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Who's running for school board?

Crowded field competing for three six-year seats

Jill Halpin
Correspondent

As three incumbents on the Plymouth-Canton school board — Mike Maloney, John Barrett and Sheila Paton — plan to leave, nine newcomers will square off for three six-year seats. Board member Patrick Kehoe, appointed last year, will run opposed as the only candidate vying for a four-year seat.

Newcomers include Douglas Brooks, Bharat Malhotra,

Patti McCain, Patricia Mullen, Pete Puzzuoli, Leonardo Savage, Michael Scopone, Girish Tiwari and Gurnath Vemulakonda. They will vie for three open, six-year terms.

Remaining on the school board is President Kim Crouch, whose term is up in 2018, Secretary Kate Borninski and Trustee Michael Siegrist, with terms that expire in 2020. Siegrist, however, is seeking election on the Democratic slate for Canton Township

clerk. He faces Republican Linda Obrec in the Nov. 8 election.

Kehoe was appointed in August 2015 to complete the term of Mark Horvath, who resigned in July last year.

He has called work on the school board challenging but believes the district — under Superintendent Monica Merritt — is headed in a new and more positive direction. Though professionally busy in the year following his appointment, Kehoe said he has a new job and when that change came about, "that's when I

made a commitment" to continue on the board.

"My kids are in the district and I think I can bring a good voice to the board," he said.

Who are the newcomers?

Puzzuoli has lived in Plymouth for 27 years and is the father of two grown children, one of whom graduated from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district. He retired in 2015 after teaching in the district for 42 years, including stints at Central Middle School, as well as Field and Gallimore elementary schools.

Despite his retirement, Puzzuoli is eager to get back into education by serving in another way: as a member of the school board.

"I am hopeful that my experience will translate into being an effective board member," he said, adding he is very concerned about the exodus of P-CCS students to charter schools. "There are a number of our children who have left our schools to attend charter schools," he said. "Have the schools put in any effort to

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Viewers can enter contest to win newly-remodeled house

HGTV reveals Ann Arbor sweepstakes house



The HGTV Urban Oasis home, at 730 Spring Street in Ann Arbor, is revealed.

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Arson defendant faces trial for Canton market fire

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A Canton teen accused of breaking into a local market and setting it on fire has been ruled competent to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Nathan Howard Gudenburr, 19, could face penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison if he is convicted of charges that arose after Canton City Market, near Sheldon and Canton Center roads, was set afire about 2 a.m. April 17. He is charged with third-degree arson, breaking and entering a building and arson preparation to burn property.

"There was minimal damage to the store," Canton Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor has said.

Gudenburr was charged in April, but his case had been delayed for months after a 35th District Court judge ordered a psychiatric evaluation to determine whether the defendant is competent to stand trial and aid in his own defense.

That process ended Sept. 2 when, according to court records, 35th District Judge Michael Gerou found Gudenburr competent and sent the case to the higher circuit court for disposition. That same day, Gudenburr voluntarily waived his right to a preliminary examination — a decision that averted pretrial testimony.

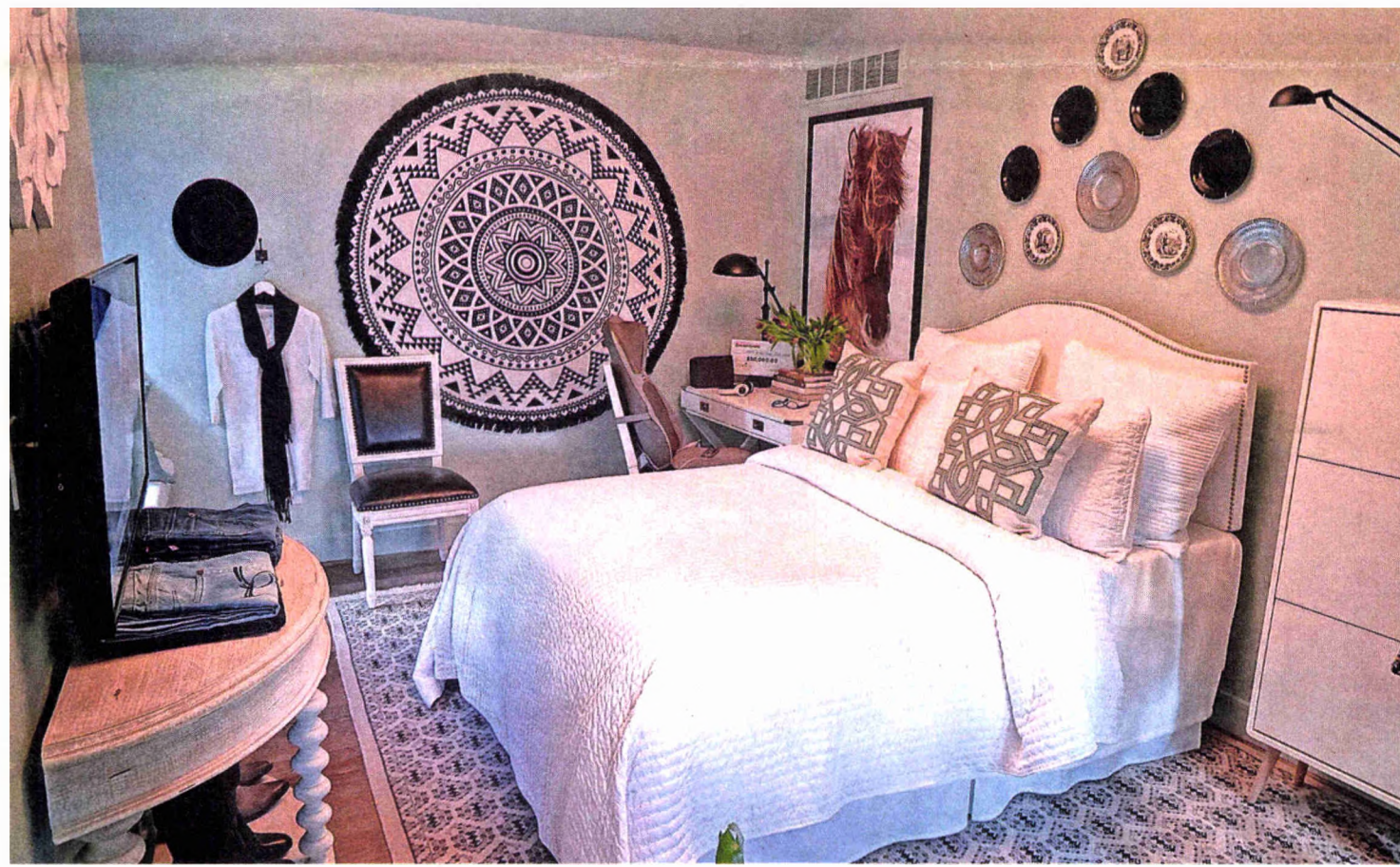
Traylor has said the Canton City Market fire was started after an intruder broke into the store. Police haven't said how the fire was started, saying those details could come out in court.

Authorities also haven't disclosed a possible motive.

Traylor said the fire set off an alarm inside the store and prompted a response by police and firefighters. Police said quick action led to Gudenburr's arrest.

Traylor has said police do not have a photo of the suspect.

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The upstairs bedroom.

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You'll face lots of competition — likely more than 43 million others — trying to win a remodeled Ann Arbor house in HGTV's 2016 Urban Oasis sweepstakes. But Kristin Alm, the network's director of corporate communications, says the odds shouldn't dissuade you from entering the contest. It runs from Oct. 4 through Nov. 22, with a \$700,000 prize package that includes a remodeled 1,500-foot craftsman-style bungalow on Spring Street in the historic Water Hill neighborhood, its furnishings and

\$50,000 from Quicken Loans.

"Every year the number (of entries) increases," she said. The first giveaway in 2010 drew more than 15 million entries. Last year's was more than 43 million.

"But somebody does win it," she said. "We have had people from all over the country win. They may or may not be in a position to move to another part of the country. Some do. Some might choose to keep the house and rent it out or visit it a couple times a year. There are different options."

The Ann Arbor house, which was opened Sept. 20 to

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media and Spring Street neighbors, is the seventh location in the network's annual Urban Oasis sweepstakes series that initially involved renovated and decorated condos in downtown high-rise buildings across the country. Two years ago, the emphasis switched from urban condos to older, small homes.

The Ann Arbor house, this year's giveaway, was designed by architect Dawn Zuber, owner of Studio Z Architecture in Plymouth. Alm said the interior of the 900-square-foot house was gutted to make way for a new layout with a more open feel and better flow from room to room. The additional 600 square feet of space was added as a second-floor master suite. The house consists of two bedrooms, two full



A large screened porch was added to the rear of the two-car garage.

bathrooms and a half-bathroom, living room, kitchen and dining area.

Alm wasn't certain exactly how much the house has been appraised for. This year's summer residential property tax rate in Ann Arbor was

42.17 mills, according to the Ann Arbor assessor's office.

Scott Branscom, project manager, said HGTV chose the Spring Street house because of its location.

"We loved the Ann Arbor location," he said. "This house was built in 1925 and needed a lot of attention. It was nondescript — a diamond in the rough. It's on a beautiful lot. I can see downtown Ann Arbor out the back. It was such a good

pick for us."

Branscom said his favorite part of the remodel is behind the newly-built two-car garage.

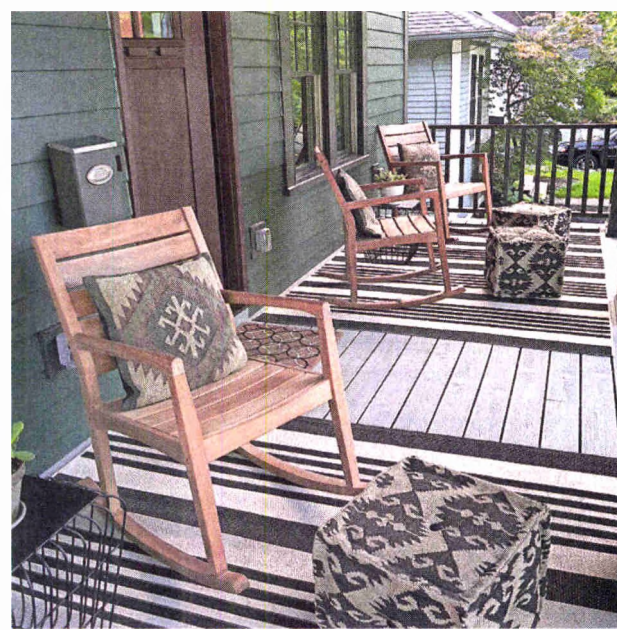
"We put in a screened-in porch," he said. "There are 15 people at the house right now and 14 of them are on the porch. It's like a little retreat. It's beautiful."

Enter the contest twice a day from Oct. 4 through Nov. 22 at HGTV.com.

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This is the home before the project began.



A comfortable front porch is a good place to relax.

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Farmington Hills doctor sentenced to a year in prison in federal opioid case

A physician who practiced in Detroit was sentenced this week to 12 months and one day in prison for writing prescriptions for oxycodone and other controlled medications without medical justification, U.S. Attorney Barbara L. McQuade announced.

McQuade was joined in the announcement by Special Agent Timothy Plancon, Drug Enforce-

ment Administration, Detroit Division.

Lauran Bryan, 57, a plastic surgeon living in Farmington Hills, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Matthew Leitman in Detroit.

From 2011-15, Bryan wrote prescriptions for tens of thousands of oxycodone and other controlled medications for patients, some of whom she knew to be addicted

to the drugs, for no legitimate medical reason. She also wrote prescriptions in the names of associates of her patients, knowing that the associates would provide the pills to the addicted patients.

Bryan's unlawful prescribing was somewhat unusual, in that her motive appears to have been to keep traffic coming to her struggling plastic

surgery practice, rather than simply to sell opioid prescriptions for cash profit.

McQuade said, "Doctors who divert drugs to the street market are contributing to the overdose epidemic that kills 44 people every day in the United States. We are focusing our efforts on bringing corrupt doctors and pharmacists to justice."

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determine why they are leaving? This is something that needs to be looked at."

Puzzuoli said he is very dismayed by the secrecy and "behind closed doors" attitude of the school board. "Decisions seem to be made behind closed doors," he said. "I believe we need more transparency; I am in full support of public disclosure." Puzzuoli had previously filed an employment lawsuit against the board.

Scopone, a Plymouth stay-at-home dad, is father to three children currently enrolled in P-CCS, in grades 8, 5 and 2. Scopone said it was with the full support of his wife and children that he decided to run for a seat on the school board.

"There are a lot of people who are unhappy and I decided that I needed to step up. It's my turn," Scopone said.

The 2015 closing of Allen Elementary on the district's east side prompted Scopone's entry into the board race. The school board, he contends, made the decision to close the school without listening to the concerns of parents and students. "Allen was a very high performing school, even though it was a Title One school. That is a testament to the quality of the teachers and volunteers," he said.

"The closing of Allen was very political; it was decided long before it was made public," he said. Moving forward, Scopone believes that it is imperative that the board actively listens to parents. "It is not a requirement that they change their mind after hearing what parents have to say. But they should at least listen," he said.

Canton resident Vemulakonda is a father of two children in the district; one attends elementary school and the other is a middle school student. The Ford Motor Co. engineer is an active volunteer in the district, providing coaching for middle school speech and debate. He is also a founding member of parent run-enrichment program, Brewing Excellence, which promotes excellence in academics and leadership.

Vemulakonda said that, as a parent, he always encourages his children to take leadership roles. "I thought it was time to take my own advice," he said of his decision to run for school board. The main issue for Vemulakonda is student achievement. "I know from my work as a volunteer that if you provide the right environment and expectations, students do well," he said.

The financial stability of the district is also an area of concern for Vemulakonda. Upon completion of his MBA from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business, Vemulakonda realized he wanted to use his skill set to help nonprofits. "Financial stability is so important the school district," he said.

Plymouth resident McCoin is the mother of two grown children — both graduates of P-CCS, as well as college graduates. After a career in accounting and auditing, McCoin went back to school for a master's in teaching and now works as a sixth-grade math teacher in the Detroit Public Schools.

McCoin was appointed to the district's sub-committee on policy — a two-year appointment — in October 2015. McCoin said that she has attended most of the school board meetings for the past five years and is very aware of the impact of district policy in the classroom. The biggest issue the board faces right now is the funding piece, McCoin said.

"The Plymouth-Canton district is funded at the lowest level of per-pupil allowance," she said. "The schools are so inadequately funded that



Malhotra



Brooks



Vemulakonda



Savage



Scopone



Puzzuoli



McCoin



Mullen



Kehoe

that in order to have any measure of success, there has to be cooperation and communication between all parties concerned," he said.

It drives all of the decision-making in the district." Many parents are unaware of the impact of state funding laws on the district and that has to change, McCoin believes. "We need to take action in educating the public of the inadequacies of public school funding" and encourage them to contact their legislators.

An electrical engineer, Tiwari is the owner of a Plymouth Township-based electrical supply and services business. As the father of two grown children — both graduates of P-CCS — Tiwari said he was very pleased with his children's educational experience. His decision to run for a seat on the school board was based on a desire to give back to the community, as well as a strong belief in the power of quality education.

"It is simple: If kids have a good education, they will do better in their life," he said. Tiwari said he is concerned by a drop in school ratings. People are looking for a good, quality education for their children, he noted. "I have done some research and it indicated that our schools' ratings

are declining," he said. "It is not good for our children and it is not good for the community at large."

Additional fact-finding for areas of improvement is necessary keep the schools competitive, he said: "Ensuring a quality education to help students compete on a global level is key."

As the mother of two sons, a P-CCS graduate and junior at P-CEP, Mullen said she had often thought about running for a position on the school board. "I have always been passionate about education" and now that her sons are grown, the time is right, she said. The Canton resident has a background in education and journalism and is a college instructor.

Mullen said that her biggest issue is with class size and the lack of funding necessary for smaller classes. It is important that the public be made aware of the budget process and encouraged to reach "beyond the local level" to advocate for school funding, she said. It is also important to make sure that the schools continue

to address student need across the curriculum. The variety (in course selection) that the district is able to offer a student is a gift to the community, Mullen said. "We need to make sure we are supporting all of our programs," she added.

Canton resident Brooks is the father of a ninth-grade student at P-CEP and works as an IT professional in the automotive industry. He said he is very interested in helping out the school district and the neighborhood kids. "We have a great system and I'd like to help it improve," he said.

A major issue for Brooks is the lack of adequate school funding at the state level. "It is a very big issue," he said. "The schools must have the financing they need to help students learn at their top ability." In addition, the schools also need to market the outstanding programs offered in order to compete with neighboring charter schools.

"We have so many outstanding programs here in the district that people don't know any-

thing about," he said. In addition to the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) program and the Arts Academy at the high school, the district boasts top band and orchestra programs, he said. "We need to get the word out."

Savage of Plymouth is a retired quality management professional with a daughter attending sixth grade in the district. He was prompted to enter the board race after learning about the Wayne County regional educational enhancement millage "on accident," he said. "This is a millage proposal that will be on the upcoming ballot. It will greatly impact our students — almost \$350 to \$400 per student — at a cost of around \$17 per month for residents and people don't know much about it."

Savage said that it is clear that communication is a major challenge facing the district and that parents need to be made aware of the effect that this and other measures will have on the schools. "What I have learned over 30 years in quality management is

that in order to have any measure of success, there has to be cooperation and communication between all parties concerned," he said. Savage said that he is also hoping to raise that satisfaction level for both students and teachers: "At the end of the day, it is the teachers that matter as well as the students."

Canton resident Malhotra is an automotive quality engineer and the father of two grown children, one of whom graduated from P-CCS. Malhotra said that he decided to run for a seat on the board in order to do something positive for the community. When his daughter attended middle school, he actively volunteered as a mentor for math competitions and recognized the importance of sharing his abilities with children. Malhotra said it is important to examine the schools closely and make a careful determination of what is working and what isn't. The next step is to make and plan and set a date to achieve it, he said. "Once we have a target, we can make a plan to reach our goal. We want to make our schools the best in class," he said.

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Canton woman sews up quilt contest

A quilt created by Susan Haslett-Scholfield of Canton has won a top award in the quilt contest at the 2016 Quilt Expo in Madison, Wisc.

Haslett-Scholfield's quilt "Double Wedding Ring 2016" received an honorable mention in Category 3 (Machine Quilted Bed Size-Pieced).

All quilts accepted in either the contest or the challenge made it through a rigorous selec-

tion process before going on display in the exhibit. The 432 quilts were judged on visual impact and stitching technique.

More than 20,000 quilt lovers attended the 12th annual Quilt Expo, presented by Wisconsin Public Television with Nancy Zieman, host of public television's "Sewing With Nancy."

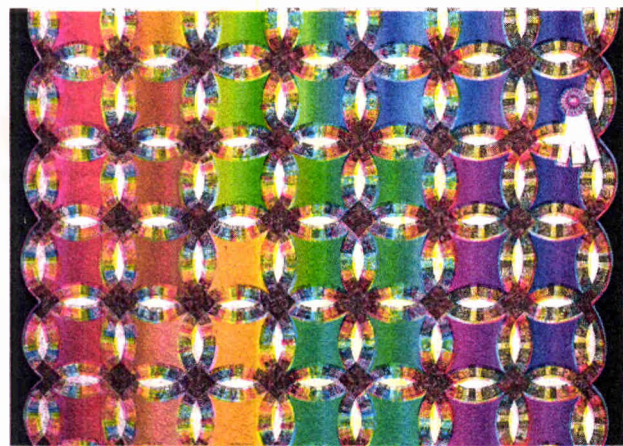
Each year, Quilt Expo presents a multi-cate-

gory contest, as well as a unique juried challenge that changes annually. In the 2016 Black & White Plus One Challenge, all quilts were made from fabrics in black and white, plus a single additional color of the maker's choice.

In addition to Best of Show, awards were given for first-, second- and third-place quilts in each category, as well as honorable mention. One

quilt was also named Viewers' Choice by attendees.

In 2016, accepted entries in the quilt contest came from 31 different states and two foreign countries, including one from a military family stationed in Bahrain. Following the event, selected quilts will travel throughout the United States, representing the spirit of Quilt Expo.



JAMES GILL
Susan Haslett-Scholfield of Canton has won a top award for her "Double Wedding Ring 2016" quilt.

Local Paralympics goalball athletes earn silver medal

David Veselenak
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John Kusku knows if you would have asked him 10 months ago whether he'd be disappointed coming home with a Paralympics silver medal, his answer today would have surprised him.

"I would say that you're crazy," the Commerce Township resident said. "Five days after the gold medal game, I still feel disappointed."

Despite that disappointment, Kusku and the other members of the U.S. men's goalball team brought home silver after falling to rival Lithuania, 14-8, during the Sept. 16 match in Rio de Janeiro. The team featured several Michigan athletes, including Kus-

ku, Joseph Hamilton and Tyler Merren, all of whom got to play on a line together while competing in Rio.

Goalball is played on a court with a goal extending along each end. Three players to a team defend a goal as the other team attempts to throw a ball — riddled with bells, so it can be heard — into the goal. It's played by athletes with visual impairments and each player dons an eye mask to prevent anyone from seeing the ball. It's a sport originally invented after World War II for veterans who had lost sight.

Kusku, who teaches at the Oakland Technical Center in Wixom and whose wife Jessica is on the board for Livonia-based Seedlings Braille

Books for Children, said one thing that surprised him wasn't the level of play against other teams, but the size of the crowds that attended. He said some matches, such as the one where the U.S. defeated the reigning Paralympics gold medal team from Finland, had close to 8,000 spectators. During play, the crowd is expected to be silent, but Kusku couldn't help but feel how powerful that was.

"The crowd's response was amazing," he said. "I was not prepared for the crowds."

Hamilton, a Livonia Churchill High School alumnus and former Wayne resident, said he had family come, including his mother who lives in Redford Township. He said he's used to

playing in front of 100 people in the U.S., so playing in an arena with thousands took some adjusting.

"I could not believe how I could feel the court underneath my feet vibrate," he said.

The team advanced out of the group stage, going 2-2, before taking on and beating Germany in the quarterfinals. After that match came one against the Games' host nation, Brazil. The U.S. defeated Brazil, 10-1, with nine goals coming on penalties. That set up the U.S. to take on Lithuania in the gold medal match. Despite only losing to the Lithuanians by one goal in the preliminary round, the U.S. had to settle for a silver medal.

After the medal cere-

mony, the team was able to visit other sites and see other U.S. teams compete. Donning their silver medals, team members saw plenty of people looking to take their photos while walking through the Olympic Park.

The team is also up for an award as the best U.S. Paralympic team, currently taking place by a vote. Those interested in voting can do so before Friday at awards.teamusa.org.

Hamilton said the medal has rarely left his neck since he's returned to his home in California. He's hoping he'll have the chance to continue competing for hardware in future tournaments as well.

"I'm always said I love this game of goalball," he

said. I will continue to play at the highest level I can"

After coming home Tuesday, Kusku said he went straight from the airport to the Oakland Technical Center in Wixom to prepare for classes. While one medal from another championship hangs in his classroom, Kusku said this medal will most likely remain at home.

He said he's looking forward to playing in more major tournaments and hopes to compete at the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo to try again for that gold medal.

"I don't plan on stopping playing anytime soon," he said.

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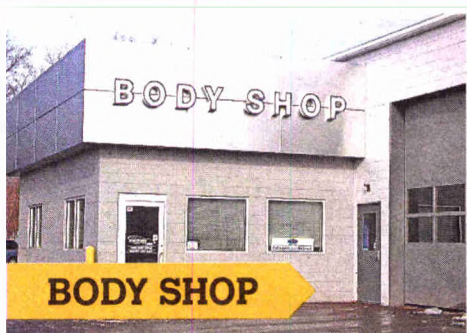
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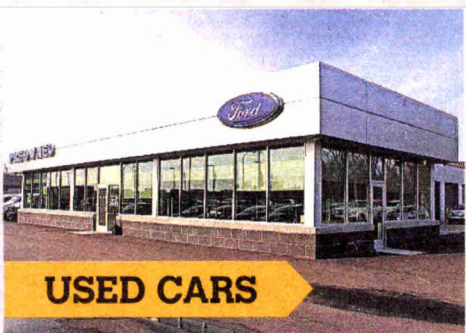
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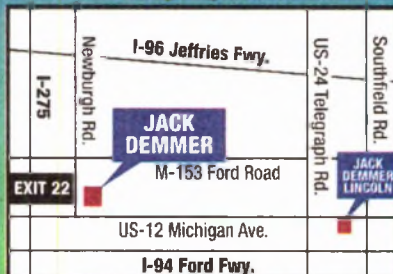
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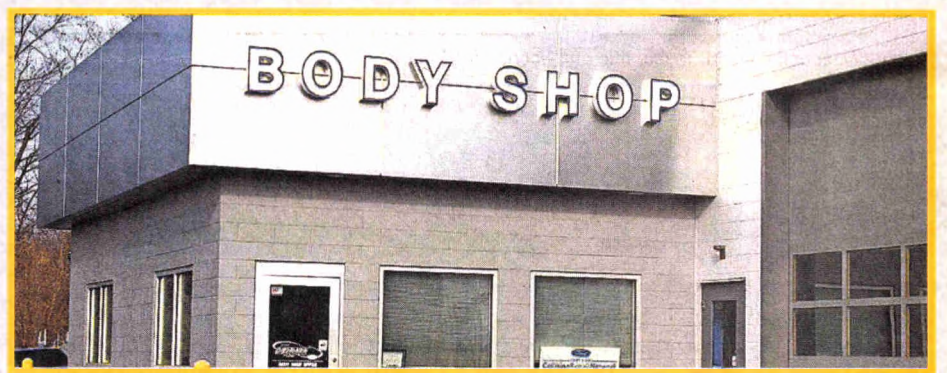
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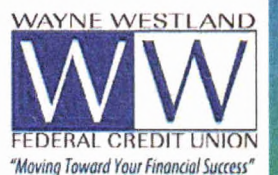


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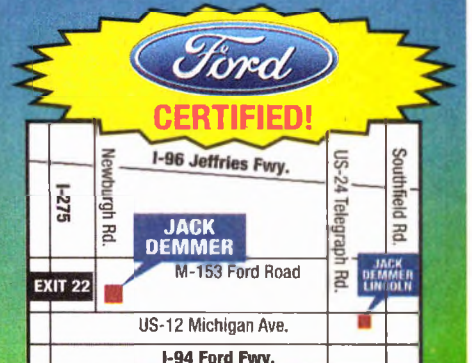
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Giving Hope has deep roots in community

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

A good thing, a girl thing, a giving thing. That's what Loren Wadington calls Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle, an endowed fund of the Canton Community Foundation dedicated to supporting women and children in the greater Canton and Plymouth area.

She should know. Giving Hope is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year and Wadington has been part of the effort since the beginning.

Forming a circle

Back in 2006, Wadington was development director for the CCF. At the time, the group was looking for ways to engage the community in various forms of philanthropy. But the real push, Wadington said, was when several women came to the foundation



A fund of the Canton Community Foundation

asking for financial help — and she had to turn them away. The CCF had no funds set aside to provide the assistance these women needed.

That's when Joan Noricks, the CCF's president at the time, suggested a giving circle.

It was an idea that had been simmering in her mind for some time. A few years back, Noricks had attended a Council on Foundations conference in Baltimore and

heard firsthand from a group that had implemented a giving circle in its own community, to great success.

Noricks thought it was the perfect solution for CCF: Getting a group together to pool its money for grants that would benefit women, children and families in the local community.

Wadington started doing research on giving circles. "For most people, an individual's giving dollars are fewer, say \$500," she said. "That alone cannot make the impact as if you have 10 women giving \$500. Then you have \$5,000 and you can make more of a difference."

"By pooling our resources together and focusing on two or three special things a year," Noricks added, "we can make more of an impact than we would through our disparate checks." Noricks and Wadington strategized, came up with a few ideas, then held an initial meeting, inviting women from the community who were interested in nonprofits and philanthropy.

That was April 2006. From there, the group of about 13 women worked all summer long, meeting once a week to hash out bylaws, the groups' name, its logo and its mission. "It was a wonderful time when we were laughing and talking and eating chocolate, a bonding kind of time for us," Noricks said.

Growing the gifts
Giving Hope was publicly launched that October as a donor-advised fund through the Canton Community Foundation.

"What we're trying to assist is three-fold," Wadington said. "One, meet the needs of women and children who are

underserved in the community. Two, educate the general population about philanthropic opportunities, not only financial, but time and talents as well. Three, establish an endowment fund."

Right now, Giving Hope has \$120,000 in its endowment fund, which generates about \$10,000 a year. That means it isn't required to spend time fundraising every year in order to raise money for grants — a major draw for some of its busier members.

"We understand that women are busy ... as life ebbs and flows, sometimes you can be there and sometimes you can't," Noricks said. With Giving Hope, members don't have to make a time commitment. "You can write a check and know you're making a difference ... you can be as involved as you want to be. We've been able to meet women where

they're at." Betty Bloch is one of the founding members, a board member and past president. She and her fellow founders each contributed \$1,000 and the original plan was for that to continue, without any fundraising at all. "We didn't want to become the bake sale people or the car wash people," she said.

That changed when the economy tanked. So the group tried to find ways to involve those who might not have an extra \$1,000 on hand and, in 2005, launched its inaugural signature charity event — a girls'-night-out-type fundraiser that benefits a specific charity each year.

It's the group's only fundraiser. The rest of its money comes from donations and memberships, which include \$100, \$300 and \$1,000

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Women's Giving Circle helps needy women, families

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

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Books, backpacks and beds for Plymouth-Canton kids.

And that's just the beginning of the achievements that Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle can look back upon as it celebrates its 10th anniversary year.

Giving Hope was founded in 2006 as a donor-advised fund through the Canton Community Foundation. Its founders had a straightforward goal: helping women, children and families in the Plymouth-Canton communities by pooling their charitable dollars for large-scale, local grant making.



Amy Youngquist, CEO of First Step, an organization that has benefited from Giving Hope.

Most of Giving Hope's dollars come from its \$120,000 endowment fund, which generates about \$10,000 annually, fueled by donations and membership dues. Over the past 10 years, Giving Hope has granted a total of \$90,000 to area nonprofits.

During its last fiscal

year, Giving Hope distributed five grants, ranging from \$500 to \$10,000. Recipients included the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council, the Students Helping Homeless Students project at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Enough SAID (Sexual Assault in Detroit) and the ShapeDown program at St. Joseph Mercy Health System.

One grant that has received several Giving Hope grants over the years is First Step, a Wayne County program to assist victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Amy Youngquist is First Step's CEO. She said Giving Hope is one of the few organizations

to have funded domestic violence prevention and outreach services in the Plymouth and Canton communities.

Most of the money First Step received went toward staff and materials for outreach efforts — in particular, parent/child interaction groups. Domestic violence can really undermine those relationships, Youngquist said. First Step's work, through the grants it received, has enabled it to reach hundreds of people through presentations on healthy and safe relationships. "Anywhere we can find an audience, we do presentations," Youngquist said.

Although Giving Hope's work generally stays in the greater Plymouth-Canton area, the group has occasionally

broadened its definition of "local" to include nonprofits in metro Detroit at large — like the Enough SAID campaign, a collaboration to raise funding for backlogged rape kits in Detroit.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy spoke at Giving Hope's fall 2015 event and turnout was overwhelmingly successful, said Cynthia Ver-cruyse, the group's board president.

As one of her examples, Worthy mentioned a rapist in Detroit who'd been identified as committing rapes in 38 states. "Who knows — some of those rape victims could have been Plymouth-Canton women," said Joan Noricks, one of Giving Hope's founding members and a former director at the

Canton Community Foundation.

In addition to a grant, the women of Giving Hope raised money for Enough SAID through its "Pass the Purse" collection. In this case, Ver-cruyse said, people were literally emptying their pockets to donate.

Over the years, Pass the Purse has raised more than \$10,000, given as one-time cash gifts to local charities. "Each meeting, we pick an issue where they need money right away," said Loren Wadington, a founding member of Giving Hope. How much it raises ranges from a couple of hundred dollars to maybe a thousand dollars at one of their bigger events.

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Giving Hope women invest in local community

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

In her nearly 22 years in office as Canton Township clerk, Terry Bennett has seen her fair share of people in need — especially women and children.

“Being in public office, I came across a lot of women in dire situations, with no direction, no place to go,” she said. She saw a similar problem on the giving side, too. “There weren’t a lot of resources out there able to help develop women philanthropists or leadership.” So she made it her goal to get involved with a support organization that would put women in touch with the resources they needed.

Bennett is one of about 75-80 women who make up Giving Hope, Women’s Giving Circle, a donor-advised endowment fund through the Canton Community Foundation. This year, the group is celebrating its 10th anniversary of serv-



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Giving Hope, Women’s Giving Circle chair Cindy Kabza Vercruyse, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy and vice chair Jennifer Belveal.

ing women, children and families in the Plymouth and Canton communities.

Giving Hope’s endowment fund generates about \$10,000 each year, which is distributed in the form of grants. Since its inception, the group has granted about \$90,000 to nonprofits in the community that provide resources for women, children and families. It also provides cash assistance through its

“Pass the Purse” program, a donation that helps supply funds for immediate needs.

The premise behind the group is simple: By pooling members’ charitable dollars, these women can make more of an impact together than they could separately.

The results can be pretty powerful. Bennett, a founding member, recalled a time within the first one or two years when Giving Hope

helped a local woman who couldn’t pay her property taxes. Her husband had died and, shortly after, her son was killed in an auto accident. She didn’t have insurance and, as the bills mounted, the woman faced losing her home.

Twelve Giving Hope members stepped up to the plate and each wrote her a check for \$100. “We were able to have her feel secure until she got on her feet again,” Bennett said.

Cynthia Vercruyse of Plymouth is the current board president and a former HR director at the University of Michigan. She’s been part of Giving Hope for at least seven years. For her, like many others, it’s all about giving back to the local community.

“A lot of times, if you give money to an organization, even though they’re collecting in your community, the money is not actually going to your community,” she said. “That was the key determining factor, one, in how to spend my time

and, two, where I wanted to invest.”

In a sense, she said, joining Giving Hope really is like making an investment. “It’s very planned,” she said. “Our giving will continue for as long as there is an endowment.”

Debbie Maloni, a retired Plymouth schoolteacher, couldn’t agree more. She went to the group’s first general meeting in 2006, when she said the idea enticed her completely. She ended up joining the next year.

Maloni, a Plymouth resident for 36 years, has made a career of community service: 41 years as an educator (primarily teaching fifth grade at Allen Early Learning Elementary) and a lifetime of volunteerism.

“I’ve always been a volunteer. I do Relay for Life, all of them,” she said. As well as Giving Hope, she belongs to Chicks 4 Charity and gives time with organizations like the First Presbyterian Thrift Shop in Plymouth. Like herself,

most of the Giving Hope women belong to other organizations as well. “Every single one of them is a giving person,” she said. “There is no body in this group that is not willing to give time or treasure or talents to causes near and dear to their hearts.”

Maloni likes the way Giving Hope operates its grant funding. “Other groups I belong to, you do something different every month: You work for this charity this month, that charity the next,” she said. This group is more focused. “I like the idea of making a large donation, so that our donations really count. I like the fact that we have a big lump sum of money to give; it’s very powerful.”

She also likes the sense of strength and purpose that comes along with having the means to make a real difference. “I feel that this is a group of women with a great deal of empowerment,” she said. “We have won-

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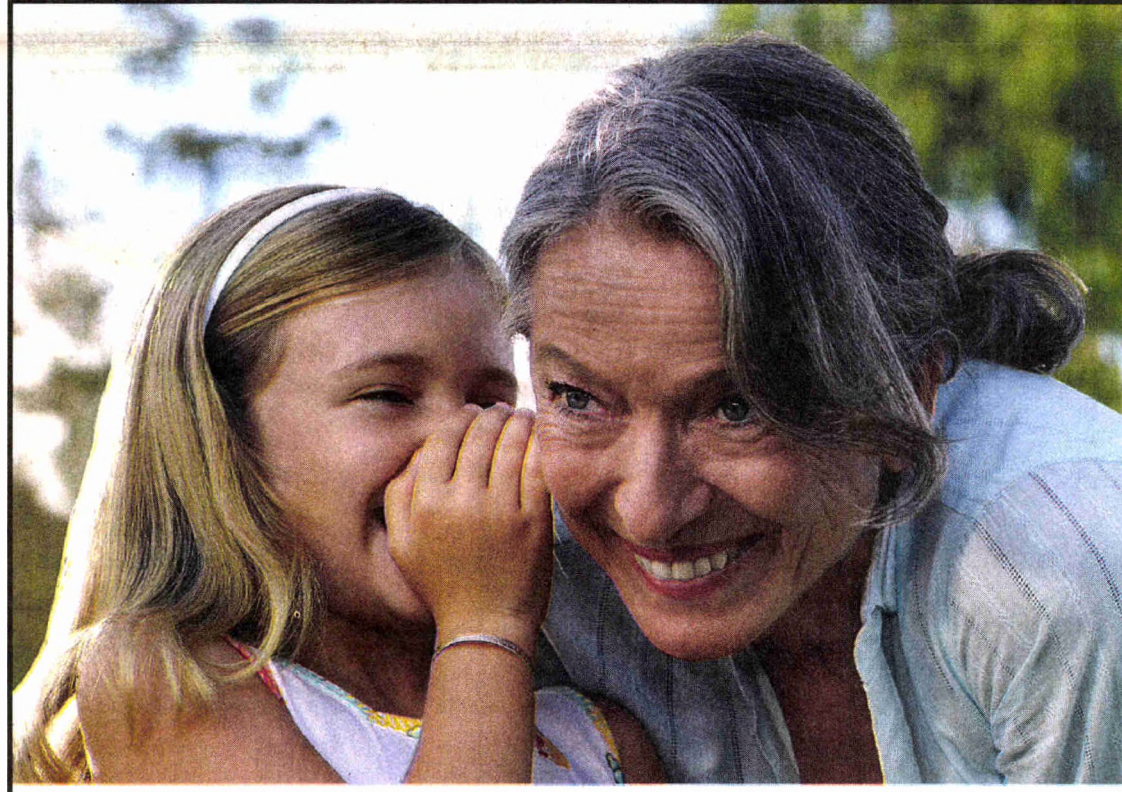
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10 years at work

Since the group's inception, Giving Hope has granted about \$90,000 to community charities and programs, at the rate of between two and five grants a year.

Almost all the money stays in the Plymouth-Canton area, something that's important to Giving Hope members like Bloch. She was recruited by Wadington, a good friend of hers, and decid-

ed to join when Wadington threw in the fact that the money raised would stay local.

"That was the biggest draw for me," she said. "I felt really good to be part of the decision-making process that would decide where the money went and be able to actually see our money at work."

Over the years, Giving Hope's grants have helped organizations like the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Clothing Bank, the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council and First Step, a nonprofit that works toward end-

ing domestic violence. And its "Pass the Purse" collection has given charities the cash to buy everything from backpacks to bras to hams for Christmas dinner.

Recently, Giving Hope has also begun offering more opportunities for hands-on volunteer work, for members who wish to give time as well as funds. Last year, Giving Hope worked with a partner for the first time: St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. The program it supported, SHAPE-DOWN, helped local families and children facing obesity.

"I do think people are

starting to recognize us — 'Oh, the giving circle can help,'" Bloch said.

Currently, the Giving Hope circle is about 75-80 members strong. They're a varied bunch: attorneys, accountants, a police officer, a librarian, homemakers, bankers, nonprofit leaders, retirees, plenty of teachers and women in government.

Nurturing new philanthropists among women is something Noricks really stresses. For the 10th anniversary, she would love to hit 100 members.

"So much of philanthropy, fundraising, is a

friend asking a friend," she said.

That means reaching out to younger women, too — even if they're not ready to make the financial commitment. "One of our goals is to expose women in the community and teach about philanthropy and all the various phases of it," Wadington said. "The more the merrier, frankly." She's excited that the group has been seeing a wide range of ages at its meetings, from the late 20s up to 80s.

A lot of that, Bloch says, is due to word of mouth and women bringing their daughters to

meetings and events. "We all know we aren't going to be here forever ... we've made efforts recently toward inviting the next generation to participate," she said. "We try to accommodate anyone who wants to be part of it."

Bloch's daughter doesn't live in the area, but her daughter-in-law does — she just bought a new home in Canton — and Bloch sees a new member in the near future.

"Now that we know she's going to be in the community," she said, "we're going to be working on her."

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derfully strong women in the group and we have a very strong feeling for our community."

Betty Bloch, another retired educator, enjoys the diversity of people she's befriended through the group. She worked for the Plymouth-Canton school district ever since she moved to the area almost 30 years ago and joined Giving Hope in 2006 as a founding member.

Before that, practical-

ly everyone she knew was a teacher or had something to do with education. Since joining, her circle of friends has expanded dramatically to include all kinds of women from all kinds of backgrounds.

"I just love it," she said. "Every one of them is passionate about what they think the charity should be ... and they're all very fun people to be around."

For more about Giving Hope, plus details on its 10th anniversary celebration Oct. 21, go to www.cantonfoundation.org/giving-hope.



Giving Hope members gather for an annual meeting.

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GIVING

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Door Ministry in Canton, got \$500 from Pass the Purse in December 2015. That, along with funding from the Meijer Simply Give program, was enough to buy holiday dinners for 510 families. "Last Christmas, the Thursday before Christmas, everybody got a ham," said Steve Darr, pantry manager.

Another local nonprofit to receive cash assistance was the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Clothing Bank, which collects gently used clothing to distrib-

ute to families in need.

Karen Palgut volunteers as the clothing bank's community liaison. When Vercruyse first approached her about helping out, she initially assumed the bank would need coats, hats and blue jeans.

Not so, Palgut said. "One of the things we always, always, always need are bras, because most women wear their bras until you can't use them anymore," she said. "We don't get a lot of gently used bras that are serviceable."

For Vercruyse, the discovery was eye-opening. "That's a basic need," she said. The same went for Noricks,

especially when she realized that some girls don't even have the right bras to be involved in sports.

At one of the meetings, Giving Hope members brought in used bras in good condition to donate. Pass the Purse put together a couple of hundred dollars. Then in 2013, members decided to try out something they hadn't done before: a charity fundraiser event, with the clothing bank as the featured nonprofit.

It was a new direction for the group. "One of our founding tenets was that people could join, pay their annual dues and that's all that was required of them," Vercruyse said. Fundrais-

ers had been deliberately excluded. Still, members were willing to give it a shot if it would help the community.

The event, held in April 2013 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, was aptly titled "Give the Girls a Boost." It featured a silent auction, vendors and a fashion show — and sold out immediately.

"We had this overwhelming response. People wanted to help and were really enthusiastic about it," Vercruyse said. "It kind of changed our perspective about what we needed to be doing."

The event raised \$7,500 for the P-CCS

Clothing Bank, enough for 1,000 bras. Palgut and her fellow volunteers look for bras on clearance, about \$7 or \$8 apiece. "We usually spend \$1,500 a year on bras, so this should last five years," she said. "It's absolutely wonderful."

So far, the signature charity event has continued its popularity. The second year, it benefited First Step. This spring, it went toward helping local families afford ShapeDown weight management classes through St. Joseph Mercy in Canton.

Next month, Giving Hope will host a 10th anniversary celebration at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 21 at

Laurel Manor. Tickets are available at www.cantonfoundation.org/giving-hope-10th-anniversary-celebration.

Proceeds will go toward Giving Hope's endowment fund.

Noricks is co-chairing the celebration and she said that, despite the fundraiser events, the endowment remains key to the group's viability. "Even if we did nothing else, that money's going to generate a resource so that we can make grants to causes we care about," she said. "We are putting aside money for our daughters and our granddaughters and their daughters after them."

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Canton hires new police officer, two firefighters

Two new firefighters and one new police officer have been hired as the Canton Public Safety Department moves to fill vacancies.

Firefighters Ryan Curtis and Kyle Gazdag and Police Officer Jared Peterson have taken their oaths of office administered by township clerk Terry Bennett, with their family and friends in attendance.

Curtis and Gazdag will be required to successfully complete three months of mentored orientation and training prior to becoming firefighters on an assigned shift. As new firefighters, they will be on probation for one year while they complete an extensive training program, maximizing their potential and providing them with the tools necessary to succeed in their new positions as firefighter



Firefighter Ryan Curtis, Firefighter Kyle Gazdag, Public Safety Director Joshua Meier and Police Officer Jared Peterson.

paramedic.

Peterson will be required to successfully complete a 16-week, instructor-led field training program prior to working on his own with

the police department. As a new police officer, he will remain on probation for a one-year period. The program is designed to orientate and develop recruit officers,

maximizing their potential and providing them with the tools necessary to successfully make the transition into their new position as a Canton police officer.

Euchre tournament to benefit P-CCS radio

An evening of playing euchre, making new friends and supporting the community will be in the cards when radio station WSDP-FM, 88.1 The Park, hosts its fifth annual euchre tournament at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

The tournament was created by 88.1 alum Denny Kapp of Westland. "I've enjoyed playing in tournaments and decided to share the idea with WSDP's Alumni Committee. They thought this might be something we could do on an annual basis and we're excited to bring it back for a fifth year."

The tournament costs



Joyce Kapp plays euchre to raise money for P-CCS radio station 88.1 The Park.

\$20 per player if registered before Oct. 3 and \$25 at the door. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 10 percent of the field. Players will enjoy

pizza, snacks and a cash bar.

"We hope to have an even bigger turnout this year because it helps a really great program,"

Kapp said. "(The station) gave me a head start into a career working in sports media. I learned how to cover a team through my broadcasts of Canton and Salem games. I'm glad to be able to still help the station.

You can sign up by emailing wsdpeuchre@gmail.com or by calling 248-WSDPEUCHRE (248-973-7382).

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PREP FOOTBALL



Plymouth running back Darius Timmons (right) tries to elude the onrushing defense of Canton's Lou Baechler (No. 38) and Noah Brown (No. 9).

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Plymouth boys snap Canton's win streak

Chiefs had won nine straight dual meets

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Canton's dominant run so far this high school boys cross country season came to an end Tuesday at the hands of the rival Plymouth Wildcats.

Sparked by the first-place finish of Plymouth's Ethan Byrnes, who completed the Cass Benton course in 16:30, the Wildcats earned a 23-35 victory over the Chiefs — ending Canton's winning streak at nine.

"The guys stepped up for a big meet today with 23 guys running a season or personal best,"



Byrnes

Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz said.

The Chiefs also had plenty of excellent performances, with 18 season bests — led by Zac Clark and Shane Andrews, who tied for second with times of 16:37.

"For Zac it was a season best," Canton head coach Bill Boyd said. "Shane's was a career best. But Plymouth took the next five spots (4-8) to win the meet."

In fourth was Plymouth's Brandon Boyd, who registered a time of 16:54. He was followed by teammates Carter Solomon (fifth, 17:02), Tyler Mussen (sixth, 17:36), Adam Stepek (seventh, 17:49) and Jarrett Warner (eighth, 17:50).

Other Canton finishers included Zach Carey (ninth, 18:02), Daniel Jimenez (18:18) and David Kight (18:34).

Also finishing for Plymouth was Bassil Syed, with a time of 18:38.

Girls roundup

Also Tuesday, Plymouth bested Canton 20-37 in the girls cross country matchup. The Wildcats were sparked by senior Annie Bonds, who was medalist with a time of 20:04.

Bonds was followed by freshmen Lily Tiplady and

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SWEET VICTORY

Sanders caps birthday off with big performance as Canton defeats Plymouth

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

It was Markus Sanders' birthday Friday and nothing could have made it a sweeter one than helping his Canton Chiefs defeat Plymouth in the teams' annual campus football rivalry game.

After Sanders keyed a dominant first half for the Chiefs — he gained 132 of his team's 185 yards before halftime as Canton built a 14-0 lead (he ended up with 189 yards in 27 carries) — the Wildcats showed they weren't going to roll over and scored two times in the third to pull even at 14-14.

But when the Chiefs needed their 5-foot-7 senior running back the most, he came through, plowing through Plymouth defenders for a crucial 21-yard gain that set up



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Breaking loose for a big gainer Friday night is Plymouth quarterback Zach Beadle.

a first-and-goal at the Wildcats' 5-yard line with just over six minutes left in the fourth. On the next play, senior tailback Julian Thornton scored his second TD of the game and that turned out to be the difference in a 21-14 Canton win.

"I had a mindset that nobody was going to stop me," a jubilant Sanders said following the game. "I had to get back in the mojo because the last couple games didn't go the way I wanted them to."

Canton head coach Tim Baechler, whose team improved to 3-2, credited Sanders for his determination.

"Markus, he was determined," Baechler said. "It's his birthday today; he was not going down for anybody."

Sanders was the main cog in a Canton offense that out-

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PREP FOOTBALL

Rocks let lead slip away in second half, fall 49-32

Big third quarter by Livonia Stevenson spoils Salem's night

Ed Wright
hometownlife.com

Energized by a 5-foot-10, 170-pound defensive dynamo, an old-school running back and a guy who finished three of his five touches in the end zone, Livonia Stevenson's football team earned a critical 49-32 victory Friday over host Salem on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's grass field.

In a game that was delayed briefly by a mid-play appearance by the sprinkler system, the Spartans poured it on the Rocks in the third quarter, when they turned a 24-21 half-time deficit into a 42-24 lead in the span of just 11:05.

The Spartans are now 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the KLAA Central Division heading into next week's homecoming game against South Lyon East.

The Rocks slipped to 2-3 and 0-2.

Stevenson's undersized, motor's-always-running defen-

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Salem quarterback Ryan Young (No. 5) scampers for yardage Friday night against Livonia Stevenson.

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JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Canton Lions split with Westland team

Meteors varsity and JV post shutouts

In Week 2 of the Western Suburban Junior Football League season on Sunday, the Canton Lions' varsity and junior varsity teams had trouble with the Westland Meteors. But Canton's freshmen and junior freshmen teams enjoyed more success.

The Meteors blanked the varsity and JV Lions 31-0 and 37-0, respectively.

In the junior varsity contest, first-half highlights included tackles by JaMarcus Barnes, Aaron Alexander, Dylan Fleming, Ryan Goodson and Luke Rayborn.

Though the Lions didn't score, they also didn't relent, including first-down runs by Luke Matusik, Lake McIntosh and Joshua Nichols.

Freshmen

The freshmen Lions have an undefeated start to their season with Sunday's 32-6 victory. Kristopher Easley put 12 points on the board in the



Canton Lions' freshman quarterback Carson Wrybkowski (2) gets ready to hand off to Nathan Broglan (88), as Brendan Seed (81) and Braylon Snell (24) prepare to block.

first half, including a 48-yard touchdown run. Caleb Williams added six more points with a 39-yard touchdown reception.

Easley and Williams both reached the end zone again in the second half on 52-yard and 15-yard touchdown runs, respectively. Williams also carried in an extra point. Bralen Willis was instrumental on

offense as well, ending the day with 44 rushing yards.

Willis and Easley, along with Devin Kaigler and Alexander Witt, were among the leaders on the Lions' defense, as was Willis who broke up a pass. Oronde Patterson broke up two passes and had an interception; and Evan Borsvold recovered a fumble.



Cole Balog (99) and Jake Christensen (22) work together for the Lions' junior freshmen team to bring down a Meteor.

Junior freshmen

The touchdowns continued in week two for the junior freshmen Lions. Aaron Jones had a 25-yard run to the end zone, and Brandon Willis put up six more points after a 35-yard carry. Also contributing on offense was Finn Stubin, who converted on two fourth down attempts.

The Lions were tough on

defense as well, allowing the Meteors only one trip to the end zone. Cole Balog, Jake Christensen and Kai Prinzevski each had stops that resulted in turnovers on downs. Balog also recovered a fumble. Several other Lions delivered tackles for losses, including Ayden Balog, Jones, Stubin, Maxwell Tegen and Micah Williams.



Canton's Zion Weath (No. 91) gets up in an attempt to block Alan Farmer's extra-point attempt.

CANTON

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gained Plymouth, 351-147; the Chiefs tallied 331 yards rushing.

Getting it done

"I'm so proud of those kids," Baechler said. "The offense just got it done in the fourth quarter, getting those two first downs to seal the win. Just a hard-working game. And hats off to Plymouth, they do a great job. It's just a hell of a good win for us."

Baechler also gave kudos to his defense for bending but not breaking after Plymouth came back to tie the game, on a 58-yard TD run by Wildcats junior quarterback Zach Beadle with 4:30 to go in the third.

"(The Wildcats) didn't give us any big plays in the second half," Baechler said. "Our defense really won the game, they played great."

After Canton's eventual winning touchdown, the Wildcats made a bid to re-tie the game. Beadle sent a couple of lasers over the middle that would have gone for big gainers.

Back to break both plays up was Canton's Noah Brown; the second one, on fourth down, was intended for Isaac Emminger near the Canton 15. "(Emminger) was faster than him, but Noah made a huge play," Baechler said.

The Wildcats dropped to 1-4 and are all but eliminated from playoff contention. But head coach Mike Sawchuk praised his team for battling back from the early 14-point

deficit.

"I really thought when we got that stop late in the third or early in the fourth, I thought we were going to drive down and score," Sawchuk said. "But they made a couple more plays than we did."

"We need to build off this and get better and finish out the year on a positive note."

Fast start

Sanders didn't waste any time showing he meant business on the varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, on Canton's homecoming night.

On the first snap of the game, Sanders took the ball at the Canton 20 and zoomed through the left side of the line, breaking free and nearly going the distance.

It took a diving tackle by Plymouth junior Calvin Vos to prevent the TD. But all that did was delay the Chiefs' first trip to the end zone, on a 1-yard run by Thornton (nine carries, 43 yards).

Plymouth could not advance the chains on the subsequent series and Alan Farmer quickly punted the ball back to Canton.

The Chiefs kept plowing, churning up yards and minutes in the process. Taking the ball from their own 5-yard line, the Chiefs methodically moved the ball, with quarterback Jake O'Donnell, Sanders and Steven Walker all contributing to a long drive.

On fourth down inside their own 15 and the score only 7-0, the Chiefs opted to gamble and go for it. Sanders barreled through the line for the key first down to keep the drive going.

But Plymouth's defense stepped up to keep the Chiefs off the scoreboard that time. Senior Robert Florence sacked O'Donnell for a loss and the Wildcats recovered a fumble at the Plymouth 8-yard line.

Yet the Wildcats could not take advantage of the Canton miscue and the Chiefs took over at the Plymouth 35 with about eight minutes left in the half.

It took Canton just seven running plays to score, with Sanders plowing through the left side of the line and scoring on a 12-yard run.

In the second half, Plymouth got on the scoreboard on a 3-yard run by senior Darius Timmons, held to just 22 yards in eight rushes. Beadle's 27-yard run sparked the drive, aided by two Canton penalties.

Plymouth then pulled even on the Beadle touchdown run.

"It felt good to put our team back in the game and tie the game up," said Beadle, who ran for 94 yards in 10 carries. "And the only thing that was going through my mind was, 'Don't get caught from behind.' Other than that, not a whole lot we could do."

Injured on the Beadle touchdown was Canton junior linebacker Lou Baechler. But he came back in the fourth to help the Chiefs close out the victory.

"(Lou Baechler) had a sprained MCL the last three weeks and re-tweaked it," Tim Baechler said. "He's the leader of the defense, makes all our calls and checks and he made some good plays for us tonight."

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ROCKS

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sive whiz Friday was 170-pound Josh Page, who wreaked havoc on Salem's offense with eight tackles, two sacks, a fumble recovery for a touchdown and a forced fumble.

With the Spartans leading 35-24 and just under a minute to play in the third, Page helped his team put a stranglehold on the game's momentum when he chased down a shotgun snap that sailed over Salem quarterback Ryan Young's head and carried it into the end zone to push Stevenson's advantage to 42-24.

"Josh is one of those kids that gives it everything he has on every play," Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said. "He could start at running back on most teams, but he just goes out and does what we ask him to do. He's a great team player."

Churning out big-time runs for the winners' offense was junior steam-roller Parker Graham, who racked up a career-best 192 yards rushing (and two touchdowns) on 24 carries.

"Parker really grew tonight," Micallef said. "He not only ran hard, but he made some big blocks for our other

guys."

And just about everything junior slot receiver Devin Dunn touched Friday turned to gold as he scored on runs of 32 and 5 yards, as well as securing an 8-yard TD reception from senior quarter Chris Tanderys.

"We kept saying all week in practice that this was a playoff-type game for us because, if we lose two more, we're out," said Dunn, who finished with 44 all-purpose yards. "Our practices were high-intensity all week — much more intense than they were the previous two weeks."

"We just need to keep playing as a team and keep fighting."

Salem's one-two punch of running back Andrew Davis and quarterback Ryan Young was electrifying most of the night as they combined for 308 yards on 39 carries.

The long-striding, strong-armed Young, ran for 193 and passed for 48 more and had touchdowns runs of 52 and 67 yards.

Davis was the catalyst of Salem's first-half effectiveness as he had five carries that picked up double-digit yardage.

Trevor Nowaske was a steam-roller for Salem's defense, delivering more than a few pads-crunching tackles.

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Celebrating after a Salem touchdown are Andrew Davis (left) and Ryan Young.

STREAK

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Izzy Tiplady at 21:28 and 21:56, respectively. Ana White chipped in with a time of 21:13, good for sixth; Arwa Hararwala was eighth (21:32).

A tough break for the Chiefs was an injury to returning all-stater Anna Nagelhout.

"It was unfortunate that Anna Nagelhout went down in the race as she's such a great competitor; and great competitors make for great races," Plymouth coach Alice Ahearn said. "The Wildcat harriers looked great today. I'm very happy with their performance at this stage of the season."

"We have a lot of athletes on our team taking time off of their races and heading in the right direction. Our plan is to keep working hard so when the post season comes around, we will be ready for the competition."

SALEM 20, NOVI 42: On Tuesday, the Rocks girls cross country team turned in a spirited performance to go to 2-0 in the KLAA Central Division.

Salem runners took places 2-7, with sophomore Gabrielle Mancini's 20:37 good for second overall.

Other Rocks in the top-10 included Erin McCann (third, 20:38), Shea Wilson (fourth, 20:41), Hallie Younglas (fifth, 21:11), Charissa Johnson (sixth, 21:24), Bridget Nelson (seventh, 21:29), Madison Grant (ninth, 21:43) and Jessica Hughes (10th, 21:50).

"These girls ran with passion today and were extremely competitive," Salem coach Dave Gerlach said. "... our varsity knew that if Novi went 1-2 on us that we needed to take the next five spots to win. Varsity did more than that today by placing six before Novi's No. 2."

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MEDICAL MIRACLE

New lungs equal new lease on life

Chris Newton, former Farmington hockey player and coach, benefits from double lung transplant

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Most people take for granted a deep, healthy breath of air. Chris Newton never did and never will.

The former Farmington High School goalie and assistant hockey coach received new lungs and a new lease on life when he had a double transplant this summer.

Following the Aug. 4 surgery at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, the 26-year-old Newton felt better as each drainage tube was removed.

"I took a huge breath, and I could feel almost down to my stomach," he said. "I asked my girlfriend: 'How low do your lungs go?' I had never felt that — that feeling in the diaphragm. It always felt like I was breathing from the top."

Newton was born with Cystic Fibrosis and managed to live an otherwise normal life until recently. The condition gets worse over time, according to Newton, who had been on oxygen since March.

"It never affected me while I was playing in high school or coaching," he said, adding he managed the disease with antibiotics when his condition began to deteriorate about a year ago.

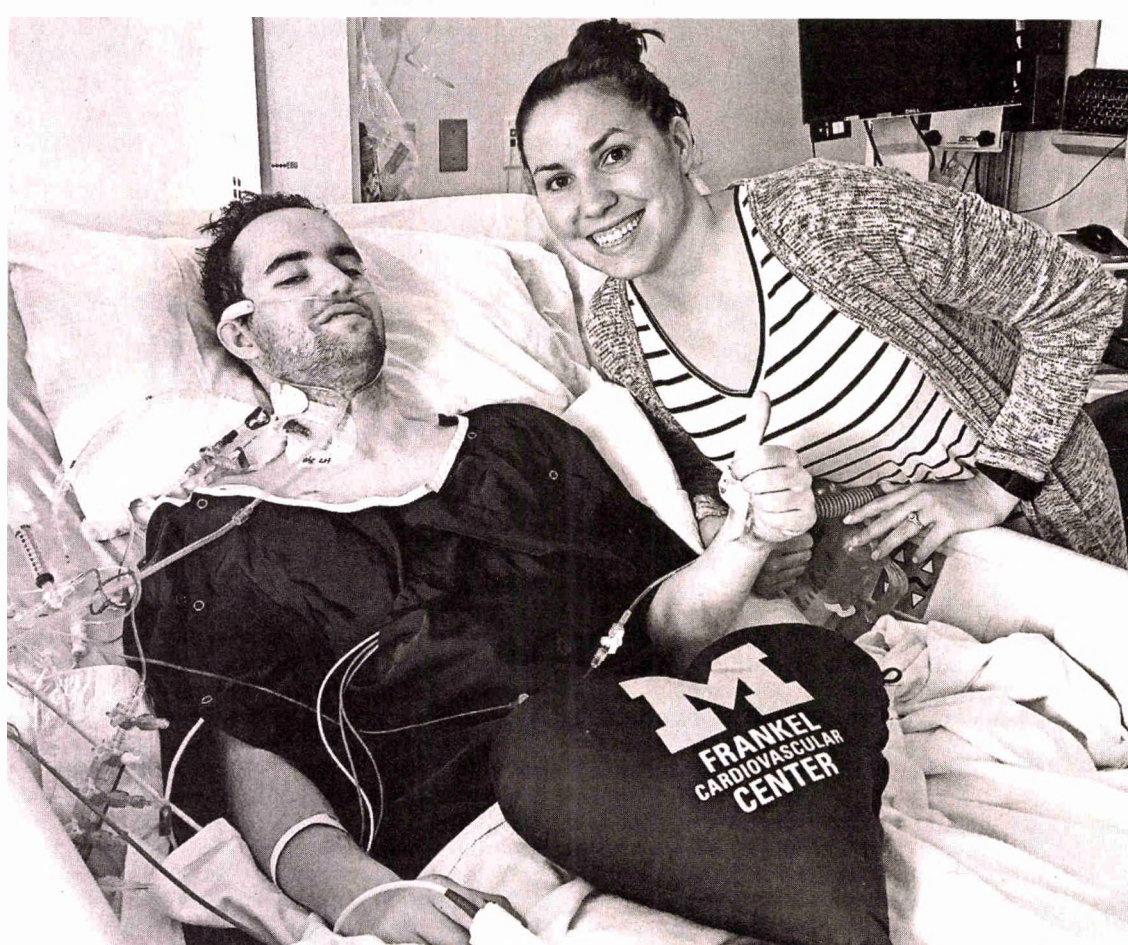
Newton was a senior on the 2007-08 team that went 26-2-1, won the OAA Division I championship and reached the Division 2 state semifinals. He shared the goaltending duties with Evan Diakow.

Newton joined the coaching staff in 2008. He spent his last two seasons in the program working for his dad, the late Bill Newton, and was on the 2013-14 staff when the Falcons won the D3 state title.

"I played hockey my whole life, and it kept me in great shape," Newton said. "A lot of CF people are runners and try to stay as healthy as possible. Playing hockey was actually good for me. I could do everything the other kids did."

"I'll bet, if you asked a bunch of people, they didn't even know. I never made a point of it to anyone. People would see me coughing on the ice, and I just said, 'Hey, don't worry about it.'"

Newton, who received the



Chris Newton gives the thumbs-up sign with life partner Jessica Matthews at his bedside. Both are 2008 graduates of Farmington High School.

Perseverance Award from the Michigan High School Athletic Association as a high school junior, endured life with CF as his father did with cancer, he added.

"You have the cards you're dealt, and you keep pushing on," he said. "He stuck through a lot in the last year. He was really sick, and no one ever knew it. He just kept coaching."

A match is found

As his condition worsened, Newton started the process of getting on the U-M transplant waiting list six months ago.

"You go through a lot of tests to make sure you're body is healthy," he said, pointing out the irony of that. "You have to have a good weight and bone density. You have to be healthy enough, but you have to be sick enough, too."

"Once you pass all the tests and they believe you're a good candidate, they put you on a list. They only do 20 to 40 a year, so I was lucky to get into Ann Arbor as a qualified candidate. I was only on the transplant list two months, and they found a match for me. It was incredible."

"Usually, it's six months to a year or years. Obviously, you never know how quickly you're going to decline. The timing was right and everything lined up. It was great and I got a

good set of lungs."

The transplant was an incredibly emotional event in itself, but it came at time when Newton and his family were dealing with the end stages of his father's illness. Bill Newton succumbed to colon cancer Aug. 6, two days after Chris underwent the transplant.

"My dad was at the end of his life, and I was just starting a new one," Chris said, fighting back tears. "You never know when you're going to get a match. You never know when you're going to go."

At the time he got the call, Newton, who now lives in Grand Rapids, was at the family home in Farmington Hills, assisting his mother, Colleen, and maintaining a vigil for his father, who was in in-home hospice. He went upstairs where his dad was sleeping to tell him the news.

"It was nice that I was able to go and say good-bye to him and tell him I was going to get a new set of lungs," Chris said.

"He put his hand up. He was pretty out of it, but he opened his eyes and gripped my hand like he knew I was talking to him. I just told him I was going to be fine. He shook his head."

"It means a lot to me that he knows that I got them. He knows that it went well. It's nice to know that. He's definitely looking over us now."

Due to the timing of the two events, the Newton family delayed a memorial service for Bill until such time as Chris is fully recovered.

"We're going to get through the first couple months, and we're definitely going to do something to honor him," Chris said.

"He was not a person who wanted attention. He never wanted a fundraiser for himself. He never wanted anyone to know he was that sick."

Improved energy level

Newton needed the double transplant because, with Cystic Fibrosis, the disease is in both lungs. Whereas his old lungs were 20-percent efficient, the new ones are working at 40 to 45 percent of their capacity, and that number will increase over the next six months until reaching near normalcy, he said.

Newton was up walking within 24 hours of the surgery, and he left the hospital after two weeks. He's had no major setbacks; he's off oxygen and breathing complete room air.

"I've been cooking a lot more because I have so much more energy," Newton said. "The changes are incredible. My girlfriend Jessie will tell you she's never seen me so energetic. I've put on 10 to 15 pounds."

"Just doing simple things as

walking up a flight of stairs (are easier). I can pretty much go two steps at a time. The last couple months, I'd have to stop and take a break."

Newton has to be careful, however. For the first three months, he has to wear a mask to protect his body from germs if he goes outside, and he's taking the required anti-rejection medications. He can't lift anything more than 10 pounds; hand-washing and avoiding sick people are imperatives, he said.

"I have a zero immune system right now," he said. "The body doesn't want the new lungs there, so they completely suppress the immune system and pump you full of antibiotics. I'm taking 50 to 60 pills a day. I just thank God there are people smarter than me, and I have them on my side."

"A lady in the hospital kept saying, 'You got sawed in half; you're going to feel a little bad.' They cut open my chest and most of my ribs. I still have chest pain. That will be better in three months and nearly gone in six months. Everything is positive so far, and I hope it keeps going this way."

Gratitude expressed

It's been a humbling experience, too, Newton said. He's thankful for the new lungs, the new lease on life, the expertise of Drs. Dana Kissner and Kevin Chan, who performed the surgery, and all that others have done for him.

"I don't have kids and haven't done anything too amazing, but I just don't know how anything could be more humbling than this," he said. "I felt bad asking people to do something, because I thought, 'I can't ask for more.'"

"This is just something so powerful and crazy. When we coached the state championship team, that was such a great thing, but this is just double that."

Newton recalled what one of the nurses told him, regarding his approach to life going forward.

"She said: 'We don't do this procedure, so you can sit at home and feel good. We do this, so you have a second life. We did this, so you can live and do what you want to do,'" he said.

In the near future, Newton plans to get back into the sport of hockey and to look for a coaching opportunity in the Grand Rapids area.

"Hockey has meant so much to me," he said. "It's been a big part of my life for so many years. I'm definitely going to go skate when I get the all-clear."

With his new lungs, Newton will feel like he's skating on solid ice for the rest of his life.

PREP SWIMMING

Chiefs too deep for Patriots

Ed Wright
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Powered by strong performances from its M&M girls — Meghan Mans and Meadow Maturen — Canton's girls swimming-and-diving team churned out a never-in-doubt 134-51 victory over Livonia Franklin Thursday night in the Patriots' pool.

The Chiefs touched first in every event except the grueling 500-yard freestyle, which was won by Franklin's Caitlin Jodway in 5 minutes, 52.84 seconds and the 200 individual medley, which Paityn Santi won in 2:34.97.

Maturen was a sprinting force for the Chiefs, winning the 50 free in 28.30 seconds and the 100 free in 1:04.52.

Mans, on the other hand,

earned first-place points in the 100 butterfly (1:04.83) and swam the second leg of Canton's first-place 200 medley relay team, which also consisted of Jenna Leppek, Emeri Rutman and Sophia Balow.

Canton's Annika Wang won the diving competition by racking up 174.15 points, 47 more than teammate Rachel Socha.

Balow was the winner in the 100 backstroke (1:10.12) and Caitlyn Marsac was unstoppable in the 100 breaststroke.

CANTON 134 FRANKLIN 51 Thursday at Franklin 200-yard Medley Relay:
1. Canton (Jenna Leppek, Meghan Mans, Emeri Rutman, Sophia Balow), 2:05.40;
2. Franklin (Caitlin Jodway,

Lauren Niemiec, Paityn Santi, Emily Loder), 2:11.38.

200 freestyle: 1. Jessica Clark (C), 2:03.80; 2. Caitlin Jodway (F), 2:14.26; 3. Christina Newton (C), 2:27.94.

200 individual medley: 1. Paityn Santi (F), 2:34.97; 2. Katelyn Waligora (C), 2:37.18; 3. Abigail Jensen (C), 2:40.44.

50 freestyle: 1. Meadow Maturen (C), 28.30; 2. Danielle Tabar (C), 28.77; 3. Ruthie Seltz (C), 28.91.

1-meter diving: 1. Annika Wang (C), 174.15 points; 2. Rachel Socha (C), 127.20; 3. Alaina Smith (C), 126.90.

100 freestyle: 1. Meadow Maturen (C), 1:04.52; 2. Grace Warmann (C), 1:06.23; 3. Lauren Phillips (C), 1:07.21.

500 freestyle: 1. Caitlin Jodway (F), 5:52.84; 2. Ellie

Caruso (C), 6:25.70; 3. Lauren Forys (C), 6:41.06.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Jessica Clark, Abigail Jansen, Christina Newton, Lauren Phillips), 1:58.26; 2. Canton (Isabel Ewers, Savina Osann, Ruthie Seltz, Katelyn Waligora), 1:59.00.

100 backstroke: 1. Sophia Balow (C), 1:10.12; 2. Maddie Helms (C), 1:22.85; 3. Isabelle Stupar (F), 1:23.54.

100 breaststroke: 1. Caitlyn Marsac (C), 1:23.85; 2. Maura Shennan (C), 1:25.66; 3. Lauren Niemiec (F), 1:26.19.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Ellie Caruso, Grace Warmann, Meghan Mans, Ruthie Seltz), 4:08.61; 2. Canton (Kaylie Seifert, Isabel Ewers, Jessica Clark, Sophie Balow), 4:15.36.

PREP SOCCER

Canton blanks Churchill, 4-0

Tim Smith
Hometownlife.com

The Canton varsity boys soccer juggernaut continues to roll over KLAA South Division opponents, blanking Livonia Churchill 4-0 on Thursday night.

Scoring for the Chiefs (10-1-2 overall, 4-1-1 in the KLAA South) were Mo Miri, Brett McGue, Matt Eastman and Jordan Forney.

Helping set up those tallies were Joey Chung, Collin O'Keefe and Jake McGue while coach Mark Zemanski credited "stellar play" in the midfield by Alex Spratte, Ryan O'Meara and Avery Olson.

Collecting the shutout was goalkeeper Steven Page, who had defensive support from Matt Tengelin, Ethan Schiffour, Caleb Moraw and Ryan Page.

On Tuesday, a late goal by Forney (assisted by McGue) helped Canton earn a 1-1 tie with Livonia Franklin.

Salem plays to draw

Salem got after it Tuesday against KLAA Central Division powerhouse Northville and came away from the pitch with a 1-1 tie.

Netting the Rocks goal in the first half was Bryan Rodwell, who nailed a shot from 30 yards out that sailed into the top corner.

Salem nearly held off the Mustangs, who turned up the pressure in the second half. Northville ultimately managed to even the contest in the final minute.

"We were upset not to come away with three points (for a win) which would have placed us on top of the division," Rocks head coach Kyle Karns said. "But we take comfort in the fact that we played a great game collectively as a team. It will be an exciting rematch later in the season."

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USPBL BASEBALL

Beavers edged in championship game

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The Birmingham Bloomfield Beavers captured the regular-season championship in the inaugural United Shore Professional Baseball League season at Jimmy John's Field in Utica.

However, the Beavers stumbled in the postseason tournament championship game.

By winning the regular-

season crown, Birmingham Bloomfield earned a bye into the championship game of the three-team league. The Utica Unicorns defeated the Eastside Diamond Hoppers in the tournament semifinal to qualify for the league championship game, where they were matched against the Beavers.

Utica, which finished third in the regular-season standings, stood atop the league at the end by defeat-

ing Birmingham Bloomfield, 5-0, in the USPBL's first championship game Sept. 11 at Jimmy John's Field.

The championship game was scoreless through the first three innings before the Unicorns broke the tie with a single run in both the fourth and fifth innings.

Utica's first two runs were the result of home runs from two of the league's hottest hitters in left fielder Austin Crutcher and right fielder

Chris Cruz. Cruz has collected 19 hits and eight home runs since Aug. 7.

The game was 2-0 until the ninth, when the Unicorns pushed across three runs to lock up the title. The two-out uprising began with a Cruz double and was punctuated by Kyle Hammer's two-run bases-loaded single. Mike Logsdon brought home the fifth run with a double down he left field line that scored Tyler McVicar.

ON THE ICE

A COOL PLACE TO BE

Garden City Ice Arena meets community needs, draws skaters and players from far away

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Terry Selesky, a 62-year-old Canton resident, has played pickup hockey at Garden City Ice Arena for 25 years. Marlee Trager, 14, practices on the ice alone at least four times a week, preparing for U.S. Figure Skating tests.

They represent the wide range of skaters, of all ages and differing interests, who come from Garden City, area communities and as far away as Washtenaw and Oakland counties.

Trager, a Garden City High School student, often has the ice to herself after school. One recent afternoon, her coach, Angela Keller of Dearborn, called out pointers from the stands.

Selesky loves to play pickup with a "bunch of guys" from 11 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. "Everyone is welcome," he said. "Some people are very much

beginners and we have some people who have played a long time. We've had girls who have played with us."

He says he likes the exercise he gets from playing hockey and he looks forward to the camaraderie with the other players. "There's guys who are pretty regular and guys you see once a year."

The teams are always different, depending on who shows up and pays \$10.

Winning reputation

It's really good exercise, said Selesky, who is a goaltender.

"And there's no commitment if you have something else to do," he continued. "When I started, it was \$2 to skate and you got a free pop and now it's \$10 and no pop."

Most of the players are in their late 50s or 60s, Selesky said, "but we've got some young guys in their 20s who play. You just have to be 17 to skate. It keeps go-

ing on and has the reputation of being the best drop-in game" in the Detroit area.

The Garden City rink "relies heavily" on non-youth hockey programs, like adult hockey leagues and glow skate sessions that take place 7-9 p.m. each Saturday, said Parks and Recreation Director Dan Plamondon said.

"With us being a small neighborhood rink, I'm intentionally trying to make our brand known," Plamondon said. The brand is simple: 'Learn to play hockey and learn to skate' programs run by the Garden City Hockey Association and the Garden City Figure Skating Club.

The rink, open from Labor Day to Memorial Day, competes for skaters among municipal and private rinks. Patronage seems to follow economic trends, Plamondon said. In good times, the rink's financial numbers are up; in bad times, they dip.



Goalie Terry Selesky, a Canton resident, has played at the Garden City rink for 25 years. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Money saver

Rink operational expenses were reduced by recent union allowances that changed the requirement of using Zamboni contractors at \$30 hourly to paying arena employees \$12 an hour. Last year, Garden City paid \$100,000 to Zamboni drivers to keep the ice smooth.

"It was a game-changer," Plamondon said, adding that he expects spending the saved Zamboni operation money on upkeep, cleaning and ice maintenance. "We'll reallocate that money to

short-term improvements. The goal isn't to make money. The goal is make all our programs affordable. In the same breath, our direction is to at least attempt to break even."

The city is spending a lot less on parks and recreation than it did in 2011, when a city millage failed. The budget was \$1.3 million and today it's about \$900,00. Of that, \$600,000 is earmarked for the ice rink. While it didn't hit the break even mark as hoped, last year the ice rink generated \$400,000. Some of the biggest money makers

are the concession stand, ice rentals and adult leagues.

"It's very thin," Plamondon said. "We've added more programs and generated more revenue."

While the Parks and Recreation Department has downsized, Plamondon said, the community has "bridged the gap." The biggest contributors have been GCYAA and GCFSC by sponsoring a lot of programs.

Check out more programs at the Garden City Ice Arena at www.gcicearena.com.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Rocks break into victory column

Tim Smith
HometownLife.com

After spotting host Livonia Stevenson a win in Thursday's opening volleyball set, the Salem Rocks responded with a solid match the rest of the way.

Salem won in five sets, 3-2, to post the team's first victory of the season. The Rocks took Game 2, 25-18, and fell behind again with a 25-22 loss in Game 3 before taking the final two sets 25-22, 15-12.

Including tournaments, the Rocks had

gone 0-22 to open the season, although not having senior outside hitter Kendall Gillen for a couple weeks due to illness hurt the squad, coach Rebecca Middleton said.

Gillen was outstanding against the Spartans, with 14 kills and 20 digs.

Other contributors for Salem included senior setter Rachel Watson (23 assists), junior outside hitter Jenna Taylor (four aces, seven kills, 21 digs), sophomore libero Carlie Postal (10 digs), freshman setter Lauren Ross (four digs, 11 assists) and sophomore outside hitter Kate

Mockaitis (five kills).

Eagles soar

Plymouth Christian Academy prevailed 3-1 against Oakland Christian in a Tuesday match-up of MIAC opponents. The Eagles improved to 9-2-2 overall with the victory.

Coming up big for the Eagles were Grace Kellogg (14 kills, 12 digs), Jessica Paulson (42 assists, 15 digs), Olivia Mady (eight kills) and Divna Roi (21 digs).

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PREP GIRLS GOLF ROUNDUP

Salem, Plymouth post match wins

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Darby Scott's excellent senior season continued Tuesday for Salem's varsity girls golf team.

Scott was match medalist with an even par 35 at Fox Creek Golf Course to lift the Rocks to a 179-195 victory over host Livonia Churchill.

Other Salem finishers were Grace Grelak (47), Nicole Hahn (47), Julianne Small (50), Hannah Saad (51) and Ryleigh Reed (58).

For the Chargers, Jenny Rousseau (46) and Kelsie Nowicki (47) were

the top scorers.

Salem improved to 7-4 in KLAA dual matches with the victory.

Plymouth topped South Lyon East and South Lyon in Tuesday's Kensington Conference crossover.

The Wildcats tallied a 170, nipping the Cougars (172) and Lions (181). Spearheading Plymouth was match medalist Erin Johnson, who registered a 38.

"Erin has continued to lead us with her consistent play every match," Plymouth head coach Dan Young said.

Helping the Wildcats' cause was sophomore

Shae Zydeck with "a great score of 42," Young said. "Depth has been the strength of the team as Heather Muir (45), Kaitlyn Elledge (45), Sara Vohra (46) and Rachel Kristian (49) continue to outplay their opponents."

Also in the Tuesday crossover, Canton shot a 198 — falling to South Lyon East and South Lyon. Individual scores for the Chiefs (2-7 overall) included Manasa Potluri (43), Nicole Dawson (47), Avery Ralston (49), Molly Mundorf and Ava Song (59).

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- Article II, 78-21, Definitions,
- Article V, 78-53, Single-Family Dwelling Unit Standards
- Article IV, 78-43, Single-Family Dwelling Unit Standards
- Article XVII, 78-191, Notes to Schedule

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
(734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

- Z 16-18 476 Roe
Non-Use Variance Requested
Front & Side Yard Setbacks
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: David Latawiec
- Z 16-19 141 N. Mill
Non-Use Variance Requested
Front Yard Setback
Zoned: I-1, Light Industrial District
Applicant: C & J Real Estate LLC

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Vintage dryer is going strong after nearly 60 years

A few days ago, I had the privilege of speaking to a group of home improvement experts, the Michigan Association of Home Remodelers, who get together annually for a conference. I want to thank Cheryl Anne Farmer for my second appearance.

During lunch, several women expressed their displeasure with the washer they have at home. I heard the comment from many that they don't make them like they used to. An older gentleman told me that his wife still uses the Hamilton clothes dryer that they purchased in 1958 and, remarkably, has never needed a service call.

Consumers Energy, along with other retailers, used to sell this dryer and the amazing thing about this product is that it could dry a load of diapers in a flat 20 minutes. That high heat factor is not recommended today, because clothes are not made as strong as they were and the high heat would cause harm where it shouldn't.

The Hamilton clothes dryer was made in North Dakota and production began in 1938. Every once in a while, someone will attest to its longevity. I am a guy who installed a used one in my home, just to dry the diapers. The cost to purchase one in those early years was equivalent to spending \$1,600 today. I



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would spend that much today if I was assured my dryer would last 58 years.

Let me take you back some time ago, when I had a Maytag garbage disposal installed in our kitchen. In those days, Maytag made top-quality products, the finest washers and dryers money could buy. I had a Maytag garbage disposal mounted on a display rack in my store, plugged in and ready to operate. I had a clear plastic bottle hooked up to the discharge side and no running water flowing into it. Beside the display rack was a large coffee can filled with three-inch nails. I used to get a crowd in front of me and turn it on and grab a handful of nails and deposit them right into the disposal. You would hear all the grinding noise and see nothing but steel dust go into the plastic bottle.

I used to sell a ton of disposals and homeowners used to show off in front their guests by grinding everything but the kitchen sink. I remember the time Hollie came home from college and I barbecued spare ribs. After cleaning the dinner plates, I filled the disposal with ribs and maybe had too many in

there, because when I turned it on, there were ribs flying all over the kitchen — some even hitting the ceiling. Mother and daughter laughed their heads off as I stood there with a look of embarrassment.

During those years, I had a vice president of Maytag visit my store and I asked him about my testing its disposal in such a fashion. How much harm was this product suffering with such handling? He said, "Let's take it back into your workshop, take it apart and if there are any nicks or marks on the gutter blade, I will have a new one shipped to you tomorrow."

Needless to say, I didn't get a new one. He also told me that of all the great products the company produced, the disposal was its best product. In 1994, before my first book hit the stores, I had to have the editor remove any writing about the Maytag disposal. After years of production, Maytag quit making them. If I could find one in a box today I would most certainly purchase it because, like the old guy with the Hamilton clothes dryer, I do appreciate many of the appliances made in yesteryear.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. each Saturday on Cumulus Radio. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to apldoctor@hotmail.com.

Bullies hide their fear with anger and aggression

September is back to school month for students of all ages. For some this is an anxiety-ridden time because of previous victimization by bullies. Memories of getting picked on and made fun of, or worse, can be a heavy load to carry back to school.

Often, students with special needs are targeted. Kids with learning disorders, physical disabilities, or speech impairments, often require special education programming. They may fear the new school year will be a repeat of the previous year, with its ridicule, jokes and threats.

The causes of bullying are several and complex. Often, not recognized, is that many kids who are mean to others are using anger as a defense against their own fear. The tough guy image often overrides a low self-esteem and need to see "others" as inferior. Bullies are not happy people. They often come from a home life of instability and modeled aggression. They may have an impaired sense of themselves and an increased sense, without knowing it, of vulnerability to meanness and harm. Sometimes students can only deal with their underlying fearfulness and poor self-esteem by turning their anxieties into an attitude of anger and meanness towards others.

Understanding that bullies can be scaredy-cats can help both the victim of bullying and the aggressor. Knowing



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that meanness is often disguised fearfulness can be an important beginning towards modification of behavior.

Billy the Bully

Some years ago I was asked to evaluate and treat a 4-year-old with the reputation of being a bully. His name was Billy. His parents reported that Billy was a bully and would randomly run into other preschoolers aggressively. He randomly charged at other children and his stocky build would knock them over. Nine months of meaningful psychotherapy with Billy and work with his parents was helpful. His parents tended to not allow Billy to have toys with an anger theme such as army men or toy guns or the like. During play therapy, Billy was allowed to pick from the available toys representing different levels of development. Billy

chose the blocks and army men and the cars and trucks.

Billy proceeded to spread these out over the floor of the consulting room, backing himself into a corner. He repeatedly did this and would become distinctively fearful and would make statements like, "Some boys could get hurt if they walked on these and they might get tripped or fall down." With further therapeutic work Billy was able to display more of his fearful anxiety about harm coming to him and this simultaneously occurred with reports from parents and teachers that Billy was much less of an aggressor in his preschool interactions with others his age. Through play therapy and direct verbalization, Billy became more able to admit to and share his feelings of being vulnerable to harm. Parents and teachers reported a notable decline in Billy's aggression toward others and improvement in his self-esteem and socialization.

For more information about bullying, go to www.operationrespect.com

L.J. McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association and holds credentials in mental health, addictions, trauma, social work, and brain injuries. His monthly column, "Our Mental Health" is archived at the Farmington Library, <http://www.farmlib.org>. McCulloch is available for a courtesy consultation and can be reached at 248-474-2763, ext. 222.

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SAUNDRA LYNN (HOOD) passed into our Lord's gracious and loving hands Wednesday, September 21, 2016 after a brief illness. Saundra (Sam) graduated from North Farmington High School in 1988. She was active in the North Oakland and Pontiac auto restoration showing antique cars. She modeled at Jacobson's as well as other local stores. Saundra also graduated from Irene's Myomassology Institute in 2004. She was especially proud of her massage therapy licensure in 2014. Beloved daughter of Patricia J. and Robert C. Hood; sister to Jeanette (Jerry) Roach, Bob (Carol) Hood, and Dr. Brian Hood; and aunt to Robert, Michael, Jennifer, Alexandra, Kayleigh, and Nicholas. Memorial Visitation Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 10 a.m. until time of Memorial Mass 11 a.m. at St. Fabian Catholic Church, 32200 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to the MHS Detroit Animal Care in her name.
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NOWAK



NORMA JEAN Age 90, of Lewisberry, PA passed away at 6:45 PM (EST) on September 19, 2016 at her home surrounded by her family and friends. She was born on July 3, 1926 in White Plains, KY to the late John William and Mary Louella (DeVore) Basham. In January 1943, she was united in marriage to Louis F. Nowak who preceded her in death in October 1989. Mrs. Nowak is survived by two daughters, Pamela (Franklin) Baxter of Lewisberry, PA and Sally (William) Williams of Sarasota, FL; three sons, Robert (Maureen) Nowak of Fenton, MI; Charles "Chuck" (Patricia) Nowak of Westland, MI; and Russell (Annmarie) Nowak of Gregory, MI; fifteen grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and her sister Ruth Frick of Mishawaka, IN. She was preceded by eight siblings. Norma enjoyed golf, traveling, reading, spending time with her sisters, and being surrounded with her family. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at Palmer Funeral Home-River Park, 2528 Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend, IN. Graveside services and burial will follow at Highland Cemetery, South Bend, IN. Friends may visit with the family from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Contributions in memory of Norma Jean Nowak may be offered to Alzheimer's Services, 922 E. Colfax Avenue, South Bend, IN 46617. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com

PERRIN



GLADYS EDNA (HOLTAWAY) Age 95 of Howell, passed away Tuesday morning September 20, 2016. Born May 14, 1921 in Norwich, England. She served in the British Army as a Lance Corporal with the Bulldogs of Bracondale during WWII when she met her future husband Justin (Jerry) Perrin who was with the US Air Force stationed in England. They married in 1947, lived and raised their daughters in Garden City, MI. Gladys was a friend to everyone and loved by all, especially her longtime dear friends at Greenwich Village in Howell. She is survived by her daughters Sharon (Daniel) Steiger of Cross Village, Michelle Walsh of Livonia, niece Janet Holtaway and her daughter Michelle in the U.K., sister and brother in laws, as well as many nieces and nephews in MI, MN and the U.K. Mass of the Resurrection Friday, September 23, 2016 at 11 a.m. (Visitation 10 a.m.) at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 440 E. Washington St. (at Fowler St.), Howell. Interment will follow at Lakeview Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 5 to 7 p.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517 546-2800). Please sign the family's online guestbook at macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

HOFFMAN



JUNE L. 91, passed away peacefully on June 28, 2016 in Williamston, Michigan. June was born in Detroit, MI on February 20, 1925 to Reinhold and Florine (Daly) Schmude. She graduated from Northwestern High School, Detroit in 1943. On March 22, 1947 she married the love of her life, Arden O. Hoffman. Together they lived in Redford Twp., MI, and raised two daughters. She is survived by two daughters: Karen (James) Haefner, Susan (Mark) Adams; four granddaughters: Sara Haefner, Abby (Justin) Huggill, Hannah and Sarah Adams; and two great grandsons: Quinn and Wyatt Huggill. A memorial service will be held at Rosedale Gardens United Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., the Rev. Kellie Whitlock officiating, with visitation one hour prior at the church. Interment of her ashes will be later that afternoon next to Arden and her parents, at Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.



SUNDBERG



CAROL A. Age 75, passed away September 22, 2016 at home, after a lengthy illness. She was born May 22, 1941, daughter of the late Patrick and Ann Cullen. Carol is survived by her beloved husband, James; her loving daughters, Jaclyn (Jeff) Anderson, Sandra Sundberg, and Jill Sundberg; and her grandchildren, Carly and Brady Anderson. She is also survived by her sister, Marge (Bob) Monroe. Carol was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings, Patrick Cullen and Mary Podina. Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 29 from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, September 30 at 11:00 a.m., in state 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Humane Society of Huron Valley or Michigan War Dog Memorial, Inc.
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Kroger cake-kicking customer gets probation

Jay Grossman
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Tricia Ann Kortes, the angry Kroger customer who drop-kicked a birthday cake in the middle of the bakery department, admits she needs to do a better job of controlling her temper.

"I apologize for my actions at Kroger," Kortes said Thursday in 48th District Court, where she was sentenced for disorderly conduct. "I'm truly embarrassed by my conduct. I've been seeing my therapist and I plan to continue."

Judge Kimberly Small sentenced Kortes to 300 hours of community service, 12 months of probation and a \$500 fine. The judge also ordered Kortes to continue counseling — and to stay away from Kroger supermarkets.

"What concerns me is that something as trivial as a design on a cake literally threw you into a tizzy," Small said to Kortes. "Here you are, in the middle of a public place, drop-kick-

ing a cake and dropping the f-bomb. If I was shopping with a child, I'd be horrified. And, quite frankly, I think the child would be horrified, too."

Kortes moved gingerly around the courtroom, having undergone emergency surgery a week ago for a bleeding ulcer. The 46-year-old Bloomfield Township woman pleaded no contest to the disorderly charge in August.

The case unfolded June 11, when Kortes came into the Kroger store on Telegraph Road to pick up a "Batman v Superman" custom-decorated birthday cake for her 7-year-old son. Unhappy with the decorating job, she decided to go behind the bakery department to fix the cake.

After employees told her she wasn't allowed behind the counter, Kortes drop-kicked the cake and then stomped on it, yelling "They ruined my 7-year-old son's birthday cake!" She then stormed out the store, kicking over a wet floor sign and not

bothering to pay for the cake. Police tracked her down at her home, where she claimed the cake had slipped out of her hands.

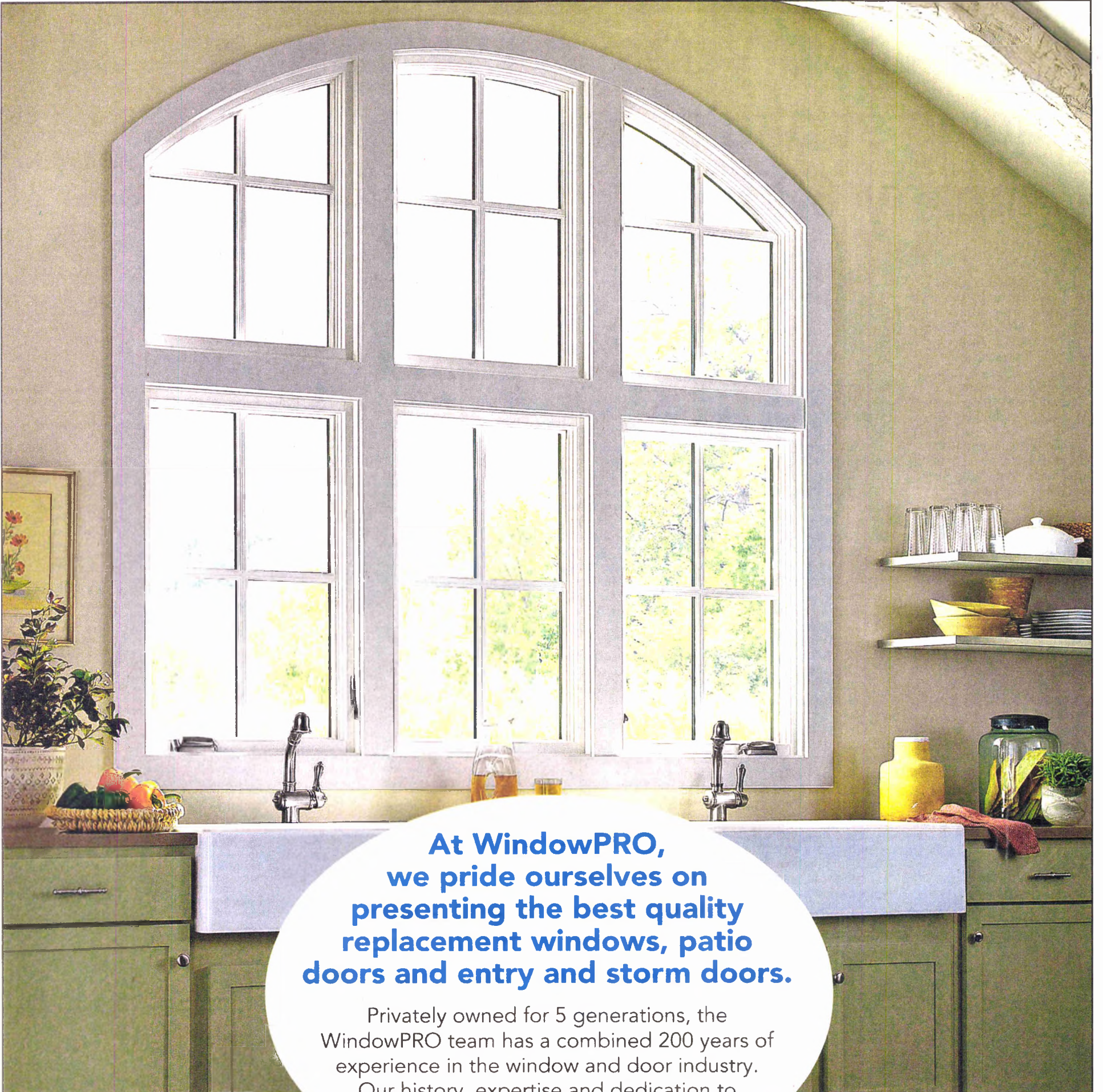
On Thursday, defense attorney Gerald Gleeson said his client is ready to pay \$25 to Kroger for the cake.

"I think the real Tricia Kortes has gotten lost in the media's fascination over this case," he told the judge. "Underneath, she's a good person who truly cares about other people."

She's also a person with a history of confrontations. Along with the cake-kicking incident, Kortes has a case pending in Royal Oak's 44th District Court for slapping a worker at Ray's Ice Cream in July's Ice Cream in July 2015 because the store ran out of her favorite flavor, Mackerel Island Fudge. That case is set for a pretrial hearing in October.

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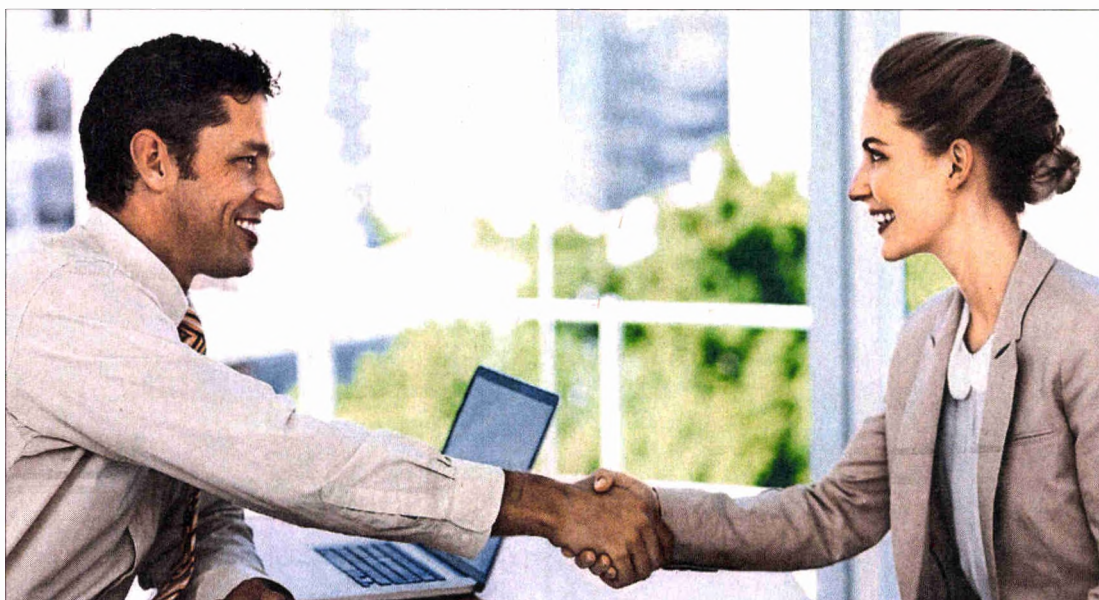
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Underqualified? Make a case to get hired anyway

BY DEANNA HARTLEY
 CAREERBUILDER

The job-search process can be intimidating. Even for veteran job seekers, one of the more challenging decisions is determining whether to apply for a position when you aren't qualified to perform all the responsibilities listed in the description. Here's some advice from the pros on what to do if you decide to throw your hat in the ring.



the company performs a more detailed technical interview," Wozniak-Michalak says. Also, by wasting the organization's time, you may have blown your chances for any other openings at that company, she adds.

Put yourself out there, even if it doesn't work out the first time. It's important to put your best foot forward, regardless of whether you meet all the requirements, says Alina Tubman, a consultant for campus recruiting programs and a career coach with more than 10 years of experience.

Show that you're a fast learner. Danby Appliances CEO Jim Estill, who has hired more than 1,000 people throughout his career, recommends highlighting the fact that you have a can-do attitude and would be interested and invested in learning opportunities. "Employers are more interested in attitude than skills for most jobs," he says. "Skills can be taught — attitude, not (really)."

Displaying the right attitude is key, says Neely Raffellini, founder of 9 to 5 Project, an organization that helps give women the tools they need to land jobs.

"Job hunters should respond to a posting they are interested in if they meet 70 to 80 percent of the posted qualifications," she says. "Personality, confidence and a positive

attitude go a long way toward making up the difference. I would recommend addressing these issues by citing very specific examples of your accomplishments."

List and describe transferable skills. If you don't have all the skills listed in the job description, it doesn't automatically disqualify you. Show how your skills can meet or exceed what the employer is seeking.

For example, "if the position has a requirement of a specific type of software knowledge, but the candidate has another type of software experience, the candidate should research the software they are not

familiar with and, in their cover letter or résumé, indicate the similarities with what they know and how the skills can be transferred to the organization," says Mireille Wozniak-Michalak, president of Petiole HR, a human resources and workforce development consultancy.

Take advantage of your connections. Try to get your foot in the door to argue your case in person. "Leverage your network to see if you know anyone who knows (someone in) the organization (or the) hiring manager (or) HR to get your résumé pulled from the stack for a second look," says Denise

Riebman, a career development specialist with Career Happiness Coach. "This is one of the most effective ways to land an interview if you're underqualified."

Once you do, she says, you will have a chance to meet in person and make a convincing case that you should be hired.

Be transparent and avoid lying. It's never a good idea to lie about or even embellish your work experience to a recruiter or potential employer. "It leaves a negative (feeling) with the recruiter because you may have made them look bad, since some recruiters perform a basic interview and

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SUDOKU

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

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

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

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A M O L P I D D S A E N R O L R M E N T
L E D B T D C K S C A T O M P M L C H S
S C A D T T L D E C A T O M P M L C H S
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C I T H O N U S P A N T O R E E L E S O
I D I C F G N C P B A M N P Y U A L E O
M M D N I C I H K I T L A A D R O E T H
E D E E C V T O S L I C L E N I C M A C
D V R B I K N O U I V E H I N C U E U S
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H C S T A N D A R D I Z E D D N U A P U
H M R E M E D I A L B C C T E M M P A O

WORDS

- ACADEMICS
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- ACHIEVEMENT
- ALTERNATIVE
- BENCHMARK
- CHARTER
- CLASSES
- CONTINUING
- CORE
- CREDITS
- CURRICULUM
- DATA
- DEGREE
- DIPLOMA
- DISTANCE
- EDUCATION
- ELEMENTARY
- ENROLLMENT
- GAP
- GRADUATE
- HIGH SCHOOL
- INSTRUCTION
- LEARNING
- PERIODS
- PRESCHOOL
- PROFICIENT
- PROGRESS
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- TESTING
- TUTORING
- VOCATIONAL

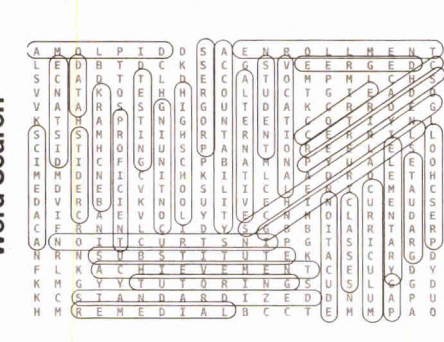
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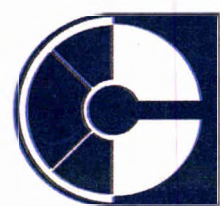
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