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DDA seeks reduced parking enforcement

Officials looking for solutions to downtown shortage

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The unstoppable force — the demand for downtown parking — met the seemingly immovable object — a lack of parking spaces — in Plymouth again Thursday.

This time, it was a resolution from the city's Downtown Development Authority board asking the city commission to

backpedal on a measure, approved in July, that changed the downtown parking enforcement cutoff time to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The commission had raised the cutoff, which had been 8 p.m., as a means of discouraging people who work at downtown businesses from using closer-in, more convenient parking spots, where parking is limited to two or three hours,

and instead push them to longer-term lots on the downtown outskirts.

But the DDA board, with a 7-2 vote, recommended returning to the 8 p.m. cutoff, as business people told members that downtown visitors, particularly diners at restaurants, had been hurt by the change.

"We've lost sight of the customer, even though we're trying to get the employees out so the customers can park," said Ellen Elliott, executive director of the Friends of the

Penn Theatre.

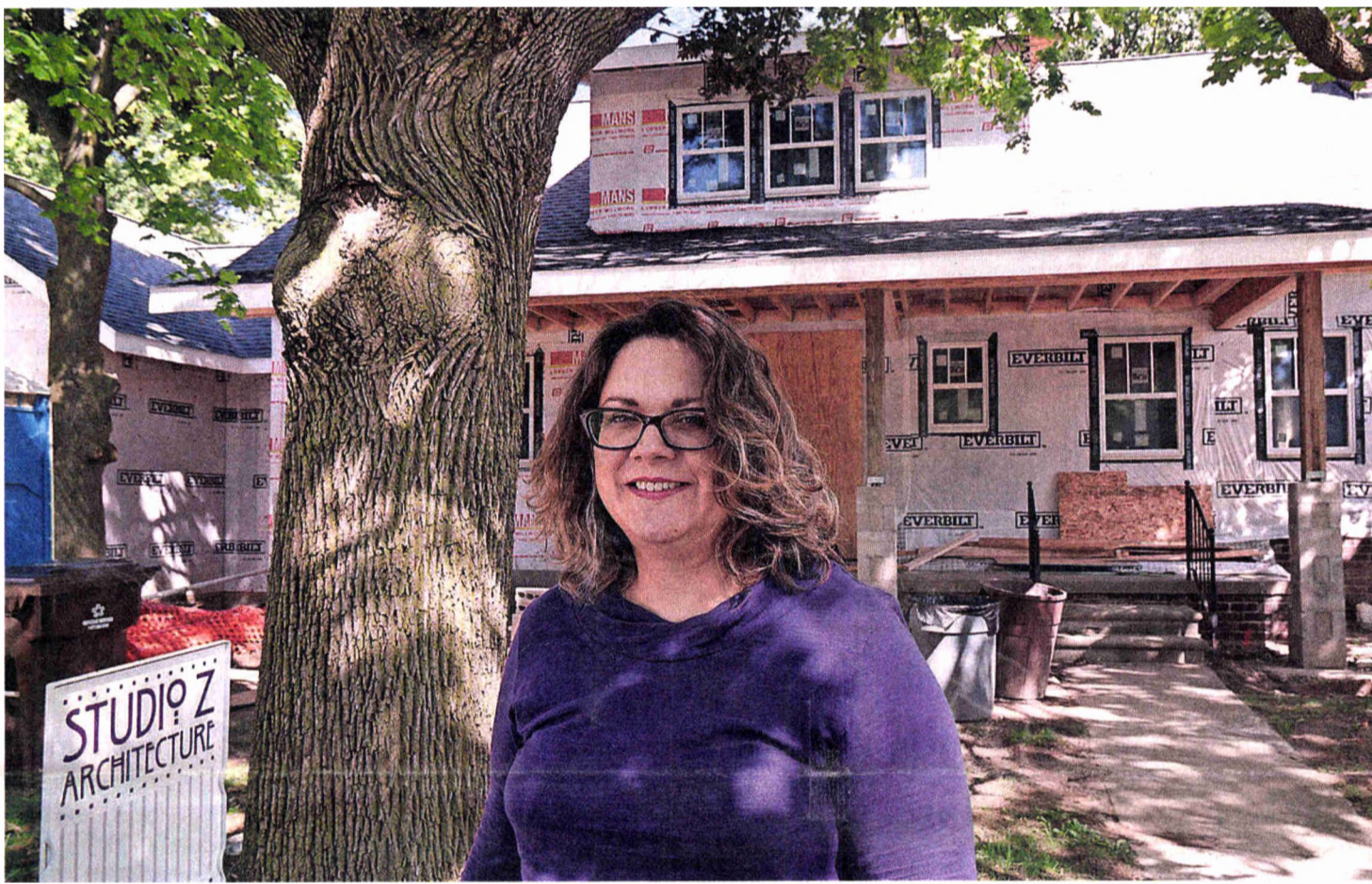
"I'd rather have a parking problem than give people tickets who come to our town," said Frank Yaquinto, a downtown restaurateur and DDA board member.

DDA director Tony Brusca to said the increased hours appeared to be working, leading more people to park in long-term lots, such as the one behind the Plymouth District Library, and on residential streets where long-term parking is permitted. Brusca had

suggested a recommendation that would change the enforcement cutoff to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday instead of 11 p.m.

Dan Johnson, a partner in the Ironwood Grill and a DDA board member, said the change had forced his employees to park further from the restaurant. "Most of my employees did get tickets," he said.

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Architect Dawn Zuber on-site at one of her current projects.

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Canton to host Veterans Summit

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The seventh annual Veterans Summit, hosted Sept. 20 by the Canton Community Foundation, will be a half-day program full of information and updates on the Veterans Administration, health services and financial planning.

"We will have exclusive panel discussions," said Beth Meade, foundation donor relations managing director.

Though in past years the summit has been a day-long event, this year it will be shortened to run from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. But plans include providing updated information for veterans at least once a quarter. "Our hope is that the Summit will kick off these programs," Meade said.

The summit will be at the new Westland City Hall, 36300 Wayne Road. The summit is free to veterans and their families.

The event begins with introductions from Jim Fausone of Legal Help for Veterans, plus opening remarks by Meade.

The agenda includes:
» VA Update by retired Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone and Shannon Asperger on the Choice Program and care in the community.

» Business and financial planning featuring Greg Stachura, Jann Deane of Schoolcraft, Brian Geer of Mannik & Smith and Thrivent Financial with Ken McMullen.

» Community Health Resources: Growth Works - Patrick Stropes, Give An Hour by Jamie Turner, Chiropractic Care by Dr. Thea Lewis Conway.

» Disability Update with Kristina L. Derro and veteran service officers.

The foundation is still seeking sponsors for the event. For more information, contact Meade at 734-395-1200.



Meade

Plymouth architect designs HGTV Urban Oasis home

Sweepstakes features Dawn Zuber's redesigned Ann Arbor craftsman style house

Joanne Maliszewski
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When Dawn Zuber heard the voice mail last fall, well, she was busy and let it go. But a Realtor urged her to

return the call — as soon as possible.

"The Realtor said, 'I think you should call him back. You won't regret it,'" said Zuber, an architect and owner of Studio Z Architecture in Ply-

mouth.

All these months later, Zuber can unequivocally admit she hasn't regretted returning the call or being hired by the popular HGTV network to redesign a home in Ann Arbor for the its Urban Oasis sweepstakes. The man who had left the voice mail was a general contractor

with ties to the network.

"They hired me. They had interviewed several architects. They liked my work," said Zuber, a Canton resident, adding HGTV representatives found her work on Houzz.com.

And the rest, as they say, is

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Annual Fall Festival weekend in Plymouth is here

The Plymouth Community Fall Festival opened Friday and continues through Sunday.

The festival brings together Plymouth-area community groups, churches, nonprofits and booster clubs, which stage events and sell products and meals to raise money for their operations. The festival offers food, carnival rides and free entertainment.

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The weekend culminates Sunday with the Rotary Club of Plymouth's chicken barbecue; the club typically sells around 10,000 chicken dinners.

Major festival events include Saturday's Kiwanis pancake breakfast, 7 a.m. to

noon at The Gathering (tickets \$7 at the door, children 5 and under free), a display of antique and classic cars on Forest, between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing, Friday and Saturday, Saturday's Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. spaghetti dinner, 4-8 p.m. in the tent off of Harvey behind E.G. Nick's (tickets \$10 the day of the dinner) and, of course, the

Rotary barbecue, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or until sold out) Sunday.

There will also be free entertainment all weekend, from local bands to dance troupes to the Plymouth Optimists' pet show, plus carnival rides.

See the festival website, plymouthfallfestival.com, for complete information and the entertainment schedule.



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Specialist to discuss options for treating sleep apnea

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Snoring can be more than an annoyance to those within hearing distance. It can also be a sign of sleep apnea, a condition in which the tongue and soft palate relax into the airway, temporarily blocking the flow of air and interrupting sleep multiple times a night. Those suffering from obstructive sleep apnea risk more than daytime crankiness. The repeated disruptions in sleep have been shown to exacerbate medical conditions such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, high blood pressure and depression, said Dr. John Robison, a longtime dentist who specializes in treating sleep apnea through the use of oral appliances.



Robison

Sleep apnea sufferers are also more likely to wake up feeling unrefreshed and experience drowsiness during the day and while performing dangerous tasks — like driving or operating heavy machinery. “Sleep apnea aggravates most serious diseases, especially cardiac, diabetes, depression,

“Sleep apnea aggravates most serious diseases ... It makes every one of those significantly worse.”

DR. JOHN ROBISON
dentist who treats sleep apnea

a-fib (atrial fibrillation or rapid, irregular heartbeats). It makes every one of those significantly worse,” said Robison, whose Michigan Center for Dental Sleep Medicine is in Canton Township. “Don’t ignore it. Get some diagnosis and find out what your options are.” Obstructive sleep apnea can affect people of all ages, but is most frequently seen in men over the age of 40, espe-

cially those who are overweight, Robison said. Robison has practiced general and restorative dentistry for about 40 years and has worked in dental sleep medicine for about 25 years, focusing solely on it for the last four years. His son, J.D. Robison, took over his Canton dental practice. The elder Robison became interested in treating apnea after reading medical journal articles about the effectiveness of oral appliances. “I kept pursuing it in post-doctorate classes,” said Robison, who has a master’s degree in physiology from Creighton University and graduated from the University of Michigan’s dental school. Robison makes customized oral appliances for his patients with obstructive sleep apnea, many of whom are re-

ferred to him by a physician after a formal diagnosis. According to the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine, oral appliances support the jaw in a forward position, preventing the airway from collapsing during sleep, and than 100 types of appliances have been cleared by the Food and Drug Administration. Robison sees many patients who have tried a continuous positive airway pressure, or CPAP, machines to treat apnea but have found the machines cumbersome. Many CPAP users end up abandoning them and going untreated, Robison said. “A tremendous number of people say, ‘I’m not going to wear the damn thing,’” he said. Robison wants obstructive sleep apnea sufferers to know they

have other options. He has lectured to doctors and specialists at sleep clinics, but Robison is now taking his message to the public with a presentation at the Plymouth District Library at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. The program, scheduled for the library’s Waldorf Room, should last about 90 minutes. Registration is requested; those interested can register at plymouthlibrary.org or by emailing Marjorie Sadler at msadler@plymouthlibrary.org or calling her at 734-453-0750, ext. 205. Robison is a member of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine and the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine.

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Second parking officer

The increased enforcement hours this summer came with the hiring of a second part-time parking enforcement officer, meaning longer stretches of enforcement periods. Some at Thursday’s DDA meeting said that move had been a plus. “That enforcement was working. I definitely don’t want to go backwards,” Yaquinto said. DDA board member Michelle Potter said perhaps officials should study designating more public parking spaces for longer-term use. “It’s allowing the patrons enough time downtown to do what they want to do,” she said. Potter, who with Kerry Pollard cast the only votes against the recommendation, suggested

“We’ve lost sight of the customer, even though we’re trying to get the employees out so the customers can park.”

ELLEN ELLIOTT
executive director of the Friends of the Penn Theatre

that parking spots on the first level of the central parking deck, now limited to three-hour parking, be made four-hour spots. DDA member Mayor Dan Dwyer, who did not attend Thursday’s meeting, said the city commission will take up the DDA’s recommendation later this month — and give a lot of weight to it. “I was getting a lot of push-back on it,” Dwyer said of the increased enforcement hours. But, Dwyer said, he’d be unlikely to favor changing the cutoff for a third time, for at least six months, if it’s moved back to 8 p.m. People will need time to adjust, he said, and officials need time to see how the change is working. “If people don’t know, they won’t have certainty and then they’ll get a ticket,” he said. People who park downtown can be ticketed for exceeding the time limit of a particular spot. There is no charge, but a warning only, for the first offense. A second offense is \$25, a third is \$50, a fourth and any beyond that is \$75. Payment of a ticket within 48 hours allows for a \$15 discount. The city has taken a multi-pronged approach to managing downtown parking in recent years, including partnering with businesses in order to open up private lots during the business’ off-hours and purchasing the so-called Saxton’s property at Ann Arbor Trail and Deer, which added 40-some free public spots. Officials are currently considering moving to paid public parking, but are stressing a cautious approach. Officials are also considering proposals to redevelop the Saxton’s property into a mixed commercial and public parking use. According to a 2011 study, there are about 950 public parking spaces and about 1,400 private parking spaces downtown.

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Mark Riegal promotes the Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast, held Saturday morning of Fall Festival.



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John Stawasz is prepping kielbasa for the grill at the Polish National Alliance booth.



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Robin Thomas and Art Thomas, with 5-year-old Josiah and 4-year-old Jeremiah, check out Fall Festival in the afternoon.



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Four-year-old Sidney Mesanza and her mom Lisa Mesanza make a beaded bracelet at the Living Word Church's booth.

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history. Just take a peek at the HGTV website www.hgtv.com/design/hgtv-urban-oasis and you will see Zuber's name on the right side of the page among the movers and shakers responsible for the sweepstakes house. Her website at studiozarch.com also elaborates on her HGTV work. The redesigned bungalow is all about craftsman – a favorite architectural style with Zuber, who specializes in residential design. The house is located in the historic Water Hill neighborhood within a few blocks of downtown Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan. HGTV representatives were unavailable for comment. After Zuber met with HGTV, she received the winning call from Scott Branscom, project manager. The next step was a drive to Ann Arbor the day before Thanksgiving to measure the house and make a drawing of the existing bungalow. From

Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve, Zuber took off just two days. Other than that, she worked and worked. Typically, it takes maybe four to six months to complete architectural designs. Zuber completed the Urban Oasis design, including construction drawings, in one month. In the end, "it is pretty much my design," the University of Cincinnati graduate said. "I can't say enough good about the whole process." The craftsman style Zuber designed absolutely fits the neighborhood. She strengthened the bungalow's style and added modern features in the interior. "We took the roof off and made it slightly steeper so now there is a nice second floor," she said. "Downstairs, the living room and dining room and kitchen are open to the roof." HGTV wanted the exterior to fit into the neighborhood and the existing homes in that part of Ann Arbor are overwhelmingly craftsman style. The existing interior of the home had craftsman doors and trim, although HGTV

wanted to make the interior more of an updated craftsman style, Zuber said. "I was given a lot of freedom regarding the interior layout, but the network representatives were pretty focused on what the exterior would look like. They provided photos of details they liked and asked me to incorporate them into the final design, very much like most of my clients do," Zuber said. When all was said and done, Zuber's design added about 600 feet of space to the previously 900-square-foot house. Unfortunately, the public won't have a chance for an up-close-and-personal view of Zuber's design right away. As with all of HGTV's sweepstakes homes, interested folks must go to the HGTV website and enter their email address to receive reminders about entering the sweepstakes that begins Oct. 4. Zuber's favorite feature of her design is the two-story living room and dining room, with the gable on the front of the house being open to the spaces below. "The wide

front porch is going to be a wonderful place to sit and visit with neighbors," she said. The house also features two full suites: a guest suite with a private bath and walk-in closet on the first floor and a master suite on the second floor. There is also a separate powder room for guests and a first-floor laundry room. "Given that the house is approximately 1,500 square feet, there's a lot packed into that house! Oh, and the large screened porch behind the detached garage is very comfortable, even on hot days," said Zuber, who added, "I could go on and on." Zuber's floor plans are available for viewing on the HGTV website. Photos show before and after the renovation, including a time-lapse series documenting the rebuilding. Also on the website under Zuber's name is a link that will take viewers to a page about the architect and her work. "I love designing houses to fit the way people live," she said.

"Homes should fit personalities and have the space for people to function." For the Urban Oasis home, Zuber did some hand sketches and finished up on the computer in her studio at 190 N. Main St., Suite Z, which she opened in July. The Ohio native moved years ago to Michigan when her husband, now a retired pharmacist, studied at the University of Michigan. Licensed 21 years ago as an architect, Zuber has plenty of repeat clients, has a good web presence and networks with contractors. "From a young age, I liked residential architecture," she said. She recalled as a child visiting her grandparents in Florida, where her grandmother just wasn't happy with the house. So Zuber began putting her redesign on paper and looking at floor plans to see how her grandparents could reconfigure the house. Her interest led her into architecture as a profession and a plethora

of work on new custom homes, hundreds of remodels and some schools and medical facilities. "I love talking to people and discovering the personal aspects of who they are," Zuber said. Learning about her clients and how they live is all poured into her designs. "It's very much driven by the customer," she said. Zuber works on a lot of craftsman homes – no doubt leading to the call she received last year from HGTV. She loves the big moldings, built-ins and columns of the style, not to mention porches and deep overhangs. "I can see things that aren't there," she said, referring to potential designs. While there is no universal design for homes, Zuber ensures that her designs meet not only client needs, but the site of the house and its neighborhood. "It really does depend on the place," she said.
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Ask Dr. Stewart

Dr. James Stewart is a general dentist in Livonia, MI. Today he discusses teens and cavities.

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P-CCS education foundation awards grants

The Educational Excellence Foundation for the Plymouth-Canton schools has awarded \$7,323.25 to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' teachers during their 2016 Summer Classroom Enhancement Grant cycle. Grants are awarded to fund innovative projects that enhance the existing P-CCS curriculum. P-CCS teachers have the opportunity to apply for Classroom Enhancement Grants three times a year, with the next round of applications due Sept. 30.

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the community, are able to support schools in Plymouth-Canton with resources for educators to create innovative learning experiences." said Gretchen Ward, executive director. "We fund projects that are impossible with the current state funding levels, giving P-CCS students the competitive edge they need for future success. It is exciting to be able to support the

creativity of our teachers and bring these projects to life."

Summer 2016 Classroom Enhancement Grant recipients include: Kristy Aikens, Dodson Elementary School, Flexible Learning in the 21st Century Classroom! Flexible Seating Options for 21st Century Students! Catherine Avis, Liberty Middle School, Fidget Friendly Desks Molly Colligan, Discovery Middle School, 6th Grade Social Studies Empire Comic Strip/Graphic Novel Lisa Hastings, Discovery Middle School, Hi-Lo

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The Educational Excellence Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization established to support educators and students in P-CCS. The EEF sponsors a variety of fundraisers throughout the year, including an annual P-CCS Open Golf Outing, a Wine Tasting Event, Community Giving and P-CCS Employee Community Giving Campaign. Contributions made to EEF are tax-deductible and stay in the district to help local students, teachers and the community. For more information, go to <http://eefforkids.org/>.

Plymouth Uptown Players seek young actors for fall show

The Plymouth Uptown Players Youth Theater, or PUPS, will audition young actors for the fall season Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Actors ages 5-15 will be meeting in small groups, for 20 minutes at a time, with PUPS director Sonja Marquis between 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The PUPS program is \$200 per actor with a current PCAC membership, which costs \$30 for a year. The tuition includes two tickets, per actor, for family members and friends to attend a performance.

PUPS is a cooperative

venture between the PCAC and the Tipping Point Theatre in Northville; all actors will have a role in the final production, to be held at Tipping Point at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, and 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.

Actors must commit to both performances as well as to dress rehearsals after school at Tipping Point during tech week -- the week before the show opens.

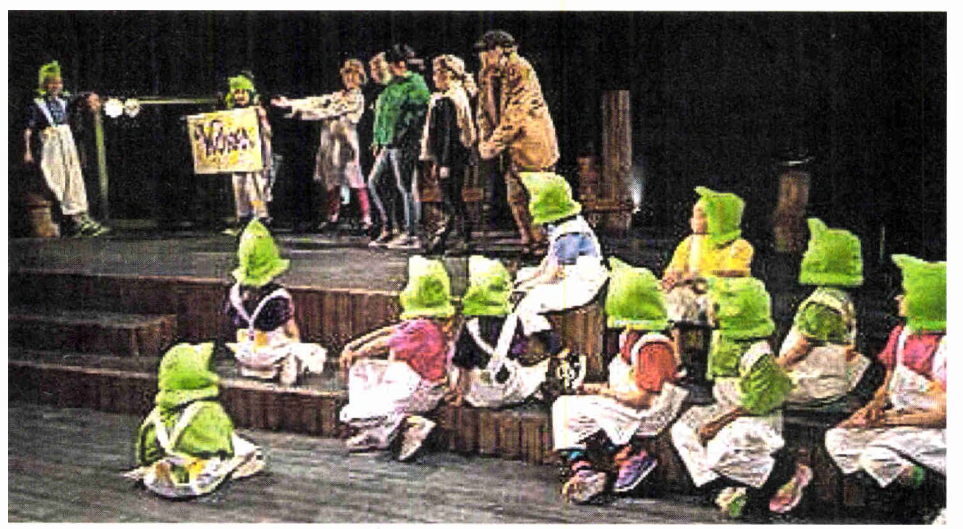
Rehearsals will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. each Sunday at the PCAC and will include acting instruction and acting exercises, plus team-building and acting practice in specific

roles.

Those interested in reserving an audition slot for Sept. 18 should call the PCAC at 734-416-4278 or email executive director Lisa Howard at lisa@plymoutharts.com.

Actors should arrive at the audition a few minutes before their time slot to sign in, be prepared to interact with other actors and have a short audition piece ready, such as a monologue, a joke or a poem. The piece may be memorized or read and should be used to show the actor's strengths.

The PCAC is at 774 N. Sheldon, in Plymouth.



A scene from a recent Plymouth Uptown Players production of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." FILE PHOTO

Barefoot Theatre reopens with 'Spelling Bee' musical



Cory Chambless, Kate Wondowloski, Emily Kaltz, Alex Meyer, Kate Fusco and Cory Shorter with Nick Brown in the background, perform in the "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."

Barefoot Productions Theatre celebrated its 11th season Sept. 9 with "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," winner of two Tony Awards and the Drama Desk Award. Barefoot will continue the production through Sept. 25 at 240 N. Main, Plymouth.

This musical comedy is a favorite among the theater fans. Hilarious antics, heart-tugging sentiments and songs that will keep your toes tappin'! With an engaging, tuneful score by William Finn and a sweet, funny book by Rachel Sheinkin, "The 25th An-

nual Putnam County Spelling Bee" causes audiences to fall in love, both with the show itself and its "perspicacious," "jocular," and "effervescent" spellers.

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Larry and Grace Caron were married in 1946.



The Carons both turned 92 this year.

Plymouth couple celebrates 70 years together

Larry and Grace Caron of Plymouth will celebrate their 70th anniversary this weekend with family at a brunch at Station 885.

The couple, both of whom turned 92 this year, met Dec. 31, 1945, at a New Year's Eve dance. They married Sept. 12, 1946, at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church in Windsor, Ontario.

The Carons moved to the U.S., when Larry got

a job with General Motors. They have three children, Paul Caron, Lynn Guzman (Gilbert) and Lori Clare (Robert), as well as six grandchildren, Diane Moulton (Michael), Paula McCloskey (John), Dawn Raymond (Mark), Nathan Eaken, Jeffrey Clare and Kristin Clare.

The couple also has five great-grandchildren, Shannon, John and Kate McCloskey and Austin and Owen Raymond.

P-CCS students help to improve Shearer Cemetery

Darrin Silvester
Correspondent

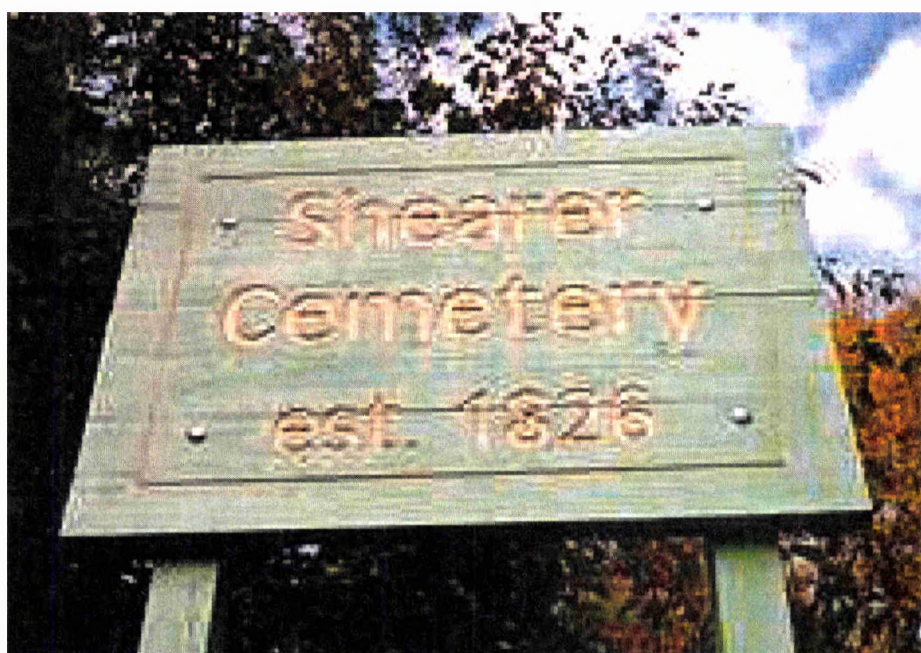
"The first white man dying in Plymouth was named Chase, who died at our house and was buried in the old cemetery sixty-three years ago."

— John S. Tibbits
Plymouth Mail
Nov. 16, 1889

We are now 190 years, almost eight generations, removed from the death of Mr. Chase. What do we know about him? What do we know about the "old cemetery" where he was buried? What caused his death? He was only here for a short time — what was his life like? Who else is buried there? How did they die?

This Oct. 1, students from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, myself and my colleagues will continue the preservation and restoration of Plymouth and Canton's oldest remaining cemetery. The less than one-acre site that makes up the Shearer Cemetery sits atop a wooded hill one-half mile west of Sheldon Road, along the north side of North Territorial Road. It sat mostly abandoned for more than a century when my students and I took an interest in it in fall 2005.

Upon our first visit, we came upon a single gravestone as the site was so covered in brush, vines and weeds that little movement could even take place. After thousands of hours of in-kind labor, the Shear-



Shearer Cemetery in Plymouth Township.

er Cemetery is now a beautiful and serene location. Thanks is extended to the First United Methodist Church for allowing my students to use its parking lot and restrooms for the duration of the project. Special thanks goes to Art's Tree Service, which has generously donated countless truckloads of wood chips for the paths. Additional thanks goes to Deirdre Hope and our local master gardeners, who have provided educated assistance in our project. Lastly, thanks goes to the students and staff of our public schools, who have donated their time and energy to protect this important historic location.

Open to the public: If you are interested in

assisting this year's project and learning the answers to many of the questions above, I invite you to attend our Shearer Cemetery Service Day. We will meet at the First United Methodist Church just before 9 a.m., walk to the site, listen to a brief history of the site and those buried there and, finally, enjoy a day outdoors (without technology) appreciating the company of old and new friends while making our community just a little bit better. We should conclude no later than noon.

Because everything works better when we collectively do our part, we ask that anyone attending the event park only at the church (safety reasons) and that you

donate either a stone (not man-made) to lay along the path or a perennial to plant within our current gardens. If you have access to larger stones (which we desperately need), have other items to donate or have any additional questions about the event, contact me at darrin.silvester@pccsk12.com.

Our local history is rich with wonderful stories, stories that explain who we are today and what makes this such a great community. Please come out and join us on Oct. 1 while we celebrate and preserve that history. Rakes, shovels, lawn bags, hand clippers are all quality items to bring. No power tools are needed or wanted.

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Mingle with other dog lovers at auction for Great Danes

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If all of Great Dane Rescue, Inc.'s Facebook friends showed up Sept. 17 for its 20th annual auction, there wouldn't be room to raise a bidding paddle. Or wag a tail.

The organization was founded 23 years ago in Plymouth and now has chapters in eight states and Ontario, in addition to Michigan. But supporters on Facebook — all 435,063 of them — live around the world.

"For Christmas, I got a donation from Romania, one from Slovenia," said Sandra Suarez, Great Dane Rescue co-founder. "I got one from Italy, Australia, Ireland."

Some of her supporters own Great Danes and some love dogs and simply want to help fund their rescue. She's not sure why the Facebook page has attracted more than 435,000 followers, but she suspects it's because it serves as a forum for Great Dane owners everywhere. She also credits Stephanie Tracy, the Great Dane Rescue, Inc., volunteer from Illinois who tends to the page.

"We get questions from all over the world, Japan, Australia," Suarez said. "Some are thinking of getting a big dog." The page drew Face-



Lisa Zapico gets a hug from one of her cousin's Great Danes. Her cousin, Sandra Suarez, is co-founder of Great Dane Rescue, Inc., in Plymouth.

book's attention last year. It invited Great Dane Rescue, Inc., and five other organizations, to make presentations about their social media efforts at Facebook headquarters in California.

"They flew our volunteer (Tracy) out there to do a presentation," Suarez said.

Suarez said Facebook focused on organizations whose pages helped to increase their revenue.

"We didn't increase revenue, but they were impressed with how many followers we had,"

Suarez said. "The minute we put it up, we started getting people and, in the last few years, it doubled."

Food, cider

The annual auction also has evolved over the years. It started as a bake sale and became an auction 16 years ago. The 20th annual auction is a non-dog event (leave Fido at home) which runs 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill, 10685 Warren Road, west of Napier. Proceeds help pay for the care of

Great Danes that live in foster homes, awaiting adoption. Approximately 2,000 Great Danes have been rescued by Great Dane Rescue, Inc., and placed in permanent homes.

"We bring in a ton of food. There's doughnuts and cider. It's a live auction and we have a raffle. We have cute (bidding) paddles shaped like Great Dane heads," Suarez said, adding that admission and food are free.

Auction items include Great Dane-themed art and gift baskets, dog



Penelope and Chauncey are Great Danes owned by Sandra Suarez of Plymouth, Great Dane Rescue, Inc., co-founder.

gifts such as coats and feeders and non-canine items, such as designer sunglasses, wine baskets and more.

"Some people come to talk to other Great Dane owners," Suarez said. The event also draws potential adopters.

Therapy dogs

Suarez has always shared a home with Great Danes. At one point, she owned seven of them and now has three: Chauncey and deaf dogs Penelope and Isabelle. Suarez said she drove two hours one Monday morning to rescue Penelope because she was scheduled to be euthanized that day.

Great Dane Rescue, Inc., generally has 10-15 dogs in foster care. Some are owner-relinquished

and some come from shelters.

"You do need to teach them. They do need training," Suarez said.

"One of the neatest things is one of the dogs that was not wanted, Lady Darla, came into rescue. She was turned into a therapy dog that visits kids in Mott Hospital. This was a dog nobody wanted and (her new owner) trained the dog well enough to become a therapy dog."

Suarez described the breed as sensitive, loyal and protective.

"They love people," she said. "They don't want to leave you alone."

For more about Great Dane Rescue, Inc., go to greatdanerescueinc.com or find it on Facebook.

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State Rep. Kurt Heise with Dan Phillips, Plymouth Township fire chief, and Tom Tidderington, township police chief.

Plymouth Township at 9/11 ceremony

State Rep. Kurt Heise was joined by Chief Dan Phillips of the Plymouth Township Fire Department and Chief Tom Tidderington of the Plymouth Township Police Department during a 9/11 ceremony at the State Capitol Building.

"On a day when we honor our first responders, I appreciated having Chief Phillips and Chief Tidderington at the Capitol," said Heise, R-Plymouth Township. "Their commitment, like those of all first responders and military personnel across Michigan, helps make Plymouth Township safe."

The event included the ringing of a ceremonial bell for each of the 15 Michigan-based law enforcement, fire department, emergency medical personnel and members of the military who lost their lives in the line of duty since Sept. 11, 2015.

Family members of the deceased were also in attendance, as well as first responders and military members as guests of House members from their respective districts.

Heise is unopposed in the general election for Plymouth Township supervisor.

Say 'da' to Russian festival in Ann Arbor

Sharon Dargay
hometownlife.com

Pet a chicken, eat a blini and play a little chess, all while listening to the sounds of authentic Russian folk music at the fourth annual Ann Arbor Russian Festival.

The event, which runs from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, and 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, at St. Vladimir Orthodox Church, 9900 Jackson Road, Dexter, celebrates Russian food, entertainment, shopping and culture.

New to the festival are Rustavi, a Georgian dance ensemble, and Konevets, a quartet from St. Petersburg that performs chamber music and folk songs.

"These people are from Russia and they are bringing their culture to us," said Zena Ealovega, festival publicity chair. "They travel all the way from Russia." Returning performers include Moscow Nights, a Russian folk music trio, and Anastasia Klimzo, a folklorist and church choir director, who will sing and dance Russian folklore.

Chess boards will be set out both festival days for impromptu play and a teacher will be on hand to offer a few pointers. Ealovega said the activity attracts players of all



A member of Moscow Nights performing group shows how to play spoons.

ages and skill levels.

Another popular children's activity, the Chicken Petting Farm Zoo, gives youngsters and their parents a chance to lead a goat on a leash and touch and hold chickens and ducks, both festival days.

"They had a lot of fun last year chasing the ducks," said Daryl Aschliman, a 25-year member of St. Vladimir Orthodox Church. "It's not like they just sit there and let you pick them up."

Aschliman, who lives in Wasuseon, Ohio,



Chess is a favorite activity at the annual Russian Festival.

brings his granddaughters' 4-H Club animals to the festival's Kids Corner, where children and their parents can mingle in an enclosure with the fowl.

"The chickens are easy to hold because they are a smaller breed. The ducks, you have to grab by both feet and cradle in your arms," he said.

He'll bring nine ducks this year, along with chickens, and said he'll likely allow older youngsters to lead goats into an adjacent hay field.

"We had a lot of people last year. There were a lot of kids. There were a lot of adults, too," he said. "We're in the Kid's Corner at the festival. They have a bounce house and games and the petting area. It's something for the kids to do."

A playground, coloring, crafts, caricatures

and a puppet show round out the children's activities.

Visitors can listen to Russian bell ringing at the opening ceremony, tour St. Vladimir church, have their hair braided and taste infused vodka.

Borsch, piroshki made with potato and mushroom or cabbage, markovnei salad made with carrots and garlic, pork and feef pelmeni, pork and chicken shashlik and blini are among the traditional Russian foods available at the festival's main kitchen, which will be open each day until closing. A Russian tea room will serve authentic Russian treats, including seven-layer Napoleon Russian cake.

For more about the festival, go to russianfestivalstvladimirami.org.

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The art fair returns Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17-18, to South Old Woodward, the well-known gateway to downtown Birmingham. Unique shopping and fabulous restaurants line the street while artists' booths extend down the center, south of Maple Road – complementing the city's vibrant street scene.

The fair draws residents from throughout Oakland County and beyond; more than 80,000 fair-goers attend the event annually. More than 150 jury-selected artists are featured in this urban setting.

The artists will present their original artwork for sale including ceramics, painting, photography, glass, jewelry, sculpture, wood, leather, metals, mixed media, fiber, drawing, printmaking and more. The art fair is produced by the Guild of Artists & Artisans, best known for its



The Birmingham Street Art Fair returns Sept. 17-18.

Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair.

Hours for the Birmingham Street Art Fair are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free and there is convenient parking available.

Along with artist booths, the Birmingham Street Art Fair once again presents the annual silent "Art Auction" benefiting Common Ground.

Visitors will have the opportunity to bid on wonderful artwork donated by participating artists; all funds raised by the auction go directly to Common Ground.

In addition, there will lead hands-on children's art activities at this year's fair. Young fair-goers will have the fun opportunity to make their own work of art to take home. Children's art activities are free for



Digital artwork from Lea Alboher.

participants. "We are delighted to bring such an extraordinary collection of artists from across the country to the streets of downtown Birmingham. For 42 years this wonderful magic, providing the community with an out-

standing cultural event and providing Common Ground with support that has helped us continue to give the best services possible to those in crisis," said Heather Rae, president & CEO of Common Ground. "We invite everyone to attend this event – to share in the

magic, have fun, learn something new and help build a strong and vital community." For more information about Common Ground's 42nd annual Birmingham Street Art Fair, go to www.BirminghamStreetArtFair.com or call 734-662-3382.

Colbeck to host town hall to share ways to improve medical landscape

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, will host a public health care town hall event in Northville to share what he calls "proven free-market health care solutions" to improving Michigan's medical landscape.

The town hall takes place 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road.

"There is a group of elected officials, physicians and insurance experts who are passionately seeking to improve health care while lowering costs," Colbeck said. "This town hall presents

a prime opportunity to meet them and explore innovative health care options that benefit employers, physicians and patients." The town hall will feature an overview of the health care options available to Michigan residents; information on direct primary care

services; information on coverage solutions for non-primary care services like hospitalization; and examples of actual plans implemented by employers.

"We can take advantage of free-market loopholes within the Affordable Care Act (a.k.a. Obamacare), such as

direct primary care services and self-funded insurance plans to restore control of health care decisions back to patients and doctors," Colbeck said. "It is time to make Michigan the center of a free-market revolution in health care that will yield increases in health care quality

and cost-saving benefits." For more information on this town hall event or upcoming town halls, go to the Health Care Town Halls section at www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com or contact Colbeck's office at 517-373-7350 or senpcolbeck@senate.michigan.gov.

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St. Mary Mercy run to benefit cancer salon

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Katherine Purcell has had times when she just doesn't feel her best.

The Novi resident has had breast cancer twice since 2004 and ended up having a double mastectomy. She opted for reconstruction surgery, though that was only successful on one side, requiring her to wear a custom-made prosthetic.

Purcell then later heard about the Helen Palmer Inspirit Salon and Spa at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and decided to make the trip. She's been back several times to the center, which helps cancer patients with a comprehensive appearance-enhancing program.

"I've come here when I've really just felt ugly and helpless," said Purcell, who works at Northville High School. "Emotionally, they are the nicest people to talk to and they buck me up and give me faith in humanity."

Purcell is just one of many cancer patients who have utilized the salon at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile. It contains products for cancer patients, including skin care products, bras and wigs. It even offers services such therapeutic massage. It's an organization that will benefit from the upcoming Embrace Life 5K run/walk taking place Sept. 11 in Livonia.

Registration for the event, which takes place through the neighborhood around St. Mary Mercy Hospital, remains open and costs \$30. Awards will be given to the first-, second- and third-place finishers for male and female winners in each age division. Participants can sign up by visiting the St. Mary Mercy website and finding it under the "Classes and Events" tab.

IF YOU GO

What: St. Mary Mercy Hospital Embrace Life 5K run/walk
Where: St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, and the surrounding Livonia neighborhoods
When: 9 a.m. Sept. 11
Registration: Costs \$30 and can be done online through following links at stmarymercy.org. Participants can register through the day of the race.

"It's nice to have a facility on the premises where people can come and ... they can see what the range of services are."

DR. SAMIR NARAYAN
radiation oncologist

Connie Myler, clinical specialist who oversees the salon, said it's clear how much of a difference a service like the Inspirit Salon and Spa does for cancer patients, especially when they may be feeling down after a procedure.

Most times, she said, patients will come down and begin looking for items fairly quickly.

"We try and have things in stock for people, because they want to go home with something," she said. "If we don't have what they're looking for or the right size, we'll order something and they'll come back."

"It's very rewarding to be here and help patients."

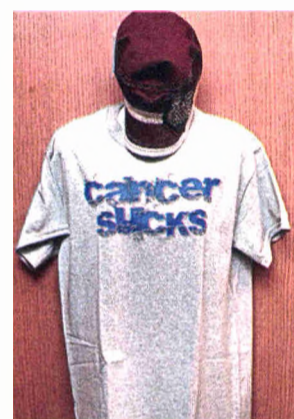
Good for 'well-being'

The salon at the Livonia hospital is one of several in the Mercy Health System; another Inspirit Salon and Spa operates out of St. Joseph



Connie Myler fits Katherine Purcell with a wig.

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The Helen Palmer Inspirit Salon and Spa serves patients with a comprehensive appearance-enhancing program.

Mercy Ann Arbor.

Such services are great for a patient's well-being, said Dr. Samir Narayan, a radiation oncologist at the Livonia hospital. Many times, he said a patient will discuss

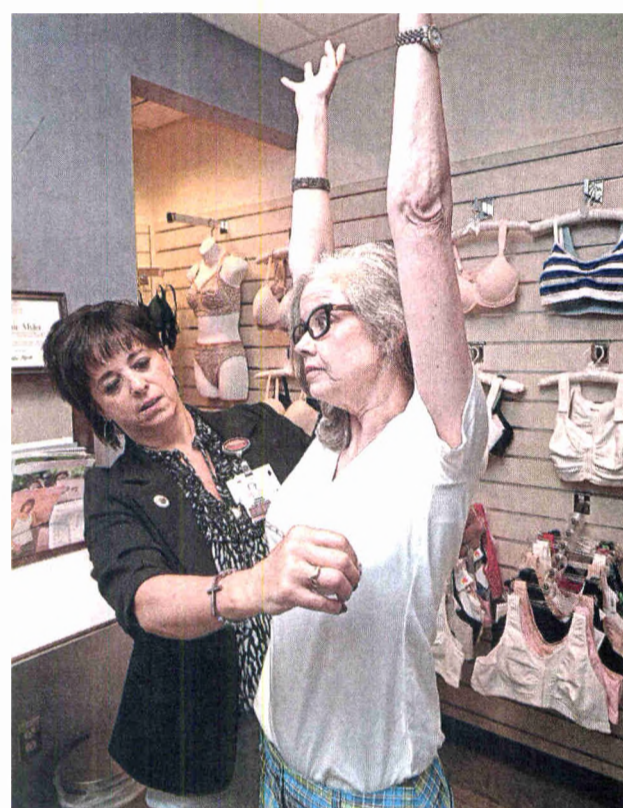
appearance issues not with their doctor, but perhaps with a nurse or other staff member.

"It's nice to have a facility on the premises where people can come and then they can stop by and it's casual and they can see what the range of services are," he said. "Everything from hair care products and wigs to salon and getting a haircut or massage or things like that. I think these are all important things for patients to do."

Purcell said she won't be running or walking in next weekend's event, though she'll be cheering on all those who are taking part, including her daughter.

"She's very excited to help," Purcell said. "Whatever she can do."

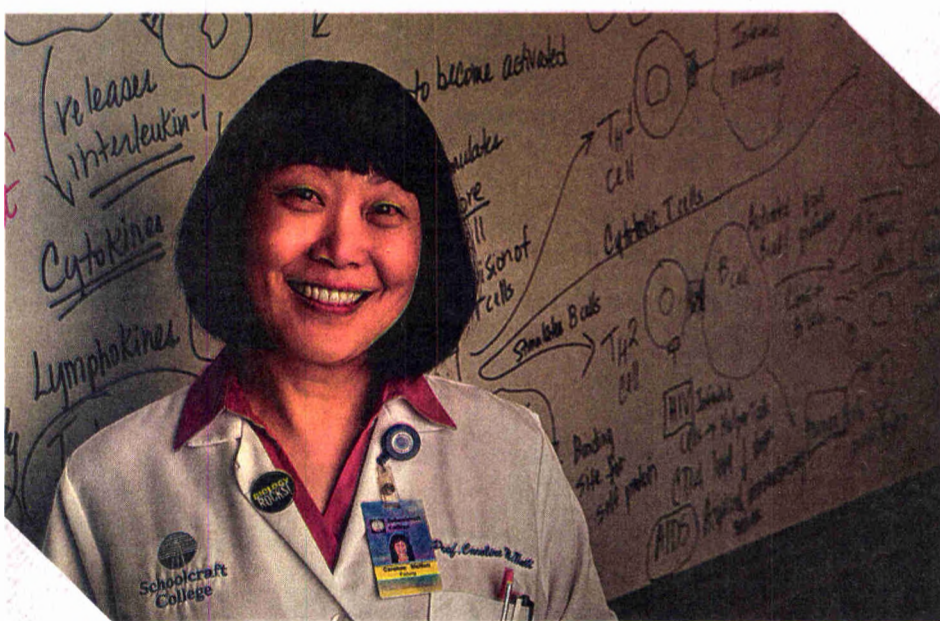
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Joe Muer Seafood restaurant is coming to the 'burbs!

Jay Grossman
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The restaurant scene in Bloomfield Hills is about to sizzle, with Bill's on the east side of Woodward Avenue and Joe's on the west side.

Joe Muer, that is. The iconic seafood restaurant, operating out of the Detroit Renaissance Center since 2012, is opening a second location at the Kingsley Inn, near the corner of Woodward and Long Lake Road. Joe Vicari, president and CEO of Joe Vicari Restaurant Group, anticipates a mid-February opening.

"Doing this sort of surprised myself a little bit," said Vicari, who purchased the rights to the seafood company from Joe Muer himself back in 2011. "I think the



JOE MUER

Lobster Claws will be on the menu at the new Joe Muer Seafood opening in February in Bloomfield Hills.

area is so right for a Joe Muer high-end restaurant. And it's really two different audiences ... our downtown business is a lot of corporate, a lot of out-of-town customers from Canada. We certainly get people during the weekend that live in the Bloomfield area, but during the week, it's quite a drive."

The venture marks a marriage of two landmarks: the Joe Muer name has been an integral part of the Detroit restaurant scene dating

back to 1929, when the Muer family closed down a cigar shop at 2000 Gratiot Avenue and decided to replace it with an oyster bar. The restaurant was the "it" place for decades, until tough economic times led to its closure in 1988.

Now, the restaurant is about to take over the former Northern Lakes Seafood space at the Kingsley Inn. The two-story hotel has enjoyed a solid run on Woodward Avenue since it opened in 1958. Vicari said the hotel

is in the process of a major \$10 million makeover that will coincide with the opening of the restaurant.

Directly across the street at 39556 Woodward is Bill's restaurant, in the same spot where the Fox & Hounds restaurant once stood. The popular dining spot, part of the Roberts Restaurant Group, opened in 2014.

"We knew that eventually someone was going to open at the Kingsley Inn," Bill Roberts said Friday. "Joe Vicari and his team are great people and we welcome them to the neighborhood."

Vicari said the Bloomfield restaurant will employ about 80 people and have a slightly smaller footprint than the Renaissance location. Customers will enjoy classic Joe Muer staples, such as Dover sole, crab-stuffed flourider and sautéed whitefish, plus some new dishes.

"We're going aim to replicate the downtown

restaurant with a big active bar ... plus a sushi bar and a raw oyster bar similar to what we have downtown," Vicari said. "But we'll also have outside seating and private dining options for social and business occasions."

The designer for the project is Ron Rea of Ron & Roman in downtown Birmingham. Vicari said he's worked with Rea on all nine of his Andiamo restaurants and the downtown Joe Muer's. The restaurant will seat about 200 customers.

Vicari said he's scouting locations in the Grand Rapids area for a possible third Joe Muer Seafood in Michigan, but the project is at least a few years away. Already in the works are plans to open a Joe Muer in Las Vegas in 2017 and a combination Joe Muer/Andiamo Italian restaurant in Nashville late next year.

"It's going to be a newer concept with a bigger space," he said about the Tennessee spot. "We'll

seat about 150 customers on each side and it'll have a common lobby. This will be our first bite at this concept, but it really makes sense. If you're an out-of-town guest, you'll probably want to check out both places."

Bloomfield Hills City Commissioner Michael Dul said the new restaurant is a welcomed addition.

"As a habit, my wife and I have been dining at Northern Lakes for many years and, with its closing, felt a big void," he said Friday. "We are pleased with Bill's restaurant just across the street, but the opening of Joe Muer Seafood will really help energize this part of town. I feel that quality dining options will promote friendly competition between restaurants and expand the dining experience in our city."

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Clean humidifier, dehumidifier to keep home healthy

It is now September and many ask: Where did the summer go and what do I prepare for the winter season? You simply have to take a walk around your home inside and out and the projects will line themselves up.

Let's take the dehumidifier in the basement as an example. Don't just unplug it and let it sit in a corner, but take it to a local car wash and spend some quarters to wash it down. The biggest reason why consumers need to purchase a new one is because the old one is dirty. A good cleaning every year will add years of life to this product and I might add that the model you buy today is made in another country, costs a lot more and few have



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

any parts available should it need repair.

They have become a throwaway product in most cases and I do remember the days when Amana produced the best dehumidifier in the world. It had 100-percent copper tubing throughout the product and a five-year warranty and many are still operating today. In the 1970s, there were still plenty of homes without central air conditioning and dehumidifiers were needed by many. They used to ship many thousands of them

to retailers across the country and, as time went on, central air conditioning began to become much more important to a homeowner's comfort. Let it be sufficient to say that a dehumidifier made today is not the product of yesterday.

Now let's switch to the humidifier on your furnace, which adds a lot of comfort to a home in winter. A news report I heard this morning pointed out some people have contacted Legionnaires' disease and yet I didn't hear where they came in touch with this deadly germ. A humidifier attached to a furnace can be a likely suspect. The old drum style, which all heating contractors will

recommend you throw away, has water sitting in it and needs to be treated with tablets throughout the winter. The humidifier that has water flowing through it is best and it also needs a new filter installed every year. These products should not be taken lightly and must be maintained properly for comfort reasons and also good health.

Standing water

Here is another area of contamination that you can't see: the drain pan under your refrigerator. During the defrost cycle, a heater comes on and melts the snow that accumulates on the evaporator coil. That water flows into a drain pan under the refrigerator

and is evaporated by a fan motor pushing hot air across the surface. The area is dark and contains all dirt and bacteria on the floor in front of the refrigerator. In the old days, you could simply snap off the bottom toe kick plate, pull out the drain pan and give it a good scrubbing in the sink. Adding a little peroxide to the pan before replacing it helped kill future bacteria growth.

While on the subject of products that deal with water, let me say, you can't make me a believer in the water dispenser that comes with a refrigerator. I will not drink a glass of water from that dispenser, even if you paid me. Years ago, before they installed a fil-

ter, I took out several reservoir tanks from the product and cut them open to see what was inside that looked like mold. I thought of all the people who drank that stuff because they didn't know. So they installed a filter, but strange as it may seem, the manufacturers installed this filter all at the same time. I suspect someone died and someone was sued. It is recommended today that when getting a glass of water out of a tap you let the water run for a minute before filling the glass.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. each Saturday on Cumulus Radio in Ann Arbor. Email questions about appliances to him at appldoct@hotmail.com.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee with Monica

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 15
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Details: Meet and greet Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Monica Merritt

Seeking volunteers

Time/Date: Orientation Sept. 13

Location: 5730 N. Lilley Road, Suite A, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with patient care and companionship, office support, group activities and more. Volunteer training sessions will cover mission and values, confidentiality, communication and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information perti-

nent to serving the needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer. Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based hospice organization committed to the highest quality of hospice care for patients, their families and other loved ones. Interested volunteers must complete the online application process at cchn.net/, prior to training. Early registration is encouraged as several steps are to be completed prior to the start of the training sessions.

Contact: Jeanne Edwards, volunteer coordinator, 888-983-9050

Peace Day Observance

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18
Location: Kellogg

Park in Plymouth
Details: Living Peace Church in Plymouth invites you to celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace in the park. Together we will look for peaceful ways to respond to violence in our community. A peace mural will be created. Take away an origami peace crane you make yourself. Please join us as we offer peaceful ways to stop bullying, end domestic violence and human trafficking, and learn about issues facing immigrant and refugee families.

Contact: For more information, contact Randy Short at livingpeacepastor@yahoo.com or 734-667-4821.

Canton chamber golf

Time/Date: Sept. 15
Location: Pheasant Run Golf Club, Canton
Details: The Canton

Chamber of Commerce's annual golf outing is open to the public and various packages are available for purchase. All golf packages include beverages on the course, steak dinner and prizes. Individual golf is \$150 or the dinner alone is \$35. Sponsorships are available.
Contact: 734-453-4040 or go to www.cantonchamber.com.

'South Pacific' comes to Canton

Time/Date: Sept. 16-18; 23-25, Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday performances at 2 p.m.

Location: The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Spotlight Players presents the classic musical "South Pacific" with song favorites including: "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair," "Some Enchanted Evening" and "There Is Nothin' Like A

Dame." This story involves love and loss, camaraderie, and overcoming prejudice.

Cost: Tickets are \$16 to \$18 each. They can be purchased by calling the box office at 734-394-5300 or at www.canton-mi.org/290/Village-Theater. Tickets are also available for purchase at The Village Theater Box office one hour prior to show time.

Contact: For more information, go to <http://spotlightplayersmi.org/>

Women Writers of Ann Arbor/Ypsi

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 15

Location: University of Michigan, Angell Hall, 435 S. State Street, Ann Arbor

Details: WWAAY Fall Conference: Morning Workshops in Genres and Book Marketing, Afternoon Reading for attendees and members.

Contact: Complete details at wwaay.com; Email address: wwaaygroup@gmail.com. Call 734 545-0586.

VFW fundraisers

Time/Date: Various
Location: VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth
Details: A number of events will be held to raise money for the post
Contact: 734-265-7908

Fashion Setters exhibit

Time/Date: Museum hours, through Nov. 6
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum
Details: The First Ladies Fashion Setters exhibit features more than a dozen dresses of the first ladies throughout history. Other memorabilia highlighting elections, the presidents and the first ladies will also be displayed.

NEWS BRIEFS

Plymouth Historical Museum to have free hours Wednesday

The Plymouth Historical Museum will open, free of charge, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday to show off its current exhibit, "First Ladies — Fashion Setters."

The museum's free "community day" is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

The "First Ladies" exhibit features recreations of 15 dresses worn by first ladies through history. Each dress has been created based on research by museum volunteer Pam Yockey, a costume historian and seamstress. On Wednesday, re-enactors will be portraying first ladies and presidents of the past, and items related to elections, the presidents and first ladies will also



Plymouth Historical Museum director Liz Kerstens speaks with Abe and Mary Todd Lincoln, played by Fred and Bonnie Priebe, during the opening reception for the exhibit "First Ladies — Fashion Setters." Re-enactors will again be at the museum 6-8 p.m. Wednesday for a free community day.

be on display.

The 26,000-square-foot museum at 155 S. Main features a recreation of Plymouth's Main Street from the late 19th century, the state's largest collection of Abraham Lincoln-related items, an Alter Motor Car (built in Plymouth) and a Daisy Air Rifle display.

Normal museum ad-

mission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students ages 6-17. Normal hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Historic meeting

Michigan history buffs might want to visit the Plymouth District Library for a meeting of the Michigan Historical Commission at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 20.

The commission consists of 10 members, appointed by the governor, and is intended to preserve the cultural environment and Michigan citizens' sense of place through education, historical preservation and the sharing of stories.

In conjunction with the Michigan Historical Center, the commission's work touches such things as Michigan's historical markers, the Capitol Park historic district in Detroit and a project on the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. Commission goals include diversity and inclusiveness, public history and outreach, educational achievement and stewardship.

Plymouth Township resident and author Jack Dempsey serves on the commission and will welcome the public Sept. 20.

Two people killed in Wayne train-truck collision

LeAnne Rogers
hometownlife.com

The names of a man and woman killed Wednesday night in a vehicle-train crash in Wayne haven't yet been released pending notification of their families.

The pair were identified as both Romulus residents, ages 57 and 58.

Police are continuing to investigate the fatal crash, which happened about 10:40 p.m. on Venoy, just south of Michigan Avenue. Reports are that the northbound pickup truck went around barrier arms that were down as a train approached.

The vehicle was struck by an Amtrak train coming from Chi-

cago to Pontiac. There were no injuries reported among the 90 passengers on the train, which was delayed several hours following the collision.

The roadway at the railroad tracks was closed until the early morning hours Thursday as Wayne Police and Michigan State Police investigated the accident.

A 12-year-old Westland boy, Raymond Patton, was struck by and killed by an Amtrak train at the Venoy-Michigan Avenue crossing in 2014. He and a friend were reported to have tried to beat the train on foot, but the friend changed his mind and didn't go onto the tracks.



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BOYS SOCCER

Wildcats finally scratch six-year itch

Early goal on PK sparks Plymouth to first win over Canton since 2010

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

Going into Wednesday's contest between intra-district rivals Plymouth and Canton, it had been six years to the day since the Wildcats last claimed victory in the series. There were some memorable events that year, as people couldn't get enough of a new dance craze dubbed "The Dougie." The Chicago Blackhawks ended their championship drought of nearly five decades by winning the Stanley Cup and popular TV shows like "The Walking

Dead" and "Game of Thrones" had yet to premiere. Simpler times, some might say. So when Plymouth did the inevitable and pulled-off a 1-0 win over the Chiefs at the P-CEP varsity soccer field, to say it was a long time coming would be a vast understatement. As fans were still looking to get settled into their seats, a hand ball was called against a Canton defender inside the penalty area during the opening minute to set up a penalty kick for the Wildcats. Senior Anthony Iacopelli

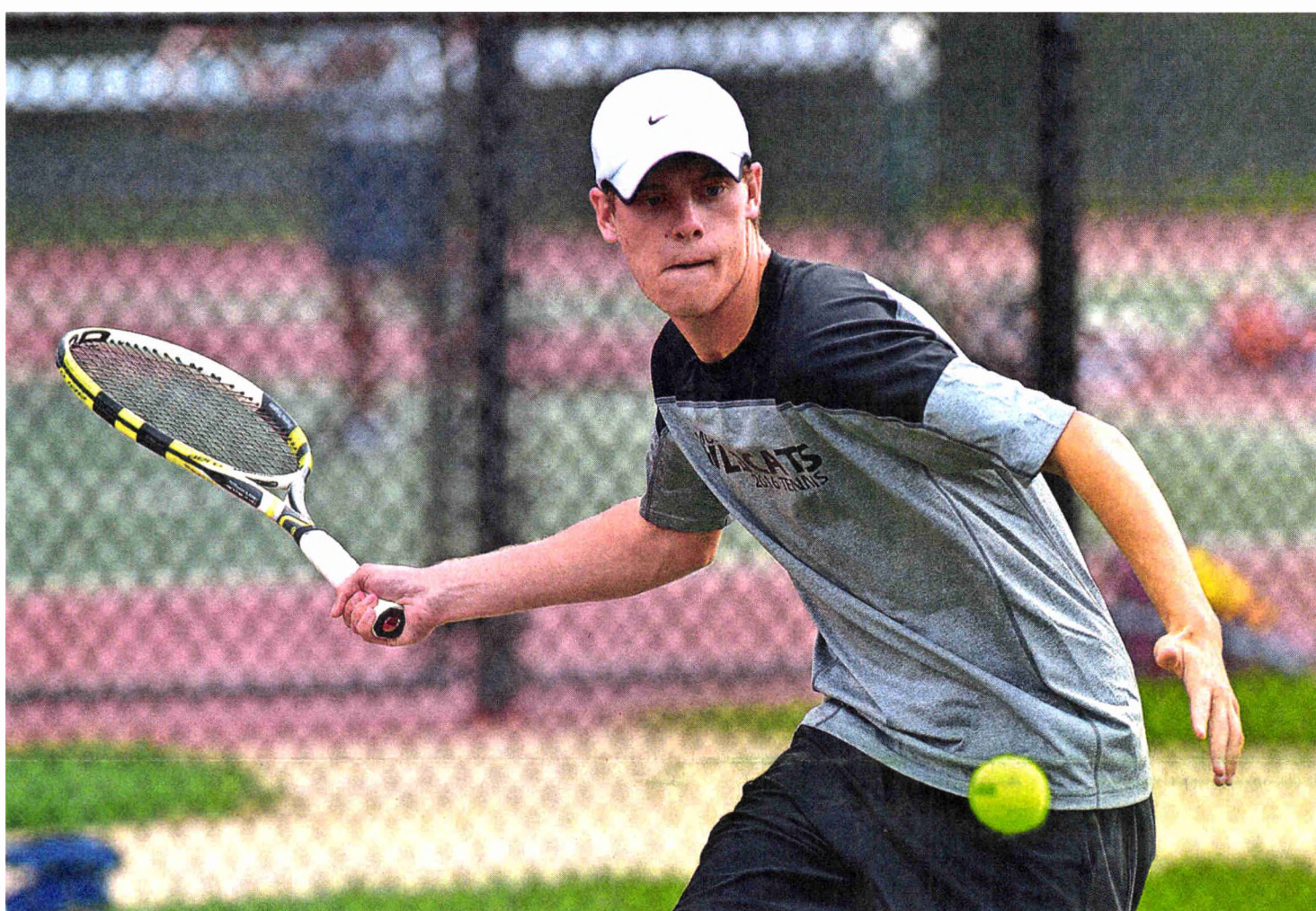
capitalized on the opportunity by curling the ball slightly left to beat goalkeeper Steven Page to give Plymouth (4-2-3 overall, 2-0 KLAA South) its second victory in as many games. This was a special moment for Iacopelli, who fondly remembered being in a similar situation the year before. "I knew last year that I missed a penalty kick, so I put it in the same spot and it won the game for us," Iacopelli said. "Everyone played a great game and everyone



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Plymouth's Ryan Dickerson (left) goes head-to-head against Canton's Collin O'Keefe during Wednesday's game.

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BOYS TENNIS



Getting set to return the ball Thursday afternoon is Matt Decker, Plymouth's No. 1 singles player.

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BIGGER AND BETTER



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Keeping close tabs on the ball is Plymouth No. 2 singles player Deven Patel.

Rain or shine, Wildcats roll to sixth straight division title

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Not even a daily dose of wet weather is dampening the enthusiasm surrounding Plymouth's juggernaut of a boys tennis team. The Wildcats — already riding a five-year streak of KLAA South Division championships — Friday made it six, having closed out a weather-delayed 9-0 win against campus and division rival Canton. The teams got through part of the contest Wednesday before rain poured down and postponed completion until Friday. And Thursday was wet, too, enough to wreak havoc with Plymouth's match against Livonia Franklin. As frustrating as starts and stops due to weather can be for tennis players, veter-

an Wildcats head coach Tom Kimball has no worries whatsoever that his team might get into a consistency rut on the court as a result. "It won't be a problem, these guys have worked hard enough," Kimball said. "They can pick it up and play any time of the day, any day of the week. (Wednesday) was frustrating because we were up 4-0 and had a chance to close it out, when the rain came. "Now we got to get that momentum back. ... It's a big match, Canton's a good team. It's fun to play them, they've got a lot of talent and we edged them once already this season for the Park championship, so we know it's going to be close because that one was 5-4."

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PRESEASON HOCKEY

They're starting the long journey

U.S. NTDP U17s drop first game of what will be two-year mission

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

On another hot and humid day in metro Detroit, USA Hockey fans enjoyed a cool respite Friday night, as the U.S. National Team Development Program's Under-17 team squared off against Muskegon in a USHL preseason tilt. About 750 fans taking advantage of free admission for the contest enjoyed the sounds of sticks, skates and pucks as the U17s and Lumberjacks both played their first preseason game of the month. Despite two goals by NTDP defenseman K'Andre Miller (his second tying the game 3-3 early in the third), the Lumberjacks scored three unanswered goals in the final 12 minutes for a 6-3 victory. "I was happy and my staff was happy, especially with how they competed," U17s head coach Danton Cole said. "There's a lot of parts there, we just need some time and we need more games like this, keep learning and keep battling."

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Playing his first game for the U.S. NTDP Under-17 team is Plymouth native Will MacKinnon.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Rejuvenated Canton Chiefs get first victory

Chiefs rebound to win, 35-21

Evan Paputa
Correspondent

Canton went back to the drawing board after back-to-back losses to start the high school football season.

That mythological drawing board might have proved to be of some value Friday night as the Chiefs took down host Hartland, 35-21.

"(We) just went back to the drawing board and said we're going to get better at what we do," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "We needed this bad. This was huge."

Julian Thornton scored the two touchdowns that pushed Canton (1-2) ahead for good. He extended Canton's lead from 21-14 to 35-14 on rushing touchdowns of 21 and 48 yards, respectively.

"We just came out with the focus that we need to win this game and play this game like it was the playoffs. We wanted to pick up some momentum. When you practice hard, good things happen," Thornton said.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Canton running back Julian Thornton (right), shown from earlier this season, scored two key touchdowns Friday.

Thornton led the Chiefs in rushing with 111 yards on just nine carries.

Following Thornton's second touchdown of the night with 8:27 remaining in the fourth quarter, Hartland answered on a 28-yard touchdown pass from Brad Ekonen to Hunter Delaney.

The Eagles then forced a Canton punt and marched 81 yards, from

their own 4-yard line to the Canton 15, in only 90 seconds. However, Ekonen's pass to the end zone that appeared to be caught inbounds for a touchdown, was ruled incomplete.

Hartland was then issued a team unsportsmanlike conduct penalty that took it back to third-and-25 from the 30-yard line. Canton got two stops and the victory.

Defense holds

In the first two games of the season, Canton held a halftime lead before allowing its opponent success offensively in the second half. Against Hartland, the Canton offense managed the clock and allowed the Eagles only four possessions and the Chiefs got stops on three out of the four.

"It was just being

tough, playing like Canton, getting 4 or 5 yards at a time," Thornton said.

Canton came out and stopped Hartland on its first two possessions of the third quarter. Those two stops paved the way for Thornton's two touchdowns to give Canton a three-touchdown lead with just over eight minutes left.

Consecutive stops were a point of emphasis during the week of prac-

tice leading up to the game, according to line-backer Noah Brown.

"It was big. In the previous games, we weren't able to make a lot of stops in a row. This game, we came out trying to do it," said Brown, who had seven solo tackles.

Baechler saw improvement on defense. It wasn't as pretty as a shutout, but when stops were needed, the defense collaborated to get them.

Ekonen was able to use his athleticism to extend plays all night long. Several times he was able to avoid a Canton rush and roll out before finding an open receiver. The Eagles also used Reece Potter as a wildcat quarterback. Potter ran for 81 yards on 10 carries.

"We are making some technical errors against running quarterbacks. We're getting skated on the edge. Still giving up too many big plays on defense. Held them to 21 points, which is better. We're playing the inside run game well, I'm pretty happy about that," Baechler said.

Canton will play at Livonia Franklin (1-2) next Friday with the kickoff set for 7 p.m.

PREP FOOTBALL

Rocks stay red hot with 55-39 victory over Central

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Salem's momentum is really starting to build, following Friday's 55-39 victory over host Walled Lake Central.

The Rocks now are 2-1 overall and have racked up major yardage and points during their two-game winning streak.

"Ryan Young and Andrew Davis had big play after big play with good blocking up front," Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said. "Young made good reads with both running and throwing."

Young led Salem to 486 yards of offense in only 31 plays and connected with Mason Phillips and Davis on TD passes. The junior quarterback also rushed 15 times for 140 yards and crossed the goal line twice himself.

Davis was just as big, with 138 yards in 17 carries and four rushing TDs.

Salem led 14-0 after the first quarter and carried a 21-13 edge into the intermission. The game really was decided in a 20-6 third quarter, which padded the Rocks' lead to 41-19 entering the fourth.



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Salem QB Ryan Young scores a TD during a recent game against Hartland.

Plymouth falls, 42-27

A slow start Friday cost visiting Plymouth, which dropped a 42-27 decision to Grand Blanc. The Wildcats (1-2) trailed 17-0 at halftime and could never fully recover.

The loss put a damper on excellent games by junior quarterback Zach Beadle (15-of-37 passing, 245 yards, touchdown) and senior running back Darius Timmons (25 carries, 160 yards, two TDs).

Grand Blanc quarterback Kevin Corlasso shredded the Plymouth secondary, completing 16-of-24 passes for 392 yards and four touchdowns.

The Bobcats out-gained Plymouth by a 559-491 margin.

Also scoring touchdowns for the Wildcats were receiver Chase Timko (five catches, 96 yards) and running back Carson Miller (four carries, 66 yards).

Plymouth did show life in the second half, pulling to within 23-14 after three quarters. But Grand Blanc sealed the victory with three TDs in the fourth.

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RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

Muskegon forward Bobby Kaiser (left) parks in front of U.S. NTDP Under-17 goalie Keegan Karki during Friday night's preseason game.

HOCKEY

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Good opportunity

According to NTDP senior director of operations Scott Monaghan, the game was an opportunity for new fans to check out a game at the Beck Road arena. With all three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park football teams playing on the road Friday, it was the only game in town.

"At this time of year, with high school and college football and everything else going on, weather, you never know what you're going to get for a crowd," Monaghan said. "But the feedback's been, 'Hey it's great, it's an opportunity to see a free game of good hockey.'"

Meanwhile, for U-17 players, including defenseman and Plymouth native Will MacKinnon, the game marked the first time the group of 22 players suited up for what will be a guaranteed two-year run.

The team will remain intact through 2017-18, culminating with an appearance in the 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation Ice Hockey Men's World Championship.

"It was awesome just wearing the USA logo, playing with all these

"It was awesome just wearing the USA logo, playing with all these boys. It was good ... it was really fun."

WILL MACKINNON
U.S. player and Plymouth native

boys," MacKinnon said. "It was good. It was a little nerve-wracking at first, but once I settled down, it was really fun. Just skating hard and making plays."

Other Michigan players on the U17s include forward Jonathan Gruden (Rochester), defenseman Bode Wilde (Birmingham) and forward Blade Jenkins (Jackson).

Muskegon's roster also had a hometown feel to it. Forwards John Sladic (Novi) and Collin Adams (Brighton) and defensemen Travis Mitchell (South Lyon) and Derek Daschke (Troy) skated in the opener.

On the board

Despite Miller's big offensive game, Muskegon never trailed. The Lumberjacks opened the scoring at 8:28 of the first period, when defenseman Scooter Brickley roofed a wristler from

the point that beat NTDP goalie Keegan Karki on the glove side.

The home audience had a chance to cheer a goal for the first time this season, when forward Jake Goldowski batted in the rebound of a booming point shot taken Miller with about six minutes to play in the period.

Muskegon outplayed the U17s in the second, enjoying a 12-6 edge in shots and going up 3-1 on goals by Jachym Kondelik and Andrei Svehnikov.

Team USA cut the deficit to 3-2 at 18:22, when Miller ripped a shot past 6-foot-6 goalie Keith Petruzzelli, who otherwise stymied the U17s with his outstanding size and lateral movement.

Miller garnered the equalizer with a snap shot from inside the right circle just 1:51 into the third period.

But Muskegon (which enjoyed a 37-24 edge in shots for the evening) scored twice within a 26-second span to break the game open.

"We did a really good job tonight," Miller said. "Obviously, they're bigger, faster and stronger. Just trying to keep up with them is difficult, but I think we did a good job of that tonight."

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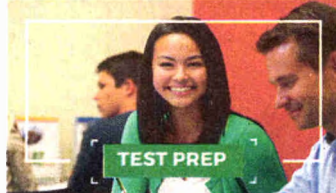
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BOYS TENNIS

Chiefs beginning to hit their stride

Canton closing gap in division with improved depth, determination

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On Thursday afternoon, Barb Lehmann looked up and felt raindrops splash down on her face at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park tennis complex.

The veteran Canton boys tennis coach and her team are looking up at campus rival Plymouth in the KLAA South Division standings, too.

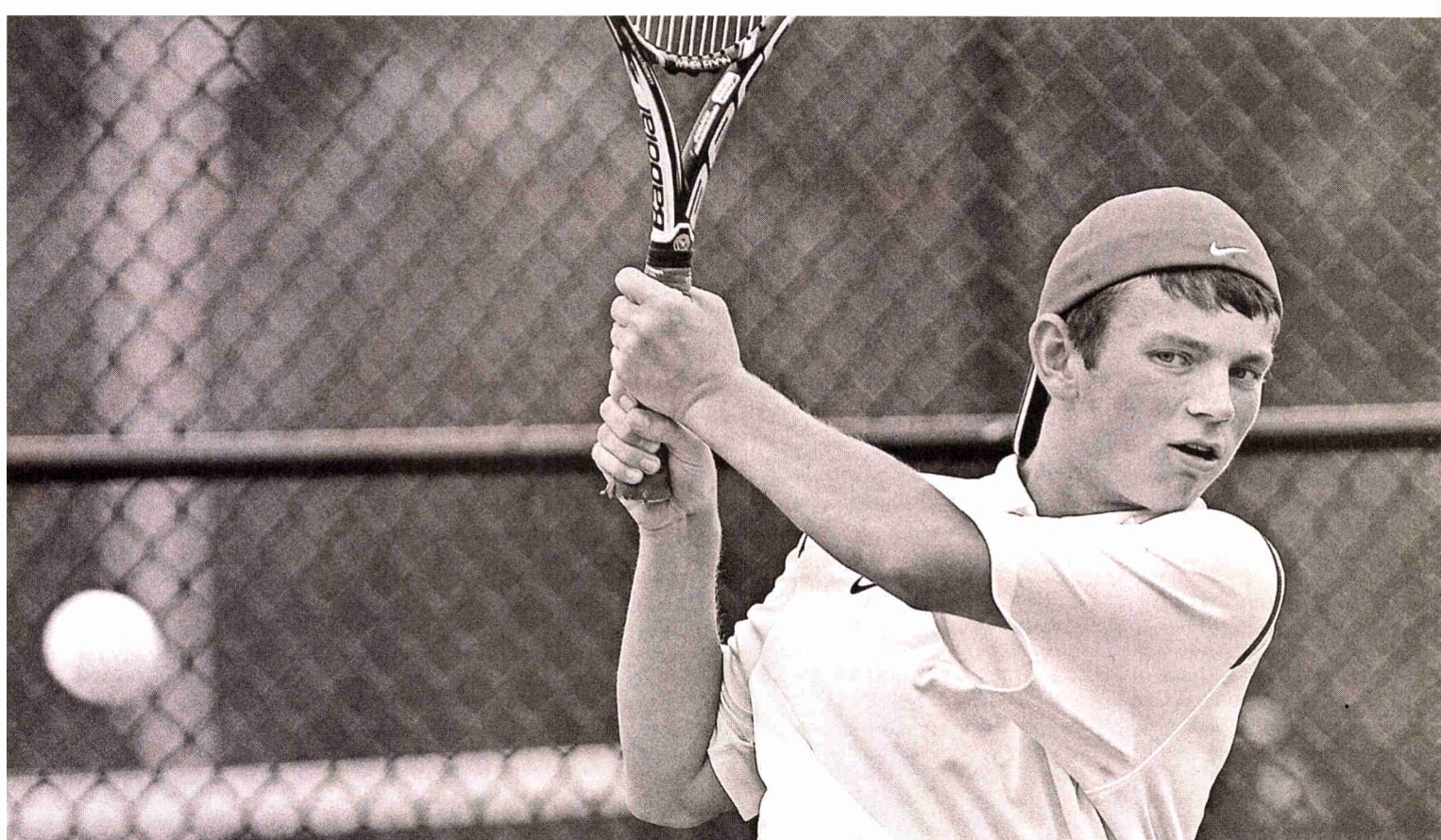
Yet Lehmann doesn't think the Chiefs are too far behind the defending division champion Wildcats, as illustrated by Canton's competitive one-point loss to Plymouth in late August for the Park championship.

"We played them a city tournament a few weeks ago and we lost 4-5," Lehmann said. "So we are definitely neck and neck with each other."

On Wednesday, however, Plymouth built a 4-0 advantage in a rematch with the Chiefs; that division match-up was halted by rain and was slated to be completed Friday afternoon. Thursday, the Chiefs won via forfeit over Westland John Glenn.

"While it's really early and we've had some tough competition right off the bat," she said, "I think we're now headed to where we should start to see an upswing for us."

Like the Wildcats, Canton is making strides both in numbers and skill — despite the graduation of 2015 co-captains Joey Mosca and Howard



Canton's No. 1 singles player, Jacob Paton, gets in some swings Thursday afternoon.

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Zhang and Matthew Mukhtar. "We are a larger team this year with a number of players with great potential and talent," Lehmann said.

Strength at top

Returning at No. 1 singles is junior Jacob Paton, who continues to sharpen his game.

"Jacob has some phenomenal match play; he's definitely a great competitor," Lehmann said.

Also strong is sophomore

Kurt Seifert at No. 2 singles, who benefited from teaming with Mosca at No. 2 doubles in 2015.

"Joey and Kurt had a phenomenal season at No. 2 doubles. They really went through the whole league doing extremely well and getting down to the conference championship," Lehmann said. "I think Kurt, as much as he loved that (doubles) success, he really fought hard to get to No. 2 (singles)."

"But he's holding his own,

he's playing a great match. You definitely are seeing growth in him as a singles player and I see that continuing to improve."

Playing well so far at No. 3 singles is junior Sri Narayanan, who provides an element of on-court savvy. "He brings experience playing singles, understanding the game as a singles player," Lehmann said.

Lehmann added that the Chiefs are looking solid at the top of the doubles lineup. The No. 1 duo of senior co-captain

Geet Antani and Vishal Nayak has "been a great combination, they have been really powerful at the net."

Returnees Vikram Vedapudi, also a co-captain, and Nick Huang are cementing their place at No. 2 with the combination of excellent play and work ethic.

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BOYS SOCCER

Spartans' Shingledecker gets 200th win

Stevenson defeats Salem in KLAA Central contest

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Livonia Stevenson's boys soccer team helped head coach Ken Shingledecker notch his 200th career victory Tuesday while at the same time earning a significant win in the KLAA Kensington Conference's Central Division.

Thanks to goals from Justin Schultz and Lucas Rea and an air-tight effort from the entire defense, the Spartans extinguished the Rocks, 2-0, to im-

prove to 3-1-1. The match was the division opener for both teams.

Salem slipped to 2-4 overall. "We struck early then stayed really organized defensively," said Shingledecker, whose high school soccer coaching career has included stints with the Lutheran Westland, Livonia Ladywood and Livonia Stevenson girls teams, as well as the Spartans' boys program. "We never allowed Salem to get in behind us. I was proud of our work rate from start to finish."

"This was a fantastic way to get win 200. I wouldn't have drawn it up any other way."

Shingledecker's 16-year coaching record is now 200-90-50. He is 47-21-5 with the Stevenson boys team.

Stevenson struck first just 45 seconds in, when Schultz lashed in a penalty kick after Rea was fouled in the 18-yard box.

Rea made it 2-0 in the seventh minute, when he tapped in a rebound off a Joe Nicolas shot for his fourth goal of the season.

Senior captain Drew Padgen made four saves in the Spartans' second shutout of the campaign.

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Following Friday's completion of the win over Canton, Wildcats enjoy a 7-1 record (7-0 in the KLAA) and Kimball obviously points to the talent level as a key reason.

Singled out

At the top of the list of standouts are the top singles players, seniors Matt Decker and Deven Patel, at Nos. 1 and 2, respectively. "They're a big factor; these guys don't lose much," Kimball said. "Excellent players, they worked hard on their game. They're seniors, they're leaders, they're team captains and set the tone."

So far, Kimball has penciled in senior Yogesh Mojanraj at No. 3 singles and freshman Aditya Suryakumar at No. 4.

Another strong component for the Wildcats has been sterling work among doubles teams — led by the No. 1 duo of seniors Justin Kapke and Ramana Ramanathan.

"They have played together a little bit; they play together well," Kimball said. "They play hard-hitting doubles. It's fun to watch, it's really good doubles with these guys. They'll go up against anyone, at any level."

Also hammering the ball with regularity is the No. 2 tandem of juniors Anoop Kotla and Nathan Tseng. "They're playing great,"

Kimball said.

Handling things just fine in the lower doubles flights have been senior David Grant and sophomore Rohit Narayanan (No. 3), seniors Musa Zahoor and Haroon Zahoor (No. 4) and sophomore Landon Brenny and junior Prathik Addeppali (No. 5).

Bigger, better

Meanwhile, Kimball stressed that the team is benefiting from having a large roster (44 players, including JV) and a group of guys that enjoy each other's company as much as succeeding on the court.

"We have five straight division titles already," Kimball said. "But it's that they're having fun and they're seeing the improvement from the start of the season to the end of the season."

"So we have activities and drills and ways to make it enjoyable. They're learning solid tennis skills and having a great time with a good group of guys."

Almost in chicken-and-egg fashion, the success of recent seasons is drawing more athletes into the program and the cycle continues.

"We got enough kids that want to play, take lessons in the off-season and work hard," he said. "So we just keep growing."

"Our success has made us grow and we get bigger which makes us more successful."

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stepped up. We were getting cramps out there and everyone was going 110 percent. It was a dream game."

The Chiefs (7-1-1, 1-1) struggled to keep their composure in the early going and were whistled for two yellow cards in the first 14 minutes. It wasn't until the 19th minute that Canton was able to register its first shot on net, which came on a spot kick by senior defender Matt Rockafellow from 40 yards out.

The Wildcats controlled possession for the bulk of the first half, winning the battle in shots on goal by a 7-3 margin.

Canton head coach Mark Zemanski was proud to see how his team responded after Plymouth converted its penalty kick.

"They got that first goal on the penalty kick and we had to recover from it," Zemanski said. "It took us about 10 minutes to settle down, but I think after that we outplayed them and had our scoring opportunities. Still, you have to put the ball in the net and they deserve the win."

As much as both teams pushed the pace in the second half, clean shots proved to be hard to come by, with Plymouth holding a 2-1 edge.

Perhaps the best save of the game came in the 78th minute, as the Chiefs sent a full house of players to crash the net in hopes of netting an



Plymouth goalie James Visnaw dives out to deny a scoring chance by Canton's Mohamad Miri (right) during Wednesday's contest. Helping the goalie out for the Wildcats is Thomas Sullivan.

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equalizer.

With senior goalkeeper James Visnaw manning the short-side post, Canton sent in a volley toward the far side of the box — only to have it cleared out by defender Matt Weiner.

Weiner left the game due to injury shortly thereafter, but his miraculous effort drew much praise from his team and the fans in attendance.

Winded, slightly hunched over and sporting an ice bag on his hip, Weiner talked about the importance of that play after the game.

"I was trying to make sure we got the win, because they

came back too many times on us," Weiner said. "I wasn't going to let that happen again."

For the second game in a row, Visnaw earned a clean sheet by stopping all four shots he faced.

Ever the consummate professional, Visnaw gave Weiner a pat on the back and credited his teammates for helping him secure the shutout.

"Our defense worked together, they played together and we talked and communicated and backed each other up," Visnaw said. "That's how we play — we play as a team and we win as a team."



Plymouth No. 1 doubles players Ramana Ramanathan and Justin Kapke congratulate their Livonia Franklin opponents after Thursday's match. The Wildcats won, 9-0.

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BOYS SOCCER

Eagles are trying to squash injury bug

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To borrow an old adage, what won't kill the aspirations of this year's Plymouth Christian Academy boys soccer team could make them stronger when the 2016 Division 4 postseason rolls around.

That will have to be the way Eagles head coach Kris Warnemuende and his players approach the rest of this season, following a spate of untimely injuries.

"The injuries have been a blessing to the team, forcing me as a coach to be more creative in my lineup," Warnemuende said. "It has also been great training for the younger players to step up to the plate for their team."

PCA entered this year looking to build off enormous success in 2015, when the squad went 15-5-2, capturing conference and district titles before falling in the regional final to Lansing Christian.

But then came a fractured foot suffered by senior defender Ben Fuller, not to mention shin splints that have kept senior forward Ethan Willis from cutting loose on the



Showing his offensive creativity during a 2015 game is PCA forward Austin Andres.

pitch.

Oh yeah, sweeper Tevin Mojume — one of the newcomers that came to PCA following the closing of Taylor Baptist Park — is out with a knee sprain, while senior defender Andrew Schuster is recovering from a high ankle sprain.

With the injuries, PCA is off to a 4-3-2 start following Wednesday's 3-2 victory over Birmingham Roeper and is ranked No. 6 among D4 teams in the state.

Stellar seniors

Yet the season still could be one to remember.

"I am really working on our whole senior group taking ownership of leading the team," Warnemuende wrote in an email to the Observer. "If they want to go far in the post-season tournament, then they will have to step up the heat and find ways to bring the whole team with them."

Warnemuende listed forward Austin Andres (a second

team all-stater in 2015), midfielder Brian Schlientz, Willis and Schuster as those seniors who already are answering the leadership bell.

"I believe that Ben and Matthew will be key players," he said. "But they are struggling with how they contribute to building up the team as they aren't on the pitch."

It helps to have Andres, described by the coach as "a powerhouse" with six goals this season, and Schlientz (seven assists) at full strength.

Should Willis fully heal, he will add another dimension as he was PCA's second top scorer last season, splitting time between outside mid and forward.

Center backs Fuller and Cusumano, when healthy, "are stellar defenders and transition so well from defense to attack." They combined for 13 goals and assists in 2015.

That nucleus still could lead the Eagles to the top; extra playing time for younger players already is paying off.

Sophomores Keith Brown and Elijah Grit (center backs) and keeper Jeremy Collins have excelled thus far.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Following is a rundown of recent contests involving Canton, Salem and Plymouth teams that were reported to hometownlife.com.

Boys tennis

Salem routed South Lyon East 9-0 on Thursday, dominating in almost all flights.

At No. 1 singles, freshman Eric Liu won 6-1, 6-2. The longest match of the day was at No. 2 singles, where Salem's Mauricio Barrera won 7-6, 6-4 over A.J. Clark.

Other singles wins were earned by sophomore Ajay Bha-rahtan (6-4, 6-2 at No. 3) and freshman Jason Zheng (6-1, 6-2 at No. 4).

In doubles play, the Sweet brothers won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1, while A.J. Choukair and Khush Patel won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2.

Also victorious were Andrew Clarke-Parshva Sanghvi (No. 3, 6-0, 6-1), Justin Mehl-Neel Shah (No. 4, 6-4, 6-2) and Kenneth Skoug-Arjun Balakrishnan (No. 5, 6-0, 6-0).

Volleyball

Canton parlayed contributions from the entire roster in a 3-0 victory over Wayne Memorial, opening the KLAAsouth schedule for the Chiefs.

Junior outside hitter Sammy Pashigan led the team in kills with seven, while Sabrina Giacomini (19 assists), Abby Zelenak (six assists), Gina Giacomini (four aces) and Hailey Domzalski (three aces) all chipped in. Also helping the cause with five kills each were Katelyn Page and Kas-sie Tanana.

Girls golf

» **Plymouth** defeated Livonia Franklin, 172-184, behind a 41 score by Erin Johnson. Also faring well for the Wildcats were Rachel Kristian (43), Heather Muir (43), Shae Zydeck (45) and Sara Vohra (45).

» **Canton**, meanwhile, fell 191-193 to Franklin at par-35 Idyl Wild C.C. in Livonia.

Individual scores for Canton included: Nicole Dawson 47, Avery Ralston and Manasa Potluri 48, Molly Mundorf 50, Simi Neeluru and Ashley Kahanec 56. Individual scores for Franklin included: Summer Horen 45 (medalist), Sofia Cueva 46, Brenna Campau 48, Sophia Wygonik 52, Olivia Napier 53 and Stephanie Cueva 54.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Class D PCA aces test against Plymouth

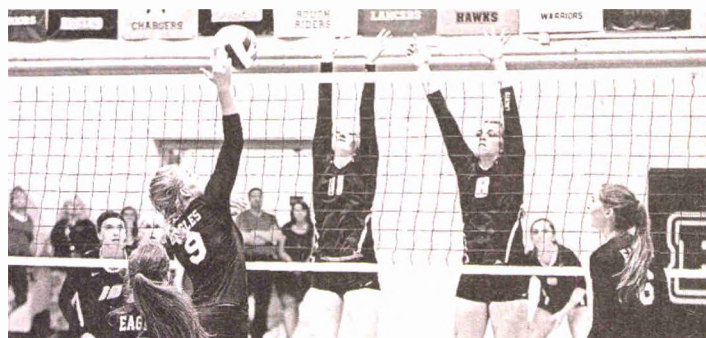
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Two different worlds of high school volleyball collided Aug. 30 in a preseason scrimmage.

Not quite a David vs. Goliath scenario, little Class D school Plymouth Christian Academy squared off against Plymouth High School — a Class A program from the KLAAs.

The host Eagles prevailed in a two-set match, winning 25-23, 25-23 in one set and 25-21, 26-24 in the other.

Of course, PCA is a perennial state powerhouse in the sport and has the kind of talent to make it back to the Class D state finals later this



Plymouth Christian Academy players try to power the volleyball over the extended arms of Plymouth players during the Aug. 30 scrimmage.

fall.

According to first-year Plymouth Christian athletic director Matt Windle, the scrimmage against a team

three steps up the MHSAA ladder was scheduled as part of a determined effort to ratchet up the competition for the greater good of the PCA

program.

"We are trying to play better and bigger schools to compete at the highest level," said Windle, a former high school athlete at Livonia Churchill. "We have a couple tournaments with Class A state champs, Class B state champs and some other teams that do well like (Livonia) Ladywood, Mt. Morris.

"It's something we want for the team so they can accomplish the ultimate for this year — a state championship."

The Wildcats also have hopes for a strong season. Their home opener is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday against Churchill.

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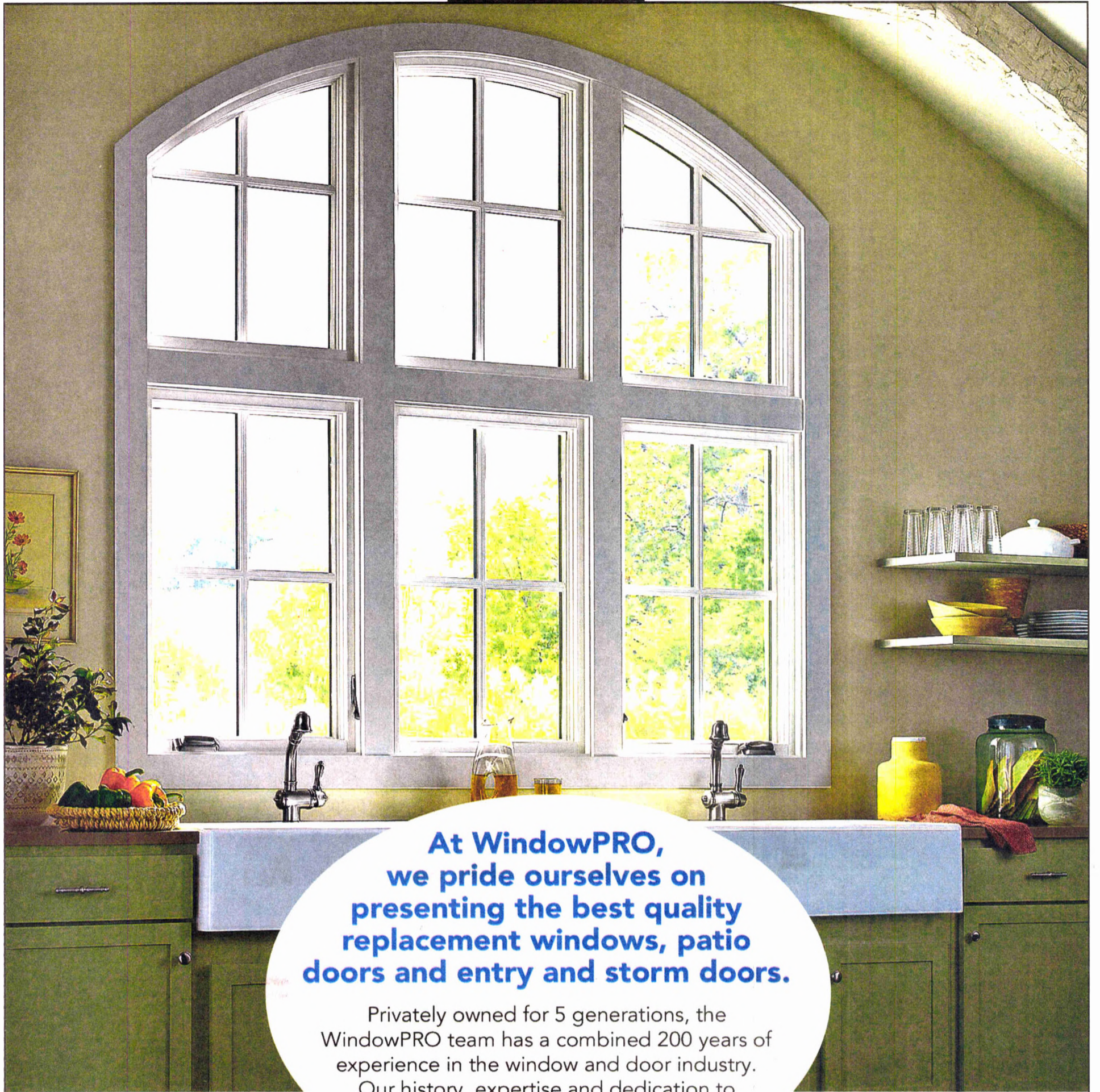
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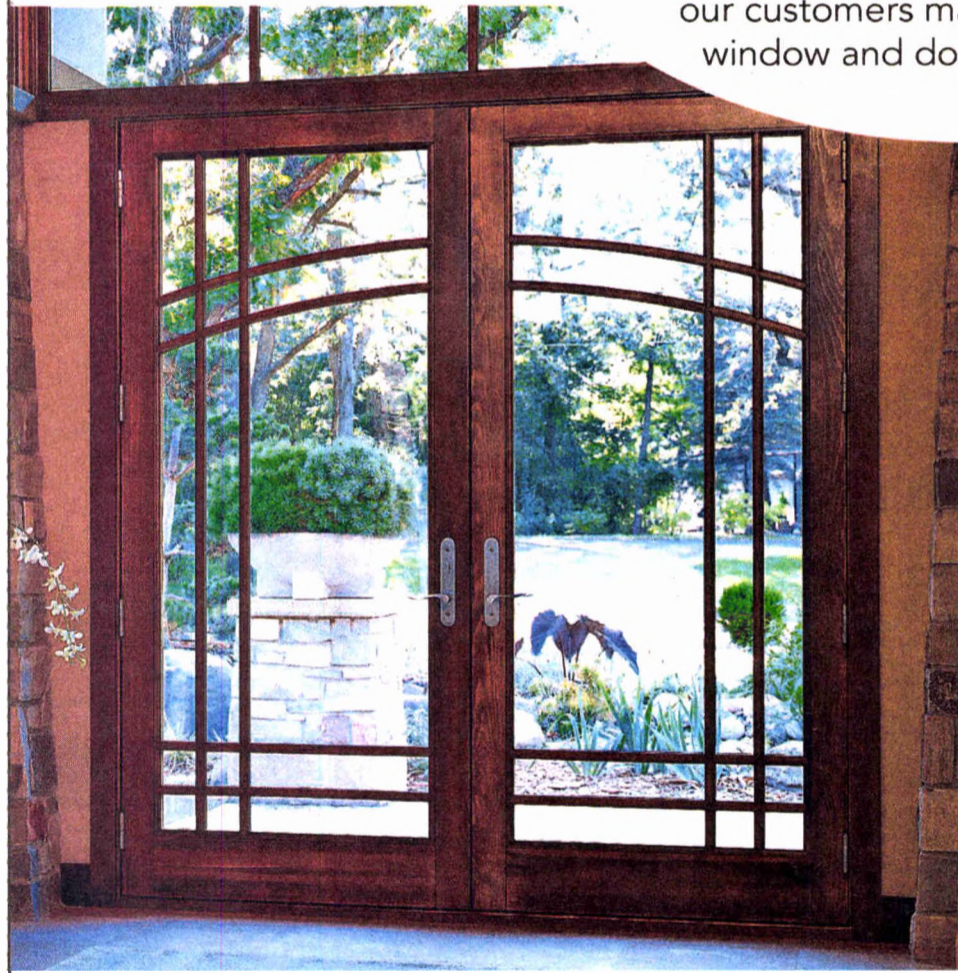
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Outlook is bright for high- and low-wage jobs

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Over the next five years, the U.S. economy is projected to add more than 7 million jobs — a 5 percent increase. While that may sound like healthy growth, a new study from CareerBuilder and Emsi shows that some wage levels are faring better than others. According to the study, middle-wage occupations aren't growing at the same pace as high- and low-wage jobs.

For the purpose of the study, CareerBuilder and Emsi used the National Employment Law Project's definitions: Low-wage jobs pay \$13.83 per hour or less; middle-wage jobs earn \$13.84 to \$21.13 per hour; and high-wage occupations make \$21.14 per hour or more.

While both high- and low-wage occupations are projected to grow by 5 percent from 2016 to 2021, middle-wage jobs are estimated to grow only by 3 percent. Middle-wage positions make up 34 percent of the total occupations tracked by Emsi, yet they account for 61 percent of the occupations expected to lose jobs over the next five years.

Whether you're currently working or seeking a job, being informed about trends affecting your industry can help you prepare for any chal-

lenges or opportunities that arise as a result. To that end, here is a breakdown of how each wage level is expected to perform over the next five years, along with examples of occupations that fall within each category. (All data provided by Emsi.)

HIGH-WAGE JOBS

Of the 387 analyzed occupations earning \$21.14 or more per hour, 90 percent are projected to see growth in the next five years, indicating opportunities in a wide variety of well-paying jobs. Growing high-wage occupations are expected to add 8,628 new jobs on average.

The fastest-growing high-wage occupations include:

- ▶ Software developers for applications (12 percent)
- ▶ Computer systems analysts (12 percent)
- ▶ Market research analysts and marketing specialists (11 percent)
- ▶ Management analysts (9 percent)
- ▶ Registered nurses (9 percent)

LOW-WAGE JOBS

While 77 percent of low-wage occupations are projected to add jobs in the coming five years, that growth will be much more dramatic than the

increases seen in high-wage occupations. Low-wage positions that are growing will add 28,636 new jobs on average in the next five years — the largest per-occupation growth by a wide margin.

The fastest-growing low-wage occupations include:

- ▶ Home health aides (19 percent)
- ▶ Restaurant cooks (9 percent)
- ▶ Nursing assistants (9 percent)
- ▶ Security guards (6 percent)
- ▶ Janitors and cleaners (6 percent)

MIDDLE-WAGE JOBS

As demonstrated by the lag in their expected growth rate, middle-wage occupations aren't quite keeping up with their high- and low-wage counterparts. Just 61 percent of occupations making between \$13.84 and \$21.13 per hour are expected to add jobs in the next five years. Those growing middle-wage occupations are projected to add 11,655 new jobs on average during that time.

The fastest-growing middle-wage occupations include:

- ▶ Medical assistants (11 percent)
- ▶ Customer-service representatives (6 percent)
- ▶ Maintenance and repair workers (5 percent)
- ▶ Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers (4 percent)
- ▶ Office clerks (4 percent)

While many middle-wage occupations may be behind, there is still noted growth across all the wage levels, leading to plenty of new opportunities.

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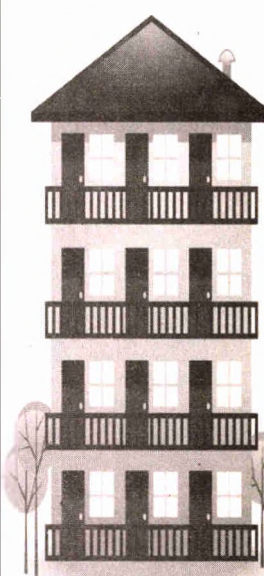
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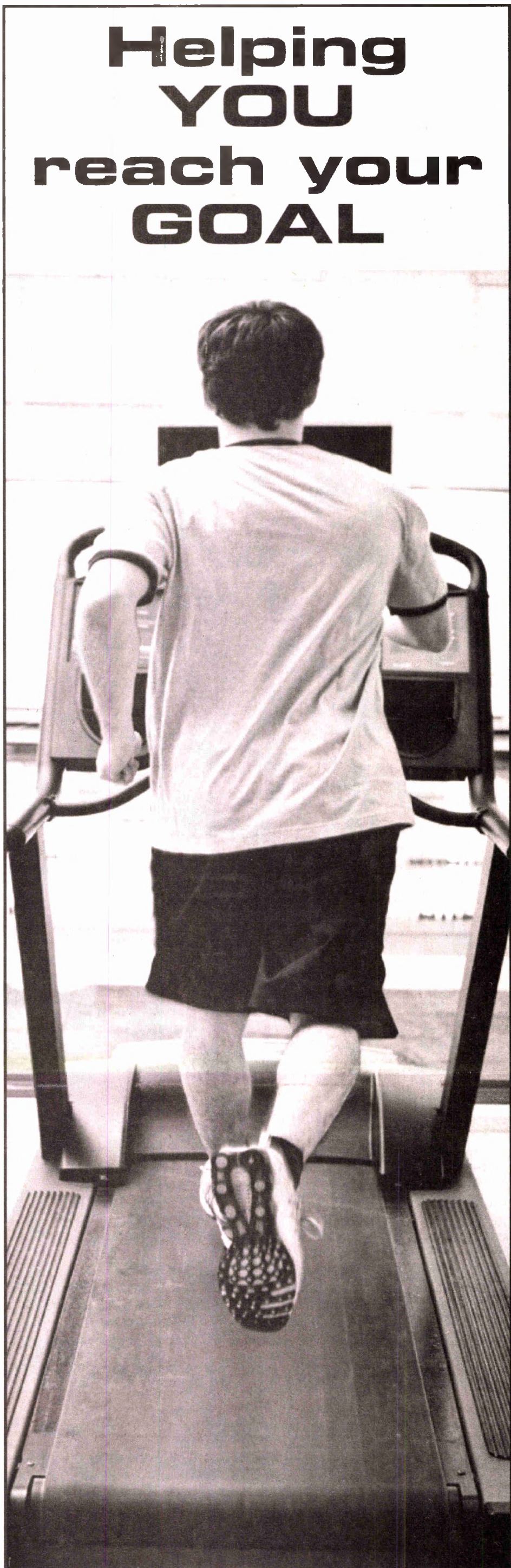
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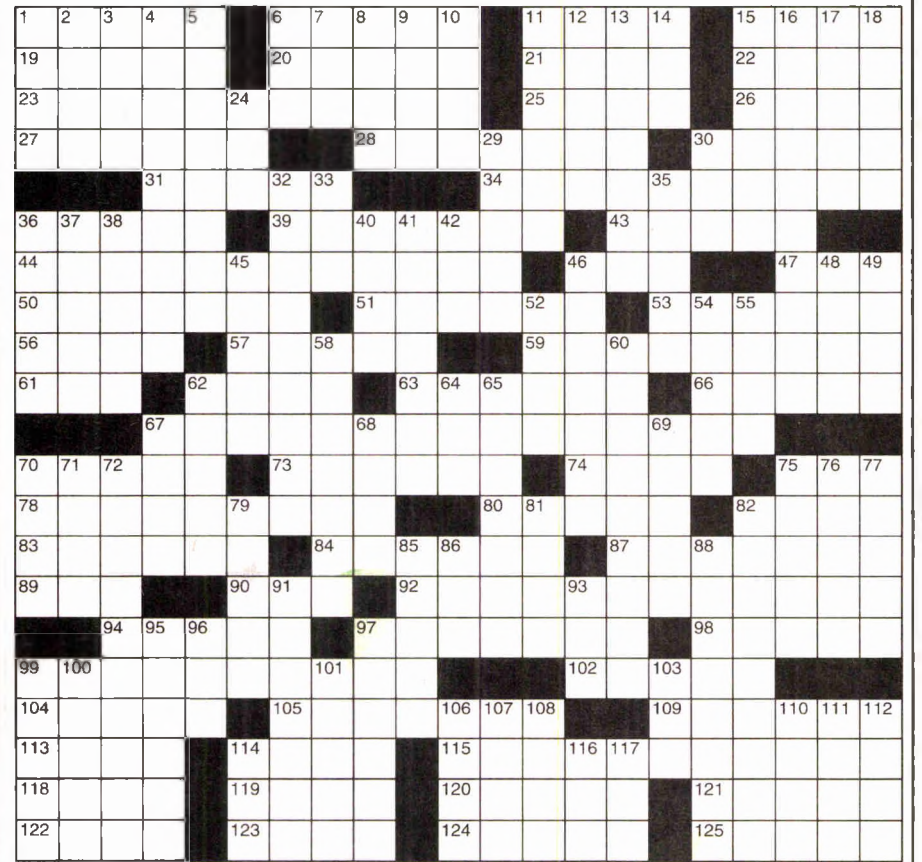
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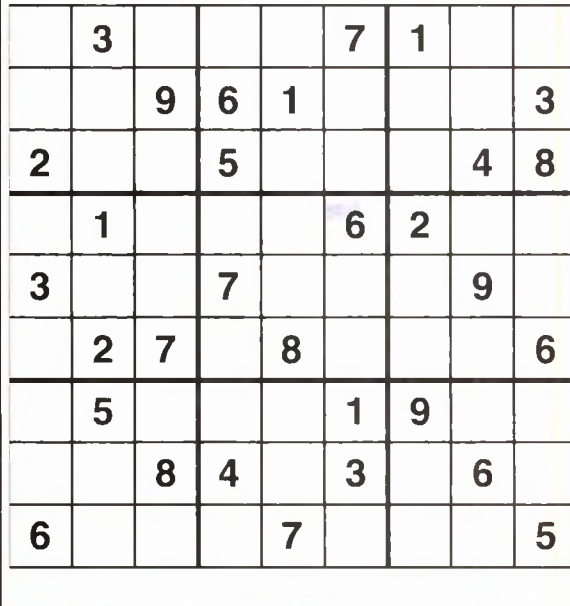
SUNDAY PUZZLE CORNER
CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mafia VIPs
 - 6 Chocolate substitute
 - 11 Maintain
 - 15 Molecule bit
 - 19 Animated
 - 20 North Pole explorer
 - 21 "My Friend —" (old radio show)
 - 22 Erie or Eyre
 - 23 It has many food aisles
 - 25 Used a sketchpad
 - 26 Diploma holder
 - 27 Arise
 - 28 — of Aquitaine
 - 30 Flip one's lid
 - 31 Result of an armistice
 - 34 Rialto locale
 - 36 Actress Birch
 - 39 Like some double-decker buses
 - 43 Yak's land
 - 44 Strong rapids, say
 - 46 Opposite of 31-Across
 - 47 Wallach of "Lord Jim"
 - 50 Daughter of Agamemnon
 - 51 Flawlessly
 - 53 Movie critic
 - 56 Sheltered, to sailors
 - 57 Suze of CNBC
 - 59 Posts such as "10 Signs You're a Puzzle Addict"
 - 61 — Moines
 - 62 A8 carmaker
 - 63 Onto land
 - 66 Geared up
 - 67 Product label stamps
 - 70 — Gras
 - 73 Light touch
 - 74 To be, to Zola
 - 75 Rx safety org.
 - 78 Straightening
 - 80 Medicare section
 - 82 Middling grades
 - 83 Actions of a trained horse
 - 84 Sell as a business
 - 87 Ties surgically
 - 89 2012 Best Director — Lee
 - 90 Old Delta alternative
 - 92 Sheeplike disposition
 - 94 Milo of film
 - 97 Alma mater of Samuel Alito
 - 98 Tip over
 - 99 Kicked out of
 - 102 Pale yellow
 - 104 "Nay" sayers
 - 105 Devotees' Web page
 - 109 City on the Illinois River
 - 113 Fast one
 - 114 "Put — on it!"
 - 115 Source of the long word made from the starts of eight Across answers in this puzzle
 - 118 Wyatt out West
 - 119 Soccer legend
 - 120 Pool slime
 - 121 Kate's TV roommate
 - 122 Energetic
 - 123 Cold War abbr.
 - 124 Bozo, e.g.
 - 125 River deposit
- DOWN**
- 1 Docket entry
 - 2 Grad
 - 3 Popeye prop
 - 4 Charge too much for
 - 5 Bilko's rank
 - 6 Pro with IRS returns
 - 7 — Lingus
 - 8 Fall tool
 - 9 Ex-Dodger Hershiser
 - 10 Gig billionth
 - 11 Hold hostage
 - 12 Dashing
 - 13 Retired female prof
 - 14 Clawed foot
 - 15 1990s vice president
 - 16 Fast whirling dance of Italy
 - 17 Striped-legged beast
 - 18 Jason's wife
 - 24 "— culpa!"
 - 29 Come at — (not be free)
 - 30 Dollop
 - 32 Lack of bravery
 - 33 Fuel economy org.
 - 35 Top spot
 - 36 Walk on
 - 37 Oscar winner Berry
 - 38 S-curves
 - 40 Kett of comic strips
 - 41 Week-old baby, e.g.
 - 42 Singer's syllable
 - 45 Collection
 - 46 More quirky
 - 48 Bore false witness
 - 49 Tiny, to a tot
 - 52 Tesla Motors CEO Musk
 - 54 New staffer
 - 55 Tennis stat
 - 58 Carmen with fruit hats
 - 60 Puget Sound city, in an address
 - 62 Pink-slipping
 - 64 Gal in the family
 - 65 Home for the sick
 - 67 Threshold
 - 68 Joking Johnson
 - 69 Amtrak sight
 - 70 Baby's cry
 - 71 Comic King
 - 72 Beat-keeping Beatle
 - 75 One in utero
 - 76 John of tractor fame
 - 77 Beneficial thing
 - 79 Portioned
 - 81 Dye in blue jeans
 - 82 1942 horror classic
 - 85 John or John Quincy
 - 86 "U R funny!"
 - 88 Cut-covering cloth
 - 91 Pancake alternatives
 - 93 Take it on the — (flee)
 - 95 Ren's cartoon pal
 - 96 "For — a jolly good fellow"
 - 97 At a distance
 - 99 Fertile areas in deserts
 - 100 Open, as a pill bottle
 - 101 Amtrak sights
 - 103 NYSE event
 - 106 Apple on a desk, maybe
 - 107 Towering
 - 108 Accordingly
 - 110 Small stream
 - 111 Middle of many a sig.
 - 112 Offshore
 - 114 Kwik-E-Mart storekeeper
 - 116 Swerve
 - 117 Put in writing



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SUDOKU



Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

5	1	8	8	7	6	2	4	9
2	9	7	3	5	4	8	6	1
4	8	6	1	9	2	5	7	7
9	8	4	5	8	2	7	2	6
1	6	8	4	2	7	5	9	8
7	5	2	9	6	3	4	1	8
8	4	9	6	3	5	1	7	2
3	7	3	2	5	7	1	9	4
6	2	9	4	7	1	8	9	5

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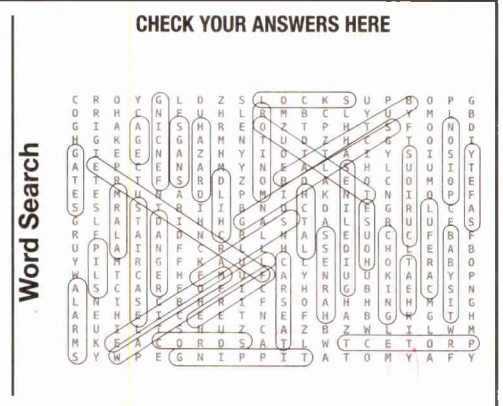
WORDS

- AGE
- ALARM
- ALARMS
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- BATHTUB
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- CARSEAT
- CHILD
- CHOKING
- CORDS
- CURIOUS
- DANGER
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- HARNES
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- HEAT
- HOUSE
- LATCH
- LOCKS
- MOBILE
- MONITOR
- OUTLET
- POISON
- PROTECT
- SAFETY
- SCALDING
- SNAGS
- STAIRCASE
- TIPPING
- WATCHFUL

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

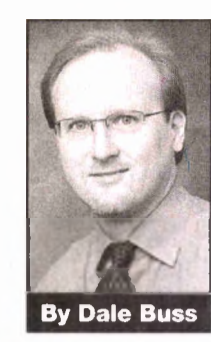
Crossword Answers

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 ALIVE PEARY IRMA LAKE
 SUPERMARKET DREW GRAD
 EMERGE ELEANOR GOAPE
 PEACE CALIFORNIA
 THORA OPENTOP TIBET
 RAGINGWATERS WAR ELI
 ELECTRA TOATEE SHALIT
 ALICE GRAMAN BLISTIGLES
 DESAUDIASHORE READY
 EXPIRATIONDATES
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 ALIGNMENT PARTA CEES
 MANEGE DEALIN LIGATES
 ANG TWA DOCILE NATURE
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 SPRY USSR CLOWN DELTA



Car Report

NISSAN RENEWS AND ELEVATES 'HEISMAN HOUSE' CAMPAIGN TO BOOST ITS 'YEAR OF THE TRUCK' AS IT LAUNCHES NEW TITAN



By Dale Buss

Nissan is entering the sixth year of its Heisman House marketing campaign in partnership with ESPN, and by now their joint effort to highlight ex-jocks and college football in the service of selling cars and sports broadcasts has created a very interesting and effective parallel universe to NCAA gridiron play itself.

The brand was able to trace nearly 3 percent of its sales in the United States last year directly to the Heisman House campaign. Six years ago, this new marketing platform began a second phase of Nissan's existing relationship with college football and the Heisman Foundation that awards the trophy each year to the best player in the game.

That means roughly 40,000 of Nissan Division's 1.35 million vehicle sales in 2015 occurred directly because of consumers' reactions to the fictional exploits of a coterie of real sports legends in their made-up "domicile."

"That's a lot of cars," Jeremy Tucker, vice president of marketing communications and media for Nissan North America, told me. "And we have 77 percent unaided recall of Nissan



Nissan hopes its all-new 2017 Titan challenges for a bigger share of pickup sales.

as the Heisman Trophy sponsor. You don't get that overnight."

This year, Nissan and ESPN are adding new layers to this cornucopia of football nostalgia and fan geekdom by bringing into the fictional fraternity Derrick Henry, the Alabama running back who won last year's Heisman Trophy and who now is a member of the Tennessee Titans in the pro game; former Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel; and another former Florida cornerback, much better known than Wuerffel: Tim Tebow.

Eight Nissan vehicles are being featured prominently throughout the campaign, including the Rogue, Titan and Armada, which are part of the brand's "Year of the Truck" focus. Nissan is in the midst of launching a new version of its full-size Titan pickup, for example, to better compete in a booming market segment.

"Football completely overindexes with the truck segment," Tucker said, "and the No. 1 job of Titan is to break through." Ads for the overhauled model "will be massively played" on broadcasts of college football and the NFL he said -- and Heisman House will be there as well to support the launch.

Overall, the campaign that launched on September 1 will star 14 Heisman Trophy winners in a series of TV spots airing on ESPN throughout the season. It includes four 45-second spots and five 15-second ads.

In typical fashion, this year's hijinks ensue in a 90-second video, titled "Welcome to the House," in which newbie Henry flies his drone through the mansion catching the other Heisman winners in unguarded moments.

And these "unguarded" moments include deep clues as to why the Heisman House platform has been so successful for Nissan: because it

makes viewers believe they're part of a (wink! wink!) club of fellow college-football aficionados who understand the game and its practitioners on a whole 'nother level above the average fan.

"We've found with college-football fans that it's about insider access, and cultural moments -- 'Did you see that?' or 'Did you know that?'" Tucker said. "It also reinforces the ESPN brand and the experience that people go to them for on game day when they watch ESPN."

"Easter eggs" embedded in the first ad illustrate how Nissan creates these sorts of priceless connections with fans. One of them shows former

Boston College and pro quarterback Doug Flutie dancing with his actual partner from Dancing with the Stars; another depicts former Ohio State and Titans running back Eddie George practicing a Shakespeare scene, because close followers might know that he actually has had a role in Chicago on Broadway.

Also part of the campaign are an online platform where fans can cast their votes for the next Heisman Trophy winner and a social-media effort, as well as other traditional advertising.

And a Nissan Heisman House Tour features a simulated Heisman House that will travel to various college

campuses around the U.S. leading up to the College Football Playoff National Championship in January. It intersects with ESPN's Game Day broadcasts, of course, which also are conducted live from campuses.

Former Heisman winners want to get in on the action every year because they understand its relevance to the game that provided their doorway to fame.

"Every year in the middle of the summer, they want in," Tucker said. "My phone rings off the hook. And that's the secret sauce: These guys have fun doing it... It's not advertising that can be skipped over. It's shareable and snackable and relevant to the fan."



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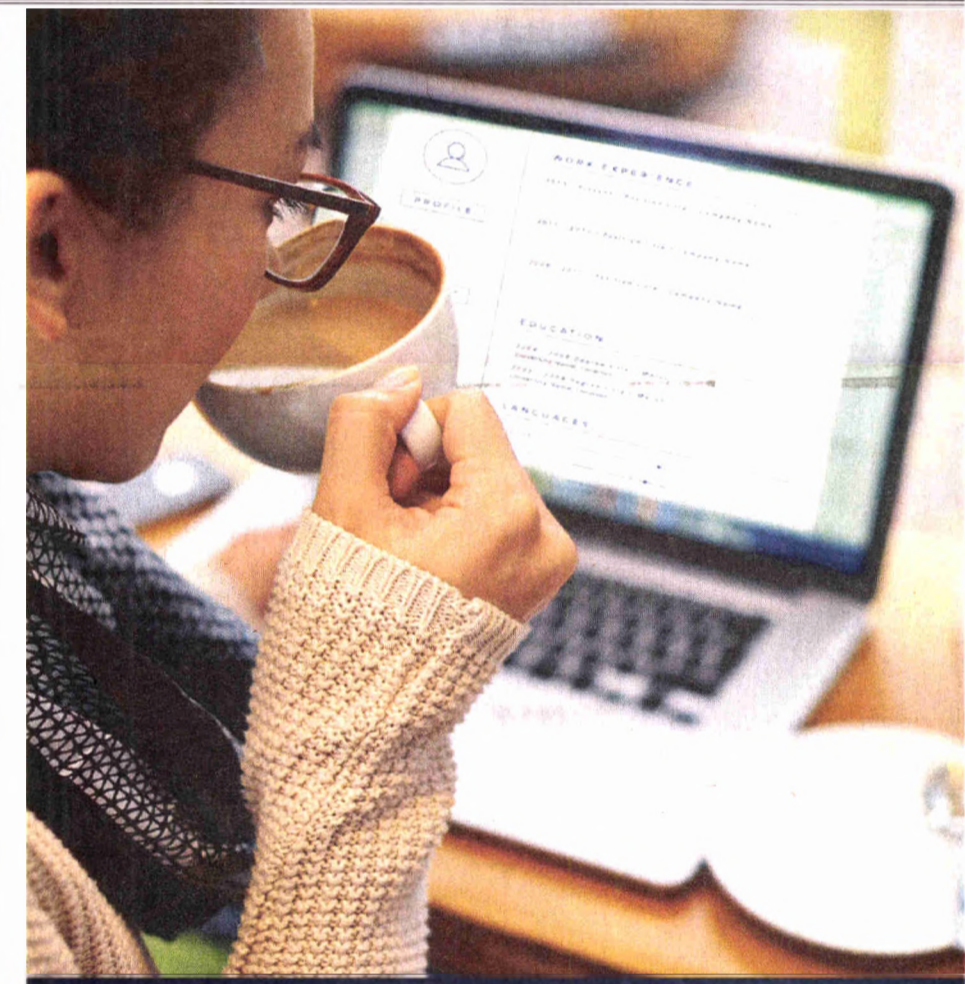
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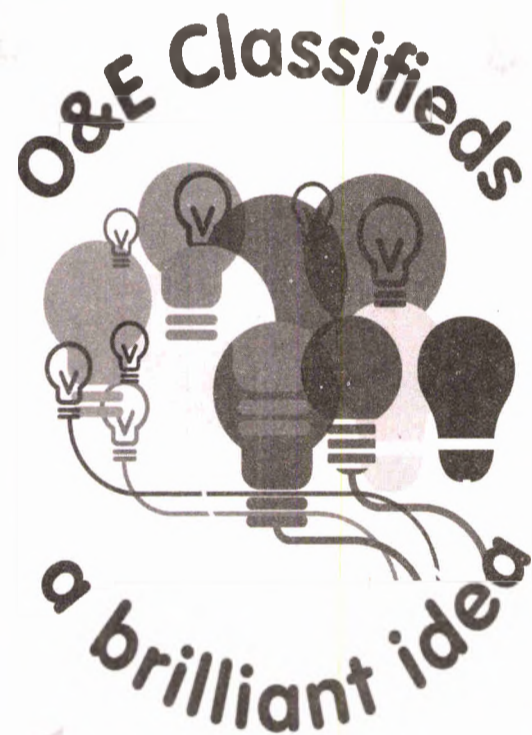
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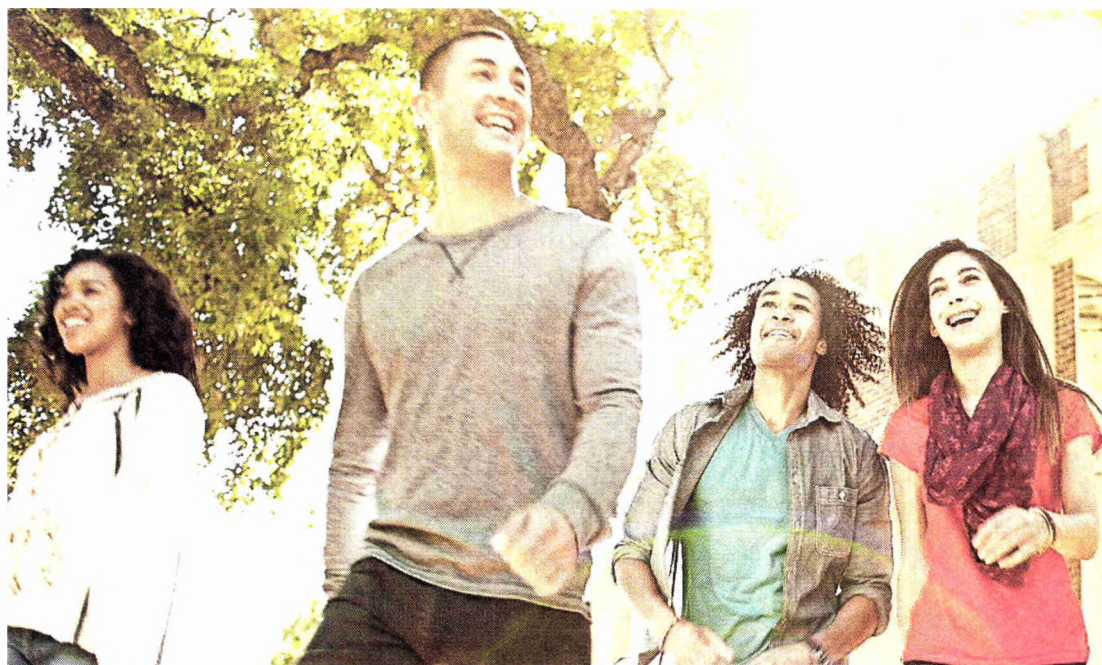
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If necessary, look into Federal Direct PLUS loans, which can cover up to 100 percent of remaining education-related



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Are you ready for college? Preparation is about more than test-taking and achieving solid grades — it also means preparing financially for the next four years and beyond.

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Families are tapping more scholarships and grants to pay for college

Families spent less out-of-pocket for college in academic year 2015-16 compared to last year, as they took advantage of more scholarships and grants to foot the bill, according to "How America Pays for College 2016," the national study from Sallie Mae, the country's largest private student lender, and Ipsos, a global independent market research company.

Scholarships and grants covered 34 percent of college costs, according to the report, the largest percentage of any resource over the last five years. Approximately, half of families used a scholarship or grant to help pay for college.

"Families wrote smaller checks for

college this year as they looked less to their wallets and more toward free money to make college happen," says Raymond Quinlan, chairman and chief executive officer, Sallie Mae, a company focused on helping families save, plan and pay for college. "Scholarships and grants have become an increasingly important part of the pay-for-college mix, and it's encouraging to see organizations, schools and the government stepping up to provide them."

"The results of this important annual study shed light on critical financial decisions families are making for and with their college-bound students," said

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College students may be able to consolidate or refinance student loans to save money and make repayment easier.

How to approach refinancing or consolidating student loans

The average college student can expect to pay between \$10,000 and \$23,000 in tuition fees at public universities, depending on if they live in-state or out. Those costs are even higher for private colleges, with prices starting at \$30,000, according to The College Board, a mission-driven not-for-profit organization that connects students to college success and opportunity. Millions of students and their families simply cannot afford to pay for tuition and boarding outright, leaving them to seek out student loans and other options to finance their educations.

Today's college students can expect to graduate with substantial debt. According to an analysis of government data by Mark Kantrowitz, publisher at Edvisors, a group of websites offering advice about planning and paying for college, members of the class of 2015 can expect to have a little more than \$35,000 in student loan debt upon graduation. In an effort to make repayment more manageable, many students opt to consolidate their loans or refinance for better rates.

Renegotiating, consolidating or refinancing can help recent grads in various ways. Some grads may find it easier to work with a single lender, while others may recognize how much they can save over the life of their loans if they refinance with lower interest rates. But before restructuring their loans, borrowers should take steps to understand the process so they can rest easy knowing they made the best decision.

» **Know the risks.** Borrowers who have federal student loans and are looking for better interest rates should realize that they may sacrifice some benefits by cutting ties with the federal program. These can include passing up on federal loan protection, such as deferment and certain loan forgiveness programs.

» **Explore the strengths of other lenders.** Many banks are out there looking to do business, but lower interest rates may not be reason enough to refinance. Think about the convenience of keeping the loan with the bank you currently use for other accounts. This can make managing your finances much easier. There may even be incentives to keep all of your accounts with the same bank. Such perks may include lower interest rates or fee forgiveness. Some borrowers may want to work with lenders that specialize in student loans.

» **Inquire about potential fees.** Some lenders charge fees to transfer loans. Weigh the benefits of paying that fee against the perks of the new lender. Will you really save money?

» **Think about interest rates.** Rates are usually separated into fixed or variable rates. Although variable rates can start out low, they may increase incrementally based on the market. Fixed rates do not vary and can be a safer option if you cannot pay off the loan very quickly.

» **Verify your credit standing.** Even after all of the rate advertisements and the assumed benefits of a new loan, loan rates and terms are usually based on a borrower's financial health and credit. Be sure your credit rating is good; otherwise the rate you end up with may not warrant refinancing.

» **Make sure loans are eligible.** Not every lender will take on student loans. Determine your eligibility before you begin doing all the legwork required to restructure your existing loans.

Restructuring student loans can benefit borrowers in various ways. But borrowers should do their best to learn the ins and outs of restructuring before changing their existing terms.

— MetroCreative

How to earn a college scholarship

The cost of a college education continues to rise. The College Board says the average cost of tuition and fees for the 2015-16 school year was \$32,405 at private colleges, \$9,410 for state residents at public colleges and \$23,893 for out-of-state residents attending public universities. In 2013 and 2014, the average cost of a year's tuition at a Canadian university was \$5,772.

The high cost of education compels many students to find ways to finance their education. For many, that means exploring available scholarships.

Scholarships come in different forms and are usually offered to students as a gift to be put toward college or university costs. Some schools offer scholarships, while other scholarships are sponsored by outside organizations.

Students who meet certain requirements may be eligible for scholarships. While academic or athletic skills are the first criteria associated with scholarships, they are not the only avenues by which students can pursue scholarships. Scholarships may be offered to students of certain ethnic groups; children of employees at particular companies; or to students who live in particular states. Local branches of organizations like the Rotary Club or Kiwanis also may give out scholarships.

To improve one's odds of getting a scholarship, consider the following tips.

» **Get involved with the community.** Many scholarship sponsors seek individuals who are committed to volunteerism. Plus, volunteering for various groups puts students in the path of information about scholarships from these organizations.

» **Use scholarship search engines.** Those who search for scholarship sponsors should find plenty of results if they peruse scholarship search engines such as Scholarships.com, CollegeBoard.com and FastWeb.com.

» **Check the local newspaper.** The coupon section of the Sunday newspaper may feature scholar-



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Scholarships are available for those who are willing to put in the time to research their options.

ships, as might the classified section. This is a great resource for finding locally based scholarships.

» **Use networking contacts.** Students should ask anyone they know if they are aware of any scholarship opportunities. Students who develop a rapport with guidance counselors or the financial aid department at their prospective colleges or universities may learn about scholarship opportunities that are not highly publicized. These people may have the inside track on scholarship information.

» **Apply for all available scholarships.** Now is not the time for students to become lazy. Students should apply for as any scholarships for which they meet the eligibility requirements.

Scholarships can help students offset the rising costs of a college education. Those who are willing to put in the research, time and effort to apply may find a wealth of scholarship opportunities at their disposal.

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How to curtail college costs

Education is an expensive investment, costing many people as much as their homes and far more than their vehicles. And the cost of a college education only continues to rise. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, for the 2012-13 academic year, the annual costs for undergraduate tuition, room and board were estimated at \$15,000 for public schools and between \$23,000 and \$39,000 for private institutions, whether they were for-profit or nonprofit.

Few students are able to fund their schooling outright, which means they must seek ways to finance their educations. The following are a handful of strategies students can employ to curtail college costs.

» **Investigate scholarship programs.** Colleges and universities offer scholarships to incoming students based on various criteria. Start by speaking with a school guidance counselor about available scholarships. Consult directly with the schools where you plan to apply for admission. You may find that they offer scholarships based on academic merit, ex-

tracurricular activities or athletics. You also can do a search online. Scholarships.com, for example, enables you to find available money to pay for college.

» **Explore academic grants.** Grants are another form of financial assistance for students to explore. Unlike scholarships, which are awarded based on merit, grants are not tied to a specific list of criteria that must be met. Financial need is often given greater weight when awarding grants than academic performance. Public and private organizations, professional associations, the government, and even schools sponsor various types of grants.

» **Sign up for work-study programs.** Work-study programs are another form of financial aid. When part of a work-study program, students work part-time to offset their college expenses. Jobs may be available on-campus or off-campus, though ones that are on-campus may be more amenable to your class schedule.

» **Stick closer to home.** Many students dream of attending college away from home and immersing themselves



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Scholarships, grants and work-study programs are a few ways to keep college costs down.

in a new environment including dorm life. However, attending school close to home can drastically reduce the cost of pursuing your degree. At public universities, tuition costs for in-state students are typically a lot less than the costs for out-of-state students. Room and board costs, which out-of-state students who can't commute to school must pay, can cost several thousand dollars per year. If you can find a school close to home and commute to school, you can save a substantial amount of money.

» **Be frugal with food.** Food costs

can quickly add up if you frequently dine out. College towns have a number of attractions and eateries, and it's easy to succumb to the draw and convenience of takeout or sit-down meals at a restaurant. Limit dining out to special occasions and try to stick to dining halls or meals you prepare yourself to reduce food costs.

The cost of higher education continues to climb. But there are ways to make post-secondary schooling more affordable.

—MetroCreative

Three ways to quickly pay down college debt

Student loan debt is a big concern for today's newly minted college graduates. According to an analysis of government data by Edvisors.com, a website that provides financial information about college to students and parents, the average student in the class of 2015 will graduate with more than \$35,000 in student debt. That figure is roughly \$2,000 more than the class of 2014 graduates faced upon receiving their degrees.

With such substantial debts, it's no wonder many college graduates find themselves looking for ways to pay down that debt as quickly as possible once they leave campus life behind. Paying down college debt may seem daunting at first, but the following are some ways for recent grads to get out from under that debt sooner rather than later.

1. Pay more than you owe

The best way to reduce the principal on student loans quickly is to pay more than you owe each month. Once the repayment grace period ends, grads will see what their monthly student loan payment is. Paying more than that amount each month can drastically reduce your repayment period, and you will pay considerably less in interest over the life of the loan. For example, a graduate who owes \$25,000 and pays 6 percent interest annually for 10 years will pay roughly \$278 per month to eliminate that loan in exactly 120 months. Over those 120 months, grads will have paid more than \$8,300 in interest in addition to their \$25,000 principal. However, grads who pay an additional \$50 per month will pay their loans off nearly two years earlier and

pay nearly \$2,000 less in interest over the life of the repayment.

2. Arrange for automatic deposits into a repayment fund

One of the more difficult parts of repaying student loans for recent grads is setting aside enough money to pay them off. Upon landing their first professional jobs, new grads are often making more money than they've ever earned in the past, and many have no idea how to manage their new-found financial windfalls. In addition to making your monthly payments via your everyday checking account, arrange for automatic deposits into a savings account you will exclusively use to repay your student loans so you are not tempted to spend that money on more frivolous pursuits. You won't miss the money if you never get used to having

it, and you will celebrate the day the balance in your student loan savings account matches the payoff amount on your student loan balance.

3. Make plans

Failure to make a plan is one way to miss the opportunity to pay off your college debt as quickly as possible. Make specific financial goals, such as owning your own home in 'X' number of years or saving money for postgraduate tuition. Having specific goals and plans in place can provide the motivation you need to pay down college debt sooner rather than later.

Student loan debt intimidates many recent graduates. But those who stay disciplined can repay their loans quickly and regain some financial freedom.

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costs.

“College-bound students and their families should review grants, scholarships and loans from a wide variety of sources,” said John Rasmussen, head of Wells Fargo’s Personal Lending Group, which is also the nation’s second largest private student lender among U.S. banks. “After making careful comparisons, they should borrow only what they need.”

A handful of private student lenders defer loan repayments until after students leave school. In the case of Wells Fargo, this date begins a full six months later — and, if new graduates need time to find a job, the bank can extend the repayment start date up to a year.

Cost-saving opportunities exist whereby students can consolidate loans or refinance into loans with a lower interest rate. These actions can help students significantly reduce costs associated with their debt.

With all funding sources, it’s critical to be aware of application deadlines and the terms associated with assistance, whether it’s GPA

maintenance for scholarship eligibility or an interest rate.

Managing money

For many students, college is an opportunity to manage money for the first time. Fortunately, students today have financial planning tools that previous generations did not enjoy.

Young people can leverage their technology confidence to manage money by signing up for mobile banking and then setting up account alerts to avoid over-drafting. Online budgeting and expenditure-tracking tools can help students form sound financial habits and monitor savings.

Building credit

Good credit gives you more financial freedom and choices down the road. Start building good credit while you’re still in school. Pay bills on time, don’t open too many lines of credit and keep balances low. Whenever possible, pay more than the minimum each month. Check your credit history often.

Free resources that can help you plan for college can be found at wellsfargo.com/getcollegeready.

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Julia Clark, senior vice president at Ipsos Public Affairs. “The changing roles that college cost, borrowing and savings play in this process are essential to understand as key factors in the broader higher education landscape.”

» **Bachelor’s — the new norm:** Families are firmly in agreement on the value of college: 98 percent believe it’s an investment in their student’s future and 90 percent expect their student to earn a bachelor’s degree. What’s more, 54 percent of families expect their student to earn a graduate degree.

Families are putting their money where their mouth is — the vast majority are willing to stretch financially to make college happen.

» **Making college more affordable:** Nearly all families took at least one cost-saving measure, while most took five or more. These measures include cutting personal spending, working while in school, living at home and taking accelerated coursework to graduate faster.

Additionally, four in five students attended college in their home state and one in three started at community college. Eighty-five percent of families completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

» **Borrowing not a forgone conclusion:** Fewer than half of families borrowed last year. In fact, the proportions of funding from family savings and income and scholarships and grants were twice as high as the proportion of funds borrowed. Student borrowing paid 13 percent of all college costs, down from 16 percent last year.

» **Cost important, but not top factor:** Sixty-seven percent of families narrow college choices based on cost, but when it comes to making the final decision, this takes a back seat. Primary reasons in choosing a college are split evenly between academic program and personal choice, which includes campus culture, extracurricular activities and student population. Cost ranked third at 27 percent.

» **Planning still pays off:** Only 40 percent of families have a plan to pay for college — but in families with plans, students are more likely to pursue bachelor’s degrees, there is more willingness and ability to spend on college, and students borrow 40 percent less than those from families without plans.

For the complete report, go to SallieMae.com/HowAmericaPaysForCollege. Join the conversation using #HowAmericaPays. To learn more about planning for college, go to Salliemae.com/PlanforCollege.

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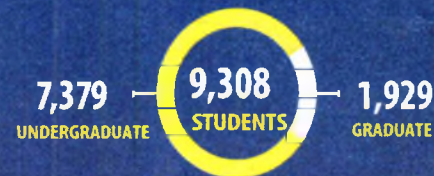
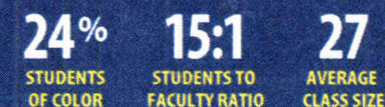


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