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Local Max & Erma's part of closures

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township's Max & Erma's restaurant is one of eight in Michigan that closed suddenly early this week. American Blue Ribbon Holdings, which owns the casual-dining chain, issued a statement saying that 13 "under-performing locations" in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana had closed and that a

company representative had been sent to each Monday to "personally deliver the news" to employees and provide them with a severance agreement.

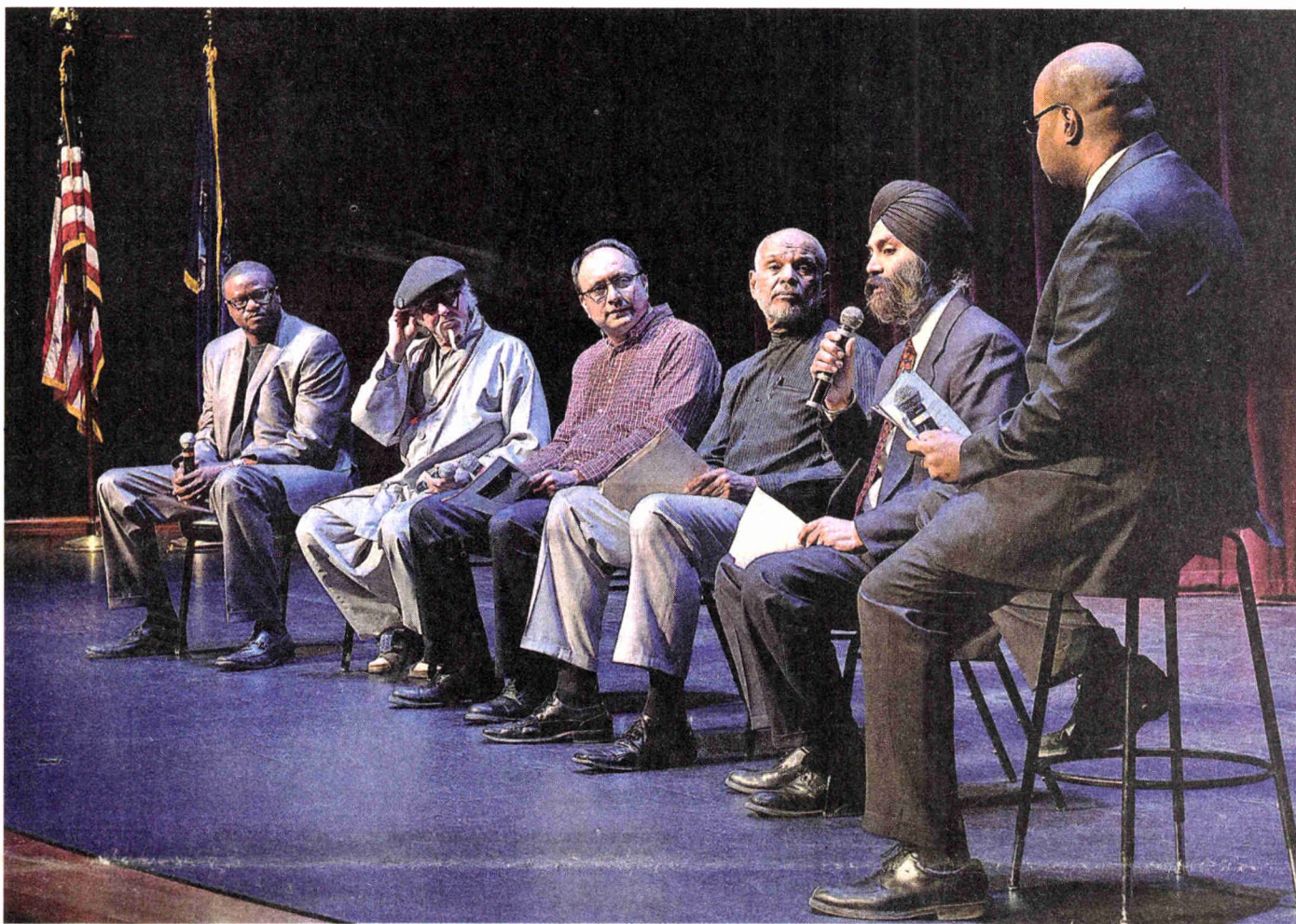
"We felt that the best way to handle this news was to deliver the news in person," read the statement, in part, from the Nashville-based company.

The statement said the company is

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FILE PHOTO
In better days at Max & Erma's, Diane Pennington is all smiles as she gets ready to try a dish during a restaurant outing at the Westland location.



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Panelists who spoke about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. were (from left) the Rev. David Washington, a Christian; Bill Secrest, a Zen Buddhist; Chandru Acharya, who is Hindu; Saleem Khalid, who is Muslim; and Paul Talwar, representing the Sikh community. Darian Moore of the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage moderates the panel.

Local diversity reflected at Martin Luther King Jr. celebration

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

The message came from the Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist communities — and it was one of unity.

A diverse panel of five speakers assembled Monday night on the stage of Canton's Village Theater at Cherry Hill to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., hailing his message of tolerance and equality.

They told a crowd of nearly 400 people that King's teachings became a model for all people — regardless of religion, faith, culture or race. They said Canton has embraced many of King's ideals, though work remains.

Saleem Khalid, a consultant to the Muslim Enrichment Project who leads prayers and gives khutbahs, or sermons, across metro Detroit, named the Canton mosque as one place trying to build relations by hosting community socials.

"I think the Muslim community here in Canton would very much like to engage in the larger community," he said, extending "an open invitation" for non-Muslims to visit Islamic centers



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The Workman Elementary School Choir, directed by Keri Mueller, sings songs such as "Free at Last" and "There Will Be Peace."

such as the Canton mosque.

The Rev. David Williams Jr., senior pastor of Canton Christian Fellowship Church, said King's message reached across economic and racial lines in the spirit of creating better communities.

"We believe that everyone should work together to impact the community," he said.

To that end, Canton Christian Fellowship Church has a food pantry and a clothing bank to help those in need. He said organizers never ask a recipient's religion, because aid shouldn't be contingent upon it.

Washington said King would be

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Plymouth commission completes list of goals for 2016

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth City Commission members will study how to fill key city jobs should they become vacant, look for long-term capital improvement funding, and plan for the community's 150th birthday, which occurs in 2017, this year.

Those were among the five goals for 2016 adopted by the commission during its Monday meeting, a decision delayed two weeks because Commissioner Mike Wright missed the year's first meeting due to illness.

The other two are, at least in part, carryovers from prior years: boosting the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex at the former Central Middle School and resolving legacy cost issues related to the dissolution of the Plymouth Community Fire Department, which served Plymouth and Plymouth Township from early 1995 through 2011.

The city commission has been setting a list of top goals at the beginning of each year for several years, but Mayor Dan Dwyer emphasized that just because a potential goal didn't make the cut doesn't mean the commission won't address it this year.

Subcommittees of two commissioners are typically formed to study each goal and look for ways the commission as a whole can address it.

Administrative succession planning was a goal suggested by City Manager Paul Sincock, who pointed out he and several others have worked for the city for decades and that others need to be groomed to take over their jobs.

"At some point, we're going to have to bring somebody in," he told commissioners Jan. 4.

Capital improvement funding was also suggested by Sincock, who said tight budgets for several years have left little money for infrastructure improvements.

Preparations for the city's 150th birthday — Plymouth was incorporated as a village in 1867 — include a new fountain at Kellogg Park and other improvements to the park.

Carryover goals

Resolving the legacy cost issue — Plymouth Township officials say the city owes more than \$3.7 million in

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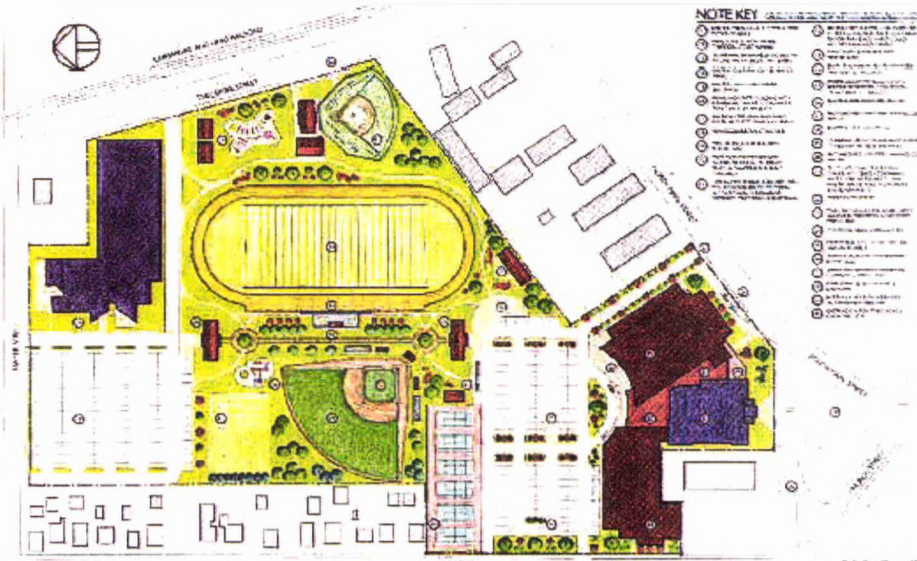
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retiree pension and health insurance costs related to the PCFD — has been a commission goal every year since 2012. But Dwyer said recently that officials in the two communities have moved closer to an agreement and that it may not be a goal for next year.

The goal for the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, or PARC, has changed from a year ago, as the nonprofit group now has possession of the former school, which closed at the end of the 2014-15 school year and is leasing space to about a dozen organizations, including theater companies, youth athletic programs and the Michigan Philharmonic, which has rehearsal space, offices and a music library there.

Proponents want to see PARC become a joint city-township authority that would renovate parts of the building and demolish others, adding features like an audi-



PARC : PLYMOUTH ARTS and RECREATION COMPLEX - ADAPTIVE RE-USE / MASTER PLAN

A concept drawing for the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex at the former Central Middle School. Boosting PARC was adopted as a formal Plymouth City Commission goal for 2016.

torium and a new swimming pool.

Possible goals discussed, but not adopted, included creating a public arts commission to look at possible public art projects and updating city ordinances to eliminate outdated language and bring them in line with officials' vision for the city.

Increasing the stock of public parking downtown — which had been a previous goal, but which a majority of commissioners agreed had been handed off to the Downtown Development Authority with its purchase last year of the former Saxton's property at Ann Arbor Trail and Deer — was also discussed.

The DDA has proposed tearing down buildings on the site to make way for parking, but must get approvals from the Historic District Commission, which rejected a proposal early last month.

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going through streamlining and "brand revitalization" and would announce another phase of that process next week. It was unclear whether the next phase would involve opening restaurants at any of the closed Max & Erma's locations.

Max & Erma's restaurants in Canton Township, Livonia and Westland also were closed.

Justin Wilson, who provides publicity for American Blue Ribbon through an outside agency, said eight of the 13 Max & Erma's closed were in Michigan. According to Wilson, that leaves three Michigan locations: in Lansing, at

The Mall at Partridge Creek in Clinton Township and at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

The township Max & Erma's, on Beck Road just south of Five Mile, opened in 2005.

The company's statement also said Max & Erma's employees are working to close down the 13 restaurants and will be donating unopened food to local charitable organizations.

Township Supervisor Shannon Price said the closing took him by surprise. He said the township location seemed successful and predicted the site won't languish long if American Blue Ribbon leaves it. The restaurant is at the Plymouth Township-Northville Township border and near Home

er restaurant there. I think it's a highly desirable location."

"If Max & Erma's leaves, it'll be well sought-after," Price said. "There'll be another

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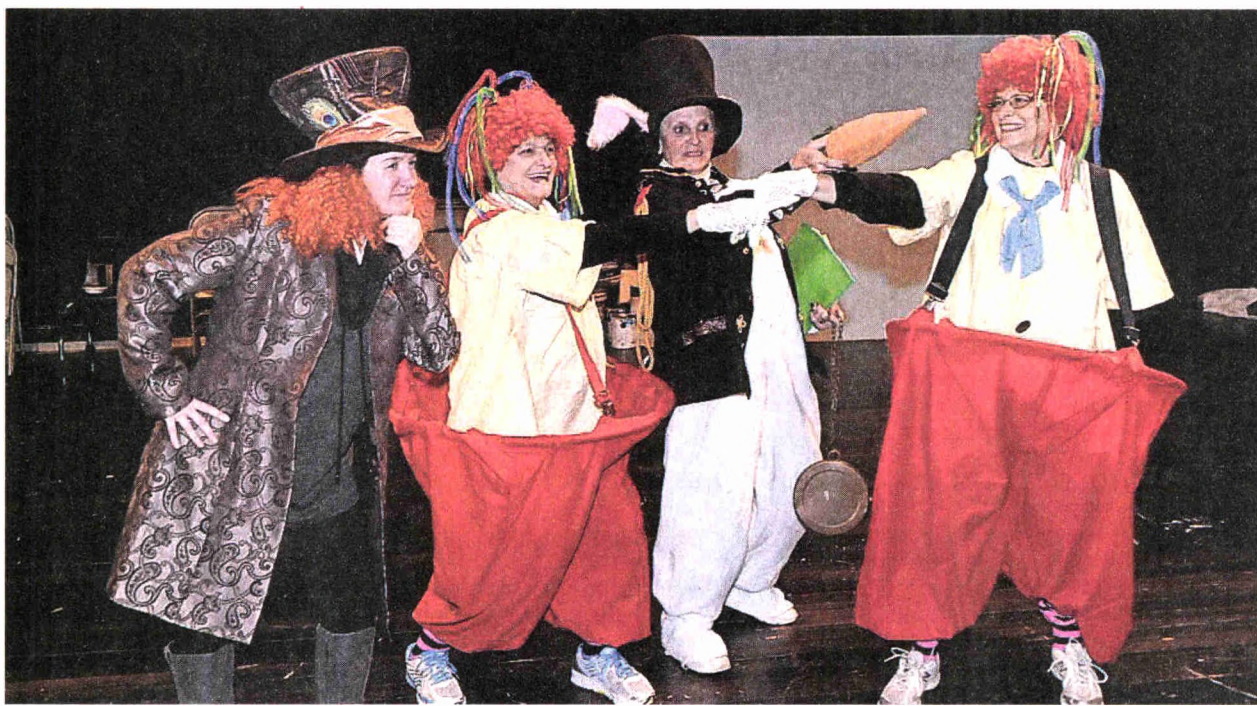


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'Alice in Wonderland' children's play by AAUW has anti-bullying theme



TOM BEAUDOIN

Melissa Uhl of Plymouth, Mary Anne Martin of Ann Arbor, Sharon Belobraidich of Plymouth and Becky Copenhaver of Canton are part of the "Alice in Wonderland" play that will be performed Feb. 4-6 at Garden City High School.

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

There's a proud history to children's plays and the American Association of University Women, dating back to 1959. This year, *Alice in Wonderland* will be staged by the Plymouth-Canton branch of the AAUW.

Show dates are Feb. 4-6 at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium, on Middlebelt north of Ford Road. Co-director Kay Paupore of Canton noted AAUW uses the profits for scholarships for women re-entering the workforce.

"They're ready to take the next step in college," said Paupore, a retired Garden City Schools art teacher of 36 years. "We want to help them."

Thursday, Feb. 4, will be the traditional Scout Night for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts who earn a participation badge. Garden City High students give a presentation on theater before the show, including lighting, sound, stage sets and costuming.

"There's still a lot of work behind the scenes that's just as important as acting," Paupore said of theatrical productions. The group also encourages kids to consider later joining AAUW, which advocates for equity for girls and women in education, the workforce and elsewhere.

Thursday, Feb. 4, is a 7 p.m. showtime, with the



TOM BEAUDOIN

(Back row) Laurie Kempisty of Novi, Monica Nick of Plymouth, Lori Demski of Garden City, (bottom) Marie Mack of Westland and Shirley Zaetta of Plymouth are looking forward to the upcoming production of "Alice in Wonderland."



TOM BEAUDOIN

Co-director Kay Paupore of Canton and director Lisa Noel of Redford are excited about the group of ladies assembled for the production of "Alice in Wonderland" put on by women of the AAUW group for the last some 55 years locally.



TOM BEAUDOIN

(Bottom row) Michelle Churchill of Novi, Sue Bellows of Garden City, (top row) Helene Lusa of Livonia and Mickey Edell of Canton have more than 70 years combined experience performing AAUW plays. It is the biggest fundraiser for the AAUW group.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Amanda Lawrence of Westland, Kaytee Bellows of Livonia and Mary Beth Chmielewski of Westland are ready for the upcoming "Alice in Wonderland" performances.

Scout presentation at 6:15 p.m. Other show times are 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5; 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 (a family show time with a 10:15 a.m. presentation before the show); and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

Tickets can be purchased at www.PlymouthCanton-mi.aauw.net. The price is \$6 online and \$7 at the door. For more information, call 734-716-1833.

A new twist this year is an anti-bullying theme, as show presenters each year modify the script a bit. "That's what we thought we would add this year," Paupore said. "It's an interesting combination of different kinds of conversations they have. They can be a little abrupt," she added of some characters who interact with Alice.

Educators use the term "upstander" now to not take a back seat to bullying. "You have to speak up and not let it go on," Paupore said of the lesson shared in the AAUW production. "We add current things that would promote different attitudes for kids, make it a little more relevant."

There are about 25 women in the cast, many of them current and retired teachers. Lisa Noel, a Redford resident and Wayne-Westland Schools elementary teacher, is the show's director.

A graphic artist member, Amanda Lawrence of Westland, designed the poster. Melissa Uhl of Plymouth did the play program.

The show includes music the younger AAUW women know, "music the younger kids can relate to that's popular with them. The music is going along with a little dancing," Paupore said.

She added, "I've done this year after year because it's fun. We so enjoy watching the kids have fun and bringing live theater to them."

Cast members interact with their audience and line up after each show to shake children's hands and pose in costume for photos. "That's kind of fun, too," Paupore said. "It makes us feel important."

Garden City High School's theater works out well, she added, and the staff is a big help with lighting and sound. "Garden City really appreciates having us there. The Garden City theater people are so willing to work with us. It makes it a nice, cooperative situation," Paupore said.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Boy, 2, left alone twice in unlocked apartment

A 2-year-old boy was twice left alone in an unlocked Canton apartment where his father lives, a police report said.

The child's mother, a 32-year-old Inkster woman, also told police she was concerned after pictures and a video of the boy had been posted on Facebook, showing him in a bathtub and sitting on a toilet seat.

The mother contacted police about 5 p.m. Friday to report she found the boy alone and watching television when she went to the father's unlocked residence at Canton Gardens apartment complex, near Joy Road and I-275. She said a similar incident happened a month ago.

Police spoke with the boy's father, who said he had only stepped outside briefly while

the child was alone.

Authorities had notified Child Protective Services to investigate the allegations.

Theater fracas

A dispute over an alcoholic beverage angered one Imagine Theatre customer in Canton, who threw a bucket of popcorn in the lobby, punched a display case and kicked over a stand that separates moviegoers in line, a police report said.

It all started when a 24-year-old Detroit woman became upset after she handed a cocktail to a friend, 23, who didn't have a required wristband to drink in the theater, a manager told police.

Police went to the theater on Ford Road, near Lotz, amid reports of a disturbance shortly before 10:30 p.m. Sunday. Initial reports indicated two women and two men were

involved — all of whom were outside the theater when police arrived.

The suspect accused of causing the ruckus told police she didn't understand why theater management had asked her and her female friend to leave the premises. An employee told police the two women weren't following theater policy regarding alcohol.

A police report indicated the women were cited for trespassing.

Embezzling accusations

An employee of Chuck E. Cheese on Ford Road in Canton was accused of embezzling \$65 over a two-week period ending Dec. 27, a police report said.

An employee told police the money was believed to have been taken during five separate incidents. The worker, a 17-year-old Westland female, already had been fired. The

company filed a police report to document the allegations.

The employee told police the woman apparently rang up customers' orders and then pocketed the money. The employer chose not to prosecute the suspect.

Locker room thefts

Lock it up: That's the advice police gave to students at Canton High School who reported money was stolen from them recently during a sixth-hour gym class, a report said.

One 16-year-old boy told police a thief stole \$210 from a wallet after he placed it in an unsecured locker. He said he was carrying that much money because he was going to make a bank deposit.

He told police a friend of his was missing \$50 recently during a similar incident.

A third student, 16, reported that \$20 had been taken from

his pants after he left them on a bench during gym class.

Package stolen

A 30-year-old man who lives in Uptown Apartments, near Cherry Hill and Ridge, reported a wireless neck massage device he had ordered was stolen from his doorstep while he was on vacation.

He had ordered the package before leaving town and was told it would be delivered Dec. 23. He returned home and it wasn't there.

The man contacted the company that was to send the package and was told to check with United Parcel Service. UPS, in turn, started an investigation and told the man to file a police report.

The report indicated the massage device was worth \$150.

— By Darrell Clem

Cop looks for keys, but finds heroin

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

A Novi police officer who responded Jan. 6 to Providence Park Hospital to take an assault complaint from an emergency room patient found heroin instead in the complainant's backpack, a police report stated. The complainant was being treated for back and neck injuries and said that his Cadillac Escalade may have been stolen by his assailant.

He said the key to his vehicle might be in his backpack and gave the officer consent to search the backpack, during which the officer located a pill bottle that didn't match the patient's name. Inside were 19 pills later identified as a generic version for Xanax, as well as a brown powdery substance which reportedly tested positive for heroin.

The suspect confirmed he purchased the pills from a friend, but claimed to have no knowledge of the heroin and said his possible assailant was snorting cocaine. The case has been forwarded to the prosecutor's office for review.

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Semi on training run bogged down in soft ground

A semi-truck driver in training tore up part of the lawn at Mobis North America's technical center, on Commerce Center Drive in the area of M-14 and Beck Road, the morning of Jan. 14.

The driver's trainer told police the driver had turned into the wrong parking lot while on a training drive, was unable to get out because of piled-up ice and snow and ended up making a wide turn onto soft ground, where the truck

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

got stuck, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

Police supplied the number of a towing firm with a rig capable of towing semis.

An employee of Mobis, an automobile components manufacturer, was outside photographing damage to the lawn, police said. The officer told her any settlement over the damage was a civil matter, the report said.

Red-light runner

A township officer stopped a 31-year-old driver early Jan. 13

after he went through a red light at Joy Road and Haggerty, only to discover the man's license had been suspended.

The man was arrested.

The incident occurred just after midnight, a police report said. An officer on patrol saw a Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck heading north on Haggerty and going through a red light at Joy, the report said.

The officer stopped the driver near Ann Arbor Road and arrested him.

— By Matt Jachman

Westland police seeking suspect in credit card fraud

Westland Police have released surveillance photos of a suspect wanted for credit card fraud.

The public's help is sought in identifying a subject wanted in connection with a credit fraud that occurred at multiple Rite Aid Pharmacy locations, including 35363 Ford in Westland.

On Jan. 7, the suspect is seen in surveillance photos entering mul-

iple Rite Aid locations and using the victim's debit card, police said. There are multiple additional occurrences of the same suspect using the same debit card at other Rite Aid locations outside Westland, police said.

Anyone who can identify the suspect is asked to call Westland Police at 734-722-9600 or Detective Jon Torolski at 734-467-7914.



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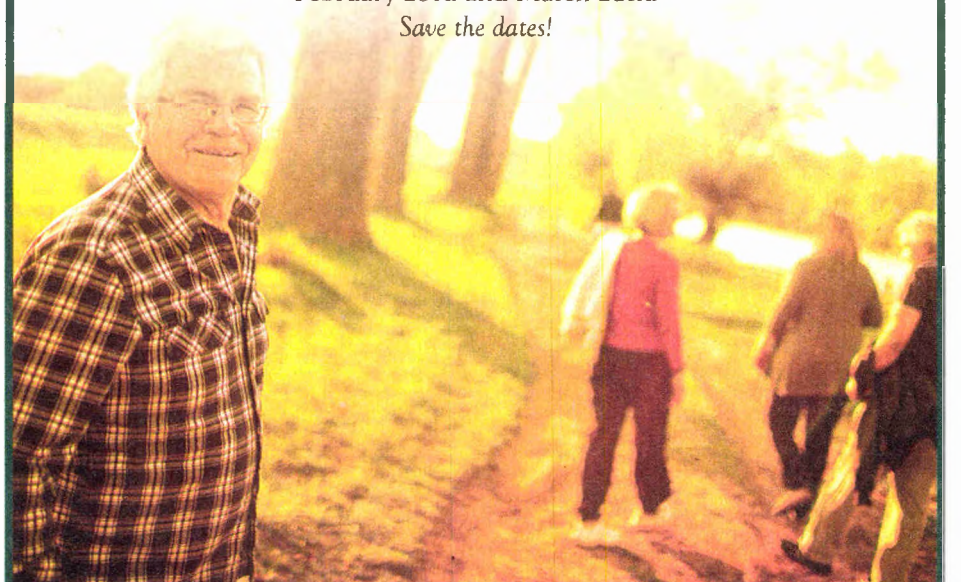
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County exec heads to Canton to address residents

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Evans

Plymouth-Canton faith groups say they see problems — hunger, domestic violence, racism, mental illness, substance abuse, homelessness — that are more widespread than some believe in metro Detroit.

“Even though the economy is better, we in our faith houses are still seeing people coming in asking for help,” said Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, coordinator for

the unemployment rolls.”

Challenges facing metro Detroit are expected to surface as Wayne County Executive Warren Evans arrives in Canton for what is billed as a community con-

versation with area residents.

It all happens 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, as the Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach hosts a visit by Evans at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon, in Canton.

Graham-Hudak said Evans' administration initiated the event as he makes the rounds talking with area groups to assess needs and try to find potential solutions.

She hopes the visit will help some residents

learn how they can get help for problems ranging from domestic violence to substance abuse. She said domestic violence victims, in particular, often are afraid to seek help.

Generally, Evans is expected to discuss changes he has made as county executive and to hear the concerns of local residents. Ryan Bridges, a spokesman for Evans, gave a statement Wednesday morning.

“County Executive

Evans frequently visits meetings of community groups, including faith-based organizations, to provide an update on county government,” he said. “Additionally, these meetings establish relationships with community leaders which allow the county executive to learn of the issues of importance to Wayne County citizens.”

Graham-Hudak said some local residents already have met with Evans to discuss some of Wayne County's chal-

lenges.

The gathering at Geneva Presbyterian Church is expected to start with Evans giving an overview of his administration. Afterward, he will answer questions posed by local residents.

Questions should be submitted by email in advance to plymouth-cantonico@yahoo.com.

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Local companies collecting bottled water donations for Flint residents

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While the Flint water crisis continues to attract attention from across the country, several businesses in Livonia are doing their part to help residents who are dealing with the unsafe water in Flint.

Several companies have begun collecting bottled water for Flint residents, including employees at Quality Line Services. Several employees, who grew up together in Canton, began brainstorming ways to help residents who are dealing with the unsafe water in Flint.

They decided to collect water through their side company, EZ Run

Events, to donate to Flint residents.

One of the employees, Canton resident Moe Hakkani, said with all the support Flint has gotten from surrounding communities near it, it was time for folks from other parts of the state to do what they can to help.

“If we can start triggering everybody downstate, like around the Detroit area, they can start accumulating a lot more water,” he said.

The company will collect water from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Quality Line Services building at 13250 Newburgh, in Livonia before making a run up to Flint to drop off the water. Right now, they're asking

specifically for cases of bottled water so it's easy to place onto pallets and transport. Water can also be dropped off at the front door after hours.

The plan right now is to collect water every other week, though they said it could change to weekly if they receive enough donations and transportation support to warrant it.

“We're trying to provide continued support,” said Samir Ali, who lives in Dearborn. “It's a huge crisis.”

Emergency declared

The water in Flint has become a national issue after the community switched its water supply from Detroit to the Flint River, a more corrosive water source than Lake Huron, which is where Detroit water comes from. High levels of lead have been found in the water, which has become a national news story.

A federal emergency was recently declared by President Barack Obama, allowing for some federal aid money to be utilized.

Donations of water and cash to purchase water are also being accepted from 9 a.m. to 5

p.m. every day this week at Metro Desk Space, 31693 Eight Mile, in Livonia, for distribution in Flint. Co-owner Todd Luhtanen said those donations, which could be

cases of water or gallon jugs, will be taken Friday up to Flint.

He said they could continue accepting donations if it's deemed necessary in future weeks.

“We don't know if it will continue afterward,” said Luhtanen, a Northville resident. “We're taking care of this week and next week; we'll see where we're at.”



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Moe Hakkani moves a pallet of water for Flint residents. At right are Samir Ali and Ibrahim Hakkani.

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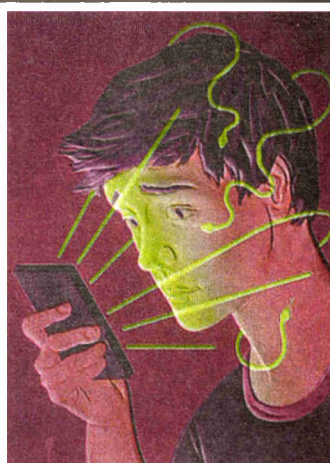
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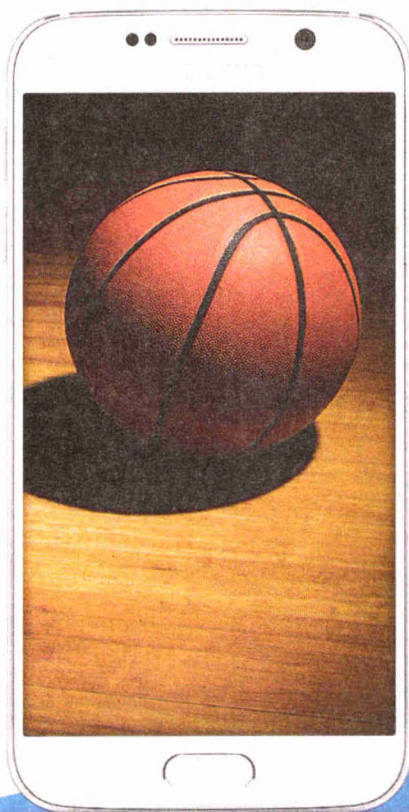
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Matt and Anita Gray of Harrison Twp, Tom Natoci of Farmington Hills, Beth Walker of Farmington Hills, and Sharon and Tom Natoci, of Commerce, at the Buick Display.

Cars shine, charities win at auto show preview

Friday night's rain and slow start to inexplicable traffic tie-ups didn't put a damper on the North American International Auto Show's Charity Preview — at least 13,000 people showed up for the annual event, a chance to get a sneak peek at the newest cars around while sipping champagne in formal wear and raising money for a good cause: children in southeast Michigan.

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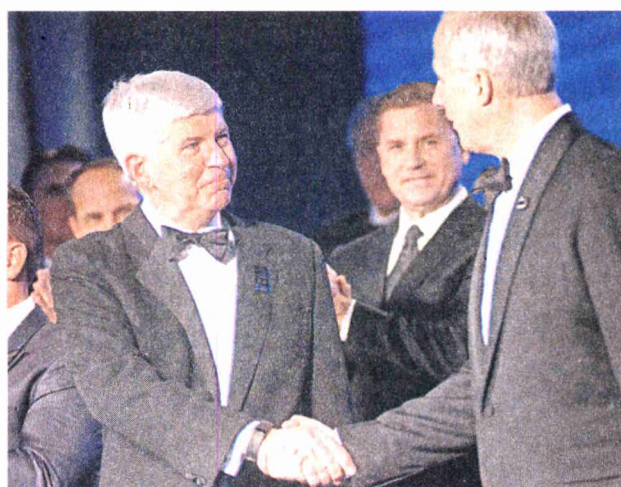
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Adam Woodward of Pinckney, Sarah Struthers of Northville, Megan Piwowar of Birmingham and Tim Robison of Northville, at the Audi display.



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Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, greeting the crowd at the Charity Preview, has Livonia roots.



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Gov. Rick Snyder greets Sam Slaughter, NAIAS vice chair and President of Sellers Buick GMC in Farmington Hills.



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RJ and Jennifer Bussone of Farmington Hills stopped by to check out the Buicks.



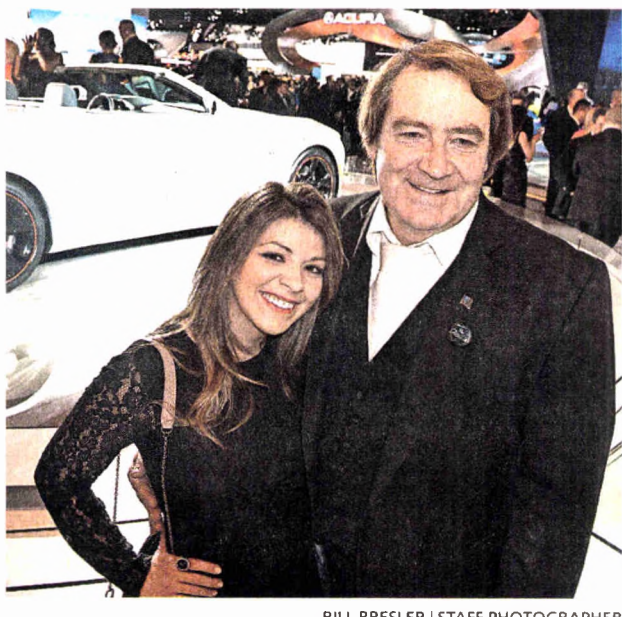
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Julie Plawewski, state representative for the 11th District, including Dearborn Heights and Garden City, with her husband, 20th District Judge Mark Plawewski.



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Former Livonia State Rep. John Walsh.



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Steve King of Livonia and daughter Allyson King, with a Camaro convertible in the background.



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U.S. District Judge Sean Cox, spouse Janine Cox, of Canton, with Phyllis Tiderington and Plymouth Township Chief of Police Tom Tiderington, by the Mercedes Benz display, near the end of the evening.

KING

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disappointed that gender, racial and socioeconomic inequities still loom as large as they do. He also said King's message of personal responsibility should be taken to heart.

Paul Tawar, representing the Sikh community, said Sikhs have lived in the United States for more than 100 years. He said three gurdwaras, or places of worship, in the Canton and Plymouth area welcome visitors and often serve meals as a welcome. He said it's an opportunity for neighbors to build relations.

"It fosters the environment of peace," said Tawar, who also is a member of the Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach team, which has organized peace walks, dinners and other events to draw the area's diverse faith groups together. Chandru Acharya,



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"Hand-In-Hand" is the title of a work by Samantha Tomiko McGrath, a senior at Canton High School. The work took first place in the art contest high school division. McGrath says that the acronym for team, "Together Everyone Achieves More," exemplifies King's philosophy of love and unity.

another ICO member and president of the area South Asian American Voices for Impact, said Hindus now number 30,000 in Michigan. Acharya, a teacher at the Canton Hindu Temple's Balgokulam, which teaches children Hindu culture and values, said

Michigan has largely been a welcoming place. Acharya recalled that King incorporated many of the ideals, such as peaceful disobedience, of renowned Hindu leader Mohandas, or Mahatma, Gandhi. He said Canton has two Hindu temples dedicated to making the

community better. "Hindus believe that there is one God, but there are multiple paths," he said.

Bill Secrest, a Zen Buddhist who recently retired as director of the Henry Ford Community College religious studies program, said he uses meditation as one way to teach people that peace comes from within and then can be used to make a better world. He recalled King giving a version of his "I Have A Dream" speech in Detroit before he delivered it in Washington, D.C.

"We've still got a long way to go," Secrest said.

The panelists responded to questions from Darian Moore, who chairs a King subcommittee of the Canton Commission on Culture, Arts and Heritage. Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy described himself as proud of Canton's commitment to diversity.

Canton mom Tawania Bell attended to help teach King's legacy to

her five children: Shilah, 11, Victoria, 10, Yusef, 8, Raheem, 6, and Malik, 18 months.

"For me, Dr. King is kind of like the African-American Moses," Bell said.

In other highlights Monday, the Workman Elementary School Choir, led by Keri Mueller, provided music, as did singer-tap dancer Kelsey Rose and the Detroit Tap Repertory.

LaJoy and Susan Schwandt of the cultural commission announced winners of this year's King art contest. Nicole Janovsky took top honors in the middle school contest. In the high school category, winners included Samantha Tomiko McGrath, first place; Maddie Johnson, second and fourth place; and Leah Hailey, third place.

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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 directors.

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.



Wild

"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, Sumpster and Van Buren.

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

"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 Jordyn Sellek said.



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When turmoil hits market, best course is do nothing

Last week, as the market was in retreat, I gave a talk to a group of investors. The talk was scheduled a while ago, so it had nothing to do with the recent downturns in the market, but that was on the mind of most people. After a variety of questions on the reasons for the recent downturn, I was asked what an investor should be doing to react to these downturns. She told me she was confused, because some people on TV were touting this as a great buying opportunity, while others were talking doom and gloom and suggesting that investors ought to be bailing out. She said she knows she should be doing something — she just doesn't know what.

I asked her why she thinks she has to do anything. One of the mistakes investors make is thinking that every time there's a market gyrations, they ought to do something. When markets are volatile, it's probably the worst time to do something. As I've always said, over the short run, markets are irrational: good news is bad news and bad news is good news. The average investor tends to think everyone else is smarter than them. If everyone is doing something, they ought to be doing something.

In reality, that is not the case. All too often, investors don't act rationally; rather, they let fear and greed dictate their decisions. As I've said, whenever investors let fear and greed enter into their decision-



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

One of the mistakes investors make is thinking that every time there's a market gyration, they ought to do something.

making process, they're going to make the wrong decision. In today's fast-paced world, things can turn around relatively quickly and, thus, when going through times of extreme volatility, in most cases the best course of action is to do nothing.

I've always preached that investors need to maintain balance and diversified portfolios and have discipline about investing. That discipline includes regularly re-balancing your portfolio. By occasionally re-balancing your portfolio, it assures that your portfolio — which should be based upon your goals and objectives — is always intact. That doesn't mean by re-balancing you won't have times during market contractions when your accounts are adversely affected. Unfortunately, that is part of being an investor. Over the long run, which is something we should all focus on, you will be in much better shape

than an investor who tries to react to every speed bump.

For some reason, too many investors believe that corrections and downturns are an aberration; nothing could be further from the truth. Corrections and downturns are frequent; the aberration is when they don't occur. Just because the talking heads on TV like to make everything into a crisis, that doesn't mean you should believe them.

That doesn't mean I think the markets are all rosy and there will not be some difficulty over the near term. That doesn't mean you should be making radical changes in your portfolio. Investors who have an emergency fund and who keep their portfolios balanced and diversified based upon their individual goals and objectives are in the best position to ride out the storm. That is why it is important to have a game plan and the discipline to stay with it.

I urge you during these turbulent times to not panic and not believe the world is coming apart. Is there turmoil in the world? Of course there is. If you look back in history, you will see we always have had turmoil and disruption. The main difference is that we know more about it today than we did in the past.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Transactions

Mid-America Real Estate-Michigan's principal Tony Schmitt, vice president Adam Goodman and sales associate Karen Mullane represented the landlord, Canton Corners LLC, in the signing of two leases in Canton Corners shopping center, at the northwest corner of Ford and Lilley roads in Canton. Visionworks signed a 2,600-square-foot lease and Chipotle signed a 2,309-square-foot lease.

Holland breakfast

Detroit Red Wings general manager Ken Holland will be the guest of honor and keynote

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speaker at a chamber-sponsored breakfast 8-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, in Livonia.

Enjoy a buffet breakfast with Holland, whom organizers call "one of the most inspirational managers in professional

sports over the past 16 years." Autographs and photos to follow.

Cost is \$25 for chamber members, \$35 for guests. To register, call Cheryl at 248-919-6917.

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Kroger seeking student entries for 'I Can Make History' contest

Kroger invites students to showcase their talents and win \$71,000 in scholarships and prizes during The Kroger Co. of Michigan's ninth annual "I Can Make History" contest.

Students in grades 4-12 are encouraged to demonstrate their creativity in categories for art, essay, music and poetry.

Besides individual awards, Kroger will offer a \$3,000 Best in Show scholarship and a \$5,000 School Leadership Award as part of the \$71,000 presented. The latter honors the school with the most winning entries in the combined categories.

Students may submit only one entry per category, but are encouraged to enter multiple categories. All entries must address one of two themes:

» Name an African American, past or present, that you admire and describe how that person impacted or continues to impact history.

» How do you feel young people today can make an impact on history?

"The pages of history include countless African Americans who dedicated themselves — and



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Kroger seeks entries for its annual "I Can Make History" contest.

sometimes risked their lives — to improve the economic, health and cultural situations for many," Jayne Homco, president of The Kroger Co. of Michigan, stated in a release. "Kroger is proud to offer the 'I Can Make History' contest, which has become an annual tradition in Michigan. Last year, the contest drew 1,269 entries while encouraging students to expand their horizons and demonstrate their artistic talent."

Students are invited to pick up contest packets at their local Kroger store or access forms at www.icanmakehistory.com. Entries must be received by 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 29 to be eligible. All entries must be mailed to: I Can Make History, c/o CBS Radio, 26455 American Drive, Southfield, MI 48034. Kroger will notify category winners by March 30. The grocer's annual "I Can Make History" recognition dinner is scheduled for April 16.

Annual Novi show focuses on home improvement plans

The home improvement and remodeling market is experiencing its strongest growth, 5.8 percent, since 2013, a result of increases in existing home purchases and wage earnings, according to a report released by Residential Remodeling Index. That growth is expected to continue beyond 2016.

"We are happily seeing this growth on a daily basis," said Mike Stoskopf, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan. "It is even more apparent at the upcoming Novi Home Improvement Show, where we have a record number of exhibitors."

Featuring more than 300 professionals, the Novi Home Improvement Show — Jan. 29-31 at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi — is the place to be for inspiration, contractors and deals on any home improvement project.

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In order to demonstrate its ruggedness, Todd Copling (left) of the Little Giant Ladder Co. climbs one of his products, along with a customer, at last year's Novi Home Improvement Show at the Suburban Collection Showplace. The ladder can be seen again this year at the Wing Enterprises booth. Visitors to the weekend-long show can peruse aisle after aisle of goods and services for their homes, including windows, roofs, patios and porches.

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metro Detroit Home Depot for \$2 off advance tickets.

Show hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday 2-9 p.m., 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Adult admission (ages 13 and older) is \$10; seniors (ages 55 and older) are \$9; and children ages 12 and younger are admitted free. Parking not included in admission.

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Regional mass transit is long overdue in area

The city of Detroit often gets a bad rap, but suburban leaders could learn a thing or two from Detroit when it comes to mass transit.

City of Detroit leaders have acknowledged the woeful condition of the Detroit Department of Transportation bus system, which has had serious crime concerns and has often left riders stranded at the side of the road. New buses and better coordination are in the works, not anywhere near complete, but with advances being made.

The suburbs have for years relied on SMART, Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation. Some communities have been on board with SMART, which has long had service from Westland to downtown Detroit and back again, especially for those who work traditional business hours.

Another SMART route has accommodated Redford residents who wish to commute to downtown Detroit and back home again in the evening for years. These efforts have been a good start, but much work remains to be done.

Not everyone has a 9-to-5 job and bus service must accommodate the many workers, especially in service industries, who have irregular hours. Safety concerns for riders and drivers, too, must remain front and center.

The Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan in 2015 sought input on a master plan for regional mass transit. The RTA was created by the Michigan

Legislature through Public Act No. 387 of 2012. A 10-member board — that is appointed for three-year terms by the executives of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, the chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, the mayor of Detroit and the governor of Michigan — governs it. The governor's appointee serves as chair, without a vote, the RTA's website (www.rtamichigan.org) notes.

The RTA is responsible for developing a Regional Master Transit Plan to guide current and future service and is empowered to put funding questions on the ballot for public vote, the website adds.

Some communities have opted out of SMART, with varying degrees of success. In some places, that opt-out decision has made it difficult for those without reliable cars to travel to work in those communities.

In Livonia, at least, city officials created the Livonia Community Transit system. Using its "To Work" program, SMART riders coming from outside the city can pick up LCT buses at one of two hubs — one near Botsford Hospital and the other near Millennium Park behind the Costco at I-96/Middlebelt — and get to a number of stops within the city. There are routes in the morning and afternoon, with no weekend service.

Canton used to be a part of SMART, but then opted out. John Hertel, then-director of the SMART bus system, a few years back told Westland Rotarians, "Opting out of SMART is like opting out of a freeway."

At that Rotary luncheon, Hertel touted bus service as best with metro Detroit's infrastructure. Light rail is also in the works for downtown Detroit along the Woodward Avenue corridor.

The current North American International Auto Show puts the spotlight on glitz and glamor of cars, although automaker leaders are shifting their thinking when it comes to the bigger transportation picture. The Detroit Three are shifting to an acknowledgment they're in the mobility industry and must adapt to a new reality, which will include some use of mass transit.

Suburban communities have a lot to deal with these days, but their leadership needs to keep an open mind on regional mass transit issues. Take a look around as you shop and dine and you'll see many "help wanted" signs posted at service and retail businesses.

Labor markets shift and businesses are too often searching long and hard for good employees. There are many such employees nearby, eager and willing to work, who could get to jobs if regional mass transit was a reality and provided affordable, reliable transit options for all.

Like leaders of the Detroit Three, suburban government and business leaders need to adapt their thinking and encourage cooperation and reflection on the issues that for too long have impeded progress on regional mass transit.

Next major battle will be about competitive electricity market

In 2016, Michigan will be center stage for yet another battle between those who advocate for more government control and those who advocate on behalf of freedom. The subject of this latest battle? Electricity.

There are "powerful" advocates (pun intended) in Lansing pushing for increased state regulation in response to in-



Patrick Colbeck
GUEST COLUMNIST

creased regulation by the federal government. I believe it is in the best interests of Michigan citizens to promote a free market competition.

Why do I believe this?

There are many reasons, but it starts with the following observation. Between 1997 and 2014, of the 48 contiguous states and Washington, D.C., the increase in average electricity price in the 14 competitive states was 40.9 percent, compared to 59.9 percent in the 35 monopoly states. Five of the six states with the lowest percentages were choice states (Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration). Competition constrains the growth in electricity rates.

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In summary, if you want a brighter future for Michigan, electric choice is the answer.

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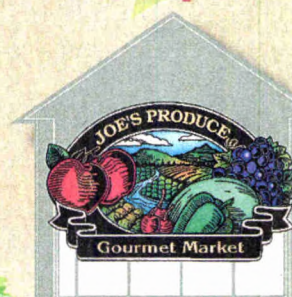
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REC-KING IT



Feeling pumped up as they continued on the 100-mile Pistol Ultra Run in early January are Canton's Jason Jones (left) and Dan McGuire.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Rocks able to close out victory

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Tuesday night's KLA Central Division varsity boys basketball game between host Salem and South Lyon wasn't one for the time capsule.

That's a point even Rocks veteran coach Bob Brodie conceded after his team posted a sloppy 45-38 victory over the Lions. The win upped Salem's record to 7-3 overall and 3-1 in the division, while South Lyon fell to 1-9, 0-4.

"We throw the basketball away and don't take very good care of it at times and that causes some trouble," Brodie said. "And I'd like to get a little more offensive rebounding."

"Of course, being without our big guy out there it was a little tougher."

The "big guy" is Salem senior center Kenny Topolovec, who has had a stellar season thus far with numerous double-doubles. He missed the South Lyon game due to an ankle injury and Brodie is not certain when Topolovec will be ready to return to action.

Stepping up

"We're proud of the other kids that stepped up," Brodie said. "Kyle Winfrey came in and took his place, did a substantial job for us. Got us off to a quick start out there; I commend him for that."

Winfrey scored eight of Salem's first 10 points and finished with 11 points and eight rebounds.

Registering eight points each were senior guard Freddie McGee III, junior forward Cameron Grace and senior guard Calin Crawford (who also had six rebounds).

Pacing the Lions with 18 points was junior Nick Flynn, while Noah Grimes chipped in seven.

South Lyon head coach Doug Host shook his head when asked if he thought his team let a winnable game slip away, considering Topolovec's absence.

"Absolutely and I'll be honest with you," Host said. "The teams we've played so far, I think we can beat any team in our division. We haven't done it, we haven't proven it. But I

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THE 100-MILE CLUB

After conquering Pistol Ultra Run in Tennessee, Canton running buddies plan on staying the long, long course

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The "fountain of youth" is different for everybody. For Canton's Dan McGuire and Jason Jones, all they need are running shoes and an open pathway. As for the latter, the longer it is, the better they like it. The friends — and members of Northville Road Runners — recently completed the 100-mile Pistol Ultra Run in Alcoa, Tenn. "Jason and I have attempted five of them (ultras) this year, during the last eight months, to celebrate me turning 40," McGuire said.

"We were going to do four and then we found a fifth one, so we tried to get the 100 miles five times."

They couldn't have fathomed a year or two ago that they'd be traveling out of state to willingly run for 24 hours straight.

"Jason was new to marathons two years ago, when he was turning 40," McGuire said. "And I talked him into doing what is called the Dances With Dirt Series; it's four 50-kilometer races."

"I talked him into doing that for his birthday, so when it came to my birthday, we need-

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COURTESY DAN MCGUIRE
This engraved belt buckle award was presented to Dan McGuire and Jason Jones.

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Pistol: To find out more about the Pistol Ultra Run, go to www.pistolultra.com.

Road Runners: To look into joining the Northville Road Runners, go to northvilleroadrunners.org.

USA HOCKEY

Greenway comes up clutch

Defenseman's late goal powers NTDP U18 team to win

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

J.D. Greenway wasn't about to let his team let a victory slip away Monday afternoon at USA Hockey Arena.

Despite a wide margin in shots on goal, the National Team Development Program Under-18 squad found itself knotted 2-2 with Youngstown in the final stages of a Martin

Luther King Jr. Day matinee contest.

That's when the 6-4 defenseman swung into high gear down the left wing. He zigged in on Youngstown goalie Ryan Bednard and zagged out the other side — before turning and firing a shot from below the right circle into the net.

It proved to be the deciding goal in a 4-2 United States Hockey League decision.

Turn and burn

"You got to do anything to try and get it in the net late in the third," Greenway said. "I did everything in my power to get it in."

"It was a sharp-angle shot. I figured the goalie was going to be kind of out of position because I cut in pretty close to the crease. I just figured if I just put it on the net, it might go in."

Providing much-needed insurance for the U18s and the approximately 1,000 fans on hand was defenseman Adam Fox. He flipped a high shot from his own zone that bounced into the empty Youngstown goal with exactly one minute to go.

Scoring in the first period as the U18s built a quick 2-0 lead

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After scoring an empty-netter to clinch Monday's win for the NTDP Under-18 team, Adam Fox (right) is congratulated by teammate J.D. Greenway — who earlier scored the tiebreaker against Youngstown.

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PREP GYMNASTICS

Chiefs on rise after Caruss Invite win

Canton places first among 20 teams, sparked by Toal's return to lineup

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

There is no prep gymnastics coach with a better understanding of what it takes to be a state title contender than Canton's John Cunningham.

And Cunningham is starting to see some promise for the 2015-16 Chiefs — who won the state championship two years ago but were state runners-up last season.

On Saturday, Canton topped the 20-team field at the Jeanne Caruss Invitational at White Lake Lakeland High School with a team score of 143.05.

"It was by no means a great meet," Cunningham said. "But it's a start toward the high 140s needed to win MHSAA states."

In second place at the prestigious tournament, which honors the late MHSAA coach and official, was Howell (140.525).

Also making strong showings were Farmington Unified (139.95) and Livonia Blue (138.65).

"It was a tremendous team effort, with everyone contributing, placing first as a team on every event except floor," Cunningham said.

One of the day's big devel-



The Canton varsity gymnastics team celebrates winning the Jeanne Caruss Memorial Invitational.

CANTON GYMNASTICS

opments for the Chiefs was the return to action of Maddie Toal. The consistent and versatile performer collected three nines (9.0 on vault for seventh place; 9.0 on uneven parallel bars for fourth place; 9.05 on balance beam for second place) and tallied 35.65 in all-around, good for third place.

Canton's Katie Dickson

registered an impressive all-around score of 34.575, for sixth place. She took fifth on floor exercise with 8.975.

Several other Canton performers also came up big, including a first on vault by Hailey Hodgson (9.4).

Rachel Socha had personal bests (and medals) on three events. Those included 9.25 on beam (first place), 8.95 on

vault (eighth) and 8.875 on floor (eighth).

Earning the top individual score for the Chiefs was Jana Hilditch, whose 9.45 on Division 1 vault was good for second place.

Hilditch was also sixth on bars (8.95) and floor (8.9).

Meanwhile, Kelsea Kernosek finished seventh on bars (8.675) and beam (8.7).

The Chiefs were looking to carry the positive momentum from the Caruss Invite into Wednesday's dual match against visiting Livonia Blue.

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COMPETITIVE CHEER

P-C Force squad fourth at states

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Champion Force competitive cheer team literally went kicking and jumping up to the state championship in Grand Rapids.

And when its routines were concluded last weekend at the Delta Plex, the Jamie Ferguson-coached squad came away with fourth-place honors out of eight teams in Division 4 (intermediate, ages 13-plus).

Members of the team include Nevaeh Bryce, Erin Cole, McKenzie King, Taylor King, Ashley Sasena, Savannah Sedore and Alexandra Tomalak.

"They worked super-hard for their win and are so excited," Ferguson said.

Gearing up for the state competition, the P-C Force practiced every week and displayed "lots of dedication and hard work," Ferguson said.

"Competitive cheerleading is a very physical sport, including jumps, kicks and complex stunting," he added. "It also is a lot of mental work such as team work, perseverance and confidence."

Champion Force has programs all over the country.

According to a website for Champion Force Athletics Cheerleading (www.championforce.com), the program "offers a fun and exciting program for beginners, intermediate and advanced level students. All athletes learn the fundamentals of cheer and dance including: cheers, chants, jumps, stunts, dance routines and how to perform in front of an audience. Our program also prepares athletes for junior high and high school cheer squads."

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Members of the Plymouth-Canton Champion Force competitive cheer squad are all smiles after finishing fourth at states. In the front row (from left) are Savannah Sedore, Ashley Sasena, Alexandra Tomalak and Nevaeh Bryce. In the back row (from left) are Taylor King, Erin Cole and McKenzie King.

JAMIE FERGUSON

BOYS BASKETBALL

Just enough for the win

Canton pulls away from Churchill in decisive final quarter

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

If you put Canton's pivotal KLA South Division boys basketball victory over Livonia Churchill under a high-powered microscope, you'd see several of the Chiefs' fingerprints.

The biggest print would belong to sky-walking senior guard Obi Okoli, who scored 14 of his team-high 18 points during the final 16 minutes to help Canton pull out a 61-52 triumph over the host Chargers.

Canton's victory improved its record to 10-0 overall and 4-0 in the South heading into Friday night's home game against Park rival Plymouth.

Okoli, who had three statement-making blocked shots in addition to his efficient offensive production, was just one of the players in the black uniforms to step up for the winners. Senior guard Hamoudy Turfe was more than steady all night, scoring 16 points. Logan Ryan also contributed at both ends of the court, scoring 12 points to go along with seven rebounds and three blocked shots.

Churchill's scoring ledger was equally balanced. Senior guard Jon Hovermale led the Chargers with 14 points, while junior forward Jerron Hampton contributed 12 — eight in the final quarter, when Churchill was trying to claw back from a double-digit deficit.

Junior forward Evan Cummins showed his versatility for the Chargers, scoring 10 points (six the result of two long 3-point makes) and five rebounds.

Both teams came out firing on all cylinders in the opening quarter, which ended with Churchill holding a 16-15 lead. Canton forged ahead 28-21 at the half thanks to some sticky defense, which resulted in holding the hosts to 1-of-8 shooting from the field.

The Chiefs' first double-digit lead of the night (34-24) came with 4:11 left in the third quarter, when a double-teamed Ryan threaded a dime from underneath the basket to Okoli, who knocked down an 18-foot baseline jumper.

Churchill charged back to within 44-41 early in the fourth quarter, when Cummins swished a straight-away trey, but Canton answered with a 7-0 run — the last five points coming from Okoli — to increase its advantage back to 51-41.

ROCKS

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think we can."

Off the mark

Costing the Lions was errant shooting from long range. South Lyon made just 4-of-24 attempts from beyond the 3-point arc; Salem wasn't any better in that department (3-of-16).

All told, the Lions and Rocks hit on just one-third of their shots from the floor.

Both teams were guilty of traveling calls and losing the basketball for most of the evening, enabling neither team from getting on much of a roll until Salem came to life in the third quarter.

In other areas, it was a fairly even contest. Salem outrebounded the Lions, but only by a 29-24 mark. South Lyon turned the ball over 19 times, just two more than the Rocks.

The struggling teams entered intermission knotted at 17-17 and then traded baskets to open the second half.

South Lyon went ahead for what turned out to be the final time midway through the third quarter, when Flynn sank a free throw followed by a nifty finger-roll by Ben Call to make it a 22-19 Lions edge.

Getting two of those points right back was Crawford, who followed up his own miss with a successful bank shot. That basket jump-started Salem's

13-2 run to close out the quarter, which ended with the Rocks leading, 32-24.

Effort pays off

Some of Salem's field goals during that stretch were rewards for persistence.

McGee missed badly on a long jumper, but he got to the offensive rebound and dropped the ball into the cylinder, giving the Rocks a 23-22 advantage with 2:30 to play in the quarter.

Winfrey scored on a put-back. Senior Matt White drove to the rim for a layup, taking an inside dish from McGee. Closing out the stretch with a triple from the right corner was Grace, who heated up at the right time for Salem.

"We've been waiting for him to kind of light up a little bit," Brodie said. "He's been struggling the last few games."

"He's still taking good shots, they just haven't been falling for him. And fortunately, late in the game tonight, he knocked a couple down that were critical for us."

Grace and junior Camren Barden pretty much sealed the Salem win when they buried back-to-back triples within a half-minute to turn a precarious 35-30 lead into a 41-30 bulge.

"I just play hard, even when the shots aren't falling," Grace said. "It's just playing hard and playing defense to help my team get a win."

South Lyon's Host lamented some unforced miscues by



Going up for a jumper Tuesday is Salem's Calin Crawford, while South Lyon's Josh Riehle (left) and Spencer Deline close in.

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his team: "We were competitive and right there. But at some point, we have to commit to making the fundamen-

tal play. Tonight we probably had five, six turnovers that the defense didn't force."



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Aaron Jonah Lewis and Lindsay McCaw, members of The Corn Potato String Band, are among the musicians who founded the Detroit Square Dance Society.

Kick up your heels at Detroit Square Dance Society event

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

It's hip to be square on the dance floor.

So, grab your shoes — leather soles are best — and head to the Detroit Square Dance Society's second square dance night, Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Gaelic League, 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit.

Members of The Corn and Potato String Band and Behind the Times will play music for square dancing, and fiddler Mick Gavin of Redford and his Crossroads Ceili band will set the tone for Irish set dances. Ann McCallum will give set dancing directions and Lindsay McCaw, a Society founder and member of The Corn and Potato String Band, will call square dance moves. The event will start with a pot-luck dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a flat footing demonstration at 7 p.m. and dancing from 7:30-11 p.m. Admission is a suggested \$10 donation, but no one will be turned away.

No experience is necessary. No partners are needed. All dances will be taught and all ages are welcome.

"We're all excited about this," said Gavin, a Society member who played fiddle for its inaugural dance in November 2015. He credits Lindsay McCaw and Aaron Jonah Lewis of The Corn and Potato String Band for creating the monthly square dance. They and several other musicians joined forces and formed the Society.

"I thought it was a great idea. It's a half dozen people and we're all musicians," Gavin said, adding that the upcoming dance will include music by "five or six fiddlers, two or three guitar players, a stand-up bass, keyboard and mandolin."

In addition to McCaw, Lewis and Gavin's band, dance night musicians also include Rachel Pearson and Ben Luttermoser of Behind the Times. The first event drew approximately 120 dancers. Gavin expects a larger crowd this weekend.

Mix of ages

"The thing I admired about it last time was that a lot of young people came. They were in their early 20s and mid-30s. They danced and were extremely social," he said. "But absolutely it's for all ages. It's a great way for people to



Crossroads Ceili, led by Mick Gavin (center) of Redford, will play Irish music for set dancing at the monthly gathering of the Detroit Square Dance Society.



Ben Luttermoser and Rachel Pearson of Behind the Times. They'll play music for square dancing Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Gaelic League Ballroom in Detroit.



Dancers follow the caller in time to the music at the monthly Detroit Square Dance Society gathering.

assemble and get to know each other.

"It's a great thing that is happening to Detroit. I'm just so excited to see these young men and women at the Gaelic League."

McCaw said the Detroit Square Dance Society grew out of informal music jams and square dances that she and Lewis had held at their home. They looked for a venue to hold monthly, public dances for more than a year before Gavin introduced them to the Gaelic League.

"Mick is a great guy and a really great supporter and promoter of folk music," McCaw said. "He supports people who play old-time and folk music. He's connected to the dance and music community."

The venue includes a stage, wooden dance floor and a seating area where dancers can rest up or non-dancers can sit and enjoy watching the action.

Fast dancing

McCaw described the square dancing as southern style and different from the better known western style that often "is not done to live music, is choreographed and done with people who already know the dances."

"There is a whole network of people doing southern square dances. A few square dance communities have been going for 50 years, but most are revivals started 20, 15, or 10 years ago," she said. "The music is faster. You have a looser way of communicating with the dancers. Not everything has to be on the beat. You can have beginners and advanced dancers together and it works."

In addition to Irish set dancing and square dancing, the night also may include a few polkas and waltzes.

McCaw suggests wearing shoes with leather soles, which won't stick to the dance floor the way rubber soles do, but stressed that there's no dress code.

"You can dance. You can take a break. There's food, music and you can dress up if you want to. Some people do, but you don't have to. It's going to be a mix. Come out and have a good time."

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Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through Jan. 30

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Fiber artists Barbara Bushey

and Susan Moran exhibit textiles and mixed media works

Contact: 248-344-0497 or www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org

U-M MUSEUM OF ART

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23-May 22

Location: 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor

Details: "I am sitting in a room," is a sound installation by American composer, Alvin Lucier, on loan for the first time by the Museum of Modern Art, New York

Contact: 734-764-0395;

umma.umich.edu

VILLAGE THEATER

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

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

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

Contact: cantonvillagetheater.org

DANCE

EISENHOWER DANCE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23

Location: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway

Details: The company's 25th anniversary performance will include a reconstruction of "The Rite of Spring," danced to Stravinsky's iconic score; *Evermore*, a work from the company's early years, and "Bolero," a piece created last season. Tickets range from \$25-\$83

Contact: 313-237-7464; michiganopera.org

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: "Suffragette," \$3

Coming up: "Spectre," 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday Jan. 28-29, 3:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 30-31

Contact: 734-453-0870;

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REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Jan. 22 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 23

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

Details: "The Big Sleep," featuring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481;

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HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 5-May 15

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: "Leisure and Luxury in the Age of Nero: the Villas of Opatontis near Pompeii," explores the lavish lifestyle and economic interests of some of ancient Rome's wealthiest and most powerful citizens, who vacationed along the Bay of Naples. Includes more than 200 items on loan from Italy. Admission is free

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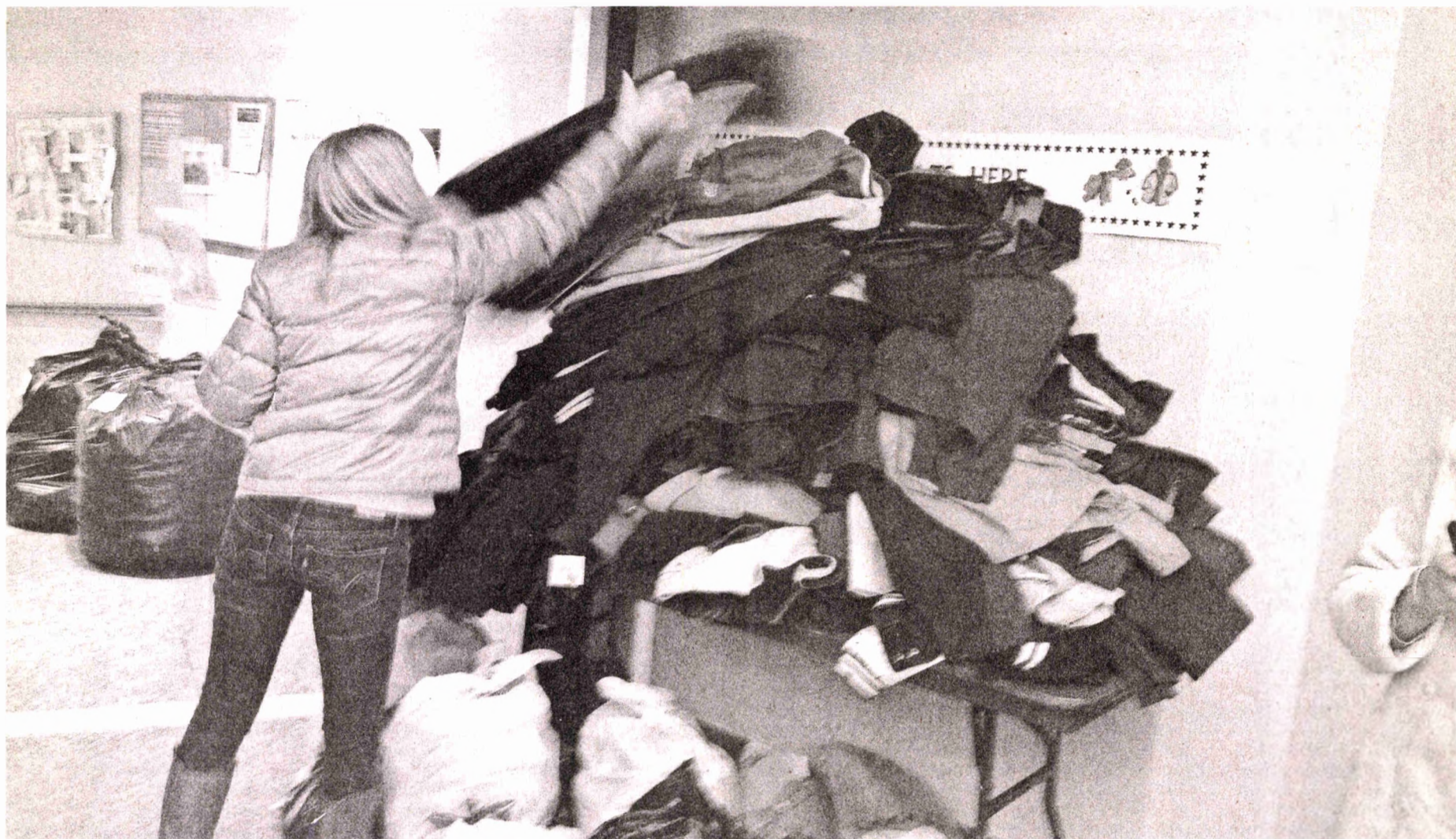
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Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

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

Contact: 734-455-8940



A woman adds another donation to the pile of coats and jackets last year at St. Thomas a'Becket's annual coat drive.

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Donate your used outerwear to Canton parish coat drive



THINKSTOCK



A bake sale raises money to buy outerwear for the annual Be a Buddy Coat Drive at St. Thomas a'Becket in Canton.



Scarves, mittens, and gloves also are collected during the coat drive.

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

You can help others stay warm this winter by donating to St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church's 10th annual Be a Buddy Coat Drive. The drive runs Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 23-24 and 30-31 at the church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. The parish office is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. The church will accept everything from baby buntings and snow suits to hoodies, coats and jackets for all ages and sizes, along with mittens, gloves

and scarves. Gloves and mittens should be donated in pairs in plastic bags. Parishioners will sell baked goods after Masses Jan. 23-24, to benefit the clothing collection. Cash and checks, made out to St. Thomas a'Becket, also will be accepted. Last year the bake sale raised \$1,500 and donations totaled more than \$800. Maureen Hassien, who coordinates the coat drive, uses the donated funds and bake sale proceeds to buy additional coats. "I try to get the most for the money," said Hassien, who shops sales for

new coats and visits thrift stores to buy gently-used garments. The church has collected approximately 15,000 coats over the past five years. It donates the outerwear over two weekends to 10 church outreach programs, homeless shelters and social service agencies. This year the recipients include the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, St. Patrick's Parish outreach center, Detroit Rescue Mission and St. Vincent de Paul, among others. "My house is full of coats right now. There's probably a couple hundred," said Hassien, who gets help from the church teen group and other

parishioners with sorting and bagging the clothing. Friends at church started the coat drive in memory of Hassien's husband, Buddy, who died in 2006. "My girlfriends approached me on it after he passed away. Buddy would give you the coat off his back. He'd jump in and help with anything," Hassien said. Friends led the event for three years and Hassien started coordinating it in 2011. For more information about the Be a Buddy Coat Drive, call the church at 734-981-1333.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Christians will come together for prayer, songs and silent reflection, at A Gathering of Christian Unity, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at the Livonia Civic Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Livonia Cares, an organization of churches and social service agencies that helps Livonia residents in need, is sponsoring the event. The gathering will celebrate the 2016 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. "The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has its origin in 1908 when a parish of Franciscan friars came up with the

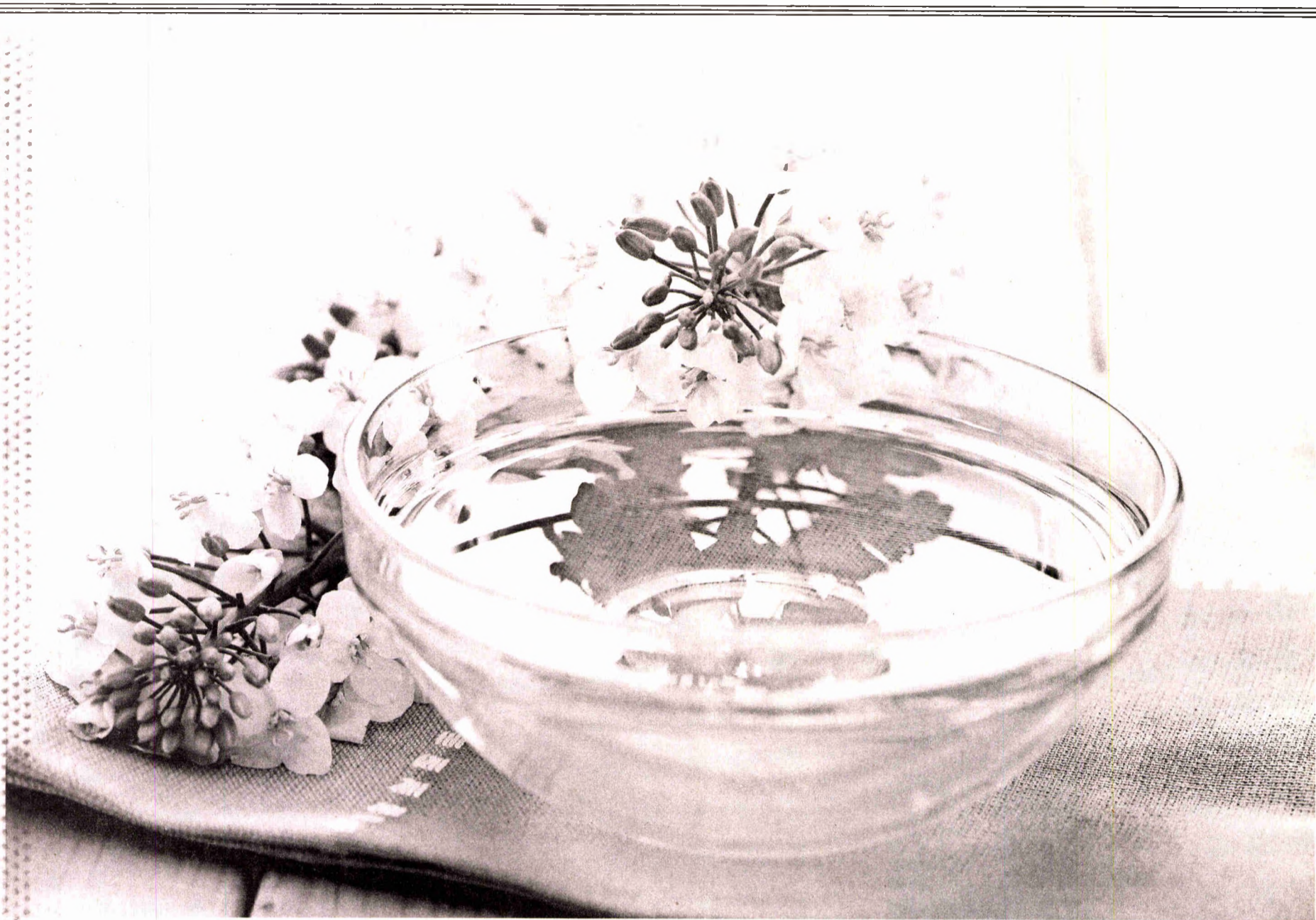
concept. Its focus is on prayer for church unity. It is usually observed for a week in January," said Mary Cisney, who is helping to promote the Gathering of Christian Unity. "The event that Livonia Cares is sponsoring will be a service, with passages from the Bible being read by members of Livonia Cares. There will be times of silence set aside for reflection, soul searching and prayer. The Salvation Army Band will play the songs that those in attendance will join in singing, *Amazing Grace* and *Let There be Peace*

on Earth to name two." Cisney said the event is designed to bring Christians from all walks of faith together to celebrate Christian love and unity. "We are hoping that all those who feel that those who gather together 'in my name, there am I among them,' will join us Sunday," Cisney said, quoting Matthew 18:20. Here's a sampling of other faith-related activities and events:

JANUARY COMMONGROUND
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Jan. 29
Location: Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Join women from more than 30 churches for worship with a live band, giveaways, and a party with appetizers and a coffee/cocoa bar. The outreach focus is Blessed Hope, which serves hot meals to the homeless daily in Lincoln Park. Participants should bring a white T-shirt in any size, large black

socks or men's heavy winter gloves to donate at the event
Contact: 734) 397-1777
FILM
Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. doors open, film starts at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: View War Room
Contact: 734-522-6830

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THINKSTOCK

BROIL FISH, ROAST PORK, BAKE A BREAD WITH CANOLA OIL

When it's time to get cooking, do you really know your oil? Some oils are great for high temperatures, others can't take the heat. Some are heart-smart, while others are loaded with saturated fat.

"As a dietitian, I want an oil that's healthy, and when I cook, I want an oil that's versatile and performs consistently," said Manuel Villacorta, R.D., author of *Whole Body Reboot*.

Sarah-Jane Bedwell, R.D., nutrition columnist at *Self* and author of *Schedule Me Skinny*, echoes Villacorta, noting the ideal is an everyday cooking oil that's low in saturated fat and high in heat tolerance.

"It's important that people understand the differences among cooking oils as they can't be used interchangeably in everything you cook," she said. "With 100 percent canola oil, I know what I'm getting in the kitchen and on my plate. It's healthy and works in everything — an 'all in one' cooking oil."

Canola oil contains the least saturated fat, about half that of olive, soybean, corn and sunflower oils, and the most plant-based omega-3 fat of all common cooking oils. Research shows that eating 1 1/2 tablespoons of canola oil daily in place of saturated fat can help reduce the risk of coronary heart disease. Canola oil also may help control blood sugar in people with type 2 diabetes.

Canola oil has no taste and a light texture, allowing the flavors of your ingredients to take center stage.

Broil, sear or even deep-fry to your heart's content in canola oil. It has one of the highest heat tolerances of any cooking oil (smoke point of 468 F), so it's an ideal kitchen partner.

Canola oil costs about the same as vegetable oil, but with canola oil, you know which oil is in the bottle. Vegetable oil may actually be any number of different oils.

For more recipes and facts about canola oil, visit canolainfo.org.

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MAPLE ROASTED PORK TENDERLOIN WITH ROSEMARY

Serves: 4; serving size is 2 slices, 1/2-inch thick each

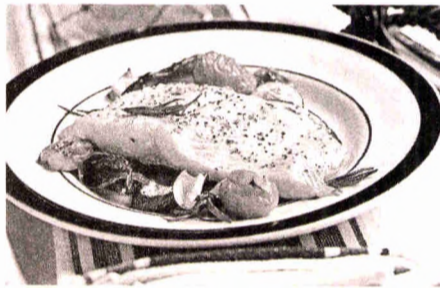
1/2 cup maple syrup
2 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
2 tablespoons grainy Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary
1 pound pork tenderloin, trimmed of excess fat
2 tablespoons canola oil

In large bowl or zip-lock bag, combine maple syrup, soy sauce, mustard, lemon juice and rosemary. Add pork tenderloin and cover or seal and refrigerate for at least an hour or up to 24. (Do-ahead: pork can be frozen in marinade at this point for up to four months. Thaw it completely in refrigerator overnight before proceeding.) When ready to cook, preheat oven to 400 °F. In large, heavy, oven-proof skillet, heat generous drizzle of canola oil over medium-high heat.

Remove pork from marinade and brown it on all sides. Place skillet in oven and cook for 15-20 minutes, until meat thermometer inserted into thickest part of pork reads 155 °F. Tent loosely with foil and let rest for 10 minutes before slicing.

Meanwhile, in small saucepan, bring remaining marinade to boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat and simmer for at least a minute, until it thickens slightly. Slice pork into 1/2-inch-thick slices on slight diagonal and serve drizzled with spoonful of sauce. This dish is best served with mashed potatoes to catch any extra sauce.

Tips: For variation, you can make Maple Rosemary Pork Satay by cutting the pork tenderloin crosswise in half, then lengthwise into strips before marinating. Thread onto bamboo skewers that have been soaked in water for at least 10 minutes, and grill on a preheated grill (or grill pan) that has been brushed with canola oil for 2 to 3 minutes per side, until just cooked through. Alternately, bake on a rimmed baking sheet that has been brushed with canola oil at 400 °F for 5-7 minutes, until just cooked through.



BROILED TROUT WITH LEMON OIL & OVEN-GRILLED VEGETABLES

Serves: 4, 1 fillet each

Lemon Canola Oil:
1 cup canola oil
zest of two lemons, about 2 tablespoons
Assembly:
2 small zucchini, cut in half lengthwise, then cut into 1/4-inch-thick diagonal pieces
1 pint grape tomatoes
1 medium red onion, cut in half and thinly sliced into half moons
4 garlic cloves, peeled and smashed
2 sprigs fresh rosemary
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons lemon canola oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
4 rainbow trout fillets (6 ounces each), skin removed
2 tablespoons lemon oil
4 sprigs fresh rosemary, 2 inches long
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
lemon wedges for garnishing

In blender, combine canola oil and lemon zest. Process until smooth, then strain through fine mesh strainer. Store in refrigerator in airtight container or covered jar for 1-2 days.

Preheat broiler. In large bowl, combine zucchini, grape tomatoes, red onion, garlic and rosemary. Drizzle vegetable mixture with balsamic vinegar and lemon canola oil. Toss, then sprinkle with salt and pepper. Spread vegetables in single layer on baking sheet and place 4 inches under broiler for 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender crisp and browned. Halfway through cooking time, toss vegetables.

While vegetables are cooking, prepare baking sheet with foil and cooking spray. Place trout fillets on prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle both sides with pepper and place rosemary sprig under each fillet. Drizzle each fillet with 1/2 teaspoon lemon canola oil. Place fish under broiler for 7 to 8 minutes or until fish is opaque and flaky. Carefully lift trout from baking pan with spatula and serve with vegetables.



BANANA BREAD WITH CHOCOLATE DRIZZLE

Makes: 10 servings, serving size is 3/4-inch slice

Canola oil cooking spray
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup whole-wheat pastry flour
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup canola oil
1/2 cup nonfat plain yogurt
1 large egg
1 large egg white
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 large, very ripe bananas, peeled and mashed (about 1 1/2 cups)
Chocolate Drizzle:
2 tablespoons confectioners sugar
2 teaspoons 1% low-fat milk, plus more if needed
1/2 ounce dark chocolate (60-70% cocoa solids), finely chopped

Preheat oven to 350 °F. Spray 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with canola oil cooking spray.

In large bowl, whisk together flours, sugars, baking soda, baking powder and salt.

In medium bowl, whisk together canola oil, yogurt, eggs and vanilla, then whisk in mashed banana to combine. Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix until just combined. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake until wooden skewer inserted into center comes out clean, 50-55 minutes.

Allow to cool, then transfer bread out of pan onto plate.

To make chocolate drizzle: In small saucepan, combine confectioners sugar and milk. Cook over low heat, stirring until combined. Add chocolate and cook until just melted, stirring continuously, about 1 minute.

Drizzle chocolate over top of banana bread. Allow chocolate to cool and set, then slice and serve.

CITY BITES

Steak dinner

LIVONIA — American Legion Riders will present its 10th annual Polar Bear Steak Dinner, 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh. The dinner will include 10-ounce New York strip steaks cooked to order, baked potatoes, rolls, a salad bar, dessert table, and hot corn. Tickets are \$18 per

dinner. Non-dinner guests pay \$10. The event also will include a Chinese auction and 50/50 raffle. The dinner supports veterans charities. For more information call Charlie Powell at 313-949-8188.

Wedding cakes

NORTHVILLE — Engaged couples can sample a variety of cakes and fillings, as well as ice creams for free at Browndog Creamery & Des-

sert Bar's wedding cake tasting event, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at the shop, 118 E. Main. During the event guests can enter to win 50 percent off a wedding dessert order and Browndog's pastry chefs will be on hand for consultations.

Thin Mints and more

SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN — Craving Girl Scouts cookies? Scouts are selling cook-

ies now and will begin setting up booths throughout southeastern Michigan February-March. To find a cookie booth near you, or to learn about buying online, visit girlscouts.org, click on the "cookies" category and type in your zip code in the "find cookies" box.

Fast lunch

LIVONIA — No time for lunch? You can get a meal in

just 10 minutes from the new \$10 Quick Lunch Menu at Andiamo Trattoria, 38703 W. Seven Mile. The menu, which includes four kinds of salads, two paninis, three wraps, and five selections of pasta and risotto, is available from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Orders can be placed in the lounge or as carry-outs. Call 734-953-3200 for more information.

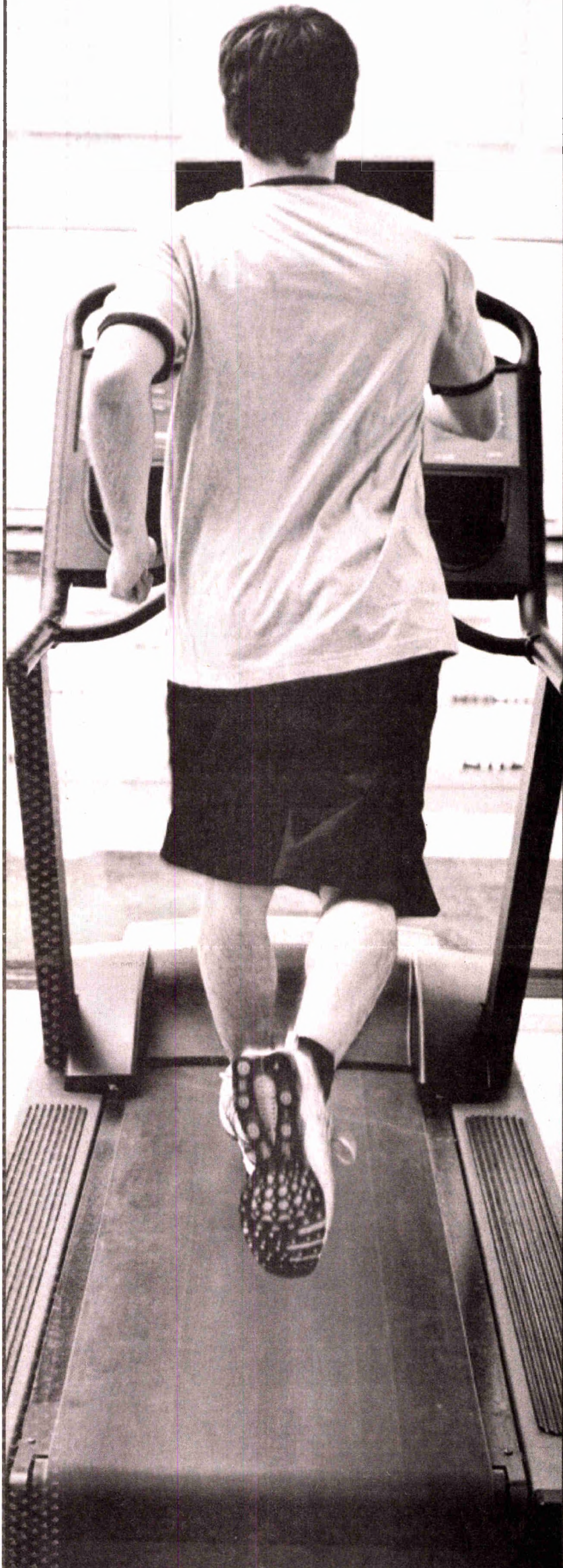
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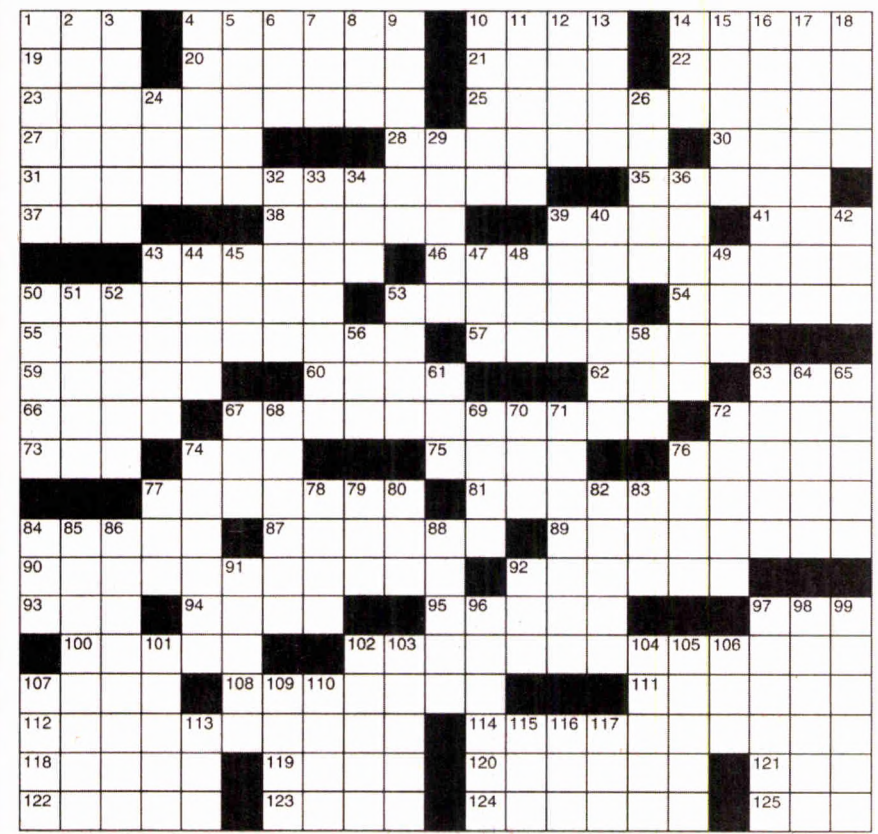
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Faux — (social slip)
 - 4 Tangos, e.g.
 - 10 Singer Anka
 - 14 May greeting card
 - 19 "C— la vie" ("That's Life")
 - 20 Tristan's love
 - 21 Up to the job
 - 22 Bayer brand
 - 23 Anorak, for Alaska?
 - 25 Set no spending limits?
 - 27 Injury-sorting process
 - 28 Tell a story
 - 30 Drum set?
 - 31 Brit Jones played by Renée Zellweger?
 - 35 "Barbarella" star Jane
 - 37 Suffix similar to -ette
 - 38 Baseball's Tony La —
 - 39 Frat letters
 - 41 Tenth mo.
 - 43 Actress Tomei
 - 46 Decide to order ravioli?
 - 50 Old comics girl
 - 53 Soap format
 - 54 Baseball's Pee Wee
 - 55 Place for actor Baldwin's lawn?
 - 57 Party food provider
 - 59 González in 2000 headlines
 - 60 Lovers' god
 - 62 "No" vote
 - 63 That miss
 - 66 Agents, in brief
 - 67 Tyke sitting on a fireplace floor?
 - 72 Tibia locale
 - 73 Fresno-to-L.A. dir.
 - 74 Iniquity
 - 75 "... for — know"
 - 76 Empathetic comment
 - 77 Suffer humiliation
 - 81 Furnish supplies to Oregon's capital?
 - 84 Box in a den
 - 87 — borealis
 - 89 Friendly teasing
 - 90 Jet kept in reserve?
 - 92 Hobbled along
 - 93 — -Cat
 - 94 Go higher
 - 95 Set — (decide when to wed)
 - 97 Egg: Prefix
 - 100 Pickling liquid
 - 102 Yeast used to treat illness?
 - 107 Dad's sister
 - 108 — Bessette-Kennedy
 - 111 Dress
 - 112 Activity held between work hours?
 - 114 Apt word spelled out by the letters added to 10 answers in this puzzle
 - 118 "Uncle Miltie"
 - 119 Taken with
 - 120 Faraway
 - 121 — Jones Average
 - 122 Williams of "Happy Days"
 - 123 Gotten a glimpse of
 - 124 Grog drinker
 - 125 Lennon lover
- DOWN**
- 1 Druggist's crushing tool
 - 2 Houston team
 - 3 Blemishes
 - 4 UCSD part
 - 5 Fluttery tree
 - 6 3 R's gp.
 - 7 Inferior dog
 - 8 Moose kin
 - 9 Anises
 - 10 Gi's chaplain
 - 11 Call off, as a launch
 - 12 Forearm part
 - 13 Riga native
 - 14 Socrates' T
 - 15 Bygone
 - 16 Huge vitamin intake, e.g.
 - 17 Hams it up
 - 18 New York team
 - 24 Tiny bit
 - 26 Suit
 - 29 Best competitive effort, informally
 - 32 Big name in water filters
 - 33 Stole cattle
 - 34 "The Lady — Tramp"
 - 36 Kind of hawk
 - 39 Bog fuel
 - 40 With 56-Down, pre-talkies time
 - 42 — Bo
 - 43 — a wet hen
 - 44 One-named R&B singer
 - 45 Arena arbiter
 - 47 Oval part
 - 48 Korean car
 - 49 — Lingus
 - 50 Leering types
 - 51 Chronicles
 - 52 Baloney
 - 53 Bluebonnet part
 - 56 See 40-Down
 - 58 Cheering cry
 - 61 — Na Na
 - 63 Slate source
 - 64 Employing person
 - 65 Hostile party
 - 67 Assembly aid
 - 68 Using uppercase
 - 69 Lanchester of old films
 - 70 Flying stat
 - 71 Abbott & Costello musical
 - 72 Parboil
 - 74 Titan's planet
 - 76 Atoll unit
 - 77 Comics cry
 - 78 Ordinance
 - 79 "... cup — cone?"
 - 80 Took the gold
 - 82 Liama cousin
 - 83 Laotian currency unit
 - 84 Conan's network
 - 85 Eighth U.S. president
 - 86 Disdainful people
 - 88 Good to go
 - 91 Portion
 - 92 Fond du —
 - 96 Iraqi currency units
 - 97 City in Spain
 - 98 Lillian — (gift retailer)
 - 99 Ring combo
 - 101 Author — Calvino
 - 102 Three-card street scam
 - 103 John of rock
 - 104 Milk: Prefix
 - 105 Bygone anesthetic
 - 106 \$\$\$ dispenser
 - 107 "Chiquitita" quartet
 - 109 Alamo rival
 - 110 Russo of film
 - 113 Boy toy?
 - 115 Brewed quaff
 - 116 Oversharing initialism
 - 117 Co. owned by Verizon



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702/4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com. Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

SUDOKU

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Here's How It Works:

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

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

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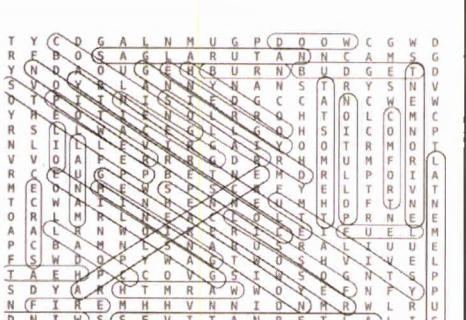
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STATE	PARKA	DONT	BUDGET
TRIAGE	NARRATE	EARLS	
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	ELIAN	EROS	NAY
	REPS	KIDATHE	EARTH
	SS	SIN	ALLI
		EATCROW	STOCKS
		TVSET	AURORA
		BACKUP	PLANE
		SNO	RISE
		BRINE	MEDICAL
		AUNT	CAROLYN
		BREAK	EVENT
		BERLE	INTO
		ANSON	SEEN

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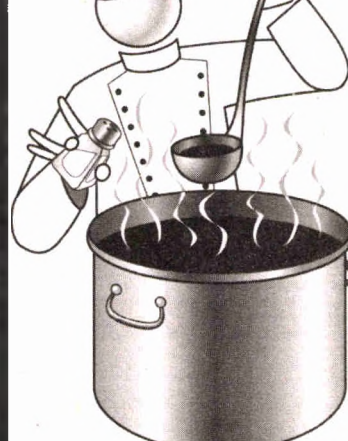
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