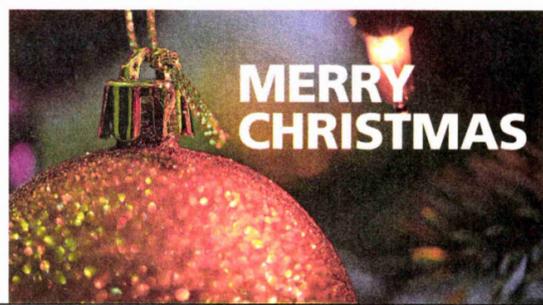


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Interfaith group battles anti-Muslim rhetoric

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Aiming to push back on rhetoric coming from some U.S. presidential candidates, people from a variety of faiths and backgrounds gathered at a Canton Township restaurant one evening last week to show community solidarity.

The Dec. 16 event brought together about 70 people — Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh

and even atheist — to the Panera Bread on Ford Road for a meal or coffee, plus some informal chat.

“We are friends. We want to keep our community strong,” said Anne Marie Graham-Hudak of Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach, which organized the get-together.

“We are trying to engage communities and let them know we have the same val-

ues,” said Chandru Acharya, president of Canton-based South Asian American Voices for Impact, which helps immigrants from south Asia learn English, become culturally acclimated to the U.S. and follow the steps toward citizenship.

“We support the country as much as anybody else,” Acharya added.

Acharya, who is also a member of the interfaith group,

said the goal was to answer presidential candidates, like Republican Donald Trump, who have been making anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim remarks, particularly following the terrorist attacks in Paris and San Bernardino, Calif.

Trump, for example, said he would not rule out having a U.S. database for Muslims, that he wants a database and “watch lists” for refugees from

war-torn Syria, and called Dec. 7 for a “total and complete shutdown” on travel by Muslims to the U.S. Trump has also said that, if elected, he would deport millions of illegal immigrants.

Meanwhile, there have been reports of suspected hate crimes aimed at Muslims; a man in California was arrested Sunday and accused of a plot to

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Holiday spirit shown in song



Lauren Davoudi of Plymouth (left) and Jeanice McCaleb of Maybee are in the holiday spirit during Christmas caroling Sunday at Kellogg Park.

People from across the area celebrated the Christmas season in song Sunday.

The third annual Community Carol Sing at Plymouth's Kellogg Park brought together people from a number of local churches that have an ecumenical committee known as Heartbeat of Plymouth.

Singers this year were joined for the first time by the Salvation Army's Citadel Band, out of Dearborn Heights, which provided instrumentation for the sing-along, as well as playing a few pieces on its own.

Kellogg Park is decorated with Christmas lights and religious symbols and singers gathered near the park's Nativity scene.

The singers were led by Jerry Smith, music director at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and a longtime teacher and choir director at (now closed) Bentley High School in Livonia.



The Salvation Army Citadel Band, out of Dearborn Heights, provided the instrumentation for the Community Carol Sing in downtown Plymouth.

‘A spark’ in the community

Canton's Nicole Jackson honored for her dedication to literacy and diversity

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

The late Nicole Jackson has been called a spark, a Canton woman who had a lasting impact on students, families and friends in the local community.

“We are truly grateful for her work,” Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Vice President Kim Crouch said. “She has done so much to improve the lives of our students.”

Jackson died unexpectedly in June while doing what she loved most — reading with children.

“That speaks volumes,” said Ibu El, who served with Jackson on the Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion. “We have lost a unique person in the community.”

Jackson was posthumously honored with the district's Volunteer in Public Schools Award recently by the school board. The award was presented to her young son James and her parents, Julie and Ed.

“Nicole Jackson has a passion for books, engineering and for helping young people succeed. We are fortunate that she lived in our community and was a tremendous supporter of our students,” Crouch said.

She was not only a member of the Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion, but was founder of the Women of Essence Book Club and owned the Northville book store As the Page Turns.

Literacy, education and embracing diversity were Jackson's passions and focus. People, especially children, were tops for Jackson. To maintain her legacy, the diversity and inclusion organization will establish a free library exchange at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

“That would be very fitting,” El said.

He spoke of Jackson's creativity and knack for “thinking outside the box,” as well as her being serious and dedicated. “She defined our goals and objectives,” El said.

Jackson remained dedicated to her belief that every child should read. “She was just a tremendous influence,” Crouch

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Plymouth Elks help veterans at Christmas

Military veterans in need of help at the holidays are getting a boost from the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks and a host of donors and volunteers.

Nearly 100 volunteers gathered at the Elks Lodge 325 in

Plymouth Township on a recent Saturday to package up and wrap nearly 900 gifts for homeless veterans and those at three Veterans Affairs hospitals in Michigan.

The gifts were care pack-

ages that included toiletries, playing cards, socks, mints and handmade lap robes. They were provided through donations by the local Knights of Columbus, the Polish League of American Veterans, Morse

Dental Group, Plymouth Dental Associates, individual Lodge 325 members and a gift from the Elks National Foundation.

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The packages were to be delivered to three different homeless shelters for veterans, as well as the VA hospitals in Detroit, Ann Arbor and Battle Creek.

"The gifts are meant to tell the veterans who are going through a hard time in the hospital or shelter that their sacrifice for our freedom has not gone unnoticed and they are appreciated," said Stewart Israel, chairman of the veterans support committee at Lodge 325. "This emotional support



An assembly line helped the process Dec. 12.

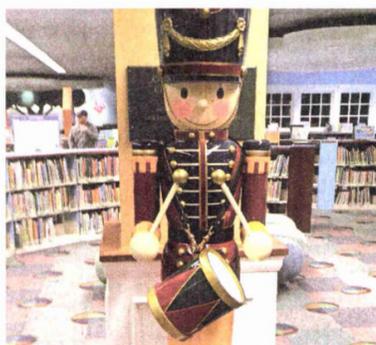
is especially important during this holiday time."

School break beckons kids, parents to library

The Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, will again offer its Winter Carnival for kids ages 4-12 and their families. Register at the Youth Services Desk.

The carnival will be from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Dec. 29, at the library. It will feature games, face painting, balloon twisting and popcorn. Call 734-453-0750, ext. 5, to sign up on the phone.

The Plymouth library will close Dec. 24-25 and 31 and Jan. 1 for the holidays.



JULIE BROWN

This friendly fellow greets visitors to the Plymouth District Library children's department.



JULIE BROWN

Children made the decorations for this festive Christmas tree in the children's area of the Plymouth District Library.

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said.

Julie Woodhams, Plymouth-Canton schools executive director of Equity & Specialized Support Services, lauded Jackson, noting that she often held coffee groups for parents as an opportunity to talk with them about the importance of literacy and diversity. "She was a true champion of kids. Her support guided kids to be the best they could be."

"She lived her life with purpose," Woodhams added. Former P-CCS board member Adrienne Davis called Jackson a "trailblazer in this community." She also recalled Jackson's dedication to STEM programs for children and would bring people into her Northville store to talk about these and other important issues.

"Nicole was blessed to have come from such a wonderful family," Davis



NICK BRANDON

Nicole Jackson's son James shared an award for his mom with family and friends. Pictured are James Jackson (center front) with (at right) Nicole's father Ed, and Ibu El, a member of the Plymouth Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion. Also pictured are Nicole's mother Julie (behind her son James), with Plymouth-Canton school board member Kim Crouch (front left) and former school board member Adrienne Davis (back row).

said. "They are still feeling the grief."

Jackson held bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering and had careers at Delphi and General Motors.

Davis said Jackson's bookstore was indicative of her passion and dedication: "As your page turns, what do the chapters say about your life and what will you do

going forward to create literacy and to build up every man and woman?"

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bomb Muslims.

'We denounce terrorism'

"This call by Mr. Trump is kind of scary," Acharya said, adding that Muslims as a group should not be targeted "for the actions of a few crazy individuals."

"We totally denounce terrorism of all kinds," he added.

Acharya, who is a Hindu, said that during a Dec. 12 meeting of the interfaith group at his home in Canton, his house was egged, his vehicle covered with plastic wrap and his back yard toilet-papered. He filed a police report and suspects he may have been targeted because of his religion or ethnicity.

"It's kind of a sad coincidence, if it was a coincidence," he said.

Acharya said that angry rhetoric — and sometimes actions — that appear to be anti-Muslim are sometimes directed toward Hindus and Sikhs as well or, in his words, toward people with brown skin and turbans who look different.

"Even if I was a Muslim, I should not be targeted," he added.

Graham-Hudak, a member of Geneva Presbyterian Church, said the Dec. 16 gathering turned heads and attracted polite interest from other patrons at Panera. "I think people were a little shocked" to see such a diverse crowd getting together, she said.

"Overall, I think it was positive," said Acharya, who added he believes the majority of Americans want to see people of all faiths accepted in the country. "It's just a handful who might think otherwise."

The interfaith group, Graham-Hudak said, plans to hold similar informal meetings on a monthly basis, with a hope of reaching more people in the area.

"A lot of people ... are concerned about what's going on," she said.

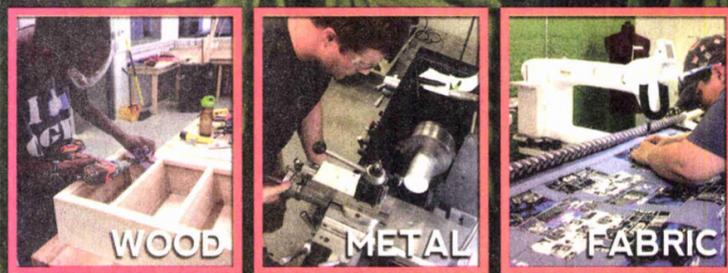
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Dear Santa: More Bentley Elementary student letters

Every year, first-graders at Bentley Elementary write to Santa, who has asked the *Observer* to print them. Here is the second group of letters.

Dear Santa, how are you? How is Rudolph? Can you please bring my mom cookies? Can I please have a truck? Can I have a hamster and Legos. Have a great trip.
Love,
Kyle Cox

Dear Santa, I wet to the mall to see you. My bruthr told you that the he wost vtutrt: I wot MacGrDall. My dog wat bit.
Your friend,
Ali N. Parks

Dear Santa, How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? Can you bring my brother a toy? Can I have a i-pob and a hrip? Can I have a Minecraft figures? Can I Lego figures? Can I Leo super heroes? Hot Wheels. Have a safe trip.
Your friend,
Camden Schlaud

P.S. I hope rudolph doesn't get lost! Can I have a hamster. Can I have a playstation1 game.
Your friend,
Colin Blesener

Dear Santa, I hope you are well!! Kould you bring Nicholas a new watr bold? Could you give me a sluck dog mieden? Have a safe trip. Have fun!!!!
Your friend,
Alyssa Compton

P.S. Ples wack me p.p.s. Could I have a hamster. ppps. I will leve you some Christmas coiks.
Dear Santa, How are you? Can I hav a crown for my teacher? but can I hav a parl neclis for my mom to. Last but not lest can I hav a kitty or puppy surprise plush? Have a safe trip.
Your friend,
Daniela Yuk

P.S. I for got can I hav noo hedfonse for my brother.Can I have a kitycat timre. Can I all so hav a pone for my sister.
Your friend,
Julia Bazzi

Dear Santa, How are you? Can you bring me a toy watch? I'll leave cookies.
Your friend,
Exavier King

Dear Santa, How are you? Can you bring me a baby toy. I want a Lego friends. Can you bring me a baby watch? I'll leave cookies.
Your friend,
Exavier King

Dear Santa, How are you? Thaks for breing us toys ever yer. Can you bring my nana a dimid reng? Can you breg my papa noow sliprs? Can you breg my mom noow shoos? Can you breg me a xbox one? Happy a happy yer.
Your friend,
Andrew Daly

P.S. I'll play with you. P.P.S. How are you? You rock! P.P.P.S. I'll lev Roodov. P.P.P.P.S. Wak me up wen you get her. I love you. P.P.P.P.P.S have a saf rid.
Dare Satia, How are you doing? A want a tasdrbirm. I waet yoda. I waet a T-rexts. I waht leagos. A want a toy sake-s.I waht T-Rex. I waht maey tols for mi dad. I wedt like for my mom.
Your friend,
Drew Schwartz

P.P.S. I need some sirc lon my mom and tols for my dad.
Dear Sannta, is Mrs. Claus. Can you give my sister a brit neklise. I will leave you coo-kiss.
Your friend,
Exavier King

Dear Santa, How are you? Can you bring an American Girl doll for my sister, Kenzie? Can you bring me the puppy
Lucy? I'll leave beer and a fredro frog.
Your friend,
Ella Budden

P.S. Can I have a dog? P.P.S. Your best. P.P.P.S. Wake me up. P.P.P.P.S. I'll leave correts for the raindeer.
Dear Santa, How are you. Is Rudolph ok? Can you bring my brevver Ian wats the Migusord. I wud wot Hot Wheels ultimate garage.
Your friend,
Colin Blesener

P.S. I will lev cuce.
Dear Santa, How are you doing? Can you bring my mom a necklis? And if you half time can you bring me a new iPad? I promis I won't brake it. And if you can bring me a new My little powny. How is ms clalls? I hope you have a saf ride!
Your friend,
Tae'Shonna Watkins

P.S. Can you bring my mom a new bracelik piece.
Dear Santa, Can you bring me a nip? How is Ms.Clas. How are you? You are awesome! I love You! Woooow! Can you get me a big ball? Can you get me a ball for my dog?
Love,
Josie Gavin

dog wont bite you.
Your friend,
Andrew Pierfelice

P.S. Can you bring me a Godzilla toy.
Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I wot you to bag mom a rag and you bog dad a basoon. Hannah was a doll. I wot a bal.
Your friend,
Max Sullivan

P.S. I will pag xen coles. P.P.S. How ear the olfs?
Dear Santa, How are you big guy? Can you bing my bortha a Xbox? And my baby sister a smart toys? Can you get my mom a nekles? And can you gat my dad some mig pJs. Can you bring gme a puppy surprise?
Your friend,
Ava Oliver

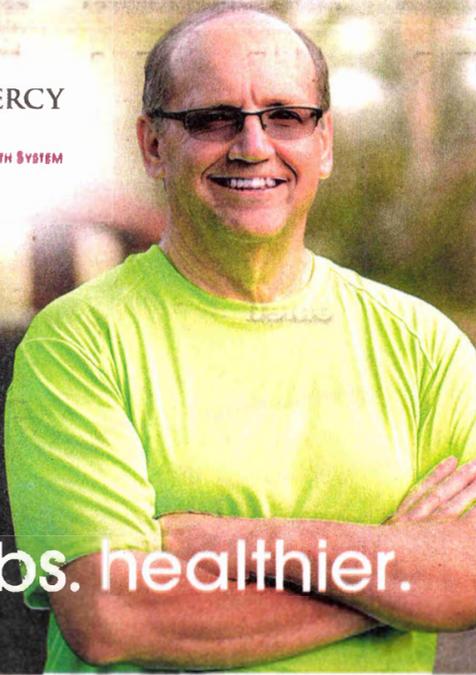
Dear Santa, How is Rodolph? Can you bring my Mom a necklace? Can you give me a panting board. Have a safe trip!
Your friend,
Jack Johnson

P.S. I will give Rudof a carrit.
Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? How you lik Christmas? I want to ahve for Christmas a remote control car. I want becaulits coat. I'd really it if you could bring presents for my whole family. My mom would like new shoes. My dad would like new liet bulbs. My brother would like a new jacket. I hope you are getting ready for Christmas Eve. I can't wait until you visit me on Christmas. I will leave you milk and cookies for you.
Love,
Ali Alazam

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? What are you doing today? Are you feeding your deer? I can't wait too open my prezints. I love Christ-
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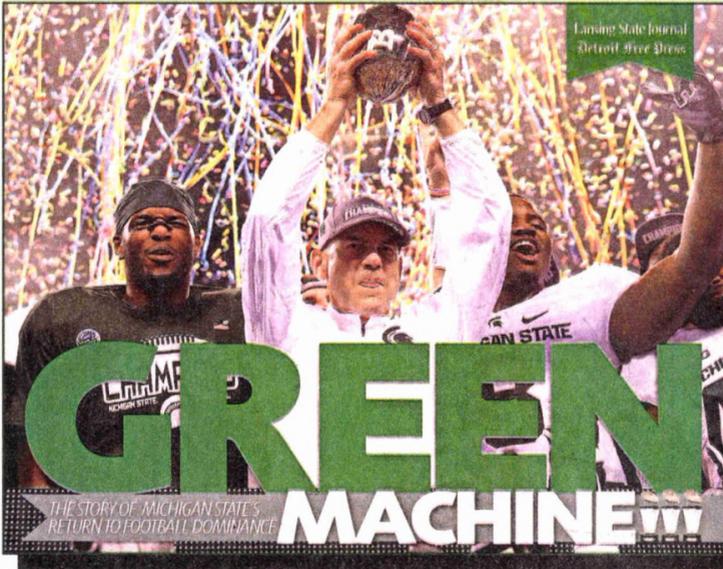
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Canton department fills another police officer position

Nabil Syed has become the newest officer hired by the Canton Police Department. Syed took his oath of office last week. It was administered by township Clerk Terry Bennett. Syed, like all new officers, was required to successfully complete a 16-week instructor-

led field training program, prior to working on his own. It's designed to orientate and develop recruit officers, maximize their potential and provide them with the tools necessary to successfully make the transition into their new position as a Canton police officer.



New Canton Police Officer Nabil Syed stands with Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Police car nearly T-bones drunken woman's vehicle

A Canton police officer on patrol narrowly avoided hitting a 52-year-old woman's vehicle after she pulled out in front of him on Lilley Road, south of Cherry Hill, shortly after 9 p.m. Dec. 14, a police report said.

Turns out the woman, accompanied by her 15-year-old son, had consumed alcohol and was arrested for what is her second offense.

The police officer was patrolling near St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church when the woman pulled onto Lilley without turning on the headlights of her Ford Escape, the report said. The officer had to hit the brakes of the patrol car to keep from striking the driver's side of the vehicle, the report said.

The woman told police she had picked up her son from a youth group meeting and believed she had turned on her lights. She at first denied having any alcohol and then later said she had three 12-ounce

beers an hour earlier.

Police said the woman failed field sobriety tests and was arrested. Her teen son was turned over to a youth coordinator at the church.

A police report indicated paper work was being filed to take the woman's car through a forfeiture program.

Airsoft gun injury

Police arrested a 26-year-old Canton man following allegations he injured his 10-year-old stepbrother by shooting him in the foot with an airsoft gun.

Police went to a home in the 43900 block of Cranford, near Sheldon and Cherry Hill, after the victim's father — who lives elsewhere — became worried and called authorities. The father said his son had sent him a picture of a welt on his foot from the incident.

The suspect told police he had warned the younger stepbrother to stay out of the basement where he was visiting with a girlfriend. He said the boy kept coming back downstairs, so he fired the airsoft gun at him about 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14.

Police arrested the suspect for felonious domestic violence, according to the report.

Wood theft?

Police were investigating a man who was seen driving from behind a shopping center at Ford and Lilley roads with a load of wood pallets.

Police were probing whether the 19-year-old Westland man had permission to take the pallets from a business, Buy Buy Baby, as he claimed. He also said he had gotten some of the pallets from a Mexican restaurant where he works in Ann Arbor.

Driving a 1999 Ford Ranger, the man was pulled over after he was seen pulling away with the wood pallets about 2:15 a.m. Saturday. He told police a woman from Buy Buy Baby told him a few weeks ago that he could occasionally take the pallets.

The man told police he sells the pallets for \$3 each to a Detroit company.

Illegal solicitation

Police issued a citation to a 20-year-old man who was solic-

iting work in a Canton neighborhood without first getting a required permit.

Police went to a neighborhood near Denton and Proctor on Canton's west side following reports of a suspicious man roaming the area about 3:50 p.m. Dec. 15. He was wearing a gray sweatshirt and blue jeans and walking around looking at houses.

The man told police he works for a window company and was trying to find residents who might want a free estimate for work. He told police he didn't know he needed a permit.

'Mental breakdown'

Canton police took a 57-year-old man to a hospital for treatment after going to a house where he was found to be having what authorities described as mental issues.

Police went to the 4100 block of East Hunters Circle, near Canton Center and Michigan Avenue, after the man's 66-year-old brother called for help, saying the younger man was making irrational statements and hitting his head

against the wall, a police report said. The incident happened about 4:40 p.m. Saturday.

Police found the younger brother in an upstairs loft area and noted in the report that he appeared to be having a "mental breakdown." His brother petitioned to have him taken to a psychiatric unit for evaluation, but police first took him to a hospital because his blood pressure was high.

Stolen lighters

A 19-year-old woman could be facing jail time and fines after police say she stole cigarette lighters worth \$14.10 from the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue, near Belleville Road.

Police went to the store about 6:20 p.m. Dec. 15 after an employee called to report the theft. The woman was accused of placing several cigarettes in a shopping bag being carried by a male companion, a report said.

The woman was ticketed for larceny and released.

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mas! I would really like Paw Patraoller for Christmas! I wot this because I like Paw Patrol. I'd really like it if you could bring presents for my whole family. My mom and dad would like a massae chair. My brother wood like a ps4 game. I hope you are exrsising roodooff. I can't wait until you visit me on Christmas Eve! I will leave some milk and cookies for me.

From your friend,
Mia Amore

Dear Santa, Hi?! How are you? Santa how is Roodf? How are you doing I can't wait to opin my prezits. I wot a video game and a beagle. I want this because I'd really like it if you cold bring presents for my whole flamley. My mom would like new shoes and a srf. My dad would like a beagle and a mattress. My sister would like a Barbie. My bruthr would like a cars and truck. Santa I will leve milk and cuces for you. Good by Santa. Have a mare chrimis.

Love,
Alec Boehm

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? Do you like woching us? I have curly her. Santa I wont a puppy! I want this because they are cewt. I'd really like it if you could bring presents for my whole family. My mom would really like jlyrwy. My dad wants basball cards. My baby brother wants a remote car. Are you getting your reinders ready on Christmas Eve. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Emelia Carlson

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? How are your reindeer doing? Are you getting ready for Christmas? I can't wate to open presents. I would lkike a rumot controid car and a rumot controid rowbot. I want this because it is cool! I'd really like it if you could bring presents for my whole family. My mom would really like a candel that smells like a flower. My dad wants a Mishugun State mug. My sister wants Shopkins. My cats want cat candey! I hope your retey for Christmas! I can't wait until you visit me on Christmas Eve! I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Nicholas Compton

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? Howa are your reindeer? And how is Mrs. Calus? I ams so excited for you to eat my cooke! I would like a Zoomer Kitty for Christmas. And I want this gift because I wanted it for a long time. I really like it if you could bring presents for my whole family. My mom would really like sume candles and pajamas. My dad wants a new guitar. My grandma wants some clothes. My papa wants some Hersheys. I hop your parking your sleigh. I can't wait until your visit me on Christmas Eve! I will leave some

milk and cookies for you.
Your friend,
Layla Daley

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? Is your elfs helping you? Are you ready for Christmas? I can't wat intill you bring presents! I rely wot like 2 packs of Shopkins. And my own phon. I want this because my sistr wants it and me of course me. I'd really like it if you could bring presents for my whole family. My mom would really like a pretty new shirt and pants. My dad wants a brand new cap. My sister wants a Ipad. Are you getting more cookes to night to eat? I can't wait until you visit me on Christmas Eve. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Chloe Foster

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? How is rodolf doing? I want some toys for my baby and I want a stuff animal tede baer cub. I want this so I can sleep better. I'd really like it if you could bring presents for my whole family. My mom would really like a head bana. My stepdad would like a computer. My brothers would really like it if you could bring a lego set. I can't wait until you visit me on Christmas Eve! I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Kaden Hill

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? Am I on the good list? I hop you can come to my house. I wold want for Christmas a Barbie book and royals costum. I want this because it is based on a movey. I'd really like it if you could bring presents for my whole family. My mom would really like a new pink sparkly top and skirt. My dad wants beer. My baby brother wants a Peppa Pia movie. And my sister want a huge penguin. My big brother would like a video. I hope Rudolph is redy for Christmas. I can't wait until you visit me on Christmas Eve! I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Isabelle Hines

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? Wanta wat are you doing? Are the elfs helping you Santa? I can't wait until i git on the toy list. I wont a Hot Wheels toy car for me for Christmas. I want this becace I like Hot Wheels. I'd really like it if you could bring presents for my whole family. My mom would like a new weather graph. My dad would like a new book. My cousin will like a cool toy. Are your reindeer ready for Christmas? I can't wait until you visit me on Christmas Eve. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Rudra Jayaraman

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you doin? Are you geting pretty redy now and you doing at Christmas getting new gifts. I'm excited to open my gifts. I want blue bike and a kite the color blue and I can't want to see you. I'd really like it if

you could bring presents for my whole family. My mom really like to have a new sparkley shoes and sparkely shirt. My uncle wants a bike. My sister wants a scooter. I hpe you are geting your reindeer ready for Christmas. I can't wait until you visit me on Christmas and I will give you some cookies.

Love,
Janaki Patel

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? Am I on the good list? Are you excited to go for a trip? My favorite colr is yellow. I want lots of yellow things. I really want for Christmas is a Ipad mini. I want this because it is cool. I'd really like it if you could bring presents for my whole family. My mom would really like a phone case. My dad wants a radio in the shower and mirror. My sister Olivia wants a Ipad mini. I hop you are rede for Christmas. Get your presents in the sled. I can't wait until you visit me on Christmas Eve. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Jenna Lee

Dear Santa, How are you? Do you fly a littel higher than a airplane? I think you do. I want a spotted Elaf in the spots are little and prple. Mom gets a new phone for video. I hope I didn't mix you up! I'm good.

From,
Aiden Marchand

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? Am I on the good list? Are your elves working hard? Are your rinedear ready? I am ready to open my presents. I am ready to give you cookies! I would want some Pokemon pjs for Christmas because they are really cool! I'd like it if you could bring presents for my whole family. My mom would really like some chocolate and a charm and Biggby coffee gift card. My dad wants a new chain saw! My brother would like a Minecraft dimond pikax! My baby sister would like a kiss from me! I hope you did eat enough cokeis! I can't wait until you visit me on Christmas Eve! I will lleave some milk and cookies for you?

From your friend,
William Paris

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? Am I on the good list Santa? Do you like Xmas? I listind to my Dad and my Mom. I want a 3D Magic Maker Santa because I can macke cool stuff. I'd really like if you could bring presents for my whole family. My mom would really like sticky notes. My Dad wants a massage. My baby brother wants a fire truck. My dog wants a dog toy. My cats want a cat toy. I hope your redy for Xmas. I can't wait until you visit me on Xmas Eve. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Brook Parott

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? Am I on the good list? I can't wait to opin my presents. I want Star Wars for Christmas. I would like if you could

bring presents for my mom and dad. My mom wants a purse. My dad wants a TV. I hope you have a good trip. I can't wait until you visit me on Christmas Eve. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Kayne Payment

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? Are you feeding your raindeer? I am excited to open my presents. I want a awesome football. I want this because then I can play football. I'd really like it if you could bring presents to my whole family. My mom would really like a brush. My dad would really want a shirt. My brother would want a set of Pokeman cards. My sister wants a American Girl doll. I hope your drinking lots of milk to get ready for Christmas. I can't wait until you visit me on Christmas Eve. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Liam Penney

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you! are you get ready to eat cookeis? I like Cookeie. Santa I would want a real pet. I want a mouse because a mouse is so cool. I really like it if you could bring presents for my family. My mom would really like a necklace. My dad wants a glass bowl. Belle wants a coat coat. I hope you do not miss Dash. I can't wait until on Christmas Eve. I will leave some cookies for you.

Love,
Alex Polk

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? Are your radeier helping you? Are your elfs helping you? I am excited to see my presents. I would like to have a warm midum pink and yellow coat. I would like it as really cold for me in the winter. I'd really like it if you cold bring presents for my whole family. My mom would really like a neckles. My dad wants pants. My sisster would like a doll. My grandpa would like a

shirt. My grandma would like a glass plate. My uncle would like a watch and shirt. I hope you have good cookies. I can't wait until you visit me on Christmas Eve. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Shreya Prasad

Dear Santa, Hi how are you? Am I on the naughty list and how is Mrs. Cloz? I am very excited to unwrap my presents. I would like a Husky and a rv. for Christmas. I'd really like it if you could bring presents for my whole family. My mom would really like sum clothes. My dad wants nothing. My cat wants a new toy. Are you exercising the reindeer? I can't wait until you visit me on Christmas Eve! I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Kaidynce Rea

Dear Santa, Are your elfs helping you? Am I on the good list? Am I also on the toy list? I want a Michigan State jersey because I don't have one. I'd really like it if you could bring presents for my whole family. My mom would really like a apple watch. My dad will want a stocking. My brother will want a good truck. See you later. I can't wait until you visit me on Christmas Eve. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Your friend,
Suhaib Shahid

Dear Santa, Are you doing great today? It is a great day for the reindeer to sleep. I hop Santa put myself on the good list. I wut to get a dog toy for Christmas. I want this because I like it. Can you bring presents for my family? My mom would really like a new car and a new door. My dad wants a massage and a new computer. My brother wants a Skylander and a Pokeman card. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Julia Steinhebel

Dear Santa, are you busy? I'm so happy to open my presents. I want two car who fight for Christmas. I want to fight (but not in school). If you could bring presents for my whole family. My mom would really like a pretty dress. My dad really would like a new game. My big sister wants I to stop being with my sister. Are you ready for Christmas? I can't wait until you visit me on Christmas Eve! I will leave some milk and cooki for you.

Love,
Ben Susic

Dear Santa, how is rudoff the rednose raindeer? Are you happy today? I can not wait to open my presents and play with them! I would like a lego set for Christmas. I want this because I like building stuff. I'd really like it if you could bring presents for my whole family. My mom would really like a computer. My dad would like a tablete. My sister would like a phone. My grandpa would like glasses. My grandpa would like a cap. My fish would like fish food. I hope you are getting ready for Christmas because it is coming up fast. I can't wait until you visit me on Christmas Eve! I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Ethan Tieu

Dear Santa, Are you getting your sleigh ready? I can't wait to open my Christmas presents. I would really to it if you could bring me a Super Charger. I want this because they are super cool. I'd really like if you could bring presents for my whole family. My mom would like a new phone. Dad would really like a pair of gloves. I hope you like the cookies I baked. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love,
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Festive holiday arrangements adorned with decorative cardinals, berries, pine branches and crystals line the halls of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Birmingham resident leads floral team decorating at DIA

From now until Jan. 3, visitors at the Detroit Institute of Arts can view elegant holiday arrangements crafted by the DIA auxiliary support group Friends of Art and Flowers, led by Birmingham resident Robert Brzuchowski. The theme of this year's six-week installation is "This is the Season" and features bright, decorative cardinals, artificial red berries, white branches, draping pine branches and crystals.

Around 15 FAF members created and organized the arrangements, which can be seen in the Woodward lobby, the

Great Hall, Kresge Court, Prentiss Court and CaféDIA. They are paid for by donations to a fund designated for beautification purposes.

"The holiday display is FAF's finale that concludes the calendar year and enhances our visitor's experience during the season," FAF chair Elise Hayes said. "Many hands come together to execute the arrangements and spirals are high!"

FAF creates fresh floral arrangements throughout the year for DIA visitors to enjoy. The auxiliary also makes centerpieces for special events at the

museum and hosts annual lectures in the spring and fall. Go to bit.ly/FriendsofArtandFlowers for more information.

Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. General admission (excludes ticketed exhibitions) is free for Wayne, Oakland and Macomb county residents and DIA members. For all others, \$12.50 for adults, \$8 for seniors ages 62 and up, \$6 for ages 6-17. For membership information, call 313-833-7971.

Sweaters of the season



JULIE BROWN

Showing off "ugly sweaters" Saturday, Dec. 19, at downtown Plymouth's TranquilTea shop are (from left) staffer Evelyn Ruiz, owner Colleen Cannon and her husband Pat Cannon. Pat Cannon of Livonia said with a smile, "Now mine's ugly." Colleen added of the second-year promotion, "It's all in fun." All year, the tea store supports three charities by customers not using shopping bags: First Step, Stiggy's Dogs and St. Leo's soup kitchen in Detroit.

Masco Foundation grant a boon to service personnel

A new Freedom Center Military Lounge, located adjacent to Gate D-17 in the Detroit Metropolitan Airport's North Terminal, opened Dec. 17 for the benefit of traveling members of the military, their families and veterans. The lounge was made possible by a \$100,000 grant from the Masco Foundation, combined with the continued financial support of corporations, including Meritor, Delta Air Lines and many other area companies.

"Since we envisioned establishing a permanent, world-class military lounge in this great airport, we have been blessed with outstanding support of area corporations, a wonderful team of volunteers and support of many, many citizens of the area," said Kenneth S. Pratt, president of the Michigan Armed Forces Hospitality Center, Inc., the nonprofit organization which operates the Freedom Center Military Lounges. "In just four years, our lounge in the McNamara Terminal, plus our lounges at the military processing stations in Troy and Lansing, have assisted over 200,000 members of our military and their fam-

ilies. We are proud today to open our fourth facility in the heart of DTW's North Terminal in time for the busy holiday travel season. Thank you all for making this possible."

Pratt went on to acknowledge the contributions of the Masco Foundation for its \$100,000 grant that made the lounge possible, plus the support of others.

"The Masco Foundation, along with Meritor, Delta Air Lines and others, have made our second Freedom Center airport lounge possible," Pratt said. "They are great partners and continue to enlist the support of other community members. Everyone was 'all in' for building out this lounge. The airport authority gave us the space, but we needed to complete the space within budget. With the generous support from the project managers TPC (The Petersen Companies), their partners JGA, their contractors and many, many others, we today have another world-class lounge for our military. Our thanks to everyone who made this happen."

"At Masco, we value the service and sacrifice of our veterans, U.S.

military troops and their families," said Richard Manoogian, chairman emeritus of Masco Corp. "We are extremely honored to partner with the Michigan Armed Forces Hospitality Center and support the second Freedom Center at Detroit Metro Airport. The creation of a Freedom Center at the North Terminal will ensure that the special needs of all military travelers connecting through Detroit will be met. We are proud to be a part of this project and have this opportunity to serve those who have served us."

The first Freedom Center lounge, located at Gate A-43 in DTW's McNamara Terminal, was dedicated on Veterans Day in 2011. Since that time, more than 200,000 individuals have been hosted by volunteers at the Freedom Center lounges operated by the Michigan Armed Forces Hospitality Center, Inc. The nonprofit corporation also has satellite lounges in Troy and Lansing to benefit enlistees and their families during the enlistment and swearing-in process. Additional information is available at MIFreedomCenter.org.

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Two Muses Theatre forced to find new home

The show must go on. And for Two Muses Theatre, there's no exception.

For the past five years, Two Muses Theatre, a professional, nonprofit theater, has produced award-winning plays and musicals inside the Barnes & Noble bookstore on Orchard Lake Road.

Unfortunately, Two Muses' Artistic/Executive Director Diane Hill recently received notice from California-based Starpoint Property Management that the company is closing down the building next month.

Barnes & Noble in West Bloomfield will shut its doors Dec. 31; consequently, Two Muses Theatre packed up everything and moved out of Barnes & Noble following the close of its November musical production of *The Light in the Piazza* that played to delighted sold-out houses.

Two Muses officials are giving a standing ovation to Monster Box Theatre Managing/Artistic Director Paul Stark, who offered his performance space at 2529 Elizabeth Lake Road in Waterford as the new home for Two Muses Theatre.

Two Muses Theatre will resume its current season April 1 with the Pulitzer Prize-winning



Beginning Jan. 1, Two Muses Theatre will be located at 2529 Elizabeth Lake Road in Waterford, inside the Monster Box Theatre.

serio-comedy, *How I Learned to Drive* and will end its season as planned with the musical *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*.

"The intimate performance space at Monster Box Theatre is perfect for our audience and will ensure a familiar environment," Hill said. "The location of Monster Box Theatre in Waterford is not too far from our original space and we look forward to gaining a new following in the area."

In addition, Two Muses patrons, who have become accustomed to enjoying refreshments at the soon-to-be-closed Barnes & Noble Starbucks, will appreciate

similar hospitality at the Monster Box Café.

Hill and Stark are collaborating to develop a cohesive performance schedule that will allow both theater companies to independently and, in rotation, produce their own shows, but do it under one roof, at Stark's Monster Box site.

Tickets for the remaining two shows of Two Muses' season, *How I Learned to Drive* in April and *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* in June, can be purchased at www.twomusestheatre.org or by calling 248-850-9919 starting in March.

For more information, go to twomusestheatre.org.

OUR VIEW

Keeping the peace at family gatherings

Feeling stressed? The holidays will do that to even the best of us. Unfortunately, we sometimes lash out to those close to us.

This newspaper put several questions related to cordiality at family gatherings to Julie M. Ribaldo, clinical associate professor of social work at the University of Michigan.

Do family gatherings such as the holidays put additional stresses on people?

Ribaldo: Many of us have memories of the awe of the holiday season. Some of us face it with dread, because it recalls memories of family arguments and tension and, sometimes, violence. In either case, our memories tend to shape what we anticipate as we gather with family.

What are some ways people can cope with these



Ribaldo

stresses and remain on cordial terms?

Ribaldo: At a basic physical level, getting enough sleep helps any of us manage stress better, so it is important to not short-change sleep. Developing and maintaining realistic expectations is also helpful. In a sense, accepting that Grandpa George is going to be anxious and grumpy or that your

mother is going to be controlling and bossy, helps us head into the family gatherings with more of a sense of peace. Spending a few moments thinking about how you want to respond, how you can manage your own responses.

In "keeping the peace" in families, is it sometimes

acceptable to take a "time out" such as going for a walk around the block?

Ribaldo: "Hitting the pause button" when we are becoming too stressed is vital. None of us thinks or acts our best when we are becoming emotionally upset. Going for a walk, taking a deep breath or heading into a quiet room for a moment of respite can be beneficial, so can connecting with the less-stressed family members.

An old song noted, "You always hurt the one you love," but it doesn't have to be that way. Family gatherings create memories, hopefully good ones, so remember to practice kindness to your loved ones — and all you encounter on your daily rounds — this holiday season and into the new year, too.

Don't forget: The main message of Christmas season is love

As we approach the holiday season, whether one is Christian or not, it's hard not to notice the seeming precarious situation(s) we find ourselves in these days. Political banter is as loud and toxic as ever. We can't communicate and discuss anything anymore. Instead, it seems we must demonize and belittle the "other" side rather than discuss and speak in truth and love.

We appear to be divided as never before. Add to this the scourge of terrorism in its myriad iterations, not only abroad, but now very much present here at home, as well as so many other local and global



Andy Whitten

GUEST COLUMNIST

concerns and it's understandable that perhaps the hope and joy of this time of year abides under shadow to some extent.

There's a sense we're waiting for some answer ... some reason to feel more confident and secure. Some trust in money and/or possessions. Some cling to their favorite sports team for a lift (lifetime Lions fan here, so "long suffering" comes much, much more easily than does hope or joy there). Still others

give way to pessimism, but most people I speak with, even if it's superficial, still display some sense of optimism in the midst of the noise of the world's offerings. Perhaps the answer is there and perhaps the question it addresses isn't even the one we're asking.

When Christ was born, the incarnation fulfilling the utterances of so many prophets, over so many centuries, and Jesus grew up into his divine ministerial purpose. He came as the answer that the world needed more than it could comprehend. He certainly didn't come as the answer they thought was necessary. Some thought He would rise to rule geopolitically, bringing might and pride back the his people.

But Jesus wasn't interested in politics. He wasn't interested in Earthly power. He was interested solely in the people living daily under those systems of politics and power. He spoke, by and large, to the masses

... those living in the fringes of society. The "99 percent," as we've heard the phrase used recently. And Jesus' message, ultimately, was founded and driven on a singular premise — love!

We've diluted what that word means, of course, but God, in Christ, proclaimed love to this fallen world. He demonstrated his very heart and nature by the love He lived out in Emanuel, "God with us." And before Jesus loved us up to and beyond the cross, He commanded his apostles, the first seeds that would grow into the Christian church, to love one another, even as Jesus had loved them (these words spoken shortly after he'd washed the filthy feet of his own disciples, showing them what true humility born of love for the other may look like!).

He spoke of the difficult times that would certainly come, but exhorted them not to be wary or fearful. He warned them to beware

of the inevitable false prophets and pseudo-Christ's that would come, assuring them that when it was Himself returning, they would know. It's recorded how He instructed his beloved follower to "feed my sheep," clearly speaking of the loving nature that was and is to embody not only pastoral, but Christian life, service and ministry.

Love — love for one another ... this was to be the founding principle of the faithful. Love would overcome the trap falls of religion. Love would turn one's own selfish heart in concern toward the other. Love would allow the hard-hearted to be born anew, eyes now opened to the beauty and value of life lived for a season in this robe of flesh. Love would manifest grace and mercy to the ungracious and ruthless, changing some forever, but leaving none untouched.

As we sing each year around this time, "Long lay the world in sin and

error, pining, 'til He appeared, and the soul felt it's worth!" Love! This is what Christmas is about. First, God's immeasurable love toward us, the jewel of his creation. Then, the love gifted us by his Son, given to all freely, long before we could ever think to choose to possess anything so precious ... we "find ourselves" when we come to find that our own significance is revealed by the birth of the Savior. Because, you see, God so loved the world, that He came to us in Christ so we would live a life knowing love, knowing Him who loved us into being.

God's peace, mercy and love unto you all, no matter who and where you are! God bless you, one and all!

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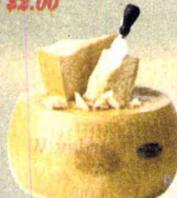


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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Fast start sparks Chiefs to victory over Marlins

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Nothing like an eight-point burst to open a contest, and that's what Canton's varsity girls basketball team enjoyed Monday night against Farmington Hills Mercy.

The Chiefs, sputtering at times on offense this season, went up 8-0 in the opening four minutes and never trailed en route to a 42-31 non-conference victory. All players saw minutes and nine of them scored at least two points.

"This was a game they got after it," said Canton head coach Rob Heitmeyer, whose team improved to 4-2. "They played more disciplined basketball, I thought it was telling when we went out on the 8-0 run at the beginning of the game you just sensed these girls really wanted to come in here and play well against a good, friendly rival in Mercy." Conversely, Marlins head coach

Gary Morris said it was tough trying to stop Canton junior forward Erin Hult (13 points) while also getting more consistency at the offensive end from a largely inexperienced squad (2-3 overall).

"From my perspective, we've got a fair number of new varsity players and the pace, you got to cut harder and faster, wait for screens," Morris said. "Our struggles have been more at the offensive end.

"Our kids fight hard, I think we compete pretty hard. But we definitely have to get better offensively."

Mercy's top scorer Monday was junior guard Jackie Bauer, with 10 points (all in the first half, however).

"(Bauer's) been our leading scorer through the first games and I'm sure she was tonight," Morris added. "But we need other people to step up and



Going up for a shot Monday night is Canton's Erin Hult (No. 4), while Farmington Hills Mercy's Jordyn Schluter (No. 24) and another player close in.

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE HOCKEY UNVEILED



Schoolcraft College club men's hockey team captains (from left) Sheldon Varhol, Andrew Lindsay and Brendan Barger were instrumental in getting the team on the map for 2015-16.

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THE OCELOT ICEMEN COMETH

Schoolcraft launches hockey team thanks to trio's perseverance

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Yeah, it's after 11 p.m. on a week-day evening at Redford Ice Arena, but for Andrew Lindsay and 18 other hockey players, there's no place they'd rather be.

That's because they are part of Schoolcraft College's first men's hockey team — albeit as an independent club program.

It was Lindsay who was the instigator behind the new team, with serious help from Brendan Barger and Sheldon Varhol. The three are co-captains as excitement builds on and off the ice for Schoolcraft hockey.

Perhaps even more excited is the coach of the Ocelots, Rob Lindsay. He was a longtime varsity boys hockey coach at Trenton (where Andrew also played) who also helmed Alabama-Huntsville's team in NCAA Division II before retiring a decade ago.

"They (players) love it, the kids are really enjoying the experience," said coach Lindsay, leaning against the boards while his team went through drills. "They didn't have an opportunity to go anywhere else, so they're here playing.

"We cut seven players, we have a pretty good team. Every kid here can play."

By and large, the players have varsity high school or AAA travel team experience. In other words, this venture isn't recreational hockey.

Word of mouth

Andrew Lindsay started talking up the possibility of Schoolcraft hockey with classmates in September and by October the college's director of student activities gave the go-ahead.

Things didn't take long to cook. About 15 guys came out for the first tryout, but after word of mouth kept building, the turnout doubled for the second tryout.

"I had class with Andrew, it was Ancient World History," Varhol said. "And it was all up in the air. I went up and talked to him. I was kind of shocked at first, at first I thought he was joking to be honest with you."

Defenseman Taylor Struna (Livonia Churchill) helped get uniforms designed (blue-and-gold color scheme featuring Schoolcraft in block letters above the Ocelots' logo), and it soon was "game on."

The opening game was against the Ferris State club team, with Andrew Lindsay scoring the first goal in program history.

"It was my second shift out there," he recalled. "I buried the puck, got a pass from Sheldon Varhol and sniped the goalie. That was the best experience so far."

Then, on Dec. 5, the first Schoolcraft home game took place, with forward Lindsay setting up the win-

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Rockets surge to Wayne County title

John Glenn grapplers pin defeat on county rivals

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Fueled by four individual weight-class champions — and several key contributors who chalked up valuable non-first place points, Westland John Glenn's wrestling team reached the stratosphere at Saturday's Wayne County Championships, which were hosted by Wayne Memorial.

The Rockets piled up 186 points to out-soar co-runners-up Dearborn Heights Annapolis and Southgate Anderson, both of whom registered 144 points. Rounding out the top five were Belleville (119) and Salem, which hit the century mark.

"All the kids who wrestled contributed, for the most part," said John Glenn head coach Bill Polk, when asked about his team's formula for success. "We had some kids in the trenches who didn't win their bracket, but picked up some important points for us.

"Due to injuries and other things, we had nine sophomore starters on Saturday. We had a few JV kids wrestling and we had to bump a couple up, and most of them did very well."

Leading the charge for the Rockets were weight-class champions Kyle Borthwell, a 103-pound freshman who cruised through the brackets to improve his record to 13-1; defending Division 1 103-pound state champion Mikey Mars, who took the 112 crown rather handily; 135-pound champion John Siemasz, who is primed for a big year after getting derailed in the post-season last year by an injury; and 215-pounder Ja-Waun Peete, who is greatly improved from last season, Pok emphasized.

"It's like night and day for Ja-Waun," Polk said. "He really committed himself to getting better over the summer. He probably got 50 or 60 matches in and it shows."

Other Observerland teams competing were Livonia Franklin (ninth with 80 points), Livonia Churchill (10th with 72), Plymouth (11th with 65), Canton (14th with 53) and Wayne (15th with 52).

Led by 189-pound third-place finisher Demetrius Field, Salem had nine grapplers place in the top-eight.

"We started off slow, but we really picked it up in the later rounds," Salem head coach Jeremy Hender-

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Crusaders unable to hang on against Aquinas

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

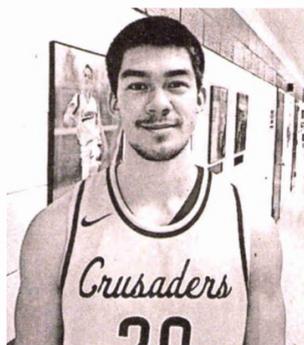
For most of the way Saturday afternoon, the Madonna Crusaders had Aquinas where they wanted them.

But the visiting Saints started muscling their way to the glass at both ends of the gym during the second half, and surged from behind to grab a 77-69 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball win.

"They outworked us to the ball," lamented Madonna head coach Noah Emehiser, whose team's record dipped to 4-10 overall and 2-6 in the WHAC. "We didn't do a good job keeping them off the glass, they really beat us to loose balls and second chances in the second half towards the end.

"We played pretty good defense on the first shot, but we just couldn't keep them off the glass, especially 33 (Kail Venema), he did a great job down the stretch getting to the offensive rebounds."

Sparking the Crusaders



Chris Dierker, a Salem alum, scored 22 points Saturday for Madonna.

with a strong two-way game was 6-foot-7 sophomore forward and Salem High School alum Chris Dierker. He scored 22 points to lead Madonna, chipping in with seven rebounds and two steals.

"He's a good player, especially when we can put him in situations where we can use his strength and athleticism and he's knocking down that

15-foot jump shot," said Emehiser, about Dierker. "But we just have to have a more-complete team effort, all the way around."

Other Madonna contributors were guard Khalil Malone (12 points, only four in the second half), guard Nick Owens (11 points) and senior guard and Salem alum Tyler Stewart (eight points).

Leading Aquinas with 20 points was Zac VanBeek, with Jake Bullock (17 points, seven rebounds) and Venema (13 points, five rebounds) keying the Saints' late surge.

Madonna made only one of nine three-point shots during the second half while the Saints connected on five of nine treys — prompting a big momentum shift.

Aquinas also outrebounded the Crusaders 27-17 in the second half (and 45-35 for the game).

Feeling confident

"I feel like I've had more confidence playing, over the past couple years," Dierker

said. "That redshirt year (2013-14) helped a lot, to get me used to the college game."

Dierker said it is "really frustrating" to let a late lead slip away.

"It's been like that a lot of games," Dierker said. "We play them close and then we'll have one stretch where it goes wrong. We just need to look on the positive and keep building from that."

Madonna led 41-35 at halftime against the No. 24-ranked Saints (who improved to 10-5, 6-1 with the victory).

The Crusaders maintained a lead (or were tied) until Zac VanBeek's layup with 5:20 left put Aquinas up 63-62.

The lead see-sawed for a couple minutes, with clutch buckets by Clarke Lamb (putting the Crusaders up 64-63 with 5:09 left) and Dierker (tying the game at 66-66) helping the Crusaders stay in the game.

But the Saints went on an 11-1 run to take control; Madonna's final two points came on a last-second layup by Stewart.

Emehiser said the team has been hampered by stretches of inconsistent play all season.

"It's not always down the stretch," Emehiser said. "But we've had our five-minute lapses sometimes earlier in the game, sometimes late in the game."

"We just haven't been consistent enough to play great for a full 40 minutes every night, that's something we're battling to do and get better at."

He nodded about how it would have been "a fantastic win" to finish off the Saints. "Unfortunately, we let the opportunity slip away."

SCHOOLCRAFT 77, GENESEE 73: Rallying in the second half after trailing 32-30 at the intermission, the visiting Ocelots' men's basketball team prevailed Saturday to improve to 10-2 overall.

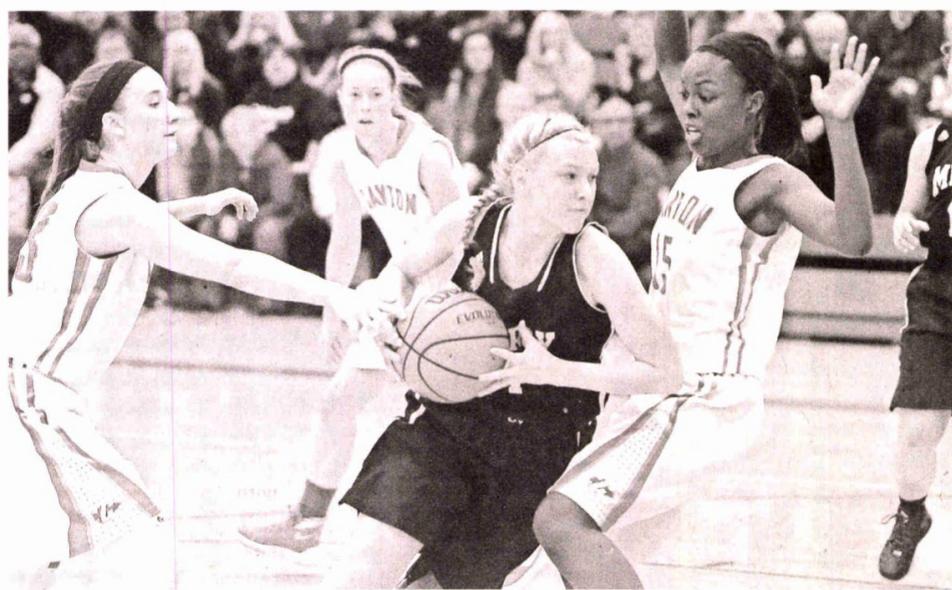
In double figures for Schoolcraft were Canton alum Davon Taylor (13 points, seven rebounds), Juwan Clark (12 points) and Tyler Johnson (11 points).

SCHOOLCRAFT 83, NIAGARA 77: On Friday at Niagara Community College, the Ocelots improved to 9-2 overall with this men's basketball victory.

Scoring 16 points each for Schoolcraft were Dre Black (Westland John Glenn) and Tyron Hamby while Tyler Johnson added 15.

Leading the Ocelots in rebounding was Davon Taylor (Canton) with eight.

Schoolcraft built a 48-30 halftime lead and held off Niagara's second-half push for the win.



Farmington Hills Mercy's Jenna Schluter (No. 14) works her way through Canton players Brianna Finn (left), Natalie Winters and Shamyia Butler (No. 15).

BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Trojans build team around senior duo

Clarenceville shows promise with win over RU

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Senior captains Mitch Kubiak and Quentin Banks will have greater roles to play this season as the leaders for the Livonia Clarenceville boys basketball team.

The 6-foot-3 Kubiak will have to play in the post, being the tallest player the Trojans have. He's a good defender and rebounder, averaging six boards a game.

"We look for Mitch to take more of an offensive step," second-year coach Tony Paciero said. "He was more of a support player last year, and more of the focus will be on him offensively this year."

"Mitch had a good summer, working on his shot and ball handling, and we look for him to have a good year."

Banks is a 5-foot-11 point guard who averaged nine points and five assists in his first season of organized basketball.

"We look for him to push the ball and dictate the game," Paciero said. "We're very confident with the ball in his hands."

The other returning player is Djibril Diabate, a 5-11 small forward who can jump out of the gym and is a good rebounder, Paciero said.

"He had a good summer and improved his game offensively," he said. "He took a big step forward this year and will contribute to the starting lineup."

Justin Burton is another small forward who can score from just about anywhere on the floor. The 6-1 junior had a good season on the JV team and was ready for a spot in the varsity starting unit.

"He's a physical player who likes to post up and get to the rim," Paciero said.

The fifth starter is Cassanova Copeland, a 6-foot guard and a transfer from North

Carolina who adapted quickly to his new team and teammates.

"We look for him to be a shooting guard," Paciero said. "He has an outside shot and can get to the rim. We hope he and Justin fill the void left by Jermell (Johnson, an all-area player who averaged 25 points last season)."

Handling and scoring the basketball will be more of a team effort instead of Johnson, who is at Olivet College, dictating the game, Paciero added.

The Trojans, who lost seven seniors from their last team, have six other newcomers. They include guards Ty Lakner, Marcus Dulka and Bobby Jaber, 6-1 forward Ramon Moore, 6-1 post Brandon Byrd and 6-2 forward Cam MacIver.

Moore is playing organized basketball for the first time, but he's long and very creative, according to Paciero, who said Byrd is a talented player in the low post.

Paciero was eager to see what MacIver, a good shooter, could do in a varsity game, and he added Jaber "is probably the hardest-working guy in our gym. He's does stuff most guys won't do. He'll get on the floor or take a charge."

The Trojans, who were 5-14 last season, went into the holiday break on a positive note.

After losses to Lutheran North and Waterford Kettering, Clarenceville defeated Redford Union in its last game, 66-62. The season resumes Tuesday, Jan. 5, against visiting Grosse Ile.

"We won five of six on our way out (of the last regular season) and took a good Detroit CMA team to the final buzzer in the tournament," Paciero said.

"There's no lack of effort or commitment on this team, which impressed me this summer, and we're hoping all that hard work pays off."

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score points for us."

Hult scored 10 points in the first half, spearheading Canton's 22-12 halftime advantage. In the second half, however, the Marlins paid extra defensive attention to her.

And when Hult was whistled for her third personal foul early in the third quarter, she had to sit on the bench for a few minutes.

Yet, the Chiefs did not get flustered, although Mercy did cut the deficit to 27-23 after two buckets by senior guard Katie Bryce (six points) and a field goal by senior guard Jordyn Schluter (eight points).

Helping get Canton's lead close to double digits again were hard-nosed junior forward Shamyia Butler (six points) and junior guard Brianna Finn (five points), each making shots in a short span to make it a 31-23 game with 3:07 to go in the third.

"They love to be on the floor," said Heitmeyer, talking about the timely offense from Winters and Butler. "Winters is one of those kids that you're never disappointed in, because she finds ways to defend well, she helps get us into our offense, gets all her teammates

involved.

"Butler's another one of those kids that just finds open space, and she exploits it."

Keep playing hard

It was 33-23 soon thereafter, following a basket by senior guard Natalie Winters (eight points).

"I thought we just had to come out the second half and keep it up, keep up the good work, play defense," Winters said. "Mercy's always a good team to play, they're a good team."

"We knew they were going to come out and pressure us, we just had to be smart and keep up the intensity with them."

Morris said part of his team's game plan was to keep close tabs on Hult and Finn, making sure they did not get too many uncontested looks.

"But we didn't always do that," he noted. "She (Hult) shot it very well throughout the entire game. We tried some different things against her, but she really shot the ball well."

Canton closed out the victory with a 9-6 edge in the fourth quarter, a stanza where the Chiefs' defense continued to pester the Marlins and take care of the glass at both ends.

The Chiefs outrebounded Mercy by a 25-12 margin with

junior forward Madison Wolfbauer leading all players with 12 boards.

A steal by Winters led to a bucket by junior forward Raquel Church and another steal, by junior forward Marissa Templeton, led to a jumper from the side of the key by Winters — who scored six of her points in the second half.

A trey by Mercy's Schluter and a layup by junior forward Katie Coe (four points) trimmed Canton's lead to 37-30 with under four minutes to play.

But all that did was get the Chiefs going again. Hult's jumper kicked off a 6-0 run that sealed the victory.

PCA 26, OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 19: Visiting Plymouth Christian Academy (3-2) led 10-4 at halftime Dec. 15 and broke open the MIAC girls basketball game with a 13-3 third quarter.

Strong defense propelled the Eagles, with Paige Perkey and Lydia Chapel each registering four steals.

Juniors Aliyah Pries and Chapel scored 11 and 10 points, respectively to "give us the 1-2 punch we needed in the paint to escape with the win," PCA head coach Rod Windle said.

Pries led the Eagles with seven rebounds; Taylor Mistele and Jordan Reed helped out with five boards each.

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

North Farmington barrels past Falcons in boys hoops

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

North Farmington jumped to 23-8 lead after one quarter Friday and rolled to a 76-39 win over visiting Farmington in boys basketball.

The Raiders led 38-18 at halftime and outscored the Falcons in the second half, 38-21.

Josh Hogans scored 17 points to lead North. Jacob Joubert and Alex Darden supported that effort with 15 each. De'on Jenkins, Sasoun Tcholakian and David Ford added seven points apiece.

Jordan Graham tallied 13 points and Alex Manasa 12 for the Falcons (0-4), who had 29 turnovers.

"Any time you turn the ball over against a good team like North Farmington (it doesn't

bode well)," Farmington coach Terrance Porter said.

"We beat ourselves. They had a lot to do with it. We didn't handle their pressure well, in a nutshell."

Hawks top Cougars

Harrison played a solid, all-around game Dec. 15 and turned back a late push by host Warren Michigan Collegiate for a 69-65 victory.

Adrian Pattah paced the victory with 22 points. Trevon Dixon scored 16, Russell Campbell 14 and Tommy Williams nine.

"Our energy and our effort was very good," coach Stefon Wilson said. "It was good to see us play at a high level for a sustained period of time."

David Hunter had five rebounds and Williams four. Michael Martin had four "big"

blocks, according to Wilson. Pattah also had four assists. Harrison was 17-of-25 at the foul line.

"Mike's energy at the defensive end off the bench really picked us up," Wilson said. "He was very aggressive in the paint."

"I was impressed by how we played with poise down the stretch. In the last couple of minutes, we played very smart. We were strong with the ball and made some free throws to keep it a two-possession game."

"Michigan Collegiate is one of the most athletic teams we're going to see all year."

Cats claw Falcons

Mark Watts tossed in 28 points to lead Detroit Allen Academy to a 73-63 win over Farmington on Dec. 15.

Jason Williams Jr. scored 17 points and Danny Pittman 11 for the Wildcats, who were 12-of-18 shooting free throws.

Farmington had 20 points from Marcellus Williams. Jordan Graham netted 16 and Malik Williams 11. The Falcons were 18-of-25 at the line.

"Several times we had it down to a one- or two-point deficit and didn't finish plays whether it be a basket or a missed free throw," Farmington coach Terrance Porter said. "We never could get the lead."

"We competed with one of the top teams in Class C. We just didn't make enough plays to win the game. We have to do a better job of finishing easy opportunities."

Knights top Hawks

Harrison was behind the whole game Dec. 11 and lost to

Walled Lake Northern in the Oakland Classic at North Farmington, 69-51.

Tommy Williams scored 15 points, Russell Campbell 12 and Trevon Dixon 11 for the Hawks, who got as close as three points in the second half. Campbell had four rebounds and Dixon four assists.

"We came out extremely flat to start the game," coach Stefon Wilson said. "We did play hard and battle back; we just ran out of gas. I love the effort, but we have to put four quarters together."

Trojans get first win

Quentin Banks scored a game-high 30 points to lead Clarenceville to a 67-63 victory over Redford Union on Friday. Mitch Kubiak added 13 points for the Trojans (1-2).

USA HOCKEY

Bellows returns, but NTDP falls 5-1 to Dubuque

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The USA Hockey National Team Development Program welcomed back Kieffer Bellows into the lineup for Saturday night's home game against Dubuque.

But the return of Bellows — who was cut Friday from the USA Hockey Under-20 World Junior Championship roster after training camp in Boston — did not help Team USA avoid a 5-1 loss to the Fighting Saints before just under 1,000 fans at USA Hockey Arena. Still in World Juniors camp

are NTDP players Clayton Keller and Chad Kryst; they are in the second round of the USA Hockey roster selection process, which should wrap up by Christmas Eve.

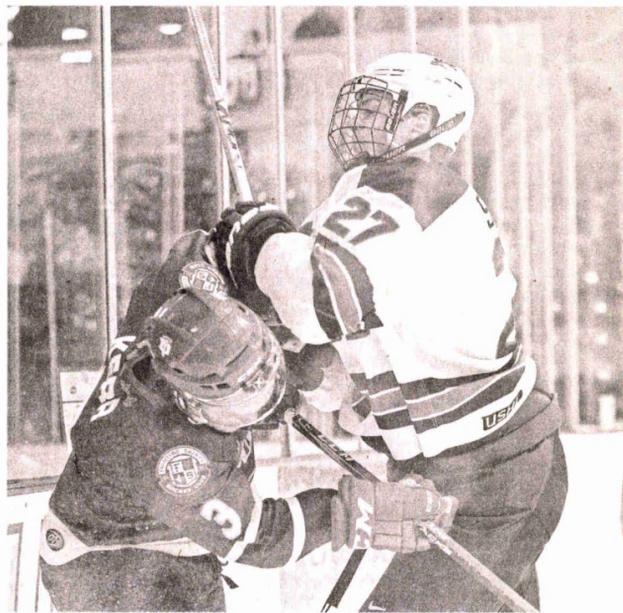
Bellows did chalk up an assist for the NTDP against Dubuque, on a power-play goal by linemate Joey Anderson at 7:03 of the third period. That followed five unanswered goals by the Fighting Saints, however, including two in the opening period and three in the second.

Also assisting on the Anderson goal was defenseman Adam Fox.

Stopping 27 of 32 shots for the NTDP was Joseph Woll, while Jaxon Castor turned aside 28 of 29 shots for Dubuque, the first place team in the United States Hockey League with a 17-8-0-0 record. The NTDP (including the Under-17 and Under-18 teams) fell to 9-11-1-1.

The teams also squared off Friday, with Dubuque winning 4-3. Ryan Lindgren scored two goals for Team USA with the third by Nick Pastujov.

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NTDP forward Keenan Suthers (right) lays a hit on a Dubuque player. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY



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Schoolcraft College has a men's hockey team this season, playing out of Redford Arena. At the helm is Rob Lindsay (front row, fifth from left), longtime high school and college coach.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Franklin icers stymie Canton

Churchill, Ladywood also post wins

Ed Wright and Dan O'Meara
Staff Writers

What a difference a couple of years have made for the Livonia Franklin hockey team.

The former KLAA doormat is currently ranked No. 8 in the Division 2 polls and owner of a 7-2 record following Friday night's 4-0 triumph over Canton.

Patriot Chase Wallis maintained his Sidney Crosby-esque scoring pace by scoring two goals for the winners.

Nick Salisbury added a goal and an assist, Brendan Nutting a goal and Brendan Whitney picked up a helper along with Zack Nelson, Jaret Evans, Trevor VanVliet and Cory Linsner.

Freshman goalie Jake Penny was outstanding between the pipes, turning away 22 Canton shots. Isaac Salinas was credited with 44 saves for the Chiefs.

"We've had a very productive first couple months of the season," said Franklin coach Dennis Gagnon, who has engineered the Patriots' turnaround. "We'll slow things down over the holidays, re-energize and return with a purpose in January."

Franklin returns to action at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, against Livonia Churchill.

Blazers rebound nicely

Livonia Ladywood improved its record to 5-1-1 with a 6-2 victory over Grosse Pointe North.

After North scored first, the Blazers answered with five consecutive goals to put a freeze on the lead.

Ladywood junior Sydney Malek tied the game at the 13:20 mark of the second period with junior Colleen Lynch and freshman Maelyn Thayer picking up assists.

With 5:39 left in the middle period junior CeCe Werner would find the back of the net with juniors Katie Hayward and Mikayla Pearson assisting to put the Blazers up for good, 2-1.

The winners' third-period goals were scored by Sydney Pilut, Hayward, Pearson and Malek. Thayer notched three points for the Blazers.

Churchill wins

Jordan Venegoni and Tyler Haydu scored first-period goals and Nolan Cioch netted a pair of lamp-lighters in the second period to lift the Chargers to a 4-2 victory over Bay City.

Josh Friend, Daniel Dawes, Joe Wozniak, Vengoni and Cioch recorded assists for the winners, who were bolstered by a strong performance from goalie Andrew Broyles (19 saves).

Falcons stumble

Farmington will have nearly a month to regroup and get ready for its next game, following a 7-0 loss Saturday to Rochester United at the Onyx Ice Arena.

The Falcons, who were 0-for-4 on the power play, were shut out for the first time this season.

Max Watson made a dozen saves and Hunter Firestone 14

saves for the Falcons (7-5), who are idle until Saturday, Jan. 16, when they play Berkeley.

Farmington ran into a hot goaltender and was dealt a 3-2 loss Dec. 16 by visiting Bloomfield Hills. The Falcons outshot the Blackhawks, 46-17.

Jason Petras scored the Falcons' first goal at 5:23 of the first period with assists by Joe Majoros and Cam Noseworthy.

The Blackhawks scored the next three, however. Farmington's Jordan Hoke netted a power-play goal with 6:07 to play in the third period. Majoros and Joe Carbone assisted.

In the D3 Hockey Challenge Dec. 12 in Gaylord, the Falcons fell behind 3-0 in the first period against Grand Rapids Christian and lost, 5-3.

Farmington made it 3-2 with goals by Hoke (from Tanner Neill) and Carbone (from Petras and Majoros).

But the Eagles took another two-goal lead before the Falcons got a third goal from Petras with help from Majoros and Nick Callis early in the third period.

Flyers grounded

After a scoreless first period Dec. 16, Lake Orion took a 3-1 lead after two and defeated Farmington Hills Unified, 5-1.

Brandon Glasser scored for the Flyers, who are 1-4 in the OAA Red Division and 2-6 overall. Andrew Nathan picked up an assist.

Will Thornton scored twice for the Dragons. Conner Graham, Joe Briskey and Drew Casey had one goal and one assist apiece.

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ning goal by linemate Brandon Buckenberger with 19 seconds left for a 4-3 win over the Michigan Wild.

"A lot of people didn't think it was real," Lindsay said. "... I said we're starting a hockey team, (but) most people had no idea. They had no idea we had a program.

"But at tryouts we had about 30 guys come out. A lot of them were great players, and we put together a great team. When I got my dad on board, that really helped.

"I called him that second, as soon as I got approval through school, I called him on the phone and said 'Dad, do you want to be a coach again?' He was like 'What are you talking about?'"

Andrew added that being on a team coached by his dad is a "surreal" feeling.

"There's nothing better than being able to team up with him once again," he said. "I learned everything from him since I was three years old."

Not going anywhere

With a beaming smile, Rob Lindsay concurred about landing a dream job.

"I'm going to stay around, I love it," he said. "I'm back in the game. Yeah, I'm going to stick with it."

He emphasized that scholarships have nothing to do with Schoolcraft hockey, only that student-athletes must be registered in at least three classes and also make sure to pay an ice bill that is about \$100 per month.

"One thing that makes this so great is I thought my career was over," said Barger, a defenseman from Novi. "I thought high school was it, juniors (Notre Dame Fairfield in Conn.) was it. And then he (Lindsay) approached me about the team and then the dream kind of came back alive."

Is it ever. During the mid-December practice, Barger skated around the ice wearing a GoCam strapped to his chest, part of a promotional video about the team being filmed by Schoolcraft Media Center.

"They did some filming at our home game," Barger said. "Hopefully they'll get it on the website, but since we're still a club team they can't do that yet."

"But the good thing about the Schoolcraft Media Center is they record all the USA Hockey games, the NTDP. And so they're going to (show) our promo video during intermissions."

The place to start

Although the Ocelots' icemen are cutting their teeth this winter against club teams from Ferris State, Lawrence Tech as well as Junior C squads in the Midwest Junior Hockey League, the big picture is about someday becoming an NCAA D-III team.

"All the Division III and Division I teams started out as club teams," Rob Lindsay said. "You got to start somewhere,

SCHOOLCRAFT HOCKEY FACTS

What: Schoolcraft College's first men's hockey club team is playing as an independent this season.

Coach: Rob Lindsay is at the helm. He previously coached at Trenton High School and at University of Alabama in Huntsville, a Division II program.

Captains: Andrew Lindsay, Brendan Barger and Sheldon Varhol are sharing captains' duties for 2015-16.

Roster: The Ocelots' debut hockey team includes forwards Derek Klisz (Garden City), Varhol (GC Stars), Lindsay (Trenton), Lucas Garcia (Jr. Coyotes AAA), Mitchell Leporowski (Dearborn Divine Child), Corey Dooley (Southgate), Brock Bacher (Divine Child), Chris Sisco (Allen Park), Brandon Buckenberger (Southgate Senators), Mitchell James (Livonia); defensemen Barger (Novi, Notre Dame Fairfield), Jordan Ohngren (Walled Lake Western), Dillon Knight (Plymouth Sharks), Taylor Struna (Livonia Churchill), Adam Balok (Michigan Elite Brigade AAA), Vincent Ryckman (Michigan Ice Dogs Jr. A); goalies Gerald Kropf (Saginaw Valley State), Nick Carnevale (Howell) and Ryan Adams (Allen Park Cabrini).

Home games: 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7 vs. the Detroit Fighting Irish; TBD Friday, Jan. 8 vs. LSSC; 4:20 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 vs. LSSC; 8:50 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22 vs. Ferris State (club team); 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 vs. Ferris State; 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 vs. Ferris State. All games are at Redford Ice Arena on Beech Daly, south of I-96.

you start as a club team. As things get better and better and your team gets stronger, then you step it up. Play tougher competition.

"I think the first step is Division III here. That's my goal. I just hope the school's goal is that, too."

In January and February, Lindsay said he will scout high school players at various showcase events.

"We didn't have enough time to really recruit players this time," Lindsay stressed. "I couldn't go to any showcases, I didn't know they were going to have a team last year."

"So we'll be hitting the showcases at Trenton, and there's another one in Chelsea, getting some pretty good players trying to recruit them into Schoolcraft."

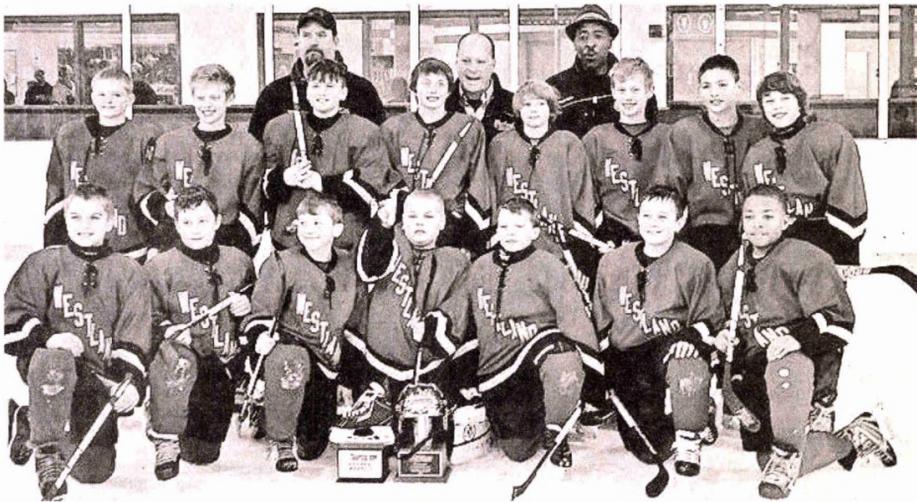
And Andrew Lindsay plans on skating again next year for his dad and for Schoolcraft College.

"I didn't do this for myself, I did it for everybody around me," the younger Lindsay said. "I know the school needed this. It's going to increase enrollment. These guys love being here and I do as well. It's just humbling being able to lead a group of guys."

Based on the enthusiasm and commitment level from everybody connected with the first wave of Ocelots' hockey, the efforts of enterprising young men Lindsay, Barger and Varhol will pay off for years to come.

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PeeWee Storm capture Capital Cup



The Westland Hockey Association's PeeWee Storm captured the championship in the Capital Cup in Lansing in November. Pictured are (back row from left) coach Jeremy Kieiltyka, coach Steve Hill, coach Tom Allen, (second row from left) Hayden Kieiltyka, Bryce Falk, Alex Carroll, Ben Thirjung, Max Messner, Lucas Falk, Brandon Lefevre, Harry Dembowski, (front row from left) Zander Lacroix, Bazel Wolf, Mark Beebe, Kendall McFarland, Logan Piendzia, Mike Puda and Tyler Allen.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Rocks outlast pesky Patriots

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It took a while longer than Bob Brodie would have wanted, but the Salem varsity boys basketball team finally broke into the win column Thursday.

After opening the 2015-16 season with losses to Ann Arbor Skyline and Livonia Churchill, the Rocks hung on for a 67-54 win over Livonia Franklin that Brodie said was much closer than the final score indicated.

"We led wire to wire, (but it was a) close basketball game the entire way," Brodie said.

"It wasn't until the end when the (margin) spread a little bit. They were forced to foul us a little bit and we knocked our free throws down."

Brodie said both teams made 17 turnovers during the scrappy Kensington Lakes Activities Association contest at Salem, "but that was due to the aggressive pressure."

He added that "it was good to come around with our first win," especially with the Rocks getting set for the annual Salem Holiday Tournament (Tuesday and Wednesday).

As has been customary so far this season, Salem senior

center Kenny Topolovec had a big night. He tallied 21 points and 15 rebounds against the Patriots.

Helping the cause with 19 points was junior forward Cameron Grace, while junior guard Camren Barden contributed 12 points.

Scoring 12 points each for Franklin were Mark Mettie and Jackie Hughes.

Salem led 12-9 after the first quarter and maintained leads of 28-24 at halftime and 41-36 after three quarters.

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GRAND VALLEY STATE SOCCER

Local connection fuels winning formula

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Grace Guibord has been a part of three straight NCAA Division II women's soccer national championship runs at Grand Valley State.

Meanwhile, former Northville High teammate Gabriella Mencotti has been part of the ride for two with the Lakers.

For goalkeeper Emily Maresh, also from Northville, it was her first rodeo and the 2015 season was quite a ride for her as the Lakers finished 23-1-1, capped by a 2-0 victory over Columbus (Ga.) State in the Dec. 5 final at Pensacola, Fla.

"It was just amazing to play with those girls and the talent that this team has was just incredible to play with," Maresh said. "That was one of the main reasons why I committed to Grand Valley, too, because it was kind of close to home and I knew so many of the other girls. Knowing Gabrielle (Mencotti), Alexis (Mencotti) and Guibord was definitely so comforting. Obviously, I was scared going into college, but having them there the whole way with me was amazing. They were so helpful with everything."

Guibord, a junior midfielder, finished the year with two goals and three assists, but brought so many intangibles to the table.

"She played with a really high consistency throughout the year, which she really struggled with as a sophomore," Grand Valley second-year coach Jeff Hosler said. "She was an integral part for us and does a lot of the dirty work in terms of ball winning and tackling that doesn't see a lot of headlines, but she was a vital part as well as anybody in the success we had this year."

Guibord attributed the team's success to the tight-knit atmosphere on and off the field.

"Every year has been a different journey," Guibord said. "First year, we had Dave DiIanni (now at Iowa) as coach, the second year was Jeff (Hosler) and the third year was Jeff. The team chemistry over here has always been good. That's one of the reasons why I came to Grand Valley, was how great the chemistry of the team was and the environment (Hosler) provided. It's exceeded my expectations, for sure."

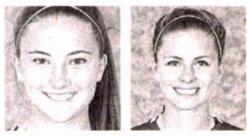
"This year has been different. We've had our ups and downs — our first game being our first down that we experienced. We didn't perform to the best of our ability in a couple of the games and (Hosler) got on us because he knows what we're capable of."

In the season opener against Quincy, Grand Valley was stunned 3-0 as Maresh made her inaugural start. The loss proved to be an eye-opener for the freshman.

"Obviously, the season did not start the way she would have wanted or prefer, giving up three goals in the season opener," Hosler said. "She did a really good job of staying resilient, focusing on the train-



Northville High's Emily Maresh (top) was the starting goalkeeper for Grand Valley's NCAA Division II national soccer champs.



Riga Farmer

ing that she had been getting on a daily basis. And really, as the stakes got higher, her level of performance was raised in the postseason."

In the NCAA quarterfinal match-up with Central Missouri, Maresh had a signature moment by saving three penalty kicks in a 2-1 shootout victory.

"I think that was the moment I said, 'Wow,' and it was great to be a part of this team," Maresh said. "Obviously, I wasn't super-comfortable at the beginning of the season. I was scared to be in the game, but this team had so much confidence in me. After the semifinal game, the coaches said, like, 'We're proud of you,' and it was amazing to see and feel like I belonged on that team and I deserved to be playing every second with those girls."

Maresh finished the year with a 19-1-1 record, including 13 shutouts. She had a 0.48 goals-against average and an .873 save percentage.

"She's definitely a character," Guibord said. "We love her. She didn't have many challenges during the regular sea-

son in the GLIAC, but she definitely came up big in the playoffs, especially saving three PKs in the (quarterfinal) game. She's definitely a voice in the back line and it's crazy that she's a freshman who stepped into that role, but she definitely filled those shoes."

Mencotti, a 5-10 sophomore, also proved to be a force on the front line as the team's third leading scorer with 10 goals and nine assists.

"After a while, it started to get better and then really started to mesh well," she said. "We knew if we kept working hard, we were going to go all the way to the finals. Thankfully, that's what we did."

Hosler said Mencotti's willingness to accept different roles on the team proved to be a bonus.

"Gabby had another solid year for us," he said. "I think it was difficult for her, because of the number of positions we asked her to play. We were constantly moving her around and having a versatile player like her, with the skill set that she has, is a tremendous advantage. It made it difficult for her to find a rhythm at times this season, both playing as a winger and a center forward and as a midfielder, which are all very different positions. She did a great job of acclimating to it and there's no doubt she's a dangerous player. Very gifted offensively, with the ability to take players on and score from distance."

Gabby's sister Alexis, a red-shirt sophomore defender, missed the entire season after undergoing surgery for a torn ACL in the spring.

"Even though she couldn't make an impact on the field in training or matches, she just has great leadership qualities, (someone) who demands and respects the most out of herself and those around her, Hosler said. "She helped keep people sharp. She helped keep them focused on those expectations. And I think her leadership is really important to our success."

But she was there for the national championship ride as a supporting teammate.

Yet another unsung hero on Grand Valley's run to the title was freshman forward Samantha Riga, a Plymouth native who finished the year with nine goals and five assists in 25 matches. The Livonia Ladywood graduate made 10 starts.

"Sam had a major obstacle in order to get ready for the fall season," Hosler said. "She had to shut it down during her high school season in April due to an injury and it really sustained throughout the whole summer. She wasn't able to do anything to prepare for our season. She had her first on-field training with a ball in August, so she was really behind the eight-ball there, but she did a good job of playing catch-up, worked really hard. She tried to be as effective as she could and she scored some really big goals for us this year."

Riga scored twice in the NCAA tourney opener against Quincy and had three goals in three GLIAC tourney games.

"She really came up big and understood that she can perform at that level," Hosler said. "We got a lot out of her as a freshman, because it's a major adjustment to this level. She did a good job to get ready on short notice and was a big contributor for us this year."

Yet another asset to Grand Valley's title run was sophomore defender Maria Farmer, a Canton native who played at Plymouth High. Farmer, a reserved player, appeared in nine games for the Lakers.

"(Farmer) is a great teammate, works really hard," Hosler said. "She worked really hard between her freshman and sophomore year to get herself more physically fit and prepared for this level. She didn't see the minutes as the season progressed, but didn't let it affect her attitude and still bought into the culture of winning and doing what's best for the team."

For Guibord, it would be a remarkable feat to win four national championships in four years. But 2016 will be a new journey, even though all six area players return.

"We kind of battled hard and worked our butts to accomplish what we did this year," Guibord said. "We have to come in next year with a whole new mentality and a whole new routine."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

North girls roll to fifth hoops win

Double-double by Cherney sparks Raiders

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Sophomore Sam Cherney's double-double of 18 points and 12 rebounds paced host North Farmington to a 65-20 victory over Farmington in girls basketball Friday.

Alexa Dotson had 14 points and four assists for the Raiders (5-2). Karlie Cummins, who had a dozen rebounds, and Kelly Lusk contributed seven points apiece.

Lusk also had three assists and three steals. Tasia Rimson led the Falcons (1-5) with nine points. The Raiders led 36-8 at halftime.

"It was a good effort by the Raiders," North coach Jeff Simpson said. "We were a little shorthanded with injuries, and Kierra (Crockett) was out of town. The bench stepped up for the Raiders, and I was really happy with how they played. It was a great effort overall by everybody on the Raiders team."

North had a tough loss Tuesday to unbeaten and host Clarkston in an OAA crossover game, 39-36.

The Raiders led 18-15 at halftime, but the Wolves, who play in the Red Division, pulled ahead at the end of three periods, 28-26.

Crockett had 18 points, six rebounds and five steals. Alexa Cherney and Sam Cherney scored six points apiece. Sam also had nine rebounds.

Maddy Beck posted 15 points and Kayla Luchenbach 12 for the Wolves (6-0). Clarkston was 10-of-13 at the foul line and North 3-of-9.

"It was a hard-fought battle, but we came up on the short end," Simpson said. "It was a good game for us. We just didn't finish at the end."

"Free throws were the difference; we didn't convert when we had the opportunity. It was a valiant effort on the road against a really good team."

Trojans take loss

Foul trouble put Clarenceville at an early disadvantage Monday and contributed to the team's 43-24 loss to host Whitmore Lake.

The Lady Trojans were led offensively by Myla Hoskins, Michaela Nesler and A'Sha Whittaker with nine, eight and seven points, respectively.

Clarenceville is idle until Friday, Jan. 8, when it plays Annapolis.

WRESTLING

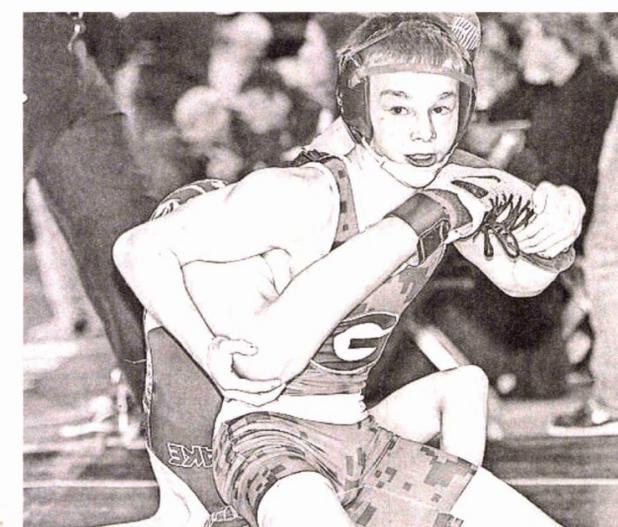
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son said. "To have that many guys lose early, pick themselves up and wrestle back and take fifth as a team really shows the heart of this team."

"It's not only the guys that place high that score a lot of team points, all the fifths, sixths and sevenths really pay off on the team-point race. And to place fifth at a tough tournament with the area teams, I am really proud of the guys right now."

Livonia Franklin's Nathan Atienza continued his dominating streak, winning the 145-pound bracket with a second-round pin of Plymouth's Dylan Dwyer.

Wayne County Wrestling Championships Saturday at Wayne Memorial
FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Westland John Glenn, 186 points; 2. (tie) Dearborn Heights Annapolis and Southgate Anderson, 144; 4. Belleville, 119; 5. Salem, 100; 6. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 99; 7. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 96; 8. Woodhaven, 93; 9. Livonia Franklin, 80; 10. Livonia Churchill, 72; 11. Plymouth, 65; 12. Riverview, 63; 13. Dearborn Fordson, 63; 14. Canton, 53; 15. Wayne Memorial, 52; 16. Hamtramck, 50; 17. (tie) Grosse Ile and Wyandotte Roosevelt, 38; 19. Flat Rock, 32; 20. Dearborn Divine Child, 23; 21. (tie) Dearborn and Romulus Summit Academy, 22; 23. Northville, 4; Dearborn Heights Richchard, Detroit Loyola, Detroit U of D Jesuit, Grosse Pointe South, Highland Park, Lincoln Park, Livonia Clarenceville, Redford Thurston, Romulus and Trenton did not score.
103 pounds: 1. Kyle Borthwell (WJG) won by tech fall over Alec Balogh (SA), 18-3; 3. Mujahid Ahmed (DF) pinned Kyle Thompson (RV) in 4:36; 5. Tarik Shalhout (DC), dec. Nate Gaubatz (S), 10-3.
112: 1. Mikey Mars (WJG) won by tech. fall over Isaiah Berry (P), 17-0; 3. Ethan Englehart (LC) pinned Chris Marka (B), 3:57; 5. Jacob Lanzini (GI) won by major dec. over Jacqueline Parks (SA), 10-1.
119: 1. Logan Palshan (SA) won by major dec. over Cameron Wyka (DEF), 10-2; 3. Josh Mussen (LC) dec.



Westland John Glenn sophomore 112-pounder Mikey Mars, pictured during last year's successful run at the Division 1 103-pound state championship, handily won his bracket at Saturday's Wayne County Championships

Cam Shaughnessy (S), 3-2; 5. Isaac Leffer (WJG) pinned Sammy Lymon (B) in 3:06.
125: 1. Donte Rivera-Garcia (SA) dec. Xavier Graham (W), 5-2; 3. Nick Daniels (WM) dec. Harrison Samoy (C), 3-1; 5. Justin Manuel (DHA) won by major dec. over Hassan Makled (D), 15-6.
130: 1. Chris Brown (B) pinned Wasam Kasem (H) in 5:34; 3. Justin Winnie (C) dec. Hassan Alhussain (DHC), 4-0; 5. Jacob Emery (W) dec. Bradley Janes (SA), 7-1.
135: 1. John Siemasz (WJG) won by major dec. over David Knapp (DHA), 9-1; 3. Jack DeJack (WM) dec. Jared Fress (DEF), 3-2; 5. Kyle Emery (W) dec. Drew Lindsay (S), 6-2.
140: 1. Abe Ajami (DF) dec. William Marano (DEF), 3-2; 3. Jeremy Nelson (LF) dec. Payton Beneteau (WJG), 6-4; 5. Bruce Haslitt (S) pinned Ammar Alabolidi (DHA) in 3:45.
145: 1. Nathan Atienza (LF) pinned Dylan Dwyer (P) in 5:27; 3. Stahj McCoy (H), dec. Austin Ayison (DDC), 5-0; 5. Mike Wickowski (GI) won by major dec. over Russel Gaubatz (S), 10-0.
152: 1. Caleb Brown (B) dec. Dustin Gross (DHA), 3-1; 3. Youssef Danaoui (D) dec. Zac Leck (LC), 3-0; 5. Genaro Acerano (WJG) dec. Seth Dunn (S), 5-3.
160: 1. Brandon Garcia (RV) dec. Hunter Grasso (W), 11-4; 3. Hiram Robinson (WR) dec. John Hicks (WM), 10-5; 5. Keyion Smith (B) dec. Justin Beasinger (DHA), 3-2.
171: 1. Alecander Moore (SA) won by major dec. over Kassem Salameh (DHC), 14-6; 3. Shane Conn (RSA) pinned Ryan Myre (FR) in 47 seconds; 5. Nathan Allen (DEF) won by major dec. over Andres Garza (LF), 13-3.
189: 1. Jon Cox (DHA) dec. David Fuqua (DEF), 1-0; 3. Demetrius Fields (S) dec. Malek Mansour (DF), 4-0; 5. Josh Jarvis (DHC) pinned Josh Dodd (W) in 3:28.
215: 1. JaWuan Peete (WJG) dec. David Tootley (B), 11-8; 3. Evan Begeman (RV) dec. Jeffrey Jones (FR), 7-1; 5. Joe Fortin (LF) dec. Tyler Moore (S), 6-0.
285: 1. Ali Wahab (DHC) pinned Avery Casey (WJG) in 1:34; 3. Stahj McCoy (H), dec. Austin Ayison (DDC), 5-0; 5. Joe McCourt (SA) pinned Anthony Callaway (WM) in 14 seconds.

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

56TH ANNUAL OAKLAND COUNTY WRESTLING TOURNEY Dec. 19 at Lake Orion

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 330 points; 2. Clarkston, 264.5; 3. Oxford, 255; 4. Walled Lake Central, 190; 5. Rochester Adams, 175; 6. Waterford Kettering, 154; 7. Ortonville Brandon, 145.5; 8. Rochester, 127; 9. Holly, 120.5; 10. Waterford Mott, 113; 15. Novi, 98; 19. South Lyon, 87; 20. White Lake Lakeland, 85; 34. South Lyon East, 36; 36. Milford, 27 (39 schools).

FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

160 pounds: Sam Addy (Adams) decisioned Kyle Masters (Clarkston), 9-4; **third place:** Hadyn Kinjorski (W.L. Central) dec. Josh Brooks (Rochester), 12-5; **fifth place:** Bobby Keyes (Troy Athens) dec. Devin Trevino (Oxford), 5-1; **seventh place:** Miles Filippis (Royal Oak) won by injury default over Tyler Modock (Lake Orion).
171: Nate Vandermeer (Clarkston) won by technical fall over Sherman Dabney (St. Mary Prep), 16-0; **third:** John Staron (Troy Athens) dec. Cade Dallwitz (Holly), 5-1; **fifth:** Patrick Liess (W.L. Northern) dec. Anthony Tuppins (Adams), 8-4; **seventh:** Ethan Erin (Oxford) dec. Efrain Ortiz (Pontiac), 9-5.
189: Tyler Morland (Detroit CC) won by tech. fall over Kobie Davis (Ferndale), 17-2; **third:** Byron Schlickemeyer (Oxford) dec. Nate Hayes (Clarkston), 7-5; **fifth:** Bryant Thickstun (Lakeland) pinned Denny Matthews (Lake Orion), 2:03; **seventh:** Tyler Koch (Stoney Creek) dec. Demarco Howard (Rochester), 11-9.
215: Wyatt Harden (Oxford) p. Cooper Smith (Novi), 3:22; **third:** Jacob Ungling (Troy) dec. Dilan Yaldo (N. Farmington), 13-9; **fifth:** Jackson Ross (Detroit CC) dec. Collin Dallwitz (Holly), 7-4; **seventh:** Donovan King (Farm.) p. Brandon Jones (Rochester), 4:57.
285: Nate Troutvine (Clarkston) p. Brendan Thompson (Lake Orion), 4:18; **third:** Nick Jenkins (Detroit CC) dec. Jimmy Gray (Holly), 6-4; **fifth:** Ian King (Berkley) p. Chris Nader (N. Farmington), 3:17; **seventh:** Quentin Logan (Mott) p. Jamie Johnson (Pontiac), 0:16.
103: Rhett Newton (Detroit CC) dec. Liam Hillary (Oxford), 7-2; **third:** Jack Olson (Brandon) dec. Varun Mongal (Adams), 7-2; **fifth:** Mackenzie Hainselman (Clarkston) won by major dec. over Brandon Munson (W. Bloomfield), 14-5; **seventh:** Jack Greenstein (W.L. Northern) p. Marcos Cruz (Mott), 0:48.
112: Nolan Klapek (Lakeland) dec. Jarrett Greenstein (W.L. Northern), 9-7; **third:** Joe Eisho (Hazel Park) dec. David Rastigue (Detroit CC), 5-2; **fifth:** Shane Moore (Oxford) dec. Jakobe Jones (Pontiac), 9-2; **seventh:** Cole Wieggers (Clarkston) dec. Eliel Mahone-Keamey (Ferndale), 7-1.
119: Kaleb Marion (W.L. Central) won by major dec. over Stone Moscovice (Detroit CC), 8-0; **third:** Joey Mason (Troy) p. Jacob Call (Oxford), 3:52; **fifth:** Khalil Ford (Groves) won by injury default over Dom Fosmoen (Lake Orion); **seventh:** Clarence Farmer (Pontiac) p. Koby Caldwell (Bloomfield Hills), 4:59.
125: Kevin Davenport (Detroit CC) won by major dec. over Houston Hemingsen (Clarkston), 15-5; **third:** Warren Stanfield (N. Farmington) won by major dec. over Dylan Howcroft (Adams), 12-3; **fifth:** C.J. Davison (Kettering) dec. Nate Hampton (Stoney Creek), 5-4; **seventh:** Noah Ternes (Rochester) dec. John Moll (Lake Orion), 4-2.
130: Cameron Amine (Detroit CC) dec. Nick Freeman (W.L. Central), 6-2; **third:** Brandon Ladd (Brandon) p. Sergio Borg (Oxford), 0:37; **fifth:** Shane Moore (Oxford) dec. Harley Susalla (Clarkston), 9-6; **seventh:** Kyle Gray (Avondale) dec. Max Katsiroubas (Mott), 5-0.
135: Ben Freeman (W.L. Central) won by tech. fall over Aidan Pterobon (Stoney Creek), 18-3; **third:** Aaron Rehfeldt (Detroit CC) won by major dec. over Sasha Wilson (Rochester), 12-4; **fifth:** Colin Takata (Groves) dec. Malika Parker (Pontiac), 4-3; **seventh:** Garrett Tyrell (Oxford) dec. Amarae Kittles (Brandon), 7-0.
140: Alex Hrisopoulos (Oxford) p. Anthony Gonzalez (Kettering), 0:43; **third:** Jake Anderson (Adams) dec. Joe McGrath (Detroit CC), 6-3; **fifth:** Jacob Rygielski (Clarkston) p. Blair Boerckel (Seaholm), 2:50; **seventh:** Dan Stallard (Holly) dec. Luke Evangelista (South Lyon), 11-10.
145: Bryan LaVeam (Brandon) p. Nick Costanzo (W.L. Central), 4:21; **third:** Tyler Johnson (Detroit CC) dec. Trent Myre (Oxford), 6-3; **fifth:** Caleb Edmond (St. Mary Prep) p. Jake Race (South Lyon), 1:25; **seventh:** Kevin Price (Stoney Creek) won by default over Alec Bills (Clarkston).
152: Tim Hagelin (Kettering) p. Cobrin Moore (Mott), 1:07; **third:** Aiden Waugh (Detroit CC) won by major dec. over Jalen Adams (Clarkston), 17-6; **fifth:** Chris Kade (Lake Orion) won by default; **seventh:** Jake Calvano (Clarkston) won by major ec. over Louis Eble (Adams), 16-5.

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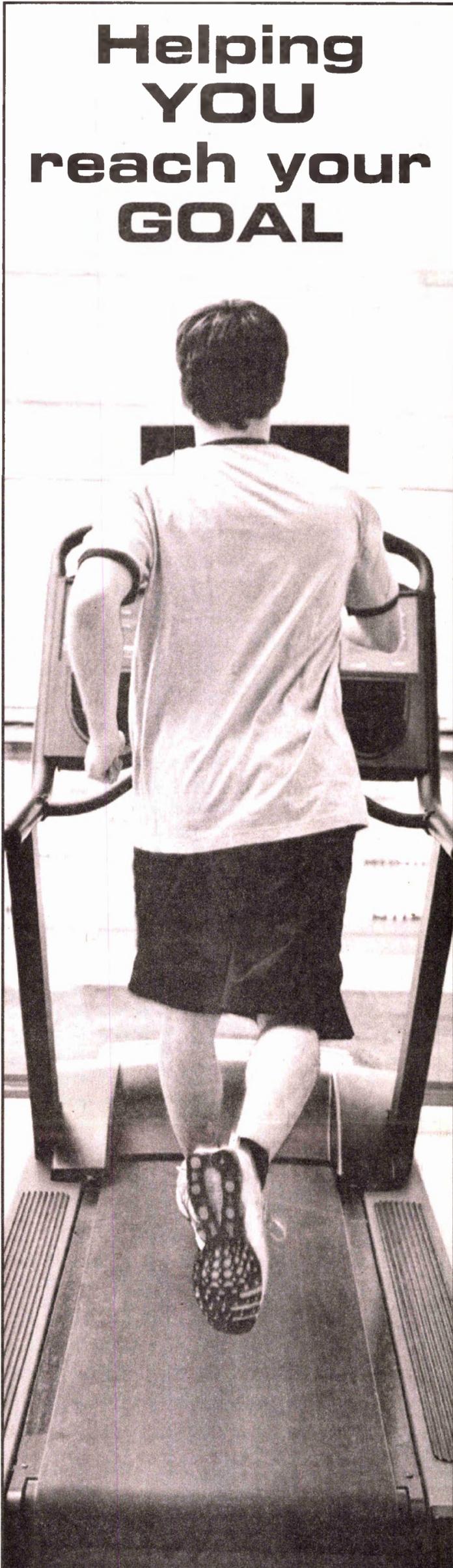
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 - 6 Left dumbstruck
 - 10 Give form to
 - 15 Very top
 - 19 Israeli leader Sharon
 - 20 Give up rights to
 - 21 On-call attachment
 - 22 Sandbox player's tote
 - 23 Sense that stays with you
 - 26 Wintour of fashion
 - 27 Abundance
 - 28 Crimean resort port
 - 29 Go quickly
 - 30 People's genus
 - 33 Mil. figure
 - 34 In various places
 - 36 Big concert sites
 - 38 Some gems
 - 40 Middle
 - 41 Jimmy Dean product
 - 43 R&B singer — Marie
 - 45 Hail, e.g.
 - 48 Secret store
 - 49 Stimp's canine bud
 - 50 Enterprise empath Deanna
 - 52 "— so sure"
 - 54 IM "ha ha"
 - 55 Tomorrow to Pedro
 - 58 Fair and equal
 - 61 Abrades
 - 63 Longoria and Cassidy
 - 65 5% of LX
 - 66 Title slave of opera
 - 67 Child's cognitive growth
 - 72 Thon Buri resident
 - 74 Rival of Sony and LG
 - 75 Island goose
 - 76 Westerns, informally
 - 79 Influence in the choice of a ruler
 - 82 Make insane, old-style
 - 85 Lusterless
 - 86 Lopez of pop
 - 87 Schreiber of "Scream"
 - 89 Made-up tale
 - 90 Acclivity
 - 92 Bus dep.
 - 93 Twine fiber
 - 96 Big name in daredevilry
 - 99 Tex-Mex dip, for short
 - 100 Globular
 - 101 Consume
 - 102 Contests with knights
 - 107 Simple bed
 - 109 Partner of crafts
 - 110 Actor Lash of 76-Across
 - 111 Officer over a 33-Across, in brief
 - 112 Like some lower vertebrae
 - 114 Jai —
 - 115 VIPs'
 - 120 Sit still
 - 121 Jung's inner self
 - 122 Activist
 - 123 Malla's little sister
 - 124 "For" votes
 - 125 Mission to gather info
 - 126 Basilica part
 - 127 Cineplex — (old theater chain)
 - 2 Meyers of TV
 - 3 Coal box
 - 4 Femurs, e.g.
 - 5 Bread spread
 - 6 Getting 100 on, as a test
 - 7 Shoved off
 - 8 Antsy
 - 9 Excellent, slangily
 - 10 Fishing tools
 - 11 Best Actress Berry
 - 12 Anxiety
 - 13 It's done to atone for sin
 - 14 Tiny bit of work
 - 15 Geronimo, e.g.
 - 16 Rapids craft
 - 17 Not serious
 - 18 Give a thrill
 - 24 Baseball Hall of Famer Tony La —
 - 25 Shoe hole
 - 29 Narrow waterway
 - 30 Bug no end
 - 31 Public speaker
 - 32 Delusions of grandeur
 - 34 Gorgon, e.g.
 - 35 Dress up in
 - 37 Trash collectors
 - 39 Gave an awful review
 - 42 Catering hall dispenser
 - 43 "Mazel —"
 - 44 Kiddie-song refrain
 - 45 Asked to a neighbor's house, say
 - 46 Admitting both sexes
 - 47 Sicily's erupter
 - 51 Forward, e.g.
 - 53 Symbolized
 - 56 "Ad — per aspera"
 - 57 Get back at
 - 59 Pinch lightly
 - 60 Pop's Carly
 - 62 Condescend (to)
 - 64 "Hail, Ovid!"
 - 68 "Oh, no!" in comics
 - 69 Boxer Ali
 - 70 "Max" actress
 - 71 Has a TV dinner, say
 - 72 B'way booth in Times Square
 - 73 Trumpeter Al
 - 77 Most mature
 - 78 Refines, as ore
 - 80 Apply wrongly
 - 81 Not one
 - 83 They're relatively easy to treat
 - 84 "Oh no!" in comics
 - 88 Actor Ben
 - 91 Yellow writing tablet
 - 94 Reply to "Are you?"
 - 95 Triangle type
 - 97 Action wds.
 - 98 Racecar fuel
 - 99 Test pilots' garments
 - 100 Lima resident
 - 102 Santa —
 - 103 "Roots" writer Alex
 - 104 Wipe away
 - 105 Shaped like a doughnut
 - 106 Vodka drink, for short
 - 108 Earth tone, to a Brit
 - 112 Pig's food
 - 113 Lhasa —
 - 115 So-so, in golf
 - 116 Nabokov title heroine
 - 117 Suffix with Bhutan
 - 118 Fraternity P
 - 119 UCSD part

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RELIGION CALENDAR

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 24, 9:30 a.m. Dec. 25

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Family service is Christmas Eve

Contact: 313-532-8655

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Time/Date: 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. Dec. 24 and 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11 a.m. Dec. 25

Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia

Contact: 734-464-4433; scolette.net

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 31

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Worship service

Contact: 313-532-8655

NEW YEAR'S SERVICE

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Dec. 31

Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: The church also will hold 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses on Jan. 1

Contact: 734-464-4433; scolette.net

JANUARY

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11-April 11

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

Details: Joe Mason leads a 12-week session that focuses on balance, timing, coordination, strength, flexibility, stretching, abdominal and back exercises. \$84 for the series or \$10 per class drop in

Contact: 734-455-5910

WOMEN'S EVENT

Time/Date: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23

Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Authors Lynn Donovan and Dineen Miller are guest speakers at an event for women who are "spiritually mismatched" in their marriage or have loved ones who are non-believers or are not mature in their faith. The conference will include a continental breakfast and lunch. Tickets are \$30, available at <https://spiritualmismatch.eventbrite.com>

Contact: 734-421-0472

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniast-michael.org

Faith Community Wesleyan

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

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

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

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

EXERCISE

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

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

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

Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

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

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

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

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

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

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

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

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

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

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

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

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

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

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

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

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

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

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

men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

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

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

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

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

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

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

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

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

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

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

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

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

Fireside Church of God

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

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

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

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

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

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

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

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

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

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

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery

helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/ celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.

Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Contact: 734-522-6830

Congregation Bet Chaverim

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month

Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore

Contact: www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

Due Season Christian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study

Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.

Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 10-14

Contact: 248-349-2345; faithcommunity-novi.org

Faith Community Wesleyan Church

Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., contemporary service, 1:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

Garden City Presbyterian Church

Teens bring social media to life on stage in Canton

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Ashlyn McCann will make it easy for you to “like” her performance in a one-act play next month at the Village Theater in Canton. The 17-year-old Plymouth High School senior will tackle the role of Facebook during a teen-driven production called *Social Mediation*. “It’s kind of like an AA meeting for social media,” said McCann, explaining the play’s plot. “She (Facebook) goes to the meeting because she doesn’t have any friends and she wants to make more friends.” McCann is among a handful of cast members who will portray social networking websites including Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Tinder, Pinterest, YouTube, and Facebook, when a teen theater project called TeenLab365 stages

the play Saturday, Jan. 9. TeenLab365 is the newest twist to TLC Productions’ biennial playwriting and performing project, StageLab24. The two projects culminate in public performances, but their creative processes are polar opposites. The adults chosen to create and stage 10-minute one-act plays during StageLab24, will take their works from page to stage in just 24 hours, Jan. 8-9. They’ll work in collaboration with a director who will audition actors, cast the show and stage the new work.

Approximately 14 TeenLab365 members have worked together since February under the leadership of Kristen Heitmeier, local actress and director. They’ve brainstormed story ideas, shaped ideas into a script, envisioned costuming, talked about sound and lighting, auditioned actors, cast the show and are rehearsing *Social Mediation*.

Teen production

Heitmeier, who acted at StageLab24 in 2014, its inaugural year, approached TLC Productions with her idea of a “teen-driven and teen-centric show from start to finish.”

“We were able to settle on a teen version. I’m grateful to TLC Productions for not only bringing great original theater to the stage, but for this opportunity and for being so open minded,” she said.

“I love working with kids and taking something, an idea, and seeing it to fruition on the stage. I thought, how neat would it be to create an opportunity for kids with different talents and interests in different parts of theater. They could pick the area they love or are interested in exploring further.”

Although everyone brainstormed ideas for the play, a group of designated writers turned those ideas into a script, finishing their work in summer. The group auditioned actors in October, cast the

show, and discussed production needs.

“It’s very much an ensemble cast and crew,” said Heitmeier, whose Northville home became TeenLab365 headquarters over the past year. “I like to think that if you do theater the right way, it should be a standard that everyone feels part of one collective team.”

Parent-friendly

Heitmeier calls *Social Mediation* “relevant, clever and relatable to everyone.” She said the writers took care to make sure all audience members will understand the play’s nuances.

“There is a message at the end that I think both kids and parents will relate to. So many of us are focused on social media right now,” she said.

McCann bounced a few character ideas off her mother and in the end decided to play Facebook, a social media network with 1.55 billion monthly active users, as “excited” and eager to make friends.

“She is excited to be at the meeting. She doesn’t have a lot of friends and there are all these people there,” said McCann, explaining that teens today tend to spend more time on Twitter and Instagram than Facebook.

“I tend to play evil characters. It’s fun to go with being excited.”

The public performances of StageLab24 and TeenLab365, along with an original new work by TLC Productions, start at 8 p.m. Jan. 9, on the main stage at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are \$15. Call 734-394-5300 or visit tlcproductions.org.

sdargay@hometownlife.com



GET OUT!

Irish music, old-time folk blend at The Ark

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Irish tunes will combine with a lumberjack song or two and folk at the 19th annual Crossroads Ceili, Dec. 26-27 at The Ark in Ann Arbor.

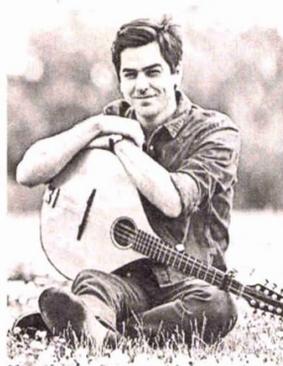
“This this year I’m introducing some American old timey musicians,” said Mick Gavin, a Redford resident who coordinates the celebration and plays fiddle in the Crossroads Ceili Band. He plans to include Ben Luttermoser and Rachel Pearson from the local bluegrass group, Behind the Times, in the program this year. Luttermoser plays guitar, bass and sings, and Pearson plays fiddle. They both also play bass and sing.

“We are good friends and have been hanging out together and exchanging songs and tunes. They are very good musicians and very folksy. They play in Detroit and at Blackthorn (Pub) in Holly. They play all over.”

Also new this year is Randy Gosa of Milwaukee, Wisc., who is a friend of Gavin’s son, Sean, and a member of the group, Myserk. Gosa will



Rachel Pearson and Ben Luttermoser of Behind the Times will perform at the 19th annual Crossroads Ceili in Ann Arbor.



Randy Gosa will join the Crossroads Ceili Band for its annual two-day concert at The Ark in Ann Arbor.

perform Irish tunes with the Crossroads Ceili Band, although Gavin also hopes he’ll also sing a lumberjack song.

“He has a recording of songs of the lumberjacks in the lumber camps from years ago in Michigan and Minnesota. He plays banjo, guitar and bouzouki and also sings,” Gavin said.

Gosa collaborated with Brian Miller, a musician from Minnesota, on *The Falling of*

the Pine, a recording of songs and dance tunes from lumber camp bunkhouses throughout the Great Lakes.

“Hopefully we’ll get him to do a song,” Gavin said.

Returning favorites, in addition to Sean Gavin, flutist and uilleann piper, are Crossroads members, Mick Gavin’s son Michael Gavin, Colleen Shanks, Kelsey Lutz and Mick Gavin. The MacLeod and Rankin families will play

Scottish music from Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. Championship Irish step dancers also will perform.

Tickets are \$15 with a dinner show combination for \$25 available from the Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, or from Conor O’Neill’s, the Irish restaurant next door to the Ark. Dinner/show combo must be purchased in advance. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Gavin at 313 537-3489 or the Ark at 734-761-1800.

Mark your calendar for Jan. 23 when Gavin and his fellow musicians present square dancing at the Gaelic League in Detroit.

“We have a new spin off on our music and our dancing,” Gavin said. “We’ve formed the Detroit Square Dancing Society. We’re crossing traditional American square dance with Irish step dancing. Eventually, we want to have square dancing one a month. I see a great future for this.”

Gavin said the suggested donation will be \$10, although he won’t turn anyone away because of the cost.

“If all you can throw is \$5 into the bucket, that’s fine.”

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 1

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

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

THREE CITIES ART CLUB

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Jan. 4

Location: Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton

Details: Don and Kay Masini will present a PowerPoint program called Art Critics and Surrealism. The event is free

Contact: 313-231-3939; threecitiesartclub.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through Jan. 31

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: “Dream Creatures” is a mixed media solo exhibition featuring the works of Took Gallagher

Contact: 734/394-5300

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 26-27 and Jan. 2-3

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *The Martian*, \$3

Contact: 734-453-0870;

www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Jan. 8 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 9

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit

Details: *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, \$5.

Contact: 313-898-1481; redfordtheatre.com

HISTORY

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

Current exhibit: A Red Ryder Christmas Story draws its inspiration from the popular 1980s movie, *A Christmas Story*, in which the main character, Ralphie, longs for a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. Red Ryder BB guns were sold by Daisy Manufacturing Company of

Plymouth

Contact: 734-455-8940

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. Dec. 21-23 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 detroit-zoo.org/events/wild-lights

Contact: 248-541-5717

MUSIC

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16

Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, located at Lahser and 13 Mile, in Beverly Hills

Details: The Shanghai Quartet performs contemporary Chinese works as well as classical Western pieces and music from the film *Raise the Red Lantern*. Tickets are \$32-\$64 general admission and \$16-\$32 for students

Contact: CMSDetroit.org

CHAMBER SOLOISTS

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills

Details: Suren Bagratuni, Aaron Berofsky and Pauline Martin will perform.

Single tickets are \$30. Students, under 25, with identification pay \$10

Contact: ChamberSoloistsDetroit.org; 586-944-5353

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Empty Chair Night featuring Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and a special guest, Jan. 3, Joel Mabus and Ray Kamalay, Jan. 9. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

SPECIAL EVENTS

CIRCUS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31

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

Details: Detroit Circus performs aerial antics on fabric and trapeze, fire dancing and eating, stilt walking and stilt

acrobatics. Tickets are \$20

Contact: cantonvillagetheater.org

Hayrides, sleigh rides

Time/Date: noon-4 p.m. Dec. 26 and 27

Location: Kensington Metropark Farm Center, Milford

Details: Rides are wheelchair accessible and are pulled by a team of draft horses or tractor. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 per senior, 62 and over, and \$3 for children, 3-12. Children 2 and under ride for free

Contact: 810-227-8910

MAGIC ACT

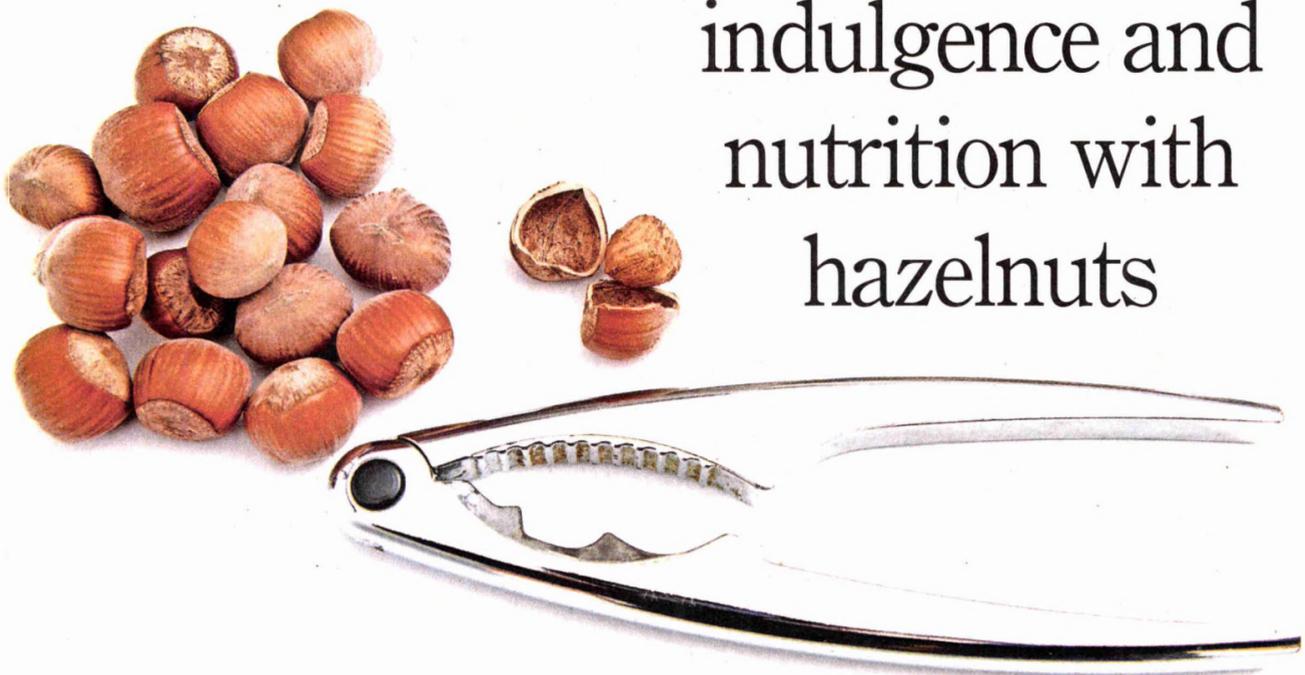
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26

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

Details: Aaron Radatz, Las Vegas magician and a Michigan native, will perform a one-man show of magic and comedy with a holiday flavor. Tickets are \$18-\$24

Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillagetheater.org

Blend indulgence and nutrition with hazelnuts



GETTY IMAGES

With family gatherings and New Year's resolutions, this is the time of year where the holiday and wellness seasons find themselves on a collision course. The key to fully enjoying both seasons is finding treats that balance great taste with nutritional value.

Hazelnuts, which are widely known as the culprit behind the irresistible flavor of chocolate hazelnut spreads, are one way to consciously enjoy the season. Rich in vitamins and dietary fiber, and naturally cholesterol and gluten free, hazelnuts

can amplify a variety of foods and flavors for an indulgence-meets-nutritious experience.

The finest hazelnuts are grown in the lush fields along the Black Sea coast of Turkey, where the optimal climate of the region produces hazelnuts that have a creamy, buttery flavor and crunchy texture.

Turkish hazelnuts add extra vitamins and fiber to recipes, creating nutritious but indulgent snacks, desserts, sides and entrées.

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CHOCOLATE HAZELNUT BANANA BREAD WITH HAZELNUT CRUMBLE

Serves: 12
Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 60 minutes

Bread:
2 cups flour
¼ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
¼ cup butter, unsalted
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 ½ cups bananas, mashed
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
½ cup milk
¼ cup chocolate hazelnut spread

Crumble
1 cup hazelnuts, toasted and roughly chopped
½ cup sugar
¼ cup flour
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ cup butter, unsalted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with nonstick spray. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda and salt. In a separate large bowl, cream sugar and butter together. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each egg is added. Add mashed bananas, milk and vanilla and beat until well combined. Add flour mixture, beat at low speed just until flour is incorporated. Don't over mix. In a small microwave safe bowl, add hazelnut-chocolate spread and heat for 15 seconds. Stir to evenly mix heated spread. Add 1 cup of the banana bread batter to the warmed spread and stir until well mixed. Spoon spread mixture alternately with plain banana bread batter into the prepared loaf pan. Swirl batters together with a knife. Bake 50 to 60 minutes. Cool in pan for at least 15 minutes and then remove loaf from pan and place on a wire rack to cool completely.

Crumble: Put the toasted hazelnuts and sugar in a food processor and pulse until the nuts are well chopped, but not overly so. Add the flour, salt, and cinnamon and pulse again, to mix. Remove the lid and scatter the butter over the dry ingredients. Pulse until the mixture resembles medium-fine crumbs. Empty the crumbs into a large bowl and rub them between your fingers to make large, buttery crumbs. Refrigerate until needed.



ROASTED BEET SALAD WITH HAZELNUTS AND RICOTTA SALATA

Serves: 8
Prep time: 45 minutes
Cook time: 45 minutes

5 ½ pounds beets, roasted
1 ½ cups olive oil
6 cloves garlic
1 cup hazelnuts, roasted and chopped
½ cup lemon juice
1 shallot, diced
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
8 ounces arugula
4 ounces ricotta salata, shaved
Salt and pepper

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. In a large roasting pan, toss the beets with ¼ cup of the oil and the garlic and thyme; season with salt and pepper. Cover tightly with foil and roast for about 1 hour and 15 minutes, until the beets are tender. Let cool, then peel the beets and cut them into different sized wedges, chunks and slices. Meanwhile, spread the hazelnuts in a pie plate and bake for about 12 minutes, until fragrant. Transfer the nuts to a kitchen towel and let cool slightly, then rub them together in the towel to remove the skins. Coarsely chop the nuts. In a medium bowl, whisk the lemon juice with the shallot and mustard and let stand for 10 minutes. Gradually whisk in the remaining 1 cup of olive oil and season the dressing with salt and pepper. In a large bowl, toss the beets with half of the dressing and season with salt and pepper. Arrange the beets on a platter and sprinkle the chives and hazelnuts on top. Scatter shaved goat cheese over the salad and serve, passing the additional dressing and cheese at the table.

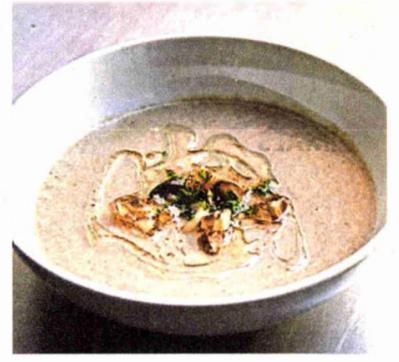


HAZELNUT CHOCOLATE ENERGY BARS

Serves: 15

1 cup dates
¼ cup cocoa powder
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup hazelnut butter
¼ cup honey
1 cup hazelnuts, toasted
1 ½ cups rolled oats
½ cup semisweet chocolate chips

Place dates in food processor and mix until small bits remain and form ball. Add cocoa powder and salt and process. Heat hazelnut butter and honey until warm. Pour into food processor along with remaining ingredients. Pulse until well mixed. Transfer to lightly greased and foil-lined 9-by-9-inch pan. Using spatula, pack mixture into tight square. Freeze to set for 15 minutes. Remove and cut into 15 bars. Store in airtight container or bag in fridge to keep fresh, or in freezer for longer term storage.



MUSHROOM SOUP WITH SMOKEY HAZELNUT BRITTLE

Serves: 12
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes

Brittle:
1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons water
1 teaspoon corn syrup
½ cup hazelnuts, toasted
½ teaspoon smoked flaky salt
½ teaspoon smoked, spicy paprika

Soup:
3 tablespoons olive oil
½ cup shallots, minced
4 garlic cloves, minced
2 pounds mushrooms, mixed, sliced
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
½ cup hazelnuts, toasted and roughly chopped
6 cups stock, chicken or vegetable
½ cup heavy cream
¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Chopped parsley
Hazelnut oil

Make the brittle: Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Mix sugar, water and corn syrup in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook, without stirring and brushing down the sides if crystals form, until it turns a golden brown. Stir in the hazelnuts, salt and paprika and pour onto the baking sheet. Let cool and break up into coarse pieces. Make the soup: Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the shallots and garlic and cook until softened, about 3 minutes. Add the mushrooms, season with salt and pepper and cook until softened, about 5 minutes longer. Remove 1 cup and reserve for garnish. Add the hazelnuts and wine and simmer until wine has reduced by half, about 5 minutes. Stir in the broth and bring to a boil. Simmer 15 minutes, then puree very well with an immersion blender. Stir in the cream and season with Worcestershire and additional salt and pepper. To serve, ladle into bowls and top with small pieces of brittle, reserved mushrooms, chopped parsley and a drizzle of hazelnut oil.

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