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Rotary recognizes first responders

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

In the midst of investigating a series of complex cases, Plymouth Police Lt. Jamie Grabowski pulled double duty last summer while his boss, Chief Al Cox, was out of the state for extended training.

The work earned Grabowski, a department veteran of nearly 18 years, kudos from those he supervised, as well as the title of Plymouth's officer of the year for 2015.

Grabowski was among five public safety first responders honored for their work Friday during a Rotary Club of Ply-

mouth luncheon at the Community Cultural Center. Northville Fire Inspector Alan Prieur and Plymouth Township Firefighter James Harrell won firefighter of the year honors, Officer Bradley Cioma was named Plymouth Township's officer of the year and Sam Forche of Huron Valley Ambulance was named paramedic of the year.

Grabowski, who is in charge of the detective bureau and the department's second in command, is a "workhorse," Cox



Grabowski

said. He's served as a use-of-force instructor, a field-training officer, a fire investigator and an evidence technician and is a Northville Fire Department on-call firefighter and emergency medical technician assigned to Plymouth.

"He is truly a pillar of the department," Cox said. "He's very knowledgeable, he's very committed. He's a great adviser to me. He really cares about the department."

'We're very fortunate'

Grabowski ran the department smoothly and kept up

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Northville Fire Inspector Alan Prieur (right) gets firefighter of the year honors from Russ Jones, president of the Rotary Club of Plymouth. At left is Northville Fire Chief Steve Ott.



Taissir Salim and Okyoung Cho celebrate an international Thanksgiving.

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Good food and conversation build camaraderie and understanding, regardless of the culture.

"It was like the United Nations," said Debbie Cortellini, president of the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council.

With some 18 cultures represented, a literacy council-sponsored Thanksgiving celebration at the Canton Public Library was undoubtedly a winner. "They really loved it," Cortellini added.

They are students of the literacy council who are learning to speak English and understand the American culture. And one of those things is, indeed, Thanksgiving. "It was, what do you do and

why?" Cortellini said.

But this celebration involved more than your regular turkey and stuffing.

Instead, the adult students brought dishes from their native land – a means of showing who they are and what their culture is about.

And while they were celebrating the

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Police still investigating runaway teens case

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton police say an investigation is ongoing after two 15-year-old girls were reunited with their families after they ran away with a man in his 20s.

Canton Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said Monday afternoon it wasn't yet known if there would be charges against the man.

Traylor confirmed that police Friday evening found April Nicole Gee of Canton and Emily Janine Lominac of Plymouth Township at a home in Redford, but he declined to further discuss the case because the girls are juveniles.

The girls were found safe.

Police had reported that the girls had run away from home Friday morning. It was believed at the time that they may have been on their way with the adult male to a cabin in Kalkaska County, but police then found them in Redford.

Traylor declined to say whether the man was with the girls when they were found.

Police announced through social media Friday evening that the girls had been found, prompting a flurry of comments from social media users who were relieved to hear the news.

Police had said early on that foul play was not suspected. Traylor had said there was "no indication that anyone is in any danger" and that the girls were "runways who left on their own free will."

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Gee



Lominac

Children, cops work to build relations, trust

Darrell Clem
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In a move to build relations, a group of predominantly African-American youngsters and parents paid a visit to the Canton Police Department to better understand how law enforcement works.

The youngsters learned how police dogs track down

criminals and how detectives gather evidence to solve cases. They even got to do a little investigating of their own at a mock crime scene and tour Canton's main fire station.

Their parents got tips on monitoring social media usage, teaching youngsters how to become a good witness if they see a crime and educat-

ing children on staying safe in public, such as traveling in groups in well-lit areas. They also saw videos of simulated crimes to learn how police officers have to quickly make use-of-force decisions.

It all occurred during a three-hour event one recent Saturday. The partnership with police involved a local chapter of Jack and Jill of

America, an organization that provides social, cultural and economic opportunities and aims to strengthen children ages 2-19 through leadership development, volunteer service and civic duty. The group includes youngsters from communities such as Canton, Plymouth, Northville, Livonia,

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with his caseload for 10 weeks in July, August and September while Cox attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va., the chief said. When Cox returned, he said, several officers took him aside and praised Grabowski's handling of day-to-day operations.

"We're very fortunate to have him," the chief said. Grabowski said the extra work was all part of his job description.

"I was a little surprised when my name popped up" for the award, he said. "It was never something I would've expected."

Grabowski is a two-time officer of the year winner, having also won in 2000, the year the Rotary launched the awards program.

He gave credit to

department personnel for making his supervisory role easier.

"It's easy to lead people who are good people," Grabowski said. "It's really the people. ... Without the cooperation and professionalism, (the award) wouldn't have been there."

Rotary awards committee chairman Dan Amos said in a press release that the club's program recognizes "the best of the best who serve our community."

Forche, a senior paramedic at HVA, was praised for his care of a woman in labor who was about to deliver her child.

"Sam is a shining example of what a paramedic should be," said Paul Hood, HVA's vice president for eastern operations.

Firefighter 'goes extra mile'

Prieur, a Northville firefighter for four

years, performs both fire-code compliance inspections as well as heading up, in Plymouth, the department's efforts in "pre-planning" inspections when the occupancy of commercial properties changes, Northville Fire Chief Steve Ott said. Those inspections, he said, involve mapping any elements at a site that would be helpful to firefighters during an emergency, such as the locations of electrical panels, fire hose connections and fire suppression systems.

"He's worked very hard at both of those" types of inspections, Ott said. Prieur, a former Detroit emergency medical technician, also works full time for Fire Systems of Michigan.

Harrell, a township firefighter and paramedic, "goes the extra mile," said his boss, Chief Dan Phillips.

"Jim is a friend to all and he creates a positive atmosphere at the station," Phillips said.

Cioma, a township police officer for nearly five years, was chosen "because of what he does every day and how he gets the job done on a day-in and day-out basis," Chief Tom Tiderington said. He is a "quiet professional" who is knowledgeable and graduated at the top of his Schoolcraft College police academy class, Tiderington said.

The chief said Cioma personifies what a patrol officer does, 95 percent of which, he added, is routinely assisting the public and not the "cops and robbers" highlights people see on television.

"Brad does an outstanding job," the chief said. "What he does out there is really a team effort."

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Rotary Club of Plymouth president Russ Jones (left), with Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington and Officer Bradley Cioma, the department's officer of the year.

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The Rotary Club of Plymouth's public safety award winners with their respective department heads at an awards luncheon Friday (front row, from left): Plymouth Lt. Jamie Grabowski, Northville Fire Department Inspector Alan Prieur, Huron Valley Ambulance paramedic Sam Forche, Plymouth Township Firefighter James Harrell and township Officer Bradley Cioma and (back row, from left) Plymouth Chief Al Cox, Northville Fire Chief Steve Ott, HVA vice president for eastern operations Paul Hood, township Fire Chief Dan Phillips and township Police Chief Tom Tiderington.



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Plymouth Township Fire Chief Dan Phillips introduced Firefighter James Harrell.

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Drug-using prostitute claims man didn't pay her

A dispute between a prostitute and a 70-year-old Canton man who allegedly hired her led to intervention by Canton police.

Police went to the man's house in the 44100 block of Leeann Lane, near Sheldon and Hanford, after receiving a call about a domestic dispute that occurred about 1 a.m. Monday, a police report said.

A 35-year-old Dearborn woman told police she called the Canton man to pick her up in Detroit. She said he took her to buy drugs and brought her to his house, where she said she performed oral sex on him. She told police she has known the man two years and they get together once a

month.

The woman admitted to police she had smoked crack cocaine and used heroin before officers arrived. She alleged the man couldn't perform, became upset and refused to pay her the \$20 she said she was owed.

The man gave police a different version, saying the woman had called him, said she had an abscess on her arm and wanted him to look at it because he is trained in first aid. He denied she performed oral sex on him.

Police cited both of them for solicitation of prostitution.

Man shoots self

A man cleaning his 9mm handgun inside a Canton apartment accidentally fired a shot and wounded his hand, a police report said.

Police went to Village Squire apartments, near Ford and Lotz roads, about 3:30 p.m. Sunday after being notified by St. Joseph Mercy Hospital that the Canton man had been there for treatment.

According to the report, the hospital told police the 60-year-old man had claimed he shot himself while cleaning his gun. Police went to the man's apartment, but no one answered the door. Police spoke with neighbors who said they didn't hear the shot.

The investigation was continuing.

Credit card theft

A 64-year-old man who tried to help an 18-year-old college student establish credit ended up being taken for \$693 after his credit card was used to pay a DTE Energy bill,

a police report said.

The teen and his mother knew the victim, who allowed the teen to open a DTE account in his name and even loaned him some money to help him and his mother.

Turns out, the teen managed to get a credit card number for the victim and used it to pay a \$693 DTE bill, a police report said.

The victim denied giving the teen his credit card number. He contacted DTE who asked him to file a police report to document the incident.

The victim told police he didn't want to prosecute the teen. He already had called to cancel his credit card.

Teen abuse?

Police were investigating after Child Protective Services said a 16-year-old Canton

boy reported he was abused by his parents.

The teen, described as bipolar, alleged that his parents punish him if he refuses to take his medication. He also told police his parents became upset after he tried to get a Social Security number to open up his own bank account, a police report said.

The teen accused his father of ripping his clothing while taking his cellphone from him. He also said his father punched him in the head. He also said his mother struck him in the chest.

The teen said his parents don't allow him to keep his paycheck from work. Police were investigating the claims.

— By Darrell Clem

SEMCOG, MDOT examining I-96 traffic improvements

James Mitchell
Correspondent

Commuters are well aware that drive times on Interstate 96 rank among the worst in southeast Michigan. While there are no plans to widen the freeway, Carmine Palombo, deputy executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, said a new proposal could make the existing lanes more efficient.

"There isn't enough money to widen every road, but there's a wide inside shoulder along most of that corridor," Palombo said of the stretch running through Novi, Wixom and Lyon Township. "For a relatively minimal cost, we can add a lane to what's there now."

Plans to improve commuter flow on I-96 – from the Livingston County border to the Interstate-275/Interstate-696 interchange – are among several initiatives that will be presented early next month. SEMCOG will welcome public comments on proposed amendments to the current 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement



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Interstate 96 near Novi's Beck Road intersection. Officials said using the existing shoulders on the Oakland County stretch of road could ease traffic congestion.

Program and the far-reaching 2040 Regional Transportation Plan.

Among the initiatives would be implementation of an Active Traffic Management approach to I-96, an MDOT-managed project that Palombo said would make use of monitored signage to open an additional lane when needed. A series of signs would direct commuters to use the inside shoulder as a drive lane during morning and afternoon commutes.

"This is a concept being used

in a number of states," Palombo said. A similar system has been proposed for U.S. 23 between Washtenaw and Livingston counties. Preliminary engineering studies would begin in fiscal year 2017 if the proposed amendments are approved. The project has a target completion date of 2019.

Funding is key

Scheduling for the projects relies, in part, on the road-funding legislation recently signed into law by Gov. Rick

Snyder. Now officials will determine costs and time lines and some initiatives could be accelerated when the funding gains final approval.

"We'll analyze how much it will cost, when the funds will show up and what it means in terms of existing programs," Palombo said.

Oladayo Akinyemi, manager of the Southeast Michigan Transportation Operations Center for the Michigan Department of Transportation, said that congestion along I-96 will likely increase if left unmanaged.

"Day-to-day traffic volume fluctuations and incidents make travel along this corridor highly unpredictable," Akinyemi said. "Future traffic growth projected is expected to further exacerbate these issues. Addressing this congestion with permanent roadway expansion is not practical due to financial limitations."

Active Traffic Management would, Akinyemi said, include speed management, use of shoulders as travel lanes, lane management and queue warn-

ing systems through overhead or side-mounted signage that would advise drivers of lane choices.

Overall the amendments would add 31 projects to MDOT's short- and long-term improvement strategies, modify the scope of 23 projects and delete 39 projects to be implemented by cities, villages, county road agencies and MDOT.

SEMCOG and MDOT officials welcome public comment either in writing – sent to SEMCOG Information Center, 1001 Woodward Ave., Suite 1400, Detroit, MI 48226 – by email to infocenter@semcog.org or in person at one of two public meetings. The amendments will be considered by the Transportation Coordinating Council meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 2 and the Executive Committee meeting beginning at 1 p.m. Dec. 4. Both meetings will be held at SEMCOG's offices at 1001 Woodward Ave.

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Bikers first to check out Lightfest displays

Maybe the rain made the lights prettier. Whatever it was, weather didn't discourage about 700 riders from registering for the Wayne County Lightfest "Bike Through the Lights" event.

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Participants were

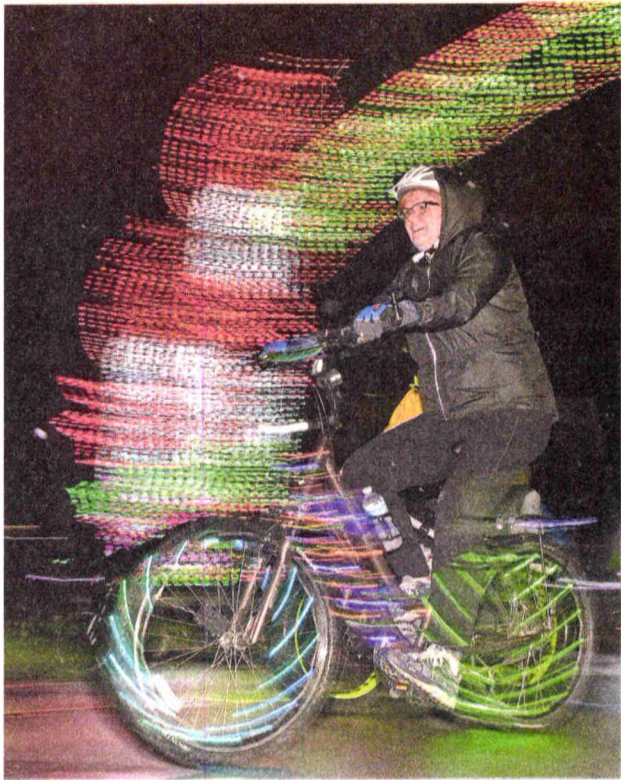
among the first to view the wonderful displays, which include an enchanting Celebration of Lights arch, Cecil the Magic Dragon, a large waving polar bear with cubs, an animated Old Glory, animated snowflake arches and more.

The official kickoff to Wayne County Lightfest 2015 for vehicle traffic was Thursday at Merriam Hollow Park in Westland.



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Riders gather near the start. Wayne County officials said some 700 riders had registered for the event.



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Colorful lights illuminate the speeding bikes.



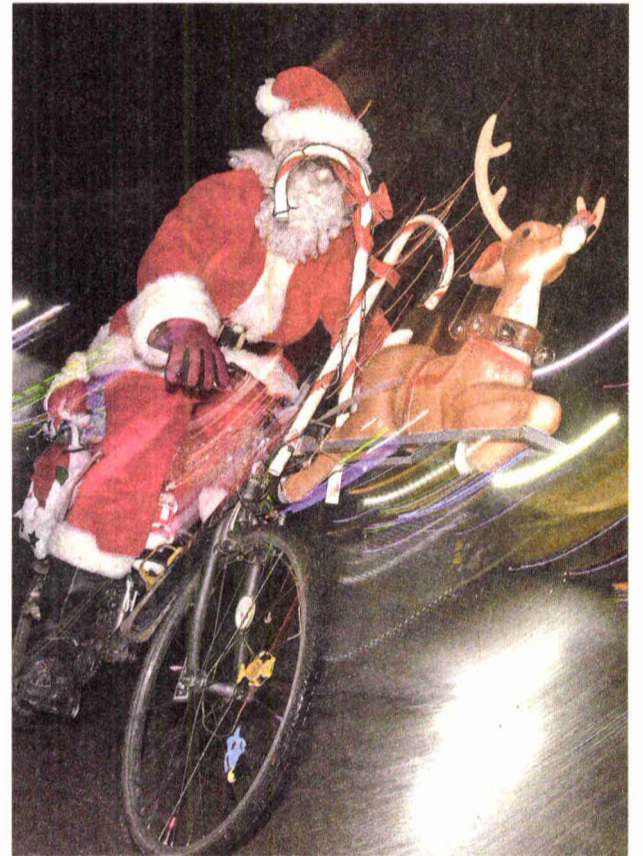
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Laura Kill of Livonia took first place in bike decorating.



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Irene Prevost of Garden City took second place for her Grinch theme.

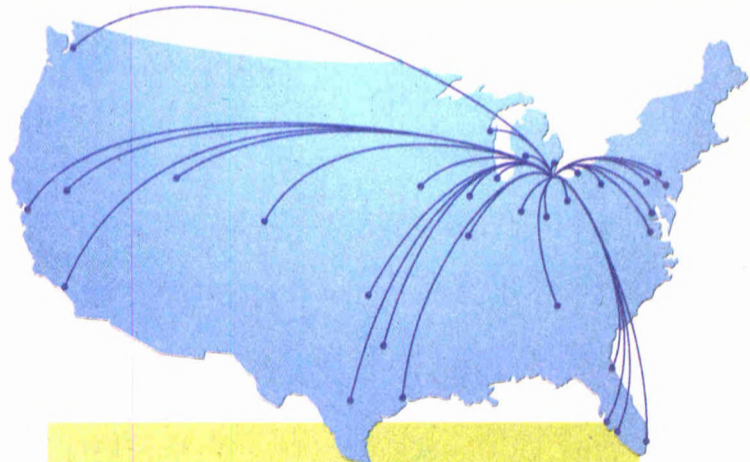


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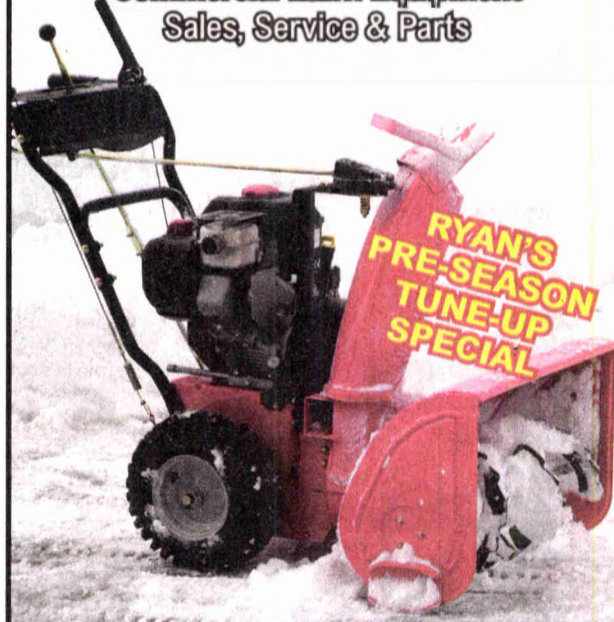
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Hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Literacy Council, a recent Thanksgiving feast featured cuisine from around the world.

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American holiday, the literacy council got an extra scoop of good cheer when the Canton Community Foundation provided a \$2,000 check – proceeds from the group's annual golf outing.

The proceeds will be used to train more literacy council tutors to help more Plymouth-Canton foreign-born residents learn to speak English as a second language. And training is key, because the council has an average 15-student waiting list to work with one-on-one tutors.

Right now the council has 81 active tutors and 56 adult students who receive one-on-one tutoring, plus more than 150 other students who participate in weekly conversation groups and Adult Education ESL classes.

Typically, the nonprofit provides tutoring to adults with English literacy skills below a ninth-grade level. In the Plymouth-Canton area, where diversity is growing, the demand for the literacy council's services continues to grow, Cortellini said.

Many of the literacy council's students have children in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, which partners with the nonprofit.

The Thanksgiving celebration Nov. 19 at the library coincided with the weekly time for one of the council's conversation groups. Students can attend each Thursday and Friday at the library. Plans are in the works to have a conversational group at the Plymouth District Library, as well.



People of many national origins came together to learn English and celebrate America's Thanksgiving, an event hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Literacy Council.

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"Sometimes, we have topics that we talk about," Cortellini said. "Fridays are English days – we ask everyone to speak in English. They just want to hear you speak English."

English isn't that easy. There are plenty of words, such as lives and lives – each with different meanings – that can confuse non-English speaking people, she added.

Every other Friday, the literacy council has students talk about a particular book they are reading.

And it's not just the students who enjoy the interactions. "We love for them to talk about what they do in their countries," Cortellini said.

During the Thanksgiving celebration, a student, native to Venezuela, stood up to entertain, while a Brazilian

woman joined him in song.

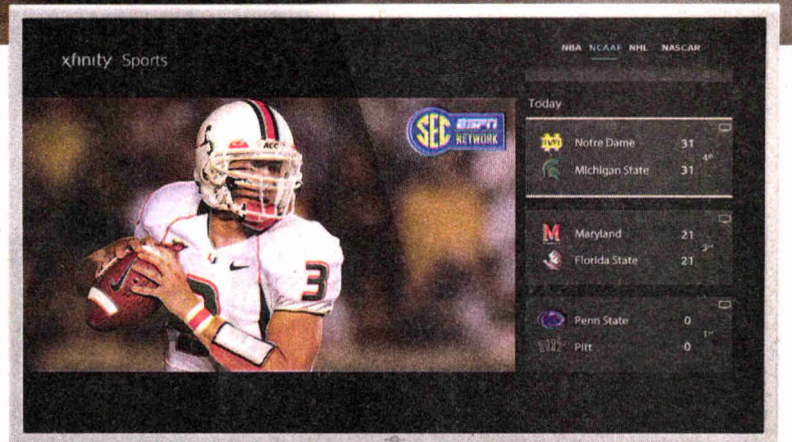
The literacy council is always seeking potential tutors, who are required to attend training. The next training will be 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30.

"We are always fundraising to pay for the training," Cortellini said.

In fact, the literacy council is seeking sponsors for its next two fundraisers – spelling bees, one for adults, one for children (fourth- and fifth-graders). The youth event will be Feb. 23 and March 23 for the adults.

"We are then able to assess students and match them with tutors," Cortellini said. "We really want to help these parents help their children be successful."

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RELATIONS

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Westland, Wayne and its home base, Ypsilanti.

The latest effort, Cocoa with a Cop, is patterned after the Canton Police Department's Coffee with a Cop program, which draws residents and police officers together in an attempt to build trust and relations. The Jack and Jill partnership provides a stark contrast to strained relations elsewhere between some police departments and communities.

"It's important, because this is a way to embrace our law enforcement profession and let them know we appreciate that they serve," said Brigitte Johnson, local Jack and Jill president. "Every day, they are putting their lives on the line."

Johnson said it's important to teach children that a police officer is someone they can turn to for help.

Kim Crouch, a chapter member and vice president of the Plymouth-Canton school board, said about 100 children and parents



Police Officer Bryan Szostak and his canine partner Haas gave a demonstration to the group.

CANTON POLICE

attended. She said youngsters were divided into age-appropriate groups to learn about police work.

"It's an attempt to build more positive relations so that children understand what law enforcement does," Crouch said. "They see them differently than what is necessarily depicted on television. And I think it's important for police to see our children in a different light, as well."

Patty Esselink, the Canton Police Department's community rela-

tions officer, was instrumental in Cocoa with a Cop. She said she believes children and parents learned from it.

"It allows them to see exactly what we do," she said. "It's different than what they see on social media or the news. I also believe that it helps build trust."

Esselink said she hopes children learned one overriding lesson from the event: "We're here to help you."

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Animal rights protesters picket Roperti's in Livonia

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Courtney Jacobs acknowledges Roperti's Turkey Farm is a Livonia icon, having done business in the city since 1967.

But that didn't stop Jacobs, director of DetroitCowSave, from organizing a protest Saturday outside the gates of the long-established turkey farm in an effort to raise awareness of animal cruelty.

Jacobs and about a dozen protesters spent an hour standing on Five Mile, holding signs objecting to the operation less than a week before Thanksgiving.

"We just want to raise awareness there are other ways to celebrate Thanksgiving," said Jacobs, who holds a bachelor's degree in health services from Oakland University. "Sentient beings don't have to be killed just for tradition."

It was the second straight year Detroit-CowSave picketed Roperti's. A similar-sized group



About a dozen protesters picketed outside Roperti's Turkey Farm in Livonia for about an hour Saturday.

spent an hour in the same spot a year ago.

Roperti's owner Christine Roperti was unfazed by the protest, shrugging it off as a group on an ultimately unsuccessful effort to change people's thinking.

"They're not going to change the world," Roperti said. "If they want to be out there for an hour ... whatever. It doesn't matter to me."

Roperti questioned the tactics of the group, wondering if the group had protested Huron Turkey Farm (on Merriman Road in Romulus) — Jacobs acknowledged the group had not — or other similar businesses in the area.

"I think they're actually harassing me," Roperti said.

Laurice Bray founded DetroitCowSave, a grass-

roots organization dedicated to raising awareness about the suffering of factory farmed animals. She said the protest was not only about getting people to give up turkey for Thanksgiving, but it's also about the treatment of the turkeys.

"We're out here because we feel these turkeys are not unlike any other animal ... turkeys are very intelligent," said



Jim and Laurice Bray of Farmington Hills were among the picketers. Laurice is founder of DetroitCowSave.

Bray, who grew up in Livonia and now lives in Farmington Hills. "We know we're not going to change a lot of minds. Roperti's is a Livonia institution. (But) people are going to (eventually) embrace a kinder, gentler lifestyle that doesn't include killing animals."

While Roperti dislikes the group's methods — she claims they've lied to

state inspectors about Roperti's, for instance — she is unfazed by their presence and expects to sell some 4,500 turkeys this holiday.

"I like it when (protesters) come," Roperti said. "(Customers) come running through the door when they're here."

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Plymouth Nursery's annual 'Ladies Night Out' helps usher in yuletide

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Bonnie Danic of Plymouth Township is a regular at Plymouth Nursery. "I've bought my roses here, my trees," said Danic, who works at St. Valentine Catholic Church in Redford.

The evening of Friday, Nov. 20, was special for Danic and other women shoppers at "Ladies Night Out" at Plymouth Nursery. Danic liked the live music and home holiday decorating ideas.

"The trees and the outside of the house with the lights" are what she decorates at yuletide. "We have Frosty outside."

Of the women's shopping event, Danic added, "I just like all the ladies' products. The food is good. It's nice."

That was music to the ears of Jeff Jones of South Lyon, owner of Plymouth Nursery. His parents started the business in 1963. "Last year, the night of this we had sleet and rain," an appreciative Jones said of this year's clear, dry weather.

Women shoppers visited vendor tables at the store on Plymouth-Ann



Sheila Vallimont of Westland and daughter Stephanie DuChene of Dearborn enjoy "Ladies Night Out" at Plymouth Nursery.

Arbor Road and enjoyed the festive decorations indoors at Plymouth Nursery, as male staff members served hors d'oeuvres.

Westland resident Sheila Vallimont was there with her daughter, Stephanie DuChene of Dearborn. "So far, really nice," Vallimont said of the evening as she strolled through the deco-

rated trees and more. She was seeking yule ideas.

Women customers key

"They're the majority of our customers," owner Jones said, at some 65-70 percent. His women staffers understand that market, Jones added.

Male customers will buy fertilizer and big trees, Jones said. "And



Vendors at "Ladies Night Out" included Michelle Jasewicz of Pampered Chef (foreground) and Delores Ten Broeck of Scentsy. Both women live in Canton and met as Boy Scout moms.

the women do everything else."

He heard women say, "I'm going to bring my girlfriends." That's exactly what you want to hear. We just want to get people in here and create a buzz. I've been seeing a lot of product go out both from us and the ven-

dors."

Vendors included Delores Ten Broeck of Canton, with Scentsy candles and related items, and Michelle Jasewicz of Canton, with Pampered Chef. The women met as Boy Scout moms.

Of the event, Ten

Broeck, a retired fourth-grade teacher at Plymouth-Canton's Bentley Elementary, said, "I think that it brings a lot of people into the store. The vendors are there for them to Christmas shop."

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Logos nabs awards

Canton-based Logos Communications has been named a Best of michbusiness Award winner by the Michigan Business and Professional Association.

Sue Voyles, president of Logos Communications, was recognized as a winner in the One-Person Wonder Category.

"It was an honor to be recognized with a Best of michbusiness Award at the business version of the Oscars event," Voyles said. "It is a privilege to be among all of the other Michigan professionals who are being celebrated as well. I am excited to be recognized

as a professional that makes Michigan a great place to do business."

Logos Communications was also named a winner of the 2015 Davey Awards by the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts. With about 4,000 entries from across the U.S. and around the world, the Davey Awards honor the finest creative work from the best small agencies, firms and companies worldwide. Logos was awarded a Silver Davey Award in the print collateral category for a brochure created for Brookhaven Manor.

"It is a tremendous honor for Logos Communications to be recognized by the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts," Voyles said. "It is a tribute to our smart approach to creativity and the capabilities and talents of our small com-

pany and what our team can provide to our clients."

10-year anniversary

November is Long Term Care Awareness Month, Alzheimer's Awareness, Caregivers Awareness and the national "Own Your Future" Long Term Care Month. It also happens to be the 10th anniversary of the Professional Resources Alliance of Greater Michigan in Canton that formed in 2005 to specifically address elder care issues.

"It is so appropriate that we formed our group in November," executive director Renee Merckx said. "We are dedicated to aging Americans and my national registered trademark says it all since we are all, 'Living Longer & Loving It!' Our members provide specialty ser-

VICES, not just general information, and our members are the owners of their businesses that are dedicated to providing the ever changing current information for maturing adults and their families."

Business growing

Once Upon a Child of Canton will move to a 10,000-square-foot facility at 1747 N. Canton Center Road in February 2016. Meanwhile, it is now at a temporary location at 1741 N. Canton

Center Road. The business began in 1996 in about 1,700 square feet and has more than doubled in size twice over the years. The business buys and sells kids clothing, shoes, equipment, toys and accessories.

New business in Plymouth



Bowen Therapy opened in November at 1200 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. Therapists offer a gentle effective body therapy that stimulates the healing process in the body. For more information, go to www.powerofbowen.com

CFCU donates to Plymouth-Canton

To help bolster local education in southeast Michigan, Community Financial Credit Union announced it has donated funds to a number of school district foundations through the credit union's Community Shares program.

Community Shares, founded by CFCU in 1999 to serve communities in southeast and northern Michigan, facilitates donations to school projects, functions and foundations.

The credit union has made \$25,500 in donations spread among eight school districts in 2015. Included in this donation



Community members pose with poster-sized checks to illustrate the donations made by CFCU to the Plymouth-Canton schools, including East Middle School.

were dollars to help fund grants through the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation, including East Middle School's music program.

CFCU also made donations to the Livonia Public Schools Education Foundation, the Northville Educational Foundation and the Novi Education Foundation.

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OUR VIEW

Holiday gift giving: Think local, shop outside the box

You've got a special someone at the top of your gift list this Christmas, Kwanzaa or Hanukkah. Their gift has to be just right.

The decision of when to start shopping's entirely yours. Some super-organized people have their holiday shopping done long before Thanksgiving. Many wish to savor the special family-oriented delights of Thanksgiving – and decline to head out to malls or big box stores this Thursday, remaining behind with family, turkey and other leftovers, and the Detroit Lions before the rush toward the holidays starts.

How you choose to shop is also up to you. No doubt, online shopping has its conveniences. Brick and mortar stores have their advantages, too, so don't write them off too hastily.

Downtown Milford and South Lyon, for example, hosts several holiday shopping events for adults and children alike, giving shoppers a chance to check out holiday selections and kids of all ages the opportunity to visit with Santa Claus. It's not just Main Street or Lafayette where local merchants have plenty to offer. Check out M-59, Grand River Avenue, Milford Road or Pontiac Trail for some locally-sourced gifts.

Shopping locally brings dollars back into our communities, allowing local businesses to hire your friends and neighbors. Tax coffers get a boost too.

Customer service is key at many of these businesses, with owners and managers going that extra mile to make sure you're a satisfied customer – and that you remain a satisfied customer. If a problem emerges

with a purchase, it's far easier to return it down the street or in the next town than to navigate the vicissitudes of the crowded post office to return an online purchase.

Local merchants are keeping up with technology, too. Ask them and they'll tell you that as their storefront businesses survive and thrive they're also entering the digital age and offering wares and services online – often nationwide and overseas.

Not everyone finds shopping fun, of course, but it can be enjoyable to match the right gift with the right recipient. These merchants can help you do that.

Why not think outside the box on shops, too, while you're at it? In Milford, an Uptown Pop-up Shop has opened in a former gas station downtown with home and garden merchandise. Repurposed home gear and jewelry, Milford-themed products by local artists and more fill the store.

"These are unique items you won't find anywhere else," owner Jane Swayze said.

This Milford specialty shop parallels the trend of downtown Detroit where many millennials shop at pop-ups for specialized wares. Why should they have all the fun? It's great to see such retail ingenuity come to Milford.

Novi's retail scene is dominated by 12 Oaks Mall and several other outdoor malls along Novi Road. There's a variety of national and local stores for all tastes and needs.

Local chambers of commerce and Downtown Development Authorities can help you craft your shopping list. Check out their member directories, and decide which shops to visit armed with the knowledge you'll find friendly, informed staffers eager to help you.

And take your patience along with you. There will be crowds, and sometimes long lines. We can all get a little testy under those circumstances, but keeping our cool and remembering our manners will make the season more joyful for all.

And finally don't forget that in this season of giving not all can give. Local Goodfellows volunteers work hard, especially now but all year, to guarantee needy children have a joyful Christmas.

The Salvation Army kicks off its fundraising Red Kettle drive each year, with money raised going not only for holiday food and toys but essentials like prescription medicine and paying utility bills. Please be as generous as you can, and remember these and other nonprofits as you write out your holiday shopping list.

Also, thank and patronize businesses that encourage charitable endeavors, such as allowing Salvation Army bell ringers to grace their doorsteps. These efforts to help the needy of our communities are vital not just at Christmas but all year. We applaud business representatives who go the extra mile to support charity.

Maintain religious liberty in state, throughout the country

Religious liberty in our nation is at risk. This risk has been steadily escalating over the past century, but has reached alarming levels in recent years.

On, May 5, 2014, in a 5-4 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed a decision by the Court of Appeals that held that the practice of praying before legislative assem-

blies violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

As a reminder, this clause reads "Congress shall make no laws respecting the establishment of religion ..."

Praying before a public assembly does not make a law. I am thankful that five members of the Supreme Court did not stop their reading of



Patrick Colbeck
GUEST COLUMNIST

the First Amendment at the Establishment Clause, for the first amendment goes on to say "or prohibiting the free expression thereof or abridging the freedom of speech."

Four of the members of the Supreme Court sought to prohibit invocations before legislative assemblies. Thankfully, five of the members appear to have read the entire First Amendment.

The opinion of the five carried the day by the narrowest of margins –

one vote.

I wish this case was an isolated case, but it is not. In fact, the Family Research Council documents more than 1,200 court cases over the past decade dealing with the infringement of religious liberty in our nation – a nation founded on the principle that our rights were "endowed by our Creator."

You can review this list at www.religiousthreats.org. Remember, these are only those incidents that have become court cases. You can find additional information on religious persecution in America in Todd Starnes' book *God less America*.

Thankfully, many Americans are waking up and taking a stand. Na-

tionally, you may recall the Houston mayor who subpoenaed the sermons of five pastors because they promoted the biblical view of marriage. The subpoena was withdrawn after the mayor received pressure from the community and leaders such as Sen. Ted Cruz and Gov. Mike Huckabee.

On Dec. 2, people of faith will be holding a "Religious Liberty Rally" on the steps of the Capitol in Lansing. Throughout the state, people of faith are waking up and reaffirming the fundamental right upon which all other rights rest ... the freedom of religion.

It is time to fearlessly expose the myth of the "Separation of Church and State." The Estab-

lishment Clause of the First Amendment protects us against a "theocracy," such as our founders left behind in Great Britain under the Anglican Church.

In the words of Thomas Jefferson, "Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God?" We would do well to heed his wise counsel.

Sen. Patrick Colbeck is a Republican who represents the 7th District, which includes Canton Township, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Wayne.

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LETTERS

Cheap stunt

Rep. Trott: I have received your message regarding your position on Syrian refugees. I am ashamed to be represented in Congress by one who would use the tragedy in Paris for such bellicose fear-mongering. In your position, you must well know the extensive vetting process that refugees to this country go through as a matter of course. To attempt to add to the many trials these people already face simply to seize some cheap political advantage is despicable.

It is not clear to me how you can look at yourself in the mirror after this cheap stunt. But then I remember how you made your living previously - foreclosing on those caught up in the sub-prime mortgage mess brought on by the greed of large investors and the deregulation promulgated by the Republican Party.

The outrageous gerrymandering of the Michigan Legislature probably means that you can do nothing odious enough to lead to your electoral defeat. Still, I will take great pleasure in voting against you at each available opportunity.

Robert Nelson
Canton

Murderers are murderers

In light of the recent tragedies and murders in Paris and other parts of the world, I would like to comment on the makeup of ISIS and like-minded groups.

The leaders of these rogue gangs are merely evil psychopaths who sacrifice their followers while they surround themselves with the spoils of the carnage they order. None of them will ever strap on the bomb vest or face someone who is capable of fighting back. Cowardly would be to kind a word to describe them.

The next layer of the scum which have flocked to the region from around the world are the murderers and rapists who are free to ply their trade with impunity and even be praised by the leaders.

Lastly, you have the morons, the simple-minded and the imbeciles who are recruited on the Internet or by other propaganda means. These are the ones who are willing to die because they are led to believe that some sort of utopia awaits them. On that subject, if any would-be assassins happen to read this, I can tell you that there ain't 72 virgins waiting for you, just one horny Devil waiting to inflict his depravity on you.

The media and politicians should quit referring to these terrorists as Muslims. Those murderers and rapists are no more followers of Islam than a backwoods southern preacher. A psychopath by any other name is still a psychopath. Call a spade a spade and a murderer a murderer.

James Huddleston
Canton

Global warming response

I wish to address some of the confusion evident in the questions posed about global warming in a recent Letter to the Editor.

The science of climate change is based on actually measuring atmospheric CO2 concentrations of air in ice cores that were up to 800,000 years old; for earlier geological times, about 3 to 5 million years ago, CO2 concentrations and temperatures have been inferred from less direct methods. Computer models use this measured data to estimate future trends. More details can be found in the report "Climate Change: Evidence & Causes" jointly published by the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and the Royal Society <http://dels.nas.edu/resources/>

static-assets/exec-office-other/climate-change-full.pdf.

As far as the CO2 levels go, OSHA and climatology are looking at two different outcomes. OSHA's standards are intended to keep you from suffocating, whereas climatology is looking at how much CO2 is needed to produce a rise in atmospheric temperature that will make the planet uninhabitable.

The "toxic" waste from wind turbines (48,000 total number of operating utility-scale wind turbines) is practically non-existent, certainly in comparison to internal combustion engines. In 2014, there were about 90 million commercial vehicles and passenger cars produced globally. Not only is "toxic" waste produced during their manufacture, but these engines will continue to produce pollutants year after year after year. This does not include such hidden costs as lung damage, asthma and premature deaths from air pollution; birth defects from mercury fallout; damage to buildings, timber harvests and ecosystem services from acid rain.

Wind turbines kill between 214,000 and 368,000 birds annually - a small fraction compared with the estimated 6.8 million fatalities from collisions with cell and radio towers and the 1.4 billion to 3.7 billion deaths from cats (*USA Today*, Sept. 15, 2014).

The Ohio State Chemical Looping Process is still a laboratory curiosity. In a best-case scenario, the first full-sized commercial plant is not expected any earlier than 2020.

Monckton is a journalist and a PR flack who is well known to artificially inflate his own credentials and misrepresent the content of scientific papers (https://www.skeptical-science.com/Monckton_Myths_arg.html). He even claims that he has developed a cure for AIDS, multiple sclerosis, the flu, the common cold, food poisoning, and HIV (<https://bbickmore.wordpress.com/lord-moncktons-rap-sheet/>). With that kind of background, it is no wonder he was excluded.

Gary Krause
Milford

Don't deny climate change

Please, please, stop the irrational, biased climate change denial. We need to move the discussion to solutions and stop delaying action. Our children and grandchildren will thank you.

The deniers continue to throw the same old weak lies at the public because it has worked to sow doubt. But think about what the deniers are saying. They are saying that the vast majority (97 percent) of thousands of highly-skilled scientists from countries all over the world, from different cultures, from different universities, from different corporations, have all conspired to lie about climate change or are flat out wrong. Clearly that is not rational. And keep in mind that the science is not that complicated. We are releasing at least 30 billion tons of carbon into the atmosphere every year that was previously stored underground for 300 million years. This greatly affects the atmosphere, it's that simple.

If the downside of the delays caused by the deniers wasn't so damaging, their efforts to convince the public of a conspiracy might be funny, but it's just sad.

Steve Hoin
South Lyon

Don't be fooled by gun-safety advocates

Historically, Brady Campaign to End Gun Violence has gone through several name changes. It didn't formal-

ly become the Brady Campaign until 2001. Before that it was known as the National Council to Control Handguns and Handgun Control Inc. In 1980, it morphed into Handgun Control Inc. And in 2001, it morphed again to the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence as a "sister" organization to Handgun Control Inc. It was, is and continues to be a ban on the possession of handguns and so-called "assault rifles." Any masking "gun-safety message" to the contrary is simply smoke and mirrors.

The Brady Campaign is not a "gun-safety" or "gun-control" movement. It's a ban-and-confiscate anti-gun movement. The core of the "gun-safety" movement is the dogmatic unacknowledged belief that more guns means more crime. And the only solution is to override the Second Amendment, ban the possession of handguns, take a cue from Australia's ban on "assault rifles" and compel owners to surrender their banned firearms to the government or face criminal prosecution. This is the reality behind the Brady Campaign and the other spin off "gun-safety" movement organizations. Their current re-branding as "common-sense" gun safety rules doesn't change this reality one bit.

William Schooley
South Lyon

Voting bill a joke

Our Michigan Legislature adds yet another issue to thwart democracy.

They met secretly behind closed doors; quickly they brought the end of straight ticket voting to the floor. Previously, we voters had voted to keep straight ticket voting. To ensure the issue could not be objected to, they included \$1 million for "education." That strenuous job done, they voted themselves a three-week vacation.

It will be most difficult in Detroit, where the tabulators are old and inadequate. During a presidential election, our Ann Arbor daughter waited 35 minutes, while her friend who teaches and lives in Detroit waited nine hours.

Democracy is supposed to be predicated on justice and fairness. The voters only recourse is to remember next November to end the secrecy, to give balance, to remind them that they are there for the common good.

The principles of democracy are social and political equality for all of us.

Delphine Palkowski
South Lyon

More guns will just increase mayhem

Another mass shooting, this time at a college campus. It sure seems to be happening with more frequency. Of course, Republicans and the NRA say the only appropriate response is sell more guns. You know, "the only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun."

Accepting their premise, let me suggest an alternative outcome: Bad guy armed with a legally obtained gun enters a venue. Could be a darkened theater, school, church, day care center, etc. There is more than one good guy present. When bad guy begins his mayhem, good guys, unaware of each other (they don't wear orange vests), respond. No one knows what's going on except bad guy. Bullets fly.

In the end, it doesn't really matter if your loved one is struck by a bullet from the gun of a bad guy, good guy, accident or suicide attempt. They were shot by a gun.

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Genocide survivor: 'It is paramountly important to forgive'

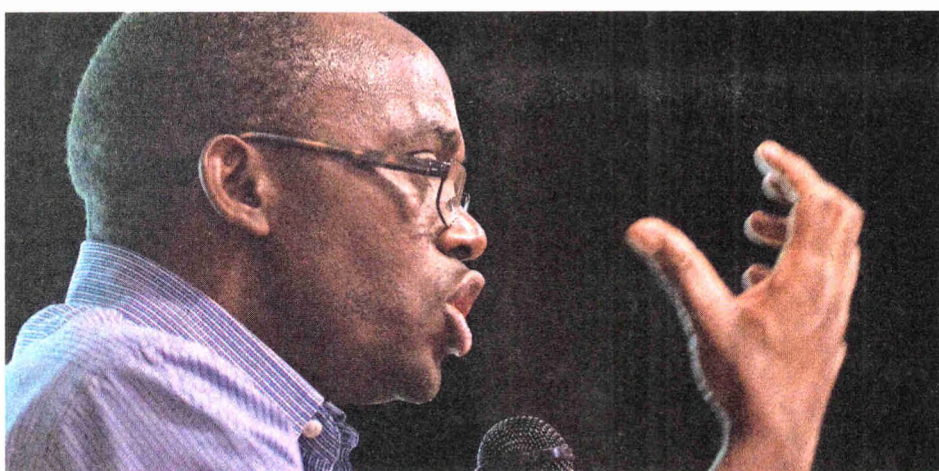
David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Archdeacon Justin Zigiranyirazo remembers during the Rwandan genocide that he was approached by his minister at his church in the small African nation to speak out against the atrocities that took place back in 1994. It was a move, he said, that could have seen dire consequences to him.

"I was chosen by my pastor to preach and I preached against genocide," he said. "It was very risky. But I did it."

He was approached by someone in the congregation, asking for forgiveness for killing people during the genocide. The man told him he had killed eight people, including burying some alive. He was prayed over, Zigiranyirazo said, and said he was saved in his forgiveness.

"We prayed over him and he got saved," Zigiranyirazo said. "I want to tell you that when you are in the community, when you are a new creature, you have to make up your differences. You can't be a new creature unless you seek Jesus Christ and



Justin Zigiranyirazo speaks about the process of reconciliation in Rwanda.

you accept him as your personal savior and Lord."

Zigiranyirazo spoke to about 30 people Monday night in the Livonia Civic Center Library about the Rwandan genocide, which saw as many as one million people die in the mid-1990s.

The Rev. Allen Kannappell, rector at His Church Anglican, gave an introduction with some background on the events that led up to the genocide, talking about two groups of people, the Hutu and the Tutsi, and the struggles within the

country. He said the Tutsi were driven out of the nation many years before and began returning several decades later, which upset the Hutu-majority government.

"In 1990, many of these Tutsi tried to come back into their own coun-

try," he said. "The Hutu majority government resisted that."

Zigiranyirazo's talk was done in collaboration with the Livonia Human Relations Commission and Livonia's His Church Anglican, which was hosting Zigiranyirazo for

the last several weeks. He'll preach during the church's worship service Sunday, which will take place at 10 a.m. in Kresge Auditorium at Madonna University.

'I am a witness to that'

He talked of his experiences in the small east African nation, where he serves at his church in Kibuye, Rwanda. He spoke of the efforts being made in the country, which has continued the healing process to this day with a new government and other efforts being made to advance the nation. He said forgiveness and reconciliation is the only way to move forward and heal the wounds, not only in his country, but across the globe.

He showed several photographs of people who had family members

die in the genocide standing next to those who had killed them. They had come together, Zigiranyirazo, in the name of reconciliation.

"It is paramountly important to forgive," he said. "I am a witness to that."

"I'm carrying their shame, but I did nothing but forgive them."

Northville Clark-Darnell, a parishioner at His Church Anglican, said she's always interested in hearing Zigiranyirazo speak. She said it's an important perspective to see and hear he struggles with similar feelings others feel as well.

"Justin is so ... he is such a man of God," he said. "It's good to hear that forgiveness is a struggle, even for him."

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Challenge Day returning Dec. 1-3 to P-CEP

Challenge Day is returning to Plymouth-Canton Education Park for a second year Dec. 1-3, thanks to a grant from the Canton Community Foundation and support from principals.

All program participants arrive at the school's gymnasium, where they spend the full day participating in high-energy activities and games to build familiarity and trust, followed by opportunities to share personal stories.

By creating a familiar environment, students and teachers gain support from the individuals around them. The event helps promote anti-bullying efforts and ignite a movement of compassion and empathy.

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Donated church quilts just 'like bringing love into their homes'

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Sharing love is key for staff and volunteers at Inkster-based Starfish Family Services.

Of quilts made by Geneva Presbyterian Church members, Starfish's Cheryl Majeske said, "We give them to families who may not have resources to buy blankets. It really means a lot to our families."

"It's like bringing love into their homes," added Majeske, a Westland resident.

She came to Geneva Church in Canton for the first worship service Sunday, Nov. 15, in which 29 quilts were arranged around the sanctuary and nearby. Majeske, who grew up in Livonia and graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School in 2003, added, "This supports our Adopt a Family program."

Starfish staffers buy toys, along with items like toilet paper, not covered by government-issued Bridge cards for Adopt a Family. "But they're so thankful for it. That's where the need is," Majeske said of the quilts.

Susan Powers of Wayne, Adopt a Family coordinator for Starfish, was at Geneva's second service that Sunday to speak and say thanks. At the first service, Majeske, an Eastern Michigan University graduate with a bachelor's degree



Julie Brown
Charlene Jones (left) and Cheryl Sprague (center) of Canton's Geneva Presbyterian Church show handmade quilts to a grateful Cheryl Majeske of Starfish Family Services. Majeske was at Sunday's first service to accept 29 quilts from Geneva, the sixth year of the church project and the third quilts have gone to Starfish.

in communications, noted Starfish serves about 10,000 families a year.

"When these quilts are going into their home, you are going into their home as well," she said. "It's a blanket, but it's really a blanket of love."

The agency's youth shelter has received Geneva blankets, which comfort runaway teens, she said at worship. "We can't do any of this we do in the community without your support," Majeske

added. Said church member Charlene Jones of Canton, who coordinates the program with Cheryl Sprague, "We've been doing this six years."

About 12 from the church, mainly women, participate, she said. The Nov. 15 donation included 25 full-size quilts and four baby-sized.

"I think it's amazing," Jones, a registered nurse with IHA Primary Pediatrics in Ann Arbor, said of

the ongoing project. "I think it is so cool just to see how it all comes together. It's just wonderful."

Added Jones, "I think it's fun and it's rewarding. Being that we can help people is the whole goal."

She tips her hat to Sprague, a Canton resident in office management at Xigma Engineering Services in Lincoln Park, and others who made the quilts. A recent session had a community



Julie Brown
Church member Grace Morgan made this festive quilt.

member not affiliated with Geneva attend to pitch in.

Starfish's Majeske, who is the specialist resource specialist, told worshipers that clients may, with a quilt donated, then be able to put gas in the car or pay a DTE bill.

"It might be people who live around the block from you," she said after worship. Starfish also has facilities at Ford and Canton Center roads and at Sheldon Road and Michigan Avenue.

"We look forward to it," Majeske said of Starfish and the quilts, which they've received the past three years from Geneva. "It's different to get something that's made with love."

Job loss and other financial issues often impact local families, she noted. "It's just so special. They take ownership of those," she added of quilts that go to kids.

Majeske urged church members to consider

volunteering with Starfish Family Services, which could be reading or tutoring. "When you live here, this is your community. These are your people," she said.

She often visits houses of worship to accept gifts to help needy people. "We have a big Jewish community presence, which is wonderful," Majeske said. "We have one common goal and that's that we want to support our neighbors. We all come together to support each other."

That can include time, money and/or advocacy, she added.

Agency programs include: early childhood education, parenting programs, mental health services and youth services. To learn about volunteering or other support, call 734-728-3400. Starfish is online at www.starfishonline.org.

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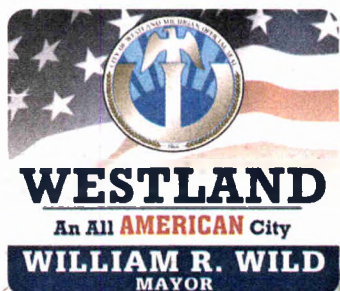
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FOOTBALL DIVISION 1 SEMIFINAL



Michael Vasilnek
The snowy surface didn't slow Canton junior running back Markus Sanders, sprinting down the field on this play. He ran for 280 yards and scored four touchdowns against Cass Tech.



Tim Smith
Cassidy Lewis (left) and Hannah Badger are two key seniors for Plymouth.

GIRLS HOOP PREVIEW

'Cats will leave it all on floor

Senior sextet looks to spark Plymouth

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For Plymouth players such as seniors Hannah Badger and Cassidy Lewis, the fun is about to start after months of hard work preparing for the 2015-16 girls basketball season.

"I'm super-excited," Badger said during a break in Monday's practice. "I've been waiting to be point guard this season, to work with this team, this family. It's so close. I just love every one of them."

Standing next to her was Lewis, one of six senior returnees that first-year head coach Ryan Ballard will be leaning on to set the tone for the rest of the squad beginning with the Dec. 1 opener at Salem.

"We worked hard all summer," said Lewis, a 5-10 senior who will start along with Badger in the back court. "I think we'll do really well, because we're fast this year and we play good defense."

The fact Wildcats open against the team that knocked them out of last season's districts isn't lost on either player.

"It's definitely in the back of our heads," Lewis said. "If we can beat them, we'll have a great start to our season, for sure."

In the mix

With the opener just around the corner, Ballard said he is still trying to firm up the rest of his starting lineup.

But he insisted that all six seniors — including 5-8 forward Elise Wehmer and guards Jordyn Chouinard, Maren Wisniewski and Bailey Brown — will feature prominently in the mix.

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SNOWED UNDER

Flurry of wild plays down stretch not enough to carry fearless Canton into D1 final

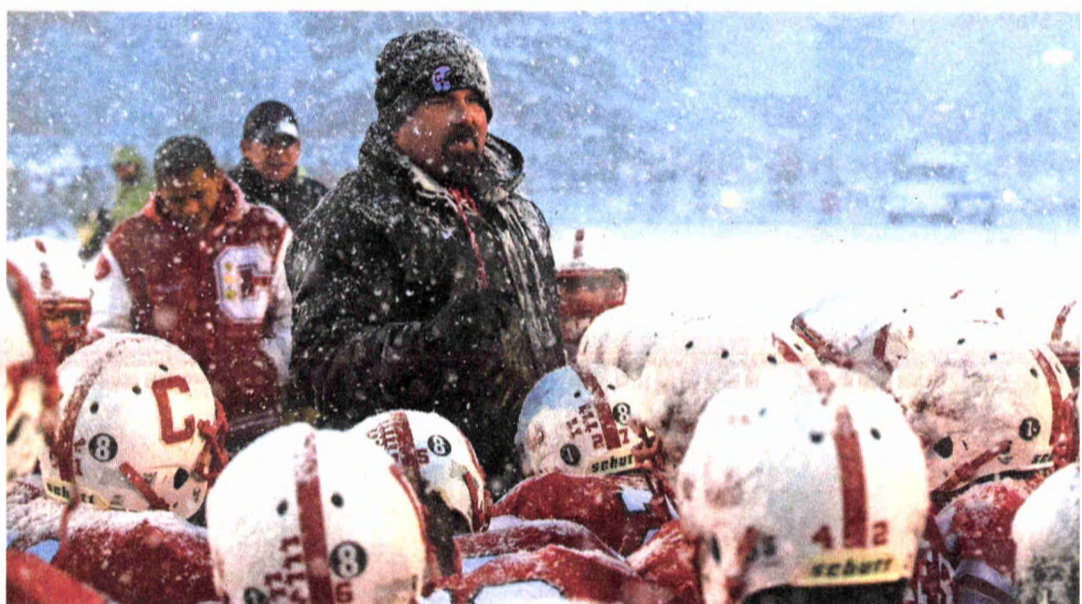
Evan Paputa
Correspondent

Every time it appeared that Canton's season was done, the Chiefs made a play to make it seem like they were destined to go all the way.

Despite trailing powerful Detroit Cass Tech, 48-28, with 7:39 left in the Division 1 semifinal Saturday at Troy Athens High School, the Chiefs' vaunted offense came up with two quick scores and two timely inside kicks to give them a chance at going to Ford Field.

But quarterback Jake O'Donnell scrambled and ran for a first down at the Cass Tech 35-yard line just as time expired and Canton fell, 48-41. The Technicians (11-2) will face Romeo at 1 p.m. Saturday in the D1 championship contest.

For the Chiefs (10-3), who exploded for 41 points with snow covering the field and wind blowing, the game will be remembered for the missed opportunities more than anything else. They fumbled at the Cass Tech



Michael Vasilnek
After Saturday's heartbreaking loss in the Division 1 state semifinal, Canton coach Tim Baechler tells his players how proud he was of them for the way they played in 2015.

goal line — twice.

"We left points out there," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "It's going to be hard for our kids to watch this, it really is. They're going to be disgusted,

they're going to want to puke. But the kids battled; what more could you ask?"

Never say die

Although Canton had every right to pack up and

leave when Cass Tech's Donovan Johnson ran 23 yards for a touchdown to complete a 99-yard drive to take a 48-28 lead with 7:39 remain-

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Zhang-led Rocks finish ninth at D1 state finals

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

One-half of Salem's unflappable Zhang twins battled the flu going into the Division 1 girls swimming and diving finals Nov. 20-21 at Holland Aquatic Center.

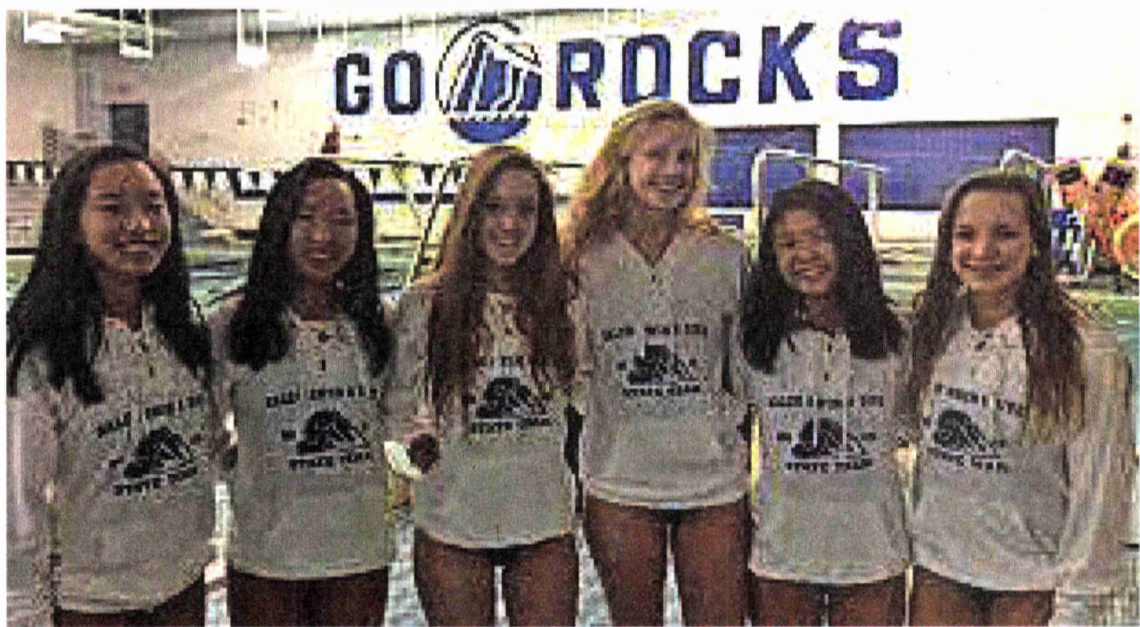
But illness wasn't about to stop Linda Zhang — or her sister Lisa, for that matter — in the finale of brilliant high school careers.

"Linda Zhang was ill all weekend and she still managed to do quite well," said veteran Salem head coach Chuck Olson, whose team

finished ninth with 97 points. "It would have been nice to see what she could have done had she been healthy.

"But she hung in there. ... Being her senior year, she wasn't going to let a little flu get in the way of swimming. I couldn't be more proud of that kind of effort."

Linda Zhang dug deep and earned all-state honors by finishing in the top eight in two individual events (third, 200 IM, 2:04.82; fourth, 100 breaststroke, 1:04.94), while Lisa Zhang also was an all-



Salem Swimming

See ROCKS, Page B3 Salem state qualifiers (from left) Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang, Molly Rowe, Patricia Frietag, Katie Xu and Camille Burt.

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The snow-covered trenches were no problem for the Chiefs and Technicians, as shown on this play.

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CANTON

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ing, the Chiefs dug in and played arguably their toughest football of the season.

Canton patiently marched 69 yards and scored on a 14-yard touchdown pass from O'Donnell to Brennon Pelland. After a fumbled snap on the extra point, it still trailed, 48-34, with only 3:00 remaining.

Kicker Ben Tubaro gave the Chiefs a jolt of energy when he swung the ensuing inside kick to the near side of the field. In seemingly perfect fashion, the ball landed right in the hands of Colin Troup.

Momentum had completely swung Canton's way when it converted on fourth-and-14 four plays later. O'Donnell, with the 15 mph wind gusting in his face, tossed a jump ball for Jesse Warner. The tight end caught it 5 yards short of the first down, but muscled his way for 10 more yards to give the Chiefs new life.

Later in the drive, Canton was faced with a fourth-and-three from the Technicians' 6-yard line.

Markus Sanders — who paced the Chiefs' offense with 280 yards rushing and four TDs to nearly reach 2,500 yards for the season — took the pitch and slithered around the right side of the offensive line for just about an inch past the first-down marker. He finished off the drive on the next play, as he rushed in straight through the middle to get Canton within one possession with 36 seconds left.

Just when the game couldn't have gotten any crazier, the Chiefs miraculously came up with their second inside kick recovery in a row (three total in the game) as Tubaro booted a textbook one-hopper to the far of the field, where a Cass Tech player bobbled it and senior Jake McKinnon fell on the football.

Faced with fourth-and-four at the Cass Tech 40-yard line with six seconds left, O'Donnell scrambled for the first down and dove out of bounds, but time expired.

Plowing forward

The snow didn't play a factor for either team's offense. Although the Troy Athens grounds crew plowed the field before the delayed 2 p.m. kickoff, snow began to accumulate more and more every play. By the time the game was over, about four inches of snow covered the playing surface.

Canton racked up 490 total yards (374 rushing, 116 passing) and Cass Tech mustered 483 (267 rushing, 216 passing).

In addition to Sanders, Jared Stephens ran for 49 yards on 14 carries. Lou Baechler scored a touchdown and rushed for 32 yards. O'Donnell completed 4-of-8 passes for 116 yards and one touchdown. Pelland had three catches for 78 yards.

Cass Tech's steady duo of Johnson and Tim Cheatem were a thorn in Canton's side all game long as they rushed for 154 and 91 yards, respectively.

"On that last drive they scored, we had guys fit right where they were supposed to be and those kids bounced and made plays," Baechler said.

Cass Tech stormed out of the gates in the third quarter with back-to-back long touchdown passes from Aaron Jackson to Donovan Peoples-Jones of 80 and 78 yards. For Jackson, it was his first career start following an injury to Rodney Hall.

"We just wanted to make



Canton's Jalen Cochran dives to recover a Detroit Cass Tech fumble during Saturday's D1 semifinal.

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Canton's Jared Stephens (left) dives for yardage against a Cass Tech defender.

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Cass Tech sophomore quarterback Aaron Jackson (right) tries to work his way past Canton defenders Reid McDonnell (middle) and Jake Stephan (left).

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Drained after a crushing defeat are Canton seniors Jared Stephens (left) and Jalen Cochran.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

sure he didn't take the game out of control and he didn't. It was his to win," Cass Tech coach Thomas Wilcher said.

The Canton secondary battled all game long, according to Baechler. Despite going

up against a five-star player like Peoples-Jones, who is 6-foot-3, the Canton cornerbacks stayed diligent in man-to-man coverage.

"Our corners looked like eighth-graders compared to

their guys. It was a shame," Baechler said. "We got to give those guys credit. The kids battled. What more could you ask?"

"Obviously the weather

had nothing to do with the passing game. Hell, we even completed some passes tonight."

U.S. NTDP HOCKEY

Backup plan nearly works for U17s

Goalie St. Cyr's efforts not enough to rally from deficit

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For the fans who successfully navigated snowy, icy roads to make it Saturday night to USA Hockey Arena, the start of the game between Fargo and the NTDP Under-17 team wasn't much of a reward.

By the time the United States Hockey League game was 52 seconds old, Fargo's Cole Gallant put a puck behind U-17 starting goalie Adam Scheel.

Three more Fargo shots eluded Scheel before the midway point of the opening period, putting Team USA in a 4-0 hole.

Realizing it wasn't Scheel's night, U-17 head coach Don Granato pulled him in favor of 5-foot-7 Northville native Dylan St. Cyr with 11:13 left in the first period.

St. Cyr was spectacular the rest of the game, stopping all 29 shots he faced. But Fargo had enough of a lead to skate to a comfortable 4-2 victory, with the home team's second goal coming with just 1.6 seconds left (by Joey Cassetti).

"That was certainly not the way you want to start a game," Granato said. "(The Force) obviously came ready to play, they elevated their game. We looked a little groggy to start and couldn't get in any rhythm through the course of the game at all."

"Dylan came in and played very well for us and held things down. But we never did get going in this one."

Fargo (7-8-1-0) also defeated the U-17 team, 5-4, Friday night.

"Credit to them, obviously, and a learning experience for us," Granato said. "This is a big jump in level of play for our players. The lessons that we learned tonight were obvious. One, not being ready to play and underestimating the com-



Kicking aside a Fargo shot Saturday for the NTDP U17s is goalie Dylan St. Cyr, a Northville resident.

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petitive level of this league (USHL).

"If you're not ready to play, you can be down three or four in a hurry and we were."

In the zone

After St. Cyr shut down Fargo for the rest of the first period (he stopped 12 shots over the final 11-plus minutes) he continued displaying a combination of acrobatics and strong positioning in the middle period.

With eight minutes to go in the period, he sprawled to deny Denis Smirnov at the left post with a Gumby-like move.

Buoyed by the stop, Team USA (5-6-1-1 in the USHL, including games played by the Under-18 squad) came down the ice and finally scored against Fargo goaltender Robbie Beydoun.

Defenseman Quinn Hughes skated down the right wing into the Force zone and threaded a

cross-rink pass to forward Brady Tkachuk for a one-timer taken near the left face-off dot.

Then with about three seconds to go in the period, St. Cyr smothered a hard shot that Shane McMahan launched between the circles.

Eight minutes into the third period, St. Cyr stayed with Hugo Reinhardt on an up-the-gut breakaway and calmly flicked the shot to the corner.

"(St. Cyr's) a very intelligent goalie. He's got great hockey sense, he reads things very well," Granato said. "You see that on breakaways, he reads shooters well."

"So he's pretty much in the zone right now and it's great to see. He puts the work ethic in, he's a very committed, dedicated player."

Not the same

According to St. Cyr — who credited hard work this summer at the Bandits Pro Elite

Goalie Camp for getting prepared physically and mentally to play in the NTDP — there is a different kind of pressure coming in cold off the bench as he did Saturday.

"You obviously want to go in there, make the first couple stops and try to do what you can to keep the team in there," the Northville High School junior said. "When you're on the bench, obviously you want to keep your mind sharp. You're not moving around as much as you would, muscles are going to be a little cold going in."

"That's probably the number one battle going in mid-game. That's tough, but you want to do as much as you can to keep your mind sharp. Watch pucks while you're on the bench, so if you do get the call you're ready to play."

Getting the first couple of stops under his belt are crucial in any game he plays, he con-

tinued.

"Always the first save is the most important for me to get my groove, just trying to get my confidence built up," said St. Cyr, a future University of Michigan goalie. "The first and second saves are the big ones."

As for the NTDP itself, the first couple of months with the program have gone "much better" than he expected.

"Honestly, coming to the rink every day and having the best kids around the country here to push you," St. Cyr said. "You're competing harder than you ever thought you would, you have people coming here every day that want to do this for (their lives)."

"So they're here battling and it just makes you a better person, a better player. A lot of life lessons on and off the ice, so it's a great program."

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WILDCATS

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Of course, Badger and Lewis top the list.

"Hannah Badger's one of our best players," Ballard said. "She shoots the ball really well and she really can defend. She has a knack for getting to the basket. We're going to learn on her a lot this year."

Meanwhile, Ballard will rely heavily on what Lewis brings on and off the court.

"We're going to lean on her for leadership and being able to score the basketball," he said. "And she's a great defensive player. That's one thing that is not mentioned a lot, is her ability to guard the ball."

Wehmer is a "glue girl, a real important piece to our program," Ballard said.

He had props for the other seniors, too.

Chouinard is "probably one of the hardest-working players I've ever seen around. I'm talking energy. She will play so hard that she needs to come out of the game."



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Going to the rim during a 2014-15 game is Plymouth's Hannah Badger.

He'll look to Wisniewski for on-court savvy and perimeter shooting, while Brown "has a knack for getting to the basket."

Top juniors pushing them for minutes will be guards Alexa Ebeling and Mikayla Rose (cousin of standout Kendall Rose, who graduated this year).

"(Ebeling's) a really good shooter," Ballard said. "She's a

cerebral player, makes great decisions with the basketball."

Rose also can shoot the lights out, just like her cousin did.

Other juniors on the roster are guard Gina Barber and forward Gabby Uluhogian.

Ballard, who succeeds Nick Brandon at the helm, noted the Wildcats will strive to improve by 1 percent every day with a relentless style.

"We got a bunch of gritty kids' we're a gritty bunch," Ballard said. "We play hard and we embrace adversity. We learn from mistakes and have that growth mindset."

Because the team is undersized, the players will need to scrap and claw.

"Boxing out is going to be a big thing for us," Badger said. "But like Cass said, we do have speed and I think a big thing for us is our defense and the press."

As for taking over from Brandon, who was promoted to an administrative position in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Ballard said it's all good so far.

"Coach Brandon left the

place better than he found it," Ballard said. "And I'm lucky that he laid such a great foundation."

"I'm walking into a great situation with six great seniors who have bought in what we're trying to accomplish. That's awesome to see."

Also awesome is having players like Badger and Lewis on hand to help the younger players, such as sophomore guards Gabby Chouinard and Chantal LeDoux, sophomore forward Addisyn Lewis and freshman guard Rebecca Przybylo.

"I tell them mainly just to keep their heads up and to stay with the new offense," Lewis said. "It's (about) keeping their heads up, working hard and getting in there."

And working hard is a Plymouth program staple.

"Here's my expectation — best is the standard," Ballard said. "We want to be the best in everything we do. That's why we push our kids to be the best in practice every day."

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Hockey teams in giving mood

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The holiday season is here and that means hockey teams pitching in to help over the holidays.

On Saturday at Plymouth Cultural Center, Salem's varsity boys hockey team is holding its annual Toys for Tots game, against the campus rival Canton Chiefs.

Puck drop is 8 p.m. and any fan coming to the arena with a new, unwrapped toy will receive a raffle ticket for the chance to win a \$25 gift card.

The drawing will take place between the first and second periods.

For more information, contact Salemboyshockey@pccsk12.com.

Helping the band

The hockey goodwill actually got going Tuesday night at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

That's when the Detroit Red Wings Alumni Association skated against the USA Hockey's National Team Development Program U17s.

Money generated through "Pucks for Paradise" will benefit the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's participation Jan. 1 in the 127th Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif.

The last time the band played at the parade was 1973 — several years before any of the former Red Wings in Tuesday's lineup skated for the NHL team.

Among former Red Wings scheduled to play in the game were John Ogradnick, Eddie Mio, Jimmy Carson, Dino Ciccarelli, Petr Klima, Darren McCarty, Larry Murphy and Brent Fedyk.

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ROCKS

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state performer in two events (fifth, 100 butterfly, 56.59; fifth, 100 backstroke, 56.51).

Both were part of the 200-yard medley relay team, along with senior Patricia Freitag and junior Katie Xu, that placed seventh with a time of 1:47.16 and also earned all-state honors.

The identical quartet placed 12th in the 400 free relay with a time of 3:35.74.

Other Rocks coming up just short of all-state status in individual events were Xu and Freitag, finishing 14th and 16th in the 100 backstroke with respective times of 59.00 and 59.32.

Salem also took Camille Burt (two-day event, Molly Rowe to the diving event, although neither advanced from Friday's preliminary round to Saturday's final).

"They (Zhang twins) did everything you could expect," Olson said. "They're both four-point plus students and Linda signed with the University of Pennsylvania and Lisa signed with Columbia. They'll both be

swimming, too."

Salem's third senior captain, Freitag, also was a standout throughout her prep career.

"(Freitag) hasn't quite decided" on where to attend college, Olson said. "Those three obviously had very good times all four years."

Olson said the 400 relay team might have fared better than 12th if not for a compressed schedule that taxed his athletes.

"The prelims went really fast. They were over in, like, two-and-a-half hours," he said. "And three of them were in the backstroke and Linda was in the breaststroke."

"We were in the second heat of the 400 free relay, so they had zero time to really recover. They did the very best they could."

Canton recap

Doing the same were the Canton Chiefs, who placed 29th Saturday with six points thanks to junior Meghan Mans' 11th-place time of 58.19 in the 100 backstroke.

Mans set a new Canton team record in the process. She also finished 17th during prelims in the 200 freestyle (1:56.16).

"Meghan's experience and versatility was impactful to our success this year," Chiefs head coach Ed Weber said about Mans, finishing up her first season with the squad. "She set a pool record and team record in the 100 backstroke this year. So needless to say, I look forward to working with her again next year."

The Chiefs had some solid performances during Friday's prelims.

Weber noted senior Emily Osika's lifetime best in the 100 butterfly (19th, 59.63) and 36th-place time of 1:01.08 in the 100 backstroke.

"Emily Osika ended her high school career with a personal best in butterfly," Weber said. "That's a great accomplishment to continue to get better year after year."

Freshman Jessica Clark finished 29th in the 500 freestyle (5:21.91), while two relay teams did well.

The 200 medley relay team of Mans, junior Ellie Caruso, Osika and Clark placed 28th (1:54.81). In the 400 free relay, Clark, Kristen Wiseman, Osika and Mans came in 27th (3:46.12). "Ellie Caruso and Kristen

Wiseman both were crucial legs on our relays at state meet," Weber said. "They brought a depth to our program this year that helped earn us KLAA South Division honors and qualify two state relays."

Plymouth recap

Although the Wildcats did not make it to Saturday's proceedings, senior Allison Lennig completed an outstanding Plymouth career by just missing the finals cut (top 16) in the 100 freestyle.

"Competition was extremely tough this year in all events," coach Kenn Forbes said. "The positive side of it is that our times were nearly the same as our entry times."

"This shows that we are hitting the times consistently and not just once or twice. We hope to be back stronger and faster next year."

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Lennig

2015 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

COACH OF THE YEAR



Dave Gerlach, Salem: Year after year, no girls cross country team is better prepared than the Rocks have been under

the guidance of Gerlach, who just finished his 21st season at the helm. Salem has a long list of big accomplishments again in 2015, topped by a second-place finish at the D1 regional to send the Rocks to the finals for the fourth season in a row. At MIS in Brooklyn, the Rocks finished 15th overall.

The Rocks also won the Wayne County, Dewitt and Franklin invites, and they were second at the Ramblin' Rock, MSU Spartan, division and conference meets.

"I am blessed to work in a sport that has so many terrific coaches and all around great people," Gerlach said. "I am grateful to have once again had a group of athletes that are determined, focused and passionate about the sport of cross country. "I learned long ago from my parents that hard work will overcome even those that may have more talent but don't work to maximize their potential."

FIRST TEAM

Maddy Trevisan, Farmington: Trevisan concluded an outstanding senior season with a third-place finish in the Division 1 state meet with a school-record time of 17:31. She was named Miss Cross Country for the state of Michigan as the top senior across all divisions at the state meets.

Trevisan, who will compete for the University of Michigan, is a league (OAA White Division) and regional champion, too. She was third in Oakland County.

Also an academic all-state with a 4.0 GPA, Trevisan will compete in the Foot Locker Midwest Regional Saturday in Kenosha, Wis.

"Maddy's season started a little slow but finished with a flourish," co-coach Jeremy Auer said. "Her leadership was one of the biggest reasons our team was able to make the jump to state qualifier this year.

"She sets the tone, athletically and academically. Her dedication and trust in the training process, as well as her trust in herself and her fitness is what allows her to perform at such a high level."

Abby Inch, Farmington: Inch had what was arguably the strongest



Trevisan Inch Douglas Reid Szymaniak



Simko George Hughes Seibert McCann

freshman campaign of anyone in Michigan this year.

She was all-county, all-region and all-state, bettering her time in each of those meets. Her 12th-place finish at the state meet in a time of 18:13 is a Farmington freshman record.

Inch was the second highest-placing freshman in the state. She won the Shamrock Invite and Bloomer Frosh/Soph Invite.

"Abby truly loves competing and has great racing instincts, a rarity for a freshman," Auer said. "As Abby continues to build strength and fitness, the sky will be the limit.

"She's as talented as anyone in the state. Watching her perform over the next three and a half years is going to be a lot of fun."

Natalie Douglas, Franklin: Among Douglas' senior-year highlighters were a first-place finish in the Livonia City Meet and the Rambling Rock Invitational, a fourth-place showing at the MSU Spartan Invitational Green Race, a second-place effort at the Wayne County Championships, a fourth-place finish at the KLAA Conference Meet, a fourth-place finish at her Division 1 regional race, and a 22nd-place finish at the state meet, which earned her all-state honors.

"Natalie really put together some strong performances her senior year," coach Dave Bjorklund said. "She made running under 19 minutes a regular thing as the season went on, and she was racing near or at the front in most invitationals we went to.

"She finishes her career with the second-best time in school history, as well as our home course record at Nankin Mills (18:41.3). I could not have been more proud of her performance at the state meet. She had a goal; she went all out for it and achieved it.

"Natalie is one of the hardest-work-

ing and most-dedicated runners we have ever had at Franklin."

Whitney Reid, N. Farmington: A freshman, Reid set a school record when she won the Huron Invite in 18:28.7, breaking former state champion Lisa Rives' 1989 record of 18:45. She also won the River Rat Invite and Mott Fall Classic.

Reid, who ran under 19 minutes three times, was third in the OAA White Division (18:39), fifth in the Mott regional (18:43) and 75th in the state.

"I was very pleased with Whitney's progress throughout the season," coach Bill Pinnell said. "Things started clicking for her when she ran the Huron Invite in September, and she really caught fire from that point on.

"It was great to see her hard work and effort pay off. She has proven she's one of the elite runners, and we look forward to big things from her in the coming years."

Korey Szymaniak, Garden City: The senior finished off her high school cross country career in grand fashion by placing 84th overall at the Division 1 state finals with a time of 19 minutes, 19.9 seconds. A multiple-time state-qualifier, Szymaniak also excels for the Cougars in track and field.

Madalyn Simko, Salem: The sophomore was instrumental in Salem making a fourth consecutive trip to the D1 state finals, with the Rocks finishing second in the team standings at regionals. Simko had a personal best time of 19:05.5, the sixth-fastest time in program history (fourth best for a Salem sophomore) and came in fourth at the Wayne County Championship (19:27) to make the all-county first team.

At the D1 regional held at Willow Metropark, Salem's home course, Simko came in 11th with a time off

FIRST TEAM

Maddy Trevisan, sr., Farmington
Abby Inch, fr., Farmington
Natalie Douglas, sr., Franklin
Whitney Reid, fr., N. Farmington
Korey Szymaniak, sr., Garden City
Madalyn Simko, soph., Salem
Jenna Wisner, sr., Luth. Westland
Kayla Hughes, sr., Salem
Erin Seibert, sr., Franklin
Erin McCann, soph., Salem
Kathleen George, jr., Churchill

SECOND TEAM

Madison Justice, sr., Salem
Hannah Jeffers, sr., Salem
Caroline George, jr., Churchill
Annie Bonds, jr., Plymouth
Sierra Bowden, sr., Salem
Anna Nagelhout, fr., Canton
Gabrielle Mancini, fr., Salem
Christina Murphy, jr., Churchill
Shea Wilson, soph., Salem
Madelyn Rush, soph., Plymouth
Julia Cercone, jr., Stevenson

COACH OF THE YEAR

Dave Gerlach, Salem

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Farmington: Morgan Merlino, Megan Rasak, Erin Abramczyk, Hannah Ho-

Harrison: Anya Turner, Maya Roberts, Victoria Blaga, Maggie Kondek, Mercy Lauren Lytle; North Farmington: Karlie Cummins, Carolyn Chow, Salem: Lizzy Lu, Marnie Wagoner, Karissa McCarthy, Leah Stevens, Brianna Essien, Bridget Nelson, Charissa Johnson, Hallie Younglas, Kaya Knake, Jessica Hughes, Madison Grant, Kayla Delacruz; Plymouth: Ana White, Arwa Haranwala, Amelia Carey, Gwen Carey, Olivia Schafer, Claire Curvin, Charlotte Clark; Canton: Mary Galm, Kate Cotham; Kayla Neme, Carly Smith, Elise McIntee, Samantha McGrath; PCA: Sienna Ruiter.

19:18. She also won the team's Most Valuable Runner award, earned medalist honors at the Dewitt Invitational and was named a KLAA Scholar Athlete.

"Madalyn's athleticism and competitiveness again helped her to another terrific season," coach Dave Gerlach said. "Madalyn came on in the middle of the season to take control as the team's No. 1 runner."

Jenna Wisner, Luth. Westland: The senior placed 12th at the Division 4 state meet with a time of 19 minutes, 22 seconds.

Kayla Hughes, Salem: The Rocks' team captain this season, Hughes was the Most Valuable Senior for the squad and qualified for the state finals with the team and as an individual.

Hughes, a first-team all-county performer (fifth, 19:31.8), tallied 264 varsity points (sixth most by a Salem runner) and had a personal best of 19:20.4. At the D1 regional, the fourth-year varsity runner finished 14th (19:28) and completed her outstanding prep career at Michigan International Speedway with a time of 19:43.

"Kayla is a tremendous competitor and has a work ethic second to none as a distance runner," Gerlach said. "... After overcoming adversity last

season, the success this year was due to the hours and years of hard work and passion for the sport."

Erin Seibert, Franklin: The freshman's 2015 highlights included a ninth-place showing at the Wayne County Championships, a seventh-place finish at the KLAA conference meet, a 13th-place finish at the Division 1 regional meet and a 166-place finish at the state meet (20:01.2).

"Erin had an outstanding freshman season," Bjorklund said. "She was our number-two runner most of the year, and really put together some great performances at the big meets down the stretch (county, conference and regional). Erin broke Natalie Douglas's freshman 5K record with her personal best time of 19:27.7 at the regional. I can't wait to see what Erin can do the next three years."

Erin McCann, Salem: If her stellar junior season is any indication, McCann looks to be a major contributor to the 2016 Salem squad.

The third-year varsity runner earned Most Valuable Junior honors and tallied a personal best of 19:30.3 while also finishing seventh at the Wayne County Championship (19:32.8) to make the first all-county squad.

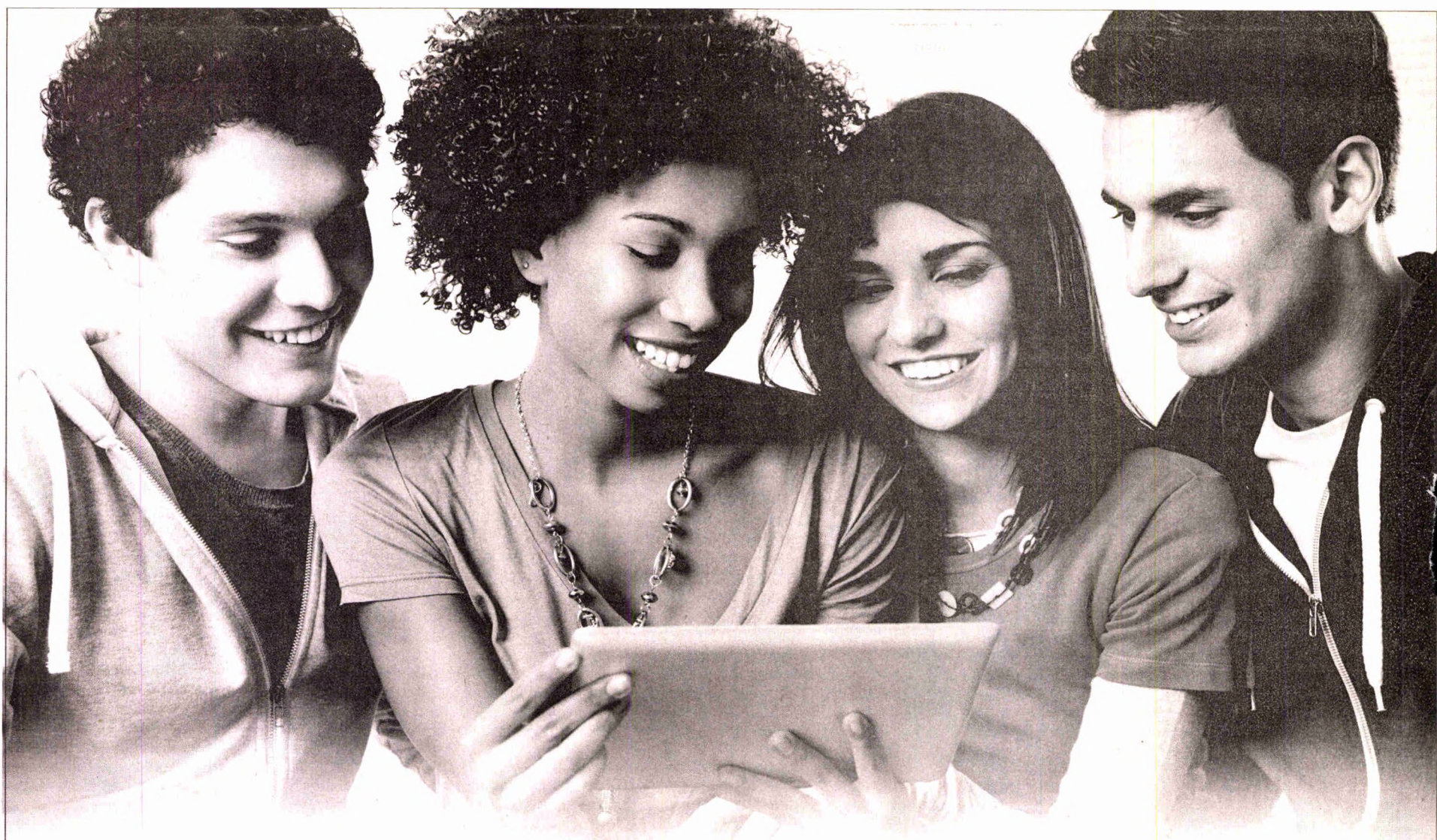
A KLAA Scholar Athlete winner, McCann came in 10th at the Kensington Conference meet (19:43.8) and ninth 19th at the D1 regional, with a mark of just over 19:49.

"Erin has battled and shown perseverance this season, which has got her on first team," Gerlach said. "Her leadership, work ethic and love for athletics have helped make this team successful once again."

Kathleen George, Churchill: The junior enjoyed a fantastic season, helping the Chargers win the Livonia City Meet with a second-place time of 20:47.

She also medaled in the Ramblin' Rock Invite (sixth, 19:41.8), Jefferson Invite (sixth, 20:06), Wayne County Championship (sixth, 19:32.2), KLAA Conference Meet (eighth, 19:40.5, earning second-team all-conference) and 18th place at the Division 1 regional meet (19:49).

"Kathleen had another solid cross country season," Churchill coach Sue Tatro said. "She is an extremely hard worker who loves to compete. Kathleen is an athlete we can always depend on during workouts and races. I am really looking forward to seeing her in a leadership role next year."



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Food safety hotline answers your questions about turkey

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Stuffing in the bird or stuffing out? Roaster or oven? Freeze leftovers in two days or keep them longer?

If you've got questions about preparing and serving turkey this Thanksgiving, the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service has answers that can guide you safely from thawing to preparation, serving to leftovers.

Consumers can talk with a food safety expert by calling the USDA's 30-year-old Meat and Poultry Hotline or connect via online chat at askkaren.gov. The website also allows users to submit a question by email and offers answers to frequently-asked questions.

With Thanksgiving just a day away, I decided to put the service to the test. I called the hotline with two questions: Is it safer to cook the stuffing inside the turkey or outside in a pot or slow cooker? How long will turkey leftovers keep before it's time to freeze them?

"If you decide to stuff the turkey, you not only need to take the temperature of the turkey, but you need to take the temperature of the stuffing," the expert told me. "The temperature of the stuffing also needs to read 165 °F. In most cases the turkey needs to cook longer," she said, adding that many chefs cook the stuffing separately for that reason.

"We recommend using a thermometer to know exactly when it's done."

The USDA suggests placing the thermometer in the innermost part of the turkey thigh, the innermost part of the wing and the thickest part of the breast, making sure the bird has reached an internal temperature of 165 °F before serving it.

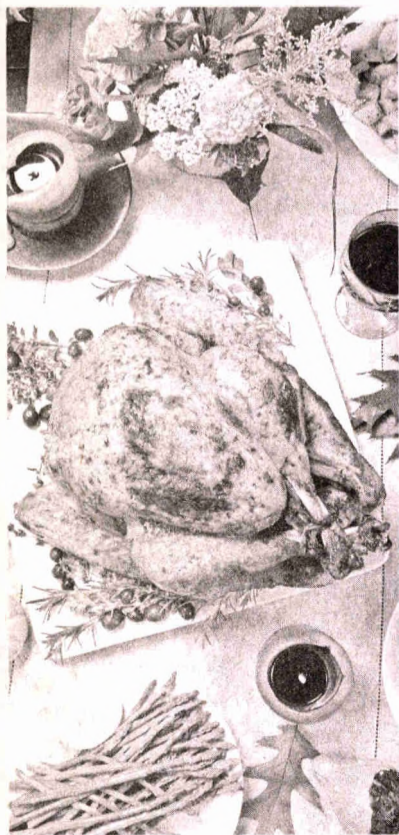
She told me turkey leftovers are safe in the refrigerator for four days. Freeze or toss them on Monday, Nov. 30.

The AskKaren.gov website suggests heating turkey leftovers to 165 °F before serving. When storing leftover turkey, cut it into smaller pieces so it can chill faster. The USDA's FoodKeeper mobile app gives storage advice on more than 400 foods and beverages, including leftovers.

I planned to ask a question about portable electric roasters during an online chat, but found a reference to roasters in the "frequently asked" portion of the site. It told me to preheat the appliance to 325 °F, and that both cooking time and oven temperature are the same for roaster or conventional oven.

If you have a question about safe food preparation on Thanksgiving Day, call the hotline from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 888-674-6854. The online chat at AskKaren.gov is available 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Learn how to safely select, thaw, and prepare a turkey at FoodSafety.gov.

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Make sure the thermometer in your turkey reads 165 °F before serving the bird for Thanksgiving Day dinner.



Versatile cinnamon flavors sweets, sides, sips

When the house is filled with the sweet smell of cinnamon, it's a sure sign the holidays have arrived. This signature flavor of the season can add warmth and nostalgia to everything from traditional baked goods to vegetable sides and cocktails.

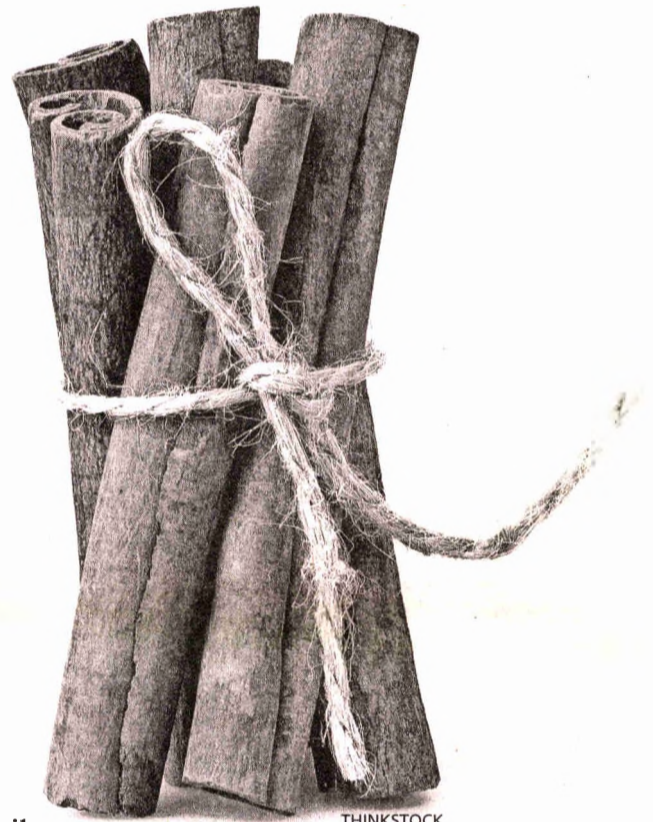
FINDING THE BEST CINNAMON

Before you stock up this holiday season, make sure you're buying the highest quality cinnamon to bring pure flavor to your dishes. Look for clump-free ground cinnamon that's a deep brown, mahogany color. It should have a warm aroma and taste with a little "red hot" cinnamon heat.

"Everyone loves cinnamon in classic desserts like apple pie, but this spice is so versatile, it can be used in countless sweet and savory dishes," said Chef Kevan Vetter of the McCormick Kitchens. "For the perfect seasonal side dish, you can toss carrots cooked in a slow cooker with a cinnamon-sugar glaze. Or, add cinnamon sticks to a festive drink, like holiday sangria."

Try these recipes to showcase that pure cinnamon flavor from cocktail

hour to dessert. For more recipes and tips, check out McCormick.com and visit McCormick Spice on Facebook and Pinterest.



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CARAMEL APPLE SLAB PIE

Prep time: 25 minutes
Cook time: 40 minutes
Servings: 16

2 packages (14.1 ounces each) refrigerated pie crusts (4 crusts), divided
1 ½ cups sugar
¼ cup cornstarch
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
8 cups thinly sliced and peeled Honey Crisp apples (about 8 apples)
1 cup caramel topping, divided

Preheat oven to 400°F. Bring crusts to room temperature according to package directions.

Unroll pie crusts. Line bottom and sides of 13-by-9-inch glass baking dish with 2 pie crusts. Press seams of overlapping crusts in middle of baking dish together to seal.

Mix sugar, cornstarch and cinnamon in large bowl. Add apples; toss to coat well. Spoon into pie crust. Drizzle with ¾ cup caramel topping. Top with remaining 2 crusts. Pinch edges of top and bottom crusts together to seal. Cut small slits in top crust.

Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until crust is golden brown and filling is bubbly. Cool on wire rack. Drizzle with remaining ¼ cup caramel topping to serve.



SLOW COOKER CINNAMON SUGAR GLAZED CARROTS

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 3-4 hours
Servings: 8

2 pounds baby carrots
2 tablespoons butter, melted
½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 ½ teaspoons ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground ginger
½ teaspoon salt

Spray inside of 4-quart slow cooker with no stick cooking spray. Add carrots and melted butter; toss to coat. Cover. Cook on high 3 to 4 hours or until tender.

Meanwhile, mix brown sugar, cinnamon, ginger and salt in small bowl until well blended. Toss cooked carrots with brown sugar mixture in slow cooker just before serving.

Tip: Keep cooked carrots in slow cooker when transporting to a party. Bring brown sugar mixture in small resealable plastic bag. For best results, toss carrots with brown sugar mixture just before serving.



SPICED CRANBERRY SANGRIA

Prep time: 10 minutes
Servings: 6

1 orange
16 whole cloves
1 bottle (750 milliliters) sweet white wine, such as Moscato or Riesling
3 cups cranberry juice
1 cup fresh cranberries
¼ cup orange-flavored liqueur, such as Grand Marnier
2 McCormick Gourmet Cinnamon Sticks
1 tablespoon McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract

Cut orange into 8 wedges. Press 2 cloves into each wedge. Set aside. Mix wine, cranberry juice, cranberries, liqueur, cinnamon sticks and vanilla in large pitcher until well blended. Add orange wedges.

Refrigerate 3 hours or until ready to serve. Serve in ice-filled glasses, if desired. **Tip:** If transporting Spiced Cranberry Sangria to a party, prepare recipe without adding the wine. Take the spiced cranberry juice in a clean, portable tightly covered beverage container leaving enough room for the wine. Then pour the bottle of wine into the container at the party. Serve and enjoy.

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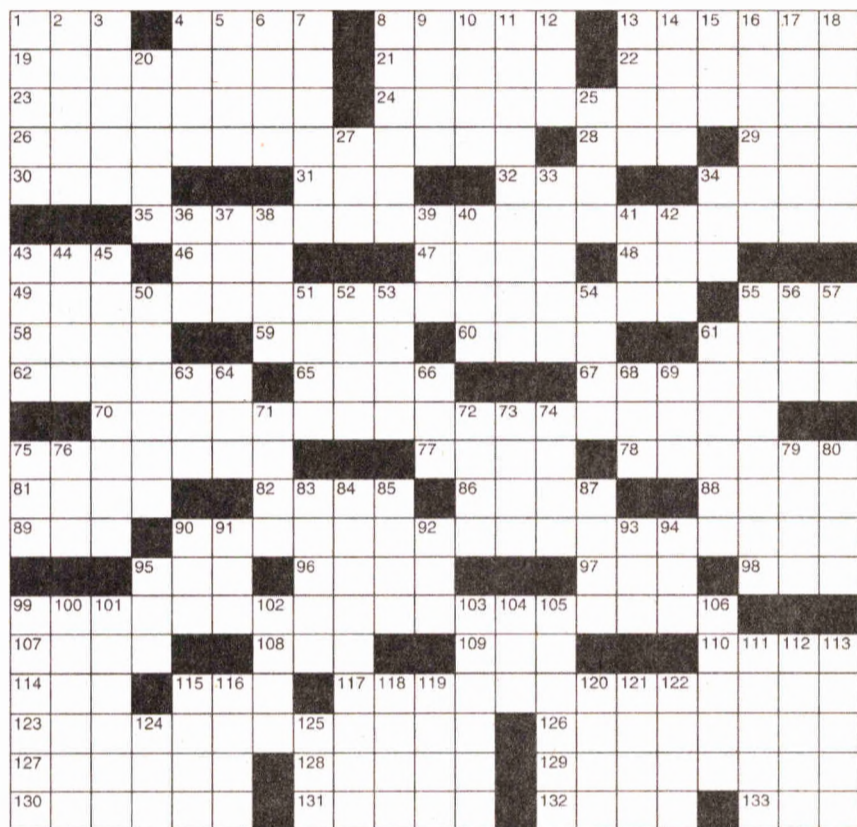
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Here's How It Works:

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

2	9	4	1	7	9	8	9	3
8	7	9	3	6	2	4	5	1
3	5	1	6	8	4	7	2	9
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- JOYCE
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- LEWIS
- LONDON
- MELVILLE
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- ORWELL
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- SAND
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- SPARKS
- STEIN
- SWIFT
- TAN
- TOLSTOY
- TWAIN
- VONNEGUT
- WILDE
- WOOLF

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

Crossword Answers

1 CHINA'S MAO — -TUNG
 4 THUMB LOCALE
 8 CRIES OF UNVEILING
 13 SPANISH FLEET
 19 POST-BENDER HEADACHE
 21 POETRY MUSE
 22 ONE-SIDED VIEWS
 23 OLD STAGE ACTRESS DUSE
 24 "THINGS GO BY SO FAST!"
 26 "AS FAR AS I'M AWARE ..."
 28 BRUNCHED, E.G.
 29 KWIK-E-MART CLERK
 30 WRITER SETON
 31 IRIS LOCALE
 32 PRES. ADVISORY GP.
 34 NEW — (YANNI, E.G.)
 35 BECOME KING AFTER BEING A PRINCE, SAY
 43 QUIRK OF BEHAVIOR
 46 — SCHWARZ (TOY RETAILER)
 47 KUWAITI ROYAL
 48 A THIRD OF IX
 49 TOTALLY UP THE CREEK
 55 SEMI SECTION
 58 WITTY WRITER BOMBECK
 59 HORNWOGGLE
 60 ACTRESS SWENSON
 61 HILL'S PARTNER
 62 NOSE PARTITION
 65 PIECE FOR TWO
 67 PAID NO HEED
 70 "WE'VE BEEN RAKING IN THE PROFIT"
 75 ADVANCE MARKDOWN
 77 REQUIREMENT
 78 CHURCH DECREES
 81 PAINTER OF MELTING WATCHES
 82 CAMERA VARIETIES, FOR SHORT
 86 VIENTIANE'S COUNTRY
 88 "MY COUNTRY" AUTHOR ABBA
 89 HOLE-POKING TOOL
 90 PHRASE JUST BEFORE AN ACT IS INTRODUCED
 95 POUCHLIKE BODY PART
 96 INCANTATION OPENER
 97 RIVER OF BERN
 98 VEER OFF COURSE
 99 WHAT THOMAS BECAME, IN KID-LIT
 107 ALONE
 108 SEE 102-DOWN
 109 LOVE-LETTER "HUGS"
 110 FORMER TOY COMPANY
 114 ALLEY- (COURT PLAY)
 115 JUICER
 117 OVERDOING THE EFFORT
 123 WRITER OF THE TONY-WINNING MUSICAL FEATURED IN THIS PUZZLE
 126 FLAVORED WITH A CERTAIN SPICE
 127 INTRODUCED ACTS, E.G.
 128 LENYA OF "CABARET"
 129 IRS PART
 130 TALLIES AGAIN
 131 ARCTIC PEOPLE
 132 CENTRAL PART OF A CHURCH
 133 STAR SITE

Word Search Answers

AUSTEN KING
 BRONTE LEWIS
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 CERVANTES MORRISON
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 FAULKNER SWIFT
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 HAWTHORNE TWAIN
 HEMINGWAY VONNEGUT
 JAMES WILDE
 JOYCE WOOLF

HOLIDAY
EVENTS

FILM

PENN THEATER

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 3, 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Dec. 4, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 5-6

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: *It's a Wonderful Life*; \$3
Coming up: *Elf*, Dec. 11-13; *A Christmas Story*, Dec. 17-18, *The Polar Express*, Dec. 19-20

Contact: 734-453-0870

REDFORD THEATER

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Dec. 4 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 5

Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit

Details: *White Christmas*, \$5

Coming up: *It's a Wonderful Life*, Dec. 19-20; \$7

Contact: 313-537-2560

LIGHTS

WAYNE COUNTY
LIGHTFEST

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 6-10 p.m. Friday-Sunday, through Dec. 31. Closed Dec. 25

Location: Enter at Hines Drive and Merriman in Westland and exit near Telegraph in Dearborn Heights

Details: Drive-through light show features nearly 50 lighted displays. Fee is \$5 per vehicle

Contact: parks.waynecounty.com; 734-261-1990

WILD LIGHTS

Time/Date: 5:30-9 p.m. Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 4-6, 11-13, 18-23 and 26-31

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward Ave., Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$9 in advance and \$11 at the gate for ages 2 and older. Parking is \$6 per car. Features illuminated sculptures, holiday entertainment and activities, ice carving and arts and crafts. Buy tickets online at detroitzoo.org/events/wild-lights

Contact: 248-541-5717

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BIRMINGHAM CONCERT
BAND

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Dec. 6

Location: Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham

Details: Holiday concert directed by Jeffrey Jones; donations accepted

Contact: birminghamconcertband.com

CHRISTMAS POPS
CONCERT/CANTATA

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 12

Location: St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Features popular Christmas songs by soloists and small groups, and *One Silent Night* by Pepper Choplin, by the combined choirs of St. Timothy and Kirk of Our Savior of Westland; donations accepted

Contact: 734 464-8844, sttimothy@sttimothyusa.org

ITALIAN AMERICAN
CHORALE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4

Location: American Club of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Viviana Garabello directs the group in its first Christmas concert; free admission for concert only. An optional potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. costs \$2 per person. Participants should bring a favorite dish and dessert to share. RSVP by Dec. 2 to Ann at 734-437-9067 or Maria at 734-591-0263 for potluck

Contact: Viviana Garabello at 313-690-1093; gvivi81@gmail.com

MICHIGAN
PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10

Location: Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Holiday Pops with the Phil features a variety of seasonal tunes at the 8 p.m. performance, and a sing-along of Christmas carols. Tickets are \$30 general admission, \$25 for seniors, age 25 and up, and \$10 for students with ID

Contact: michiganphil.org

SIMPLY DICKENS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 9

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The group sings old world Christmas carols. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Doors will open at 6 p.m. giving visitors time to see A Red Ryder Christmas Story

Contact: plymouthhistory.org

THERAPY CHOIRS OF
MICHIGAN

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2

Location: Woodhaven Retirement Community, 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: The TCM singers consist of individuals with special needs, volunteers and friends. The group will sing holiday songs at this free concert

Contact: 248-474-2763, ext. 222; therapychoirs.org

TRINITY AND FRIENDS
CHOIR

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Dec. 3-5

Location: Trinity Episcopal Church, 26880 LaMuera, Farmington Hills

Details: Rejoice! A Holiday Concert features music of Beethoven, Handel and more; tickets are \$10

Contact: trinityinthewoods.org



FILE PHOTO

Shoppers leave Kohl's in Canton during Black Friday last year.

Retail expert: Pack snacks, sanitizer for Black Friday

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

If you're looking for a weekend diversion that combines the fun of a social outing with hands-on entertainment and a fitness workout, set your alarm clock to "early" and shop Black Friday sale.

The National Retail Federation estimates that 135.8 million shoppers are likely to spend the Thanksgiving weekend in stores. The action starts Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26, and continues nonstop through Black Friday, with stores reopening for Small Business Saturday and Sunday sale.

If you've ever wanted to pull an all-nighter in a national retail chain store, now's the time. But pushing an over-flowing cart, totig bags, and driving from store to store can take its toll, even on the most experienced shopper.

How do you ensure the Black Friday experience will be more fun than frenzy?

Ed Nakfoor, retail consultant, offered tips for shopping the Black Friday sales.

Contact Nakfoor at edwardnakfoor@gmail.com.

sdargay@hometownlife.com

BLACK FRIDAY TIPS

- » Always get a receipt. And if the store gives you the option of paper or email receipt, get both. Are you really going to print a copy at home? Or worse, the email goes to your spam folder.
- » Always get a gift receipt. That's a gift in itself for the recipient.
- » Map out your shopping day. Shop with a geography in mind. Don't visit stores as they open or during certain door buster hours. Better to shop adjacent stores, farthest from home, and then work your way back to where you began the day. You might miss that day's big sale, but do know there will be countless big sales between now and Christmas as stores are loaded with merchandise and will be very eager to clear it out.
- » Download store apps days in advance to learn the finer points of the technology; some are intuitive, others cumbersome.
- » Bring small snacks, maybe a bottle of water. Waiting in line — and it will be long — at Starbucks or the food court makes even the most relaxed person a grump.
- » All those people ... cold and flu season ... hand sanitizer is a must.
- » If you can, leave the kids at home. See above re: grump.
- » Don't circle and circle and circle the lot for a "good" spot. There isn't one. Accept it, know you have to walk, bundle up and press on. The key is to keep nerves from fraying.
- » Be kind to the employees. It's busy. Many are new hires. They are trying to please you and still follow the store's rules.
- » And finally, make a list, include sizes, and be certain to get something for yourself — you're doing all of the work.



THINKSTOCK

Farmington Hills artist sells unique dolls at holiday show

Diana Wing
Correspondent

Skip the mall and shop for unique, local goods at the Lathrup Village Holiday Market, Saturday, Nov. 28, in Lathrup Village.

Farmington Hills artist Michelle Sapp will be among nearly 40 vendors at this second annual show that features an eclectic selection of handmade items.

Sapp, a self-taught doll artist, has shown work over the years at the Lathrup Village Summer Art Fair and will bring crocheted items and her African-inspired "Annie's Girls" dolls to the Holiday Market. The dolls are made from recycled bottles, yarn, wire, fiberfill and fabric and are decorated with beads, shells, baskets, feathers and trims.

"I was a stay-at-home mom and felt the need to be creative again. I started messing around with some things one day. By the end of the day I had made a doll and by the end of the week I had found myself being in a craft show. That was around 2006," she said.

The dolls are much more detailed today and Sapp's techniques have become more



Submitted
Michelle Sapp will show her African-inspired dolls at the Lathrup Village Holiday Market, Nov. 28.

refined.

"Now I'm even crocheting baskets and I dye a lot of my baskets that the dolls hold. It's a lot of little detail work and everything I do is hand sewn," said Sapp, noting that the details are what gives a doll its personality.

"Each doll is one of a kind," she added. Even when I'm

buying fabric, I'll only buy a limited amount of a certain print and then when it's gone, it's gone. It keeps the work fresh. People like having something that's unique. I'll make another piece that may be similar but it will never be identical."

Sapp doesn't name the dolls. She feels that if the owner chooses to name the doll they become more involved in the creative process and it's "truly their doll at that point."

The Lathrup Village Holiday Market features gift items at all price points. It runs 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Lathrup Village Municipal Building, 27400 Southfield Road. Admission and parking are free.

Here's a sampling of other holiday art shows:

» Visual Arts Association of Livonia offers one-of-a-kind treasures handmade by local artists, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, Dec. 4-13, at its Holiday Shoppe, located in the Village Shopping Center at Five Mile and Newburgh. Grand opening is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3.

» Plymouth Community Arts Council as handcrafted pottery, including bowls, mugs, tiles and ornaments, ranging from \$10-\$60, from the West-

ern Michigan Ceramics Guild and Adrian College potters, Ira Richardson and Holly Ross, Nov. 30-Dec. 18. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday, at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Art, pottery and gift certificates also will be sold during the PCAC's Member's Exhibit Reception, 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, December 4.

» Glass Academy, 25331 Trowbridge, Dearborn, holds its annual Holiday Show & Sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 5-6. The free event will include live glassblowing demonstrations and handcrafted glass items for sale, including candy canes, snowmen, ornaments, Christmas trees and decorative bowls. A preview party 5-8 p.m. Dec. 3 costs \$50. Visit glassacademy.com for tickets.

» Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, offers works for sale by more than 100 artists at its annual Holiday Shop, noon-6 p.m. Dec. 3 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4-19. The shop includes jewelry, glass, ceramics, garden sculpture, soaps, kitchen items, paintings and more.

— Sharon Dargay contributed to this story

Huge 3-Day Black Friday sale at Varsity Lincoln in Novi!

Get the Varsity Advantage! Varsity Lincoln of Novi is celebrating Black Friday over three days with a HUGE Certified Pre-Owned vehicle sales and service event.

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Special service offers will be available these select days! These include The Works™ package for \$29.95, up to \$140 in rebates on select tires, a complete coolant flush for only \$109.95 and brake service for only \$199.95, all completed by factory-trained technicians.*

In a crunch for time this holiday season? Shop while your vehicle is in the shop! Varsity Lincoln is offering a free shuttle to and from Twelve Oaks mall for your convenience.

Visit Varsity Lincoln for the 3-day event during the following dates and times:

- » 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27
- » 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28
- » 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30

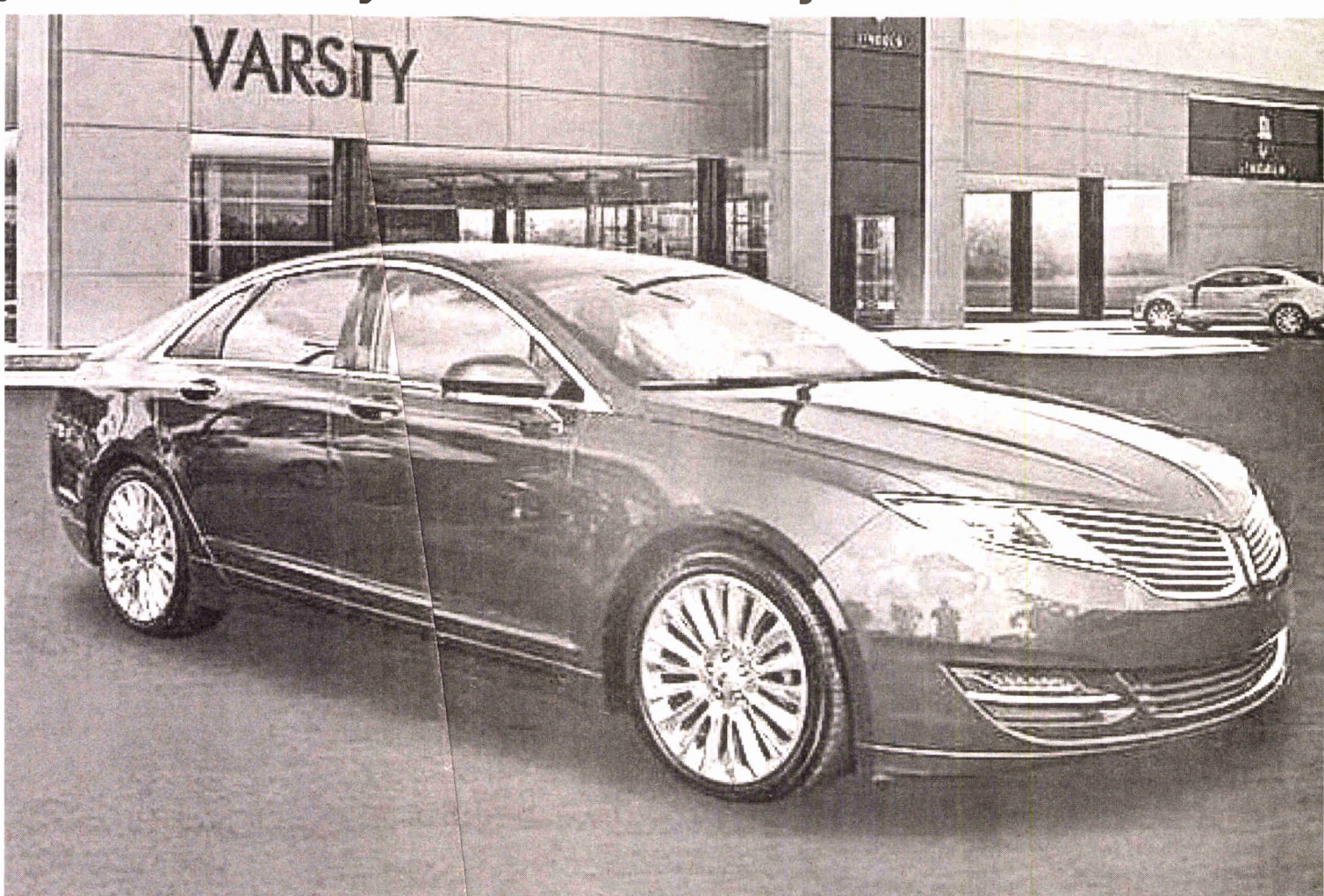
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Wilk.

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EDUCATION

Canton foundation continues scholarship tradition

By Brad Kadach

When Canton Community Foundation first started its annual scholarship program in 1995, it was a small affair. Over the years, the program has grown into a major annual event. The foundation's scholarship program is now one of the largest in the area, providing financial aid to students from local high schools and colleges.

Small start

The program started small, with only a few hundred dollars in scholarship funds. Over the years, the foundation has raised more than \$2 million for the program, which now awards over 100 scholarships annually.

Early years

The program has a long history of supporting local students. In its first year, the foundation awarded 10 scholarships to students from local high schools. Over the years, the program has expanded to include students from colleges and universities throughout the region.

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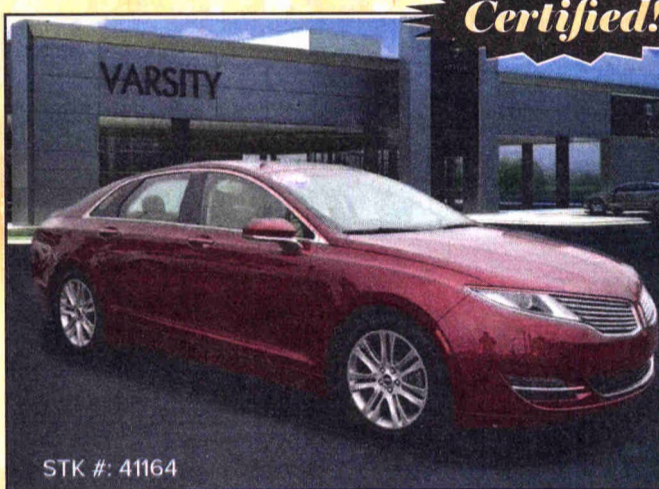
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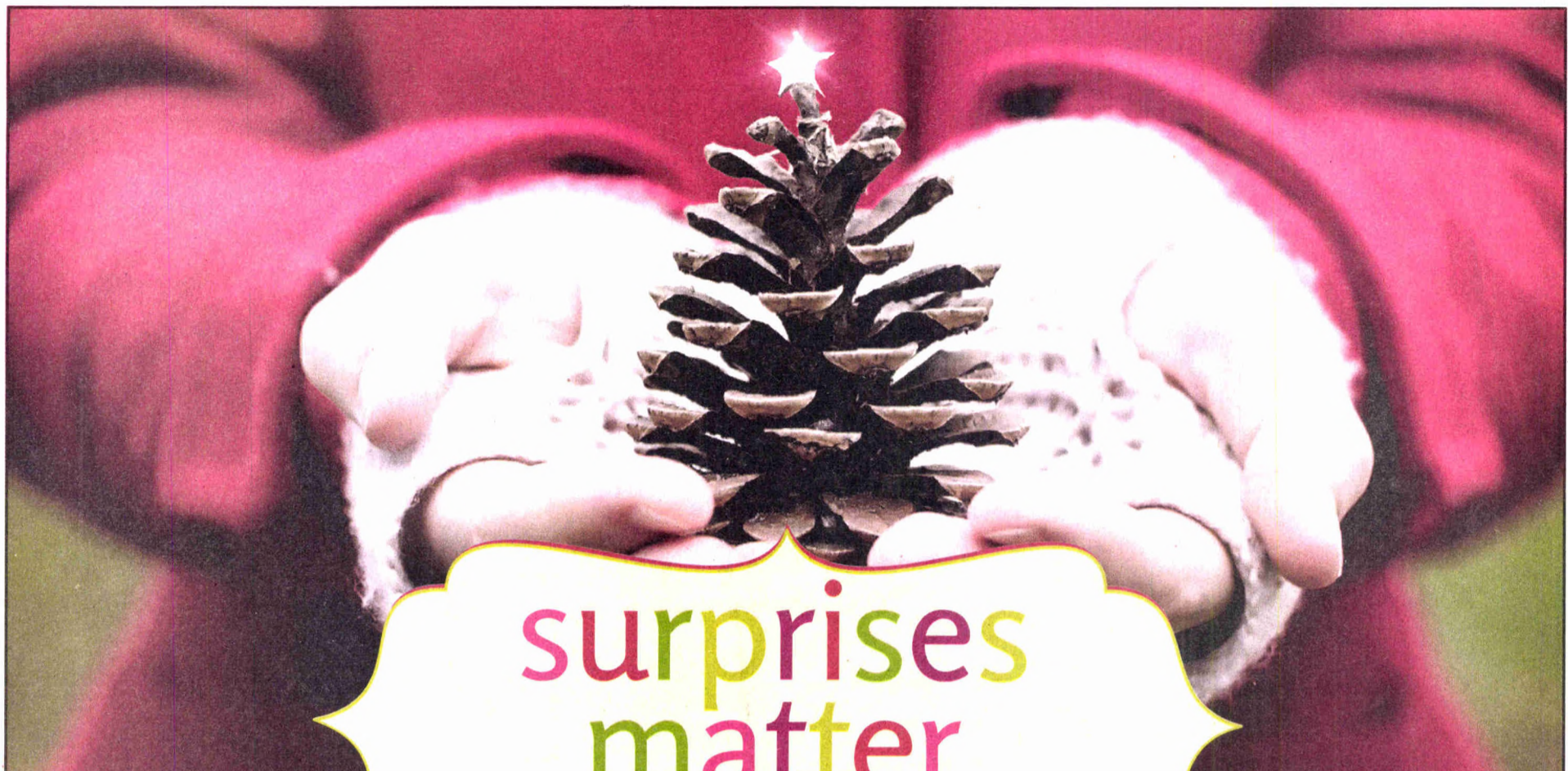
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