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Mayor sought input on nomination, but media lawyers question process

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Behind-the-scenes discussions among Plymouth City Commission members and commissioners-elect led to the nomination of a man who's in line for a spot on the commission.

Mayor Dan Dwyer said Thursday that, following the

Nov. 3 election, he spoke with election winners and with other commissioners, asking for suggestions about who should fill the vacancy left by Diane Bogenrieder, who resigned Nov. 2. Ten or 12 possible nominees,



Dwyer



Valenti

Dwyer said, were discussed. "I had conversations with all the commissioners," Dwyer said. Some conversations were by phone, the mayor said, and some in person. The mayor said he later met

with Commissioners Mike Wright and Oliver Wolcott to talk over possible nominees. They decided on Joseph Valenti and that decision was run by the others who are now on the new commission, which was seated Monday.

Dwyer says Valenti, a five-year Downtown Development Authority member, will be voted into office at Monday's

commission meeting. He will fill the remaining two years of the term left by Bogenrieder.

"I'm not going to put someone's name in nomination without talking to my colleagues about it," Dwyer said.

But that process was questioned Friday by two lawyers who work in media advocacy.

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VETERANS HONORED FOR THEIR SERVICE

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The Plymouth community took an hour out to recognize its military veterans Wednesday.

With prayers, speeches and a rifle salute, the annual Veterans Day ceremony at Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park was a thank-you to the several dozen veterans who were there and a plea to the public to get involved to help veterans, to extend the thank-yous beyond words.

"We could do more — all these organizations could do more — with your help," said John Spencer, president of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 and the master of ceremonies. "We could use the new ideas and energy."

The ceremony — which, like the armistice that ended World War I in 1918, began at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month — brought together veterans of different conflicts who represented local veterans groups, plus their relatives, local elected officials and everyday citizens.

"We do not ask much. Just a little respect, a little honor and to be thanked for what we have done for you," said Bob Caldwell, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695.

Caldwell, who served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam in 1968-69, said he lost six friends in the war during a 14-month period and that the incidents haunt him "just as if it happened yesterday."

Other speakers continued Spencer's theme of service, especially of service to veterans and those currently in the military.

Kenneth Pratt, a retired Air Force colonel, asked for volunteers to help out at the Freedom Center, a hospitality and resource center for people in the



Vietnam veteran Bob Lamoureux and fellow Vietnam Veterans of America members salute as "Taps" is played for the conclusion of the Veterans Day ceremony in Plymouth.

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Viral video leads to shoplifter's confession

Matt Jachman
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It's the social media — and the social dragnet.

Facebook, the social media site that reportedly has more than a billion users worldwide, helped police catch a shoplifting suspect last week who quickly confessed to stealing from two stores in downtown Plymouth.

A misdemeanor warrant request for the 44-year-old Canton Township woman was pending late last week, Plymouth Lt. Jamie Grabowski said.

"Social media changes everything," said Elle Dare, the owner, with husband Charles, of Genuine Toy Co., one of the stores the woman struck. "Now, they really can't outrun this, because the whole community gets involved."

It was Genuine Toy that put a video of the woman on its Facebook page following the Nov. 5 thefts from that store and the nearby boutique Home Sweet Home.

That led to tips from the public, Dare said, and the return of the stolen merchandise — figures and accessories from the Calico Critters line of dolls. A lamp stolen from Home Sweet Home was also returned.

Dare said the store received Facebook messages from people who recognized the woman. The video had been widely shared and had been viewed more than 32,000 times, she said.

Police detective Grabowski said the tip that led him to the suspect came in Nov. 8 from a man who spoke to the sergeant on duty and said the thief was a former co-worker.

A knock on the door

Grabowski and Officer Josh Carroll, also a detective, then went Monday morning to an address they found for the woman. It turned out to be her parents' house, he said; the officers said they wanted to speak to her.

"She called within the hour to see why we were there," Grabowski said.

Grabowski and Carroll soon were at the woman's house, where she was shown the video and confessed to the thefts, he said.

Dare said the response to the Facebook posting showed support for local merchants from the community. "It was kind of their chance to protect their city and their businesses," she said.

Genuine Toy, she said, discovered the shoplifting after a receiving Nov. 5 merchant alert — a telephone-call chain sys-

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P-CCS students shine spotlight on homelessness

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Correspondent

Canton High school senior Samantha McGrath, 17, clearly remembers when the issue of homelessness first touched her last year.

Waiting in her first-hour class to present a group project, she nervously anticipated the arrival of the last group member: the students simply could not continue without her.

"It kept getting later and later. I told my teacher, 'She's a really good student; I'm sure she will be here to help us

present our project,'" McGrath said.

Sure enough, at the last moment, the student arrived, late and out of breath from rushing, but ready to begin school.

The reason for the student's tardiness was startling: Her family was recently homeless and the student had worked a double shift through the night in order to help with finances.

"Homelessness became a reality for me right at that moment," said McGrath, a Canton resident. "I was just stunned. I had known this girl

throughout my school career; I went to middle school with her, now high school — she was just like everyone else. Except now, she and her family were homeless."

This situation — and others like it — have made a big impact on students throughout the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

It is one reason that the Student Leadership Council, a group of more than 100 student representatives in grades 4-12 from across the district focused on community ser-

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Samantha McGrath (left) with Cynthia Kabza Verduyts, chairwoman of Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle.



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military who are traveling through Wayne County Metropolitan Airport. Pratt helped found the center in 2011 and said more than 200,000 visitors have passed through the facility since then.

"We support the troops 365 days a year," Pratt said.

Charlie Powell, director of the American Legion Riders, a group of motorcycle enthusiasts at the Legion's Post 32 in Livonia, spoke of the group's work over more than two decades: fundraising for charities, supporting the Wounded Warrior Project, leading



Veterans and their supporters gathered at 11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month to recognize Veterans Day, which was once called Armistice Day to mark the end of World War I.



Charlie Powell of Livonia is director of the American Legion Riders at Post 32 in Livonia. In front of the podium is the empty chair awaiting the return of missing prisoners of war from Vietnam.

parades, offering scholarships for the children of veterans and providing escorts when the funerals of service members face disruptive protesters. Other speakers in-

cluded state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer and Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price. Don Digan, chaplain at

VFW Post 6695, offered thoughts to begin and end the ceremony. "Remember the cost ... and hold in your heart the cause of freedom," Digan said.

Caldwell, the VFW post commander, was pleased with the ceremony and the turnout. "It shows support from the community for veterans," Caldwell said.

"The veterans that were here are all brothers. It's special union that we have."
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Michigan's 1976 Open Meetings Act requires most government bodies to deliberate and vote in public, allowing for closed discussions in a limited number of specific situations.

'I would challenge it'

"That vetting outside the public sphere is likely outside the Open Meetings Act. ... Deliberations should be conducted openly," said Jennifer Dukarski, an attorney with the Michigan Press Association.

"Even though a quorum wasn't physically present, by contacting everybody ... that's clearly in violation of the Open Meetings Act," said Jane Briggs-Bunting, a media attorney and Michigan Coalition for

Open Government board member. "That's a decision that has been made behind closed doors."

Dukarski said although the OMA frowns on so-called "around-the-horn" discussions by government boards, case law has allowed a gray area in which a "pulse check" — finding out how members might vote on a specific issue — is permitted. But the distinction between a "pulse check" and deliberations, or what amounts to a non-public vote, is a fine line, she said.

"Even if it falls within the gray area that might be permissible under the Open Meetings Act, it definitely is against the spirit of transparency," Dukarski said of the Plymouth example. "I would challenge it all day long and, from a legal standpoint, I would fight it and I would (say) it violates the Open Meet-

ings Act."

Dwyer defended his approach, saying the vote for Valenti will still be done in public.

'No decision made'

"I'm not going to put a name up for nomination unless I have some sense of it," he said. "It doesn't mean I took the vote."

City attorney Robert Marzano said he "wouldn't bet on anything from any government body" until a vote is taken. Marzano said he was not part of the discussion about Valenti.

"There's no decision made until it's made in an open meeting," Marzano said.

The city's charter says that, except in cases of a recall, a commission vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the mayor and that the commission "shall confirm and approve such appointment at its next regularly

scheduled meeting." In the event the vacancy occurs within 30 days before a commission election — which happened in the case of Bogenrieder's spot — the vacancy will not be filled until the first meeting after the new commission's organizational meeting.

The charter has no provision for a special election to fill a vacancy such as the one left by Bogenrieder, nor is there a requirement that the next-highest vote-getter in a recent election be appointed.

Challenger Jack Wilson finished fifth in the election with 366 votes, 236 behind fourth-place finisher Dalton. Valenti was not a candidate.

In its organizational meeting Monday, election winners Suzi Deal, Colleen Pobur, Mike Wright and Dan Dalton were sworn in.

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tem by which local merchants notify each other that a shoplifting has taken place. Workers

decided, she said, to review the store's security video and discovered the shoplifter had actually been in the store minutes before the incident at Home Sweet Home.

Both Dare and Grabowski said photos and

videos shared on social media — or on the websites of traditional media — have helped locate suspects in the past. Security cameras are everywhere, Grabowski said, and people should assume that, when they're in

public settings, they're on camera.

Shoplifters "shouldn't be surprised when they get the knock on the door or the phone call," he said.

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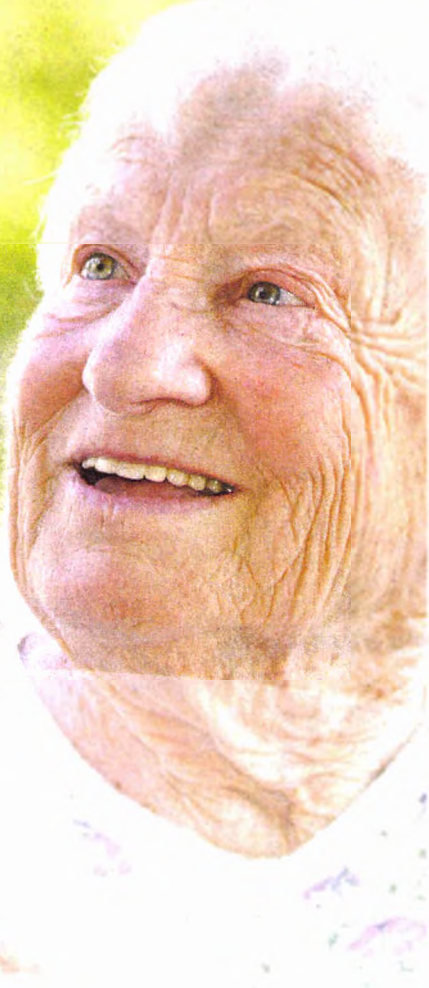
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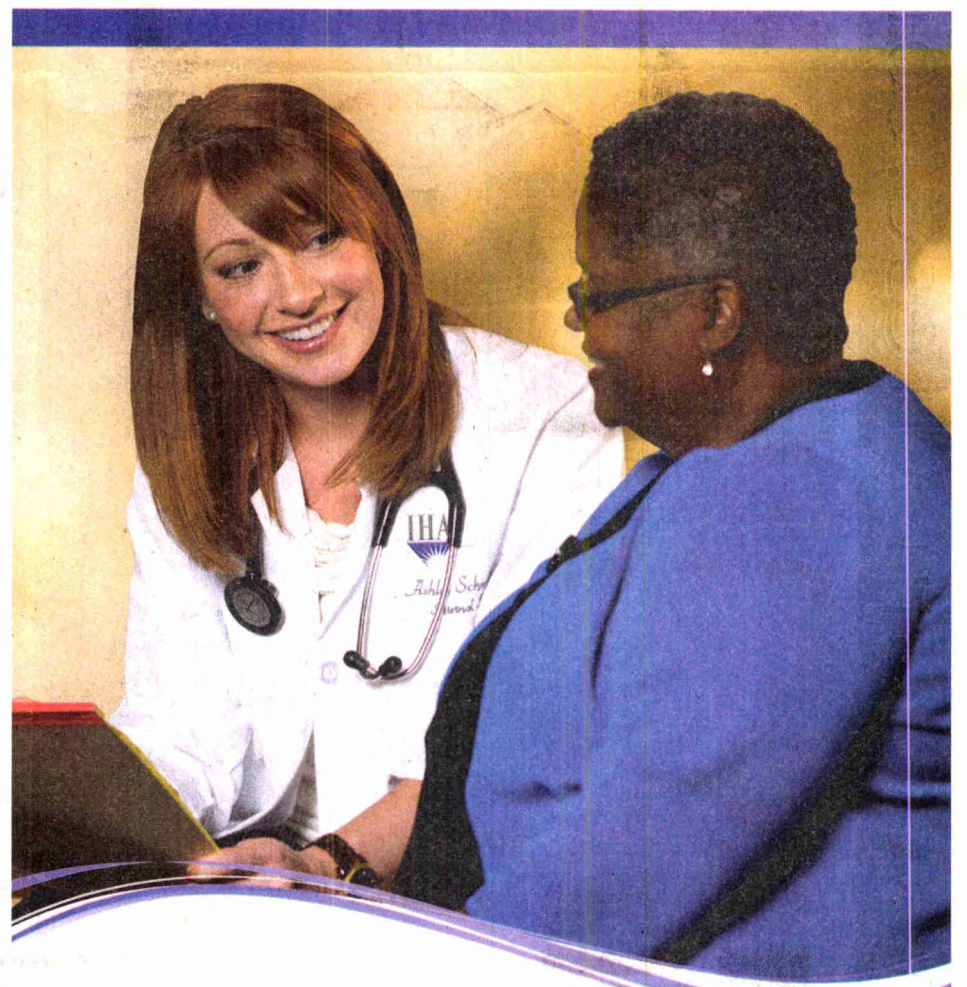
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P-CEP honor students partner with Detroit school

Nidhi Patel
Correspondent

On Oct. 14, about 50 students from P-CEP visited the third-grade classrooms at the Roberto Clemente Academy in Detroit. As members of the National Honor Society, they are continuing a five-year partnership with Bridgepointe, dedicated to bridging the gap between Detroit and the suburbs.

The event was planned and hosted by a group of National Honor Society members - Bri Griffin, Mitch Gonzalez, Nidhi Patel and Lisa Zhang - who chose to host several events throughout the year at the Academy as their service project for this year.

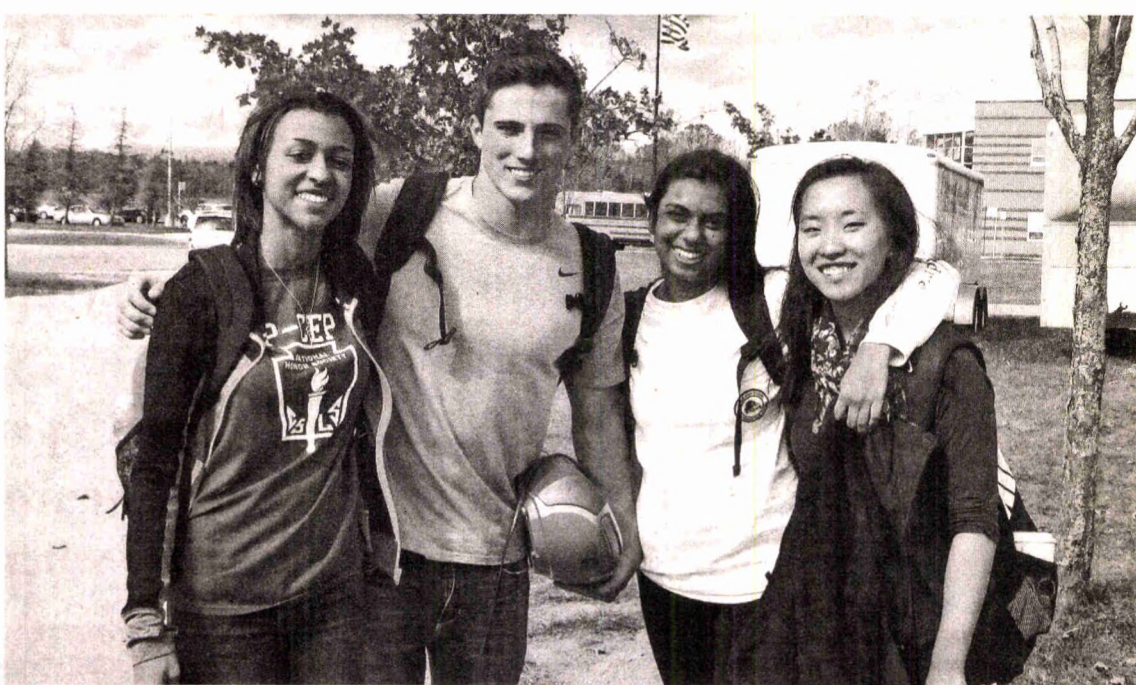
The Oct. 14 event was a Spanish Cultural Day in honor of Hispanic Month. The volunteers who came on this trip were Salem High School teacher Kathy Hunt's Spanish classes, composed of sophomores, juniors and seniors.

The NHS group and the Spanish class students traveled to the Academy in the

morning to sing songs, play games, teach more than 100 third-grade students about Spanish artwork and artists and eat homemade Hispanic food for lunch.

The kids at the Academy were beyond ecstatic to see all of the volunteers and they were enthusiastic about the activities planned for the day. The volunteers were also excited to meet and interact with the kids, many forming unforgettable bonds with the students in their classrooms.

One of the activities included a presentation on several well-known Spanish artists such as Pablo Picasso and Frida Kahlo and many of their artworks. This was to teach the kids about an aspect of the Hispanic culture and also expose them to some of the art they will see when they go on the DIA trip the National Honor Society group planned for them in March for reading month. From now until the DIA trip, they are also hosting a holiday party in December. The Roberto Clemente students and NHS members are



Bri Griffin, Mitch Gonzalez, Nidhi Patel and Lisa Zhang are members of the P-CEP Honor Society.

eager to see each other again in a few months.

This effort was supported, in part, by a grant from Com-

munity Financial Summer of Giving campaign. Thanks, Community Financial!

Bri Griffin, Mitch Gonzalez, Nidhi Patel and Lisa Zhang are members of the P-CEP Honor Society. Advisers are Becky Kraft and Elena Girolamo.

Canton student honored for top scores

Canton resident Sarah Liberatore, a student at Phillips Exeter Academy, was among 300 high-achieving students who were honored in October at the 17th annual HATS Off Recognition Ceremony.

Liberatore was honored as a top-scoring student who participated in the Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search. She received high scores on a college entrance exam - SAT or ACT - while in middle school. She attended Canton Charter Academy.

The students and parents were guests at a reception held at the Michigan State University Gifted and Talented Education office.

The SAT and ACT tests administered to the middle school students are the same as given to high school students.

The middle school students who were honored have achieved scores comparable to the top 20-percent range of college-bound high school seniors' scores.



Sarah Liberatore is a Canton resident who attends Phillips Exeter Academy.

STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Honored

Kevin Frantz of Canton is among six Saginaw Valley State University students who took honors for their research and speaking skills Nov. 6 during the 26th annual Sims Public Speaking Competition. Frantz is a communication major and was one of 30 students who participated.

Earns scholarship

Nafiah Khan of Canton is one of 20 students to receive the Presidential Scholarship at Eastern Michigan University, beginning with the 2015-16 academic year. The Presidential Scholarship is a four-year award

that pays for 30 credit hours per year of in-state tuition, housing, a food allowance and mandatory fees.

During her time at EMU, Khan will pursue a degree in health care administration. After she graduates, she hopes to become a physician assistant.

While in high school, Khan was involved in the National Honor Society, journalism, Spanish club and the Michigan Society for Respiratory Care.

Presidential Scholars are selected during Eastern Michigan University's Presidential Scholarship Competition, held in December during a student's senior year of high school.

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Find the appealing 2015 Rogue at Nissan of Canton

The 2015 Nissan Rogue is an appealing compact SUV with a robust exterior and a high-quality look. Its sporty appearance is complemented with updated interior features. You can check out the the available models at Nissan of Canton located at 42175 Michigan Avenue, just west of I-275.

Styling

Nissan has definitely succeeded in crafting a compact SUV that many find appealing. The Nissan-family look is in full force, with more than a passing resemblance to the bigger Pathfinder. The look is more aggressive than its competitors, with bulging wheel arches and a bigger nose than the Honda CR-V or Toyota RAV4. Seventeen-inch steel wheels are standard on the base S trim, with 17-inch alloy wheels standard on the midlevel SV trim and 18-inch alloy wheels standard on the topline SL trim. New LED running lights up front and angular taillights make the Rogue distinctive even in the dark.

How it drives

The Rogue's powertrain is a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine making 170 horsepower and mated to a continuously variable automatic transmission. Front-wheel drive is standard and all-wheel drive an option.

Handling is sharp. The thick steering wheel delivers excellent feedback to the driver. Brakes are very strong and firm, with excellent pedal feel and no noticeable fade.

The standard front-wheel-drive Rogue gets an EPA-rated 26/33/28 mpg city/highway/combined.

Interior

Nissan paid a lot of attention to the interior, creating a cabin that is



Find the 2015 Nissan Rogue at Nissan of Canton at 42175 Michigan Ave.



The 2015 Nissan Rogue's bold, sharp bodylines offer a sporty and confident appearance, balancing its sleek style with an aggressive stance provided by large wheelwells and available 18-inch wheels and tires.

inviting, attractive and comfortable for a variety of body types. Slide into the driver's seat and the combination of command seating and low dashboard creates excellent visibility to the front and sides.

Seating is flexible, spacious and comfortable.

The second row of seats is also quite spacious at 37.9 inches, with much more legroom than expected for a compact

SUV, stadium-style layout and long, tall windows for rear seat passengers.

Ergonomics and electronics

Gauges are easily visible through the steering wheel and include a 5-inch color LCD, the largest in any Nissan product, to display a variety of customizable vehicle information.

A full complement of information and enter-

tainment electronics are available, including navigation, satellite radio and Bluetooth streaming audio and phone connectivity. The Rogue features not only a backup camera but Nissan's Around View Monitor, which uses cameras to display a 360-degree live feed of the Rogue's environment on the touchscreen.

Cargo and storage

Pop the rear hatch (a power liftgate is optional) to reveal a spacious cargo area with low bumper liftover. The second-row seats fold flat in a 40/20/40 split, and the levers are accessible with a stretch from the cargo area to unlatch the seatbacks. Fold the front passenger seat flat as well to get a cargo area able to accommodate an 8-foot ladder. For models without the third-row seat, under-floor storage is presented with two reconfigurable dividers that can also act as package shelves.

The Rogue cargo vol-

ume area is 39.3 cubic feet of space available behind the second row of seats.

Some notable features of the 2015 Rogue include the following:

Exterior highlights

- » 17-inch steel wheels; 17- and 18-inch alloy wheels available
- » Halogen headlights
- » LED daytime running lights
- » ear spoiler
- » Available power moonroof
- » Available fog lights
- » Available power liftgate
- » Available heated outside mirrors

Interior highlights

- » Available front seat warmers
- » Six-way adjustable driver's seat
- » Six front storage areas
- » Available Nissan-Connect™ with navigation
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- » Available Travel Link

Under the Hood

- » 170-horsepower, 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine
- » Continuously Variable Transmission
- » Front- or all-wheel drive
- » Active Trace Control
- » Active Engine Braking and Active Ride Control

Safety features

- » Required in every new car: front airbags, anti-lock brakes and an electronic stability system
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- » Lane departure warning
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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price and Jana Radtke, the township's community development director, with the township's eCities award, given by the University of Michigan-Dearborn to communities that foster an entrepreneurial environment.

Township and city share economic development honors

Plymouth Township has been honored for its work in fostering economic development in the annual eCities study by researchers at iLabs, the Center for Innovation Research at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The township was honored as a Five-Star community, the award's highest level of recognition, along with 18 other communities across the state, including the city of Plymouth.

"We are honored to have once again been recognized as a Five-Star entrepreneurial community," said Shannon Price, township supervisor. "Our staff prides itself on creating a great economic development environment and working with our neighbors to better our region."

The township is part of a regional effort to develop a high-tech business corridor along Five

Mile Road, between Beck and Napier. Northville Township, Wayne County, state of Michigan officials, DTE Energy, the Michigan Land Bank and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce are all participating in the effort. This initiative has identified about 1,000 acres of land, most of it owned by state and local governments, with about 500 developable acres in the Five Mile corridor shared with Northville Township. The project is being marketed as the Michigan International Technology Center.

"We have built a strong coalition to help promote the MITC and were delighted when the MEDC and Gov. (Rick) Snyder marketed the project on two foreign trade missions," Price said. "Again, we are grateful that our efforts were recognized by iLabs."

MDOT shares more details on I-275 work at public meeting

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia resident Tom Robinson hopes the Interstate 275 construction planned for next year will reduce the noise near his condo association.

While he doesn't live right near the road, he's spent time in condos north of Six Mile that have doors facing the freeway. And he says it can get pretty loud. He's hoping something can be done about it when work begins next year.

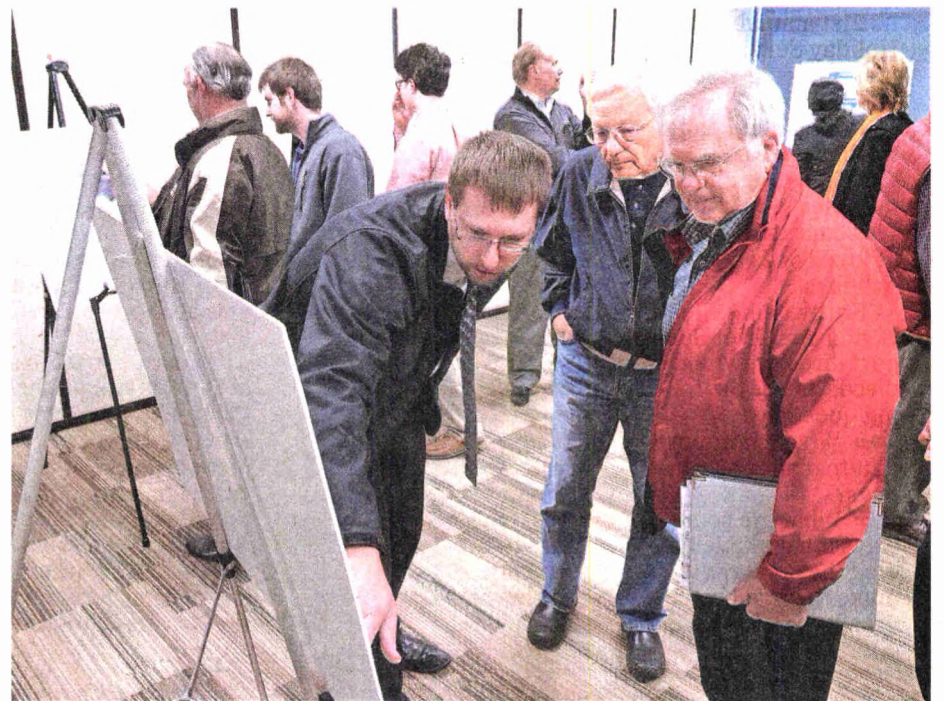
"Even with the doors closed, there is no doubt a lot of noise," he said.

Robinson was one of many residents who attended Tuesday's open house meeting designed to show the planned work along I-275 between Five Mile and the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange scheduled to take place next year. Work will entail replacing 13 miles of concrete pavement on the freeway, including on all the ramps to the mile roads and the interchange in Oakland County. Also included in the near \$70 million project will be shoulder work and repairs to several bridges, as well as drainage improvements and intelligent transportation systems work.

Ishrat Jahan, project manager for the I-275 work planned for next year, said the project will not be as extensive as the I-96 rebuild through Redford and Livonia last year. This work will only include the roadway and not require rebuilding.

"All the pavement will be removed and replaced," she said. "We'll fix drainage, that means we'll be doing ditching. We're replacing some new signs."

"We're planting trees



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MDOT engineer Jason Hill explains plans to Larry Shoup of Northville and Karl Seilo of Farmington Hills.

on both sides because there is concern with the noise. And we're fixing 16 bridges."

The work will be done in two components: Southbound I-275 will close down first, with traffic detoured for the first portion, and then northbound will close and have traffic detoured after the work on southbound is complete. Before and after each portion of the freeway closes, some work will also be done on bridges nearby requiring some local road closures, including Meadowbrook, Seven Mile and Haggerty. Those closures will not take place while I-275 is closed.

Also seeing shut-downs for a few weeks during the project will be both eastbound and westbound I-696 from the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange in Novi to Northwestern Highway

in Southfield. Each direction is expected to be closed two weekends apiece sometime during the I-275 construction. Work is expected to take one construction season, starting in the spring.

Detours

One of the big items announced at the open house held Tuesday at Davenport University in Livonia was the detours to be used for when the road closes. The official detours for each direction of I-275 will involve motorists traveling via I-96, the Southfield Freeway, Northwestern Highway and I-696. The longest route will detour traffic more than 21 miles at its farthest point. Other detours are expected around the surface streets when the bridge work takes place as well.

The bicycle pathway along the freeway is not

expected to be affected by the work, Jahan said.

Diane Cross, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Transportation, said only state trunk lines can be used as official detours, though officials acknowledge some motorists will use surface streets. She said the MDOT considered using Telegraph (U.S. 24) as a detour, but thought motorists, including trucks, would benefit more from a fast-moving detour without traffic lights.

"Our first trunk line is Telegraph. But think about all the lights you have on Telegraph," she said. "So then if you go a few more miles, we have Southfield (M-39), where it's all freeway up to M-10, another freeway, to another freeway (I-696)."

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Griffin-Canton Chapel hosts Holiday Service

The L.J. Griffin Funeral Home will present its 21st annual Annual Holiday Service, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Griffin Funeral Home-Canton Chapel, 42600 Ford Road, Canton. The program is designed to help families cope with the loss of loved ones at the holidays.

Kathy Laing, Hope Center for Grief Support director, will lead discussion of the following questions:

- » Why is it important to plan for the holidays?
- » What are some ways others have handled the holidays to make them tolerable?
- » What can you do

about decorating, sending holiday greetings and the many other activities that are part of the season?

» How can you make the holidays special for small children when you don't feel like celebrating?

Guests will be led in spiritual reflections by Pastor Drexel E. Morton and the Rev. Jack Baker.

The service is open to families served by the Griffin Funeral Home, as well as others in the community.

Following the services, families are encouraged to stay for refreshments and to mingle with others who are grieving.

Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot fights epilepsy

Work up an appetite for a good cause Thanksgiving morning by running or walking in Canton Leisure Services' 13th annual Turkey Trot for a Cause.

All ages are encouraged to join in the fight against epilepsy by taking part in these chip-timed events that will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, an organization dedicated to empowering individuals with seizure disorders.

The race is set to start at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, and will cover a picturesque, flat course that winds through Heritage Park and Pheasant Run Golf Course ending.

"Canton's Turkey Trot has become a real tradition for many families



CANTON LEISURE SERVICES

A crowd gathers for a previous Turkey Trot in Canton.

and it's great to see even more new families participating," said Ann-Marie Carravallah, recreation coordinator.

"This annual event is an opportunity to show our entire community that fitness can be fun, especially when it's all for a

good cause."

Pre-registration is available online at csc.canton-mi.org until midnight Sunday, Nov. 22. Registration fees are \$25 for the 5K run/walk and \$15 for the one-mile run/walk. In-person registration and chip pick-up will be held 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, in the Summit banquet and conference center.

Event day registration will begin at 8 a.m. in the Summit banquet room. The one-mile run/walk will start at 9 a.m., with the 5K run/walk following at 9:30 a.m. Race awards and refreshments will be available post-run.

For race/walk event information, including course map, go to csc.canton-mi.org or call 734-483-5600.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Details: The Plymouth District Library is collecting photos of veterans and active military personnel for its second annual November "Honoring Our Veterans" display. The library display will also feature a "white table" in November. Traditionally, the table is set with a white tablecloth, a black napkin and white candle and a plate with a slice of lemon and salt. An empty chair leans against the table.

Contact: Photos can be submitted by emailing them to info@plymouthlibrary.org. The library staff can also scan original photos upon request. No personal information will be displayed with the photographs.

'ALMOST MAINE'

Time/Date: Nov. 13-15 and 20-22

Location: The Village Theater's Biltmore Studio, an intimate Black Box theater, at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads

Details: The Spotlight Players return to perform six performances of *Almost, Maine*, a show that features residents of Almost, Maine, who find themselves falling in and out of love in the strangest ways

Cost: \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students

Contact: www.cantonvillageheater.org. Tickets also are available for purchase at the box office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and one hour prior to show time

HARVEST MARKET

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22

Location: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
Details: The harvest market presents a perfect panoply of fall harvest offerings just in time for your Thanksgiving menu. The event will feature 20 vendors selling everything from winter harvest vegetables, such as squash and potatoes, to local

pasture-raised meats and fresh local honey

CANCER SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. third Monday of each month

Details: November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Connecting with others who know what it is to have lung cancer can help during this difficult time. To start, join the Lung Cancer Support Group at the Beaumont Cancer Center-Farmington Hills, located at 27900 Grand River Ave., Suite 230. Thoracic surgeon Dr. David Sternberg leads the group. The group is open to anyone living with lung cancer and their loved ones. Meetings are free the

third Monday each month. For more information, call 248-473-4828.

COMPASSIONATE CARE

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. first and third Thursday of each month

Location: Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road, Canton

Details: Compassionate Coffee Club is an open and ongoing grief support group offering support and socialization for widows and widowers moving beyond the first year of loss. The program is sponsored by Compassionate Care Hospice.

Cost: Free, but drink purchase is required for use of space

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passionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at 888-983-9050, or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

CELIAC SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16

Details: The next Tri-County Celiac Support Group general meeting takes place at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road in Farmington. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Lana Coxton, clinical dietitian. The title of her presentation is "Optimizing your gluten-free diet for optimal health."

STUDENTS

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vice, chose to team up with a local community organization to help the homeless in the Plymouth and Canton communities.

"Homelessness is not just a problem faced by people living in inner cities; it is a problem faced by families right here in our community," said Beth Savalox, P-CCS director of development who oversees the student group. "Our students recognized it as an issue and decided to take action."

Their action plan received a boost last month, when the group received an \$8,000 grant from the Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle, a local group that provides grant-making initiatives addressing the needs of women and families in the greater Canton and Plymouth areas.

The group, working with Journey to Housing (a special program of St. Vincent de Paul), hopes to raise enough funds by the end of school year to provide housing for one or two local families.

Placing a family in a home costs between \$7,000 and \$12,000, said Lorraine Zaksek, a Plymouth Township resident and longtime member of St. Vincent de Paul.

"Homelessness in the suburbs is very different from urban homelessness - it is often situational homelessness,"

Zaksek said, adding that situational homelessness can result from many things, including joblessness due to injury, illness or even the death of a primary income earner.

Although situational homelessness differs from chronic homelessness, the devastating effects are similar. Help is scarce for homeless families; many resort to living in motels or their automobiles, she added.

Journey to Housing seeks to limit these effects by placing homeless families in housing as quickly as possible and has adopted a "housing first" model for helping homeless families.

"Research shows that there are huge psychological benefits to placing a family in a home as quickly as possible," Zaksek said. "The families can begin to view themselves as something other than homeless and start concentrating their efforts on getting back on their feet."

The Journey to Housing program helps families by paying move-in costs and 50 percent of the rent for six months. As the family becomes more independent, the subsidy is reduced, Zaksek said, adding that this is extremely helpful due to the fact that many families haven't been evicted from multiple locations.

"When landlords know that the Journey to Housing program is behind them, the landlords are encouraged to accept the families as tenants," she

said.

Families accepted into the program must agree to weekly in-house case management by a certified social worker, providing assistance with everything from budgeting and managing a household to strategies for maintaining employment.

"Our goal is to give these families a second start in life," Zaksek said. Since May 2014, the group has housed eight families in western Wayne County.

The collaboration between the student group and Journey to Housing program is solid enough to garner praise - and funding - from Giving Hope.

"It is a very unique project. These young people are taking the initiative and starting something new to help others in need in our community is really amazing," said Loren Waddington, a Canton resident and founding member of Giving Hope.

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Waddington praised the students for recognizing and addressing a need in the community.

According to the U.S. Department of Urban Development and Annual Homeless Assessment, Michigan is ranked fifth in the nation and first in the Midwest for number of homeless residents. A 2014 study by Journey to Housing indicated 78 homeless children are enrolled in the P-CCS district.

The group's venture is also well-matched to

Giving Hope's mission, Waddington said, in providing help for women and children in need; focusing on the local community and helping people beyond the moment.

The project also has implications far beyond providing housing, Waddington noted - the students are also learning the value of giving.

"Philanthropy is a learned behavior," she said. "When you see others giving it becomes part of your nature. One

of our goals is to educate youth on the importance of volunteering and giving."

Savalox said the SLC is energized by the grant and looks forward to raising money to help fund housing for the homeless and is working on plans to raise additional funds.

"The students are very focused and they are really looking forward to making an impact in the community. They really want to help," she said.

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Police investigating crash on I-275 that killed one driver

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

A two-truck accident left one man dead and southbound Interstate 275 closed for hours Thursday.

An unidentified man, the driver of a semi-tanker trailer, was reportedly killed instantly when his rig struck the rear of a Wayne County Road Commission dump truck, just south of Michigan Avenue, said Lt. Mike Shaw of the Michigan State Police.

Shaw said the female driver of the road commission truck, who also was not identified, had no visible injuries, but

was transported to a local hospital as a precaution. "There was no indication of braking," Shaw said, referring to the scene of the accident.

When the road commission truck was struck from behind, both vehicles came to rest on the roadway, Shaw said, adding that "it's hard to tell" if speeding was involved in the accident.

Investigators will conduct tests to determine the cause of the accident, Shaw said.

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Karen MacDonald with her mom, Theresa, who passed away last year.

Kenny Lang headlines next Folk Society show

First-time folk music performers can join veteran musicians Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council for the BaseLine Folk Society's next concert.

The show starts at 7 p.m. with an open-mic session, followed by a half-hour set by singer-songwriter Kenny Lang, who has a country flair, at around 8 p.m. More open-mic performances will follow. Refreshments will be available.

The show will be hosted by Julie Bengtsson, a local folk music veteran and BaseLine's vice president, who will also perform. Proceeds will go to the Plymouth Goodfellows for its Christmastime assistance program.

The BaseLine Folk Society is a group of musicians dedicated to the live performance of acoustic folk, roots and Americana music. The group was founded in Northville and is in its seventh season at the PCAC. It organizes monthly concerts, each with an open-



BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY
Singer-songwriter Kenny Lang is the featured performer for the next BaseLine Folk Society concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

mic segment, from September through May.

Tickets are \$5 each and individual and family season passes are available. Open-mic performers should show up between 6:15 p.m. and 6:40 p.m. to sign up for a slot.

The PCAC is at 774 N. Sheldon, south of M-14, in Plymouth.

Daughter inspired by mom's illness to start clothing line for patients

Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

Karen MacDonald never thought she'd run her own business.

She had been with The Taubman Co. for more than 30 years, enjoying a successful career as communications director. But her mother's illness in 2014 prompted MacDonald to start a clothing line of merchandise designed for hospital patients.

"My mom was in the hospital before she passed away," MacDonald said. "It was Christmas Eve and she didn't want to see anyone because she didn't like the way she looked. I decided to make her a wrap to go over her patient gown, to make her feel special and pretty."

That moment inspired MacDonald to launch Wrapped in Love.

Her company designs wraps, head wraps and scarves for anyone in a hospital who's in need of some

warmth, beauty and dignity. That includes new moms, patients undergoing chemotherapy and other procedures or ones recovering from illness.

"They are accessories that are easy to wear for those who may have limited mobility," MacDonald said. "The wraps come in a variety of styles, colors and fabrics. I designed everything as 'one-size-fits-most' so you can give them as gifts and not have to worry about the size."

They're manufactured locally in Lansing and MacDonald is donating 10 percent of each sale to the American Cancer Society as a tribute to her mother.

A number of local retailers carry the wraps and they're also available online at wrappedinlove.com. The head wraps start at \$30, the scarves are \$40 and the body wraps start at \$60.

"They're currently designed for women, but I have been getting a lot of requests

to design something similar for men and children, too, which I will start working on shortly," she said.

Because the wraps are being used in a hospital setting, MacDonald worked closely with the medical community to design something that would provide caregivers with appropriate medical access to a patient if needed. She also conducted a focus group with women at Gilda's Club to gain their input regarding fabric choices, colors and styles.

So far, MacDonald has enjoyed the challenges of being her own boss.

"It's been great, but right off the bat, you learn that you can't be everything," she said. "So it's important to find good resources that you can rely on. Luckily, I've been able to find everything I've needed right here in our great state of Michigan."

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Two Livonia companies develop software to refine police training

AM Data Service, a software development and IT managed service company in Livonia, developed Force Liability Management Solution, software designed to streamline the way law enforcement agencies document, analyze and report uses of force, pursuits and training.

The software, which goes to market in January, was developed in collaboration with law enforcement. The original concept for the software was envisioned by Jeff Felts, owner of Center Mass, Inc., a firearms training organization in Livonia.

"What makes this product and idea so groundbreaking is that organizations can finally get a truly encompassing understanding of what their officers are encountering on the streets," said Rich Miller, owner of AM Data Service, Inc. "Command can look at quantified, actionable data to determine what tactics are working, what training is effective, what equipment fails or works most often. They can see every detail from the macro to the micro — from an individual to organization-wide — and the information is presented in a way that makes improvements in safety and practices easy and painless."

Force LMS tracks every use of force, including suspects' demographics; where it happened and under what conditions; which technique departments are using most and how effective each technique is; what unit and which officers use force most often.

For pursuits, it tracks the average speed, time

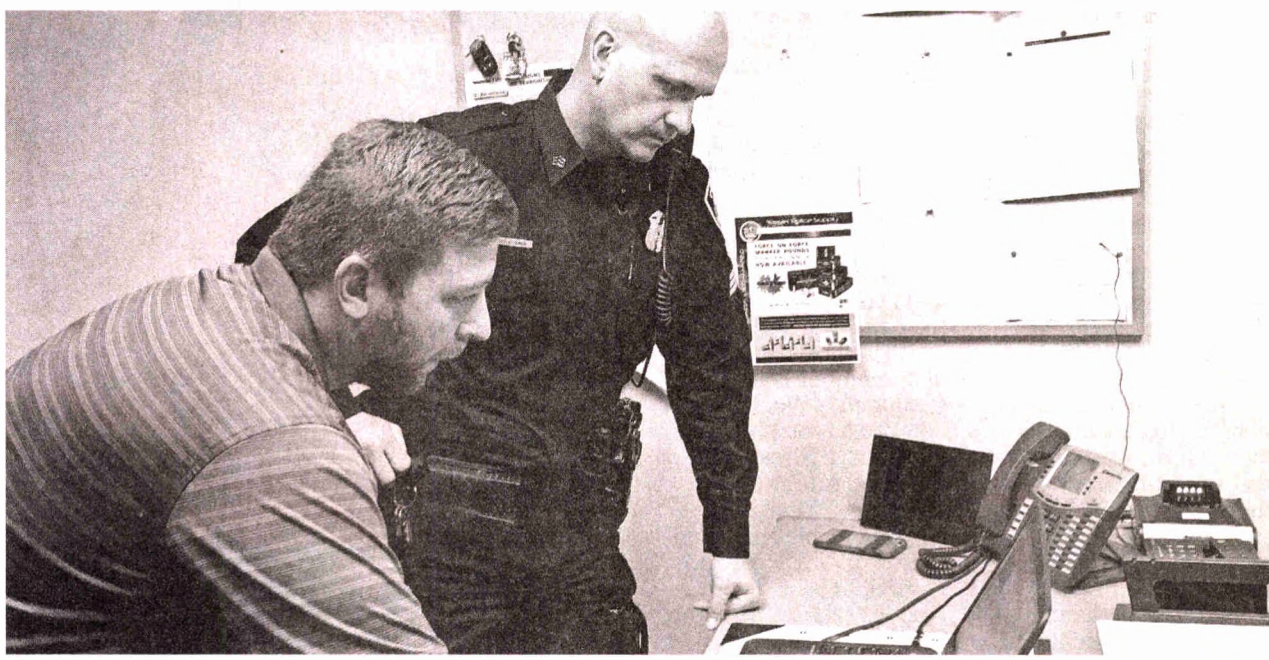
and distance traveled before pursuits end; most successful technique to end pursuits; number ending in crashes and injuries and how often pursued drivers are intoxicated.

Many law enforcement agencies track information in spread sheets and some even do so on paper, where it can get lost. When lawsuits arise, they scramble to find the information they need to defend themselves. In addition to lawsuits brought by the public, sometimes officers sue their own agency, claiming they were improperly trained. With Force LMS, all training is documented, cataloged, and sorted into granular detail including hours, subjects, instructor, rounds fired and with which weapons.

Felts is a retired city of Wayne police officer and sharp shooter. He believes the software will be beneficial to departments trying to hone their training regimens.

"With Force LMS, you can evaluate and validate your policies and their outcome of training to see what has been effective, what hasn't, and begin to tailor what training you require and policies you implement to better match what your officers are truly encountering on the streets," Felts said. "Additionally, you can quickly see any trending with use of force that could indicate that officers need additional training or that you need to review policies and procedures before there is any unnecessary exposure to risk."

A handful of police departments across the country are using an



Sgt. David Sage of the West Bloomfield Police Department and Rich Miller, owner of AM Data Service of Livonia, review the Force LMS application the West Bloomfield police department is using to track training and produce reports.

early version of Force LMS as part of the beta testing process. They received the software for free in return for their feedback.

"It not only cuts data entry time, it also reduces the number of hands involved," said Sgt. David Sage, training coordinator of the West Bloomfield Police Department. "Really, in 2015, for us not to have all-encompassing access to a digital database ... seems behind the times."

Sage's department is using Force LMS to track training requests and certifications.

"We don't have many pursuits," Sage said. "Somebody else would in a bigger department. Our uses of force, even from an intermediate standpoint, aren't really high."

Training certifications and other records that were stored in Rubber-

maid bins in the department basement now are available in Force LMS, which is available on about 40 computers throughout the police department. Officers and civilian employees use the system to track training, from the detective bureau to dispatch.

"What took days of searching you can now get in a few clicks," Sage said. "Before this system, we had no guarantee we had all of the training records."

Miller started the software development process about two years ago with the following questions: What if there was a way to improve law enforcement's existing record-keeping, using a faster, more intuitive process? What if that solution could be used to retain all of the organization's training, use of force, pursuits, inventory

and policy data in one centralized location? What if you could correlate all of those data points to present a detailed image of the organization and give them the insight needed to improve officer and community safety?

"We determined that would be something every officer and citizen alike could rally behind," Miller said.

Force LMS validates or invalidates the training, equipment and policies that law enforcement agencies use.

"Most police agencies have no way to validate if their training, equipment and policies actually work as designed," Felts said. "Therefore, police repeat inadequate training, provide inadequate supervision, use inadequate equipment and operate under inadequate policies."

Many continue doing so even after unfortunate incidents lead to loss of life and lawsuits.

"You can't navigate anywhere without knowing your starting point," Miller said. "Making changes without knowing what works or doesn't work is like driving at night with your headlights off."

Miller thinks it's time to change this cycle using the analytics contained in Force LMS.

"I think what has so many communities full of questions and demanding change is that no one is truly able to see the whole picture," Miller said. "Many departments can give their opinions on what works, but until you have enough tangible data to understand the whole story, it is impossible to know whether your changes and policy decisions are working."

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Canton foundation continues scholarship tradition

By Brad Kadrick

When Canton Community Foundation officials held their 2015 scholarship award ceremony, they celebrated a tradition that has been going on for more than 100 years.

The foundation will award 2015 scholarships to 10 students who will attend college in the fall. The total amount of the scholarships is \$100,000.

The foundation has a long history of providing financial aid to students in need. In 1914, the foundation was established to provide financial aid to students in need.

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World War II memorial to help retell history

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

About a year ago, Debi Hollis and Russell Levine visited Plymouth Rotarians to describe The Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial in the works in Royal Oak.

"We were happy to be able to come back and give you an update," Hollis, its president, said Nov. 6 at a Rotary lunch at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The memorial, in the fundraising stage, is to be on the northeast corner of 13 Mile and Woodward.

Jack Tornga, a World War II veteran and Plymouth Rotarian, was at the lunch that day. "Jack, the World War II Memorial is being built for people like you," Hollis said. "It's Michigan's story. Without the industrial might of Michigan, we would not have won the war."

The Legacy Memorial tells of both the battlefield and sacrifices on the home front. "That story's made up of a lot of individual stories," said Levine, vice president for the memorial. "We want to have as many stories integrated into the me-

morial as possible." Hollis and Levine described Walk of Honor bricks that will honor and memorialize loved ones, as well as supporting the effort financially.

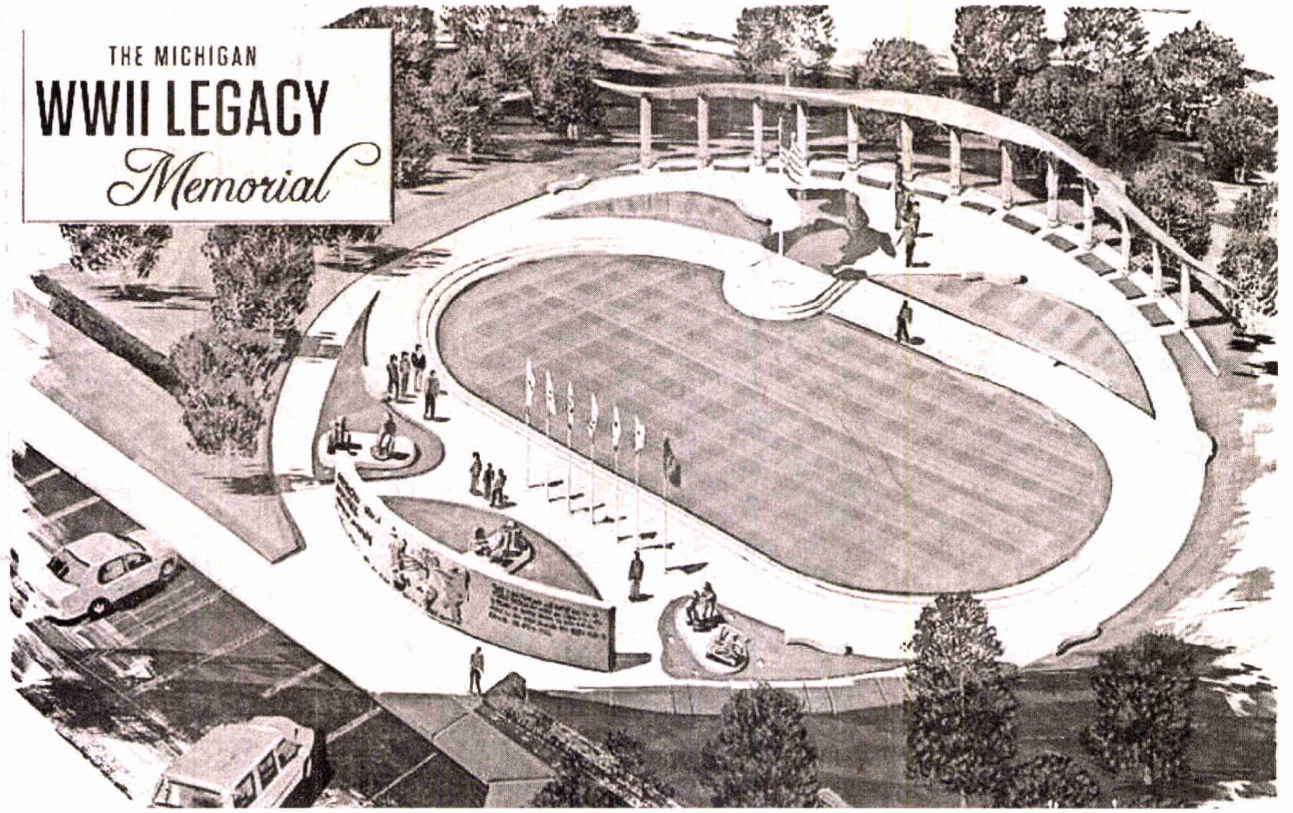
Hollis cited an observance May 8 for victory in Europe, V-E, as well as one Aug. 16 for victory in Japan. She's grateful for a United Auto Workers Fund pledge.

"Of course, we need continued help," Hollis said. Levine added, "We need your help to spread the word."

Rotarians also lauded club member David Campbell, a World War II veteran, at the lunch.

Hollis, a Royal Oak resident, said in a later interview, "During the war, the whole community was united." She and Levine, a Huntington Woods resident, seek that kind of unity now to share the story, especially with living World War II veterans.

Levine's dad served in the Army in World War II, while Hollis' father served in the Army during the Korean conflict. "We're out and about all the time doing presentations," she said of organizers.



The Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial will be at 13 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak.

It's nearly two years since fundraising started, with about 10 months of work with the Michigan Legislature on House and Senate resolutions designating it as Michigan's official site, she said.

Now, "the veterans have been able to see their bricks" at the memorial. "They can touch it, see it."

Engineering work is done, and sculptor Larry Halbert is creating nine

life-sized bronze statues. Those will represent land, air and sea, Hollis said, with half of the story on the home front and the other overseas.

For information on buying a Walk of Honor

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Third-graders and their teacher Megan Flaherty at All Saints Catholic School got a surprise visit from U.S. Rep. David Trott.

Trott visits All Saints Catholic School

All Saints Catholic School welcomed U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-11 District, who made a surprise visit recently to a third-grade classroom and spoke to eighth-graders at All Saints Catholic in Canton.

As Trott spoke to the eighth-graders, he shared a number of personal stories and touched on topics that included an overview of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the role of Congress in government and his obligations and roles as a congressman.

He also answered questions from the student audience and encouraged students to visit him on their upcoming trip to Washington, D.C.

"We are grateful to Congressman Trott for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit with our students," Principal Kristen Strausbaugh said. "It is not often our students have the opportunity to interact with elected officials and to ask questions about the upcoming election and issues that are currently in the national

spotlight."

After visiting with the eighth-graders, Trott made time for a surprise visit to Megan Flaherty's third-grade classroom to congratulate her on being awarded a week-long trip over the summer to visit and study at the Library of Congress Summer Institute.

All Saints Catholic School is a preschool through eighth grade school, fully accredited by the Michigan Non-Public Schools Accrediting Association and serving more than 34 parishes/churches in Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.

Western Wayne leaders learn more on I-275 project

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Several western Wayne County leaders got another close look Friday morning at the proposed work along Interstate 275 planned for next year.

Several Michigan Department of Transportation officials gave a presentation to leaders during the Conference of Western Wayne's monthly meeting Friday at the Yankee Air Force Museum in Belleville.

Gorette Yung, a transportation service manager with MDOT, said the project scheduled to begin in the spring will look to replace the about-12-inch concrete with 13-inch concrete along the route.

"Everything will stay the same after it's done, with the exception of the pavement," she said.

The project will mean closures of I-275 from Five Mile in Livonia to the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange in Farmington Hills and Novi. Work will consist of replacing 13 miles of concrete pavement, including on all the ramps to the mile roads and the interchange in Oakland County.

Southbound I-275 will shut down first, leaving traffic to take a detoured route. After that, the northbound lanes



DAVID VESELENAK
Matthew Chynoweth, an engineer with the Michigan Department of Transportation, speaks to the Conference of Western Wayne members during their meeting Friday in Belleville.

will be worked on. The work is expected to take one construction season and should begin sometime in the spring.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said he hopes MDOT will coordinate with Wayne County on the work, as several county projects are scheduled to take place next year as well. Two of the larger east-west thoroughfares, Seven Mile and Eight Mile, are slated for work by the county sometime next year.

He also said he hopes something can be done in regards to noise, as there are several residents whose homes back up to I-275 that experience high levels of noise from the freeway.

"Some of them had to put in triple pane windows in their houses," he said. "I'm hoping that you will look into this."

Yung said that's something MDOT has heard a lot of recently as well, including just days before at the public open house in Livonia.

"We received a lot of that ... at our Tuesday meeting," she said.

The state lists more information on the project on a page on the MDOT website, michigan.gov/mdot, which can be accessed by pressing through the "projects and programs" before reaching it.

Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, supervisor of Redford Township and chair of the Conference of Western Wayne, said utilizing a simple website and social media engine such as the 96fix.com, used during the I-96 reconstruction in 2014, was a big help to residents.

It was an easy way for residents and business owners to see the happenings fairly quickly and she said she hopes MDOT does something similar with this project. "That was really important," Kobylarz said.

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CLASS D REGIONAL FINAL

Early trouble doesn't stop Eagles

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth Christian Academy looked to be in trouble late in the opening set of Thursday's Class D volleyball regional against Lansing Christian, trailing 24-19.

But then Olivia Mady stepped up and her Plymouth Christian Academy teammates followed.

The junior outside hitter knew the gravity of the situation.

"We were not going to give up," Mady said later. "We put our whole heart and soul into this game. We played with all our hearts."

"Even though we were down

multiple points, we pushed ourselves and we finally got to that point where we know, we just need to finish this game. We told each other we needed to work so hard for every point."

The first step was Mady getting a defensive sideout point against Lansing Christian Academy junior stalwart Paige Porter, to give the host Eagles another crack at the serving line.

Not wanting to lose the all-important opening game, PCA junior setter Jessica Paulson then served up four consecutive points — with Mady at the business end on all of them — to make it a 24-24 game.

Eventually, junior Aliyah

Pries spiked the point that gave the Eagles a heart-pounding 28-26 victory.

Talk about a game changer. That catapulted PCA to a 3-0 match victory (also winning 25-13 and 27-25) to capture the regional title and advance to Tuesday's Class D quarterfinal in Lake Fenton against Marine City Cardinal Mooney.

For the Eagles (34-5-1) it is their first regional title in four years.

"We knew they were a great team," Eagles head coach DJ Kellogg said about Lansing Christian. "I got to watch them on Tuesday. We expected it to be a battle."

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Plymouth Christian Academy players hoist the Class D regional championship trophy Thursday night.

D1 REGIONAL FINAL

'PERFECT' PAYBACK

Chiefs not to be denied in rematch with Saline, take down Hornets 27-7

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Last year, the Canton Chiefs got into a shootout with Saline quarterback Josh Jackson and lost, 42-35, in a Division 1 football regional final.

On Friday, the teams got together for the sequel, but the Chiefs weren't about to get outgunned this time. Canton outplayed the top-ranked Hornets in all categories, limiting Jackson to 70 yards passing and carving up the Saline defense to the tune of 375 rushing yards en route to an impressive 27-7 victory.

The Chiefs (10-2) now move on to play a D1 semifinal against Detroit Cass Tech, which defeated Macomb Dakota, 16-10, in a regional final Friday.

"Exactly," veteran Canton head coach Tim Baechler said when asked about whether his team followed the game plan. "Our defense played better than I thought. I'm so proud of those guys. So proud of those guys — man they wanted this."

"And our offense had those long drives. It was a perfect third quarter. They had a four-minute drive (and) we stopped them on fourth down, then we had an eight-minute drive that ended in points. Couldn't draw it up any better than that."

Baechler said the Chiefs walked into Hornet Stadium driven to make sure they left with more than a sour taste in their mouths.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

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Flying down the field for a big gainer Friday is Canton's Markus Sanders (left). He rushed for nearly 200 yards against Saline.

PREP PROFILE

VICTORY LAP: Hard work leads to success for Lennig

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Not long after Allison Lennig started taking swimming lessons at the age of 9, she began competing for the Livonia Community Swim Club.

"Those first few meets were pretty bad," said Lennig, now 17. "I was so slow and had horrible technique."

Fast forward to autumn 2015. Lennig is an all-state member of Plymouth's varsity girls swim team, having qualified for the Division 1 meet all four years of her prep career.

It doesn't take much to connect the dots as to how Lennig went from struggling novice at the swim club to Plymouth's varsity record holder in the 100-yard freestyle (53.18).

Lennig went to work, although she won't take any credit for her athletic ascent — which continues Nov. 20-21 at the D1 state finals, where she will swim in the 100 free, 200 free and 100-yard backstroke.



Lennig

She also will compete at the Holland Aquatic Center in the 200 free relay, along with teammates Kathryn Waters, Kelsey Peregrino and Isabella Giacobone.

"I've grown so much through hard work and great coaching over the years," said the humble Lennig, in her fourth varsity season. "If it weren't for the coaches working with me to improve, I wouldn't be where I am today."


The first coaches to get her on the right track were at the

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PLYMOUTH SWIMMING


Competing during a recent race for the Plymouth Wildcats is senior Allison Lennig. She will swim in four events at the D1 state finals in Holland.



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DIVISION 2 REGIONAL FOOTBALL FINAL

Franklin routs Bears for regional title

Patriots cruise into state semifinals

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Which football team is playing better these days: the New England Patriots or the Livonia Franklin Patriots?

If you asked a random Berkley Bear that question Friday around 9:30 p.m., he'd probably side with the high school team.

During Friday's Division 2 regional final at Berkley, Franklin left zero doubt as to which team deserved to advance to next Saturday's semifinal round when it sent the Bears into hibernation, 38-6, in a game that featured a mercy rule-triggered running clock throughout most of the fourth quarter.

Franklin (9-3), which won its seventh consecutive game, moves on to play the winner of Saturday's Detroit Martin Luther King-Detroit East English

contest Nov. 21 at a site that hadn't been announced as of Friday night.

"Wherever they send us, we'll be happy to go," said Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert, whose team has outscored its last two opponents 73-6 over the previous five quarters.

It's tempting to say the Patriots are on a magical run, but magic requires deception and this team comes right at you, ready or not.

"We've had some good football players here and we've had some good teams, but this group has a closeness and a chemistry that is unbelievable," Kelbert said when asked to describe his team's amazing stretch of success.

"I always give a big speech at the end of our final pregame practice each week and I told the kids Thursday that if we didn't play a perfect game (Friday night), this would be our last day. That got me emotional, because I don't want this to end. I really don't."

Berkley was dealt a serious blow when quarterback Ross Herron suffered a night-ending injury during his team's second possession of the game. The Bears run the triple-option offense, which is demanding for the QB — especially when you're the backup, like Justin Flood was Friday night.

The way Franklin's defense was ball-hawking, it may not have mattered who was the opposing quarterback.

The Patriots forced the Bears to turn the ball over on their first three possessions, which resulted in a 14-0 Franklin lead just 5:23 into the contest.

Franklin junior Jake Giacobbi had a nice career in the first quarter as he recovered a fumble that led to the game's first touchdown — a 5-yard run by Chris Nehasil — and an interception with five minutes left in the quarter.

Giacobbi, who is listed as 5-foot-9 and 152 pounds, also booted five extra points, a 23-yard field goal and covered

Berkley's Herculean 6-4, 220-pound Nolan Givan on pass plays.

In other words, he did everything except drive the Patriots' bus to the game (although he may have driven it home).

"To go from 2-7 last year to 9-3 this year, it just feels great," Giacobbi said. "(Givan) is a heck of a player. Coach told me I had to tackle him low. He's obviously bigger than me and can jump higher than me; I just had to make sure I play tough against him."

Sophomore Brad Gibson and senior Rob Erwin also picked off first-half passes for the Patriots, who doubled their lead to 14-0 when Jacob Clark raced 64 yards to the end zone with 6:37 left in the opening quarter.

For a moment early in the second quarter, it appeared the Bears had sliced into their deficit when Givan rumbled 82 yards to the end zone after securing a swing pass from Flood, but the play was brought back to the Berkley 30 due to a holding

call on the Bears.

Berkley threatened again midway through the second quarter, advancing to the Franklin 14, but Erwin stepped in front of a Flood pass in the end zone and returned it to the Patriots' 19.

Five plays later, senior quarterback Denzel Adams scored from 10 yards out to make it 21-0. Giacobbi tacked on his field goal as the first-half clock expired.

Franklin pushed its lead to 38-0 on a 12-yard run by Clark and an 8-yard scoring scamper by Adams.

Franklin's Joe Kenney registered a sack with two minutes left in the third quarter to put an exclamation point on the Patriots' defensive effort.

Clark ran for 274 yards on 21 carries, while Adams picked up 140 yards on 16 hauls.

The Patriots had just 1 yard passing — but that's how they roll.

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CHIEFS

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"Our kids, we were angry about last year," Baechler said. "We thought we should have had it last year, too."

"They just made more plays than we did (in the 2014 game); we made some mistakes. We came in here angry."

Bounce-back

An indication the Chiefs might fare better in the rematch came early on. On third-and-long, a low snap bounced through Jackson, leading to a 20-yard loss.

Canton senior running back Jared Stephens — who carried 21 times for 121 yards, scored his team's final TD and had a clutch interception on defense — coughed up the ball on the Chiefs' subsequent offensive series.

But it bounced right back into his arms.

Then came a play that gave the Chiefs a shot of momentum.

With about three minutes to play in the first quarter, a Canton punt was misplayed by Saline's Stevie Kise and recovered by Steven Szymusiak.

Five plays later, Canton was on the scoreboard on a 1-yard TD run by quarterback Jake O'Donnell. Setting up his score were two big gainers by Stephens. One was a 17-yard reception and the other a 24-yard burst down the left sideline.

"Last year, we got the loss (against Saline) and we really wanted to get this win," Stephens said. "I didn't want this to be my last game, so I did everything I could to get the win, defense and offense, because I'm going both ways this year."

Meanwhile, the Hornets (10-1) could not do much against the Canton defense.



Protecting the football on this carry is Canton running back Jakob Wickens (middle). Throwing a block on the play is Jared Stephens (left), who was one of Friday's standouts.

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On a fourth-down play early in the second quarter, Jackson was sacked by the trio of Jalen Cochran, Lou Baechler and Stephens.

"Josh is a great kid, he's committed to Virginia Tech, so it's always good to beat somebody that's going D-I," Stephens said. "It's nice to do that, because there's people out here watching him."

"If you perform in a game like this, they're out here watching you, too."

Next came an eight-minute drive that ended with a 2-yard touchdown run by Jakob Wickens to cap off a 70-yard, 15-play march.

Two plays later, Jackson was picked off by Stephens to ensure that

Canton took a 14-0 edge into the intermission.

Jackson and the Hornets took the second half kickoff with hopes of cutting that lead in half. Instead, the Canton defense got it done again, this time when defensive pursuit from Jake Stephan forced Jackson to throw the ball wildly on fourth down.

The Chiefs, featuring a mix of running plays from Stephens and 5-7 junior standout Markus Sanders (25 carries, 195 yards) moved the chains to inside Saline's 15.

Sophomore Lou Baechler burst up the middle for 9 yards to the goal line and finished off the series with a 1-yard scoring plunge as time expired in the third.



Diving toward the end zone in the fourth quarter is Canton's Jared Stephens. He scored on the play.

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"That was absolutely huge," coach Baechler said "We talked about gaining momentum back in the second half. Defense gets a stop, offense has got to come through. "Then we score and momentum was totally 100 percent on our side."

The lone blemish for Canton came in the first minute of the fourth quarter, when the strong-armed Jackson connected on a 38-yard scoring strike to Mike Monahan.

Home stretch

But the Chiefs took the air out of Saline's col-

lective balloon just four plays later. Sanders, on a third-down play, broke free for a 49-yard gain down to the Hornets' 24.

Stephens then steam-rolled through the line for a 9-yard TD, diving for the front-left pylon.

To close out the victory, the Canton defense kept pressuring Jackson, with Colin Troup breaking up one pass and the combo of Lou Baechler and Jake McKinnon collecting another sack.

On fourth-and-23, Jackson threw way over the head of his intended receiver to turn the ball

over to the Chiefs with 4:53 left.

From that point, all Canton's offense had to do was play it smart.

"Just keep control of the ball, protect it, don't let them strip it and take the clock down," O'Donnell said, stressing that the team's mission was to "run downhill all night long."

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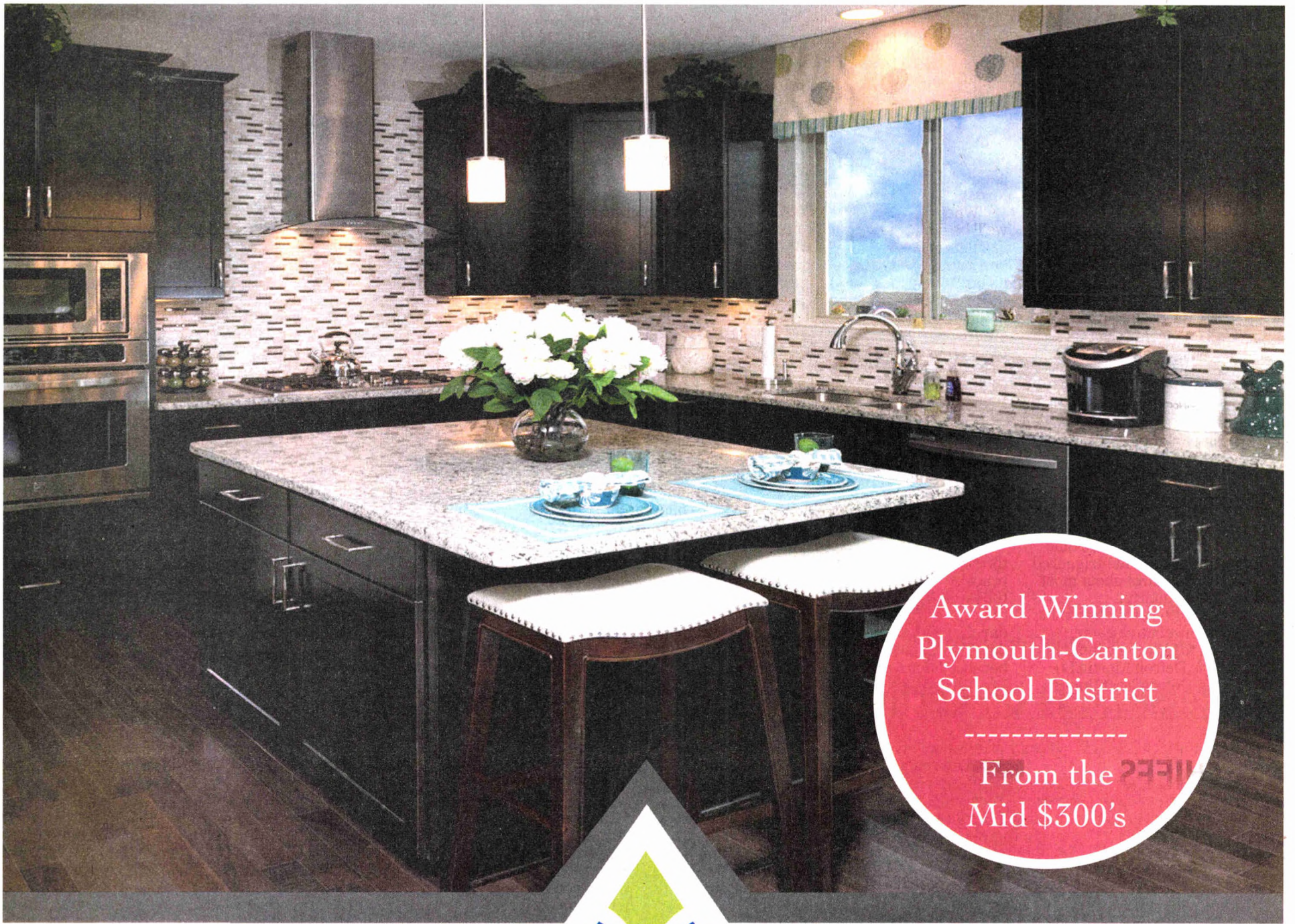
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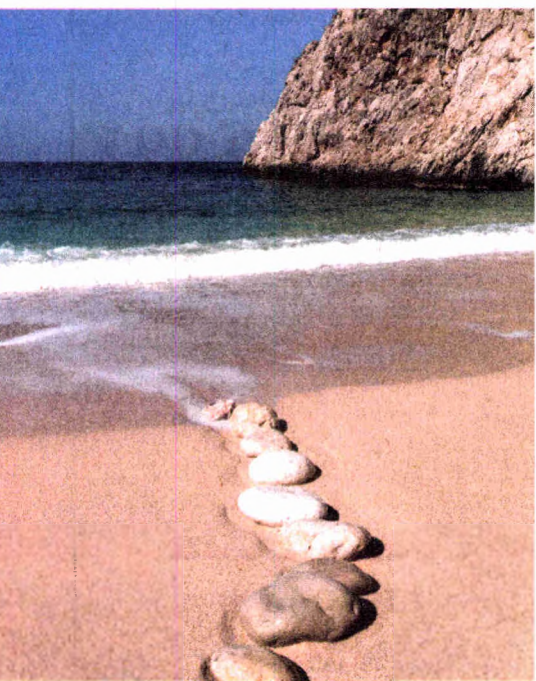
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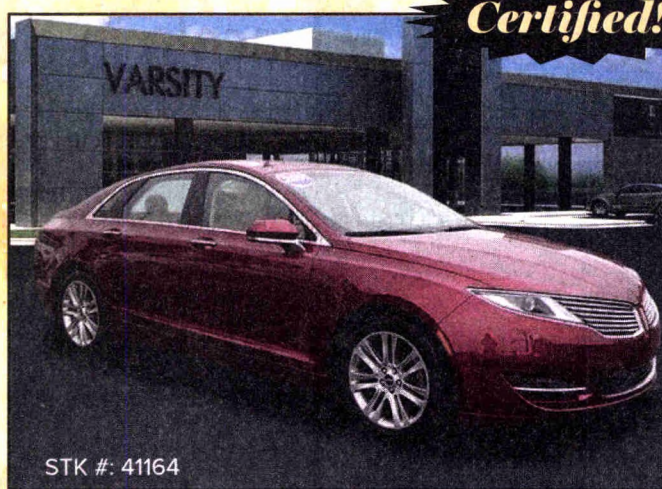
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Ladywood marches on into championship match

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Pass, set, BAM! Pass, set, BAM!
That was the rhythm Livonia Ladywood's volleyball team followed Tuesday night that led to Warren Fitzgerald's blues. Sweeping their fourth straight opponent following a trio of no-doubters during last week's Class B district tournament at Livonia Clarenceville, the host Blazers took care of the Spartans in short order, winning 25-7, 25-4 and 25-9 to

advance to the regional championship match against Center Line. The Blazers thoroughly dominated every facet of the match, serving nearly flawlessly, digging up the few hard hits the Spartans delivered and attacking on offense with the fluidity of a well-oiled machine. "I liked the way we picked up the energy tonight and held the momentum," said senior captain Kayla March, who led the Blazers with 12 kills. "Everybody who played tonight, including the young

girls, contributed a lot to the win," added co-captain Hayley Moores. "We did a good job of maintaining our focus even when the scores weren't that close." The Blazers' pin-point serving was typified by junior defensive specialist Maggie Shirk's six-point run that extended the winners' lead to 22-5 in the tone-setting first set. Freshman setter Monique Lamoureux then closed out the first set with back-to-back aces that followed a middle kill by Natasha Strzelewicz.

Ladywood exploded to a 17-4 lead in the middle set thanks to multiple kills from March and Madeline Hudson. The Blazers never looked back in the final set after surging to a 10-3 cushion. Abbigale Laurentius had a nice mid-set service run before Moores sealed the deal by serving out the final nine points, hammering home four aces. Notching kills down the stretch were sophomore middle Micaela Kucinski and junior middle Asanti Solomon. "We've been focusing on

three things the past three or four weeks," Ladywood head coach Peter Lau said. "No. 1 is maintaining our focus, no matter what the situation or score is. No. 2 is not being happy with just getting the ball up, because we know we have stronger opponents coming up. And the third thing is always keeping our minds on the game and not thinking about other things. "Tonight, I thought our focus and level of execution were as good as it gets."

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"They run more of a rotation defense than a perimeter, so the normal zones we would hit to they were covering. So they obviously did a good job coaching and scouting."

Finishing strong

PCA players were able to bounce back time and time again, however, with excellent setting by Paulson to front-row hitters such as Mady (16 kills, seven digs) and sophomore Grace Kellogg (14 kills, 18 digs).

Many of the plays featured perfect sets from Paulson that Mady jumped high to finish with power slams.

"I just love setting to her (Mady) so much," said Paulson, following the trophy presentation in the noisy Butler Gymnasium. "Every time I set her she puts it down. It's amazing to set someone who's that talented."

Coach Kellogg told Paulson "to set the hot hitter. She (Mady) was the one that was hot, she was seeing the court."

The comeback win not only lifted the Eagles for Game 2, it sagged the confidence of the Pilgrims — at least long enough for PCA to take a commanding 2-0 lead in the match.

"We've got a resilience about us, but every now and then we'll get a little ahead of ourselves and lose our focus," lamented Lansing Christian head coach Dale Wethy, whose team finished 32-11-1. "We'll go



Slamming home another point for PCA is Olivia Mady (right).

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on cruise control. The second we take it off and put it on cruise control, that's when people can start catching up on us."

But the Pilgrims gave the Eagles a tough time in the eventual clincher, roaring from behind to take a 21-16

lead and being in position (up 24-22 and serving) to extend the match to a fourth set.

Once again, the Eagles would not take no for an answer. Senior middle blocker Melissa Paige Perkey's tip made it 24-23 Pilgrims with Mady going to serve.

It was 25-all when Isabelle Meunier served for the visitors; the point went to the Eagles, thanks to a Grace Kellogg slam.

Happy scene

Perkey subsequently served the eventual winner, with Lan-

ing Christian's attempted return shot hitting the antenna. PCA players then mobbed each other on the court, while a boisterous student section screamed their lungs out.

"Game 3 we got behind, but then we pushed ourselves and we became more intense," Mady said. "The energy from the crowd was amazing, they really helped us."

Paulson noted that the home crowd deserved an assist for the victory. "It's amazing to have these fans. They're awesome."

Also awesome were the lengthy rallies between both teams, who played a much closer match than the 3-0 final outcome indicated.

One of PCA's players instrumental in keeping the ball alive was junior libero Divna Roi, who chalked up 30 digs and was "all over the place" according to DJ Kellogg.

"The team is so close and we all love each other so much," Roi said. "It's not about us, it's about the team. Every point we need to play for the others and not ourselves and push until the end."

Other PCA contributors included sophomore Robin Albert (four kills, eight digs), Perkey (three digs) and Pries (two kills, one dig).

"Every game is different, every match is different," DJ Kellogg said. "But certainly coming from behind on two of the three games and going to extra points is more than I can ask. They did a great job."

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No Mercy: Novi captures regional championship

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

One of the only two blemishes on Novi's volleyball record this season came at the hands of Farmington Hills Mercy.

The two teams split during the regular season, but the stakes proved to be much higher Thursday night in the Class A regional final.

"We didn't actually practice well yesterday and I kind of thought maybe this is backfiring a little bit because this team had beaten us," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said.

But no worries on Cottrill's end, as the No. 1-ranked Wildcats rolled through the first two sets, 25-16, 25-15, before rallying from an early deficit in the third en route to a 25-22 triumph and their second straight regional title before a large crowd at Novi.

"In the third set, which we've been tending to do lately is kind of ease up in the third set and play a little bit more safe and all of our third sets have been closer," said Cottrill, whose team trailed early on 6-1. "The first and second set, we knew we had to kind of get them out of their offensive rhythm because they're tough. And they have great passers. There's not really a weak passer over there. We weren't quite sure how that was going to work out, but I think we executed well enough to do that."

Novi improved to 47-2 and locked up a spot in Tuesday's quarterfinal at West Bloomfield, where they'll face Grosse Pointe North, which captured the Warren Cousino regional title with a five-set triumph Thursday over Sterling Heights Stevenson. Game time is 7 p.m.

Mercy, which bowed out at 56-14-1, made it close in the third and final set, trailing by only one, 21-20, before the Wildcats closed out the match with a 4-2 mini-run.

"It just thought it was a great game," Mercy coach Loretta Vogel said. "Novi is

absolutely above what we could handle. I was hoping we could pass better, but they just got us out of system. And when you're out of system, you're not going to have much of an offense. I thought we had moments, but we just couldn't continue it and, obviously, I thought that was the name of the game."

As usual, Novi senior outside hitter Victoria Iacobelli finished with a match-high 13 kills to go along with 12 digs. Sophomore setter Erin O'Leary added 27 assist-to-kills and four kills of her own as the Wildcats hit at a .298 clip.

Vogel adjusted her defense going into the third set to try to get her team jump-started against the veteran Wildcats, who returned four starters off last year's state runner-up squad.

"My girls are young and I got freshmen out there," she said. "They haven't quite seen enough of that. I think that was a big part of it as well. I think my girls played well. But (Victoria Iacobelli), special. (O'Leary), special. It's a nice team."

Novi continues to get contributions from a number of players as junior right-side hitter Ally Cummings continued her strong state tournament play with 10 kills and 10 digs. Senior outside hitter Paulina Iacobelli also collected six kills and a team-best 18 digs.

Also chipping in offensively were Novi's two middle blockers — junior Emmy Robinson (three kills, one block) and sophomore Kathryn Ellison (four kills, one block). Defensive help also came from sophomore libero Claire Pinkerton.

"We knew that was kind of the key to our success this year with the four returners that played a big role for us last year — we were relying on them," Cottrill said. "And our focus has been developing the others. I feel like from the beginning of the season to now they have come so far and that is the key to what we're trying to do, because people are try-



Novi's Victoria Iacobelli makes a pass in Thursday's Class A regional final against Farmington Hills Mercy.

JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ing to exploit our weaknesses. They're trying to go at them and we're trying to prepare them to be ready for that."

Freshman Jaeda Porter and

sophomore Lauren Hunter each finished with 10 kills, while combining for 11 block-points to pace the Marlins. Junior Bella McDonald added

six kills, while junior Jordyn Kreucher had five block-assists.

Meanwhile, senior libero Colleen Hadley led in digs, while junior setter Elizabeth Susitko was the team leader in assists.

"Mercy being in our regional is a team that has won multiple championships and had a ton success," Cottrill said. "We have a ton of respect for Loretta (Vogel) and what they're doing over there. So we knew this was going to be a battle. Although the scores of the first two sets weren't necessarily close, I felt like that game was close compared to Tuesday's game (three-set win over Walled Lake Central), where it seemed we were in control most of the time. This felt like a much more competitive match."

Cottrill said her team has been oblivious to the pressure dating back to last year's state finals, when the Wildcats lost in five sets to Romeo.

"The scouting reports, the plans, the execution ... they're really executing and listening well and they're playing very loose," Cottrill said. "The pressure has been there all year and they're really adjusting to it, whereas at some points in the past — last season, even — we played tense in these moments because we weren't used to it."

"I think they're pretty focused on what they want to do and they're pretty motivated. Victoria and Pauline are not overly emotional people. I like that, because they kind of keep their scope."

Meanwhile, Vogel can take consolation of being only one of two teams to beat the Wildcats despite going down in three straight sets in the regional final.

"I love it, absolutely," she said. "I have to tell you it came from the Catholic League guys, right? So it was nice."

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LENNIG

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Livonia Community Swim Club.

And those years of improvement carried over to her high school career, which began in 2012 as a freshman at Plymouth. There to guide her from nervous ninth-grader to senior standout and team record holder was Wildcats head coach Kenn Forbes.

"Thinking back to my freshman year, where I primarily swam in exhibition heats, I feel I've come a long way," Lennig said.

Ultimately, Forbes helped her become one of the best Plymouth swimmers in team history.

"Coach Forbes has been able to put me wherever he needs me for a particular meet," Lennig said. "There's really no special training to be able to swim the different events."

"Swimming year-round in a club, you work on all of the different strokes, so the key to being versatile is practice, practice, practice. You are constantly working on your technique during practice and that can be the difference in winning or losing a race."

Pure commitment

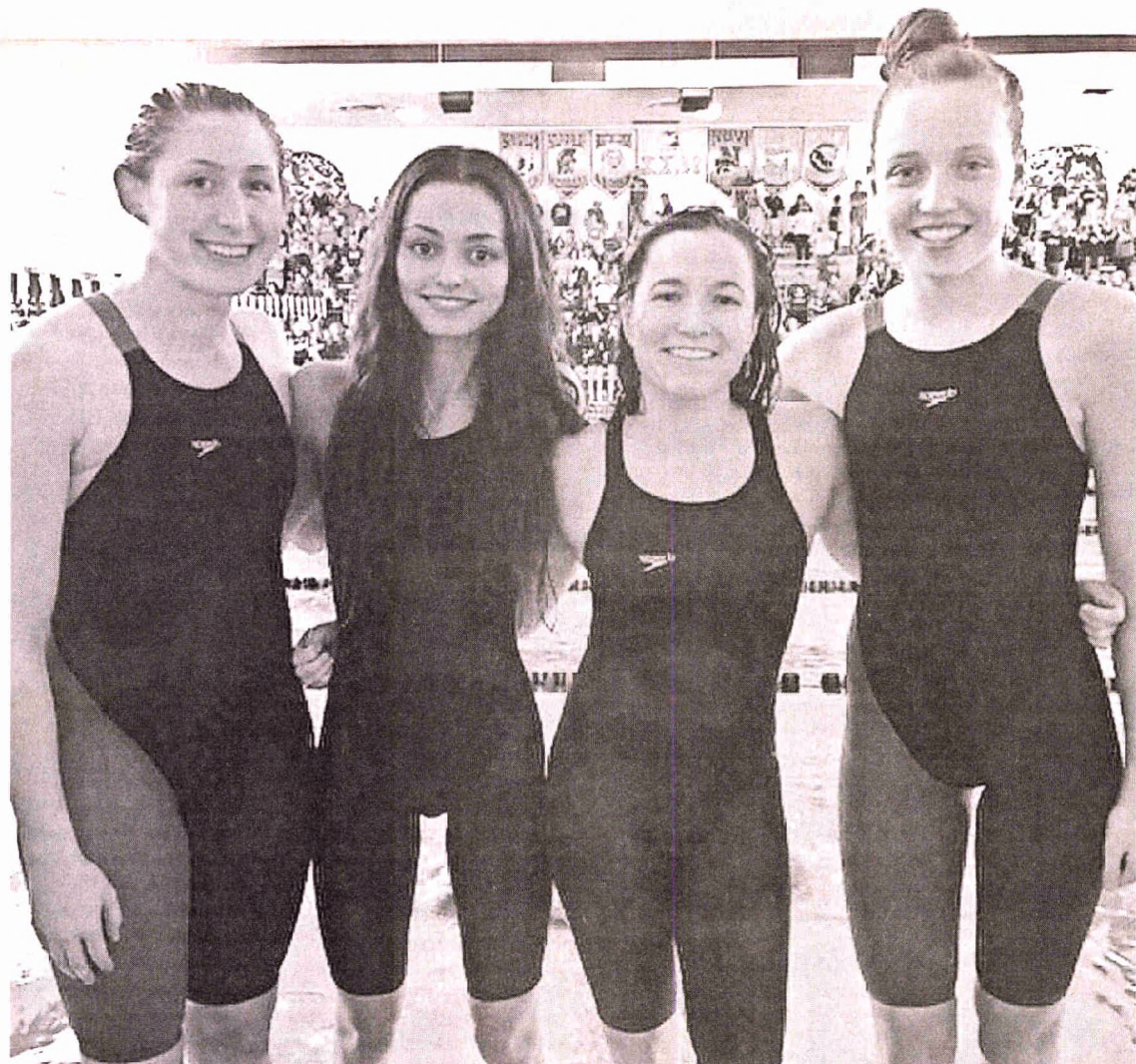
That kind of self-starting commitment is a coach's dream. Forbes praises Lennig for her work ethic, leadership and versatility — not to mention a willingness to do whatever it takes to score points for her team.

"As a coach, you want someone who is strong willed to push themselves," Forbes said. "Physically strong as well, to have the speed or power needed for big performances in clutch moments and capable of swimming anything. Yet also be able to relax and have fun, getting along with the rest of the team, coaches and competitors."

"Allison is the epitome of a strong, motivated, kind, caring leader. These qualities carry through in every meet, practice and team event."

Forbes, who said he has been "very blessed to have some amazing athletes" on his teams, first at Redford Union and now Plymouth, put Lennig right at the top of the list for how she went after and accomplished making her DI cut in the 200 free (1:56.60).

That finally happened last weekend at the KLAA Ken-



Plymouth's 200-yard freestyle relay team, composed of (from left) Allison Lennig, Isabella Giacobone, Kathryn Waters and Kelsey Peregord, will compete at next weekend's Division 1 state finals.

PLYMOUTH SWIMMING



Showing her leadership and communication skills as a senior captain is Plymouth's Allison Lennig (second from left).

PLYMOUTH SWIMMING

sington Conference meet. Lennig pushed herself all season and ultimately was rewarded — both with another event to swim at finals and by the volume of opposing swim-

mers who congratulated her on the achievement.

"This was something she had been working on all season and it just happened to come a little later in the season with

the right setting and competition," Forbes said. "A great feat, but nothing unexpected of her; the real surprise and testament to her character is the sheer number of swimmers from other teams who ran up and congratulated her."

"I almost couldn't get to her to congratulate her myself because she was swarmed by all of these girls who genuinely cared how she performed. They cared so much because she cares about them and this sport."

Earlier this season, Lennig won the 100 and 200 free events at the KLAA South Division meet (setting a meet record in the former) and also took the top spot in the 100 free at the Wayne County Championships.

Future bright

Lennig's attitude, attitude and all-for-one demeanor make her an enticing recruit for Youngstown State University. She signed her national

THE LENNIG FILE

Who: Allison Lennig, senior captain on Plymouth Wildcats varsity girls swim team.

Swim star: The 17-year-old Canton resident later this month will compete in her fourth Division 1 state finals. Selected Plymouth's team MVP in 2014, Lennig is slated to compete at finals in the 100 free, 200 free and 100 back.

Victory laps: Lennig this year won the 100 free at the Wayne County Championships, garnered the top spot in the 200 free and 100 free at the KLAA South Division meet and also was conference champion in the 100 free with a time of 53.18. She joined teammates Kathryn Waters, Kelsey Peregord and Isabella Giacobone to win the 200 free relay at the conference meet.

Family: Her parents are Scott and Katie Lennig of Canton.

Other: Lennig holds a 3.667 grade-point average, volunteers at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Wayne, is a member of her high school's Council of Athletic/Activities Teams Leadership Group and is working on her Gold Project for Girl Scouts.

College plans: She will study physical therapy/exercise science and swim at Youngstown State University.

letter of intent Friday and will swim and study physical therapy at the Ohio college.

"Just recently, I sat down with her and went over her top picks for swimming in college," Forbes said. "She had some great opportunities in front of her and after much deliberation and support from me, her club coach Joe Bublitz and, of course, her always supportive parents, she has decided to sign with Youngstown State University."

"I couldn't be prouder for her. She is a testament to what hard work and determination can get you."

That mindset is something Lennig tries to share with her teammates, too.

"I've learned that having a strong work ethic is a key component to being a competitive swimmer," Lennig said. "As a senior captain, I try to instill that in my teammates by pushing and encouraging them to do their best in both practices and swim meets."

"Sometimes pushing them in practices doesn't make you popular, but seeing them smiling after they've swam a great race makes it worth it for me."

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Don't let cold and flu ruin the season

As the holidays approach, many are gearing up for Thanksgiving dinners, holiday shopping and celebrating with family and friends. But with the unpredictable cold and flu season, it's equally important to add staying healthy to your list.

To help answer your most pressing queries, Dr. Travis Stork, emergency room physician and host of the Emmy Award-winning talk show *The Doctors*, has partnered with Church & Dwight Co. Inc., the maker of Arm & Hammer Simply Saline nasal mists, on a new online tool called "Congestion Questions," inviting people to ask questions and get the answers they need, such as these:

Do nasal mists cause the rebound effect?

Nasal mists are drug-free and derived from natural ingredients — they contain only salt, sodium bicarbonate and water. They are non-addictive and do not cause any rebound congestion.

I have been experiencing nasal congestion for days. It's so bad that now I'm unable to blow my nose. How can I find quick relief?

Saline irrigation is an excellent way to relieve this sort of nasal congestion. Using either a nasal spray like Arm &

Hammer Simply Saline Nasal Relief or a neti-pot ought to help flush out your nasal passages and help loosen your congestion.

I use saline mists and other medications when I need to for my children, but how else can I ease the symptoms of stuffy noses and sore throats?

Helping little ones feel better when they are sick is always a priority for parents. How best to help is often dependent on the cause. Some traditional treatments that can help soothe and clear stuffy noses include chicken soup or warm drinks with a little lemon or honey, although you should not give honey to a child less than one year of age. You should also make sure the house is kept at a comfortable temperature and perhaps consider a humidifier if you are in a dry climate. Finally, always make sure your children are staying hydrated and eating well.

Why do I get congested mostly at night?

Many people find that their congestion gets worse at night. This may be because when you lie in bed, gravity is no longer playing its part in clearing your nasal passages naturally, so you should try propping your head up with an extra pillow or two to find



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To submit your own questions and learn more about easing your cold and flu symptoms, go to www.CongestionQuestions.com.

some relief. You may also want to reduce the allergen levels in your bedroom by keeping pets off your bed and buying hypoallergenic pillows. A

saline spray like Arm & Hammer Simply Saline Extra Strength Night-time Relief with natural eucalyptus can help quickly clear congestion

so you can breathe easier and comfortably fall asleep, with no day-after effect.

To submit your own questions and learn more

about easing your cold and flu symptoms, go to www.CongestionQuestions.com.

— Family Features

RELIGION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 15

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice; \$3 adults, \$1.50 children

Contact: 734-425-4421

FAIR TRADE BOUTIQUE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15

Location: St. Regis Catholic Church, 3695 Lincoln, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Guests can buy merchandise from around the world through Catholic Relief Services and Ten Thousand Villages, and speak with ministry representatives from local organizations that assist the poor in southeastern Michigan

Contact: 248-646-2686

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5

Location: St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Includes 30-40 vendors and crafters with homemade

items, raffles and lunch for purchase. Proceeds will fund youth trip to World Youth Day in Poland. Admission is \$2

Contact: Sara at 734-417-1405; sara17king@gmail.com

POMERANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15

Location: Rachel's Needlepoint & Judaic Gifts, 29260 Franklin Road, Southfield

Details: The Guild, a group that studies and creates Judaic needlecraft, will learn how to make a beaded kippah. Rachel's will provide kits for \$25.

Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Nov. 23

Location: Trinity in the Woods Episcopal Church, 268809 La-Muera, Farmington Hills

Details: Interfaith service with combined choir. Persons interested in participating in the choir must come to 6:30 p.m. rehearsal. An offering of non-perishable foods and money will be collected for St. Alexander's Food Pantry and Neighborhood House

Contact: Rachael Rose at rlrrose1031@gmail.com

DECEMBER BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 5

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Continental breakfast with St. Nicholas is \$12.95 for adults, \$10.95 for children, 3-12, and free for children 2 and under. Includes breakfast, a visit with St. Nick and other activities. Proceeds benefit the Solanus Casey Center, a part of the Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order

Contact: 313-579-2100, ext. 191

WOMEN'S EVENT

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4

Location: Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: A Cup of Christmas Tea - A night of tea, carols, crafts, and fun for women and girls, ages 8 and up. Event is free but reservations are requested. RSVP by Sunday, Nov. 29 at crossroadsnow.org and click on the "get involved"

Contact: 248-890-5718

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offerory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethan Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursdays

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: 248-559-7722; www.ooa.org for additional information

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Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

BAGHDASARIAN, KAREN

Age 63, passed away on Sunday, November 8, 2015. She is preceded in death by her brother Keith Kulhanjian, and parents George and Jeannette (Griffin) Kulhanjian. Karen is survived by her sons Nathaniel (Allison) Adams and Nicholas (Amanda) Adams, and her five grandchildren: Brittany, Abbigail, Madilynn, Isaac, and Elliot. The family will hold a memorial service at a later time.

MORRISON, RALPH ELDON

Dear Friends and Family. Please attend a celebration of the life and loves of Ralph Morrison on Saturday 21 November 2015 6-9 p.m. Detroit Athletic Club 241 Madison Avenue Detroit, MI 48226 Seventh Floor Stories, Tears, and Laughter will be shared, but No Denim allowed. Please use the pre paid valet service.

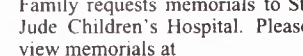


NOVAK, ROBERT K.

Age 75 November 11, 2015. Beloved husband of Virginia for 54 years. Dear father of Marcy Novak, Michael (Elizabeth), Robert K. II (Lisa) and Denise (Stephen Niecek) Novak. Loving grandfather of Michael, Andrew, Cory, Sarah, Alexandra, Nathaniel, Noah, Julia, Jonah, Gabriel and Faith. Brother of the late Thomas M. Novak. Services were held. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

PATTISON, WILLIAM "PAT" SR.

November 12, 2015. Age 96 of Westland. Beloved husband of the late Edna. Dear father of William (Lesley). Brother of Marian (late George) Ison and the late Marjorie Barrans. Grandfather of two, great-grandfather of four, and great-great-grandfather of two. Memorial service from The Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Saturday November 21 at 11:30 a.m. Gathering from 9 a.m. until time of service. Family requests memorials to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Please view memorials at www.uhtfh.com



ROSSIN, DONALD F.

Local diabetes expert promotes plant-based diet

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Ditch the burger with cheese and load your plate with veggies and beans. Caroline Trapp, a nurse practitioner and diabetes educator, says a plant-based diet and active lifestyle can prevent and even reverse diabetes type 2.

"There is a feeling that it's in your genes and it's destiny and nothing can be done about it. But type 2 diabetes isn't something everyone needs to get," says Trapp, a Farmington Hills resident.

"Study after study shows people who eat what grows in the ground and less animal products are healthy. We're a meat-eating society and people don't

want to hear that about their favorite foods. The World Health Organization makes clear its concerns about certain meats and their role in cancer. It shouldn't be a surprise those foods are risky for heart and metabolism related to diabetes. I'd gladly take a nice whole-grain cereal, bread and a bean dish, bean soup, maybe an ear of corn, over anything that comes from an animal."

Trapp, director of diabetes education for the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, has worked with diabetes patients for 20 years, including in Native American communities



Trapp

that have a high incidence of the disease. She'll talk about her experiences working with Native Americans, will share her research and show a documentary about her work, at the Plant Based Nutrition Support Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln, Birmingham.

Barry Franklin, Ph.D., director of preventive cardiac rehab at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, also will be on hand to talk about preventative cardiology and cardiac rehab.

A Plant Based Lifestyle Expo will run from 4:30-9:30 p.m. in the lobby outside the Seaholm Auditorium and will feature local businesses and organizations with whole-food diet and

fitness resources, samples and holiday gift ideas. The expo is free. Tickets for the presentations are \$15 in advance at pbns.org/events, or \$20 at the door.

Support group

Trapp is a volunteer diabetes educator for the Plant Based Nutrition Support Group, which was founded last year by Paul Chatlin, a former heart patient, and Joel Kahn, M.D., a local cardiologist. The group offers resources, programs and support for those making lifestyle changes to prevent or reverse chronic disease.

"One thing I love about this group is it's not just professionals lecturing.

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There's no biz like show biz



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Northville High School drama club members teach Hillside Middle School pupils about set design and lighting during an Oct. 14 boot camp.

Hillside theater boot camp introduces kids to the stage

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

There's more to being in the theater than being discovered at a soda pop counter. That's why Hillside Middle School students in Northville have learned the basic ins and outs of show business during a five-week theater boot camp.

"It's allowing us to expand our program," teacher Jason Brooks said. "This is a training ground for future membership."

Brooks, who began a drama boot camp at Silver Springs Elementary, where he previously taught, took the idea and expanded on it for the middle school crowd. For a year, he worked to create a winning partnership with the Northville High School Drama Club in which students work with the middle school-aged kids during boot camp.

The partnership and boot camp collectively prepare the middle school students to jump into the high school drama club armed with plenty of preparation and experience. "The drama club liked the idea," Brooks said.

In past weeks, some 45 Hillside students learned about costuming, set design, theater layout, hair, makeup and props, house crew and stage directions, working in the booth with lighting and sound and running a crew. It was in anticipation of participating in an audition Dec. 2 for a play



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Hillside Middle School teacher Jason Brooks looks at costume styles presented by Northville High student Sophie Kenward (left) as Stephanie Rosche joins in as the trio worked at an Oct. 14 drama boot camp at Hillside. The afternoon-long event gave middle school students the opportunity to learn a bit about stage construction, lighting and costumes.

written by Brooks — not his first, by the way. Titled *A Bully's Ballad*, the play follows Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* theme, featuring ghosts and plenty of life lessons along the way.

"It's very funny. There are a lot of moments with emotional impact," Brooks said.

Bringing the high school and mid-

dle school students together in something that interests both age groups has been uplifting to the students and Brooks. "Some of my former fourth-graders are now helping the middle school students," he said.

Recently, Northville High students Haley Clifton, president of the drama club; Matthew Michalowski, who works on sound; and Kailyn Bondoni

lent their time to work with the middle school kids on set design in the Hillside auditorium. Meanwhile, another group of high school students, Sophie Kenward, Kirstan Lam and Stephanie Rosche, taught the basics of costuming.

"We're going to start with what is a set," Bondoni told the students. "The set includes furniture and the walls."

In the costuming class, Juliana Monteiro Castro, Sedona Shipka and Gia Sandhu were busy with a costuming assignment. "I'm, like, fashion addicted," Sandhu said. Shipka talked about designs and patterns and how to put them together, while Castro talked of fabrics.

Brooks called Kenward the drama club's "costuming goddess," with her knack for determining what actors in particular shows should wear. "They have all been brilliant in lending costumes as part of our membership," Brooks said.

As Kenward told the middle school students: "Costumes tell people who the characters are."

In preparation for the Dec. 2 auditions — including roles and crew members — the middle school students will have a mini-camp featuring acting and auditioning. *A Bully's Ballad* will run for three days: March 21-23, with daytime shows for Hillside students and an evening show for parents and the public.

"This has been so good," Brooks said. "They (students) just loved it."

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Area resident named to Make-A-Wish Michigan board

A Northville resident is among the new Board of Directors members for Make-A-Wish Michigan.

Kenneth Stanecki is chief financial officer of TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants (Livonia), which owns and operates multiple franchised restaurant concepts, including Applebee's, Del Taco, MOD Pizza and Olga's Kitchen.

Stanecki collaborates with company leadership to provide insight and counsel relative to all areas of strategic

planning, business analytics, growth and financial leadership across the TSFR portfolio. Before joining TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants, Stanecki served as CFO of the California-based Round Table Pizza.

He previously served as board chair for Make-A-Wish Minnesota from 2009-13 and as a board member for Make-A-Wish Greater Bay Area



Stanecki

from 2013-15.

Other members in nearby communities include Canton residents Lindsay Barnes and Manthan Pandit.

"We are honored to have these six leaders in their respective fields join our already dedicated Board of Directors," said Karen Davis, Make-A-Wish Michigan president and CEO. "The expertise and unique perspective that these individuals bring to our board will help guide Make-A-Wish Michigan in our pursuit to grant 440 wishes this

fiscal year."

Since 1984, Make-A-Wish Michigan has granted more than 8,000 wishes to Michigan children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Based in Brighton and with an office in Grand Rapids, Make-A-Wish Michigan is funded through community support — 80 percent of each dollar spent directly benefits the Michigan grant-granting program. For more information, go to michigan.wish.org.

Uptown Pop-up Shop opens in Milford for holiday season

Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

Milford's first pop-up shop opened for business Friday.

Uptown Pop-up Shop, located in the former gas station location at North Main and Commerce streets in downtown Milford, offers a variety of items for the holiday season and beyond.

"We've got an impromptu gathering of goods for giving or garnishing your home and garden," said Jane Swayze, who lives in Milford and formerly owned and operated Your Nesting Place before selling the business to Chris Merideth, its current owner, in 2002.

At Uptown Pop-up Shop, Swayze said, shoppers will find an "unexpected assortment," ranging from re-purposed home gear and jewelry to Milford-themed products, like pillows, clothing, baby wear and signage made by Milford-area artists.

"We have some vintage one-of-a-kind things and holiday decor, but with a different twist," she said. "These are unique items you won't find anywhere else."

The store will also carry fresh Christmas wreaths and living items such as miniature trees, which can be given as gifts and planted outside later by the recipient.

Swayze said she was looking forward to joining the Milford businesses for the holiday season.

"When I was offered the

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JANE SWAYZE
shop owner

opportunity, I jumped at it," she said, noting she was up for the challenge of transforming a former gas station/convenience store into a charming downtown shop. "I like repurposing things and re-purposing the gas station into a holiday shop sounded like a fun thing to do. It's going to be fun."

Pop-up

Pop-up shops, also known as pop-up store retailing, is a fairly recent movement of opening short-term sales spaces in order to offer trendy or seasonal merchandise. Halloween and fireworks stores are among the most popular of such endeavors in Michigan.

Milford Downtown Development Authority Director Ann Barnette said the former gas station site, now owned by the DDA, was ideal for such a shop.

"The building has been empty for a long time and really hasn't been showing well on such a pivotal corner," Barnette said. "Jane is a talented entrepreneur; she'll make that corner pop, which is good for everyone."



Jane Swayze works to set up Uptown Pop-up Shop at the northwest corner of Main and Commerce streets in downtown Milford. The shop opened Friday.

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Because of its short-term, relevant nature, Barnette added, pop-up retail tends to attract new customers, who, in turn, visit other stores and restaurants.

Uptown Pop-up Shop, located at 505 N. Main St. will be open through Dec. 28.

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DIABETES

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People get a chance to share their successes and hear each others stories and laugh together. People come from all walks of life and they are across the spectrum in terms of their knowledge of plant-based nutrition and how far along they are to actually implement it in their own lives."

In addition to lecturing, Trapp also maintains a blog on the group's website and participates in the Q&A portion of each monthly meeting.

"I can't say enough about the quality of this growing organization. I really hope people will come and check it out," says Trapp, who sees patients in Southfield. "I want people to be empowered."

She hopes her upcoming presentation on her work with Native Americans will inspire listeners to consider making diet and lifestyle changes.

Diabetes epidemic

"Native Americans especially are hard hit by type 2 diabetes and Native teens are the fastest growing demographic group for diabetes," says Trapp, adding that she

was aware of a 6-year-old child in New Mexico with prediabetes.

"The effort is to provide information about plant-based diets to Native Americans. Many Native America ancestors lived on a diet predominantly of plants, the foods they forged for and that they harvested. Many of those foods remain very important to those tribal communities culturally and for medicine. Yet, the conventional approach to diabetes in these communities is the same dietary approach offered elsewhere. You can eat anything you want in moderation. But that doesn't always

work well."

Trapp says the Native American diet has changed substantially over the years, in part because of foods supplied to low-income recipients. The foods consist of canned meats, blocks of cheese and other non-traditional foods, along with some fresh and frozen vegetables and fruits.

Comparing the Tarahumara tribe in Mexico and the Pima tribe in Arizona underscores the notion that lifestyle plays a huge role in diabetes prevention.

"It turns out they have the same genes. But the Tarahumara have low rates of diabetes

and the Pima have among the highest. The difference is lifestyle. The Pima live on a reservation and receive commodity foods and as a result, have high rates of diabetes and obesity. The Tarahumara are known as the running people. They have a tradition of running long distances. They have maintained their health.

"It's a hopeful message that we've been able to share with Native American communities, that there is something that can be done."

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Volunteering can pay off in your job hunt

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It's no secret that volunteering for a cause you're passionate about can be an enriching, rewarding and life-changing experience. Yet the benefits of volunteering can spread beyond your personal life to your professional life. Volunteering can help build your résumé, and it can be the boost you need to secure a job. In fact, according to research from the Corporation for National and Community Service, volunteers are 27 percent more likely than non-volunteers to find a job after being out of work.

Here's just how beneficial volunteering can be during a job search.

Break out of a job-search rut.

Job searching is hard, and when you continue to hit dead ends, it can be easy to lose confidence and motivation. Sometimes, you need to switch up your routine to get back on track and put your search into perspective.

"The best way to avoid job-search burnout is to feel useful and productive by volunteering and/or working on a cause you believe in," says Lynn Berger, a career counselor and coach based in New York. "One needs to find a way to gain perspective about their current situation."

Show off your soft skills.

Employers like to see candidates who are well-rounded and who not only have the right experience but also possess soft skills such as teamwork and leadership. "Volunteering gives back to the community, which in turn



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makes the candidate more of a team player, good role model and, eventually, a good manager," says Neil Bondre, founder of the Interview Professional, which mentors students through the interview and hiring process. "Regardless of where they are volunteering — Red Cross or Habitat for Humanity or any other organization — candidates are taking time out of their busy schedule to help others in need, which is an excellent quality to have in an employee. Companies want people who support others and work well with a team and work well in stressful situations or can be creative if a situation needs them to be."

Build new skills.

If you are considering a career shift, volunteering can be a good way to gain experience in your desired occupation. "Volunteer work can often provide a place for people to showcase skills that they may have not been able to use in previous jobs," says Lori Trahan, associate director of Kennesaw State University's Career Services Center in Kennesaw, Ga. "Small non-profits in particular are always willing

to have volunteers create marketing materials, manage websites, plan events, lead people, etc. — all skills that could be useful in a job. Employers aren't interested in whether you've been paid to do something; they just want to see evidence you have done that particular skill successfully."

Fill résumé gaps.

"Volunteer work can help address gaps in work history," Trahan says. "Showing that you've continued to be active within the community while searching for work provides evidence to employers that you are not just sitting around waiting for an opportunity. Instead, you are actively seeking opportunities to stay busy."

Network with industry peers.

If you already know what field you want to pursue, seek out volunteer opportunities at professional associations affiliated with that line of work. That allows you to gain experience while expanding your network. "Most fields have professional organizations," Berger says. "Start with volunteering on committees and let people see your work style, etc. One wants to network with those who share your professional and business interests. A good resource to consult is the Encyclopedia of Associations (to find) some organizations in your area of interest."

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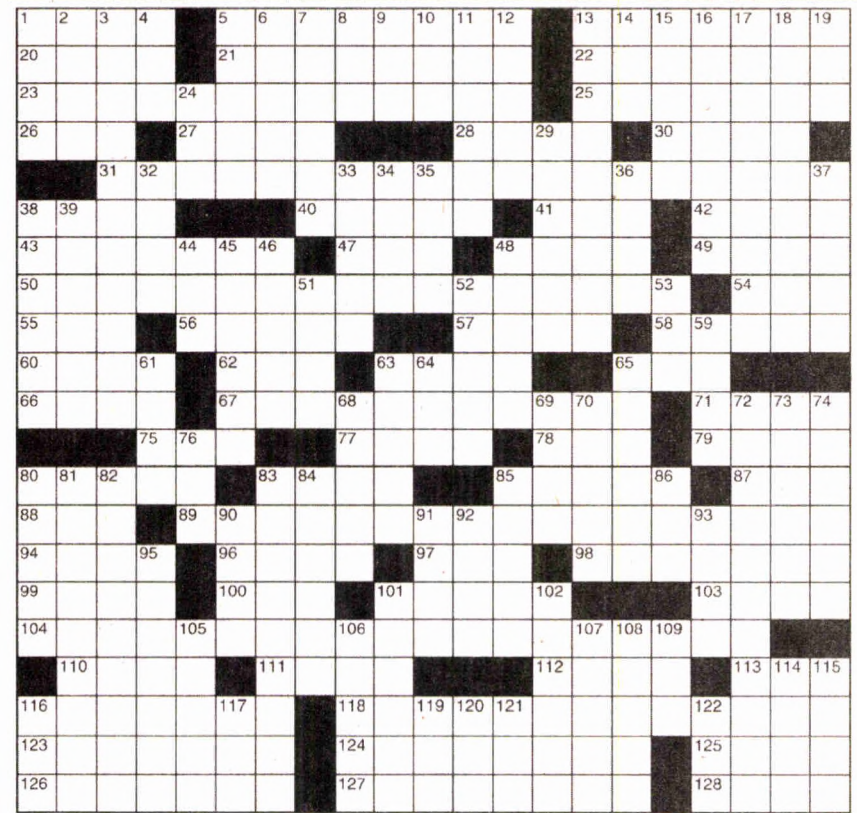
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Army vehicle
 - 5 Outlines of plans
 - 13 Peyote-producing cacti
 - 20 Climax
 - 21 Makes a call to a radio talk show, e.g.
 - 22 "No, really!"
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Tanning booth fixture
 - 26 "Help!" a sea
 - 27 — sci (college maj.)
 - 28 "— be silly!"
 - 30 Latin jazz great
 - 31 Riddle, part 2
 - 38 Prescription specification
 - 40 "— Whoopee" (1929 hit)
 - 41 Three R's org.
 - 42 "When all — fails..."
 - 43 Feeling of vague illness
 - 47 Stimp's TV pal
 - 48 Env. notice
 - 49 Muckraker Jacob
 - 50 Riddle, part 3
 - 54 Busy little insect
 - 55 Note hastily
 - 56 Relative of a gazetteer
 - 57 Submission encl.
 - 58 Elaine on "Seinfeld"
 - 60 Blood type, briefly
 - 62 Mount, as a jewel
 - 63 Full of a certain grain
 - 65 The "sum" of Descartes
 - 66 Total change
 - 67 Riddle, part 4
 - 71 "Do I need to draw you —?"
 - 75 Future man
 - 77 Sanctioned
 - 78 Pointy tool
 - 79 1958's Best Picture and Best Song
 - 80 Nun's garb
 - 83 Totally fulfill
 - 85 Pumps, e.g.
 - 87 Coll. senior's test
 - 88 Rock's Rose
 - 89 Riddle, part 5
 - 94 Don of talk radio
 - 96 Short slumbers
 - 97 Balloon filler
 - 98 More thickset
 - 99 Richard of "Moonraker"
 - 100 Thurman of "Jennifer 8"
 - 101 Shore of "Up in Arms"
 - 103 The Big Board: Abbr.
 - 104 End of the riddle
 - 110 Bic Round — (pen brand)
 - 111 Actresses West and Clarke
 - 112 How-to part
 - 113 Operate
 - 116 Chile's — Desert
 - 118 Riddle's answer
 - 123 Russian ruler before Anna
 - 124 Ship over-seas again
 - 125 Downhill gear
 - 126 Market before officially launching
 - 127 Poet — Rich
 - 128 Regarding
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Spielberg film
 - 2 Tunnel effect
 - 3 Deprived of strength
 - 4 Home animal
 - 5 Tape holder
 - 6 — Vista, California
 - 7 "Not just the physical" medical philosophy
 - 8 Cut off
 - 9 Intersected
 - 10 Blond shade
 - 11 Linked (with)
 - 12 "Did — that make sense?"
 - 13 Plant to kiss under
 - 14 Tall bird
 - 15 Actress Berger
 - 16 Gun barrel statistic
 - 17 Eastern Turkey native
 - 18 VIP vehicle
 - 19 Motor oil additive
 - 24 Sgt.'s inferior
 - 29 Thirds of thirds
 - 32 Lab gelatin
 - 33 Sagan and Sandburg
 - 34 Swedish retail giant
 - 35 Happen on
 - 36 — -pedi
 - 37 Tryouts
 - 38 Key with two sharps
 - 39 Dee Dee or Joey of punk
 - 44 Nest egg fund, briefly
 - 45 Acts indifferently
 - 46 Lamprey hunter
 - 48 Quite — off (far)
 - 51 Information
 - 52 Swedish port on the Baltic
 - 53 Start-up loan org.
 - 59 Net 'zine
 - 61 Asian desert
 - 63 In tune
 - 64 Veneration
 - 65 Most inactive
 - 68 Wee bits
 - 69 Hilarious of the violin
 - 70 "Star Wars" critters
 - 72 Anaheim's NHL team, formerly
 - 73 Concurs
 - 74 Canada's Trudeauau
 - 76 Giants great Mel
 - 80 Japanese poem
 - 81 Colorful carpet with a cut pile
 - 82 Part of a U.S. election map
 - 83 Cyber-junk
 - 84 Llama kin
 - 85 Politico Palin
 - 86 — Canals
 - 90 "Movin' —" (old sitcom theme song)
 - 91 Agony
 - 92 Nuptial band
 - 93 Ex-senator Sam
 - 95 Floodgates
 - 101 — the dirt (gossiped)
 - 102 Actress Anjelica
 - 105 Terribly
 - 106 Neon — gas brand
 - 107 Strict
 - 108 Entertainer Midler
 - 109 Mo. in spring
 - 114 "MADtv" bit
 - 115 Non-U.S. gas brand
 - 116 iPad extra
 - 117 Plastic film thickness unit
 - 119 Suffix with rocket
 - 120 Nero's 1,011
 - 121 Lemur's kin
 - 122 "When — good time?"

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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!

2	8	1	9	6	2	5	4	3
2	5	3	4	7	1	6	8	9
4	6	9	8	3	5	7	1	2
8	7	1	4	1	2	9	3	6
1	3	6	5	2	7	4	9	8
9	4	5	3	8	6	2	7	1
6	9	4	2	5	8	1	3	7
3	1	7	2	7	9	4	8	5
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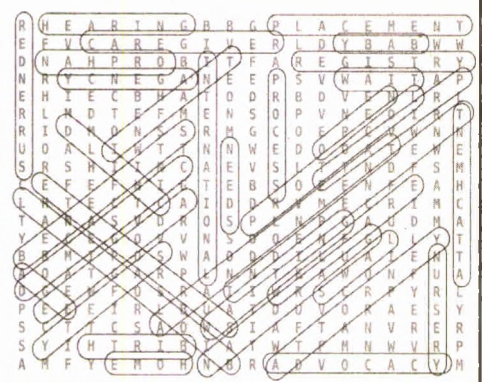
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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Car Report

With All-New Tucson CUV, Hyundai Gets It Right – and Sales Show It



By Dale Buss

Hyundai has been creating a lot of excitement lately with its announcement that the company plans to launch a separate new luxury brand called Genesis. After years of trying to stretch the original economy-minded Hyundai brand with new vehicles even up into the near-luxury and premium segments of the U.S. market, the company finally has given into its success in launching the new

brand in their showrooms.

In the here and now, Hyundai is generating a different kind of excitement – around the sales performance of the 2016 model of its Tucson mid-sized crossover. In a week of driving Tucson, I found it every bit as capable as its competitors in terms of the criteria that are most important to owners in: handling, performance, interior comfort and cargo capacity.

Long on cars over the last several years as lower gasoline prices tempted Americans to tack away from sedans and toward generally lower-mileage and larger SUVs, the company overhauled Tucson this year in time to participate in the continued utility-

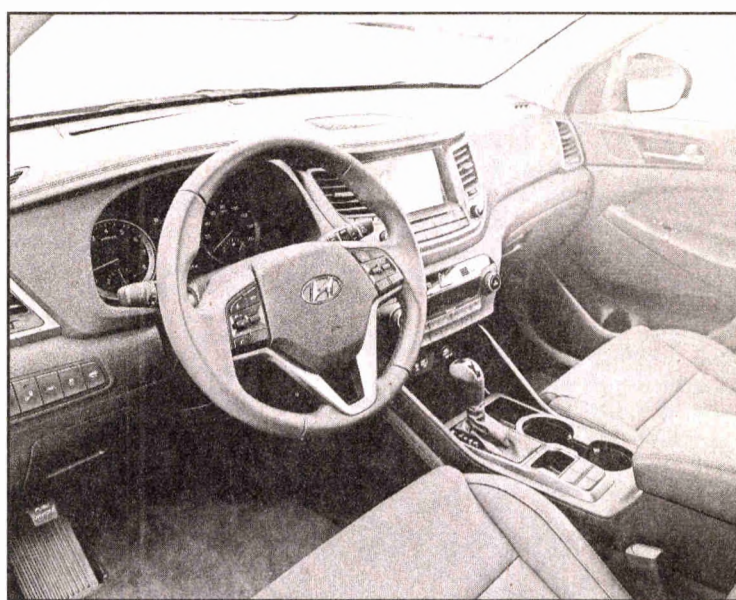
Tucson, or more than double its total of nearly 3,200 units in October 2014.

“The strong demand for crossovers continued during this month with the all-new Tucson more than doubling its sales compared to last October,” said Derrick Hatami, vice president of national sales for Hyundai Motor America, in a release. “With our Tucson, Santa Fe and Santa Fe Sport models, Hyundai provides a very competitive CUV lineup that meets the needs of most customers.”

Michael O'Brien, Hyundai's head of corporate and product planning, told me that “what's been great” about the new Tucson “is that it registers to customers as a large ‘class-up’ feeling, particularly in the interior of the car. It registers with them as being one class higher than its pricing in terms of interior refinement, [noise-vibration-handling] and fuel economy, and even in particular exterior dressing.

“It's a personal and expressive SUV with a standout character about it. Dealers are complaining they can't get enough; ‘Send us more!’ And I guarantee you the number one complaint when we meet [in November] with our dealer council will be, ‘How can I get more Tucson?’”

Another evidence of strong consumer reception for Tucson, O'Brien said, is that not only numbers of sales of the new model but also transaction prices compared with the earlier-generation, 2015 version “are



An 8-inch screen is part of the premium feel of Tucson's Limited edition holding up extremely well.”

O'Brien confirmed that one of the most important characteristics of the new Tucson is the fact that it is the first non-luxury crossover, he said, to offer a dual-clutch transmission of the sort that previously has been available only on more expensive vehicles. It's available on non-base versions.

“Frankly, we took a little gamble,” he said. “It provides a little bit different taste and flavor from a conventional automatic transmission, and buyers really are enjoying it. And the big bonus is the fuel-economy gain you get from it.”

To wit, the new Tucson provides combined EPA-rated fuel economy of 26 mpg, including 23mpg in city driving and an impressive 31 mpg on the highway. That is up a few miles per gallon, O'Brien said, from the previous version.

“There are plenty of dual-clutch transmissions out there, but not

with all-wheel-drive too. If you think about the size of the vehicle, and it's all-wheel-drive, and you create engineering for the dual-clutch on top of it – it was quite an achievement.”

Among other significant attributes of the all-new 2016 Tucson is the overall sprightliness of its turbocharged 1.6-liter, four-cylinder engine that is available on versions other than the base SE and churns out 175 horsepower and 195 pound-feet of torque.

Also, inside the new Tucson has a more refined design than the previous version, topped out in the Limited premium trim level with upgraded trim that includes padded dashboard and door inserts with accent stitching. And every version includes plenty of cubbies for stuffing things, particularly for front passengers.

Touchscreens are fine too, a five-inch version as standard and an eight-inch version in the Limited.



Dynamic, clean lines characterize the all-new 2016 Hyundai Tucson

marque, which initially will be made up of Hyundai's sporty Genesis sedan and its luxurious Equus full-size sedan, with new names.

But all of that begins with the 2017 model year, when existing Hyundai dealers will be able to begin showcasing the new luxury

vehicle surge in the U.S. market.

And the all-new Tucson has come through with flying colors. Through October, Tucson sold more than 48,000 units in the U.S. compared with fewer than 41,000 for its predecessor version a year earlier. And in October per se, Hyundai dealer sold nearly 7,300

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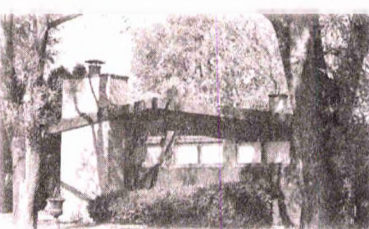


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