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No raises for township elected officials

Staff Writer

It looks like Plymouth Township's seven elected officials won't be getting pay raises this year or next.

The township's five-member local officials compensation commission

failed to meet in 2015 to recommend officials' salaries for 2016 and 2017. Board of Trustees members discussed Tuesday abolishing the commission and possibly voting directly on their own pay - but took no action, meaning the commission remains.

But according to state law, the com-

mission can make salary recommendations only in odd-numbered years, with the recommended salaries taking effect the following year unless rejected by a two-thirds board vote. The current township board - or the one seated after the November election - could change direction, but under the current system, no raises are possible until

"I'm OK with that," said Trustee Mike Kelly, who had proposed abolish-

ing the commission. Kelly said he raised the issue out of

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Two-year-old Adelaide Gabler and her dad Brandon Gabler take a selfie with a melted penguin. They are from Canton Township.

Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Fans found it cool at this year's Plymouth Ice Festival, organizers say, even though the weather — and the ice itself — were unseasonably warm.

The three-day festival, the city's 34th annual, opened Friday to rain, temperatures near 40

degrees and small

crowds. On Sat-

urday, temper-

atures climbed

but so did atten-

dance, said pro-

ducer James Giet-

zen, demonstrat-

ing the festival's

unwritten law:

"The festival this year just seemed to have a very positive energy. I think things are going to be even bigger and better." **JAMES GIETZEN**

Higher temperatures mean larger crowds, but smaller ice. "It's really a love-hate relationship with the weather," Gietzen festival organizer said Monday. "It's

hard to find that happy medium. On Sunday, with the weather colder and roads snowy, the crowds dipped again,

But Gietzen and Rob Parent of Sun & Snow Sports, a festival sponsor, said

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Crouch named school board president

Matt Jachman Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education chose its officers for 2016 Tuesday evening during a brief organizational meeting.

Kim Crouch, who was appointed to fill a vacancy in 2013 and elected to a four-year term the following year, was named board president. She takes over for John Barrett, a for-

mer teacher, school administrator and Plymouth City Commission member. Crouch, an attorney

and former newspaper reporter, has three sons in district schools. She lives in Canton Township.

Replacing Crouch as vice president is Sheila Paton, formerly board treasurer. Patrick Kehoe, who was appointed in August to fill a board vacancy, was named treasurer and Kat Borninski keeps her role as board secr

Barrett and Trustees Mike Malone and Michael Siegrist complete the

The votes for the selection of officers were all 6-0; Malonev was absent from the organizational meeting, but arrived in time for the board's regular meeting, district spokesman Nick Brandon said.

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Wine-tasting event raises money to help save lives

Staff Writer

John and Lisa Pardington have dedicated their lives to helping others avoid the same fate as their son Max, a mere 20 years old when he suddenly

died from an enlarged heart. His memory looms large as the Pardingtons partner with the Canton Chamber of Commerce for a wine- and

beer-tasting event, with half the proceeds going to the Live Like Max Foundation, which partners with Beaumont Hospital to pay for heart screenings.

INSIDE Park students plan bowling fundraiser for Live Like Max Foundation, B3

'We are still crushed by his loss," John Pardington said, "but our goal is to honor Max through the great life he lived and try to save some other lives.

No one knew he had a heart problem until the athletic, 6-foot-5, 220-pound young man abruptly died June 10, 2014. His family has since raised nearly \$150,000 to help other young people get simple heart screenings that cost just

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Colbeck to meet with constituents Friday

Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton will hold an office hour from 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 15, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road.

Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. No appointment is necessary.

"I encourage anyone who needs help, has questions, or wants to express a viewpoint to stop by," said Colbeck, R-Canton. "I'm looking forward to continuing a regular series of office hours throughout the district and hearing directly from constituents about state and pocketbook issues."

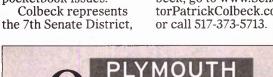
Colbeck represents



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which includes the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth.

For more information or to contact Colbeck, go to www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com



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Westland's Wild to chair CWW board

Westland Mayor William Wild has been sworn in as chairman of the Conference of Western Wayne board of direc-

Composed of the chief elected officials from each of the 18-member communities, the bipartisan CWW board works collectively to discuss mutual issues, share information and generally improve the quality of life for the nearly 700,000 residents who live in the area.

'I am truly honored to serve the 18 communities in western Wayne County that make up this consortium," Wild said. "We meet monthly to discuss issues such as legislation, transportation, public safety, substance abuse prevention, community and economic development, employment and the environmental health of the region."

The CWW communities are the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

Joining Wild on the CWW 2016 executive board are: Dearborn Mayor Jack O'Reilly, vice



Westland Mayor William Wild was recently sworn in as new chairman of the Conference of Western Wayne.

"We are all facing issues at the state level that impact our cities and communities. It is imperative that we collaborate and create solutions to the challenges we encounter."

WILLIAM WILD Westland mayor and chairman, Conference of Western Wayne

chairman; Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, secretary; Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix II, treasurer; and

Redford Township Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, who led the CWW the last two years. chair emeritus

"This position complements an initiative I started last year to mobilize mayors in the state,' Wild said. "We are all facing issues at the state level that impact our cities and communities. It is imperative that we collaborate and create solutions to the challenges we encounter."

The conference is the access point for funneling information to local units from county, state and federal agencies. In this capacity, the CWW will monitor state and federal legislation for its impact on local government. In addition, the CWW works as a liaison between local government and many service organizations by representing its members on various committees and boards.

The conference serves as a collective program planner and developmental entity and provides a forum for the discussion and review of

"We are fortunate to have many strong leaders in western Wayne County like Mayor William Wild, who has volunteered his time, effort and experience to the benefit of all the Conference of Western Wayne communities," CWW **Executive Director Jor**dyn Sellek said.

RAISES

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frustration with the system, which calls the commission-recommended salaries to take effect automatically unless rejected by an affirmative vote of at least twothirds of the board five of the seven mem-

Kelly was among the three trustees — the others were Bob Doroshewitz and Chuck Curmi — who voted in

2013 to reject raises that took effect in 2014 and 2015. With then-Supervisor Richard Reaume, Clerk Nancy Conzelman, Treasurer Ron Edwards and Trustee Kay Arnold, who died last October, voting against rejecting the recommended raises,

Kelly acknowledged that following through with his proposal to abolish the compensation commission would "open a can of worms as to how we get raises.'

they went into effect.

The raises recommended by the commission in 2013 were 4.5 percent for the supervisor, 3.5 percent for the clerk and treasurer and 1.5 percent for trustees for both 2014 and 2015.

Supervisor Shannon Price said Tuesday that attempts were made to set up a compensation commission meeting in December, but that a meeting didn't fit into members' schedules.

"If they don't meet, there are no repercussions," Price said. In addition he said the terms of two commission members have expired

and those slots need to be filled.

Unless the board changes direction, Price's annual salary will remain at its 2015 level: \$111,384. Conzelman and Edwards will be paid \$104,959 each and Kelly, Doroshewitz and Trustee Steve Mann, who was appointed to fill the remainder of Arnold's term, will be paid \$11,921. The trustees are considered part-timers.

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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT A man is seen trying a vehicle door in Plymouth Township early Dec. 23.



Police are looking for help in identifying him.

In this still from a security video, a man is seen walking up to a vehicle in an area where several vehicles were burglarized early Dec. 23.

Police looking for vehicle burglar

Police in Plymouth Township are seeking the public's help in identifying a man who burglarized several vehicles outside houses in a north-side township neighborhood last month.

The burglaries occurred in the area of Five Mile and Haggerty, between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. Dec. 23, police said. Items stolen included laptops, a navigation device and loose change.

The thief, who was caught on surveillance video at one address, appears to be a white male wearing a light-colored knee-length down coat, possibly with fur on the hood. Anyone who recognizes the man is asked to call police at 734-354-3232.

Police reminded people to lock their vehicle doors and avoid leaving valuables in them in plan sight.

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Cops seize stun gun during traffic stop

Canton police confiscated a stun gun from a 19-year-old Detroit woman during what began as a routine traffic stop Saturday night on Michigan Avenue, near Morton Taylor.

Police ticketed the woman for possession of a dangerous weapon and ordered her to appear in 35th District Court for an incident that unfolded about 10:30 p.m. Saturday.

According to a police report, officers initiated a routine traffic stop after a car carrying the suspect and three other young adults was seen driving recklessly off the shoulder of Michigan Avenue. Police immediately noticed the strong odor of marijuana and asked the occupants to get out of the vehicle.

During a pat-down search, police noticed an object inside a coat pocket of the suspect and asked her what it was. She said it was a cellphone, the report said.

Police learned, however, that the suspect was carrying a Vipertek stun gun. She told authorities she carries it because she had been previously robbed.

Police confiscated the weapon and brought in police dogs that found small baggies

dogs that found small baggie containing what appeared to be only trace amounts of marijuana in the car. The driver said marijuana had been smoked a few hours earlier.

Drunken customer

Police took a man into custody and cited him for public intoxication after he was found sitting on the floor and slumped over a trash can inside the Speedway gas station at Ford and Canton Center roads, a report said.

Officers went to the gas station about 2:40 a.m. Sunday after receiving a report about the 37-year-old Indianapolis man. A store clerk said the man went to a pump, paid for gas and then moved his car to a parking spot before going

back inside, where he ended up on the floor.

The clerk called police after the man had been there for 25 minutes. Police took him into custody and issued the citation.

Facebook threats

A pregnant Canton woman notified police to report she was being harassed on Facebook by a woman now dating the man who is the baby's father.

The alleged victim, 24, said the other woman told her that she might want to think twice about having the baby. She also said the other woman implied she wanted to fight when the victim was no longer pregnant.

The victim lives in the Village Squire apartment complex, northwest of Ford and Lotz. She said she had been harassed on Facebook and by email since Dec. 22. She filed a police report to document the situation.

— By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Man arrested on DUI charge after injury accident

A 52-year-old man was arrested on a drunken driving charge the afternoon of Jan. 7 after an injury accident on northbound I-275, near Ann Arbor Road.

A Plymouth Township
Police Department report
said the man, who had been
driving a Jeep Patriot, told
police his vehicle had been
rear-ended by a Pontiac
Grand Prix that moved suddenly into his lane. The woman driving the Grand Prix
said she didn't remember
anything after leaving work
and medical personnel at the
scene suspected she had
suffered a concussion, police

The man told police he'd had a drink at lunch and, after field sobriety tests, a

preliminary breath test registered a blood-alcohol content of 0.096 percent, police said. A driver in Michigan is considered to be driving drunk with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08 or greater.

At the police station, two subsequent tests on a Datamaster, a type of breath analysis machine, registered blood-alcohol levels of 0.10 and 0.09, respectively, police said.

Bricks tossed

No injuries were reported Jan. 7 after someone was seen throwing bricks from an overpass east of Sheldon Road onto eastbound M-14.

The incident occurred shortly before 4 p.m., a police report said. The report did not include a description of the person seen throwing the bricks.

An officer recovered two

bricks from the shoulder of the freeway. Another office checked Robinwood Drive where it crosses the freeway, but didn't see anyone nearby, police said.

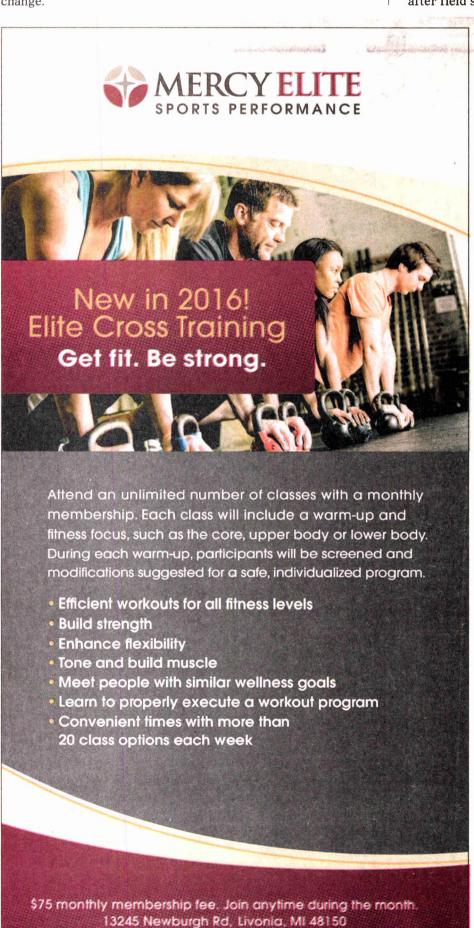
Poor night driving

An 84-year-old man was driven home by police Saturday evening after an officer spotted him, in a Ford Explorer, swerving within two northbound lanes of Beck Road near M-14, police said.

Police had received several calls, shortly before 9 p.m., about an Explorer that was heading north on Beck in the southbound lanes. There were no reports of injuries.

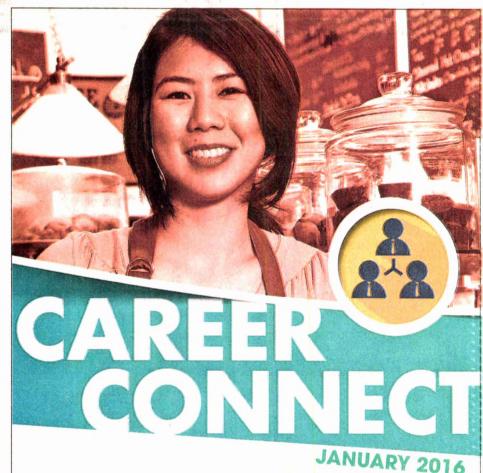
The driver told the officer who stopped him that he was tired and had trouble driving in the dark, police said.

— By Matt Jachman



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Oakwood ACO selected to join federal initiative

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced 121 new participants representing 49 states and the District of Columbia will take part in an innovative initiative - Medicare Accountable Care Organizations, which are designed to improve the care patients receive in the health care system and

lower costs. The Dearborn-based Oakwood Accountable Care Organization was selected as one of nearly 150 renewing Medicare Shared Savings Program Accountable Care Organizations providing Medicare beneficiaries with access to high-qual-

ity, coordinated care across the United States, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced. That brings the total to 434 Shared Savings Program ACOs serving more than 7.7 million beneficiaries.

Doctors, hospitals and health care providers establish ACOs in order to work together to provide higher-quality coordinated care to their patients, while helping to slow health care cost growth. The Oakwood ACO will be one of 434 ACOs participating in the Shared Savings Program as of Jan. 1. Beneficiaries seeing health care providers in ACOs always

have the freedom to choose doctors inside or outside of the ACO. ACOs receive a portion of the Medicare savings generated from lowering the growth in health care costs as long as they also meet standards for highquality care.

"People across America are going to be better cared for when they go to their health care providers, because these hospitals and providers have made a commitment to innovation, a commitment to change how they do business and care for patients," HHS Secretary Sylvia Matthews Burwell said. "Medicare, and the health care system as a

whole, is moving toward paying providers based on the quality, rather than just the quantity of care they give patients. The three new ACO initiatives that are being launched today mark an important step forward in this effort.

Since ACOs first began participating in the program in early 2012, thousands of health care providers have signed on to participate in the program, working together to provide better care to Medicare's seniors and people with disabilities. The new and renewing ACOs will bring approximately 15,000 additional physicians into the ACO

program starting Jan. 1. ACOs are delivering

better care and they continue to show promising results on cost savings, the organization says. In 2014, they had a combined total net program savings of \$411 million for 333 Medicare Shared Savings Program (Shared Savings Program) ACOs and 20 Pioneer ACOs. Based on 2014 quality and financial performance results for Shared Savings Program ACOs who started the program in 2012, 2013, and 2014, ACOs that reported in both 2013 and 2014 improved on 27 of the 33 quality measures, including patients' rat-

ings of clinicians' communication, beneficiaries' rating of their doctors, screening for tobacco use and cessation, screening for high blood pressure, and Electronic Health Record use. Shared Savings Program ACOs also outperformed group practices reporting quality on 18 out of 22 measures.

For a list of the new and renewing ACOs announced today, go to the Shared Savings Program News and Updates webpage: https:// www.cms.gov/Medicare/ Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/sharedsavingsprogram/News-and-Updates.html.

Westland's **Inspire Theatre** presents high-seas drama

Westland's Inspire Theatre is presenting its first full-length musical in more than nine years when it presents The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree for what theater officials are calling "an unprecedented" threeweekend run that starts

Jan. 29. In a bold move, pirates are holding hostage the passengers and crew of merchant ship The Kayla May and demanding an undisclosed amount of gold for their release. Included in the passenger list are the wife of Ambassador Prescott. Madam Prescott and their niece Julia and nephew Samuel.

Although not as well known as other pirates, the leader of the marauders, known only as "Bree," is notorious for forcing her captives to walk the plank. In this unprecedented move, it is suspected that the pirates are capitalizing on the fame of the Madam to garner more than just the suspected cache carried by this type of

The Lady Pirates, is the largest undertaking for Inspire Theatre in recent history and certainly in its short history at its new location on Warren Road. Moving in July of last year, this is only the second production at the Westland Center for Performing Arts.

Listed on Facebook as Westland's only live theater, Inspire Theatre has been located in Westland for most of its 10-plus years of existence. Formerly housing the Westland cable TV station, WLND, managed by Craig Wellenbach and owned by the city of Westland, the building has been refitted by IT for performances, classes and concerts.

Artistic Director Len Fisher said he's amazed at the level of talent represented in this show.

"We have some amazing people," Fisher said. "Directing 27 people and coordinating all the moving parts of a musical is part organized chaos and part organized chaos and part herding cats. But it's an incredible amount of fun. And the show is campy hilarity. How can it not be with a stage full of women acting like

bawdy pirates?" The cast includes a mixture of Inspire regulars and newcomers from Wayne, Westland, Garden City, Canton, Livonia, Royal Oak, Redford, Plymouth, Farmington Hills, Northville and

Ann Arbor. As part of the festivities, IT is holding a costume contest at each performance. Patrons dressed as pirates will be judged on creativity and prizes will be awarded. The show opens Friday, Jan. 29, and runs for the next three weekends at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$16 and are available online at inspiretheatre.com or by calling 734-751-7057. The theater is located at 33455 Warren Road in Westland.

MAX

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To help the effort, the Pardingtons, the local Holiday Market and the Canton Chamber of Commerce have rolled out the wine- and beertasting event set for 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill, a senior living facility located at 42600 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

"I believe in the power of collaboration, chamber President Thomas Paden said. "We thought we would partner with Holiday Market because they are such a staple in the Canton business community and it just so happens that (the Pardingtons) are also the founders of a terrific charity.'

Paden said hundreds



The memory of Max Pardington, who died at age 20 from an enlarged heart, looms large over a wine- and beer-tasting event sponsored by Holiday Market and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

are expected to attend. Tickets are \$35 per person in advance or \$40 at the door. Tickets are available by calling the chamber at 734-453-

4040, by going to www.cantonchamber. com or at Holiday Market, on Lilley south of Cherry Hill.

John Pardington said

more than 100 wines and dozens of beer selections, including some craft beers, will be featured, along with hors d'oeuvres from Holiday

"Everybody knows we've got the best wine selection around," he said, adding that beer, and specifically craft beer, also "is a big thing. People like their beers.

Pardington said the portion of funds going to the Live Like Max Foundation will provide heart screenings for young people who may have a problem like Max did and — also like him – they just don't know it.

"We have dedicated our lives to keeping his name alive through these healthy heart checks at Beaumont Hospital," Pardington

For more on the foundation, go to www.livelikemax.org.

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Kids and parents brave the mud to play interactive ice games.

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festival-goers had a good time regardless.

"The festival this year just seemed to have a very positive energy,' said Gietzen, whose JAG Entertainment has produced every festival since 2014. "I think things are going to be even bigger and better" next year, he added.

"People understood that the weather was out of anyone's control," Parent wrote in an email.

Sun & Snow, with help from Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan, sponsored the festival's cross country skiing track, a return attraction.

The Sun & Snow staff spent days making snow and shaping it into a course; Parent said visitors lined up to try out the trail all day Saturday and that it was kept open an extra hour that evening to accommodate

everyone.
"The kids had a blast. Most had never experienced a winter sport of any kind," he said. "It was a special feeling to introduce them to an activity that will hopefully develop into lifelong passions."

There were more than 100 ice sculptures at the festival, including about 50 in Kellogg Park. Gietzen said that canopies, donated by local companies, protected some sculptures from the rain Friday and the sun Sat-urday; likewise, Parent said, tarps were put over critical sections of the cross country trail to keep it from melting.

"The course actually turned into an ice block and held together better than years prior," Parent said.

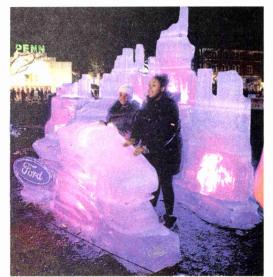
Ford Motor Co. was a major new festival sponsor and its sculpture, devoted to its Mustang GT, was the festival's largest.

Jeff Lao, an instructor at Henry Ford Community College, won the Dueling Chainsaws speedcarving contest Saturday with his sculpture of a

hippopotamus. The individual collegiate carving competition was won by Steve McCormick, a Henry Ford student, with James Seeterlin and Lauren Klapec, both of Oakland Community College, placing second and third,

respectively.
The team competition was won by Henry Ford (carvers McCormick and Mark Tampakes), with OCC coming in second (carvers Matt Larsen and Klapec) and third (carvers Seeterlin and Jon Mannschreek).

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Night views of the melting ice.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Kermit and Miss Piggy, sweating in the brutal January sun.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Henry Ford Community College carving team member Angelina Adkins works on her sculpture during Saturday's competition.



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Rob Parent (foreground) and Carson Miller, Of Sun and Snow, groom the cross country trail. They spent the week living in a van, working on making snow every night.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Eric Gifford helps 6-year-old daughter Ellen on the Sun &

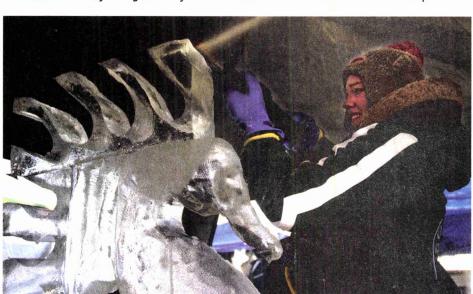
Snow cross country ski trail. They are from Northville.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Brad Ather watches 3 year old son Oliver hit the puck down the ice ramp. Oliver shot and scored. They are from Royal Oak.



Oakland Community College culinary team member James Seeterlin works on his sculpture.



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Oakland Community College student Cherilyn Martinez carves a seahorse.

BUSINESS

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Canton Qdoba will host grand opening

Odoba Mexican Eats®, the fast-casual restaurant, will open its newest location at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 41420 Ford Road in Canton.

As part of the grand opening, Qdoba will host a donation drive to benefit Mittens for Detroit, a charity whose purpose is to collect, purchase and distribute new, unused mittens and gloves to children and adults in need in Detroit. Through Jan. 31, the new location

will collect new and unused gloves and mittens in support of the organization. Bring in a pair and you'll receive free chips and queso in exchange for your dona-

Qdoba fans will immediately notice that the new location is unlike any other Qdoba in the area. The facility will feature a bold, new color scheme and distinctive furnishings and amenities, like free WiFi. The

brand's design is matched by its menu, which includes Qdoba's new line of Knockout Tacos made with fresh tortillas cooked in-house on a comal — a smooth, flat griddle common in Mexico and Central America.

The new Canton Qdoba will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. Find out more at www.Qdoba.com.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Library will offer alternate entrance

Beginning Thursday, Jan. 14, the Plymouth District Library will offer an alternate barrier-free entrance for library users. While new guardrails are being installed on the library's standard barrier-free ramp, individuals seeking easy access into the building will be able to enter at the staff entrance, located behind city hall and the fire station.

"We are very pleased that the installation of our permanent guardrails will take place this week," Library Director Carol Souchock said. "Our customers have been very patient and we appreciate that.

This alternate entrance was utilized this past summer when the library's main entrance was being repaired. Library staff members will be posted at this entrance to provide assistance. Additional handicap parking will be available near the alternate barrier-free entrance during the project. Signage will direct library users to the alternate entrance.

The main entry will remain open for those who do not require barrier-free access.

For more information, contact the library at 734-453-0750, ext. 242.

Named director

Pamela D. Lewis has been named director of the New Economy Initiative for Southeast Michigan. She succeeds David O. Egner, who was recently named president and CEO of the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation.

NEI is one of the nation's largest philanthropic partnerships funded by 12 national and regional foundations and managed by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. It is in its eighth year of innovative funding and the development of public/ private partnerships that have helped create more than 17,000 jobs and 1,600 companies throughout

the region. "Pam is a highly talented economic development expert who will bring important continuity to NEI's work, as well as the vision to guide the NEI team in defining a strategy for its next important phase,"said Steven K. Hamp, NEI chair.

Lewis, who has an engineering degree from Michigan State Univer-



Lewis

sity, served as deputy team leader of NEI under Egner. She joined the initiative in 2011 as senior program officer, after serving as a member of the Kauffman Foundation's Detroit team, overseeing national entrepreneurial programs. She was recently named as one of the top 25 women in technology in Michigan by Crain's Detroit.

"Pam has been instrumental to the success of NEI and we are pleased that she will lead the initiative during its next chapter," said Mariam C. Noland, president of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. "As a champion of innovation in both the for-profit and nonprofit sectors, with strong Detroit roots, Pam has excelled at breaking down boundaries and bringing diverse constituencies together to move our region forward."

Lewis began her career at DTE Energy, spending 15 years in roles ranging from analyst to manager of process management and continuous improvement initiatives. At NextEnergy, she managed entrepreneurial programs focused on accelerating clean energy start-ups.

Townships gather

More than 1,000 local officials and guests, representing hundreds of townships from 68 counties across Michigan, will convene next week for the largest gathering of municipal officials in the

The Michigan Townships Association will host its 2016 Annual Educational Conference & Expo, Jan. 19-22 at the **Detroit Marriott Renais**sance Center. Township officials from all corners of the state will gather for three days of education — including more than 70 educational sessions — and networking at the event, which also includes the largest municipal expo in the state, with more than 100 exhibitors.

This year's conference

aims to recharge township officials while also encouraging them to re-engage, re-think, reinvent and re-build their ideas of what it means to be a leader in the 21st century. Detroit native and entrepreneur Josh Linkner will provide the keynote address at the conference, focusing on how attendees can forge their legacy though public service.

Education is the focus of the week and officials can choose from dozens of sessions throughout the event, providing them with information on statutory duties and core township services, as well as township trends and legislative updates.

Sessions will cover revitalizing board meetings, utilizing Twitter, handling invasive species and how trails can be an economic and cultural benefit to communities, among many other top-

Presenters include the state's foremost policy and governance experts, including Chris Thomas, director for the state Bureau of Elections, Michigan Department of State; and planning expert Mark Wyckoff, director of the Planning & Zoning Center at Michigan State University and senior associate director of the MSU Land Policy

Institute "By attending our conference, township officials will leave reenergized and re-dedicated to leading Michigan's communities, residents and businesses forward, toward a prosperous future," MTA Executive Director Larry Merrill said. "During the week, they will gather knowledge and insights from a multitude of local government experts, as well as their peers, to improve their own township's services and operations, and even more effectively and efficiently govern their communities.

U.S. Rep. Candice Miller will also be presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award for her career serving Michigan residents, from serving 12 years as supervisor of Harrison Township to seven terms in the U.S. Congress. Miller will receive the award at the conference's annual banquet, Thursday, Jan. 21. The banquet is preceded by a legislative reception, which will be attended by township officials and dozens of Michigan senators and representatives.

Stay the course during these turbulent times

rutal — that is the only way you can describe how the markets began the new year. Across the board, markets were down on average 6 percent during the first week of 2016. This makes it the worse opening week on Wall Street in history.

The news is full of doom and gloom and, as a result, investors are nervous. That's why I think it's important to take a step back and understand what's happening before you decide to make a move. Remember, one of the keys of investing is don't let short-term comfort cause longterm pain.

If you take a step back and analyze what's happening, it's clear that China has been the main reason for the downturn. China, which has been the fuel that's driven the world's growth over the last number of years and whose economy has been growing at an incredible pace, has started to slow down. As a result, the markets have had an adverse reaction. It's not that we didn't know that China was slowing, but every time there's a new report that confirms it, markets are adversely affected. It is important to understand China is the second largest economy in the world. When the Chinese economy slows down, it has a domino effect.

The other major reason for the market sell-off has been oil prices, which continue to fall. In fact, oil prices are now around \$33 a



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barrel, where they were in 2004. A drop in energy prices is a doubleedge sword. As consumers, we love the fact that we can fill up our tanks at less than \$2 a gallon. The other side is that many economies throughout the world are dependent upon energy prices, including ours. Numerous oil wells throughout the United States have been shut down because of low energy prices. As a result, jobs are lost and local economies are hurt

The question we're faced with as investors is, What do we do? Do we sell off and wait it out or do we stay the course? My problem with selling out is that, now what? Do you leave your money in cash that is paying virtually nothing? You are losing purchasing power because we know the cost of living is going up much faster than the return you're getting in the

It would be nice if we could get out of the market when it's retreating and get back in when it starts going up, but that's nearly impossible to do. Markets in today's world can change direction relatively quickly. Don't forget, last August we saw a 10-percent correction before markets bounced back. As I've said many times in the past, it is impossible to

time the market because good news is bad news and bad news is good news. When you attempt to time the markets, you have to be right twice: once when you buy and once when you sell. No one's been able to do that consistently.

The other option is to stay the course. For investors that have well-balanced and diversified portfolios based upon their individual goals and objectives, market retreats and market corrections are the norm. Reality is that markets are always volatile and, as investors, we have to accept that. The reason that investors need a game plan is for times such as these.

I know it hurts when the market goes down. I am an investor and, when markets retreat, my accounts retreat as well. What I constantly focus on are my goals and objectives, not where the market is at any given point in time. Markets are volatile and fickle, but my goals and objectives are not. If you maintain focus during these turbulent and volatile times, you will prosper over the long run. But if you try to constantly time the market, it's no different than the hamster and the wheel — you run and run, but you've gone

nowhere. Good luck!

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Peters: State to play a key role in auto technology

Staff Writer

U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, D-Mich., wants to make sure Michigan plays a key role in helping the automotive industry take some giant leaps in technology.

"It's not about torque and horsepower - although those are my two favorite things and they're still incredibly important," Peters said Monday while touring the floor of the 2016 North American International Auto Show. "We're going to see computer technologies and selfdriving capabilities and communication between cars that's going to revolutionize how we think about automobiles.'

Peters noted how 2015 saw record-breaking auto sales with nearly 17.5 million vehicles sold in the United States. He expects the growth to continue through 2016.

"It's wonderful to be here to see the lineup of automobiles," he said.
"Today is a testimony to the fact the auto industry is alive and well and experiencing incredible growth ... so this is all good for Michigan and the greater Detroit area."

In the long term, Peters said the industry needs to continue to focus on some of the new



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U.S. Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters (left), touring the Fiat Chrysler exhibit at the North American International Auto Show with Head of Quality Mark Chernoby.

technologies that are quickly emerging, such as vehicle-to-vehicle communications (V2V) and vehicle-to-infrastructure technology (V2I).

"It's estimated in the next few years that with some of the safety applications that are coming online that we could eliminate up to 80 percent of all car crashes, which is really a big deal, especially when you consider over 30,000 people die on the highways each year,' said Peters, a member of Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation committee. "If you can eliminate those accidents, you're saving tens of thousands of lives.'

Peters said new technology will allow roads and bridges to "communicate" with vehicles and provide adequate warning, for example, when there's a spot of black ice on the road ahead.

In terms of automated vehicles, Peters said the University of Michigan already has a 35-acre test track for driverless cars that opened last summer. A much larger testing track of almost 300 acres is in the planning stages at Willow Run.

"So we want to make sure Michigan is at the forefront of it," he said. "So that's our auto suppliers, our auto manufacturers and our universities ... the University of Michigan is taking a major international leadership

Presidential election

As President Barack Obama finishes his last

year in office, Peters said he's looking forward to welcoming Obama next week, when the president flies into Detroit to personally tour the auto show.

Looking forward, Peters is endorsing Hillary Clinton as the country's next president.

"I believe she's going to be the nominee and she's going to win in the fall," he said. "I think you look at what's happening on the Republican side and they're all pushing to the far right and being extreme on issues — it may help them win a Republican primary, but they're out of step with where the majority of the American people are."

Peters said he just returned from a tour of the Middle East that included stops in Turkey, Israel and Saudi Arabia.

"I talked to a lot of folks who were really concerned with some of the rhetoric that's coming out of the presidential campaign," he said. 'That's not how we think about America ... we think of America as being inclusive, a welcoming place for everyone. It goes to the core of our values.'

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ZF Group shares its plans for the future at auto show

David Veselenak Staff Writer

ZF Group isn't wasting any time after purchasing Livonia-based TRW Automotive last

year. The company discussed its plans for driving technology during a press event Monday at the North American International Auto

Show in Detroit. Stefan Sommer, CEO of ZF Group, said the company is moving forward with the three trends it envisions becoming most important in automated driving something he said will become important not just for places such as freeways, but in more

urban settings as well. "We are also seeing it significantly in the city environment, in valet parking and what you can imagine further on," he said. "If we are talking about automatic driving, we talk about basically three major technologies, which are: see, think, act.'

Some of that technology includes automatic braking, rear-braking assist and products that already exist but continue to see improvements as national regulations become more stringent.

"Active safety is one key element of our product strategy, but we shouldn't forget pas-



BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Stefan Sommer is CEO of ZF Group

senger safety," Sommer said. "And there is huge opportunities in this as

That passenger safety included airbags that deployed between the front seats to prevent the passengers from hitting heads in the result of an accident, plus a rear-passenger airbag that deploys to protect a passenger sitting in

"Safety is not only for the front, it's for the rear as well," Sommer

He touted the work being done with the company's "innovation car," which has several newer features to it. Described as an "advanced urban vehicle," Sommer said the vehicle is also able to upload

data to the cloud to share information from

the vehicle. The system running the vehicle is also on two separate electric engines, allowing for a wider turn radius for the front wheels. That, along with more space in front because of a lack of a combustion engine, increases the turn radius from 45 degrees up to 75 degrees.

"Why is this possible? Because, as you can see, it is a pure electric car," he said. "Two engines on each side, which allows us to ... steer the car in a very sharp way.'

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ZF Group is moving its headquarters from Northville to Livonia.

ZF moving headquarters to Livonia

David Veselenak Staff Writer

Add one more company moving its global headquarters to Livonia. This time, it's a company that already has a strong

presence in the city. ZF North American, based in Northville, announced during the North American International Auto Show in Detroit this week it plans on moving east to Livonia. ZF Group bought the former Livonia-based TRW about a year ago for

more than \$12 billion. The auto parts supplier, which focuses on drive line and chassis technology, as well as autonomous driving technologies, will move into the former TRW headquarters, 12001 Tech

Center Dr., in Livonia. The move will allow employees who work closely with others in similar divisions the opportunity to be closer to one another, said Bryan Johnson, head of corporate communications for ZF North America.

'We're going to name the Livonia location the headquarters for the region for the global group," said Johnson, a Canton resident. "It really provides us with the opportunity to bring certain areas of the business together.

"In Livonia, we already had a global operation, so we had a good infrastructure in place for that. And in Northville, it was more of a regional group.

A transition team will evaluate needs over the next six months and it could take 18-24 months to completely transition from the Northville site to Livonia.

The Livonia office has about 1,200 employees, while the Northville office has about 400; both have employees coming from across the region. No new construction or building enhancements are expected to the current Livonia office to

accommodate the move. The Northville facility will continue to be used, mostly as a sales and engineering facility. The number of employees at each location is not expected to change immediately, though it could in the future with more hiring planned for the

company. "Once we can move out of the corporate people, we already have open positions," Johnson said. "We're hiring at both locations."

The company is the latest in the past year to move its headquarters to Livonia. Taylor-based Masco Corp. announced last summer it would move its world headquarters to Livonia in a brand-new building at Schoolcraft College. That project broke ground in the fall and is expected to wrap up work sometime this year.

John Wilkerson, a senior communications manager with ZF TRW, said with the company being in Livonia since 1993, it has built a strong report with many local entities, including local government and educa-

"We have a really good relationship with the school system in Livonia, with the city," said Wilkerson, who said he formerly sat on the Livonia Chamber of Commerce board. "It's been an excellent place to work. It has a great location in the metro area, very centrally located. It's been a really good relationship and it's something we certainly want to continue."

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OUR VIEW

Celebrate King holiday, explore religious and ethnic diversity close to home

There's a great line in the movie The American President from a couple of decades back. Michael Douglas, as the U.S. president, says, "America isn't easy. America is advanced citizenship. You gotta

want it bad, 'cause it's gonna put up a fight."

The specific context in which Douglas, as President Andrew Shepherd, spoke in the 1995 movie was a personal attack on him and a loved one by a political rival. The film's larger point shows that, throughout our nation's history, we have indeed faced advanced citizenship while striving to live up to the ideals of our founders. The state of the world today, with terrorism and fear on the rise, is dividing our nation once again.

This month, many communities will celebrate observances of the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., whose leadership of the U.S. civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s forever changed America. Some communities take a more active role than others do in honoring the King and discussing how America has changed and hopefully advanced since his 1968 assas-

Locally, many of our communities are changing, too, becoming more ethnically diverse and becoming home to those of multiple faiths.

This is particularly important in a time of fear in the U.S. and worldwide, as evidenced by the recent attacks in Paris and closer to home. It's understandable to worry for the safety of your loved ones, but we must avoid becoming a nation so gripped by fear that we stereotype those who are different and fail to see our commonalities.

In the wake of World War II, many Germans struggled with their role in the Nazi Holocaust, which killed millions of Jews and others. If more in their nation had spoken out earlier — and been more informed by a free press of their government's actions

who knows how different history would have been? It's all too easy now to look at Muslims and others of Middle Eastern background with suspicion, to question their motives and allegiance to this country, where many are U.S. citizens. We must not let history repeat itself by allowing legitimate law enforcement concerns and practices to be overridden by fear and abuse of power.

Why not participate in your local Martin Luther King Jr. Day observance or visit a nearby community if no such observance is available? The public schools are closed for students Monday. Schools that remain in session for MLK Day typically focus on age-appropriate curriculum on civil rights and related issues in their classrooms

Students live in an increasingly complex world and will be expected to live and work with those of many diverse backgrounds. If their childhood and teen experiences have been limited to others similar to them, how well-prepared will they be for that world? Don't forget, too, that many public libraries offer a wealth of information on issues of racial and ethnic diversity, with librarians who choose those materials well-informed on what will suit readers and viewers of varying ages.

Dialogue is the key to welcoming new neighbors to our communities whose backgrounds vary from our own. Don't think your question is silly; speak up in the forums that are available in which to learn about people's heritage, beliefs and religious practices.

Don't underestimate the power of food, either, in such gatherings. There's a Christian hymn that says, "May we who eat be bread for other," and often the simple but common act of breaking bread together (and learning of foods of different cultures) helps to 'break the ice.

LETTERS

GOP and gender equality

It appears that gender equality may at last be on the horizon in our state, at least in the political arena. By that I mean men in the "new" Republican Party now have to share the title extremists with the "fairer sex." Rep. Lisa Lyons managed to slip language into a bill during a late night session that further eroded union rights, further opens the door to, for lack of a better word, political graft and also handicaps local governments from advising the public about millage issues. Lyons had previously approved the voter suppression bill that will increase your time at the polling place.

State Republican Chairwoman Ronna Romnev-McDaniel has reportedly stated she has no problem waiting in line the extra time the bill is going to require. I wonder if she would make that same statement in one of our urban areas that will be most affected by this partisan piece of

Both Lyons and McDaniels should be awarded the Leona ("only small people pay taxes") Helmsley award for their contributions to the right wing causes.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson seems to be the only politician with any integrity left standing in what was once a truly "Grand Old Party.'

James Huddleston

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End fireworks

In July 2015, I had numerous issues with neighbors using fireworks. My dog is traumatized. My home, the brick, windows, roof and yard have been hit by debris. I have heard and seen the hits on my windows. My brick has white marks on it and my roof had remnants of rockets and shell devices.

I spent a lot of time cleaning my yard. I spent a lot of time trying to comfort my dog and determine the best time to take the dog out to do his business. I spent a lot of time not sleeping as the fireworks went on and on, past the "legal" time. This is all minor compared to the trauma

that military veterans

minor compared to those who may have lost their lives or have been injured due to fireworks.

Is the state's revenue. of a few million dollars worth the trauma, potential harm to property and individuals and loss of life? No.

There are House Bills 4725 and 4726 and Senate Bills 450 and 451 that will repeal the 2011 Michigan Fireworks (non) Safety

I encourage all constituents to write their senators and state representatives to pass these important bills. If there is action, perhaps the 2011 Michigan Fireworks (non) Safety Act can be repealed before the Fourth of July!

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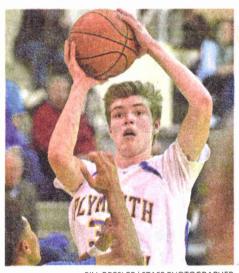
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BOYS BASKETBALL



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER PCA's Luke Yakuber (right) tries to ward off Southfield Christian defender Jalen Bouldes during Tuesday's MIAC contest.

GROWING PAINS



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Focusing on the basket Tuesday night is PCA sophomore Matt Malcolm, who scored 16 points in a losing effort.

Plymouth Christian coach views lopsided loss to Southfield Christian as opportunity to learn

> **Tim Smith** Staff Writer

From the get-go Tuesday night, Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys basketball team got schooled by its bigger, faster, more-experienced oppo-

By the time the first quarter of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division match-up was over, visiting Southfield Christian enjoyed a 26-13 edge — quickly flicking off an early push by PCA.

Sophomore guard Matt Malcolm had drained back-to-back treys in 20 seconds to briefly turn a five-point hole into an 8-5 advantage just 1:10 into the game.

The game went downhill fast from there, at least from the home team's perspective, as Southfield Christian rolled to an 83-35 victory.

"We're young; we started four sopho-mores tonight," PCA head coach Matt Windle said, concurring that facing a team that has racked up three recent Class D state titles (but now playing in Class C) can only help the learning and growing process. "Playing against a powerhouse like Southfield Christian, eyes can get big and we can start off on our heels. But I thought we started off

"It almost hurt us that Matt came out

See EAGLES, Page B3



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO Plymouth's Cassidy Lewis pushes the basketball up the floor Tuesday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Lewis returns to spark 'Cats

Plymouth offense too much for Pats

> Tim Smith Staff Writer

The first few weeks of the 2015-16 girls basketball season have not gone according to plan for the Plymouth Wildcats.

Starting the season 1-6, a skid exacerbated by the absence of top scorer Cassidy Lewis due to an undisclosed injury, the Wildcats were eager to get back on track Tuesday against KLAA South Division rival Livonia Franklin.

Lewis' return to the lineup helped immensely against the visiting Patriots. She scored four treys among 14 points, sparking Plymouth's 60-24 victory.

'Cass is one of our leaders; we always talk about Cass," Plymouth first-year head coach Ryan Ballard said. "It's been a big boost to get her back.'

Sophomore Chantal Ledoux also had a strong game, scoring nine points for the Wildcats (2-6,

"It was nice to finally get back n the winning side of the Ballard said. "The kids have been working really, really hard. We haven't given up and we're still working and trying to get better every day.

Franklin fell to 0-8 overall and 0-2 in the division.

Plymouth will look to make it two straight wins Friday at Livonia Churchill.

(GIRLS) CANTON 54, JOHN GLENN 52 (OT): After falling behind 12-4 entering the second quarte Tuesday, the Chiefs chipped away to force overtime behind clutch shooting by Brianna Finn (15 points) and

See ROUNDUP, Page B2

COLLEGE SIGNING

Skaff's cool about joining Polar Bears

Salem senior commits to Ohio Northern cross country, track programs

> **Tim Smith** Staff Writer

There is something to be said for comfort zones and Griffin Skaff has found his as a distance runner at the prep and soon-to-be collegiate lev-

The Salem senior recently signed to join the Ohio Northern University men's cross country and track and field

Skaff, a member of the all-Observer boys cross country second team after a consistently solid season, is enthusiastic about joining the Polar Bears — coached by Division III all-Ohio Coach of the Year Jason Maus — in 2016-17

"Coach Maus runs a solid program, similar to Salem, and I think I'll feel comfortable right from the get-go,' said Skaff, whose parents (Erin and Don) and brother (Derek) were at the recent signing ceremony at Salem High School.

The Polar Bears cross coun-

try squad is basking in the glow of winning the 2015 Ohio Athletic Conference championship.

Rocks coach Steve Aspinall said Skaff "has grown leaps and bounds as a runner since the summer before his junior year, when he committed to

running year round.' During his freshman and sophomore years, Skaff played soccer in the fall (and

ran track in the spring). "Since his first cross country race, he has steadily improved until he was a solid

See SKAFF, Page B2



Griffin Skaff (seated) celebrates along with family members after signing to run cross country at Ohio Northern University. Standing are (from left): mother Erin Skaff, brother Derek Skaff and father Don Skaff



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Wildcats win pair at Sault Ste. Marie

Canton downs Utica for first victory of season

Senior forward Ricky Covault scored a pair of goals Saturday to lead the Plymouth boys hockey squad to a 4-2 triumph over host Sault Ste.

Sophomore forwards C.J. Mullenax and Jack Chumley each added a goal and an as-

Covault and Mullenax scored power-play goals early in the second period, but the Blue Devils responded later in the period with goals nine seconds apart by Derek Crane and Bobby Price.

The Wildcats regained the lead 2:04 later when Chumley fired in a rebound.

Covault's second goal gave Plymouth some insurance midway through the third period.

Senior goaltender Trevor McManus made 29 saves to



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Ricky Covault, shown from earlier this season, scored two goals Saturday to spark Plymouth to a win over Sault Ste. Marie.

earn his fourth victory of the season. The Wildcats fired 26 shots at Blue Devils goalie Tanner Reattoir.

"I was really impressed with how we closed out the third period," Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento said. "The Sault played fast and physical and our boys responded to the challenge. It was definitely a team effort.'

The victory improved Plymouth's overall record to 6-

The Wildcats opened their two-game road trip at Pullar Stadium in the Sault with a 5-1 victory Friday over Alpena.

Senior defenseman Zack Wiener, junior forward Alex Chartrand and senior forwards James Baldwin, Max Chumley and Jake Silvester each scored for Plymouth, as 11 different Wildcats registered at least one point in the

Plymouth jumped out to a 5-0 lead and held a edge in shots 23-9 after two periods.

This was probably our most consistent game, from beginning to end, all season," Vento added.

Alpena scored with 3:31 left in the game to thwart sophomore goaltender Brenda Olepa's shutout bid. He made 17 saves to earn his second victory of the year.

NORTHVILLE 11, CANTON 3: Zac Osaer, Luke Skillman and Nick Bonofiglio both scored their first varsity goal of the year Monday as the Mustangs (7-41, 3-2, KLAA Central) downed the host Chiefs (1-8, 0-6 KLAA South) in a Kensington Conference crossover at Arctic Edge.

crossover at Arctic Edge.
Kyle Dann scored two goals and added four assists
for Northville, which led 5-1 after two periods before
breaking it open with six goals in the final period.
Anthony Solack and Bonofiglio both scored two
goals, while Daniel McKee, Riley Brass and lan
Welsch all added a goal. Skillman contributed two

assists.

Brian Oldani had a goal and two assists, while

Marcus Cook and Michael Gaffka each added a goal
and an assist for Canton.

Darsh Dholakia went all the way in goal for

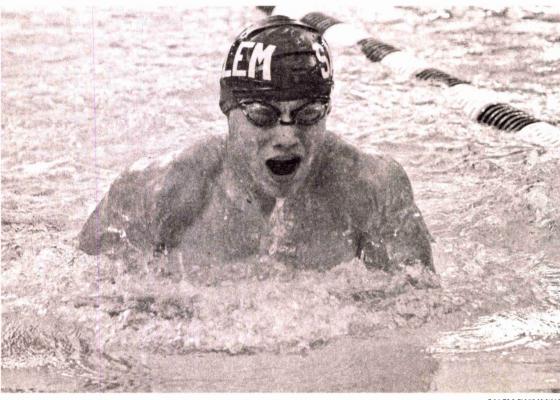
Northville, while Donald Jardine and Isaac Salinas split time in net for Canton.

CANTON 8, UTICA 1: The Chiefs blitzed Utica

to earn their first victory of the season Saturday. Spencer Rochowiak scored two goals to pace host Canton, while single goals were scored by Joe Powers, Erik Wafer, Brian Oldani, Daniel Bourgeois, Jalen Miller and Matt Eastman

Oldani also assisted on three goals for a four-point night. Other Canton contributors included James Tucker (three assists) and Michael Gaffka (two

assists).
Stopping 10 shots directed his way was Canton



SALEM SWIMMING

Salem's Nick Landon competes in the 100 breaststroke during Saturday's Rock Kilgore swim meet.

BOYS SWIMMING RESULTS

BOYS SWIM RESULTS ROCK KILGORE INVITATIONAL

Jan. 9 at Salem
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Saline, 333 points; 2. Detroit Catholic Central, 231; 3. Zeeland, 229; 4. Northville, 173; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 108; 6. Salem,

FINAL RESULTS FINAL RESULTS
200-yard medley relay (Heat 1): 1. Saline,
1:48.51; 2. DCC (Jimmy Connor, Andrew Schenkus,
Jacob Skwirsk, Joe Long), 1:51.85; 3. Northville,
2:02.25; 4. Zeeland, 2:04.20; 5. Salem (Cameron
Smith, Yousel Almadhoun, Caleb Johnson, William
Oswald), 2:34.07; (Heat 2): 1. Saline, 1:46.44; 2.
DCC (Chris Barron, Logan Mills, Charlie Walsh,
Connor Mullaly), 1:47.42; 3 (tie). Zeeland, 1:48.68;
Northville, 1:48.68; 5. Stevenson, 1:59.11; 6. Salem
(Ben Lukasiewicz, Ryo Hirose, Henry Zhou, Abraham
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(Matt Loniewski, Jonathan Lee, Kyle Tschanner, Sotio, 2:01.47; (Heat 3): 1. Saline, 1:39:84; 2. DV (Matt Lorinewski, Jonathan Lee, Kyle Tschannen, Tommy Wiaduck), 1:40.67; 3. Zeeland, 1:42.48; 4. Northville, 1:44.23; 5. Salem (Eugene Li, Nick Landon, Nathan Budnick, Philip Collingwood), 1:45.31; 6. Stevenson, 1:48.74.

200 freestyle (Heat 1): 1. Greg Wenning (Saline) 1:53; 79: 2 Andrew Campbell (DCC)

(Saline), 1:53.79; 2. Andrew Campbell (DCC), 1:55.13; 5. Tom Cousino (Salem), 2:18.82; (**Heat 2):** 1. Mac Robertson (Zeeland), 1:50.25; 3. Ethau Bezzina (DCC), 1:55.97; 6. Miles Angell (Salem), Bezzina (DCC) 155:597; 6. Miles Angel (Salem), 2:16.33; (Heat 3): 1. Ryan Klempter (Saline), 1:48.92; 3. Dan Vela (DCC), 1:52.47; 6. Colin Urbaczewski (Salem), 1:59.49; (Heat 4): 1. Daniel Keith (Saline), 1:42.11; 3. Tschannen (DCC), 1:50.65; 5. Collingwood (Salem), 1:56.71.

200 individual medley (Heat 1): 1. Bennett Loniewski (DCC), 2:13.16; 5. Lukasiewicz (Salem), 2:40.93; (**Heat 2**): 1. Walsh (DCC), 2:05.65; 6. Zhou (Salem), 2:29.39; (Heat 3): 1. Jared Ehrman

(Saline), 2:02.13; 2. M. Loniewski (DCC), 2:02.22; 5. Ryo Hirose (Salem), 2:17.99; **(Heat 4)**: 1. Jacob Ehrman (Saline), 1:57.60; 2. Li. (Salem), 2:00.63; 3. Lee (DCC), 2:01.97.

Lee (DCC), 2:01-97.

50 freestyle (Heat 1): 1. Matt Brown (Saline), 23.58; 4. Matthew Krakowiak (DCC), 25.55; 5. Abraham Soto (Salem), 25.87; (Heat 2): 1. Alex Calder (Saline), 23.65; 3. Logan Mills (DCC), 24.10; 5. Lucas Sheedy (Salem), 24.80; (Heat 3): 1. Max Duong (Saline), 23.37; 5. Connor (DCC), 24.15; 6. Theodore Downswell (Salem), 24.67; (Heat 4): 1. Gabriel Trevino (Zeeland), 21.47; 5. Wiaduck (DCC), 23.38; 6. Matthew Croop (Salem), 24.07.

100 butterfly (Heat 1): 1. Cole Nelson (Saline), 57.62; 3. Evan Gresens (DCC), 1:07.49; 5. Zhou (Salem), 1:13.17; (Heat 2): 1. Robbie Amori (Saline), 58.02; 3. Jacob Skwirsk (DCC), 1:00.17; 5. Soto (Salem), 1:03.91; (Heat 3): 1. Duong (Saline), 56.34; 2. Walsh (DCC), 56.36; 6. Croop (Salem), 1:02.67; (Heat 4): 1. Trevino (Zeeland), 51.86; 2. Tschannen (DCC), 53.85; 6. Budnick (Salem), 56.96. 100 freestyle (Heat 1): 1. Josh Wilwerth (Saline), 52.13; 4. Ethan Mekjian (DCC), 56.65; 6.

(Saline), 52.13; 4. Ethan Mekjian (DCC), 56.65; 6. Cousino (Salem), 58.77; (Heat 2): 1. Wenning (Saline), 51.65; 3. Connor Mullaly (DCC), 55.55; 5 Downswell (Salem), 58.22; (Heat 3): 1. Brown (Saline), 51.13; 2. Andrew Campbell (DCC), 52.73; 6. Sheedy (Salem), 55.80; (Heat 4): 1. Jackson O'Dowd (LS), 47.76; 4. Wiaduck (DCC), 51.17; 5. Collingwood (Salem), 53.04.

500 freestyle (Heat 1): 1. Spencer Rohloff (Saline), 5:11.77; 3. Joe Long (DCC), 5:46.11; 5. Aaron Smith (Salem), 6:03.15; (Heat 2): 1. Philip DeJonge Smith (Salem), 4:59.62; 3. B. Loniewski (DCC), 5:15.35; 6. Angell (Salem), 6:13.86; (Heat 3): 1. Mac Robertson (Zeeland), 4:58.59; 3. Ethan Bezzina (DCC), 5:07.15; 6. Urbaczewski (Salem), 5:36.93; (Heat 4): 1. Daniel Keith (Saline), 4:42.55; 5. Dan Vela (DCC), 5:04.20; 6. Budnick (Salem), 5:16.25

200-yard free relay (Heat 1): 1. Saline, 1:40.92; 8.51; 2. DCC (Schenkus, Haddad, Cherewick Schwartz), 1:43.15; 6. Salem (Tyler Schlamb, Vishrudh Vasudevan, Daniel Naqvi, Noàh Wood), 2:13.19; (Heat 2): 1. Saline, 1:34.93; 4. DCC (Krakowiak, Mekjian, B. Loniewski, Vela), 1:41.56; 6. Salem (Lucas Sheedy, Aaron Smith, Miles Angell, Tim Gumbel), 1:49.98; (Heat 3): 1. Saline, 1:28.75; 4. DCC (Mills, Connor, Campbell, Bezzina), 1:37.02; 5. Salem (Croop, Hirose, Downswell, Collingwood), 1:37.68. 100 backstroke (Heat 1): 1. Nelson (Saline), 59.36; 2. Mullaly (DCC), 1:00.34; 5. Jacob Rumptz (Salem), 1:15.84; (Heat 2): 1. Filsinger (Saline), 58.12; 4. Krakowiak (DCC), 1:05.09; 6. Gumbel (Salem), 1:19.39; (Heat 3): 1. Hunter Nelson

58.12; 4. Krakowiak (DCC), 1:05.09; 6. Gumbei (Salem), 1:19.39; (Heat 3): 1. Hunter Nelson (Saline), 59.36; 3. Connor (DCC), 1:00.94; 6. Caleb Johnson (Salem), 1:16.61; (Heat 4): 1. Mills (Zeeland), 53.75; 4. Chris Barron (DCC), 59.56; 6. Lukasiewicz (Salem), 1:09.88.

Lukasiewicz (Salem), 1:09.88.

100 breaststroke (Heat 1): 1. Robbie Amori (Saline), 1:08.12; 2. Schenkus (DCC), 1:08.97; 6. Johnson (Salem), 1:35.10; (Heat 2): 1. Josh Wilwerth (Saline), 1:06.04; 2. Mills (DCC), 1:07.34; 5. Landon (Salem), 1:10.38; (Heat 3): 1. M. Loniewski (DCC), 1:02.56; Kiloponen (Novi), 1:08.37.5. Hirose (Salem), 1:11.44; **(Heat 4):** 1. Lee (DCC), 1:01.17; 3. Li (Salem), 1:01.88.

400 freestyle relay (Heat 1): 1. Saline, 3:39.48; 2. DCC (Mullaly, B. Loniewski, Mekjian Krakowiak), 3:46.02; 5. (Salem) Lukasiewicz, Johnson, Smith, Rumptz), 4:23.64; (Heat 2): 1 Saline, 3:27.71; 2. DCC (Walsh, Campbell, Vela, Bezzina), 3:29.30; 6. Salem (Soto, Downswell, Cousino, Zhou), 3:59.89; (**Heat 3**): 1. Saline, 3:13.85; 3. DCC (Tschannen, Wiaduck, M. Loniewski, Lee), 3:21.70; 6. Salem (Li, Budnick, Croop, Sheedy),

RECREATIONAL GOLF

Winter lessons set for area fitness centers

Tim Smith Staff Writer

Yes it's winter, but that doesn't mean you can't spruce up your golf game.

Thanks to Train with Tami and Hickory Creek Golf Course teaching pro Tami Bealert — there are some options to work on everything from tee shots to put-

There are winter lessons on tap, including Golf Conditioning and Golf Enhancement sessions.

Following are some of the

» Golf Conditioning takes place at the golf course's Train With Tami Fitness Center, 3625 Napier Road, in Superior Township (just west of Canton). RSVP is required due to limited space for onehour sessions, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. Saturday through January.

A description of the session notes that participants will strive toward improving "overall strength and flexibility for increased distance and improved accuracy." To help that effort will be

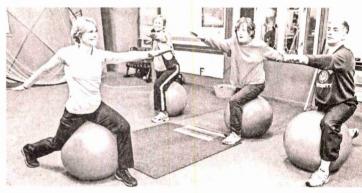
golf-specific exercises, learning how to move without risking an injury. Activ-Motion Bar and swing drills will be applied. Participants should bring a 6-iron and putter, mat, water bottle and towel.

» Golf Enhancement is a practice session 6:45-8 p.m. Monday at Oasis Practice Center (39500 Five Mile Road, Plymouth) encompassing all aspects of the game. There will be warmups and stretching, followed by time hitting balls. Each week there will be topics honing in on proper technique for putting, chipping, pitching, irons, woods and driver.

RSVP also is required for the Oasis sessions; go to www.TrainwithTami.com or call/text 734-731-0238 to sign

Six group lessons are \$135, with 12 for \$225. Private lessons are available by appointment.

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Golf conditioning instructor Tami Bealert (left) goes through a recent session with her students.

ROUNDUP

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Erin Hult (14 points).
Canton then closed out the victory in OT.
"It was a good team effort and it showed a lot of character to come back after being down early,"
Chiefs head coach Rob Heitmeyer said.
Finn sank a triple during the fourth quarter to help Canton reach overtime. She also hit four important foul shots down the stretch.
Steady defensive pressure in the second half and OT gave the Rockets fits, forcing 20 turnovers.
Madison Wolfbauer scored six points for Canton, while Natalie Winters contributed five. Scoring four each were Sam Mattern, Madison Archibald and Shamya Butler.

(GIRLS) NORTHVILLE 66, SALEM 57 (OT): Also going to overtime Tuesday was Salem's girls

basketball team, but the outcome wasn't as favorable Northville outscored the visiting Rocks 21-8 in the fourth and 9-0 in overtime to turn the tables. Salem (5-3, 0-2 KLAA Central) had built a 32-16 halftime

Lasha Petree registered 24 points and 10 rebounds for the Rocks, while Jala Petree added 11. Kendall Dillon scored 13 for Northville (7-1)

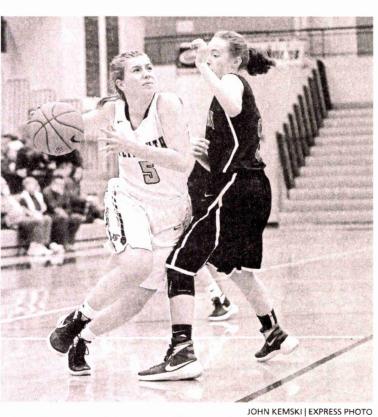
(BOYS) CANTON 68, JOHN GLENN 54: The Chiefs boys basketball team improved to 8-0 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA South Division with Tuesday's obi Okoli (15 points), Logan Ryan (11 points, 10

rebounds), Zhending Hu and Chris English (10 points each) sparked the victory. Canton hosts Wayne Memorial on Friday. (BOYS) PLYMOUTH 52, FRANKLIN 43:

Armani Tate scored 24 points Tuesday as the visiting Wildcats prevailed against Livonia Franklin. Frank Brown had 11 points and 12 rebounds for Plymouth (4-4, 2-0 KLAA South). Pete Carravallah added five points and seven boards.

(BOYS) NORTHVILLE 53, SALEM 52: The visiting Mustangs led Tuesday's KLAA Central Division boys basketball game most of the way, holding off a late Rocks rally.

"We fought our way back in the fourth quarter from an eight-point deficit," Salem head coach Bob Brodie said. "We had a shot at the buzzer, but it was kind of a desperation shot from about 30 feet."



Plymouth senior Hannah Badger (left) looks to drive past a Livonia Franklin defender Tuesday night.

Justin Zimbo scored 20 points for Northville,

including five triples.
Camren Barden scored 10 points for Salem.
Northville led 23-19 at halftime and 43-34 after three quarters. Salem's 18-10 fourth quarter edge

narrowly missed sending the contest to overtime.

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ATHLETICS Competing during a meet for Salem's varsity boys cross country team last fall is Griffin Skaff.

SKAFF

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number two, number three guy for us this fall," Aspinall said. "His personal best of 16:54 earned him second team all-area honors.'

Skaff also will run track and field at Ohio Northern. He is entering his senior season at Salem and will contribute in distance

He carries a 3.78 gradepoint average and will study toward becoming a pharma-

"On top of being a strong

pharmacy school, they have a very strong cross country team that I am excited to be a part of," Skaff said. "(Ohio Northern) gives me an opportunity to keep running in college. Staying competitive and active into adulthood are things I hope to continue to do."

Meanwhile, Aspinall said he "will be looking forward to watching (Skaff's) progression as a college runner and his leadership will be greatly missed next year."

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Phlanthropy is right down their alley

Timnith Stafriter

On the surfe, it's just bowling on a 'indom late Saturday in tlmiddle of Janu-

But it all ds much deeper than that for lem senior student-athles Brynna Samuels, Rachel Dez and Rachel Pfannes. ThNational Honor Society merers are the driv-

ing force be hind Saturd's bowling furraiser for t Live Like Nx Foundation

For just20, Samuels a person cl

spend a cople of hours locking down ins at Super Bowl in Canton (c Ford Road, near Canon Onter Road) while hopefull-helping knock out the cind f heart ailment that in 2014 kiled 20-year-old Max Parlingon.

Withall three of us being athetes we wanted to choose an rganization that fit a little cleer to us and the first one th: cane to mind was the Live Lie Max Foundation," said Sauels, who along with Lopez isn Salem's varsity girls bwling team.

Pardington was an elite alete and the picture of hilth when he died suddenly fim an enlarged heart. Trough efforts such as those b Samuels, Pfannes and Lorz, the hope is that future sident-athletes will be able to op such a fate from happen**BOWLING FOR MAX**

What: Fundraiser for the Live Like Max Foundation.

When/where: 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday at Super Bowl Lanes, on Ford Road near Canton Center Road, in

Why: National Honor Society students Brynna Samuels, Rachel Pfannes and Rachel Lopez, all Salem seniors, spearheaded the fundraiser in honor of Max Pardington, a seemingly healthy 20-year-old who died suddenly in 2014 from an enlarged heart.

Dollars raised Saturday continue the Live Like Max Foundation's ongoing quest to provide "necessary heart checks for high school athletes to prevent this from happening to any other family." Cost: \$20 per person, covering the cost of shoes, pizza, pop and bowl-

Raffle: Baskets provided by area businesses such as Yogurt Palooza, Emagine Theaters, Kilwins and others will be raffled off (\$1 for one ticket, \$2 for two tickets, \$5 for eight tickets).

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ing to them.

Bowling was a no-doubter for the trio when it came time to decide how to help the Live Like Max mission.

'We decided to do a bowling event, because Rachel Lopez and I are already at that bowling alley four days of the week," Samuels said. "So we already knew who to contact and (also) because it is fun and

available to do during the win-

Samuels — also on Salem's varsity girls track and field squad, as is Pfannes - said feedback around the Park about the philanthropic project has been extremely positive.

'I have heard a bunch of 'This is nice what you guys are doing' and 'Congratulations, because this is a huge thing you are taking on," she said. "They have all been around the same: positive, encouraging and gratifying because (we) can take this leadership opportunity and apply it to many other things.

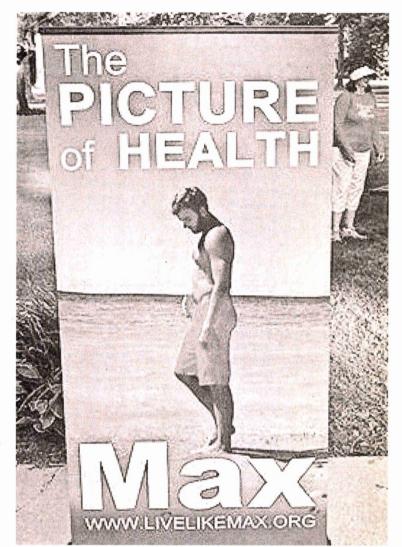
Local businesses got behind the students as they went about completing their project, providing baskets that will be raffled off.

The students have covered all the bases in advance of the event, which is scheduled for 7:30-10 p.m.

"We have gone to social media to make an event on Facebook and have invited people to it," Samuels said. "We have placed fliers up around all three high schools, have made an announcement for the school news and have even left sheets at Super

With months of dedication and effort behind them, now it's time for Samuels, Lopez and Pfannes to bask in the glory of a job well done and literally let the pins fall where

Certainly, many others will turn out Saturday night to make sure they do.



COURTESY PARDINGTON FAMILY

Max Pardington indeed was "The Picture of Health," but he died suddenly in 2014 from an undetected enlarged heart. Super Bowl in Canton is hosting a fundraiser Saturday.

REP WRESTLING

Despite going 0-4, CC Super Duals beneficial

Brad Emons

Although going an uncharcteristic 0-4 Saturday in its own Super Duals tournament, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's vrestling team hopes to reap the benefits down the road.

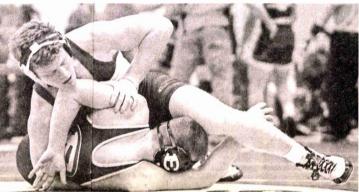
Last year's national champion and ninth-ranked Oak Park (Ill.) River Forest defeated the Shamrocks in the opener, 40-24, while Portage (Ind.), ranked sixth in its state rankings, downed CC, 41-22.

Two highly-regarded Ohio schools, Lakewood St. Edward, ranked No. 7 nationally by USA Today, and Brecksville defeated the Shamrocks by scores of 58-11 and 40-29, respectively.

St. Edward captured all four matches on the day to improve to 16-1 overall. The Eagles' lone loss this season is to Buchanan (Calif.).

'Our guys made a choice to attend Catholic Central to be challenged academically, athletically and spiritually," said CC coach Mitch Hancock, whose team took on four of the Midwest's prep powers while slipping to 6-5 overall. "We have an intense schedule this year and it's to prepare our guys for the postseason. Records shift to 0-0 in the postsea-

Leading the way with four wins apiece on the day for the Shamrocks were junior Ty Morland (182 pounds) and freshman Kevon Davenport (120). Heavyweight Nick Jenkins finished 3-1, while Connor Curnutte (195) went 2-2.



Junior Tyler Morlanl (top) won all four of his 182-pound matches in the CC Super Duals, including a win against Lakewood (Ohio) St. Edward.

"We could've vrestled at a local tournamen up the road, possibly gone 5-1 on the day and walked out lke super heroes," Hancock aid. "We wrestled three of theoughest teams in the coutry and saw many bright sigs from our guys. I'm prouchf the way they competed nd wrestled."

The Shamroks return to action at 6 p.m.Friday when they travel to tke on defending MHSAA Drision 1 state champion Brigton.

Dual setba«

Two of the rate's Division 1 wrestling titas collided Jan. 6, with visiting lavison escaping with a 29-23 dal meet triumph over host CC

Davenpor(125 pounds) and Cam Amine (35) started the meet with vitories for CC before the Crdinals won five straight weiht classes to take a 23-8 advarage.

Morland stopped the bleeding for the Shamrocks when he bumped up to 189 to decision top-ranked Brendan McRill, 3-1. Jackson Ross (215) followed with a win over No. 5ranked Tanner Thomas, while Jenkins (285) pulled CC within striking distance with a pin.

At 103, Rhett Newton battled, but lost on what was to be a tying take-down at the end of regulation. Junior David Rastique then earned a 7-2 victory over Raymond Cole at 112 to pull the Shamrocks to within three, 26-23.

Davison, which knocked CC out of last year's quarterfinal in Battle Creek, sewed up the victory at 119 pounds when state champ A.J. Facundo decisioned Stone Moscovic, 8-2.

Our guys always compete hard," Hancock said. "That was an 8-6 dual, with us losing several close matches that could have gone either way."

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hot and hit two threes, because they shadowed him so quickly, he had to really work to get his

Malcolm scored 10 of his team's first-quarter points, but managed only six more after that. Chipping in eight points was senior Levi Yakuber, while Layne Pries drained two triples for six total points.

Blue streak

On the other side, it was a blur of blue as the relentless visitors (also called the Eagles) hit shots from well behind the arc — particularly Richard Feagin, who did the trick twice in the first half from the MHSAA logo near the PCA bench — and also dominated the glass for easy put-backs and jams.

Leading the charge for Southfield Christian (6-1) was Marlo Brown, with 21 points and 10 rebounds. Contributing 15 points each were siblings Bryce Washington and Brock Washington, while Caleb Hunter (10 points) and Feagin (nine points) also made their presence known.

"They do a nice job," Southfield Christian head coach Josh Baker said about the Washington brothers. "Both of those guys scored real well and then Marlo, like usual, he rebounds and passes, too.

We had 43 rebounds, 12 offensive boards at the half, and that was big for us."

Plymouth Christian (3-3, 0-2) was outrebounded 43-29, with Malcolm grabbing seven. Another sticking point for PCA was the inability to finish numerous layups and put-back attempts during the first half.

Windle emphasized jitters might have contributed to those misses, as well as the

go-go-go pace of Southfield Christian.

"In terms of finishing, we couldn't do it," Windle said. "And part of it had to ... you can say it's a little bit of

nerves. "But I think a lot of it has to do with them being so on the go that (we) just got tired a little bit. When it comes to that (fatigue), you may have diffi-

culty finishing at the basket." The first-year coach added that not having Brian Schlientz available due to illness took away one of his team's better defenders. He then cited firstquarter foul trouble by Max Okolo, usually a top rebounder

for the Eagles. "It was the David and Goliath story," Windle said. "Nobody expects us to win, but we have to push through it and

play with heart. "We gave it all we could. I think we would have given them a lot bigger and better of a game if we didn't get called for so many fouls.'

Under pressure

Malcolm acknowledged feeling the extra defensive pressure immediately after he swished soaring treys from each corner to give PCA its only edge of the night.

'They're tough. They put somebody right on me and they were face-guarding me the whole time," Malcolm said. "They have long arms and they're quick.'

He added that his team "played tough and gave it our all. That's all you can ask for in a game like that."

"I thought we gambled a little bit and gave them some open looks and they shot it well (at the start)," Baker said, noting Malcolm's early hot streak. "So we tried to just stay solid and keep them in front.'

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PREP GYMNASTICS

Invitationals help ark teams stay sharp

Tim Smith Staff Writer

Two Park varsity gymnastics teams literally are getting into the routine, with solid showings Saturday.

Plymouth scored a new season-high with 138.3 points at the Fraser Invitational, earning runner-up honors. Meanwhile, Canton finished third the same day at the Lowell Invitational.

For the Wildcats, coach Pam Yockey cited "strong all-around seniors Haley Metz, Rebeca Simu and Emily Welch" with seconds and

thirds in Divisions 1 or 2. Victorious on vault in D2 competition was Welch, with a

Simu earned second place on floor exercise in D1 while taking third on beam; Metz tallied second on both vault

and balare beam. Another standout/as senior Sam Fontana, seend on vault in D2.

Yocke also pointed to the growth; gymnasts and team leaders y Adriana Tao and Eva Eila. Tao, a junior, finished soond on uneven parallel barshird on beam and fifth orloor for D2.

Plyouth trailed only GrossPointe United, victorious ith a 139.475 team score

Canin recap

ALowell, Canton finished thirdut of 14 teams with 133.4 points, behind Rockford (143) and Livonia Blue

ktie Dickson led the Chi's with four excellent eves in D1, finishing fourth in a all-around with 34.525. Sholaced third on bars with 8.8nd her 8.95 on floor was

good for eighth. Also strong in D1 was Jana

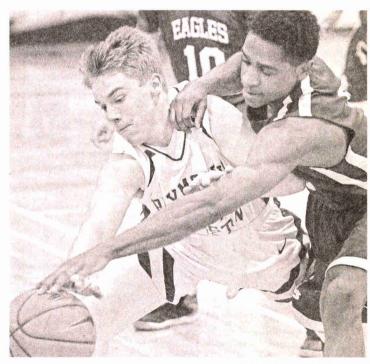
Hilditch. She was sixth in allaround (34.05), with 9.25 on floor earning her sixth. Leading Canton's D2 con-

tingent was Hailey Hodgson, who posted a 9.05 score on vault for second place. She also was fifth on floor (9.125) and fourth in the all-around

Consistency enabled Rachel Socha to finish eighth in allaround (32.55), while freshman Katherine Najduk made her debut with a "nice bar routine" of 8.375 (sixth), while finishing 10th in all-around with 31.725, coach John Cunningham said.

The Chiefs look to defend their team championship at the Jeanne Caruss Invitational this Saturday.

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Battling for the basketball are Plymouth Christian's Layne Pries (left) and Southfield Christian's Marlo Brown.

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Home Builders Association buoyed by late 2015 report data

Julie Brown Staff Writer

Mild weather late in 2015 meant that home builders could keep on working.

"I've got to believe that it is" a key factor, Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, said of a late December report showing home permits in the region going strong. "Last winter, we spent a lot of time blaming the weather. It's nothing like what it's been the last couple of years," he said of late 2015 weather and home construction.

Residential construction "is a very seasonal activity here in the Midwest," he said. "When it does get cold, people get laid off from their (construction) jobs."

The extra hours and income are helpful to many, he added. "It helps bless a lot of families.'

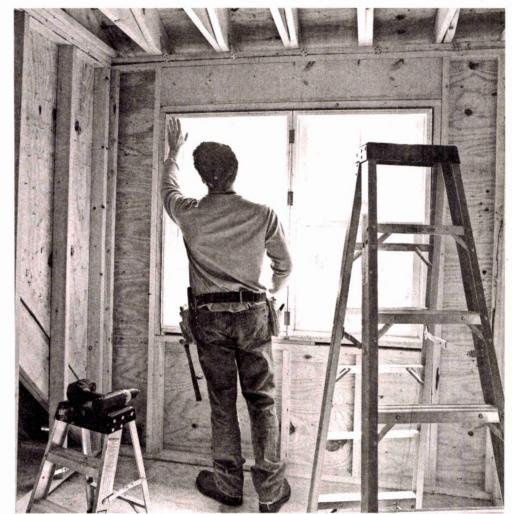
Based on single-family new home permit data compiled by the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and reported in the HBA Southeastern Michigan Residential Building Activity Report, a total of 308 single-family permits were issued in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties in November 2015. That's the highest November total since November 2006 (404).

Activity was 32% higher compared to a November 2014's total of 233 permits, reflecting the milder weather this year. Oakland County led the way with 163 new home permits issued during the month, nearly matching its revised October 2015 result of 167 permits. This was also Oakland County's highest November permit total dating back to 2005 (249), the report

The region's multi-family construction continued its strong year with another 246 permits issued in November. Similar to the single-family results, this was the highest November multi-family permit total dating back to 2006 (263). November's activity also marks the 14th consecutive month with multi-family permit activity, the longest such streak since a 19-month run dating from July 2004 to January 2006, the report notes.

Based on the econometrics used in the forecast calculations, the HBA/ASA New Housing Permit Forecast projects a total of 2,516 permits will be issued in the sixmonth, December-to-May time frame.

Stoskopf noted Canton, Macomb Township and Lyon Township building of



Contractor working on window in new home

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homes "that have led the way and are continuing to do that." It's "at a pace people can buy at and the market can ab-

sorb," he said.
"Canton is probably the closest to being built out" of those three, with Macomb Township next, followed by Lyon Township, he said.

The HBA's 2016 Homearama will be the second half of September and first half of October in Macomb Township, featuring some 10 model homes.

"It should be a real nice time of year weather-wise," Stoskopf said. The homes will be in the \$350,000-\$600,000 price

"We're really excited about being back

out in Macomb Township," he said. "We're excited about returning to Macomb Town-

He added of the December building report, "It's just really exciting to finish 2015 on a high note. We'reactually looking at 2016 as having a probability of dating back to 2006" in constructon levels.

'We've got that chancein 2016 to get up to that level," he said. "I don't see a recession in the next couple years. Things look real positive for 2016.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 10-14, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses

and sales prices.	
BEVERLY HILLS	
21699 Corsaut Ln	\$314,000
22656 Highbank Dr	\$555,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
30275 Oakview Way	\$265,000
32840 Outland Trl	\$667,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1331 Cedar Dr	\$650,000
1320 Dorchester Rd	\$465,000
1388 E Melton Rd	\$247,000
1679 Graefield Rd	\$137,000
1946 Graefield Rd	\$123,000
531 Graten St	\$375,000
959 Hazel St	\$788,000
1948 Hazel St	\$705,000
1221 Hillside Dr	\$782,000
880 N Adams Rd	\$112,000
1041 N Old Woodward Ave #1	\$285,000
1265 S Bates St	\$328,000
1400 Smith Ave	\$670,000
155 Wimbleton Dr	\$485,000
980 Wimbleton Dr	\$900,000
2280 Yorkshire Rd	\$ 323,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
5576 N Adams Way	\$287,000
4475 Burnley Dr	\$250,000
6363 Dakota Cir	\$563,000
3178 E Bradford Dr	\$276,000
1790 Huntingwood Ln	\$495,000
4830 N Harsdale Rd	\$600,000
437 S Williamsbury Rd	\$307,000
4216 Sedgemoor Ln	\$315,000
902 Tartan Trl	\$425,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
3131 Berkshire Dr	\$278,000
928 Bloomfield Knoll Dr	\$1,055,000
3871 Carriage Rd	\$480,000
6785 Cedarbrook Dr	\$345,000
4563 Chelsea Ln	\$860,000
383 Concord Pl	\$90,000
120 Devon Rd	\$690,000

3320 Squirrei Ka	\$675,000	
5543 Westwood Ln	\$ 360,000	
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP		
4570 Achilla St	\$165,000	
5680 Blackmoor St	\$220,000	
4295 Bluebird Dr	\$455,000	
5244 Bridge Trl E	\$328,000	
5485 Buell Dr	\$320,000	
4536 Darlene Dr	\$352,000	
4900 Juniper Dr	\$290,000	
4705 Kara Ct	\$428,000	
3759 Loch Bend Dr	\$830,000	
8070 Mario St	\$145,000	
2809 Orenda St	\$155,000	
4625 Racewood Dr	\$440,000	
2784 Red Arrow Dr	\$160,000	
185 Robin Rd	\$175,000	
1595 Salishan Ln	\$310,000	
1656 Trace Hollow Dr	\$317,000	
430 W Grand Traverse St	\$250,000	
9033 War Bonnet Dr	\$299,000	
FARMINGTON	\$299,000	
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33796 Glenview Ct	\$150,000	
22808 Manning St	\$144,000	
23060 Manning St	\$175,000	
26347 Valhalia Dr	\$350,000	
FARMINGTON HILLS 21822 Albion Ave	\$91,000	
21908 Albion Ave	\$96,000	
24907 Arden Park Dr	\$305,000	
22307 Atlantic Pointe	\$94,000	
31691 Belmont St	\$225,000	
27590 Bridle Hills Dr	\$235,000	
21990 Cass St	\$201,000	
38655 Cedarbrook Ct	\$365,000	
29817 Edgehill Ave	\$115,000	
27697 Forestbrook Dr	\$275,000	
27714 Forestbrook Dr	\$212,000	
30084 Fox Club Dr	\$420,000	
36117 Fredericksburg Rd	\$275,000	
38543 Horton Dr	\$315,000	
34897 Huntington Ct	\$490,000	
22159 Inkster Rd	\$125,000	
35872 Johnstown Rd	\$286,000	
27848 Kendallwood Dr	\$186,000	
28401 Lake Park Dr W	\$239,000	
25597 Livingston Cir	\$365,000	
32341 Nestlewood St	\$213,000	
25220 Pimlico Ct	\$ 158,000	
29551 Pine Ridge Cir	\$128,000	

0	21830 River Ridge Trl	\$270,000	46590 Galway Dr	\$440,000
0	29771 Sierra Point Cir	\$170,000	25614 Gina Ct	\$482,000
0	29779 Sierra Point Cir	\$190,000	40342 Guilford	\$192,000
	23159 Tuck Rd	\$136,000	24361 Kings Pointe	\$210,000
0	30040 W 13 Mile Rd	\$147,000	29930 Martell Ct	\$140,000
Ö	37859 Windwood Dr	\$275,000	23720 Maude Lea St	\$175,000
0	FRANKLIN		27113 Maxwell Ct	\$308,000
0	26125 Woodlore Rd	\$460,000	24447 Olde Orchard St	\$120,000
0	HIGHLAND		24619 Olde Orchard St	\$107,000
0	3812 Chapin Dr	\$270,000	109 Parklow St	\$288,000
0	3481 E Clarice Ave	\$150,000	24849 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$560,000
0	2794 Golfers Dr	\$110,000	24252 Saybrook Ct	\$650,000
0	2083 Highland Dr	\$115,000	41614 Sleepy Hollow Dr	\$218,000
0	2257 N Milford Rd	\$62,000	351 South Lake Dr	\$725,000
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0	MILFORD	*******	59007 Cobblers Ct	\$355,000
0	375 E Summit St	\$269,000	225 Columbia Dr	\$308,000
0	719 Friar Dr	\$157,000	788 Fox Ct	\$210,000
0	305 Highland Ave	\$190,000	52432 Fremont Dr E	\$473,000
-	201 Lone Tree Rd	\$350,000	22965 Fremont Dr N	\$490,000
0	285 Napa Valley Dr	\$340,000	322 Harvard Ave	\$185,000
0	1250 Old Milford Farms	\$386,000	1213 Horseshoe Dr	\$339,000
0	850 Panorama Dr	\$136,000	25400 Meadow Ct	\$383,000
Ő	54655 Pontiac Trl	\$273,000	SOUTHFIELD	3303,000
0	NORTHVILLE	3273,000	27327 Apple Blossom Ln	\$165,000
0	1222 Charleston Ct	\$190,000	17382 Bonstelle Ave	\$288,000
0	51768 Curtis Ct	\$526,000	16191 Edwards Ave	\$159,000
0	49551 Deer Run	\$650,000	27416 Everett St	\$167,000
0	52314 Ferndale Dr	\$457,000	15870 Fairfax St	\$136,000
Ю	45150 Mayo Dr	\$351,000	21671 Farmer A	\$25,000
0	938 McDonald Dr	\$512,000	17348 Hilton St	\$65,000
0	978 McDonald Dr	\$525,000	23250 Russell St	\$160,000
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0	45627 Addington Ln	\$440,000	19114 Starlane St	\$150,000
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10	22481 Fuller Dr	\$395,000	8034 Springdale Dr	\$225,000

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15408 Richfield St	\$200,000	191
8858 Saville Row	\$70,000	127
9352 Stonehouse Ave	\$319,000	169
17953 University Park Dr	\$119,000	127
18387 University Park Dr	\$80,000	249
5625 Westbrook St	\$195,000	200
31860 Wyoming St	\$145,000	965
NORTHVILLE		917
16793 Abby Cir	\$490,000	154
405 Covington Ct	\$360,000	128
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40422 Cove Ct	\$280,000	300
40826 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$382,000	320
44475 Gov Bradford	\$315,000	484
41688 Greenbriar Ln	\$220,000	370
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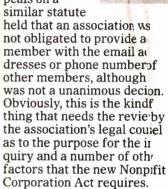
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Questin arises on mail addreses, phone rumbers

Q: I am presint of our association andm wondering whether weave to provide email addrses and phone numbers, a request for information om a mem-

A: There is a nv amendment to Michigan onprofit Corporation Act the provides various questions hich have to be satisfied befc members are given the right; the access of the books at records of the associa-

tion. That is yet to be determined and it is on a case by case basis. However, in the case out of Utah, the Utah Court of Appeals on a



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Q: We are members of subdivision association wherein all of the owners have easements over the association's own parks ad streets. However, the assolation is threatening to give permission to one of our owners to construct a privte deck on the park property next to his lot. Several of u have objected to the deck and we are wondering whether we have a basis to stop the association from authorizing the private use of what we think to be a common area.

A: I think you are on firm ground, particularly based upon a recent decision from the Michigan Court of Appea that clearly determined that constructing a private deck in the common area was contrar to that subdivision's restrictions and the dedicatory language on the plat. The court reasoned that an easement is right to use land owned by another, but it does not includ the right to occupy and posses the land in the same way as the property's owner. In essence what the court said was where a plat dedicates land for use b all subdivision lot owners, the have an irrevocable right to use it. That should help a lawyer you retain to advise you or this matter.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-Eleven, near Trenton Road.

For more information, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for vour reservation or additional information.

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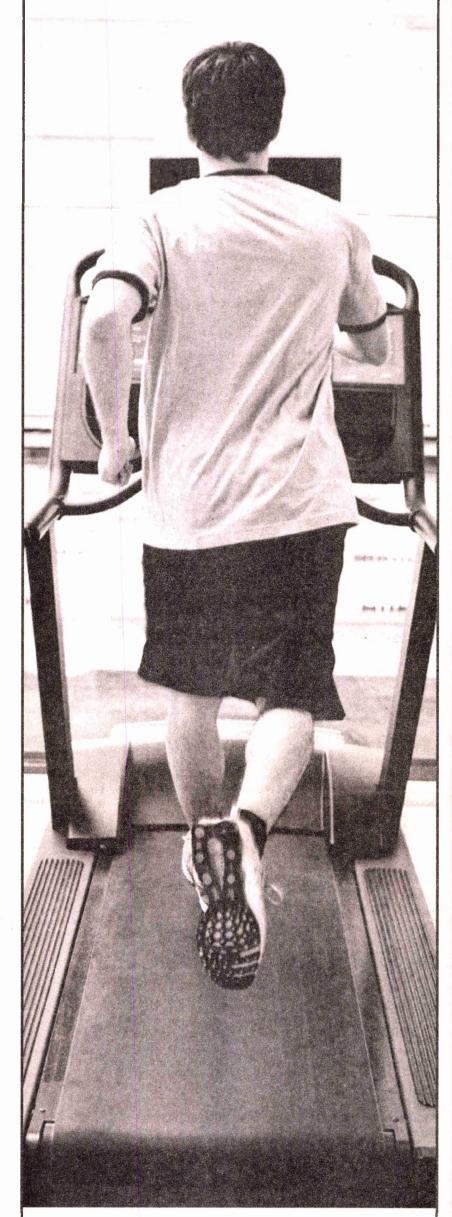
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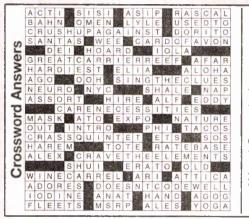
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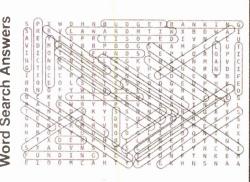
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th Northville's live music options limited mainly to summertime events like Arts & Acts, Friday Night Concerts and Victorian Festival, a

local company has decided to test the waters and expand offerings by presenting a four-part jazz series at the Tipping Point Theatre.

Kittens & Crooners features four of metro Detroit's top vocalists and their bands on selected Saturdays. The series kicked off Jan. 9 with Brad McNett. The remaining shows feature Jill Jack & The American Songbook Band — March 12; Paul King — May 14; and Beth Stalker —

July 9.

"This series focuses on the classic jazz vocalists — like Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald and Nat King Cole, said producer Whitney Stone, of Brighton-based 2 Stones Events, "and the singers we've selected fit the bill perfectly."

In addition, ticket holders will dine on appetizers from area restaurants and explore a variety of wines provided by local shops.

Another element of this series brings in the Northville Art House, which has been using 2 Stones Events to book the musical portion of the annual Arts & Acts Festival since

At each of the four shows, the Art House will bring in select pieces from one of its featured artists to display in the theater. Concert attendees can even purchase the art with portions of the proceeds going to Tipping Point and the Art House.

"This venue is known for its intimate setting," Stone said. "Depending on the configuration, it only seats between 105 and 120. For live jazz, the sound and visuals will be outstanding — no TVs blasting sports or any of the other typical drawbacks of clubs and bars.

Doors open at 7 p.m., with wine tasting and appetizers until 7:45 p.m. The shows will run 8-10 p.m. with a brief intermission. There will also be a cash bar with wine, beer and nonalcoholic beverages available.

Tickets are \$30, but patrons can save 10 percent by purchasing the four-show series. Tipping Point season ticket holders will also receive a 10-percent discount.

'We want these shows to be an elegant evening of great jazz, wine. art and food - all right here in downtown Northville," Stone said. "The Tipping Point, Art House and 2 Stones are blasting this series out to nearly 10,000 emails twice a month, so I wouldn't wait too long to get tickets."

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"This is also a great opportunity for businesses to get in front of a select audience and be part of a truly unique event in Northville," Stone

Series lineup

» March 12 — Jill Jack & The American Songbook Band: Thirtyseven time Detroit award-winning singer/songwriter Jack and longtime drummer Ron Pangborn have talked about putting a project together that celebrates the music they both love The American Songbook. Selecting some of the best musicians in Detroit, they have captured the beautiful essence of the music of an era

long ago. Come celebrate with them as they will take you on their musical

» May 14 — Paul King: The crooner describes his style as "a mixture of Mel Torme, Joe Williams and Frank Sinatra — with a dash of Cab Calloway thrown in." Detroit's Metro Times wrote: "His voice has been banned in some nightclubs for inducing public displays of affection on the dance floor."

King, vocalist for The Rhythm Society Orchestra, has been featured on a number of local television and radio programs. He has also performed with veterans of some famous big bands, including Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Sam Donahue, Joe Williams, Lionel Hampton and Big Joe Turner.

» July 9 — Beth Stalker: A Detroit native and seven-time Detroit Music Awards winner, Stalker is no stranger to the music biz, beginning her career at the age of 4. Known then as "Little Liz," she released her first full-length album, Jesus Loves Me. Soon after, she began touring and making appearances on several local television shows. And though she loved the glitz and glam of the music industry, she took some time away from the spotlight to focus on school.

At 20, Stalker was back at it, releasing her second album, Here with You. The album garnered much praise at the Detroit Music Awards, earning her six awards. One year later, she recorded and released Hallelujah I Love Him. But her journey didn't end there. In 2008, she auditioned for American Idol, making it to Hollywood after receiving the highly coveted "golden ticket." In 2012, Stalker released an EP titled A Reason to Smile. Currently, she's hard at work on her fourth full-length album, her first project to be recorded and released by Decibel.

Detroit Zoo stays wild for winter

Temperatures may be frosty, but there's still plenty of wildlife to see this time of year at the Detroit Zoo, which is coming off a record-breaking year of attendance.

The family-friendly "Wild Winter" weekends are returning from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 16-17 and Feb. 6-7 at the Ford Education Center in Royal Oak.

The events are free with zoo admission. Gray wolves, wolverines, Japanese macaques, tigers, camels, polar bears, arctic foxes and red pandas can all be see outside, according to a press release.

Visitors can also explore various indoor areas, too, including the Edward Mardigian Sr. River Otter Habitat, the Matilda R. Wilson Free-Flight Aviary, Butterfly Garden Holden Reptile Conservation Center, National Amphibian Conservation Center, Great Apes of Harambee and Penguinarium.

The zoo is open 362 days a year. "When it's too cold for the giraffes and rhinos to be outside, there are indoor viewing areas where visitors can see these majestic animals year-round," Detroit Zoological Society executive director and CEO Ron Kagan stated.



Snowflakes fall on Wazi, a gray wolf, at the

New record

In 2015, a modern-record of 1,476,378 people came to the zoo, breaking the 1997 record by more than 100,000. It's also the ninth straight year that attendance has topped 1 million, the zoo said.

Popular attractions this year included: the annual Wild Lights holiday light display, which attracted more than



ROY LEWIS

An arctic fox roams on a naturalistic habitat at the Detroit Zoo.

144,000 people; the Cotton Family Wolf

Wilderness, which opened in June; and the Dinosauria exhibit with 40 animatronic dinosaurs, the zoo said. "Good weather for most of the year, Wild Lights, wolves, dinosaurs and continued improvements in operations and facilities are all contributing factors," Kagan stated. "We're grateful to

our community for another fantastic



PATTI TRUESDELL Rofu, a red panda, scampers around the zoo.

even more outstanding experiences." The zoo is home to 2,500 animals representing 270 species that live on 125 acres of naturalistic habitats.

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Motown musician to screen, discuss 'Unsung' Jan. 27

Greg Mullin Staff Writer

Motown's distinct sound produced countless hits and household names in the 1960s and

But many of its musicians never achieved the notoriety of singers like Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, The Temptations and Smokey Robinson.

One of those musicians, saxophonist Duane Parham, recently released The Unsung Musicians of the Motown Empire, a documentary that he'll screen at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, at the Southfield Public Library.

Outreach librarian Kelly Rembert discussed what inspired the library to screen this

"Motown is so connected with Detroit. We always hear about the big names that came out of Motown," she said. "But so many other

LEWIS, PATRICIA

Age 72, passed away December

23, 2015, after a long battle with

MS and cancer. A memorial lun-

cheon is planned for friends and

family Saturday, January 16, at 1:30 p.m. at 24388 Kings Pointe, Novi, Michigan, 48375. Arrangements by O'Brien &

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people produced the Motown sound that we know and love. This documentary highlights those unsung heroes. That's the fun part about it — it gives them the recognition that they created the sound that we know and love."

After the screening, Parham will lead a discussion about the film

Deadlines: Friday. 4:00 p.m. for Sunday papers • Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. for Thursday papers

SLOCUM,

JOAN KENNEDY

Age 89, of Naples, Florida, died

December 20, 2015. Born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 26, 1926

to Margaret (Cooley) and James

Alexander Kennedy. Margaret

predeceased Joan in 1926. In

1932. James married Elizabeth

(Earhart) and Elizabeth became

Joan's mother. Attended Liggett

School in Detroit, Walnut Hill School High School in Natick,

MA and graduated from Univer-

sity of Michigan in Ann Arbor in

1943. Was a member of Delta

Gamma sorority and received a

BA from the University of Mich-

igan in 1948 and an MFA in

metalsmithing from Cranbrook

Academy of Art in 1981. Married William W. Slocum

(predeceased her in 2013) in Ann

Arbor in 1948. In Birmingham,

MI she was a member of the

Village Club, the Birmingham

Athletic Club, the Junior League,

and the Michigan Silversmiths

Guild. In Harbor Springs, MI she

was a member of Birchwood Farms Golf and Country Club,

and in Naples, FL she was a

member of Moorings Presbyteri-

an Church and (formerly) a member of the Naples Yacht Club, the Royal Poinciana Coun-

try Club, and the League Club.

Survivors include her four

daughters, Anne Slocum Nelson.

(David) of Denver. CO, Libby

Slocum of Paw Paw, MI, Jody

Slocum Buetow, (Kurt) of Downing, WI, and Meg Slocum Cusack, (Kevin) of Grand

Rapids, MI. A fifth daughter,

Amy Slocum, of NYC, predeceased her in 2008. Nine

grandchildren and three great-

granddaughters also survive;

Jake, Rachael Ringenberg, (Joe)

and daughters Lux and Joan,

Leighton, Alex, Wilson, and

Peter Cusack, and Stefan Buetow

(Jenna), daughter Jillian and Matt Buetow, as well as brothers David (Sally) and James (Patti)

Kennedy, sisters Ann Irish

(David) and Susan Kennedy,

(predeceased by Susan in 2014)

Klingbeil and many nieces and

nephews. Besides raising five

daughters, Joan was active as an artist, supporter of the arts and a

philanthropist. Her interests in

learning new things continued

until she died. At 53, she returned to school for her masters degree in metalsmithing.

At 80, she became a painter. She

Erickson,

(Cale)

Joanie

brother-in-law

and Motown.

"He was inspired by looking at the legacy of Motown and how some of his fellow musicians have been recognized or not recognized," Rembert said. "So he put this documentary together.

"He draws from such a wide knowledge, being

there personally. Parham also recently established the Educational Arts Society, a nonprofit organization that aims to provide scholarship opportunities and promote the professional development of aspiring young artists. For more information, go to easzmusic.org.

No reservations are required for the event. DVDs will be available for sale.

For more information about the library, go to southfieldlibrary.org or call the Guest Services Desk at 248-796-4224.

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SWANSON,

LUCILLE RICE

"PAT" "LOU"

In loving memory of Swanson, Lucille Rice "Pat", "Lou". Age

96, passed away January 4, 2016.

Lucille was born in Detroit, Michigan on September 4, 1919,

the eldest child of Frank and

Helen (nee Piekarek) Rice. She

met and married Bert Alfred

Swanson, while both worked at

Ford Motor Company in Detroit

during and after World War II.

Lucille and Bert were wed in

1946 and remained married more

than 64 years until Bert's death

in 2011. After her mother Helen's death in 1992, Lucille

was referred to and considered

the matriarch of the Rice Family.

She is survived by three siblings,

Clarence "Al" Rice (Laura),

Betty (Carl, deceased) Weiner, and Frank B. Rice, Jr. (Patricia). She is also survived by her three

sons, Thomas (Karen), Gregory

(Denise), and Mark (caregiver

extraordinaire); along with ten

grandchildren, Shawn, Jeremy,

Matthew, Peter, Hanna, Emma,

Laura, and Alyssa; two step-children, Judith Swanson and Bert Adams; and numerous

nephews and nieces. A memorial

service/celebration of life will be

held at a later date. Memorial

tributes may be sent to St. Jude

Children's Research Hospital, or

May peace be

with you in this

time of sorrow.

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to a charity of choice.

Sara (Michael),

resident

Hills,

longtime

Birmingham/Bloomfield

RELIGION CALENDAR

JANUARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31

Location: Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Regional School, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City

Details: Tour the school, meet the principal, pick up a registration packet

Contact: 734-425-4420

WIDOWED FRIENDS Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday,

Jan. 17 Location: St. Kenneth, 14951

Haggerty, Plymouth Details: Mass and potluck lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Call Liz at 734-452-9149 to find out what foods are needed. Widowed friends is a peer support group of the Archdiocese of

Contact: Pat at 734-895-6246

WOMEN'S EVENT

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 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 nonbelievers or are not mature in their faith. The conference will include a continental breakfast and lunch. Tickets are \$30, available at https://spiritualmismatch.eventbite.com Contact: 734-421-0472

FEBRUARY AUCTION

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb.

Location: Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, West-

Details: Auction supports Concordia Lutheran School. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$270 for a table of 10 and includes appetizer, dinner, desserts, drinks and auction. Deadline is Feb. 8. Order by calling 248-474-2488 or 313-937-2233 Contact: Laura Goodman at 313-937-2233

ONGOING THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian Location: 25350 W. Six Mile,

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through

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

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 frian 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

» Congregation Bet Chave-

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

month Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Meth-

odist Church, 321 S. Ridge,

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

Contact: www.Facebook.com/ betchaverim or email to be-

tchaverim@vahoo.com » Due Season Christian

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

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,

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

Time/Date: Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicap parking

Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road

Contact: 734-421-7620 » Good Hope Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday

Location: 28680 Cherry Hill,

Garden City Contact: 734-427-3660

» Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school/adult Bible study; 10 a.m.

Sunday service

Contact: Rev. Thomas E. Schroeder at 248-349-0565; GoodShepherdNovi.org

» Grace Lutheran Church Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service and 10:30 a.m. contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15

a.m. Location: 46001 Warren Road, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township

Contact: 734-637-8160 » His Church Anglican Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity

and 10 a.m. at Madonna Univer-Location: Trinity Church, 34500

Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University campus, 36600 Schoolcraft,

Contact: www.HisChurchAnglican.org; 248-442-0HCA » Holy Cross Evangelical

Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Faith Forum; 10 a.m. Sunday school; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday worship in the chapel.

Location: 30650 Six Mile, Livo-

Contact: 734-427-1414 » Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday

Location: 9600 Leverne, west of Beech Daly, north off West Chicago Road, Redford Contact: 313-937-2424

» In His Presence Ministries Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday

Location: 26500 Grand River Ave., Redford

Contact: 313-533-1956; detroitinhispresence.org

Christ Time/Date: 11 a.m. service with Plumb Line Church with the Rev. JoAnn Bastien, Praise Group, Sunday school and child care. Coffee at 10:45 a.m. Traditional Sunday worship service at 2 p.m. with Bastien. No Sunday school or child care. Coffee after the

» Nativity United Church of

service at 3 p.m. Location: 9435 Henry Ruff Road at West Chicago Road, Livonia

Contact: 734-421-5406 » New Beginnings United

Methodist Church Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday Location: 16175 Delaware at

Contact: 313-255-6330

Puritan, Redford

» New Life Community Church

ommunitychurch4u.com

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville Contact: 734-846-4615 or www.newlifec

» Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Church

Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. weekday Masses; 8 a.m. Saturday Mass; 4 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass; 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. Sunday Masses; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8 a.m. Monday-Friday; Eucharistic Adoration, 9 a.m. Monday through 3 p.m. Friday in the Day Chapel; Sacrament of Reconciliation, starting at noon Thursday and 2-3:45 p.m. Saturday or by appointment Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

Contact: 734-453-0326 » Plymouth Baptist Church Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday

Location: 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty

Details: Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs available at both services.

Contact: 734-453-5534 » Prince of Peace Lutheran

Church Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Sundays, with an education hour 9:30-10:40 a.m. Social hour

Location: 37775 Palmer, Westland

Contact: 734-722-1735 » Riverside Park Church of

God

Time/Date: 5 p.m. every second and fourth Sunday Location: 11771 Newburgh,

Details: "Sunday Night Lights" service designed for younger

families: other services are 10 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednes-Contact: 734-464-0990

» Salem Bible Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wednesday Location: 9481 W. Six Mile, Salem

Contact: 248-349-0674; sbc4christ.org

» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Time/Date: 9 a.m. Sunday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Contact: 734-421-8451 or standrewslivonia@mi.rr.com

» St. John Lutheran Church Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday; traditional worship at 9 a.m. Sunday; and contemporary service at 11:15 a.m. Sunday.

Beginning Oct. 11, one 10 a.m. service Sunday. Location: 23225 Gill Road,

Farmington Hills Contact: 248-474-0584

» St. Matthew's United Methodist Church Time/Date: Contemporary

service, 11:30 a.m. fourth Sunday of the month

Location: 30900 Six Mile, Livo-

Contact: 734-422-6038 » St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday Location: 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia Contact: 734-422-1470

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Swap up with sausage

Chicken wings, guacamole and cheesy dips are America's top choices for most big game day menus, but the same recipes year after year can get tiring. Forget the same old spread and surprise your guests with a little more taste and pizazz this year.

Put these tips into play for a winning combination your team can

celebrate.

Swap up with sausage. Transform typical dishes by swapping sausage into recipes, such as chili and nachos, which typically incorporate ground beef. The built-in flavor lends great taste and convenience to these dishes. Instead of chips and queso, add brat sausage to your nachos to make brat-chos.

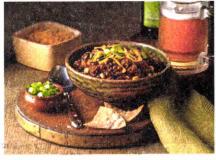
Use unexpected ingredients. Many dips and sides prominently feature the gooey goodness of cheese. Put a fresh spin on these dishes with high-quality, sophisticated options that feature more robust flavors, such as pungent blue cheese, smoked Gouda or tangy goat

Sweeten up your spread. To mix in sweet with the savory options, find a spot on the table for some fresh fruit flavor. Favorites such as fruit salad, fruit pizza or fruit kabobs can make for a delectable treat to accompany the rest of your gameday fare.

Mix it up. Smoky flavors and bourbon are trending upward in kitchens, backyards, bars and restaurants across the country. Combine the two for a creative spin to your beverage spread. Seep Johnsonville Fully Cooked Smoked Brats in bourbon for about a day to extract smoky and savory flavors and mix the bourbon for a modern twist on the Manhattan cocktail.

Or give this MVP Chili recipe a

Courtesy of Family Features



MVP CHILI

- 2 packages of Johnsonville Hot Italian Sausage Links (use mild links for less spicy chili)
- 3 cloves garlic, minced 2 tablespoons chili powder (use mild
- chili powder for less spicy chili) 1/4 teaspoon cumin
- 1 bottle (12 ounces) dark beer (OK to substitute light beer or 1 cup beef stock)
- 1 can (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 can (15.5 ounces) red kidney beans 1 can (15.5 ounces) black beans 1-1.5 cups corn (frozen or fresh off the

cob) salt and pepper

- 1. De-case sausage and sauté in large pot; use wooden spoon to crumble sausage as it cooks.
- 2. Once sausage is nicely browned, stir in onion, garlic, chili powder and cumin and continue cooking until onion softens, about 5 minutes.
- 3. Add beer and allow it to simmer for an additional 5 minutes, scraping up any brown bits from the bottom of the pan. 4. Stir in tomatoes and tomato paste and allow it to simmer, uncovered for an additional 10-15 minutes on medium-low, stirring occasionally.
- 5. Taste and adjust seasonings with salt and pepper.
- 6. Finally, stir in beans and corn.
- 7. Let this come to a simmer and it's ready to serve! (Can be prepared a day



SMOKY SAUSAGE MANHATTAN

- 2 ounces Sausage-Infused Bourbon
- 1 ounces Sweet Vermouth 1 dash Angostura Bitters

In ice filled mixing glass, add all ingredients and stir for at least 30 seconds. Strain into martini glass and garnish with 3 cherries on a pick.

Sausage-Infused Bourbon

- Cut Johnsonville Fully Cooked Smoked Split Rope Sausage into ½-inch
- 2. In glass jar with tight lid (canning jar is ideal) add sliced brat with 6 ounces of bourbon and let sit for 24-48 hours. 3. Strain through coffee filter into clean
- container
- 4. Discard sliced brats.



JOE VAUGHN

At \$55, the Rugby Grille Fois Burger is possibly the most expensive hamburger in Michigan.

introduces \$55 hamburger

Jay Grossman

If you're tired of steak or lobster, there's always the \$55 hamburger at the Townsend Hotel's Rugby Grille in Birmingham.

Chef Damian Yopek is the creator behind the Rugby Grille Foie Burger. Sold exclusively at dinner, the burger is composed of waygu beef, sweet onion jam, seared foie gras, arugula, braised short rib, parmesan aioli, burgundy truffles and Thomasville tomme cheese. It's served with a side of burgundy truffle fries.

"The \$55 hamburger is pretty much an opulent hamburger," Yopek said. "We know hamburgers aren't supposed to cost that much, but we wanted to offer something unique with great flavor. It's gratifying and satisfying and a good conversation piece.

Yopek said the eight-ounce burger has been on the menu for three weeks and took off right away. The first one to purchase one was a food blogger by the name of Grace D, who gave it a great review on Yelp.

"First time dining here and it was delicious," she blogged about the Rugby Grille. "Sat up at the bar and had a nice glass of wine with the new Foie Burger. This burger is outstanding!"

Yopek promises the burger is not as heavy as it appears. As for the competition, he challenges anyone in town to come up with a better burger.

"It's possibly the most expensive burger in Michigan — and the tastiest," he said.

Talk about drawing a line in the

"I don't know what sort of magic they can put in a hamburger to charge \$55," said Kelly Cobb, whose family owns and operates the Hunter House on Woodward Avenue. "My guess is it has to be 25 times the size of a regular hamburger."

The popular slider at Hunter House will cost a customer \$2.23 — with tax. A cheeseburger is \$2.49. Paula Deen herself deemed their sliders as one of the 10 best hamburgers in the country in 2015.

"I think there's beauty in simplicity — that's what Hunter House is all about," Cobb said. "We're no frills ... we just use a lot of fresh ingredients to make a juicy burger."

Bri Traver, supervisor at the Town-

house on Pierce Street, said the bistro's award-winning juicy hamburger is a cut above the competition when it comes to flavor.

"I stand by our burger for sure," she said. "It's so good that I come in here on my days off just to have one.

The Townhouse Burger is a 10-ounce proprietary blend of prime steak cuts that are dry-aged for 28 days, prepared daily and hand-pattied to order on a Plugra butter brioche bun, topped with bourbon glazed onions and and aged white cheddar.

It's served with Townhouse fries and costs \$19.

"We never season it, and when we cook it on the grill we never press it so you savor that first juicy bite," Traver said. "Let's see the Townsend step up to that game!"

Yopek, who grew up in South Lyon, shrugs off the good-natured taunts. He insists what he created is nothing less than a culinary masterpiece with some

"Our first trial run ended up being a \$500 hamburger," he said with a smile. "This one is much better."

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Add simple, satisfying soup to the spread

SOUTHWESTERN BEAN AND PASTA SOUP

Preparation time: 25 minute Cook time: 20 minutes

- Servings: 8 2 cans (15 ounces each) READ Southwestern
- Bean Salad, divided
- 1 tablespoon olive or canola oil
- ¾ cup chopped bell pepper ½ cup sliced green onions
- 1 small jalapeno, seeded and finely chopped 1 large clove garlic, minced 1 can (14.5 ounces) no-salt-added diced
- tomatoes 1 carton (32 ounces) low sodium,
- reduced-fat vegetable or chicken broth, divided
- 1 cup water ½ cup ditalini pasta, uncooked **Optional toppings:**

plain yogurt



Southwestern Bean and Pasta Soup

chopped cilantro avocado tomatoes

Place contents of one can bean salad in blender or food processor. Process until partially pureed, with small chunks remaining. In large soup pot or Dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot. Add bell

pepper and onions; cook and stir about 2 minutes to soften. Add jalapeno; cook and stir 1 minute. Add garlic; cook and stir 30 seconds. Stir in pureed bean salad; add second can of bean salad and tomatoes. Add 3 cups of broth and water. Bring to boil; reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 15 minutes. Add pasta; cook 7-9 minutes, or until pasta is al dente. Add additional broth as desired for consistency. Serve with toppings, as desired. Variations: During step two, cook ½ pound lean ground beef, chicken or turkey breast in oil, stirring frequently until cooked through. Add pepper and onions and continue as recipe directs; add additional oil 1 teaspoon at a time if needed for cooking vegetables. Nutrition information per serving (1/8 of recipe): 180 calories; 6 g protein; 26 g carbohydrate; 5 g total fat; 530 mg sodium; 0 mg cholesterol; 6 g dietary fiber; 11 mg iron; 0.06 mg thiamin; 944 IU vitamin A; 13 mg vitamin

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