. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

PREP FOOTBALL

Forfeits cause change for Clarenceville homecoming

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Livonia Clarenceville High's homecoming game Friday, Oct. 12, is still on, but with a slightly different twist as the school district plans to unveil its \$3.5 million renovation project, which includes a new synthetic turf surface at David B. McDowell Field and building upgrades in and around Tim Shaw Stadium.

While the varsity football season remains in peril because of low numbers and injuries, the Clarenceville boys varsity soccer team will step in and play Garden City in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference match starting at 7 p.m.

The homecoming parade will start at 5:30 p.m. at nearby Botsford Elementary and end at Shaw Stadium at approximately 6 p.m.

Clarenceville's varsity football team, under Ryan Irish in his second stint as head coach, started the season 0-4, but forfeited its last two WWAC games at Redford Thurston (Sept. 28) and at Dearborn Heights Robichaud (Sept. 21).

According to Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy, two more WWAC varsity football contests have also been canceled, including the Oct. 5 match-up at Garden City (4-2, 4-1) and the Oct. 12 homecoming game against first-place Dearborn Heights Crestwood (6-0, 5-0).

The Trojans' final regular season varsity game Friday, Oct. 19, at home against Madison Heights Bishop Foley also remains in limbo.

"I'm taking it week by week and see what it brings us," Murphy said. "I have to see how healthy we are and see what our numbers are and looking out for the best interest in all involved in football. That is my hope and goal."

The Trojans JV squad, which included some varsity juniors, played

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C'ville

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Sept. 27 at Thurston, losing to the Eagles, 14-12. Clarenceville had a scheduled JV match-up Oct. 4 at Garden City. There is no JV game, however, the following Thursday (Oct. 11) at Crestwood, which found another opponent.

The first scheduled Clarenceville athletic contest on the new synthetic surface, a varsity boys soccer match against Romulus Summit Academy, was set for Oct. 1, but it was postponed because final inspections had not been completed.

Murphy said he had hoped the new field would be ready for a scheduled Oct. 3 WWAC match against first-place Crestwood.

Meanwhile, the forfeit against Clarenceville will give Garden City's varsity football team its fifth victory and move the Cougars one step closer to earning an MHSAA playoff spot for the first time since 2011.

Needing six wins to automatically qualify for its fourth postseason berth in school history, Garden City closes out



Final inspection of Livonia Clarenceville's new synthetic turf field was scheduled for this week.

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the regular season Friday, Oct. 12, at WWAC co-leader Robichaud (6-0, 5-0), followed by a Friday, Oct. 19, homecoming game against non-conference foe New Boston Huron (1-5).

With the unexpected bye week, Garden City coach Jim Baker made alternative plans to keep his team sharp and ready during the layoff.

"(Monday) we watched film, weightlifting ... just cutting back on our practice a little bit," Baker said. "We're just going to review our offense, things like that, watch a lot of film. Friday, we're going to get the kids together and have a pizza party, bring the kids in, have the cheerleaders over. We get a sticker on

our helmet for wins, so we're going to hand out a sticker."

Meanwhile, Clarenceville's soccer team is 8-4-3 overall and 4-1-1 in the WWAC going into the match against Crestwood. And getting to play in front of a homecoming audience will be a bonus.

"We're very excited for the opportunity," 11th-year Clarenceville boys soccer coach Trevor Johnson said. "But I believe that we all feel that it's unfortunate with the way the football season has gone this year. We respect with how hard those boys worked this summer, but I also feel like my boys have played out their hearts and earned the right to

play in a showcase like that. They really worked hard this off-season and kept positive attitudes. It's been a pretty impressive season."

Crestwood is leading the five-team conference, while Clarenceville and Garden City are in second.

"These guys play together like my 2009 group and that was probably the most gifted team I've had," Johnson said. "They genuinely work hard for each other and they play well together. They share the ball. They pass as well as any team I've coached. We just don't finish. We haven't finished as well as we should have. We could have doubled the goals we've had this year."

The Trojans have enjoyed a remarkable season, considering they have played all 15 games on the road this season. Their latest win came at Romulus Summit Academy North, 3-1.

"We've had 13 road trips, we're the road warriors," Johnson said. "We've had quite a bit of bus time, but I mean in a way that brought the guys closer together, too."

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Hughes

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really, none of it really matters until the teams' rankings come out at the draft.

"I'm not too worried about it, I'm just worried about my game and focusing on that. I'm not the only guy on the team with high expectations. I could go pretty high. We got a really good team with a lot of really good players. There's a lot of good stuff looming with our team."

Hughes already is displaying traits both on and off the ice that give a strong indication that he'll be ready whenever he gets the NHL call.

"I haven't been around anything like this," NTDP U-18 head coach John Wroblewski said. "Where there's been pressure for almost a year and a half for him to be the No. 1 overall pick in the upcoming (NHL) draft, I've never seen anything like it."

"I know the kid hasn't changed much. He's still the player and the young man who comes to work. He's got teenaged tendencies, but he's also a very impressive young man. If you tell him something, his uptake is so quick and he'll put it to work. And it's the same kid that always comes to the NTDP every day."

And who knows, if the Detroit Red Wings miss the playoffs (as is widely expected), the younger brother of University of Michigan defenseman Quinn Hughes (this summer's No. 7 pick by Vancouver) could wind up as Detroit's next cornerstone teenage player — just like then-18-year-old Steve Yzerman was in 1983.

"It'd be cool, of course. Detroit's a great place to play," said Hughes, who attends classes at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "But it's the NHL. All 31 teams are unbelievable and, if you got the chance to play for any team, it would be just so special."

Work comes first

Hughes isn't getting too far ahead of himself. He knows he has a lot of work to do for the NTDP, including international medals to go after next April in Sweden, when the IIHF U-18 Men's World Championship takes place. USA Hockey Arena fans will get their first chance to watch him play at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, against the University of Minnesota.

"It's a big year, of course. It's fun," said Hughes, whose parents are Ellen and Jim Hughes of Plymouth. "First of all, it's our last time playing together with our team. None of us will play together again after this year, so it will be really fun. We'll make the most of it, for sure."

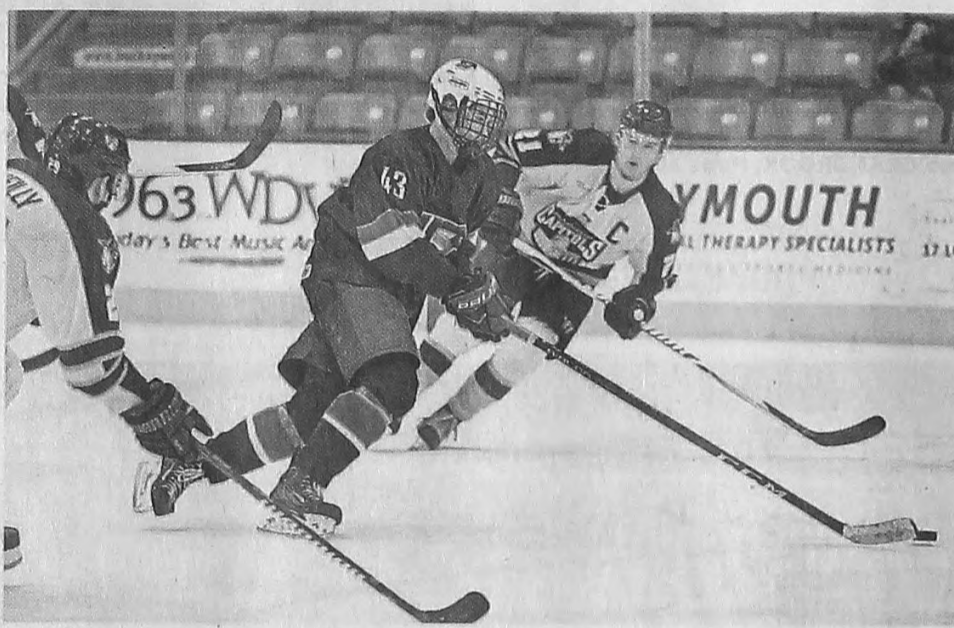
"With the NHL draft, most of the (U-18) guys are draft-eligible, so it's a really important year and we're all really excited about it."

Hughes isn't the only budding NHL prospect with the team. He and 17 other NTDP players took part in the recent All-American Prospects Game in St. Paul, Minn. — six of whom are projected top 20 picks in the 2019 NHL draft.

The other top NTDP players include center Alex Turcotte, left wing Cole Caulfield (54 goals in 2017-18), defenseman Cam York, left wing Matt Boldy, center Trevor Zegras and defenseman Alex Vlasic.

"Cole's a special talent, of course," Hughes said. "Not many guys can come to the program and be able to score goals as well as he can. He's obviously an unbelievable player and an unbelievable scorer. He's such a good kid off the ice, too."

"Not only do we click on the ice, but off the ice we're really good friends, too."



Saying Jack Hughes has all the necessary tools to be a future NHL standout is quite the understatement. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY



Getting ready for a face-off is Jack Hughes, who is on the radar of National Hockey League scouts. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

I think that helps, for sure."

Puck finds him

Wroblewski raved about Hughes' uncanny ability to find open ice and either go top shelf or thread perfect feeds to linemates such as Caulfield.

But the coach sees all the intangibles that add up to a future NHL superstar. "College and pro scouts) see the guy that flies around the ice. But in games, sometimes the puck is attached to him," Wroblewski said. "I don't think that they see how hard he works in a game. The reason the game sometimes looks easy for this guy is he works so hard in practice. He's got such an unbelievable VO2 (oxygen rate during exercise) and ability to create at the end of shifts, because of what he does in practices."

Yeah, skating fast is one thing. Of course, Hughes is like any hockey player in that he loves to score goals.

Last year, playing for both the NTDP U-17 and U-18 teams, he tallied 40 goals and a program-record 76 assists in 60 games.

"I'd definitely say scoring a goal," Hughes said, when asked about which part of the game he gets the most buzz out of excelling at. "If you don't say scoring a goal, I think you might have a problem, because that's the name of the game. Score goals."

"Anytime you get to score a goal, it's definitely something you don't forget about. You get really excited for it, just like it's your first goal."

Just relentless

Yet he is the guy who doesn't stop in practice drills.

"He loves the drills that involve up and down the sheet that exhaust you to the point of being keeled over," Wroblewski said. "But he's always going to jump in line for the next rep. Some guys, not necessarily on this team, who are lesser players, might try to find the line where they can rest in — or go to a line that has a few more guys in it."

"He'll go right back up in our hardest drills if that line is vacant. He's a relentless worker."

The coach was asked whether or not Hughes could be a Wayne Gretzky-like player in the NHL and he smiled. He quickly pointed out how much the league has changed since The Great One hung up his skates in 1999.

"It's just such a different era," Wroblewski said. "What I'll say is, I'll compare (Hughes) to Gretzky in that he's got that class. You read the stories about Wayne, how he used to take on all the media requests and handle them with dignity and be able to still perform at a high level ... carry himself as a gentleman and ambassador of the game. I see Jack as the type of kid who can carry on that type of legacy. Respect, charismatic and still humble."

"It's a different superstar compared to what it was back then. Gretzky was playing a different game than everybody else that was out there. There's a lot of players who play like Jack. There's not a lot of players who play exactly like Jack — it's speed, skill. There's a lot of people out there that have it, (but) it's his determination and desire to be the best that separates him from a lot of other guys."

Family plan

Another plus for Hughes was grow-

ing up in a hockey hothouse. It didn't matter whether they were in Florida, Boston, New Hampshire or Toronto.

"It was unreal," Hughes said. "With three of us in the house, it was crazy and hectic for my mom, of course. We'd always have friends at the house, (playing) mini sticks, watching hockey, going to the outdoor rink."

"It was always hockey, hockey, hockey for us. It was a really good childhood growing up. The house was really competitive whatever it was, whether it was ping pong or whatever."

Wroblewski also credited the Hughes family for instilling the winning traits that all three of their sons (next up is 15-year-old bantam phenom Luke) possess in droves. Luke Hughes played last season with the Little Caesars Bantam Major AAA team.

Yet in the case of Quinn and Jack Hughes, they have had to step up to expectations seemingly every step along the way from childhood. They've aced every test coming their way. By the time 2019-20 rolls around, both could be playing in the NHL.

"They're different kids," Wroblewski said. "I'm sure that (family) support system helps, but they're very unique. There's sometimes where you'll see them in an interview and they appear similar, but they've got some dimensions that are different."

"It has a lot to do with how they play on the ice. Jack, his motor is relentless. And Quinn is much more deliberate and he's able to kind of make people, he baits people in. Where Jack is always going, he's at high speed a lot during a game."

"It's a different position (each plays). They just have a different mentality, a different mindset. It shows in their personalities, too. Jack goes and that's him. Quinn is a lot more calculated and deliberate. They're both unbelievable kids, teammates and competitors."

This season, in what might be his final season in Ann Arbor, the older Hughes will try to pick up where he left off last year with the Wolverines.

Stiffer challenge

As far as Jack Hughes is concerned, however, Wroblewski expects opponents in college, international and United States Hockey League play to ratchet it up and really see what the uber-talented prospect is made of.

"It was one thing when he wasn't under the radar, because of how good he was," Wroblewski said. "But it wasn't his draft year. He wasn't constantly being keyed on. Moving from U-17s to U-18s, there was some differentiation there. But this season, it's going to be every night, he's going to have that bull's-eye on his back."

"This is gearing him up for what he wants, to play in the NHL as the No. 1 pick and go on to a lengthy career as a franchise-type player. This is all a learning experience for him."

It undoubtedly will be a blast, too. "Just fun, everything's going on," Hughes said with a small smile. "It's what you dream of — having a good game, where everything is just easy and so fluid. You're kind of just in a zone and locked in on everything else going on around you. You're kind of in your own bubble."

From all accounts, the Jack Hughes bubble isn't about to burst for a long time to come.

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Cranbrook

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"It was pretty incredible," Fairman said. "Not only was he the Heisman Trophy winner, but he was a very successful general in the army and incredibly successful at West Point. So it really showed me and my team a lot about the connections you can make at Cranbrook and how successful you can be coming from Cranbrook, athletically and in the real world, too."

"Everyone really connected with him because he told a lot of stories about Cranbrook that everyone related to. He was incredibly humble," he added. "He didn't talk about all of his success, but really how he got his success and that was through what he learned at Cranbrook and at West Point. He was really down to earth about everything he had done."

The Cranes, according to Fairman, were proud to play in front of such a distinguished alum. Even though they lost by three points on a drizzly evening under the lights, it was an entertaining game punctuated by effort and hustle from both teams.

"(Dawkins) was pretty fired up the day before when he talked to us about the (homecoming) game, so that got everyone pretty fired up to play," Fairman said. "A lot of people wanted to make plays for him just because he was there. And everyone got into the game as a special moment just to play in front of him and the crowd he brought."

Shane Finney, Cranbrook Kingswood's associate athletic director, appreciated Dawkins's visit.

"What an amazing evening to honor Pete Dawkins. He was one of Cranbrook's best," said Finney, also the school's varsity boys basketball coach. "The best part about him is that he is so thankful for this place that we call Cranbrook."

"He continues to give back by endowing two scholarships for teachers and educators and he truly loves this place. So to have the general here is a once-in-a-lifetime happening. To see him talk with our boys and our students and to interact is what makes Cranbrook so special."

"He told our boys to stay true to yourself, believe in yourself, work hard and be disciplined, as you would



Pete Dawkins, a 1955 Cranbrook alum who went on to become a Rhodes Scholar and brigadier general in the U.S. Army, among other things, returned home and spoke with the Cranbrook football team prior to a recent game. SARAH FAIRMAN

imagine him saying, and to truly value what Cranbrook has given you," he added. "And to continue to subscribe to those values."

Eyeing another playoff berth

Fairman wasn't expected to be the starting quarter-

back prior to training camp, but happily assumed the role and has led the Cranes to a 4-2 overall record.

"I love to compete and I was completely up for it," Fairman said. "My teammates always have my back and the coaches always have my back, so it's been a pretty easy adjustment because everyone keeps pushing for me."

Cranbrook Kingswood is playing inspired football for first-year head coach Scott Steward.

The Cranes, who won the Catholic League A-Inter-sectional and Prep Bowl championship last year under former head coach Joe D'Angelo, were moved up to the tougher AA Division this season. That's where they've incurred both their losses, but by a mere 10 points combined. Perhaps their most impressive win was over Division 1 public school Walled Lake Central in Week 5 by three points (28-25).

Cranbrook advanced to the regional finals last year and has its sites set on another long playoff run.

Fairman believes the Cranes are in a good spot heading into the season's final three games. As of right now, however, Cranbrook may not have a Week 9 game, as its scheduled meeting with Detroit Delta Prep was cancelled because the school recently closed its doors.

"We lost a lot of seniors who went on to play college football and then we got moved up (to the Catholic League AA Division) and a lot of people thought it was going to be a down year," Fairman said. "But a lot of the kids who didn't play much last year have really stepped it up."

"We've made some mistakes that have cost us in the two games we lost, but it's big for us to show that we've really deserved to be in that higher league. We beat Walled Lake Central and that was a pretty big win for us, just because of the sheer size they have over us."

"So I think this season, we've proved we can beat anyone and play with everyone," he added. "We feel pretty good that we can get into the playoffs this year. We just have to win out these next two games and, hopefully, we can secure a home (playoff) game."

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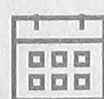


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Top-ranked Brighton boys edge No. 2 Plymouth

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The race that matters most will come in about a month at the Division 1 cross country state meet.

But by no means did Brighton and Plymouth take their dual meet lightly Tuesday at Cass Benton Park.

Both teams were all in, putting up some fast times on a challenging course that was softened a bit by recent rain, with a mere one point separating them.

Top-ranked Brighton came away with a 27-28 victory over second-ranked Plymouth in a clash for first place in the KLAA West.

"There are bigger meets down the road, but these dual and tri meets are the real test," Brighton coach Chris Elsey said. "You've really got to battle. It's just you vs. them. In the big invites, it's easy to get stuck in a pack and pulled by the pack, but out here it's just you against them. It's a pretty good test."

Brighton improved to 5-0 in the KLAA West with one tri meet remaining Oct. 9 against Hartland and Howell at Three Fires Elementary School in Howell. Plymouth is 4-1 in the division. Both teams beat Novi — Brighton by a 17-42 score and Plymouth by a 18-41 count.

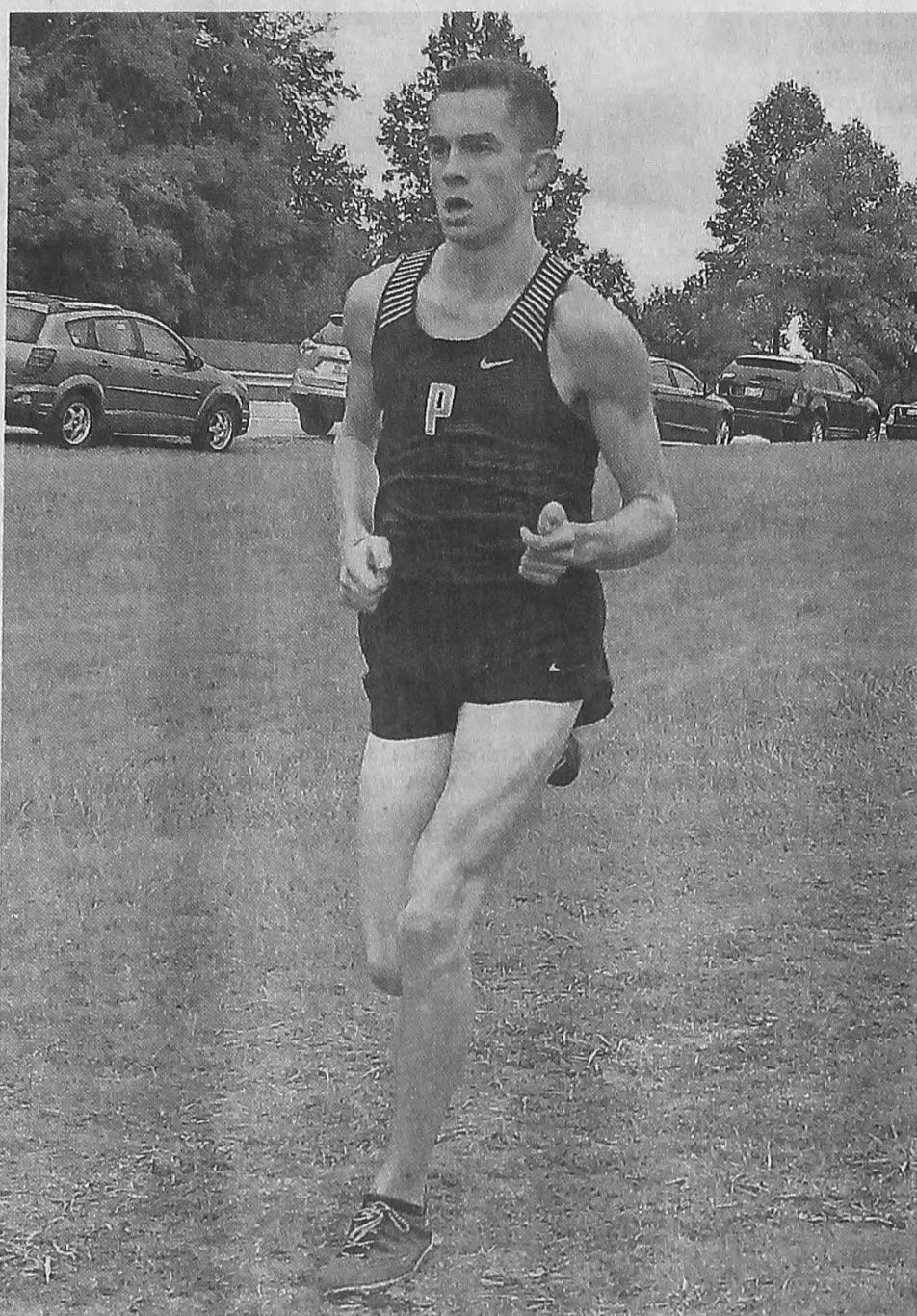
"This was, by far, the biggest dual meet we had," said Plymouth junior Carter Solomon, who took first place in 15:30. "Brighton's ranked ahead of us coming into this race. We knew that, so we had to give it everything we had. This was definitely a race we've been looking forward to."

Both teams had raced a tri meet at Cass Benton this season. Each team's scoring runners ran faster Tuesday than they did in their previous races on the Northville course.

Solomon, who ran 16:11.1 on Sept. 18 at Cass Benton, crushed to a 15:30. Stewart, who ran 16:22.71 on the course Sept. 11, ran 15:38.

"I knew it was going to go out fast, but it was harder than I imagined," said Solomon, who was fifth in the state meet last year.

Solomon shot to the lead, running solo up front. Stewart stayed close enough



Plymouth's Carter Solomon took first place in 15:30. BILL KHAN | LIVINGSTON DAILY

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Plymouth junior

one place midway through the race, passing Byrnes to finish in third place in 16:09.

Byrnes was fourth in 16:13, Brighton's Scott Spaanstra fifth in 16:29, Novi's Matt Whyte sixth in 16:32, Plymouth's Brandon Boyd seventh in 16:36, Brighton's Nolan McGahan eighth in 16:43, Plymouth's Tyler Mussen ninth in 16:55, Plymouth's Jarrett Warner 10th in 16:58 and Brighton's Aidan Bustillo 11th in 17:04.

"They've got a really strong team," Elsey said. "We knew it was going to be a battle. It was a nail-biter at the end waiting to see the results, but we ended up coming out on top because we ran well today."

In the girls meet, Brighton and Plymouth continued to be evenly matched, with the Bulldogs pulling out a 27-30 victory. A sixth-runner tie-breaker was needed to give Brighton the championship over Plymouth in the Monroe Jefferson Invitational on Sept. 22, while Plymouth finished one place and eight points ahead of Brighton on Sept. 29 at the Coaching Legends Invitational.

"They have two really good front-runners," Brighton coach Kristi Matuszewski said. "We tried that pack mentality we love to do and were able to come out ahead."

Freshman Lauren Kiley won in 18:37, followed by sophomore teammate Londyn Swenson in 19:12 and Novi's Katherine Ray in 20:06.

Brighton had the next three runners and five of the next six to win the meet. Morgan Crompton was fourth in 20:26, Morgan Waggoner fifth in 20:42, Hannah Tsiang sixth in 20:48, Maddie Brown eighth in 21:07 and Katie Carothers ninth in 21:08 for Brighton.

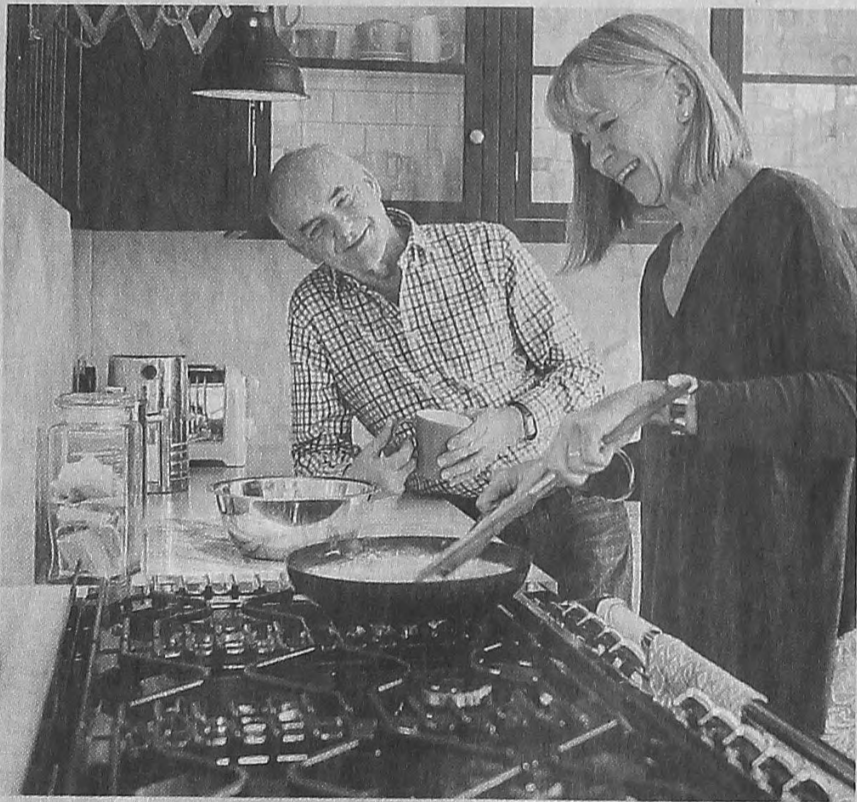
Brighton and Plymouth beat Novi by 18-45 scores.

to make things interesting.

"We went out really, really aggressive," Stewart said. "I was surprised Patrick (Byrnes of Plymouth) was sticking up there, but then he dropped in the woods. That's when I made my way for

Carter. I was close to him; then he got it up the hill. My goal was to try to keep with him as long as possible and try to outkick him."

The difference in the meet was that Brighton junior Jack Spamer moved up



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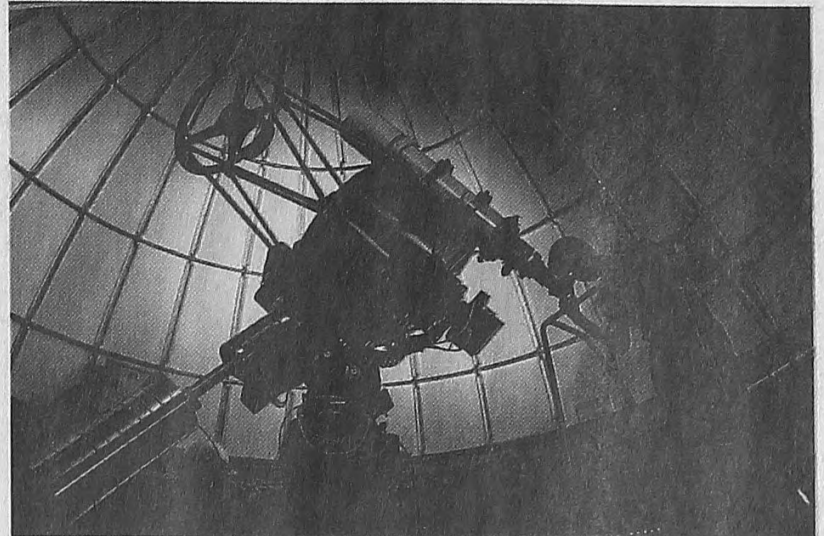
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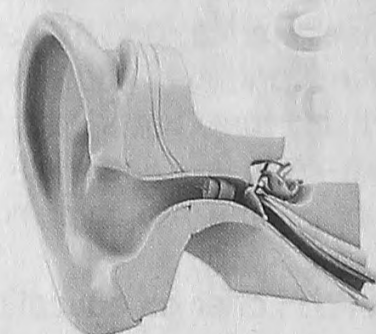
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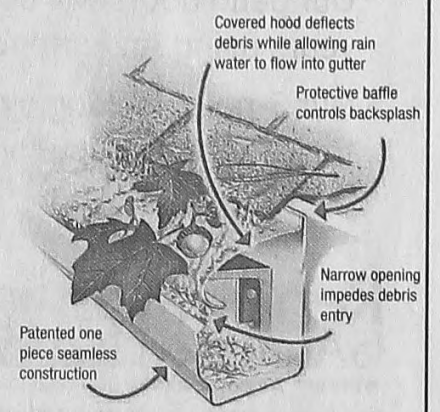
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response like, "We decided to go in a different direction."

Remember that it doesn't mean you're un-hireable

It can be tempting to personalize the decision. Why didn't they want to hire ME? What did I do to make this happen? Chances are, it wasn't you, personally, who triggered the rejection.

Maybe someone else had a few more experience points or aced the interview. Just because this particular company

decided not to hire you does not mean you're fundamentally flawed as a candidate or that it will affect your chances on your next application.

Consider it a chance to regroup

Getting a rejection is a chance to take an honest look at what happened at every step of the process. Review your resume, reflect on the interview and decide what you can improve for next time. It can make you leaner and meaner, and ready for the

next job to come along. Were you as prepared as you could have been? Did the interview go well or were there things you'd change? Can your resume be more targeted and reflective of your top skills? These are important questions to ask after any job rejection.

Not getting the job is also a chance to think about your job search goals. Did you really want this job? Do you want to continue looking for this specific kind of job after all? The bottom line is that this is a good chance to re-evaluate yourself — both as a potential employee and as a job seeker.


After any job rejection, it's important to remember that it's not the end of the world. It's a letdown for sure, but for whatever reason, this job just wasn't right.

At some point, the stars will align, and you'll find an employer who thinks you're a perfect match for their job opening.

Don't lose your motivation or your faith in yourself — see it as an opportunity to learn from the experience and move on to the next thing.

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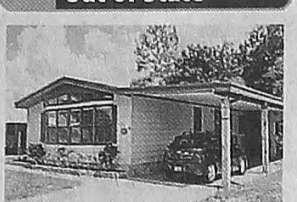
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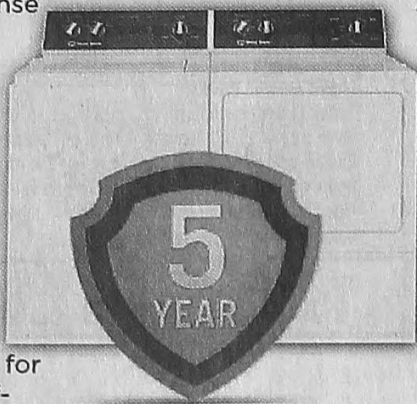


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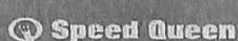
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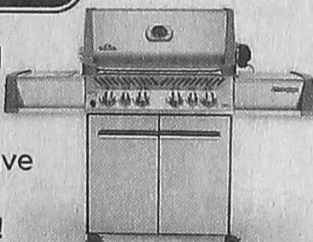
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