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Board looks at golf course's future

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Officials in Plymouth Township are pondering the future of the township's money-losing Hilltop Golf Course.

A five-year contract with the course management company, Virginia-based Billy Casper Golf, expires this spring, and the township Board of Trustees is

expected to vote Tuesday on whether to exercise an option for a three-year renewal.

Hilltop is an 18-hole course on Powell Road east of Beck, just west of Plymouth Township Park.

Billy Casper was hired in 2011 to replace another management company

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Tech executive to challenge township treasurer

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Touting experience in strategic thinking and management — of both people and money — Mark J. Clinton has announced his candidacy for Plymouth Township treasurer.

Clinton, a 27-year township resident, is a regional director of sales operations, strategy and planning for Cisco Systems, a computer network-

ing company for which he has worked for nearly a dozen years. Clinton says he'll run as a Republican in the August township primary, challenging five-term Treasurer Ron Edwards, who confirmed Wednesday that he will seek a sixth term.

By his own admission, Clinton had little interest until recently in local politics and has a spotty voting record.

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GATTO FAMILY HONORED ON SITE OF OLD ROMAN FORUM



Gregory Gatto accepts the plaque from Black Rock's Karl Albrecht. In the background is Kristina Gatto, Gregory's daughter-in-law.

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Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Emotions ran high as three generations of family returned to the Canton site where patriarch Gregory Gatto, for 38 years, lived his dream of owning an Italian restaurant, the Roman Forum.

It was gone, this once-beloved com-

munity gem, a place where Gatto, an Italian immigrant, found his American dream before he closed for good New Year's Eve 2014. In its place on Ford Road stood the new Black Rock, a stylish restaurant where owner Jack Schifko and son Jake, chief operating officer, hope to build their own legacy.

One iconic bit of history remains, however. A knight's suit of armor,

which stood just over 9 feet tall near the old Roman Forum entrance, has found a home in Black Rock. Once known as Sir Pizzalot, it has a new moniker, Sir Gatto, immortalized on a nameplate along with a wall plaque that honors the Gatto family and Roman Forum's history.

"I couldn't ask for anything better," Gregory Gatto, 84, said, standing near

Sir Gatto as Black Rock's owners and partners invited the Gatto family back to honor them during a Jan. 28 ceremony. "I'm really gratified."

Jack Schifko learned about the significance of the knight's suit of armor from a story published in the *Observer* as Roman Forum was clos-

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Help us kick off 'Community Scrapbook'

The *Plymouth* and *Canton Observers* will start a "Community Scrapbook" spot in the papers to highlight residents and their lives.

We ask that if you and your family have an event, activity, vacation or anything you photograph and would like to see it published, email editor Joanne Maliszewski at jmalisz-

ews@hometownlife.com.

To make this effort successful, we urge all to participate. It will be a fun way to include more people in our newspapers and to highlight life in the Plymouths and Canton. We will not publish inappropriate photos.

Please be sure you email your photos as JPG attach-

ments. And don't forget to identify the people — and pets — in your photos, as well as when the photo was taken and what the folks in the photo are doing. Also, be sure to put "Community Scrapbook" in the email subject line.

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TREASURER

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But the more he talked to residents about township politics, he said during a recent interview, the more interested — and motivated — he became.

"We've got a lot of angry people in this community," said Clinton, who will turn 57 this month. "I would like to restore trust in the community."

That lack of trust, in Clinton's view, has fueled criticism from a sizable group of residents who view township officials' every move through a negative lens and show up, angry and

vocal, at Board of Trustees meetings.

"Every single issue has become a big issue because of that lack of trust," he said.

Questions priorities

Clinton said he's been on a "listening tour," hearing residents' views on township government, and that "pretty much to a person," residents he's talked to believe the board is not listening to their input and that tax dollars are not being put to good use.

Clinton said the board hasn't always set the right priorities, that essentials, like public safety and employee retirement plans that are underfunded, are ig-

nored while money is spent on extras.

An example, he said, is that the board cut the fire department budget, leading to the 2012 layoffs of firefighters and the closing of one of the township's three fire stations, then borrowed \$1.9 million, a couple of years later, in part to pay for improvements at township recreation facilities.

"I consider myself a good financial and analytical business person" and would use those skills to help set township funding priorities, Clinton said.

Clinton said he would be "transparent" in providing access to township financial records, explain township finances in plain language and reach out to the public.

"We've got tremendous people in our community" and more would like to be involved in the township, he said, but stay away because of the



Clinton

politics.

Treasurer: 'Solid record'

Edwards defended his record on Wednesday, saying he's kept taxes low (at 4 mills, property taxes are the lowest of any community in Wayne County) and noting that the township is recognized as one of the safest communities of its size in Michigan.

"I have a solid record on what I've done over the last 20 years in this community," Edwards said.

Edwards also mentioned Clinton's sparse voting record.

"You would think (he) would be more engaged," Edwards said.

Clinton also:

» Said township officials need to improve relations with the city of Plymouth, which have been strained since the city left the Plymouth Community Fire Department at the end of 2011. Officials in the communities have also been divided over a \$3.74 million tab, for retirement benefits related to the joint fire department, that the township

presented the city.

» Is undecided on the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, or PARC, at the former Central Middle School in the city.

Advocates want to see an improved facility run by a joint city-township taxing authority that would have to be approved by voters, but the township board voted two years ago to not participate in any such arrangement until at least Nov. 20 of this year.

"I'm not convinced the business model at the PARC will work," Clinton said. But, he added, he'd rather the township participate in discussions over the future of PARC. "They've got to get the input of the community and we haven't done that," he said.

» Said board members need to foster a more respectful dialogue, even when they disagree. Clinton said he wants to see a board of "seven independent thinkers who have the best interest of the community" and that is not how the board now operates.

» Agreed that criti-

cism of his prior non-involvement in local affairs and spotty voting record is "fair," but said that he's at a point in his career where can give back to the community.

Clinton, who attended the University of Michigan on a baseball scholarship (he was a pitcher and spent time in the Houston Astros minor league system), has a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's of business administration, also from U-M. He and his wife of almost 30 years, Carol, have three adult children.

Prior to working for Cisco, Clinton was a division president at Lason, which provides document management outsourcing services. He has also worked for Master Data Center (now part of Thomson Reuters), which offers intellectual property management software and services, and the accounting firm Anderson Consulting (now Accenture).

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COURSE

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and investments were made at the time in the clubhouse and in new equipment, leading to high hopes that the course would become profitable.

But the course has not shown a profit since, accumulating a deficit that at the end of 2013 was about \$408,000, according to a third-party audit. In 2013 alone, revenue was about \$624,000 and expenses were about \$744,000, meaning an \$80,000 deficit for the year, the audit shows.

"I don't think it's a secret that golf courses, post-recession, have struggled," Nick Bednar, a regional director of operations at Billy Cas-

per, told board members during a special meeting Tuesday.

Nationwide, Bednar said, golf participation rates have been climbing since the recession, but haven't reached the peak seen in the 1990s. Across the country, there are about the same number of rounds played annually as were played in 1990, he said, while at the same time there are 3,300 more courses.

Optimism for 2016

Bednar said the company's goal for 2016 is about 28,000 rounds of golf and revenue of \$642,000. The course should break even this year, he said, or perhaps see a small profit.

"We believe the long-term strategy has to be focused on revenue and sales growth," he said.

The township pays Billy Casper an annual

management fee, plus payroll expenses, and collects the course revenue.

The board also heard from Rob Higby, a Billy Casper regional marketing director, who outlined some of the strategies he plans to use to make the course profitable, including offering more packaged outings, advertising available rounds on the Internet and hosting more events, such as a successful craft beer scramble featuring beer from Michigan brewers.

Higby said Hilltop has a "very engaged" clientele and that his company wants to translate that into more rounds played. Company officials said that, in 2015, about 800 individual golfers from the 48170 ZIP code alone used the course.

"There's no magic

silver bullet," Bednar said of increasing course usage. "It's a lot of little things."

Trustee Chuck Curmi said, with golf season approaching, it may be too late to be able to operate the course if the contract with Billy Casper is not renewed.

Trustee Bob Doroshe-witz, however, suggested a one-year renewal. "Everything's negotiable," he said.

Bednar said that, sooner or later, the course will need maintenance such as cart path repairs or new cart paths. Facility improvements have the potential to increase revenue, he said, but the money needed for those improvements means there's always a trade-off.

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Plymouth's Shawl Ministry sews hope with yarn and thread

Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Skeins of yarn and crochet threads are being transformed into much more than garments and accessories, thanks to a group of women from Our Lady Good Counsel — they are becoming warm hugs and symbols of hope.

Members of the parish's Shawl Ministry — started more than nine years ago — are certain the recipients of their shawls, hats, scarves, mittens and more feel the love and prayers that go into the creation of the items they make.

"As we pass the items that we have made on to others, we hope that we are passing along a source of comfort as well," said Plymouth resident Marilyn Kokoszka, who chairs the group along with Karen Folland, also of Plymouth.

Similar to the Prayer Shawl Ministry project started in 1998 by two graduates of the Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Conn., the OLGC Shawl Ministry offers an opportunity for women (and men) to combine their talents for knitting and crocheting into a mission that provides comfort and solace to others, Folland explained.

As members create items, they offer prayers and blessings for the recipients as they weave the piece, allowing it to become more than just shawl, hat or set of mittens, she said.

"They really are like hugs," Folland said.

The ever-growing group has about 12 regular members, ages 47-87, that attend the 90-minute monthly meetings. There are also many auxiliary members who can't make it to meetings or simply prefer to work at home, according to Kokoszka.

"It is a very interesting camaraderie," she said.

In addition to shawls, hat and mittens, the group also makes preemie caps (hats to warm the heads of premature infants), lap blankets and rosary covers for parish staff to take along with them on visits to the sick or infirm. Last year, the group collected at least 40 shawls, along with countless other items to pass along to those in need.

The items are also blessed by a priest or a deacon prior to being distributed, Kokoszka said.

"Our intention is that the recipient of these items recognizes the love that is being passed on to them, along with a message of faith," Kokoszka said.

The group's monthly meeting, held the second Saturday of each month at OLGC church, begins and ends with a prayer, with a "whole lot of chatting going on in the middle," Kokoszka said.

While the benefit to the recipient is obvious, both Folland and Kokoszka say that the group's members have recognized the benefits that come from the act of giving.

For Kokoszka, the ministry is also an opportunity to share another talent: teaching.

"We welcome all skill levels to our meetings, even beginners," she said. Those interested in learning how to knit or crochet have a wonderful selection of gifted teachers at each meeting just looking for the chance to share their talents.

The next meeting of the OLGC Shawl Ministry is scheduled for 9-10:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 13. For more information, contact the church at 734-453-3026.

GATTO

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ing. It detailed how generations of patrons had taken their pictures in front of it.

"This was important to us, because the Roman Forum and the Gatto family were such a fixture in Canton," Schifko said.

Gregory Gatto paid the visit to Black Rock last week with his children Anthony, Patty and Michael and his grandchildren — all of whom had spent time working at Roman Forum. Some wiped away tears to watch their family leader be honored.

Black Rock partner Karl Albrecht presented the plaque to Gregory Gatto.

"I think this is great," said Patty Gatto, a Plymouth resident. "My dad worked so hard his whole life."

Gregory Gatto and his then-business partner and brother-in-law Mario Bossio built the Roman Forum before Canton had grown into the bustling community it has become. Interstate 275 hadn't yet been built.

Anthony Gatto said he was pleased the old Roman Forum site was passed on to a family — one that can make its own memories.

"I was really happy that another family took over the building," he said.

Jake Schifko said some Black Rock patrons see the new Sir Gatto and remem-



Members of the family gather for a photo with Sir Gatto, including Gregory Gatto, Michael Gatto, Patty Gatto, Anthony Gatto, Kristina Gatto, Ava Gatto, Olivia Gatto, Marisa Skelly, Brendan Skelly, Luke Durocher, Tara Blair and Chris Doetsch.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ber it from its Sir Pizza-lot days.

"Their faces light up," he said. "It's a blessing to us to carry on this legacy."

Michael Gatto, stand-

ing near his father and Sir Gatto, said he was overwhelmed by the kindness shown by those who built Black Rock.

"I'm totally blown away by this," he said.

Anthony Gatto agreed and said the family is proud that Sir Gatto carries on the legacy.

"I'm glad that a whole other generation of people can take their pic-

tures in front of the knight," he said. "That's just great."

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PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

A drunken-driving stop escalated into a felony arrest in Plymouth Township early Friday.

A 50-year-old man, suspected of driving drunk, refused to obey officers' repeated orders to exit the GMC Sierra he was in, then drove off after a township officer used a police baton to smash a window on the pickup in an effort to get him out, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

A city of Plymouth officer had to dive out of the way of the truck, but was not hurt, police said. That officer and a Plymouth sergeant were on the scene to provide backup.

The traffic stop had taken place on Haggerty, near Ann Arbor Trail, around 1 a.m. Friday. The fleeing suspect drove around a patrol car, turned east on Gilbert, then stopped, got out of the pickup and was arrested, police said. The man

would not submit to handcuffing, police said, and two officers had to force his hands behind his back.

He was eventually charged with fleeing and eluding police, resisting arrest, driving under the influence and driving with a suspended license, police said.

A female passenger also fled the truck and ran from the scene; police later located her at Haggerty and Ann Arbor Trail. She was issued a local ticket for hindering police.

The incident had begun a few minutes earlier, when a patrolling township officer saw a slow-moving Sierra on Ann Arbor Road.

The truck turned onto northbound Haggerty and drove left of the center line at speeds of 22-26 mph in a 35-mph zone, police said. The officer pulled the driver over near Ann Arbor Trail and the

man rolled down the window slightly and refused to show identification. Police could smell alcohol from inside the truck, police said.

The passenger was also uncooperative, police said, refusing to unlock the passenger door or roll down the window once the driver was informed he was under arrest.

Police later found the man had a driving record with multiple license suspensions and three convictions for driving with a suspended license. He was also wanted on misdemeanor warrants from Westland and Van Buren Township.

With a search warrant, police later obtained a sample of the driver's blood for testing for blood-alcohol content.

Garage break-in

Nothing was reported stolen after a break-in late last month at the garage of a house on

South Main.

A police report said the detached garage was broken into late Jan. 25 or early the next morning. A piece of scrap wood had apparently been used to break a window, the report said, and the intruder or intruders left through the main door, leaving it partially open.

License suspended

A 41-year-old man blamed a 1990s mistake at the Secretary of State's office for his suspended driver's license after being stopped Jan. 28, but police confirmed the man's license had indeed been suspended — multiple times — and that he was also wanted on a misdemeanor warrant from the city of Warren.

The incident took place shortly before 11 a.m. Jan. 28, when an officer noticed a Nissan Altima, the owner of which, according to state rec-

ords, had a suspended license, a police report said.

Once stopped, police said, the man admitted his license was suspended, but said it was due to a mistake at the Secretary of State in the 1990s that listed his license as suspended before he even had a license.

Car burglary

A purse with prescription medicine and a wallet in it was reported stolen Jan. 25 from a car parked at the Kroger supermarket on Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon.

The victim, a supermarket employee, told she parked her Dodge Journey in the Kroger lot at about 10:30 a.m. Jan. 25 and returned to it about 1:20 p.m. to find the purse was gone.

The car had been left unlocked.

— By Matt Jachman

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Woman says man exposed himself

Canton police are investigating reports of an indecent exposure incident inside the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue, near Belleville Road.

A woman told police that a man exposed himself to her about 3:30 a.m. Sunday, Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said. The woman described the suspect as a black male wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt.

No other details were immediately available. Anyone who has information about the incident is asked to call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

Hunger games

Three teens are in trouble after police say they went on an eating rampage in the Canton Walmart store on Michigan Avenue, without paying for what they consumed.

Employees notified police after they saw the teenage boys consume \$27.34 in merchandise, including Pringles

potato chips, beef jerky and Chips Ahoy cookies.

Employees trailed the boys out of the store, confronted them and notified police. The incident happened about 9:45 p.m. Jan. 17.

Police issued larceny citations to two boys, both 17, and released a 15-year-old boy to his father to await being notified by juvenile authorities.

Tax fraud

A 39-year-old woman who lives in The Crossings, an apartment complex on Canton's north side, contacted police after she tried to file her tax returns and learned that someone already had done so using her name.

She notified police Jan. 20 to report she had learned about the fraud when she went to H&R Block to file her taxes. She told police she wanted to document the incident in a move to address the problem.

— By Darrell Clem

Canton police seek help identifying robbery suspect

The Canton Police Department is asking for assistance in identifying a white male suspected in a robbery that occurred about 9 p.m. Jan. 28 at a retail store at Canton Center and Cherry Hill roads.

Police refused to disclose the name of the business where the incident occurred.

Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said the suspect implied he had a weapon, but none was actually seen. No injuries were reported.

Anyone with information that may lead to the identity of the suspect is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.



CANTON POLICE
Canton police are asking the public's help identifying this suspect.

Canton officials: Local water supply safe

Canton officials, in the wake of Flint's water crisis, are seeking to reassure Canton residents about the local water supply.

Canton officials released a statement saying they take the safety of the water supply system very seriously.

Each year, Canton issues a Consumer Confidence Report that gives a detailed analysis about where Canton's water

comes from and the treatment process it goes through. It also gives consumers detailed information about the quality of their drinking water.

The 2014 report, as well as all reports dating back to 2003, can be found at www.canton-mi.org/210/Public-Works.

Canton's water is tested for lead every three years, with the last tests in 2014 showing

no detection of lead. While it is not uncommon for many older communities to use lead piping for water services, Canton's infrastructure does not contain any lead services.

The 2015 Consumer Confidence Report will be posted to the township website in June. Further questions may be directed to Canton's Public Works Division at 734-394-1011.

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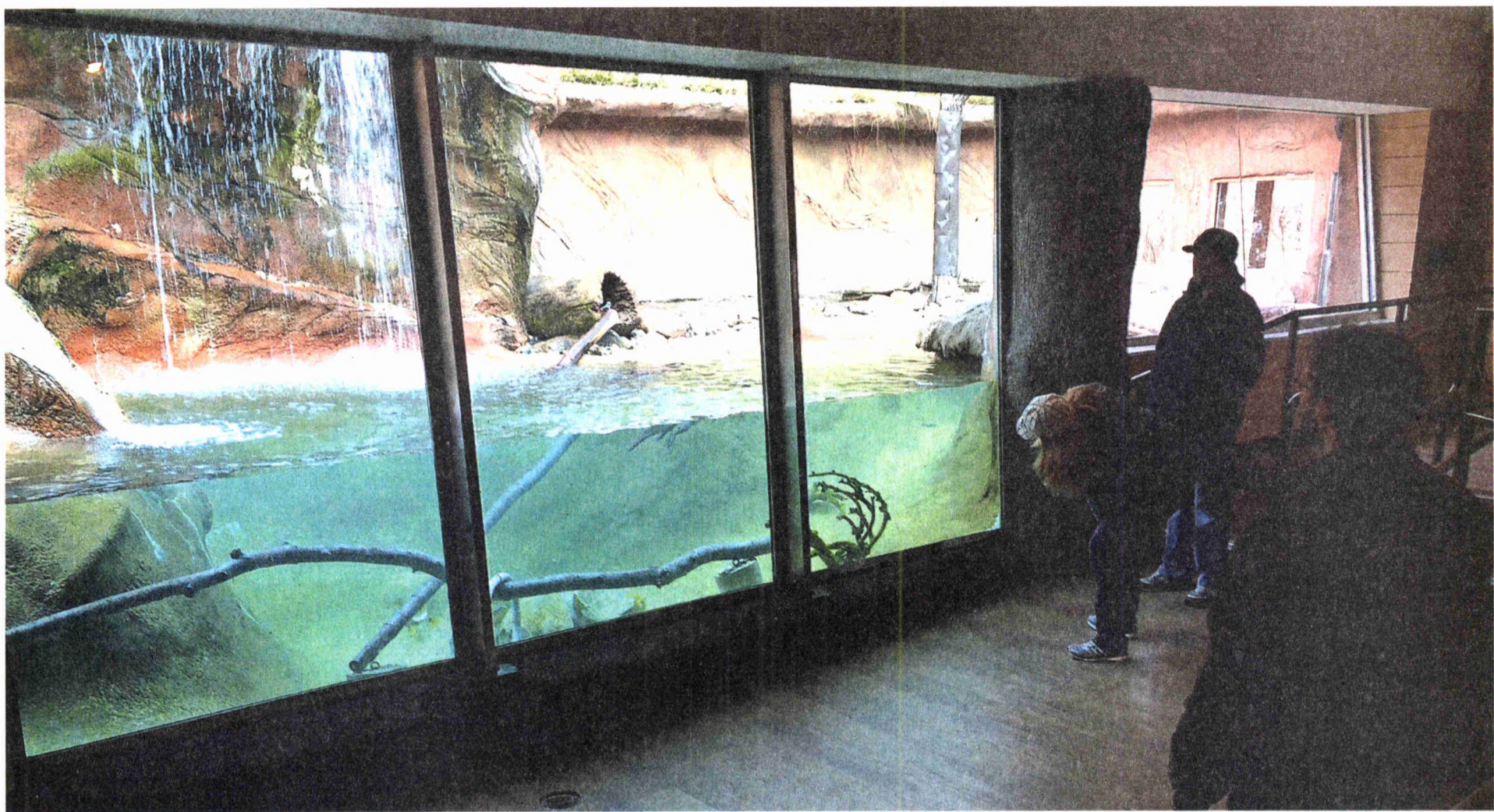
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Sea otters are among animals at the zoo visible from indoors.

Too cold? Not for the zoo

Detroit Zoo has Wild Winter weekend set for Feb. 6-7

The Detroit Zoo, at Woodward and 10 Mile, isn't just a warm weather destination.

This past weekend's relatively mild temperatures brought visitors out to the zoo. Animals are often more active in winter, making the wintertime visits both enjoyable and educational.

Currently under construction at the zoo is the Polk Penguin Conservation Center. The center is under construction on a two-acre site just inside the zoo's entrance and is scheduled to open in April. Soon after the zoo's 80 penguins move into their new home, renovation will begin on the Penguinarium to turn it into a bat conservation center.

Twenty aquatic birds — 10 females and 10 males — arrived in December via FedEx from an aquarium in California and are chilling in a special quarantine area at the Penguinarium. The newest flock joins three other gentoos — the first of their species to arrive at the zoo a year ago — as well as the colony of king, rockhopper and macaroni penguins.

A signature feature of the penguins' new home will be a chilled 326,000-gallon, 25-foot-deep aquatic area with views above and below water as the birds dive and soar. This will allow visitors to observe penguins dive under water — something they would not be able to see in the wild.

A Wild Winter weekend is on tap Feb. 6-7. The annual family-friendly event features children's music, zoo-keeper talks, games and crafts. Wild Winter activities take place at the Ford Education Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and are free with zoo admission.

Many zoo animals are active in the colder winter months, including the gray wolves, wolverines, Japanese macaques, tigers, camels, polar bears, arctic foxes and red pandas.

The zoo also has many indoor areas to explore, including the Edward Mardigan Sr. River Otter Habitat, Matilda R. Wilson Free-Flight Aviary, Butterfly Garden, Holden Reptile Conservation Center, National Amphibian Conservation Center, Great Apes of Harambee and Penguinarium.

For more information, go to www.detroitzoo.org.



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Peacocks roam freely at the Detroit Zoo.



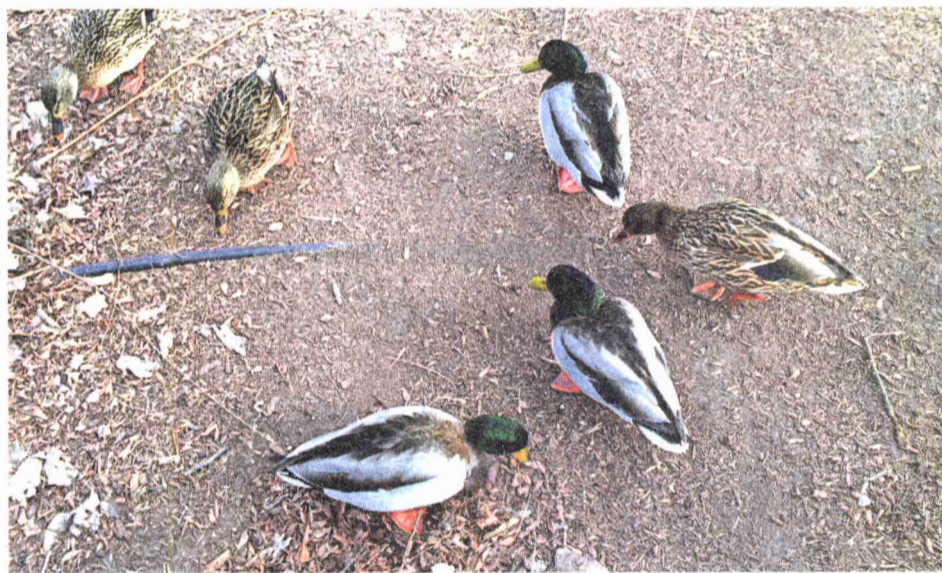
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You know it's winter when the zoo pond freezes partially.



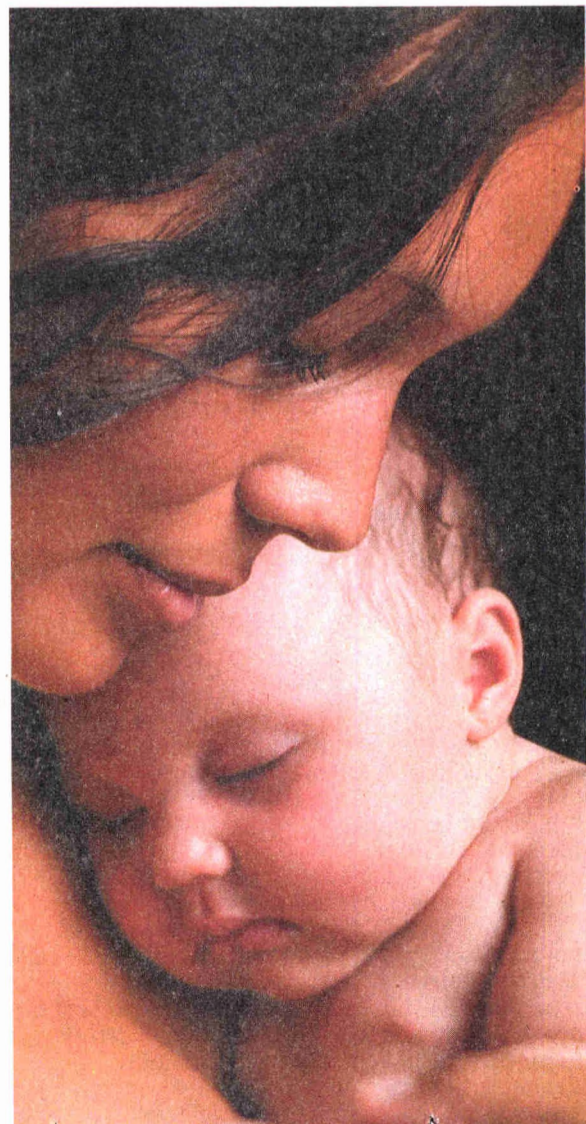
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Plymouth owner of Town N' Country retires

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Town N' Country Hardware owner David Henry pauses when asked what retirement at 79 means to him.

"I don't have a definition yet. I've been here since I was 19 years old and it's been my life," he said from the store on Ford Road in Garden City. "Every tile you see on the floor I laid."

After serving the Detroit area for 60 years, Henry will retire. The store is holding a liquidation sale, clearing out inventory to make room for the building's new owners, with further business details to be announced later.

"The selling's wall to wall," Henry said of the large store between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. "Great buys."

Wife Judy, who's vice president with her husband as president, soon came in. "It's the people," David Henry said. "We want to thank the many people who patronized the store."

One customer is Graham Martin of Plymouth Township. "Through the years, they've been able to provide equipment, plumbing and electrical," Martin said of his family's 46-year affiliation with the Upper Peninsula Bible Camp near Marquette. "Often, they donated them."

Martin, a retired Plymouth-Canton art teacher, said of Henry, "My impression is he's a very friendly, kind-hearted person. They always bent over backward to help the customer find what they're looking for. Service was a big part of the business, not just trying to sell their stuff."



JULIE BROWN

Town N' Country hardware owner David Henry, who is retiring, said, "It's the people we want to thank, the many people who patronized the store."

"We've done a lot of donating over the years," Henry said.

"It's been a good, hard-working (one), keeping their homes up with big families," he said of the community. Henry recalled Garden City's population being larger and that one staffer had a large family with one bathroom in a Garden City home.

"I think the biggest thrill for me has been the young people who have gone on and been successful," he said of former staffers who keep in touch. One man owns several factories now.

Judy and David Henry will mark their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 1 and have lived in Plymouth Township since 1969. "Raised four children and all four children worked here at the store," he said.

For their first 45 years of business, "Our sign said 'Closed Sunday, see you in church.'" As time passed, Sunday hours were added.

Of his Christian faith, Henry said, "I think that God has directed us every step of the way." He added with a smile, "The next time I start a busi-

ness and go for 60 years, I'll have a little more experience."

Henry is a member of the Garden City Rotary Club. Rotary emphasizes business ethics and Henry has basic advice for new business people: "Talk to somebody that is experienced in business before they start out. Make sure you mentor somebody in business."

In 1916, Henry Sr. (David's grandfather) and his son Herbert Henry (David's father), opened their first hardware store on 12th Street in Detroit. After selling that store in 1920, Herbert Henry opened a new hardware store in 1923 in Hazel Park, which they named Henry's Hardware.

In 1942 at age 46, Herbert suddenly died, leaving a wife and seven young children behind. His 18-year-old son Robert stepped in and ran Henry's Hardware from 1942-55, to be joined by David, the current owner and youngest of the seven children, in their family, a store statement notes.

In 1956, David saw new construction being built on Ford Road in



JULIE BROWN

David and Judy Henry are proud of the barbecue and fireplace section of Town N' Country. Of their many years in business in Garden City, he said, "I think the biggest thrill for me has been the young people who have gone on and been successful" after working there.

Garden City at the store's current location and incorporated Town N' Country Hardware. Over the years, the store expanded from 3,000 square feet to 15,000 square feet and became known for more than hardware.

Toys and all kinds of Huffy bikes hung from the ceiling and many parents hid their children's gifts at the store until Christmas Eve. Many customers remember purchasing their

sporting goods and licenses for fishing and hunting at the store, the statement notes.

Lawn and garden, power equipment, mini-bikes and go-carts were added to the specialties. In the 1960s, the store's expansion into barbecues and fireplaces marked Town N' Country as a destination. Brothers Bob and David Henry partnered for 30 years before Bob retired.

David and Judy's son Mark was a manager at

the store for many years, making changes and updates. Daughter Nancy currently runs the barbecue and fireplace department as a store manager, with the barbecue and fireplace display a popular part of the Canton Home Expo every March.

David's three young grandsons often run through the store's aisles as well.

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Paint bowls and Soup Swap to support Salvation Army

For the fourth year, Soup Swap returns to Plymouth to benefit the Salvation Army. This year, the Central PARC Art Studio is hosting this popular community art project. As always, delicious soups prepared by local groups will be served Feb. 27 for the "swap."

The art portion of the festivities will begin Feb. 4. All aspiring or experienced artists are invited to go to the Central PARC Art Studios located in Room 116 at the Plymouth PARC, 650 Church Street, to decorate a handmade soup bowl.

Participants will use colored clays to paint their favorite design on a bowl they've chosen from a large selection of shapes and sizes. There are many sessions available, beginning 4:30-6 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4.

Painting sessions continue 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5; 2-3:30 p.m. and 3:30-5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 6-7; 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12; plus 2-3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15; and 2-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, when schools are closed for the mid-winter break. The bowls will then be



Join these folks and paint a bowl this month and top it off with the annual Soup Swap in Plymouth.

glazed and fired for the Soup Swap.

The cost of the painting session is \$15 per person. To get families involved, the cost is \$15 each for the first two members of the family and \$10 for each additional family member. If one person would like to decorate more than one bowl, the cost is \$10 for each additional bowl.

On Soup Swap day, several groups will be serving soups when participants come to pick up their bowl, again at the Central PARC Art Studios.

To benefit the Plymouth Salvation Army food pantry, participants

are asked to bring a canned food or non-perishable item to help restock the shelves to swap for some hot soup when they come to pick up their bowl.

"I've gotten so many calls from past participants asking when the Soup Swap will be held again. This is wonderful project for the community and for the Salvation Army," said Leslie Greeneisen, director of the art studios.

To register for the bowl painting sessions or for more information, call Greeneisen at 734-578-1298. The public is welcome to the Soup Swap, 1-2:30 p.m. Feb. 27.

Pagan's bill would ban coal tar use in Michigan

State Rep. Kristy Pagan has introduced legislation to prohibit the use and sale of coal tar-based products in Michigan.

Coal tar sealants, commonly used to seal driveways, parking lots and playgrounds, release a class of chemicals — polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons or PAHs — including some that are toxic and linked to birth defects and cancer, Pagan, D-Canton, said in a statement.

HB 5174 comes after the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees passed a local ban on the use of coal tar and other high PAH sealants.

"Coal tar driveway seal coats present a real health and safety risk for Michigan residents and are damaging to our air and waterways,"



Pagan

Pagan said, commending Van Buren, which she represents, for becoming Michigan's first community to adopt a ban.

Many major retailers have stopped selling coal tar sealants. Washington and Minnesota have instituted bans on coal tar sealant, as has Washington, D.C.

Municipalities in Texas, Wisconsin, New York, Illinois and Maryland have also passed local bans on coal tar sealant.

GUEST COLUMN

Public education, safe water should be top priorities among state's leaders

Maybe I am old-fashioned for believing in public education, public schools and teachers well-supported and appreciated by taxpayers. According to a Jan. 7 Associated Press article by Kelly P. Kissel, which appeared in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, Walmart is about to pony up \$1 billion for bolstering existing charter schools and creating new charter schools.



Daniel Sabo
GUEST COLUMNIST

makers all over America attempting to dismantle our public education system. With one of the largest corporations in the world offering to help them out with a fat check, it does not look very good for those who believe in a strong public education system.

I have written extensively about historic preservation, historic schools and public green space in Plymouth. What is going on in Plymouth on a small scale is a reflection of a national trend. Extremist conservative lawmakers in their freight-train mode of selling off the public education system to the lowest corporate and private bidders is a serious problem.

If this trend continues, America a few decades from now – if any public

schools are left – will become a two-class system. A large sector of the American citizenry will be educated by CEOs and corporate values, instead of by local community values. We will have a wealthy privately educated citizenry and a public school class who will have to settle for whatever meager financial support from the state is left, once the dismantling is done. In my opinion, that possibility is one of the most un-American outcomes I can imagine for our citizenry.

School boards, school superintendents and even some brave teachers need to step up to the plate, show some leadership and start crying foul in a very public manner and demand that the state-sponsored vandalism of our public education system in Michigan be stopped, before it is too late.

In Plymouth, in particular, I have seen no leadership from anyone on Harvey Street, who has

stepped up to the plate. Local school boards, superintendents and teachers are the first line of defense from state-sponsored dismantling of community values and public education. If local leadership across Michigan remains silent, in a few decades our education system will be largely corporate or privately run, resulting in housing projects, strip malls and apartment buildings built on former public school sites and publicly owned green space, in neighborhoods cobbled up and more congested, with a handful of public schools left, if we are lucky.

In the past few days, I am now understanding better the mindsets of our Gov. Rick Snyder and his helpers. I have come to realize that if state leadership – either so incompetent or so intentionally crass – allows 100,000 Flint residents to become poisoned by the water system the state has been managing, while doing nothing

about it for more than a year, it is evident that our lawmakers do not care much about anything.

Protecting our public institutions and infrastructure, as well as the health and lives of our residents, is low on their agenda. The only things I have seen Lansing lawmakers care about these days are donations from special interests expecting quid pro quo, non-transparent laws, new laws which squelch free speech of local elected officials and, of course, sex scandals.

While the poisoning of 100,000 residents continued last year, the most important topic on the agenda of Lansing leadership was not protecting Flint residents, but rather kicking out two lawmakers involved in a long sex scandal. While this was going on, children and adults in Flint were being poisoned with lead and our public schools, roads, bridges and infrastructure were crumbling. This should

be an outrage to every person of voting age in the state of Michigan.

As for Walmart, instead of earmarking \$1 billion for private schools, I think that money would be better spent on bolstering public education rather than private or corporate education. After all, the vast majority of its employees, who contributed to Walmart's success, came through the public system. Walmart should remember that and show some gratitude in that regard — especially since most of its U.S. customers also came from the public system.

There will be no solution to any of the above until there is massive change in Lansing. In my opinion, it cannot come fast enough.

Taylor resident Daniel Sabo grew up in Old Village in the home his great-grandfather G.A. Starkweather built, attended Starkweather School and graduated from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

LETTERS

Who's leading P-CCS?

My husband and I reside in Canton and have been residents for more than 38 years.

When we moved here in the late '70s, our decision was based on the fact that Plymouth-Canton Schools were well-noted for being a top-notch school district. Our four children are graduates of the district.

I was a secretary at both the middle and elementary school level for more than 28 years and I am currently enjoying my 10th year in retirement. I also served as president of the secretarial group for several years, as well as being a member of its contract negotiating team for several contracts. To this day, I continue to enjoy the friendship of many I worked with.

I speak in support of my colleagues. Yes, I consider myself a colleague of the teachers, even though I do not have a teaching degree, because I believe employees at every level are working together to make this district a positive learning environment for children.

Things have changed drastically since I retired. Teachers and secretaries alike have not had raises, have given back much, including no pay for snow days. Morale is at an all-time low. I understand the financial difficulties that face the district, but I also believe the burden should be shared by all. If cuts are necessary, financial or otherwise, they should be made across the board, an equal percentage from the highest to lowest

employee.

Treating everyone equally will unite the district rather than divide it.

There is a lot of waste that could and should be addressed. Case in point (per the *Observer* article Dec. 15, 2015) and I quote, "The school board approved by unanimous vote, an administrative transition plan resolution that removes Meissen from leading day-to-day operations, but requires him to fulfill his contract through June 30, 2016. When hired in 2013, Meissen was awarded \$212,000 plus benefits."

In the next breath, the board concluded it deemed Mr. Meissen an "effective" superintendent. How can this be? If he is "effective," then why was it necessary to remove him? And if he was not, then at what cost does he remain? Obviously, whatever he's currently doing to fulfill his contract does not warrant the salary of a superintendent. Perhaps the new superintendent's contract should include a clause: "If you can't do the job, your contract is terminated at that time along with your salary."

This is a situation that is not new to the district. It has happened before with other administrative personnel, necessitating the hiring of a replacement at an additional cost to the district. An egregious practice, to say the least.

Lawsuits brought against the district are another source of concern. I personally know of two such cases, one from several years ago and one currently ongoing. In the case of the latter, if the board had "taken charge" and of-

ferred a public retraction as requested, this matter would have essentially been closed. Instead, it has resulted in a federal lawsuit which, in turn, will result in additional expenses that could be better well-spent on district needs. These are only two cases I personally know of. How many more actually exist?

When the enrollment of students drops dramatically in a particular building in favor of another district school or students leave in favor of charter schools, taking their dollar appropriation with them, has anyone on the board ever questioned why this is happening?

It appears privatization of transportation and custodians has been a disaster. Parents have blogged on the Internet about their children getting home late and of dirty schools. How many of you have actually visited the school, spoken to teachers about their concerns and really worked at finding solutions to those concerns? The employees and children of this district deserve better.

The school board was elected to lead the district. Can anyone honestly say that this is truly happening? If not, there is may lie part of the problem.

Sonia Culver
Canton

Sad about Bennett

I was saddened to learn that Terry Bennett is retiring as Canton Township clerk. She definitely deserves the appellation "a class act." In my experience, she always performed her duty in a professional manner. I ran for several

offices as a Democrat and I also ran for the non-partisan Canton library board.

I was always pleased with the courtesy of her and her staff. I wish her the best in her retirement and my best wishes to her family.

Thomas M. Hartnett
Canton

Thank you

The Canton Goodfellows would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all of our community donors and volunteers who helped make our 2015 "No Canton Child Without A Christmas" campaign a success. With your help, we served 321 children in 125 families. Thanks to everyone who:

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- » Moved all 321 gift bags wherever we need-

ed them.

» Packed 125 family food bags.

» Donated lunches, dinners, bottled water or snacks for our volunteers during our Work Week.

We would also like to send a special thank you to the *Canton Observer*, whose assistance this year was invaluable in getting the word out that we were in need of raising funds. It worked! Because of you and our community donors, we had a successful 2015 campaign.

We live in a wonderful community, which gives selflessly to those in need. No matter how you helped us this year, thank you on behalf of our Canton children and their families.

Canton Goodfellows
Board

Setting the record straight

On Jan. 12, I stood up during the public comments section of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting to address the blatantly false – and, frankly, racist – characterization of an important public policy reform which I've helped to usher through the Michigan House.

Let's set the record straight. Presumptive Parole, based on "smart justice" rehabilitative research, encourages the timely release of non-violent, low-risk offenders and is a top priority for the Michigan House, as well as the governor. It's not about saving taxpayer dollars – though it will – but focusing on effective public safety

and real recidivism data. It's serious, reform-minded, evidence-based public policy to create safer communities.

I brought this issue before the township board because the promoters of this imagery, the so-called Citizens for Accountable Government, have personal and business connections to Supervisor Shannon Price and seem specifically to be targeting only myself, despite the statewide support the proposed reform has experienced. In other words, this attack campaign has nothing to do with presumptive parole and everything to do with the well-known fact that I am running for the position he currently inhabits.

I asked for Mr. Price to disassociate himself with those behind it. Mr. Price not only avoided culpability, he later parroted the same disingenuous sentiments from the smear campaign, referring to my efforts as "pro-criminal."

Seriously? What kind of public official says that? Mr. Price, how can you expect to hide your ties to this smear campaign when you use its singular, transparently political terminology? I have serious doubts he's even read the bill or knows what it does.

Plymouth Township deserves honest, effective leadership that doesn't insult the intelligence of our community's voters with fear-mongering and puzzling obvious political stunts.

Still shaking my head.
Rep. Kurt Heise
Plymouth Township

By-Laws Nos. 0164.1 and 0164.2 - Time, Place, and Notification of Meetings

By-Law No. 0164.1: Regular Meetings - Time, Place, and Notification

Regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month (except there will be no meeting on the second Tuesday in November and December) at 7:00 p.m. at the following location (except as agreed herein) unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of the members:

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By-Law No. 0164.2 Special Meetings - Time, Place, and Notification

Special meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, may be called by the President of the Board, or any two members thereof, by serving on the other members a written notice of the day, time, and place of such special meetings, or by a majority vote of the Board.

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PUBLIC NOTICE of each special meeting and of each rescheduled regular or special meeting shall be given by posting a copy of the NOTICE on the message board by the front entrance to the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time of the meeting.

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OUR VIEWS

Locals stepping up to help Flint

While Gov. Rick Snyder's response to the Flint water crisis is certainly a matter for debate, the response from leaders and residents in local communities all over the area is not.

Only one word best describes it: amazing.

The water is flowing from virtually all of the communities around the *Observer* readership area to help the residents of Flint who've been affected. Flint leaders have said that water is the biggest need and our communities have responded.

There's no way to know, or list, every single group organizing a water drive to help. But the water is coming from so many places (we apologize in advance for missing anyone). And nearly every group that starts a



The Canton Congress at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, with the help from some other clubs, including the Muslim Student Association and the Plymouth Congress, collected more than 120 cases of water and about \$500 in donations for the Flint water crisis.

water drive seems genuinely surprised that the response is so much better than expected.

Drives have been organized by churches (including Holy Trinity in Livonia) and by school

groups (including Cambridge school in Garden City and Plymouth-Canton schools). Municipalities are helping (hundreds of bottles of water sit in Westland City Hall, with hundreds more out

back).

There is also the drive organized by state Sen. David Knezek, whose district includes Redford and Garden City. His "Friends of Flint" group was hoping to maybe

collect a few thousand bottles of water to send, plus maybe some money to help out, as well. But the group, using the Redford Jaycees hall as a staging point, sent more than 350,000 bottles of water and collected more than \$14,000 in addition.

It was an impressive sight and Knezek and his friends deserve kudos for putting it together. Knezek pointed out that it wasn't just his doing, that he had help from all over his district and from people and groups outside his district.

The really amazing thing is the lines across which this effort reaches. Religion doesn't seem to matter; in fact, Knezek made a point of congratulating the Islamic constituents of his district for "being among the

first to step up" despite "years of being attacked in the media."

The generosity isn't surprising; we're constantly amazed at the capacity of the people in the communities we serve to step to the plate to help in any given situations. Whether it's a 24-hour walk to help cure breast cancer or Goodfellows drives to make sure kids have a good Christmas or a Salvation Army kettle campaign, residents in our communities are always there. That's a trait that makes us proud to serve them.

At his event Friday, Knezek said, "We all do better when we're all doing better." As group after group, city after city, steps up to help in Flint, it occurs to us: We're all doing better.

Black History Month: Time to explore diversity

Never visited the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit? This is a good time to change that.

The museum's website (www.thewright.org) notes of its "And Still We Rise" exhibit, "This long-term exhibition serves as the central experience of the museum. The 22,000-

square-foot exhibition space contains more than 20 galleries that allow patrons to travel over time and across geographic boundaries. The journey begins in Africa, the cradle of human life. Witness several ancient and early modern civilizations that evolved on the continent. Cross the Atlantic Ocean, experi-

ence the tragedy of the middle passage and encounter those who resisted the horrors of bondage, emancipated themselves and sometimes took flight by way of the Underground Railroad. Throughout this trip, the efforts of everyday men and women who built families, businesses, educational institutions, spiritual traditions, civic organizations and a legacy of freedom and justice in past and present-day Detroit are hailed."

The museum on East Warren Avenue is marking its 50th year this year and Black History Month is a good time to explore it and learn valuable lessons, regardless of your ethnicity. You can

also learn about Charles H. Wright, a medical doctor who lived from 1918 to 2002.

"Throughout his life, Dr. Wright was committed to what he defined as 'one of the most important tasks of our times,' ensuring that future generations, especially young African Americans, be made aware of and take pride in the history of their forebears and their remarkable struggle for freedom. The Wright Museum, the largest museum in the world dedicated to the history and culture of African Americans, is the culminating result of his monumental efforts to complete that important task," the website notes.

The museum offers plentiful educational resources, from Underground Railroad days through the Civil War and on to blacks' role as the auto industry expanded in Detroit. Teachers putting together lessons on black history have lots to choose from.

Local public librarians have great knowledge and resources as well when it comes to Black History Month. Did you know Ralph Bunche, diplomat, academic and political scientist, was born Aug. 7, 1904, in Detroit? He received the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize for mediation efforts in Israel and died in 1971 following a distinguished career.

The recent spate of sickouts in Detroit Public Schools has put a spotlight on quality of education and classroom conditions in that district. Suburban school districts have their own issues, among them the challenges of increasing diversity and the conflicts and misunderstandings that can arise with that.

Knowledge and compassion go a long way in resolving such conflicts and dialogue begins with informed, courteous discussions. Black History Month is a good time to reflect on the past with its struggles and work together toward a brighter future where all are welcomed and their voices heard.

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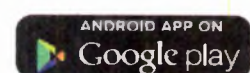


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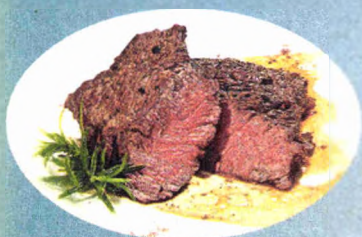


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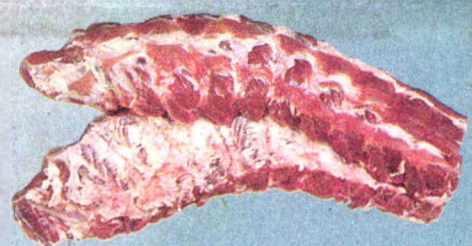
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Northville outlasts shorthanded Rocks

Salem hangs tough despite Petree sisters leaving squad

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

On Monday, the Salem varsity girls basketball team found out the Petree sisters were leaving, reportedly bound for Ypsilanti Arbor Preparatory.

A day later, with only seven players dressed for a KLAAs Central match-up against first-place Northville, the host Rocks showed plenty of grit and resolve — although the Mustangs had enough in the tank to post a 41-32 victory.

“That was all that I asked of the kids today, was to give me all you have, play like it’s your last and go ahead and give all

the effort in the world,” Salem head coach Lindsay Klemmer said. “Play as a team. I am extremely, extremely proud of the way they showed up tonight. We battled. I think this is the second-lowest scoring we’ve held someone to all year.”

Klemmer said sophomore forward Jala Petree, sophomore guard Lasha Petree and freshman guard Mahrianna Petree and Salem came to a mutual decision to immediately part ways.

The Salem coach said it is “95 percent” settled that the Petrees will go to Ypsilanti Arbor Prep and that they are leaving on good terms. Specific reasons for the amicable split were not given.

“Moving forward, this is a better fit for everybody involved,” Klemmer said. “It was a mutually agreed decision,

that this is what they need to do for their academic and athletic career.”

Tough stretches

On the court, the Rocks did not go quietly, although the outcome Tuesday never was in doubt.

If not for a spate of untimely turnovers and some errant shooting during stretches of Tuesday’s game, which Klemmer said directly led to runs that kept the Mustangs firmly in control of the proceedings, it could have gone down to the wire.

“Both of the runs they went on were our unforced turnovers,” said Klemmer, whose team dropped to 8-5 overall and 3-4 in the division. “If we clean those up, those runs don’t happen; it’s a closer game.”

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Salem’s Darby Scott tries to maneuver around the defense of Northville’s Kendall Dillon (left). At right for the Rocks is Jayna Lenders.

USA HOCKEY

STARRY NIGHT



RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY
Cheering with gusto after scoring the go-ahead goal on Saturday’s “Star Wars” Night at USA Hockey Arena is NTDP Under-18 forward Kieffer Bellows. He and his teammates wore specially designed “Star Wars”-themed uniforms for the contest.

Big game by Bellows sparks NTDP U18s to win on ‘Star Wars’ Night

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The Force was with Kieffer Bellows on Saturday night, putting a perfect cap on USA Hockey’s annual *Star Wars* Night.

Bellows scored the winning goal with Luke Skywalker-like determination at 10:50 of the third period to give the NTDP Under-18 team a 3-2 United States Hockey League victory

over Green Bay before 2,039 fans — the largest home game attendance in program history.

Before moving to USA Hockey Arena this season, the NTDP U18 and U17 teams played home games at the 1,000-seat Ann Arbor Ice Cube.

“It was a lot of fun. It was a great crowd, they had a lot of fun, lucky enough we got them the win,” said Bellows,

whose line with forwards Joey Anderson and Clayton Keller accounted for all seven of the team’s goals over two weekend victories over the Gamblers. “They were cheering loud and proud for us and we came out and played hard for them.”

On a festive night featuring *Star Wars* characters making the rounds and U18 players donning themed jerseys and hockey socks to be auc-

tioned for C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital in Ann Arbor, Bellows won with a not-to-be-denied move.

Encore-worthy

The Boston University-bound winger from Minnesota drove to the front of the Green Bay net and persisted with several cracks at the puck until it hit the back of the net behind goaltender Kevin Reich (28 saves).

“Just not giving up on the

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PREP WRESTLING

Salem third at Observerland

CC in control, but five Rocks reach finals

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central clearly is the gold standard among Observerland-area varsity wrestling teams, but the Salem Rocks are making strides.

Saturday at the annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament hosted by Livonia Churchill, the Shamrocks dominated the team standings and finals — easily topping the 14-team field with 315 points and winning 10 of the 14 weight classes.

Yet the Rocks, KLAAs Central Division champions, were in the mix. Salem finished fifth with 177 points (in second with 179 points was Livonia Franklin). The Rocks also had five wrestlers in the finals.

“Proud of the way the guys wrestled. Excited to see this bunch of kids hit the postseason in a couple of weeks here and we just got to get back to the grind Monday and keep pushing.”

JEREMY HENDERSON
Salem coach

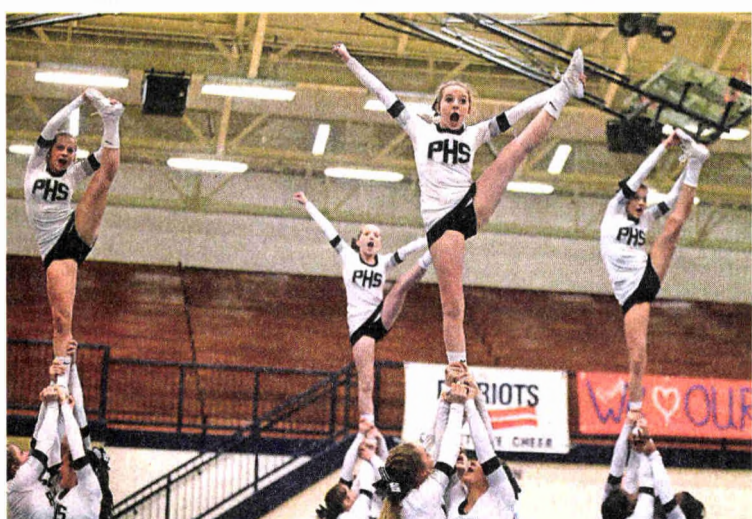
“I thought our guys wrestled pretty well as a team today,” Salem coach Jeremy Henderson said. “Akash Rai lost a couple tough matches, but is really starting to pick it up as of late.”

Earning runner-up honors were Nate Gaubatz (103), Andrew Lindsay (130), Cam Shaughnessy (125), Roy Foster (189) and Bruce Haslitt (140).

For Gaubatz, Lindsay and Shaughnessy, it was the first time in their high school careers to reach the Observerland finals.

“Proud of the way the guys wrestled,” Henderson said. “Excited to see this bunch of kids hit the postseason in a

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
During Round 3 at the KLAAs South meet, flyers show their flexibility and excitement. Flyers performing “bow and arrows” are Maddy Thorp and Tara Brick; Lauren Martin and Rachel Smith perform “heel stretches.”

COMPETITIVE CHEER

High-flying Wildcats nab crown

Plymouth captures KLAAs South Division with riveting performance

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The bright lights agreed with Plymouth’s varsity competitive cheer team.

For only the second time in school history, the Wildcats captured the KLAAs South Division championship with a rise-to-the-occasion performance by the squad Jan. 27 at

Livonia Franklin.

Plymouth edged Livonia Churchill for the top spot, 747-746, with what Wildcats’ first-year head coach Samantha Kerr said was the group’s best showing of the season in many ways. In third place was Livonia Franklin (721), with Canton fourth.

“It’s been one of our goals since the beginning of the season, so they’ve just been working really hard for it,” said Kerr, a junior varsity coach at Livonia Stevenson in 2014-15. “It really does mean a lot to them and it’s giving

them momentum going forward to the rest of our season.”

The Wildcats previously won the division in 2013-14 and now gear up for the Division 1 district in mid-February, with an eye on qualifying for the regional.

“Plymouth has never qualified for regionals,” Kerr said. “That’s our final goal of our season, to qualify for regionals and be one of the top four teams from our district that moved on to regionals.”

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'STAR WARS' EXTRAVAGANZA



Fans and "Star Wars" characters mingle during Saturday's hockey game at USA Hockey Arena.

RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

'Star Wars' Night a smash hit with hockey fans

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Saturday's *Star Wars* Night at USA Hockey Arena was a smash on and off the ice, according to fans of all ages who came out to the event.

More than 2,000 fans attended the United States Hockey League contest between the National Team Development Program Under-18 team and Green Bay Gamblers. The U18s — wearing specially designed *Star Wars* uniforms — won 3-2 behind a two-goal game by Kieffer Bellows.

Although the hockey action was fun, some of the younger set were more than happy to just spend time with many *Star Wars* characters who were dressed to the nines thanks to international, Internet-based sister costuming outfits called the 501st Legion (villains) and Rebel Legion (heroes).

"My little guy's a big fan of *Star Wars*, so it seemed like fun stuff," said Canton's Doug Nelson, on hand with his wife Julie, son Mat-

thew, 5, and daughter Sarah, 9. "We came with another family; a kid in the same class as him is also a big *Star Wars* fan.

"They didn't notice the uniforms as much, but they loved the characters. That's where they just came from, trying to see some of the characters."

Family fun

According to Julie Nelson, it was a perfect night for many reasons.

"I thought it was a great event," she said. "The hockey game was a lot of fun, we had good seats, the kids really enjoyed seeing the characters.

"There were a lot more characters than I even expected would be here tonight. So it was a great family night."

Also enjoying the event was Ann Arbor's Deanna Boehm and her kids, who were wearing colorful light sabers purchased for \$5 as part of a fundraiser for C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

U18 player jerseys and socks, all featuring Imperial Stormtroopers and the NTDP logo, are to be auctioned off be-

ginning Thursday via the NHL Auctions webpage (auctions.nhl.com).

Funds generated through the auction will be donated to C.S. Mott.

"It is wonderful, with all the *Star Wars* characters. They really did a great job for the kids," Boehm said, adding that 6-year-old son Alex's favorite character is Kylo Ren.

Jon Leopold, of the 501st Legion, said the feedback from young and old fans was outstanding, as it typically is at all of the arena events his group participates at.

"The kids love it, seeing all the different characters," Leopold said. "We got a game here today where they can shoot Nerf darts at stormtroopers or different targets."

Working in tandem

Saturday was the fifth *Star Wars* event put on by USA Hockey (which moved before this season from the Ann Arbor Ice Cube) and the third with players wearing themed jerseys.

Each year, the event has been a fundraiser

for the hospital.

"A friend of our organization did (the jersey design)," Leopold said. "The bad guys are from the 501st Legion and the good guys are represented by the Rebel Legion.

"We're sister costuming groups. We work hand in hand together doing lots of charity events. It's off the Internet; we have people from all over the state that are here."

Massive popularity from the December movie release also doesn't hurt, he conceded.

"Absolutely, we got a couple characters from the (new) movie here today, Kylo Ren and the First Order stormtrooper," Leopold said. "You see a lot of kids — and adults — wearing T-shirts."

For more information about the Michigan chapter of the 501st Legion, Leopold suggested going to greatlakesgarrison.com.

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USA

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play," said Bellows, the game's No. 1 star, describing the winning sequence. "Keller threw it to me, the guy lifted my stick. Joey shot it, it didn't go towards the net, it hit off my skate, I caught it and made a backhand move.

"Saw the rebound on top of (the goalie's) leg and I just whacked it in. As soon as I saw it go in, I celebrated."

He skated along the boards pumping his arms in the air while fans cheered and waved multi-colored *Star Wars* light sabers that were in evidence throughout the arena's seats and busy corridors.

Making 19 stops and collecting the win for the U18s (17-18-3-1) for the victory was goaltender Joseph Woll.

Bellows was in on the fun all weekend. Friday night, he scored an unassisted goal at 5:38 of overtime to lift the U18s to a 4-3 win over Green Bay (22-12-3-1, second in the USHL). He scored two goals and assisted on another in the weekend opener, backstopped by Jake Oettinger (26 saves).

Saturday night, he answered Green Bay's first goal when he scored on a breakaway (from Keller and defenseman Chad Krysa) at 11:29 of the first period to make it 1-1.

After setting up Anderson's power-play goal at 13:24 of the second to put Team USA up 2-1, Bellows came through with his second winner in two nights.

Wanting it more

According to U18 head coach Danton Cole, what was impressive about Saturday's clincher was it was the byproduct of sheer determination — particularly to make up for the goal the Gamblers scored at 37 seconds of the third period, when the Bellows line was on the ice.

"That's something you like in a hockey player," Cole said. "It's a pride thing and they (the line) were out for the first shift of the third when (the Gamblers) got the

game-tying goal.

"You could tell when they came to the bench that they were going to be going pretty hard trying to get the game-winner and they did. So it's a special group of guys who can impose their will on a game and they're able to do that."

Anderson also made good on a play around the Green Bay crease, poking in the rebound of a Bellows shot.

"We keep talking about, just throw more pucks on net," Anderson said. "This weekend, we really started doing that and it showed out there. We got to continue like that (going) forward."

Cole heaped plenty of praise on Bellows and the rest of the line.

"When he's going in straight lines and he's really aggressive and physical, he's a lot to handle out there," Cole said. "He was really outstanding this weekend. That line has been good. When they play with that tempo and they pay attention to details like they did this weekend, they're just really, really tough."

Buzz-worthy

Wearing the specially designed *Star Wars* uniforms also gave the team an extra jump.

"They were very cool. The guys were excited to see them," Anderson said. "The whole year, we've been looking forward to this date because it's always one of the bigger events on the NTDP calendar. It was fun."

About the jersey auction, which begins Feb. 4 and continues until 9 p.m. Feb. 25 (with bidding starting at \$250 on the NHL Auctions page; <http://auctions.nhl.com/>), Anderson smiled and said, "I'll have to tell my parents to go buy one."

"Energy in the building's a good thing," Cole said. "If we can bring that with the way our guys are when we have that energy, it's a great thing and it's a big home ice advantage.

"I think they had fun with it. The crowd was loud, lots of kids here and lots of people. It was outstanding."

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Looking to thread a puck out from behind the Green Bay net Saturday night is Joey Anderson of the NTDP Under-18 team.

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CHEER

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"I feel these girls are definitely motivated to be able to do that and make that happen."

There will be 12 teams at the district, which will take place Feb. 19 at Woodhaven. The top four teams there will advance to the Feb. 27 regional at Chippewa Valley.

Nearly perfect

According to Kerr, the Wildcats were perfect — or close to it — in all three rounds of the KLAA South competition.

"Our Round 1 (jumps and motion) was our highest scoring round of the season," Kerr said. "Same thing for Round 2 (tumbling skills)."

Sparking Round 1 with a perfect 10 on vocals were Jasmine Dettloff, Jade Dettloff, Jocie Rutkowski and Claudia Saveski.

The showing in Round 2 broke a Plymouth record, with Rutkowski, Sabrina Carlin, Melissa Coates and Cassie Mabelitini leading the way.

Then came Round 3, the team's favorite.

"This is the round they get to showcase their tumbling and stunt skills," Kerr said.



The KLAA South Division champion Plymouth Wildcats celebrate after winning the title Jan. 27 at Livonia Franklin (front row, from left): seniors Cassie Mabelitini, Natalie LaFramboise, Bree Goins, Sabrina Carlin, Jade Dettloff, Jasmine Dettloff and Melissa Coates; (middle row, from left) Alex Oliverio, Noel Pietrowski, Tara Brick, Lauren Martin, Rachel Smith, Maddy Thorp and Sutherlyn Olah and (back row, from left) Kaitlyn Biro, Lauren Mykrantz, Jocie Rutkowski, assistant coach Amber Tustian, head coach Samantha Kerr, assistant coach Marsha Kerr-Walotka, Emily Chepynoha and Claudia Saveski. The Wildcats next compete Feb. 19 at the Division 1 district hosted by Woodhaven.

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"The girls performed a near-flawless Round 3 to secure the division title from last year's champions, Livonia Churchill."

The varsity team's 19 performers included 16 who had to compete on the mat in two of the

three rounds, so versatility and determination are just a couple of prime attributes required for such success.

Kerr cited her seven seniors as leaders who made sure everybody followed the script of

working hard, improving and then putting it all together when it mattered most.

Those seniors are Carlin, Coates, both Dettloffs, Bree Goins, Natalie LaFramboise and Mabelitini.



Taking the mat for Round 3 are Plymouth's Bree Goins, Natalie LaFramboise, Rachel Smith, Maddy Thorp, Sutherlyn Olah, Jasmine Dettloff, Melissa Coates, Emily Chepynoha and Tara Brick.

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Plymouth senior Jasmine Dettloff (foreground) sets the enthusiastic tone at the beginning of Round 3.

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Remaining team members are Kaitlyn Biro, Tara Brick, Emily Chepynoha, Lauren Martin, Lauren Mykrantz, Alex Oliverio, Noel Pietrowski, Sutherlyn Olah, Rutkowski, Saveski,

Rachel Smith and Maddy Thorp.

Assistant coaches are Marsha Kerr-Walotka and Amber Tustian.

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BOYS HOCKEY

CC skates by Cranes in big test

Shamrocks rule battle of defending state champions, 5-0

Marty Budner
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central played one of its best games of the season Friday and skated to an easy 5-0 victory over a Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood squad that had been playing some pretty good hockey.

The Shamrocks had a 1-0 lead after the opening period and iced the game with a three-goal outburst over a four-minute span of the second.

The win kept Catholic Central atop the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League standings with an 8-2 record (11-6 overall). Cranbrook Kingswood, which entered the game with a four-game winning streak, fell into third place in the MIHL at 5-3 (10-6-0-1 overall) behind Brother Rice, which stands at 7-2-0-1.

"In that second period for us, outside of the last two minutes of that period, I thought that was the best hockey we've played all year," CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. "It was a lot of stuff that we had been talking about coming together."

"Anytime you can beat



Catholic Central's Zachary Sprys-Tellner (right) gets control of the puck in Friday's 5-0 win over Cranbrook.

JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

anybody like a Cranbrook or Brother Rice or Orchard Lake (St. Mary's) or any of the teams we play, it's going to be a tough game."

Cranbrook Kingswood coach Andy Weidenbach said his team simply lacked energy in suffering its first shutout of the season. CC slipped past Cranbrook, 3-2, earli-

er in the month. "I thought CC played well the entire game, and I talked to Brandon after the game and he said it was their best game of the season," said Weidenbach, whose team is the defending Division 3 state champs. "They had a lot of jump and a lot of energy."

The reigning Division 1

state champion Shamrocks opened the scoring midway through the opening period, when senior forward Joseph Mancinelli went top shelf over CK goaltender Colin Rutter.

CC began its second-period scoring spree at the 14:00 mark, when senior defender Brendan Cleary smacked in a bul-

let from the line for a 2-0 lead. At 13:09, senior Glynn Robitaille lifted in a short backhand to the upper corner. Sophomore forward Brendan West then made it 4-0 at the 10:28 mark.

In the final period, senior forward Nick Macari completed the scoring.

CC not only had five different goal scorers,

but six other players registered assists. J.P. Lafferty, Kyle Mulka, Zachary Sprys-Tellner, Sheldon Wasik, Jared Lee, Alex Kreutzer, West, Robitaille and Mancinelli all were credited with assists.

Canton icers win

On Sunday at the Chelsea-hosted Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase, the Canton Chiefs knocked off L'Anse Creuse North 5-2. Propelling the Chiefs was a three-goal second period.

James Tucker led Canton with two goals, with single goals by Joe Powers, Erik Wafer and Michael Gaffka. Contributing two assists was Brian Oldani.

Goalie Isaac Salinas stopped 17 shots to post the victory.

Tough road

Both Salem and Plymouth were victimized over the weekend in Chelsea.

The Rocks were defeated 6-2 by Romeo on Sunday, despite goals by Joey Driscoll and Bailey Thompson.

On Saturday, Plymouth lost 5-2 to Marquette. Scoring for the Wildcats were Colton Borke and Zach Wiener.

Staff writer Tim Smith contributed to this report.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Mustangs fend off Salem's challenge for share of title

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Although Punxsutawney Phil forecast an early spring on Groundhog Day, Northville continues to cast a giant shadow on the 2015-16 winter boys basketball season.

The unbeaten Mustangs made it 13 straight and gave themselves a three-game cushion in the KLAA Central race with only three division games remaining following a 59-55 win over visiting Salem.

Northville, which earned at least a share of the title, improved to 7-0 in the division. The Mustangs are three games up on Novi, Livonia Stevenson and Salem, which all stand at 4-3.

Senior guard Justin Zimbo once again paced Northville's offensive attack with 21 points, including two big triples at the end of the third quarter to spark an 8-0 mini-run that put the Mustangs ahead 47-38 entering the fourth.

But the big play came with just 0.05 seconds remaining in the third, when 6-foot junior guard Kevin Morrissey tipped in a one-hander at the horn off a lob pass from teammate Justin Gibbons (17 points) to put Northville up by nine.

"Unbelievable," Northville coach Todd Sander said of the inbound play. "Kevin is a freak athlete in that way. That might have been more impressive than the game-winner a couple of weeks ago (a 3-pointer at the buzzer to beat Novi). It's about the fourth option on a play that we ran halfway right, but fortunately it worked out for us."

Salem (8-5), which had taken Northville down to the wire Jan. 12 in the first meeting between the two teams before losing, 53-52, rallied again from eight points down with 2:43 left after Nick Wilds made a layup to put the Mustangs up 54-46.

A 3-pointer by junior guard Cameron Grace (23 points) with 43 seconds left, followed by two Grace free throws with 22.4 remaining, cut the deficit to 56-54. But Zimbo made 3-of-4 free throws during the final 18 seconds to secure the victory.

"There were a number of things that cost us," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "There were lane violations, stepping on the line, missed shots. That's a good, solid ball club, Northville. They take care of the basketball. They're big. They can shoot the basketball and every time we tried to make a run at them, they had an answer at the other end, so it was tough."

It was another tip-in at the buzzer by Jake Justice that gave Northville a 27-25 halftime lead. After going 5-of-20 from the

field in the second quarter, the Mustangs turned things around by becoming more efficient offensively in the third, hitting 6-of-9 shots, including three triples by Zimbo, to go along with 5-of-6 from the foul line. It all added up to a 20-13 advantage in the quarter.

"The halftime speech was obviously big, got us fired up," Zimbo said. "We got our starters back in to start the third quarter. Wilds and I were in foul trouble and Gibbons was a little off in the second quarter, so we just had to basically stick with it and we knew we could pull it out at the end."

Following the plan

Northville didn't try to deviate from its season-long formula.

"Basically, just keep playing hard defense, take open shots and they'll eventually fall," Zimbo said. "We're a good shooting team and just get to the hoop. (Salem) played us really tough when they were at home. We only beat them by one. They're a great team."

Salem senior guard Calin Crawford, who got into early first-quarter foul trouble and had to sit a majority of the first half, scored all 13 of his points in the second half. But it was the play of Grace, who also grabbed a team-high seven rebounds, that kept Salem within striking distance.

"He did a nice job tonight," Brodie said. "We tried to have him on one of their best players defensively, but you wear yourself out a little bit. But he answered the bell and did a nice job for us on offense. He scored inside and hit some nice shots outside."

Senior center Kenny Topolovec, who had been battling an ankle issue and broken nose during the month of January, contributed nine points. "He's played the last couple games. He's back now, just trying to get his sea legs back," Brodie said.

Northville can clinch the KLAA Central outright with a win Friday at home over Stevenson. But the victory over Salem gives the Mustangs at least a share of the title.

"We haven't had a lot of that type of adversity," Sander said. "We didn't shoot it real well in the first half (10-of-29) and we had (Justin) Zimbo and Nick (Wilds) both in foul trouble, which we haven't had this year, so we had some different line-ups."

"But Salem is tough. They weren't going to go away. Cameron Grace had a great game, a phenomenal game, and Kenny (Topolovec) is coming back from his injury. They really made us work for this tonight."

ROCKS

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Northville head coach Todd Gudith's squad (12-1, 7-0) led wire-to-wire, but it wasn't exactly a cake walk. The Mustangs did take advantage of a strong start to each half, leading 11-3 after the opening quarter and going off on a 11-0 run midway through the third to break it open.

Gudith said he informed players before the game about Salem losing the Peetrees. He also pointed out that the Rocks were going to come out hard and with emotion.

"We didn't change anything," Gudith said. "I told our kids before the game that (the Rocks) are dealing with a lot of stuff right now, but it doesn't change the way we play offense, it doesn't change the way we play defense."

One of Northville's standouts was junior Jessica Moorman, who scored 11 of her 16 points in the third - a quarter in which the Mustangs enjoyed a 19-6 edge to take a 35-17 edge into the final quarter.

Also solid for Northville was junior Brook Adams, who scored 14 points before leaving the game early in the fourth after bruising a knee.

Pushing hard

For the Rocks, juniors Jayna Lenders and Darby Scott played solid all-around



Tracking the basketball under the rim are Northville's Lindsay Rathsburg (left) and Salem's Leah Moss.

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games. Lenders led Salem with 13 points, 10 in the second half, while Scott added 10. Scoring seven points was senior Leah Moss.

"I think we pushed hard in practice yesterday and we knew we weren't going to have many people," Scott said. "So we tried to encourage each other on and off the court, just try to pick each other up and hustle as hard

as we could. ... I think our first game just having the seven of us, I think we did really well."

It was Scott's triple from the right wing with 5:50 to go in the third that sliced Northville's lead to 18-14. That was as close as Salem got the rest of the way.

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PREP BOWLING

U-D Jesuit squeezes past Catholic Central

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University of Detroit-Jesuit stayed unbeaten with a narrow 16.5-13.5 Catholic League boys bowling victory Monday over Novi Detroit Catholic Central at Bowl One in Troy.

The 10th-ranked Cubs (Division 1), who improved to 6-0 overall and 6-0 in the league, rallied after CC (2-4, 2-4) had captured both Baker matches, 186-156 and 174-171, to take a 10-0 lead.

U-D Jesuit, however, set the tone in the first match with eight straight strikes and never looked back, taking three individual matches behind 213 games from both Ryan Kotlinski and James Jenereaux for a 926-886 victory, while cutting the deficit to 12-7.

Nick Grenn (179) and Nathan Gaissert (187) each captured a point for CC.

The first-place Cubs continued to blast away in the second match, winning, 1,180-943, behind high games

from Lane Shakleford (224), Jenereaux (227), Cameron Keuning (209) and Keith Reid (240).

Nathan Geddes bowled a solid 233 and Brian Hohentanner added 219, but it wasn't enough for the Shamrocks.

Chiefs prevail

In a KLAA Central Division match Monday, the Canton girls and boys squads won by scores of 20-10 and 29-1, respectively, at Canton's Super Bowl Lanes.

The Novi girls (1-11, 0-10) lost the first Baker, 183-117, but bounced back to win the second, 163-146. Canton (5-7, 3-6) then won the first regular game, 685-673, but Novi captured four single points to keep it close, 11-8, before the Chiefs secured the win with a narrow 659-616 triumph in the final game.

Megan Hartmus (129-183) and Nicole Kilikevicius (167-139) each scored two points for Novi.

In the boys match, first-

place Canton (10-2, 8-1) dominated by winning both Bakers, 183-151 and 180-139, along with both regular games, 862-754 and 882-744.

Ryan Rush tallied the lone point for Novi (2-10, 0-9) with 162-112.

Plymouth wins

In a KLAA Central match Monday, the Plymouth boys and girls emerged victorious by scores of 22.5-7.5 and 25-5, respectively, at Super Bowl.

The Plymouth boys (5-6, 4-4) captured totals, 1,720-1,486 after falling on Baker totals, 330-316.

Alan Brown tallied a 223, while other solid games were turned in by senior Lucas Meiers, juniors Bryce Smith and Justin O'Shaughnessy (180-190 range each).

Meanwhile, the Plymouth girls (5-4, 4-4) won totals on Bakers, 340-207, and overall, 1,333-1,279.

Liz Nicholson led the Wildcats with a 164 game.

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PREP WRESTLING

Top-ranked CC dominates at Observerland

Shamrocks also down Oxford in dual meet

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central's varsity Blue squad claimed 10 individual titles Saturday and scored a record 315 points to earn its 11th Observerland wrestling tournament, held at Livonia Churchill.

Defending champion Livonia Franklin was runner-up with 179, followed by Salem (177), the host Chargers (162) and Waterford Mott (95.5).

The field was missing some key teams in the 25th annual tourney, including state-ranked Westland John Glenn.

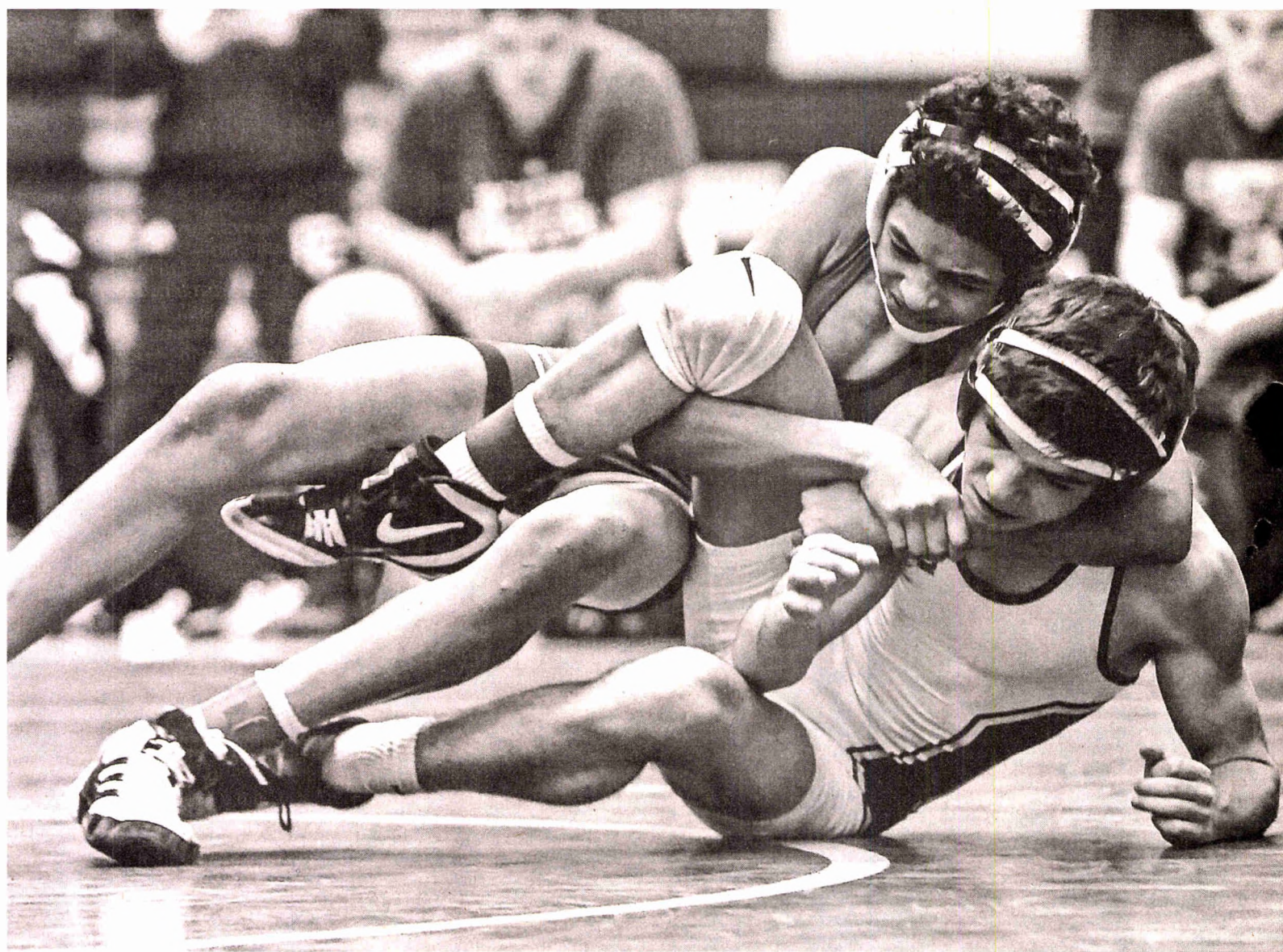
"We were hoping to run into Glenn, Plymouth, Belleville and a few other solid teams. We wanted some individual match-ups," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "I thought our guys looked solid in the finals; we were aggressive and controlling."

CC's Cameron Amine (130 pounds) and Ty Morland (189), both winning their respective weight class, were named the upper and lower weights MVPs.

Amine posted three falls on the day, including a pin in 1:59 against Salem's Drew Lindsay in the finals, while Morland pinned Salem's No. 7-ranked Roy Foster in 1:34.

CC's Devon Johnsen (103) recorded a pin in the finals, while teammates Ben Kamali (112) and Kevon Davenport (125) both prevailed on a technical fall in their championship matches.

Meanwhile, Aaron Rehfeldt had to come



Catholic Central's Rhett Newton (top) pinned Oxford's Dalton Myers in his 103-pound match.

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from behind to defeat Wayne's Jack DeJack, 6-4, in the finals at 135, while Conor Cox won the most entertaining match of the night, defeating Churchill's Zach Lech, 12-11, in the finals at 160.

Freshman Easton Turner (171) downed Churchill's Alda Bella for the title, 7-1, while junior Jack Ross (215) scored a 7-3 decision over Frank-

lin's Joe Fortin. Nick Jenkins (285) was CC's final winner after receiving a medical forfeit in the finals against Franklin's Josh Retting.

Earning a third-place finish for CC were Stone Moscovic (119) and Aidan Wagh (145), while Joe McGrath (140) and Brody Burke (152) placed fourth and sixth, respec-

tively. Other Observerland individual champs included Josh Mussen (Churchill), 119; Jeremy Nelson (Franklin), 140; Nathan Atienza (Franklin), 145; and Chase Gardner (Churchill), 152.

CC goes Oxford
The Shamrocks continued to mow down top 10 opponents with their

latest victory coming Jan. 27 in a road encounter against Oxford, 46-17, in match-up of Oakland County powers.

Despite a somewhat slow start, where they lost three of their first four matches to the Division 1 No. 8-ranked Wildcats, the Shamrocks (11-5) wound up capturing 10 of the 14 matches, while scoring bonus

points in seven (including six pins).

"Anytime you beat Oxford, it's a good win," Hancock said. "I'm proud of our guys and the way they battled tonight."

Turner (171) got things turned around for CC with a major decision, followed by pins from Morland (189), Ross (215), Rhett Newton (103) and Kamali (112).

GIRLS BASKETBALL WRAP

Plymouth's offense busts out of slumber

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Plymouth's varsity girls basketball team enjoyed a real breakout Tuesday night, routing host Livonia Franklin, 55-22.

For most of the season, the Wildcats have struggled to score. That wasn't an issue Tuesday, especially in the second half, when Plymouth (4-9) kicked its offense up a couple of notches.

"Our bench provided a great spark for our team tonight," Plymouth head coach Ryan Ballard said. "It was exciting to see the hard work pay off for those kids. ... Our effort in the second half was the standard for our program."

Cassidy Lewis scored 13 points, one of 10 Wildcats to find the score sheet. Chantal LeDoux scored 11 points (7-of-8 from the free-throw line) and Maren Wisniewski added eight.

"Everybody is doing a great job of contributing to this team and its success by fulfilling their role," Wisniewski said. "Moving forward, we will continue to lift each other up, hold each other accountable and work hard every day."

Chiefs roll

Canton continued to steamroll KLAASouth Division opponents, defeating host Westland John Glenn, 41-32, Tuesday night.

The Chiefs (11-2 overall, 7-0 in the KLAASouth) overcame a slow start, trailing 11-6 after one quarter and 16-15 at halftime before turning on the jets to open the second half.

"We've been able to always make good adjustments," Canton head coach Rob Heitmeyer said. "Once we started the second quarter, we outscored them, third quarter we outscored them and fourth quarter we outscored them."

Heitmeyer credited players finding their shooting touch in the second half, particularly Erin Hult (10 of her 12 points) and Brianna Finn (all seven points after intermission).

Other players chipping in were Madison Wolfbauer (six points, 10 rebounds), Natalie Winters (six points), Shanya Butler (seven points, six boards) and Raquel Church (strong defense and three points off the bench).

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WRESTLING

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couple of weeks here and we just got to get back to the grind Monday and keep pushing.

"This team is capable of doing anything they want, so we will see what we can do when the time comes."

Salem JV

Rocks junior varsity coach Connor Thornbury said his team had a solid showing Saturday at a Fenton-hosted individual tournament.

Finishing first were D.J. McGhee (3-0 at 130), JaQuan Baker (3-0 at 152) and Dez Dewberry (3-0 at 160).

Double winners were Mason Opie (112), Max Hirvela (125) and Grant Schils (171).

"Our kids keep improving and that is all you can ask of the JV," Thornbury said. "This is a good group of guys that are sticking together and we hope they bring a lot of success to the program in the next couple years."

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Catholic Central 315 points; 2. Livonia Franklin, 179; 3. Salem, 177; 4. Livonia Churchill, 162; 5. Waterford Mott, 95.5; 6. Wayne Memorial, 92; 7. Farm. Hills Harrison, 77; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 63; 9. Farmington, 61; 10.

Lutheran Westland, 51; 11. Garden City, 48; 12. Redford Union, 47; 13. Westland John Glenn, 20; 14. Redford Thurston, 3.

103 pounds: 1. Devon Johnson (CC) pinned Nate Gaubatz (S) in 1 minute, 39 seconds; 3. Howie Whitaker (LF) dec. Harting Wong (FHH), 2-0; 5. Russ Rusnell (LF) won by major dec., 10-1, over Anthony Marchone (LC).

112: 1. Ben Kamali (CC) won by technical fall, 20-5, over Ethan Englehart (LC); 3. Christian Zimmerman (LW) dec. Daquan Baker (S), 6-0; 5. Nick Colon (MOTT) pinned Jalen Fields (FHH) in 5:29.

119: 1. Josh Mussen (LC) dec. Taylor Droste (LS), 9-2; 3. Stone Moscovic (CC) dec. Akash Rai (S), 7-2; 5. Robert Ujaki (GC) pinned Darian Lindemier (MOTT) in 2:24.

125: 1. Kevon Davenport (CC) won by tech. fall, 17-2, over Cam Shaughnessy (S); 3. Nick Daniels (WYN) dec. Johnny DiPonio (LF), 6-5; 5. Jake Justice (F) won by major dec., 10-2, over Jozef Pietrushi (FHH).

130: 1. Cameron Amine (CC) pinned Drew Lindsay (S) in 1:59; 3. Brian Walrad (LC) dec. Evan Jaynes (LF), 6-2; 5. Jonathan Puddock (MOTT) dec. Manny Rankine (LW), 7-4.

135: 1. Aaron Rehfeldt (CC) dec. Jack DeJack (WYN), 6-4; 3. Kenny Vadnais (RU) won by major dec., 13-0, over Andy Faith (LW); 5. Spencer

Blanchard (LC) dec. Marino DiPonio (LC), 9-3.

140: 1. Jeremy Nelson (LF) dec. Bruce Haslitt (S), 11-9; 3. Tarik Alcodray (LS) dec. Joe McGrath (CC), 5-4; 5. Josh Rugenstein (MOTT) won by default over Ryan Boynton (FHH).

145: 1. Nathan Atienza (LF) pinned Erik Arnegard (MOTT) in 2:25; 3. Aidan Wagh (CC) pinned Tyler Knox (S) in 2:24; 5. Vincent Rawls (FHH) pinned Kalib Linder (WYN) in 42 seconds.

152: 1. Chase Gardner (LC) pinned John Hicks (WYN) in 1:08; 3. Seth Dunn (S) dec. Tad-Don Moore (RU), 7-3; 5. Gysai Davis (F) pinned Brody Burke (CC) in 2:56.

160: 1. Conor Cox (CC) dec. Zack Leck (LC), 12-11; 3. Kavinda Herath (F) pinned Wes Warren (LW) in 3:44; 5. Andres Garza (LF) dec. Mathias Dahl (MOTT), 5-3.

171: 1. Easton Turner (CC) dec. Aldo Bella (LC), 6-1; 3. Brandon Hartfield-Erik (RU) pinned John Benbow (GC) in 38 seconds; 5. James Shadwell (MOTT) pinned Andy Cross (LW) in 41 seconds.

189: 1. Tyler Morland (CC) pinned Roy Foster (S) in 1:34; 3. Emanuel Willie (LF) dec. Tyler Whiteside (LS), 6-1; 5. Rapana Divine Filemu (FHH) pinned Joe Davis (GC) in 3:29.

215: 1. Jackson Ross (CC) dec. Joe Fortin (LF), 7-3; 3. Donovan King (F) won by injury def. over Tyler Moore (S); 5. Parker Nowak (LS) dec. Matt Horton (MOTT), 6-3.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Marlins end losing streak, close in on championship

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Farmington Hills Mercy positioned itself Tuesday as the front-runner in the race for the Catholic League Central Division title in girls basketball.

The Marlins ended a five-game losing streak against rival Bloomfield Hills Marian with a 32-25 victory on their home floor.

Mercy gained sole possession of first place in the division with a 6-1 record. Marian and Warren Regina are

tied for second at 5-2.

The Marlins, who are 9-4 overall, can clinch the championship by winning their division finale Friday night at Livonia Ladywood.

Mercy, which led virtually the entire game, was ahead at halftime, 15-12, and the end of three quarters, 23-21. The Marlins held the Mustangs to just four points in the fourth.

"I'm just really, really proud of the kids," Mercy coach Gary Morris said. "I thought we came out ready to play tonight."

"I thought we defended

well the entire game. On offense, we made enough plays and enough shots to get by. We could have made life a little bit easier if we had made a few layups in both halves. We definitely missed a few bunnies.

"It's just a very nice win for us and puts us in a position to win the Central Division, which would be a very nice accomplishment."

Zora Pullen led the Marlins with nine points. Jackie Bauer and Katie Bryce scored six apiece and Jenna Schluter four.

Jordyn Schluter had a team-high five rebounds and added three points. Pullen and Bauer brought down four rebounds each; Jenna Schluter also had five assists.

Maria Kaschalk scored nine points for the Mustangs (10-4). Elizabeth Grobbel and Lauren Montalbano added five each.

Mercy was 7-of-10 shooting free throws, Marian 9-of-18.

"Points were at a premium for both teams," Morris said. "We scored only nine in the fourth quarter, but four players scored and all of them made big shots."

BOYS SWIMMING

Catholic Central dunks opponents in tri-meet

Lee captures two events as Shamrocks triumph

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Jonathan Lee figured in four first-place finishes Jan. 28 to propel the Novi Detroit Catholic Central boys swim team to a tri-meet at the Livonia Community Rec Center.

CC defeated Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 132-52, along with Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 145-35, to improve to 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the Catholic League.

The Shamrocks captured nine of the 12 events, led by Lee, who took first in the 100- and 200-yard freestyles with

times of 49.54 and 1:48.28, respectively.

Other CC individual first-place finishers included David Debaacker, 1-meter diving (212.25 points); Andrew Campbell, 500 freestyle (5:21.82); Kyle Tschannen, 100 backstroke (55.64); and Matt Loniewski, 100 breaststroke (1:01.57).

Loniewski and Tschannen teamed with Chris Barron and Logan Mills for first in the 200 medley relay (1:42.35).

The CC foursome of Lee, Mills, Jimmy Connor and Tommy Wiaduck settled for a dead heat for first with Notre Dame Prep in the 200 freestyle relay, each with a time of 1:34.11.

The Shamrocks closed the meet with first in the 400 free-

style relay, as Walsh, Lee, Tschannen and Campbell placed first in 3:26.63.

Notre Dame Prep junior Rudy Aguilar, a junior transfer from Birmingham Brother Rice, captured the 200 individual medley (2:00.9) and 100 butterfly (53.19). He was also a member of the Fighting Irish's first-place 200 freestyle relay team.

TRI-MEET RESULTS
Jan. 31 at Livonia Rec Center
TEAM SCORES: Novi Detroit Catholic Central 132, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 52; Detroit CC 145, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 35; Notre Dame 96, Gabriel Richard 74.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Detroit CC (Chris Barron, Matt Loniewski, Kyle Tschannen, Logan Mills), 1:42.35; 3. Detroit CC (Matt Krakowiak, Andrew Schenkus, Charlie Walsh, Jimmy Connor), 1:49.06.

200 freestyle: 1. Jonathan Lee (CC), 1:48.28; 2. Tommy Wiaduck (CC), 1:51.57; 3.

Andrew Campbell (CC), 1:54.2.

200 individual medley: 1. Rudy Aguilar (NDP), 2:00.9; 2. Walsh (CC), 2:03.81.

50 freestyle: 1. Aidan Schurig (NDP), 22.96; 2. Tschannen (CC), 23.16.

1-meter diving: 1. David Debaacker (CC), 212.25 points; 2. Robert Vance (CC), 196.75.

100 butterfly: 1. Aguilar (NDP), 53.19; 2. M. Loniewski (CC), 53.83; 3. Walsh (CC), 56.04.

100 freestyle: 1. Lee (CC), 49.54; 2. Wiaduck (CC), 50.8; 3. Connor (CC), 52.54.

500 freestyle: 1. Campbell (CC), 5:21.82; 2. Krakowiak (CC), 5:29.51; 3. Patrick Mullaly (CC), 5:30.42.

200 freestyle relay: 1. (tie) Detroit CC (Lee, Mills, Connor, Wiaduck) and Notre Dame Prep (Schurig, Thomas Robbins, Peter McNelis, Aguilar), 1:34.11 each; 3. Detroit CC (Ethan Bezzina, Campbell, Krakowiak, Dan Vela), 1:37.67.

100 backstroke: 1. Tschannen (CC), 55.64; 2. Barron (CC), 56.75; 3. Bennett Loniewski (CC), 1:00.06.

100 breaststroke: 1. M. Loniewski (CC), 1:01.57.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Detroit CC (Walsh, Lee, Tschannen, Campbell), 3:26.63; 2. Detroit CC (Vela, Wiaduck, M. Loniewski, B. Loniewski), 3:34.76.

CC's dual meet record: 5-2 overall, 3-1 Catholic League.

Industry survey optimistic about the future of home ownership

Although only half of surveyed households believe the economy is currently improving, nearly all young renters eventually want to buy a home, and a convincing majority still view home ownership as part of their American Dream, according to a new quarterly consumer survey released recently by the National Association of Realtors.

Additionally, a newly introduced index tracking the financial outlook of households found that compared to earlier this year an increasing share believes their personal financial situation will improve in the months ahead.

NAR's inaugural quarterly household survey, *Housing Opportunities and Market Experience (HOME)*, tracks topical real estate trends, including current renters and homeowners' views and aspirations regarding homeownership, whether or not it's a good time to buy or sell a home, and expectations and experiences in the mortgage market. New questions may be added to the survey each quarter to reflect timely topics impacting real estate.

The HOME survey data reveals that an overwhelming majority of current renters who are 34 years of age or younger want to own a home in the future (94%). Overall, 83% of polled renters have a desire to own, and 77% believe home ownership is part of their American Dream.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says the survey's findings debunk the notion that young adults aren't interested in buying a home. "Despite entering the workforce during or immediately after the worst of the financial and housing crisis, the desire to become a homeowner appears to be a personal goal for a convincing majority of young renters," he said. "Furthermore, there appears to be sizable, pent-up demand for buying that currently remains untapped because of a variety of economic and personal reasons impacting many households."

The top two reasons given by renters for not currently owning was the inability to afford to buy (53%) and needing the flexibility of renting rather than owning (19%). When asked what would likely be the main reason for buying in the future, renters cited lifestyle considerations such as getting married, starting a family or retiring (33%) and an improvement in their financial situation (26%).

"A combination of factors such as rising rents and home prices, limited supply, repaying student debt, and getting married and having children later in life has more to do with the currently underperforming share of first-time buyers than the idea that buying a home is not as desirable as it used to be," added Yun.

Among all households (renters and homeowners) in the survey, the results highlight a split between those who



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A survey shows optimism for the future of home ownership.

agree the U.S. economy is on the right track and those who disagree. Only half of respondents believe the economy is currently improving, and 44% think the economy is actually in a recession.

Renters were only slightly more optimistic about current economic conditions, with 57% believing the economy is improving. Regardless of their confidence in the U.S. economy today, over three-quarters (76%) of those who don't think the economy is improving still want to eventually buy a home.

"The promising stretch of job creation in several parts of the country in recent years has the housing market in 2015 on track for its best year of sales since the downturn," Yun said. "However, that only half of surveyed households believe the economy is improving can be attributed to the fact that some areas have been slow to recover and wages have yet to grow in a meaningful way for far too many families."

Added Yun, "With roughly 26 million more people in the U.S. compared to the peak year of home sales in 2005 (7.08 million), the pace of existing sales would likely be more robust if not for the economy's subpar growth since the downturn and wage gains that have failed to keep pace with rents and home prices."

Home ownership remains good financial decision, part of American Dream

Despite uncertainty about the economy's current performance, at least 84% of all households within all surveyed age groups and education levels believe owning a home is a good financial decision.

When asked if they believe this strongly or moderately, 76% who believe it's a good decision feel strongly about it.

Additionally, at least 85% of surveyed households in each age category as well as across all education levels believe home ownership is part of their personal American Dream. The most appealing aspects of homeownership cited by those with this feeling include a place to raise a family (36%), owning their own place (26%) and a nest egg for retirement (14%).

NAR's survey found that more homeowners (82%) than renters (68%) during the polling period believe that it's a good time to buy a home. Furthermore, of those who thought it was a good time to buy, 64% felt strongly about buying. Among current owners, 61% believe it is a good time to sell a home, of which 53% felt strongly that it was a good time to sell.

According to the survey, roughly two-thirds (65%) think it would be very or somewhat difficult to obtain a mortgage. Furthermore, there are differences among income brackets. Renter households making between \$30,000 and \$40,000 were the most likely to be declined a mortgage (10%), while 51 percent of those who make more than \$50,000 a year have not tried but feel confident they would succeed in getting a mortgage. Overall, 5% of renters have recently tried and failed to obtain financing for a home.

By nearly double the amount of other responses, the most common reason homeowners purchased a home was for lifestyle changes such as getting married, starting a family or retiring (35%); 18% said the desire to settle down in one location influenced their decision to buy, and 15% cited an improvement in their financial situation.

Reflecting the ongoing recovery of home values throughout most of the country, 89% of respondents said home prices in their communities have either risen or stayed the same in the past year. Looking ahead toward the next six months, 91% of respondents believe home prices in their community will increase or stay the same.

The HOME survey also calculates a monthly Personal Financial Outlook Index measured by household type, age, income and type of location. Since tracking began in March, the index representing all households has slowly trended upward to its highest current reading in December - reflecting stronger confidence that respondents' financial situation will be better in six months. Currently, renters, younger households and those living in urban areas are more optimistic about their future financial situation.

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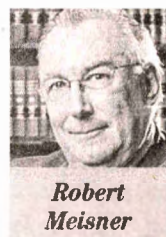
Right to develop land may exist

Q: We live in a condo where the original developer left the project with a number of units in the Master Deed which have not been completed and are labeled "need not be built." This has gone on for over 10 years. Is there anything the association can do?

A: Depending upon your Master Deed and other factual considerations, your association may have the right to treat that undeveloped land or, i.e., the units, as common elements of the condominium, and depending upon the advice that you get from a knowledgeable lawyer, you may be able to develop that land or have someone develop it for you by constructing condominium buildings or homes. This could be a substantial windfall for the association and its members.

Q: We signed a purchase agreement to buy a home and now the seller wants to back out, but not return our earnest money deposit because he thinks that we were not timely in getting the mortgage. What do you think?

A: It all depends upon the terms of the purchase agreement. If you were to obtain a mortgage within a certain period of time and failed to do so, the contract may have provided that the contract then becomes void and the seller is entitled to their earnest money deposit. On the other hand, you may have a legitimate justification for not obtaining the mortgage. Again, a good real estate lawyer should be able to review your factual scenario and give you advice as to your basis to seek a reimbursement of your earnest money deposit.



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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 31 to Sept. 4, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS 15575 Binwood Ave \$190,000 18210 Binwood Ave \$568,000 31750 Eastlady Dr \$398,000 20719 Kennoway Cir \$255,000	812 Waddington St \$695,000 COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP 1711 Applebrook Dr \$420,000 1761 Briaridge Dr \$393,000 4001 Cheryl Dr \$289,000 3376 Circle Dr \$300,000 4444 Darlene Dr \$325,000 2481 Greenlawn Ave \$110,000 5481 Huron Hills Dr \$345,000 3191 Lacosta Ct \$240,000 1970 Strawberry Ct \$480,000 5232 Vineyard Dr \$428,000 5323 Vineyard St \$403,000 2473 Willow Way Dr \$290,000	FARMINGTON 36627 Brittany Hill Ct \$179,000 23895 Gill Rd \$189,000 35551 Heritage Ln \$182,000 23044 Lake Way \$164,000 23897 Pickett Ave \$218,000 22724 Power Rd \$235,000 24136 Twin Valley Ct \$184,000 22463 Violet St \$125,000 FARMINGTON HILLS 30271 Astor St \$160,000 21606 Colgate St \$155,000 22841 Colgate St \$125,000 24000 Creekside Dr \$150,000 36072 Crompton Cir \$333,000 24700 Floral St \$315,000 29407 Glen Oaks Blvd E \$125,000 38622 Greenbrook Ct \$291,000 28347 Greythorne Trl \$43,000 28330 Hidden Trl \$400,000 29934 Kimberley Dr \$50,000 28436 Lake Park Dr \$269,000 25320 Lyncastle St \$245,000 36552 Martel Ct \$232,000 29620 Middlebelt Rd \$81,000 30065 Minglewood Ln \$218,000 29614 Pendleton Club Dr \$58,000 29860 W 12 Mile Rd # 606 \$71,000 22079 W Brandon St \$140,000 32420 W Wayburn St \$185,000 20963 Whitlock St \$150,000 FRANKLIN 27181 Apple Tree Ln \$340,000	HIGHLAND 921 Blue Heron Dr \$210,000 2472 Briar Cliff Dr \$240,000 201 Briar Wood Dr \$270,000 2477 Burwood Ct \$210,000 840 Helen Ln \$159,000 1512 Ludean Dr \$185,000 479 Timber Ridge Dr \$267,000 989 White House Dr \$155,000 LATHRUP VILLAGE 18658 Bungalow Dr \$223,000 27880 Evergreen Rd \$70,000 18130 Redwood Ave \$169,000 28452 Woodworth Way \$250,000 MILFORD 3495 Arkham Ln \$245,000 704 Atlantic St \$227,000 31250 Bailove \$38,000 2428 Bridle Trl \$300,000 2922 Camarata Vly \$272,000 325 Caroline \$290,000 2937 Hiding Pl \$335,000 251 Hill St \$162,000 784 S Millford Rd \$125,000 533 Sleepy Holw \$564,000 741 Sweetbriar \$175,000 630 Union St \$280,000 658 Village Ln \$131,000 1089 Winding Way Ct \$425,000 NORTHVILLE 21032 Boulder Cir \$195,000 1154 Concord Ct \$189,000 43523 Scenic Ln \$555,000 20830 Taft Rd \$379,000 37967 W Meadowhill Dr \$282,000 NOVI 28557 Carlton Way Dr \$193,000 22875 Cranbrooke Dr \$148,000 44449 Midway Dr \$350,000 41810 Ridge Rd E \$288,000 24561 Sarah Flynn \$300,000 47298 Scarlet Dr N \$278,000 42400 W 12 Mile Rd \$30,000 23440 W Le Bost \$210,000 29425 Whistler Dr \$299,000	24395 Willow Ln \$145,000 SOUTH LYON 52487 Aspen Dr \$520,000 24410 Brompton Way \$440,000 1090 Cantor Ln \$371,000 58642 Castle Ct \$443,000 830 Fairhaven Dr \$375,000 61047 Greenwood Dr \$79,000 833 Huntingdon Dr \$275,000 23733 Millwood \$519,000 61297 Mustang Dr \$351,000 61329 Mustang Dr \$408,000 61427 Mustang Dr \$386,000 61060 Preakness Blvd \$340,000 1155 Shetland Dr \$364,000 23653 Stoneleigh Dr \$453,000 24460 Wedgewood Dr \$395,000 304 Winchester St \$184,000 59541 Woodfarm \$330,000 SOUTHFIELD 29895 Brentwood St \$114,000 21389 Duns Scotus St \$65,000 30529 Fairfax St \$160,000 19621 Goldwin St \$111,000 24115 Lee Baker Dr \$35,000 17309 Melrose St \$105,000 20358 Melrose St \$20,000 24030 Philip Dr \$150,000 22505 Providence Dr # 102 \$70,000 27690 Shagbark Dr \$74,000 17325 Sherfield Pl \$403,000 29985 Spring River Dr \$140,000 17439 W 13 Mile Rd \$160,000 WHITE LAKE 9452 Beechcrest St \$270,000 5470 Cuthbert Rd \$220,000 11486 Fox N Hounds Dr \$175,000 648 Island Dr \$490,000 8551 Jamestown Dr \$338,000 40 Lisa Cir \$190,000 8163 Rene Ct \$160,000 821 Round Lake Rd \$124,000 9957 Sedlock St \$61,000 1352 Waverly Dr \$173,000
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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real Estate Investors Association holding open forum

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update.

Meetings are scheduled from 6-9 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster restaurant located on Eureka in Southgate.

The cost is free for members and \$20 for guests. The fee 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 Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

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For more information or to make a reservation, call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are held at 1 p.m. every other Sunday. The meeting place is the Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

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CANTON 40478 Bay Harbor Ln \$149,000 2232 Brookhaven Rd \$197,000 2017 Brookline Ln \$180,000 47861 Cardiff Ave \$139,000 615 Constitution St \$175,000 3933 Cornerstone Dr \$132,000 44146 Cranberry Dr \$216,000 44688 Crestmont Dr \$188,000 4101 Elizabeth Ave \$142,000 2102 Fairway Cir \$185,000 44751 Forest Trail Dr \$265,000 6698 Fox Path \$275,000 46712 Glengarry Blvd \$390,000 978 Longfellow Rd \$205,000 43919 Marine Ct \$163,000 45483 Muirfield Dr \$356,000 3493 Riverside Dr \$222,000 164 Scarlett Dr \$305,000 554 Shana St \$177,000	2236 Stanton Ln \$344,000 7005 Sylvania Ln \$462,000 49449 Taft Ln \$400,000 5979 Wedgewood Rd \$205,000 GARDEN CITY 28672 Block St \$9,000 32741 Maplewood St \$109,000 32751 Maplewood St \$110,000 31743 Rush St \$32,000 31913 Sheridan St \$83,000 LIVONIA 16067 Alpine Dr \$253,000 14980 Beatrice St \$206,000 29403 Bolbrich St \$43,000 13100 Bolbrich St \$130,000 28583 Cleveland St \$129,000 16701 Farmington Rd \$163,000 30444 Hoy St \$131,000 11629 Inkster Rd \$66,000 14281 Inkster Rd \$119,000 15718 Levan Rd \$224,000 17428 Levan Rd \$220,000 18387 ShadySide St \$149,000 16668 Wayne Rd \$280,000 18100 Wayne Rd \$265,000 19506 Westmore St \$168,000 19467 Weyher St \$107,000 NORTHVILLE 39556 Dun Rovin Dr \$339,000	16242 Forest Lake Ct \$298,000 46760 Greenidge Ct \$380,000 16453 Highland Ln \$550,000 16909 Lochmoor Cir E \$315,000 39796 Muirfield Ln \$315,000 16347 Mulberry Way \$460,000 46023 N Valley Dr \$415,000 705 Randolph St \$130,000 50500 Tamarack Trl \$782,000 PLYMOUTH 13220 Andover Dr \$350,000 333 Auburn St \$261,000 11500 Burger Dr \$295,000 48125 Colony Farm Cir \$166,000 46332 Curlick Ct \$396,000 9794 Hillcrest Dr \$325,000 12852 Lamond Ct \$453,000 9030 Morrison Ave \$107,000 170 N Hallbrook St \$216,000 40141 Newport Dr \$82,000 42480 Revere Ave \$220,000 120 S Holbrook St \$224,000 42030 Schoolcraft Rd \$145,000 50018 Standish Ct \$445,000 50018 Standish Ct \$445,000 395 Windmill Dr \$242,000 1290 Woodland Pl \$610,000 REDFORD 18202 Dalby \$40,000	14101 Farley \$127,000 19273 Garfield \$45,000 18320 Inkster Rd \$55,000 9242 Louis \$125,000 11311 Mercedes \$72,000 9600 Nathaline \$73,000 11301 Seminole \$87,000 11311 Seminole \$83,000 WAYNE 2987 Gladwin Ct \$40,000 34331 John St \$35,000 2261 Richard St \$90,000 WESTLAND 33458 Avondale St \$101,000 35940 Avondale St \$104,000 35125 Bakewell St \$99,000 7078 Bison St \$80,000 8025 Chestnut Ln \$286,000 37104 Concor Ct \$130,000 37199 Concor Ct \$130,000 6481 Dillon St \$165,000 30818 Fernwood St \$66,000 35603 Florane St \$85,000 32030 Grandview Ave \$115,000 29845 Lacy Dr \$121,000 6959 Moccasin St \$80,000 1285 Portland St \$81,000 31219 Stephen Ave \$125,000
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THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Of the liver
 - 8 "Hello" singer of 2015
 - 13 The Cowboys, on scoreboards
 - 16 "That feels ni-ice!"
 - 19 Variety of coffee
 - 20 Of the kidneys
 - 21 Book like Titus or Jude
 - 23 * Futile endeavor
 - 25 Restricting factor
 - 26 "What — state of affairs"
 - 27 Go away
 - 28 * Non-earthlings
 - 30 Cowboys or Raiders
 - 32 Money matters
 - 34 * Freight vessels
 - 40 * Saw beyond
 - 45 Sirens, say
 - 46 Rearrange
 - 48 Safe, asea
 - 49 Arm parts
 - 50 Imam's God
 - 52 Twisted fiber used in textiles
 - 56 Tony-winning Schreiber
 - 57 Bitter beer
 - 58 * Feral horses of the West
 - 61 Bending body part
 - 62 Diner cousin
 - 64 Samovars, e.g.
 - 65 Unwelcome grade
 - 66 Sci-fi captain Jean- — Picard
 - 68 Their names are divided in the answers to the starred clues
 - 70 Muscles to crunch
 - 72 Absorb
 - 75 Ring arbiter
 - 77 Hood's blade
 - 79 Not sickly
 - 83 * People trying to get mates
 - 86 Suffix with 121-Down
 - 87 Distinctive periods
 - 88 Heating device
 - 89 Piñata topper?
 - 91 Slips on sleet
 - 92 Seed casing
 - 93 Crumpet
 - 94 Alternative
 - 95 "Remington —"
 - 96 * It often adjoins a big bedroom
 - 101 * Folk hero of Vermont
 - 104 — riche
 - 106 British prep school
 - 107 * Result of income inequality
 - 111 Prefix with surgeon
 - 114 Genesis twin
 - 118 Dreadful
 - 119 * Their members
 - 120 Love drawing blanks
 - 123 Zero
 - 124 Bar garnish
 - 125 French explorer who named Louisiana
 - 126 "Goodness!"
 - 127 St. crossers
 - 128 Niamey site
 - 129 Scoundrel
- DOWN**
- 1 "Very funny"
 - 2 Lustful god
 - 3 Daddy
 - 4 Tucked in
 - 5 Up to, in brief
 - 6 Drink cooler
 - 7 Algiers area
 - 8 Western gas brand
 - 9 Unheeding
 - 10 "Tuff —" (1986 hit)
 - 11 Vegas intro?
 - 12 Powell of film
 - 13 Break the connection of
 - 14 For each
 - 15 Described
 - 16 "— girl!"
 - 17 Baldwin of Hollywood
 - 18 "Take it"
 - 22 Knight's title
 - 24 Huge hauler
 - 29 Vietnamese neighbor
 - 30 Little kids
 - 31 Double curve
 - 33 Spot in la mer
 - 34 Waterproof sealant
 - 35 Dog-tired
 - 36 Zellweger or O'Connor
 - 37 Fish tank bed
 - 38 Comrade
 - 39 Picnic side
 - 41 — visit (call)
 - 42 "... from — down under" (1981 hit song lyric)
 - 43 Coat fabric
 - 44 Not relaxed
 - 47 Until then
 - 50 "Carte" start
 - 51 Body part cut by van Gogh
 - 52 Compacted, informally
 - 53 Big water filter brand
 - 54 Seabees' mil. branch
 - 55 Fed. crash probe
 - 57 Agree to
 - 59 Zodiac lion
 - 60 Yogi Bear voice
 - 63 "Climb — Mountain"
 - 67 Stellar bear
 - 69 Espy
 - 71 Israeli coin
 - 72 "Beat it!"
 - 73 Butler's Scarlett
 - 74 Toenail treatments, for short
 - 76 Waitress at Mel's Diner
 - 78 State of fury
 - 80 Disney mermaid name
 - 81 Gravy spoon
 - 82 German steel city
 - 84 River deposit
 - 85 Trig function
 - 90 Tennis call
 - 91 Kenton of jazz
 - 93 Squealches
 - 94 Dance
 - 95 — move, when tripled
 - 96 — Balls (snack brand)
 - 97 Infatuate
 - 98 Tennis — Garros Stadium
 - 99 Elk sounds
 - 100 Gardner of old movies
 - 102 Spice's kin
 - 103 Coral rings
 - 105 Strip of gear, nautically
 - 107 Did vocals
 - 108 English horn relative
 - 109 Cell: Suffix
 - 110 "This — recording"
 - 112 Gutter site
 - 113 On-demand taxi service
 - 114 Vivacity
 - 115 Mope
 - 116 Adept
 - 117 PC sort?
 - 120 Roman 151 dinner
 - 121 Have dinner
 - 122 "Cyber" CBS series

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SUDOKU

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DIY WORD SEARCH

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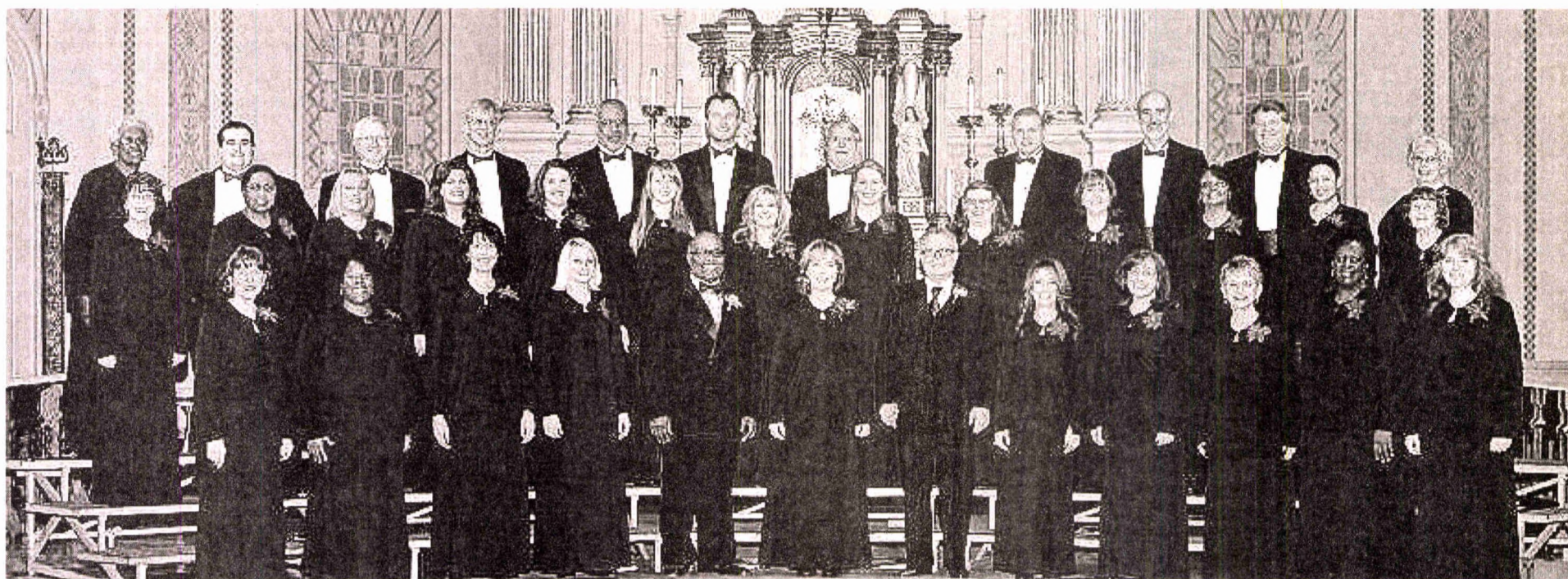
WORDS

- ARCHITECT
- BATHROOM
- CARPETING
- CIRCUIT
- CLEANUP
- CONCRETE
- CONSTRUCTION
- CONTRACTOR
- DECK
- DECORATE
- DEMOLITION
- DESIGNER
- ELECTRICIAN
- EXTERIOR
- FINANCING
- FRAMING
- HARDWOOD
- HOME
- HOUSE
- IDEAS
- IMPROVEMENT
- INSULATION
- INTERIOR
- KITCHEN
- LANDSCAPING
- MARKET
- MATERIALS
- PAINT
- PAVE
- PERMITS
- PLANS
- PLASTER
- PLUMBER
- PROJECT
- REAL ESTATE
- RENOVATION
- ROOFING
- SIDING

Crossword Answers

HEPATIC ADELIE DIAL AIAH
ARABICA RENAL EPISTLE
HOPELESS CAUSE LIMITER
ASAD BEOFF ALIENRACE
TEAM FINANCE
CARGOSHIPS LOOKEDPAST
ALERTS ALTER ALEE
ULNAS ALLAH SPUNYARN
LIEV ALE WILDMUSTANGS
KNEE CAFE TEAURNS DEE
LUC TVSHOWS ABS
SOP REFEREE SHIV HALE
CHESSPLAYERS ERY ERAS
RADIATOR TILDE SKIDS
ARIL SCONE STEELE
MASTERBATH ETHANALLEN
NOUVEAU ETON
SOCIALGAP NEURO ESAU
ABYSMAL SCRABBLECLUBS
NOTAONE OLIVE LASALLE
GEE RDS NIGER STINKER

Word Search Answers



The Madrigal Chorale

SUBMITTED

Feel the love, healing at Madrigal Chorale's concert

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The Madrigal Chorale not only hopes to entertain, but also to inspire healing and reconciliation when it sings its "love" concert on Sunday, Feb. 7.

"I'm so excited. It's beautiful to go to concerts, but this is more than just going to a concert," said Mary Simmons of Farmington, a singer and the Chorale's vice president of development. "The tagline is 'Life Every Voice,' for this season. We want people to be vocal about coming together, doing the right thing, speaking out. You get energized and excited. You start to look for and see the good in people."

The 45-member choral group, which rehearses at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills, will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. Students pay \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door.

Selections will include *Love is a Many-Splendored Thing*, *We Are Family*, *Love Is All*



SUBMITTED

The Madrigal Chorale presents its holiday concert at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

You Need - A Tribute to The Beatles, and *Seasons of Love*, among other love-related tunes.

Several smaller groups from within the Chorale also will sing. A women's ensemble will perform a song from *Pitch Perfect 2*, and a men's group will sing Billy Joel's *The Longest Time*. A barber-shop quartet, Coda Honor, will sing several tunes, including

Love Me, and *Blue Velvet*.

"There will be visual effects. We'll have still pictures shown on a big screen, and poetry will be read," Simmons said.

Season theme

This is the Madrigal Chorale's 101st season and the first time it has selected a year-long message for its concerts. Simmons said the



Artistic Director Robert A. Martin at the Madrigal Chorale's 2015 holiday concert

Chorale's board of directors challenged Robert Martin, artistic director, to choose a theme.

"We said, we wanted to see his vision. He came up with the theme of healing and reconciliation. December was religious healing, this love concert is interpersonal, and the May concert is about racial reconciliation," Simmons said. "We're definitely doing

something different this year."

In a press release, Martin said he hoped to send a message that through mutual respect and understanding, it's possible to bridge divisions, work together and produce beauty. "A healing of sorts."

The December concert included speakers from the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths. Each spoke about religious similarities.

"It was interesting to talk with people afterward. They were pleased with the speakers and the choice of music. The music was in line with peace, reconciliation and healing," she said.

The group invited Bishop Thomas Gumbleton to speak at its May concert on racial reconciliation.

"The timing couldn't be any better for this. This kind of thing is so needed."

For more information about the Madrigal Chorale, visit madrigalchorale.org, email info@madrigalchorale.org, or call 248-804-1377.

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GET OUT! CALENDAR OF ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

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

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

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

Wild Winter weekend: Family-friendly events and activities, including music, zookeeper talks, games and crafts, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Feb. 6-7 at the Ford Education Center

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

CENTRAL PARC ART STUDIO

Time/Date: 4:30-6 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4; 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5 and 12; 2-3:30 p.m. and 3:30-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6; 2-3:30 p.m. and 3:30-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7; 2-3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15 and Wednesday, Feb. 17

Location: 650 Church Street, Plymouth

Details: Choose a time to paint a handmade soup bowl. Pick the bowl up, after it is fired, at the Soup Swap, 1-2:30 p.m. Feb. 27. Local groups will prepare and serve soup on Swap day. Cost of painting a bowl is \$15 per person. For families, the cost is \$15 for the first two members and \$10 for each additional family member. Participants are encouraged to bring canned food or non-perishable food items to the Swap for the Plymouth Salvation Army. In return they will receive a bowl of hot soup

Contact: Leslie Greeneisen at 734-578-1298

HERITAGE PARK STABLES STUDIO

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 and March 13

Location: Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Sue Majewski, a mosaic glass artist, will lead the workshops, which will focus on creating a mosaic frame on Feb. 7, and decorating three-dimensional letters on March 13. Participants will design their project, set colorful glass fragments, and will grout. All supplies will be included. Cost for each workshop is \$65 for non-residents and \$55 for residents.

Contact: <https://recreg.fhgov.com>; 248-473-1856

RUSSELL EXHIBITION CENTER

Time/Date: 7 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13 and 19-20, and 6 p.m.-midnight, Sunday, Feb. 14

Location: 1600 Clay Street, Detroit

Details: The Dirty Show, marking its 17th year, includes an erotic art exhibit, stage performances, and a film festival. Sculptor/painter Colin Christian is special guest artist. Tickets are \$30 in advance. Must be age 21 or over, with valid photo ID

Contact: dirtyshow.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through Feb. 28

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Spirit of Detroit - Portraits by Donita Simpson," a photographic exhibit featuring 38 portraits of Michigan artists taken by Donita Simpson of Royal Oak

Contact: cantonvillagetheater.org

DANCE

BARN DANCE

Time/Date: 7-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26

Location: Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The dance will feature square dancing and line dancing with lessons and professional callers. No experience necessary. Food and refreshments available. Open to adults, 21 and over. Tickets are \$18 by Feb. 19, \$20 after. Get them at recreg.fhgov.com or at the Costick Center

Contact: 248-473-1830

Contact: facebook.com/ComericaCares

FILM

GREEN FILM SERIES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11

Location: Congregational Church of Birmingham, UCC, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills

Details: "Seeds of Time" follows American agriculturist Cary Fowler and his efforts to protect food crops from an uncertain future. Jon Adams of Southfield Parks and Gardens Association leads a discussion following the film

Contact: 248-514-8746

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday Feb. 5, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: "The Peanuts Movie," \$3

Contact: 734-453-0870;

www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 5, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 6

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

Details: "The Good, The Bad and The



SUBMITTED

Billy Davis performs in the Blues@The Elks series, Feb. 9, in Plymouth.

Ugly," featuring Clint Eastwood, \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481; redfordtheatre.com

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 Opontis 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

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Exhibit: "It's a Downton Abbey Thing," looks at the PBS series "Downton Abbey" in relation to events from 1912-1930 in southeast Michigan and the U.S.

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

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC

BLUES@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Harmonica Shah and Billy Davis perform on Feb. 9, backed by Carlton Washington on guitar, Phil Hale on keyboard, and Curtis Sumter on drums. Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation

Contact: 734-453-1780

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6

Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills

Details: Pianist Richard Goode performs Beethoven's last three sonatas. Tickets range from \$32-\$64 for adults, and \$16-\$32 for students

Contact: 248-855-6070; CMSDetroit.org

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The Boogie Woogie Kid Trio, includes Matthew Ball, Kate Jablonski and Sean Nasrey, and will perform song hits of the 1920s-40s, on Tuesday, Feb. 23. A \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13

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

Details: Broadway Valentine will include songs from such Broadway shows as *Rent*, *Les Miserables*, *Grease*, *Jersey Boys* and more. Includes vocal performance by Geff Phillips and Kylee Phillips. Tickets are \$30 general, \$25 seniors, 62 and over, and \$10 students

Contact: michiganphil.org

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Billy Brandt and the Sugarees, Feb. 5; UnValentines Day with John Latini, Jamie-Sue Seal, and Dave Bou-tette, Feb. 6; Empty Chair night with Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and Alison Donahue, Feb. 7; Nessa, Feb. 12; May Erlewine, Feb. 13. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

SPOKEN WORD

MOTH STORY SLAM

Time/Date: Doors open 4:30 p.m., stories start 7 p.m. Feb. 4, Detroit; doors open 6 p.m., stories start 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16, Ann Arbor

Location: Cliff Bell's, 2030 Park Ave., Detroit and Circus Bar, 210 S. First Ave., Ann Arbor

Details: Prepare a five-minute story on the theme, toss your name in the hat, and if your name is pulled, step up and tell your true personal story live without notes. Volunteers from the audience judge the stories. The theme at Cliff

Bell's is "movies," and the theme at Circus Bar is "love hurts." Admission is \$5 in Detroit, \$8 in Ann Arbor

Contact: themoth.org

STORY NIGHT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 11

Location: Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room, 114 S. Main, Ann Arbor

Details: Ann Arbor Storytellers' Guild members tell stories for an adult audience. The performance is free, although donations will be accepted. Desserts, light supper and tea will be available for purchase

Contact: 734-665-2757

THE ARK

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27

Location: The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor

Details: 29th Annual Storytelling Festival featuring Kevin Kling, from Minneapolis, Minn., whose commentaries are heard on NPR's "All Things Considered." Tickets are \$20

Contact: theark.org; 734-761-1818

THEATER

BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 12-13 and 19-20 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 14 and 21.

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: Tickets for "Sylvia," a romantic comedy, are \$15

Contact: 734-404-6886; justgobarefoot.com

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, Thursday-Saturday, March 3-5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, 21, and 28

Location: Farmington Players Barn, 33455 Warren Road, Westland

Details: "The Diary of Anne Frank" tells the story of the teenage writer, her family and others who struggled to hide from the Nazis in their attic. This version of the play weaves writings from Anne Frank's diary together with survivor accounts. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for students and seniors, age 62 and up. Admission on March 3 is \$14 for everyone

Contact: 248-553-2955, farmington-players.org

INSPIRE THEATRE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5-7, and 12-14

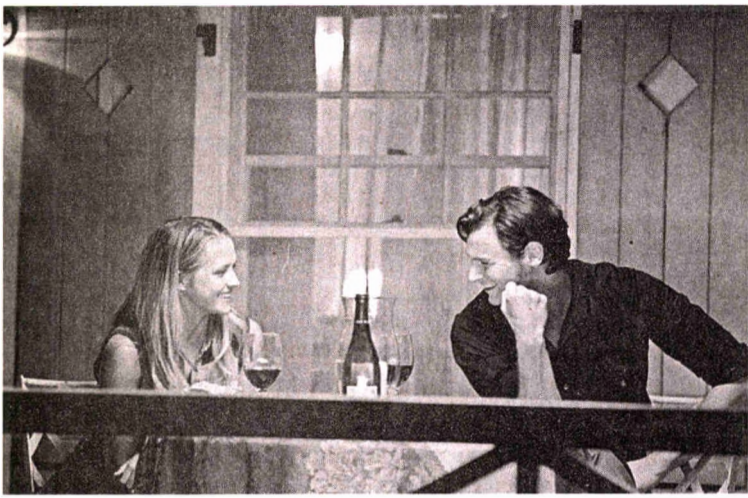
Location: Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road, Westland

Details: "The Lady Pirate of Captain Bree" is a musical comedy about a group of female pirates who take over a defenseless ship that is transporting wealthy passengers, and is manned by a motley crew of prisoners. Tickets are \$16

Contact: InspireTheatre.com; 734-751-7057

Films about zombies, Hollywood, open Friday, Feb. 5

Friday, Feb. 5



DANA HAWLEY
Teresa Palmer plays Gabby Holland, a feisty medical student, and Ben Walker is Travis Shaw, a ladies' man, in "The Choice."

» **"The Choice"** — When feisty medical student Gabby Holland moves in next door to perennial ladies' man Travis Shaw, they embark on a surprising romantic journey neither imagined possible. Travis has always believed a serious relationship would cramp his easygoing lifestyle, while Gabby is preparing to settle down with her long-term boyfriend — until an irresistible attraction between the unlikely couple upends both of their well-planned lives. The story spans a decade, traces the evolution of a love affair, and asks how far you'd go to keep the hope of love alive. Starring Benjamin Walker, Teresa Palmer, Maggie Grace, Alexandra Daddario, Tom Welling, Brett Rice, and Tom Wilkinson. Directed by Ross Katz. Rated PG-13.

» **"Hail, Caesar!"** — Joel and Ethan Coen wrote and directed the all-star comedy set during the latter years of Hollywood's Golden Age. Starring Josh Brolin, George Clooney, Alden Ehrenreich, Ralph Fiennes, Jonah Hill, Scarlett Johansson, Frances McDormand, Tilda Swinton and Channing Tatum, "Hail, Caesar!" follows a single day in the life of a studio fixer who is presented with plenty of problems to fix. Rated PG-13.

» **"Pride and Prejudice and Zombies"** — A zombie outbreak has fallen upon the land

in this reimagining of Jane Austen's classic tale of the tangled relationships between lovers from different social classes in 19th century England. Feisty heroine Elizabeth Bennet (Lily James) is a master of martial arts and weaponry and the handsome Mr. Darcy (Sam Riley) is a fierce zombie killer, yet the epitome of upper class prejudice. As the zombie outbreak intensifies, they must swallow their pride and join forces on the blood-soaked battlefield in order to conquer the undead once and for all. Rated PG-13.

Friday, Feb. 12

» **"Deadpool"** — Based upon Marvel Comics' most unconventional anti-hero, *Deadpool*, tells the origin story of former Special Forces operative turned mercenary Wade Wilson, who after being subjected to a rogue experiment that leaves him with accelerated healing powers, adopts the alter ego Deadpool. Armed with his new abilities and a dark, twisted sense of humor, Deadpool hunts down the man who nearly destroyed his life. Starring Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin, Ed Skrein, T.J. Miller, Gina Carano and Brianna Hildebrand. Directed by Tim Miller. Rated R.

» **"How to be Single"** — There's a right way to be single, a wrong way to be single,

and then...there's Alice. And Robin, Lucy, Meg, Tom, and David. New York City is full of lonely hearts seeking the right match, be it a love connection, a hook-up, or something in the middle. And somewhere between the teasing texts and one-night stands, what these characters all have in common is the need to learn how to be single in a world filled with ever-evolving definitions of love. Starring Dakota Johnson, Rebel Wilson, Damon Wayans Jr., Anders Holm, Alison Brie, Nicholas Braun, Jake Lacy, with Jason Mantzoukas and Leslie Mann. Directed by Christian Ditter. Rated R



SUBMITTED
Maggie Smith stars in "Lady in the Van," which opens Feb. 12.

» **"Lady in the Van"** — The film opens at the Maple Theatre in Bloomfield Hills. Alan Bennett's story is based on the true story of Miss Shepherd (played by Maggie Smith), a woman of uncertain origins who "temporarily" parked her van in his London driveway and proceeded to live there for 15 years. What begins as a begrudged favor becomes a relationship that will change both their lives. It was filmed on the street and in the house where Bennett and Miss Shepherd lived all those years. Directed by Nicholas Hytner. Not rated.

» **"Son of Saul"** — The film opens at the Main Theatre in Royal Oak. It's set in October 1944 in Auschwitz-Birkenau. Saul Ausländer is a Hungarian member of the Sonderkom-



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Géza Röhrig as Saul in "Son of Saul"

mando, the group of Jewish prisoners isolated from the camp and forced to assist the Nazis in the machinery of large-scale extermination. While working in one of the crematoriums, Saul discovers the body of a boy he takes for his son. As the Sonderkommando plans a rebellion, Saul decides to carry out an impossible task to save the child's body from the flames, find a rabbi to recite the mourner's Kaddish and offer the boy a proper burial. Rated R

» **"Where to Invade Next"** — Michael Moore visits a host of nations to learn how the U.S. could improve its own prospects in this subversive comedy. The creator of *Fahrenheit 9/11* and *Bowling for Columbine* is back with this eye-opening call to arms. Turns out the solutions to America's most entrenched problems already exist in the world — they're just waiting to be co-opted. Directed by Michael Moore. Rated R

» **"Zoolander 2"** — Starring Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, Will Ferrell, Penélope Cruz, Kristen Wiig, Fred Armisen, Milla Jovovich, Christine Taylor, Justin Theroux and Kyle Mooney. Directed by Ben Stiller. Rated PG-13

and an inspiring drama about one man's fight to become an Olympic legend. Starring Stephan James, Jason Sudeikis, Jeremy Irons, Carice van Houten, Shanice Banton, and William Hurt. Directed by Stephen Hopkins. Rated PG-13

» **"Risen"** — The film tells the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius (Joseph Fiennes), a powerful Roman Military Tribune, and his aide Lucius (Tom Felton), are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion, in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem. Rated PG-13

» **"Touched with Fire"** — The film centers on two poets with bipolar disorder whose art is fueled by their emotional extremes. Their chemistry is instant and intense, driving each other's mania to new heights. Swinging from fantastical highs to tormented lows, they ultimately must choose between sanity and love. Stars Katie Holmes and Luke Kirby. Directed by Paul Dalio. Rated R

» **"The Witch"** — In this horror film, the age-old concepts of witchcraft, black magic and possession are brought together to tell the story of one family's frightful unraveling in the New England wilderness circa 1630. Upon threat of banishment by the church, an English farmer leaves his colonial plantation, relocating his wife and five children to a remote plot of land on the edge of an ominous forest, within which lurks an unknown evil. Strange and unsettling things begin to happen almost immediately — animals turn malevolent, crops fail, and one child disappears as another becomes seemingly possessed by an evil spirit. With suspicion and paranoia mounting, family members accuse teenage daughter Thomasin of witchcraft, charges she adamantly denies. As circumstances grow more treacherous, each family member's faith, loyalty and love become tested in shocking and unforgettable ways. Rated R

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CANN, ROBERT J.
Of Livonia. Age 88. January 29, 2016. Loving husband of Geraldine for 64 years. Wonderful father to Noreen, Ann Marie (Jerry), Jim (Cori), Mark (Alecia), Joan (Saul) and Edward (Tamara). Bob has 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren who will miss his warmth and brilliance. Visitation: Friday, February 5, 2016 from 5-8 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. Funeral Mass: 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 6, 2016 (Visitation 10:00 a.m.) at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Bob's name to Residential Hospice Foundation. To read the full obituary, please visit: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



MASSNICK, DONALD J.
Canton, Michigan
Formerly of Essexville, Michigan, age 88, passed away peacefully, Sunday, January 31, 2016, with his family by his side. He was born on February 23, 1927 in Bay City, the son of the late George and Mildred (Dickson) Massnick. Don graduated from the University of Michigan with a Master of Business Administration. He went on to have a long and successful career in Marketing with the Dow Chemical Company. On June 29, 1957 Don and Jean Vaupre were united in marriage and after 57 years together, she preceded him in death on March 8, 2015. Between raising his family and working long hours at Dow, Don was drawn to helping others and serving the community. His service to philanthropic organizations dates back to the 1960's. His memberships included the Bay Medical Foundation, Alliance for Bay County Schools, Essexville-Hampton Board of Directors, Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America, Bay County Growth Alliance, Michigan Eye Bank, U of M Alumni Club of Bay City, Tri-County Economics Club and Bay City Rotary Club. Don was the recipient of a vast number of Honors including; Essexville Citizen of the Year, Dow Chemical President's Award for Community Service, Michigan Eye Bank Founders Award, Outstanding Volunteer to the Mid-Michigan Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives and Paul Harris Fellowship Award from the Bay City Rotary Club. In his free time, Don enjoyed photography, camping, gardening, traveling and reading. Surviving family include his children: Cathy Massnick LaTulip, Bill (Michelle) Massnick and Jim (Cheri) Massnick, 6 grandchildren: Steven LaTulip, Scott LaTulip, Sam Massnick, Hannah Laughlin, Brandon Massnick and Ted Kraynak, as well as a sister-in-law, Sue (Alan) Williams. Funeral Service will be on Friday, February 5, 2016 at 1 p.m. at Penzien-Steele Funeral Home. The Rev. Dr. George Baird will officiate. Entombment will be in Oakwood Mausoleum in Saginaw. Friends may call at Penzien-Steele Funeral Home on Thursday, February 4, 2016 from 2-7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to, Midwest Eye Banks, McLaren Bay Medical Foundation, First Presbyterian Church or Season's Hospice.



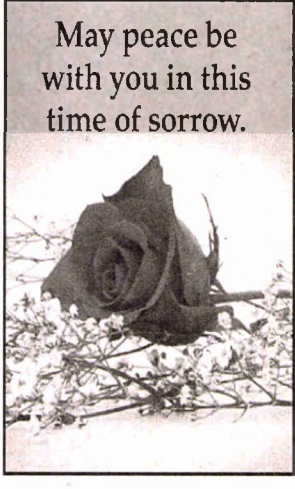
TADDONIO, HELEN A.
Of Chelsea, MI, age 91, died peacefully with all of her children at her bedside, January 30, 2016 at St. Joseph Convent Care Center in Livonia, MI. She was born May 30, 1924 in Boston, Massachusetts, the daughter of John and Helen (Welch) Cotter. On June 27, 1947 she married Dominick A. Taddonio and he preceded her in death. Survivors include four sons, Richard (Jamie) of Grass Lake, John (Ann) of Manchester, Tom (Doris) of Manchester, Paul of Davison, three daughters, Sr. Anita Marie Taddonio of Livonia, Theresa (Shawn) McFall of Plainwell, Helen (Chuck) Taddonio-Wayner of Topeka, Kansas, a brother John Cotter, 23 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by Brothers Richard Cotter and Paul Cotter, and her parents. Helen was a member of St. Mary Church in Chelsea, MI. She served in the Red Cross, and was very active with church and civic affairs which included the League of Women Voters, where she led the initiative to enact Congressional legislation which banned helicopter overflights in Rocky Mountain National Park. She earned her Bachelor's degree in teaching at Madonna College, Livonia, MI and her Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Eastern Michigan University. She worked as a teacher and principal for many years. She had a strong love for her family, friends, and the outdoors. She will be greatly missed. Funeral Services were Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the care of Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel. Please visit online guestbook at www.fredwoodfuneralhome.com



UNGER, JEAN C.
Age 88 of Plymouth passed away January 31st at her home. She was born in Northville, Michigan on March 4, 1927 to her parents, the late William and Martha (nee-Heintz) Matthews. Jean is the loving mother of Diana (Robert) Hawkins. Proud Grandmother of Shelly Davis, Timothy Coon, Karen Wegryn, Casey Unger, Kevin Unger, Brian Miller and Beth Landau. She is also survived by 20 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews. Jean is also the dear sister Irene (Edward) Veresh. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Unger, her son, Stephen (Debbie) Unger and daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Charles Miller. A funeral service for Jean will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan at 1:00 p.m. Funeral will be officiated by Rev. Eileen Patra. Memorial contributions in memory of Jean C. Unger may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, at www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org or by mail to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio Street, Suite 304, Chicago, Illinois 60611-3201.

RUSAW, SR., ROBERT C.

Age 84, passed away January 26, 2016 at the Villages Regional Hospital, The Villages, Florida. Beloved husband of Joyce Rusaw for 63 years. Dear father of Richard (Mary Prather) Rusaw of Chapin, South Carolina, Katherine (the late Robert) Lambert of Spring Hill, FL, Yvonne (the late Terrence) Kaczmarek of Garden City, MI, Renee (Robert) Miller of May-bee MI, and Robert (Sue) Rusaw, Jr. of Dearborn Heights MI. Loving grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of nine. Dear brother of Shirley Weber of Zephyrhills, FL. He was preceded in death by granddaughter, Penny. Born in Detroit, he was a son of the late William and Laura Rusaw. Robert was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Prior to his retirement he worked for Sun Strand Aviation, Colorado. He loved the mountains and built his own cabin at Storm Mountain. He was a craftsman making stained glass and model airplanes. He enjoyed camping and boating with his family. He and Joyce enjoyed square dancing. Memorial gathering Saturday, February 6, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. followed by the 1 p.m. Memorial Service at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., Garden City (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill).
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Unity of Livonia offering free Valentine's Day wedding ceremonies

What better day to get hitched than Valentine's Day? For the second year, Unity of Livonia is offering free wedding ceremonies on Feb. 14. Couples simply need to register and deliver their marriage documents to the church by Wednesday, Feb. 10. "They're not long, but they'll get their moment," said the Rev. Eileen Patra, pastor of Unity of Livonia, describing the wedding ceremonies planned for that day. "They're about a half hour — 15 minutes for the ceremony and 15 minutes for signing documents." Last year Patra offered group ceremonies

in the church sanctuary. This year she'll marry couples individually in a chapel that seats up to 20 guests. She figures she'll have time for approximately six ceremonies. Patra said most of the couples she married last year "had been talking for a long time." However, none of the brides wore traditional white gowns. "For the most part people came with witnesses. There were two sisters — one had decided to get married and convinced the other — who had a few family members there." The first ceremony will start at noon and the last one will begin at 2 p.m. Unity of Livonia is

located at 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, in Livonia. Call the church office to reserve a spot, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Wednesday at 734-421-1760. Visit the waynecounty.com for information on obtaining marriage licenses. Apply for licenses at the Wayne County Clerk's Office in Detroit or at a satellite office in Northville or Westland. The Northville office is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, at 44405 Six Mile. The Westland office is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, at 3100 Henry Ruff Road, and processes same-day marriage licenses until 2 p.m.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Here's a sampling of other upcoming faith-related events:

FEBRUARY AUCTION

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14
Location: Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland
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

CLOTHING COLLECTION

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday, through Feb. 14
Location: Crossroads Church, which meets at Trinity Church, 34500 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: The church is collecting winter survival gear, including men's used work boots, men's new and gently-used white socks, ladies new and gently-used turtleneck tops. Contact the church to arrange additional drop-off times
Contact: crossroadsnow.org; Pastor Steve at 248-890-5718

CONCERT

Date/Time: 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7
Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: "The Donut Man" Rob Evans and his puppet sidekick Duncan will perform original Bible story-songs. The concert will have a Lenten theme. Admission is \$5 per person at the door, children ages 3 and under admitted free
Contact: Rev. Joseph Marquis, 734-522-3166

FISH FRY

Time/Date: 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12-March 18
Location: St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: All you can eat, \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for kids, ages 3-13, free for kids under 3, carry outs, \$9 and \$10
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17-March 16
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" a five week series, is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy, leads the sessions. For more information and

registration details visit goodmourningministry.net or call the church
Contact: 734-261-1455, www.livoniastmichael.org

MARDI GRAS PARTY

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9
Location: Plymouth Knights of Columbus, 150 Fair Street, Plymouth
Details: Dixieland music by The Tabasco Cats, a light buffet-style dinner, cash bar, beads, trinkets, drawings and a shrimp and oyster bar staffed by senior Boy Scouts from Troop 743. Tickets are \$10, available in advance at the hall
Contact: 734-516-0648

PANCAKE DINNER

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9
Location: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Shrove Tuesday dinner will include pancakes, sausages, applesauce, packzies, music and fellowship. Donations accepted at the door
Ashes: Imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist at noon and 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10
Contact: 734-421-8451

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER-DANCE

Time/Date: 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: 1950s theme dinner-dance will include hamburgers, hotdogs, fries and desserts and music for dancing. The event benefits Camp Hope, a bereavement camp for kids, ages 6-17. Tickets are \$20 per person and available at the church office
Contact: 248-553-3380

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniastmichael.org.

Faith Community Wesleyan
Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badean at sbadean@tbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanief Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

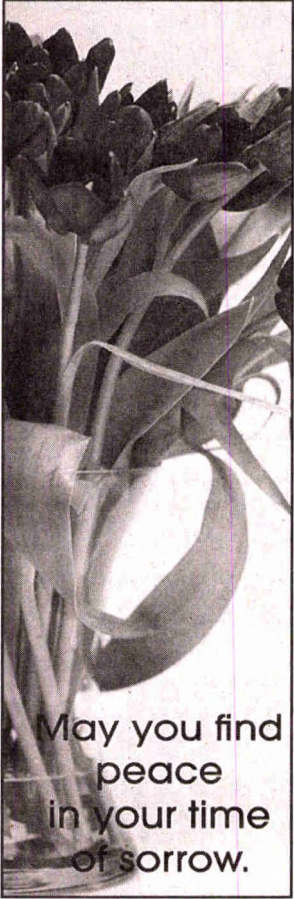
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223
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Bring your patience and get in line for paczki

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Thousands of paczki lovers will stand in line Tuesday, Feb. 9, at area bakeries to get their once-a-year fix of the cream- or fruit-filled Polish pastry.

Although Hamtramck is the center of all things paczki, suburbanites will find plenty of opportunities to indulge in this seasonal treat at nearby bakeries and grocery stores, including Busch's Fresh Foods Market and Plum Market.

Here are three bakeries that will offer a little extra:

Paczki polka

While you're waiting in the long line that queues at G.M. Paris Bakery in Livonia, tap your toes, clap your hands, heck, even polka in place, to the sounds of Joe Czapski, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9.

"He is here every year. He's got a one-man band. He's got his keyboard and plays all sorts of Polish music," said Shelly Michels, who works the front counter. "There's not really any room to dance or they probably would."

The bakery will start making batches of custard-, blueberry-, apple-, raspberry-, prune-, and lemon-filled paczki Friday, Feb. 5 and won't stop until it closes on Feb. 9.

Michels said custard and raspberry are the most popular flavors, although old-timers favor the prune filling. Cost is \$2 per paczki, \$11 for a half dozen, and \$19 for a dozen.

The bakery, located at 28418 Joy Road, Livonia, will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday for the pre-Paczki Day crowd. Hours are 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9. Call 734-425-2060 for more information.

"Monday is a good day. It's a steady stream," Michels said. "But on Tuesday, bring your patience."

Hybrid paczki

Is it a paczki or a cannoli, you ask? At U.P. Pasties & The Plymouth General Store in Plymouth, the featured new paczki this year is a little of both.

Holy Cannoli's offers a cannoli cream filled paczki annually at its store in downtown Rochester and at the Eastern Market. It also recently began selling products at U.P. Pasties & The Plymouth General Store, where owner Kim Kelp plans to unite Holy Cannoli's filling with her paczkis.

"We're actually making the paczki here," Kelp said. "And we'll take their filling and put it in the paczkis."

If you like more traditional paczki fillings, you'll also find them at U.P. Pasties. Look for



At left, a raspberry-filled, chocolate-covered paczki from Celiac Specialties. At right, a custard-filled paczki.



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Lemon-filled paczki covered in powder sugar await paczki-lovers who must eat gluten-free, at Celiac Specialties.

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prune, lemon, custard, raspberry, chocolate, strawberry, blueberry and apple on Feb. 9. Cost is \$2.50 each, \$13 for a half dozen, and \$26 for a dozen.

U.P. Pasties & The Plymouth General Store is located at 472 Forest. Call 734-927-4422 for more information.

Gluten-free

Expect a line "outside the door" on Paczki Day at Celiac Specialties in Rochester Hills.

"We're transformed into Hamtramck for that one day,"

said Priscilla Denello, owner. "It's a madhouse on Paczki Day."

Although Denello closed her Farmington Hills location two years ago, fans of Celiac Specialties' paczkis can get their gluten-free treats at the Rochester Hills store on Star-Batt Drive, just east of Crooks, north of M-59. The store will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8 and from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Denello will sell lemon-filled paczkis dusted with pow-

der sugar, apple-filled with cinnamon sugar, raspberry-filled dipped in chocolate, and custard-filled with a chocolate topping.

"We bake ours. We don't fry them. We come in 200-300 calories less than others," she said.

She said all flavors can be frozen for six to eight months. One paczki costs \$5.99, four cost \$12.99 and a dozen is \$36.

For more information call 248-860-0680.

Here's a taste of other food-related news:

Valentine sweets

Livonia — Main Street Cafe at Schoolcraft College, will sell Valentine gift baskets and treats, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 11-12. Prices will range from \$1.50-\$30 and will include chocolate-covered strawberries, chocolate truffles, decorated sugar cookies, and Valentine's Day cupcakes. Main Street Cafe is located in the VisTaTech building on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty. schoolcraft.edu/mainstreet

Ironwood expands

Birmingham, Royal Oak — Plymouth-based Ironwood Grill opens two new locations this week. The Birmingham Ironwood opens Feb. 4, on the fourth floor of the Palladium building, 209 Hamilton Row, just east of Old Woodward. The Royal Oak restaurant opens Feb. 5 inside the Emagine Royal Oak, located at 200 N. Main. Ironwood Grill is best known for its award winning barbecue which is rubbed with a blend of 14 different spices and smoked up to 14 hours with apple, cherry and hickory woods. It also features pizza and calzones, appetizers, soups, wraps, sandwiches, burgers and desserts.

Cook up a food business

Livonia — Schoolcraft College's Business Development Center is offering a five-week course designed to help entrepreneurs turn their passion for food or cooking into a viable business. The sessions run 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16-March 15, in the Jeffress Center, room 123 on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty. Cost is \$249. Register at schoolcraft.edu/bdc or call 734-462-4438.

Winning salsa

Holly — Olympus Fare salsa, made by former Farmington Hills resident Danny Pillera and his wife, Stacy, recently won three "Golden Chili" awards at the ZestFest fiery food show in Irving, Texas. The couple's Aphrodite salsa took first place in the fresh, mild category. Athena, their fire-roasted tomatillo salsa, also won first place for fresh unique salsa and took home honors for overall best fresh salsa. Olympus Fare Zeus salsa earned a third place in the medium salsa category. "Healthy food production is our future and we couldn't be more excited to bring home these awards for our fresh, all-natural, free of preservatives, low sodium with no sugar added salsas," wrote Stacy Pillera, in an email.

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Heart-healthy dishes include olive oil, fresh ingredients

It may sound contrary to your healthy eating plan, but the human body actually needs some types of fat for heart and brain health. One common source is cooking oil, such as olive oil.

Of the cooking oils most commonly used in North America, such as olive oil, canola oil, peanut oil and various vegetable oils, olive oil contains the most monounsaturated fat, which is widely recognized for its potential role in reducing the risk of coronary heart disease. In fact, beginning in 2016, olive oils will display the American Heart Association's Heart Check-Mark to alert consumers about olive oil's heart-healthy benefits.

Experience the distinctive tastes of different varieties of olive oil in these dishes and find more heart-healthy recipes at AboutOliveOil.org.

Courtesy of Family Features



ROASTED BRUSSELS SPROUTS WITH SWEET PEPPERS

Serves: 6-8

2 pounds Brussels sprouts, bottoms trimmed, cut in half and outside leaves removed
4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
6 medium garlic cloves, chopped
3 tablespoons basil, chopped
2 tablespoons Italian parsley, chopped
salt and pepper, to taste
2 red sweet peppers, large diced
2 yellow sweet peppers, large diced
1 cup balsamic vinegar, reduced to light syrup

Heat oven to 375 F. Combine Brussels sprouts with all ingredients except peppers and balsamic syrup. Toss Brussels sprout mixture and season to taste with salt and pepper. Transfer mixture to sheet pan and roast in oven for 15 minutes. Stir sweet peppers into mixture and roast 5-10 minutes more. Remove from oven and place on serving platter. Drizzle with balsamic syrup and serve immediately.



DAY BOAT COD WITH MELTED TOMATOES AND SHAVED FENNEL AND ORANGE SALAD

Serves: 4

olive oil
salt and pepper, to taste
4 cod filets (6 ounces each)
Olive Oil Melted Tomatoes (recipe below)
Orange, Fennel and Olive Oil Salad (recipe below)
4 lemons, cut into eighths

Heat oven to 400 F. Heat medium sized saute pan on high. Add olive oil and heat. Salt and pepper cod. Add cod to hot oil and sear very hard on one side, until fish is golden brown and crisp. Transfer cod to baking sheet that has been brushed with olive oil. Place cod in oven until it starts to flake, about 12 minutes. Remove cod from oven and keep warm. Using spoon, portion Olive Oil Melted Tomatoes onto four large dinner plates. Allow some flavored oil to puddle on plate. Carefully transfer cod on top of warm tomatoes. Then top cod with Orange, Fennel and Olive Oil Salad. Squeeze lemon wedge over entire plate.

ORANGE, SHAVED FENNEL AND OLIVE OIL SALAD

½ large fennel bulb, sliced thin on mandolin
2 medium oranges, rind and seeds removed, cut into slices
½ medium lemon, juice only
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon parsley, chopped
salt and pepper, to taste

Combine all ingredients and gently toss just before garnishing cod.

OLIVE OIL MELTED TOMATOES

8 large Roma tomatoes, peeled, seeded and cut in half
salt and pepper, to taste
6 basil leaves, shredded
3 tablespoons parsley, chopped
1 lemon, zested
6 large garlic cloves, peeled and sliced thin
extra-virgin olive oil

Heat oven to 325 F. Place tomatoes in 9-inch cake pan and season to taste with salt and pepper. Scatter herbs, lemon zest and garlic on top of tomatoes. Drizzle tomatoes with extra-virgin olive oil, which should come up about three-quarters of the way on tomatoes. Cover with foil and bake until tomatoes are tender, approximately 40 minutes.

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