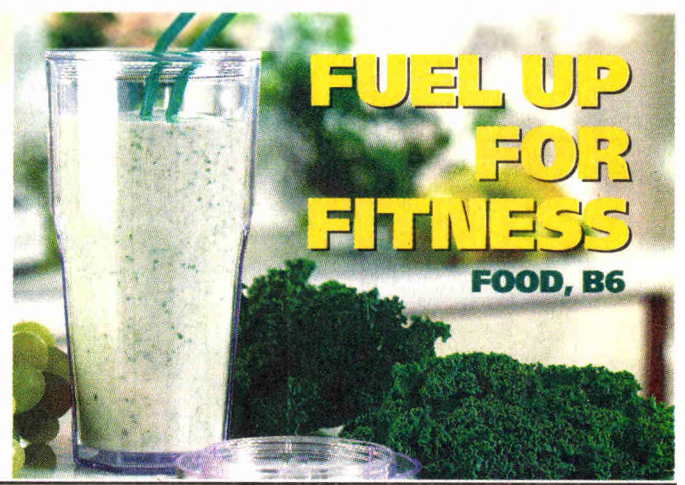


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Quiet zones, more cops on 2014 list

City commissioners set goals for coming year, including enhanced railroad crossings and PARC resolution

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Train horns would one day be hushed in Plymouth if the city commission realizes one of its chief goals for the new year.

The issue of establishing railroad "quiet zones" – areas where operators can sound train horns near crossings only

in emergencies – received support from all seven commissioners during a goal-setting meeting Monday. Specifically, the commission set the goal of planning to seek quiet zone approvals, planning for the extra safety measures required in quiet zones and planning a way to fund the project.

"That's wonderful that it's a commission goal," said resident Neil Lobron, who brought the possibility to officials' attention and mobilized support from residents. Lobron has researched the issue extensively and says grant funding is available to help with costs. Loron estimated quiet zone measures could be put in place at a net cost of \$47,000.

"I appreciate that you are considering quiet zones," resident Gisa Read told the com-

mission. "I think it would be a great impact – quality of life for the city." Read later said the proximity of her home to three rail crossings in Old Village means "sometimes it's a whole minute of nothing but (train) whistles" in the middle of night.

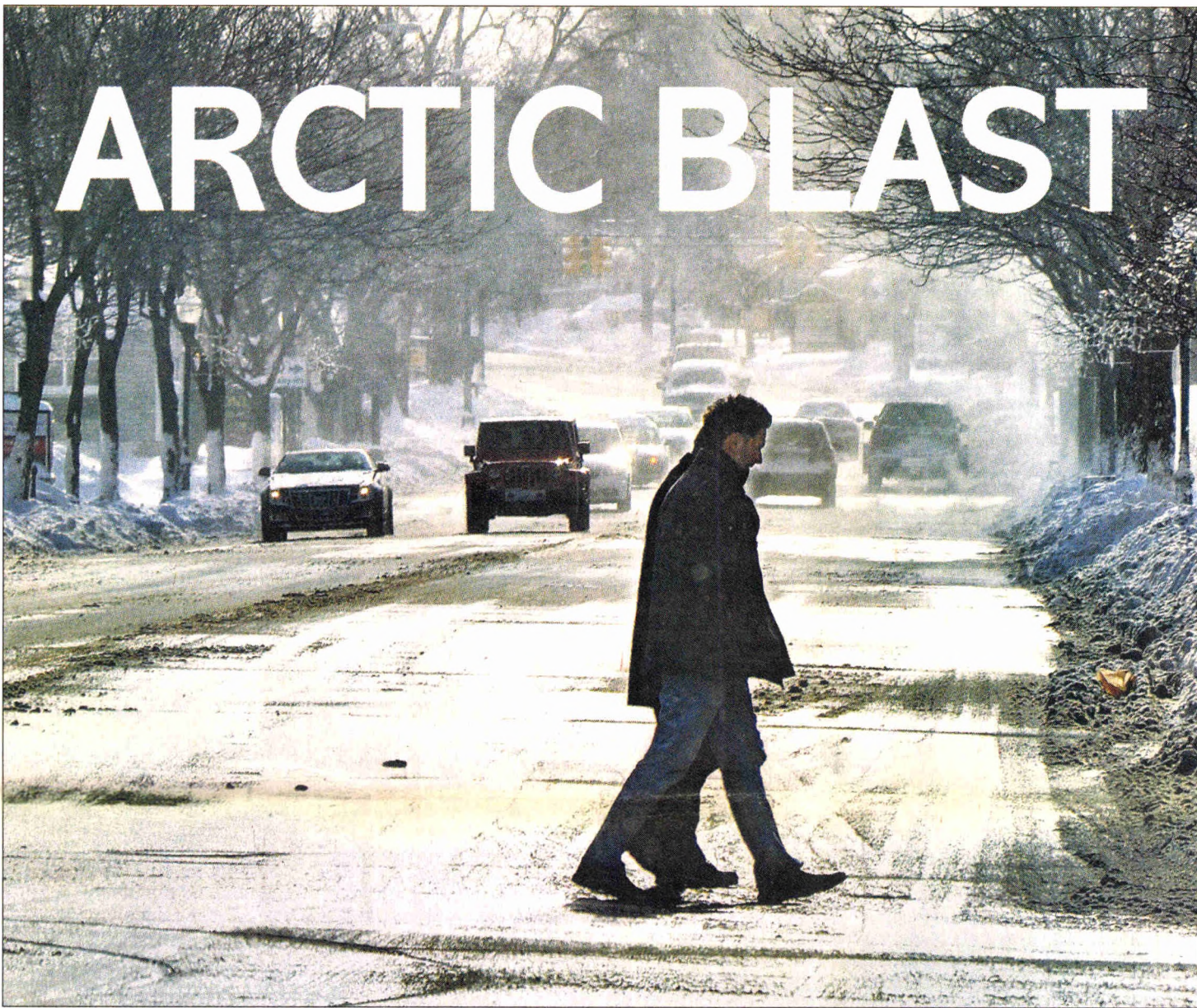
Safety measures

The Federal Railway Administration typically requires train operators to sound horns as their trains approach cross-

ings. A 2006 regulation change made quiet zones possible if additional safety devices are in place to warn motorists of approaching trains.

Such measures could include track-side horns, extra crossing gates and road medians that cannot be driven over, preventing drivers from going around the gates. Lights, bells and other existing warning and

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Temperatures drop and the wind blows in downtown Plymouth. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Some brave snow, frigid temps

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Businesses opened late or closed early – or skipped Monday altogether – as a thick blanket of snow Sunday and Monday was followed by below-zero temperatures in Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

But some hardy souls, by necessity or by choice,

braved the weather Monday afternoon.

"We've been working since about three o'clock yesterday," Mike Wright, owner of MC 5 Lawn Service & Snow Removal, said as he salted a parking lot in Plymouth. The business clears snow at some 45 homes and five commercial lots.

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Cars, trucks and a pedestrian share the snowy Plymouth Road.

Ice Festival arrives Friday

Thousands expected for 32nd annual event

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

We may have cursed icy weather conditions earlier this week, but ice of a different sort will be drawing oohs and aahs in downtown Plymouth starting Friday.

The 32nd edition of the Plymouth Ice Festival, which displays the works of master carvers and college culinary students and their instructors, opens at 3 p.m. Friday in Kellogg Park and downtown and continues through Sunday. There are also related cold weather events, carving demonstrations, carving competitions, festival food concessions and more.

Organizers promise a renewed focus on the ice sculptures during a rebuilding year for the festival, which has new management after Sam Walton, who had produced four festivals beginning with the one in 2010, apparently abandoned it. The new producer is James Gietzen of JAG Entertainment; he is supported by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority.

Gietzen recently returned the popular Dueling Chainsaws event, a timed carving competition, which had earlier been dropped from the program. The competition will be at 7 p.m. Saturday in Kellogg Park. Also popular are the Fire and Ice towers, sponsored by E.G. Nick's, tall wood-and-ice structures that are set afire and

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Good Counsel scouts get lifesaving medals

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Six people affiliated with youth scouting at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church were given the Boy Scouts of America's lifesaving medal last month for the 2012 rescue of three rafters in Canada.

Nicholas Armstrong, Scott Davison, Erica Bingham, Jac-

queline McCormick and Michael Fluegemann, now all college students, and Alan Deal, an adult scout leader, were awarded the Honor Medal in a Court of Honor ceremony at Good Counsel. During a scouting trip in July 2012, each played a role in saving two men and a woman who were on an inflatable raft in Ontario's Barrow Bay and

were being driven by strong winds toward the larger Georgian Bay, on Lake Huron.

John Reesor, a BSA executive, presided at the Dec. 29 ceremony, and the Rev. John Riccardo, pastor at Good Counsel, blessed the medals.

Armstrong, now 18, said he was "a little overwhelmed" at

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Boy Scouts of America Honor Medal recipients (from left) Nicholas Armstrong, Scott Davison, Erica Bingham, Jacqueline McCormick, Michael Fluegemann and Alan Deal, a Troop 781 leader, pose for photos during a reception at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Each received the Honor Medal for their part in the rescue of three people. TOM BEAUDOIN



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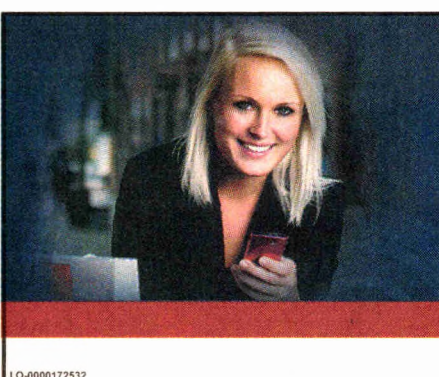
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Slavens will seek state Senate seat

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

State Rep. Dian Slavens, a Democrat from Canton who is term-limited in the state House, will turn her attention to the other half of the Legislature this fall.

Slavens, completing her third term representing the 21st House district, announced Monday she will run for the state Senate 7th District seat currently held by Canton Republican Patrick Colbeck.

The senate seat, which Colbeck won in 2010, has been redistricted and now includes Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, the city of Wayne and part of Northville.

Slavens joins fellow Democrat John Stewart, who served three terms in the state House as a Republican before switching parties, in the Senate race. Stewart announced his intentions last month.

"I have big concerns about the representation the 7th District has been getting," Slavens said Monday.

Before joining the House in 2009, Slavens worked as a respiratory therapist for more than 20 years in southeast Michigan hospitals — first at William Beaumont Hospital and later at Henry Ford Hospital, inspiring her dedication to ensuring citizens have access to affordable health care.

In the House, Slavens sponsored a law to hold health care professionals accountable when they engage in harmful and unethical medical practices and was instrumental in passing the statewide ban on smoking in most indoor places in Michigan, including bars and restaurants.

Slavens voted to cut lawmakers' salaries — including her own — by 10 percent. Slavens also championed a plan to end taxpayer-funded lifetime health care for lawmakers and voluntarily gave up the expensive perk for herself. Slavens is also a



Slavens

member of the Women's Health and Economic Security Task Force, which seeks to improve women's access to health care and expand economic opportunities for women in Michigan.

Stewart, who had been waiting on a delayed Slavens decision before finally filing last month, said he was "disappointed" that Slavens decided to get into the race.

"I think her voting record is too liberal to get her elected in the new 7th District," Stewart said.

Slavens also believes her support of public schools will bolster her race for the Senate. Former Plymouth-Canton Board of Education President Steven Sneiderman, now a Canton Township trustee, and current school board Vice President Judy Mardigian joined Slavens for her announcement.

"This area loves its public schools ... I think that's a common goal," Slavens said. "I fought for policies that benefit our community, while Republicans have instead slashed funding to our schools and raised taxes on our seniors and families who can least afford it."

Mardigian trumpeted Slavens' leadership on school issues.

"(Slavens) is a true leader in the effort to provide vital funding that public schools in Michigan need in order to thrive and to provide a rich learning experience for the leaders of tomorrow," Mardigian said. "I look forward to Dian's leadership in the Michigan Senate, as a true advocate for the betterment of Michigan's public schools."

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should burn for about two hours. The towers will be lighted at about 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the park.

Though the festival opens at 3 p.m. Friday, the opening ceremony is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday. State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, and city officials will be on hand.

Newly added festival-related events include:

» A Plymouth Community Arts Council exhibit of works by local artists, 1-4 p.m.

Saturday in the in Westchester Square building on Forest Avenue.

Forest will also be the site of the E.G. Nick's Party Lot from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, plus the Ice Lounge, which will open at 11 a.m. Friday and Saturday and noon Sunday. The Party Lot will feature live music both nights.

» Two-for-one admission at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The museum will be open 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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BLAST

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Wright had started working Sunday afternoon, but his pickup's salt spreader wasn't working, forcing him to toss salt by hand; even his teeth were cold, he said.

"Lots of layers, I guess," Wright said of staying warm — or trying — in the frigid cold. "You've got to have waterproof pants, waterproof coats." Around 3:30 p.m., Wright said he had a couple of more hours of work ahead.

Several downtown shops were closed Monday due to the weather and others were closing early. The Plymouth District Library closed at 5 p.m., four hours early, and was closed all day Tuesday. Plymouth-Canton Community School District schools were closed through Wednesday.

Shops slow

Nancy Ball, the owner of Hands on Leather, made the trek from her home in Whitmore Lake to open up Monday and to work on a project. But other than the postal carrier and a United Parcel Service delivery worker, no one had been in the shop, Ball said late in the afternoon.

"Honestly, I wouldn't be out if I didn't have to get this done," she said.

At Espresso Elevado, owner Teresa Pilarz said the weather had slowed the stream of customers the coffee shop typically sees. The shop had opened just over an hour late Monday morning; Pilarz said she figured customers and employees needed time to dig



It may be 3 degrees, but Plymouth cleans up the mess anyway. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

out. "I didn't have a problem getting through with my four-wheel drive," she said.

A handful of regulars were camped out at the shop Monday. "On slow days like today, people still like coffee," barista Paula Manni said.

In Plymouth, a snow emergency was declared Sunday afternoon, meaning drivers were prohibited from parking on residential streets in order to keep them clear for plowing crews. With all of the city's streets plowed, the snow emergency was lifted Wednesday morning.

In Plymouth Township, Wayne County crews had hit some main roads Monday, Supervisor Richard Reaume said, and the township's workers were helping out, especially at intersections where vehicles

tend to get stuck.

The township was also sending a plow to accompany the Plymouth Community Fire Department on ambulance runs, Reaume said, unless the route had already been plowed.

By Tuesday afternoon, township streets and main roads had been plowed out.

Meeting canceled

In Plymouth Township, officials announced a one-day delay in curbside trash pickup this week, meaning residents should but their trash and recyclables at the curb one day later than they normally would. In Plymouth, a one-day delay was upped to two days Tuesday, when the trash hauler couldn't keep its trucks running in the extreme cold.

Plymouth Township also canceled the special

Board of Trustees meeting that had been scheduled for Tuesday.

At Plymouth Township Park, 16-year-old Austin Woodard of the township arrived with two friends at about 4:30 p.m. to tackle the sledding hill.

The three had an inflatable flotation ring and a plastic sled to slide down on and Austin was donning plastic garbage bags to repel the snow.

He predicted the trio would last 10 to 15 minutes on the hill. "It's really cold," Austin said.

Temperatures dipped to about minus-13 degrees early Tuesday at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport; as of late Wednesday morning, the temperature was 1 degree.

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the recognition.

Instinctive response

"We didn't really think of, 'Oh, I'm going to get a medal after this,'" Armstrong, of Canton Township, said during a reception following the medal ceremony. "Just kept thinking of how to help them and make sure they're all right."

It was Armstrong and Davison, both Boy Scouts at the Life Scout rank at the time, who set out in a canoe after Deal noticed the rafters were in trouble. They were followed in a second canoe by Boy Scout Fluegemann along with Bingham and McCormick, who were in Venture Scouting, BSA's co-ed program for young adults.

"I was just kind of doing what I know how to do," said Davison, 19, also of Canton.

The rescuers decided conditions were too rough to tow the wind-tossed raft and that they should ferry the rafters to shore, Davison said. Armstrong and Davison



John Reesor of the Boy Scouts of America's Michigan Crossroads Council talks about the organization's Honor Medal during the Court of Honor for six new recipients at Our Lady of Good Counsel. At right is Steven Monaghan, a 2009 Honor Medal winner and a scout leader at Good Counsel. TOM BEAUDOIN

took a man and a woman in their canoe and someone on a personal watercraft picked up the third rafter, the rescuers said. Deal, the adult leader, had followed in a kayak to oversee.

But meanwhile, the canoe with Fluegemann, Bingham and McCormick aboard was swamped when the wind picked up the raft, to which the canoe was attached.

"I was kind of scared when the canoe flipped. I wasn't expecting that," said Bingham, 19, also of Canton. The three decided they couldn't right a water-filled canoe, she said, and clung to it until they could be picked up.

Both the raft and the canoe were lost.

'Nice to be recognized'

Bingham was picked up by Armstrong and Davison, who had returned to the water after depositing two rafters on the shore. Fluegemann and McCormick were picked up by someone on a watercraft.

"I feel like Nick and Scott deserve it more," Bingham said of the Honor Medal, adding, "It's nice to be recognized."

Jacqueline McCormick's parents, Ken and Cheryl McCormick of Plymouth Township, who had accompanied the scouts on the trip, wit-

nessed the ordeal.

"I felt the Holy Spirit saying, something happened here — profound," Ken McCormick said.

The six awards bring to eight the number of BSA Honor Medals awarded through Good Counsel. Fewer than 2,400 Honor Medals have been awarded nationwide by the BSA in the last 90 years.

Steven Monaghan, Good Counsel's liaison to its scouting organizations, won the medal in 2009 for aiding a Plymouth woman who was being attacked by a swarm of bees, an incident that put both of them in the hospital. Monaghan's son Ethan, a scout in fifth grade at the time, won the medal in 2008 for rescuing his brother from a potential drowning.

Monaghan said "the grace of God" had put the scouts nearby when the rafters needed help, but that any scout would've done what they did.

"These kids are trained to respond," he said.

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safety devices would continue to be used.

According to Lobron, quiet zones are in place in about 570 communities

around the country. The location of the seven rail crossings in Plymouth, Lobron says, would mean three separate quiet zones.

Other 2014 goals

The five other commission goals for the

year include a couple of holdovers from past years and work on issues that have only arisen recently or will arise in 2014.

The goals are:

» Increasing the size of the 15-officer Plymouth Police Department by one in order to dedicate an officer to bar and restaurant patrols, freeing up other officers for increased neighborhood patrols.

» Working with advocates, the Plymouth-Canton Community School District and the community at large to re-purpose the Central Middle School property as a recreation and cultural center, a movement that's been dubbed Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, or PARC. The possibility was opened up with the school district's decision to close Central in 2015 after a new middle school is built.

» Resolving, with Plymouth Township officials, the remaining issues in the communities' partnership in the Ply-

mouth Community Fire Department, which ended after 2011 when the city contracted with the Northville Fire Department. The funding of pension obligations taken on during the partnership is the primary outstanding issue. This was also a goal for 2012 and 2013; Mayor Dan Dwyer said getting specific information from the state's system for public employees has been time consuming.

» Working with the Downtown Development Authority and business owners to increase available public parking in the downtown area. This was also a 2013 goal; a deal to buy property on the downtown outskirts for development as a parking lot fell though last year.

» Addressing city street improvement funding needs after the coming expiration of a dedicated roads millage.

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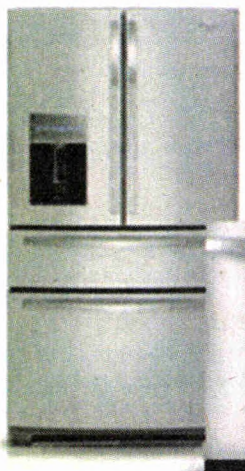


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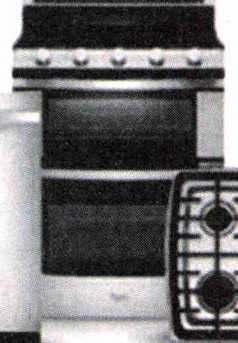


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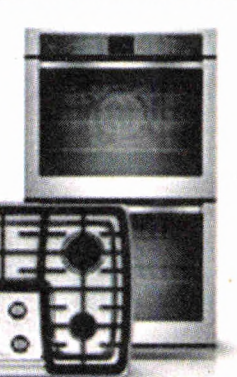


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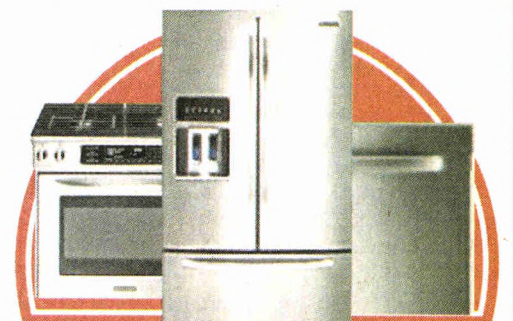


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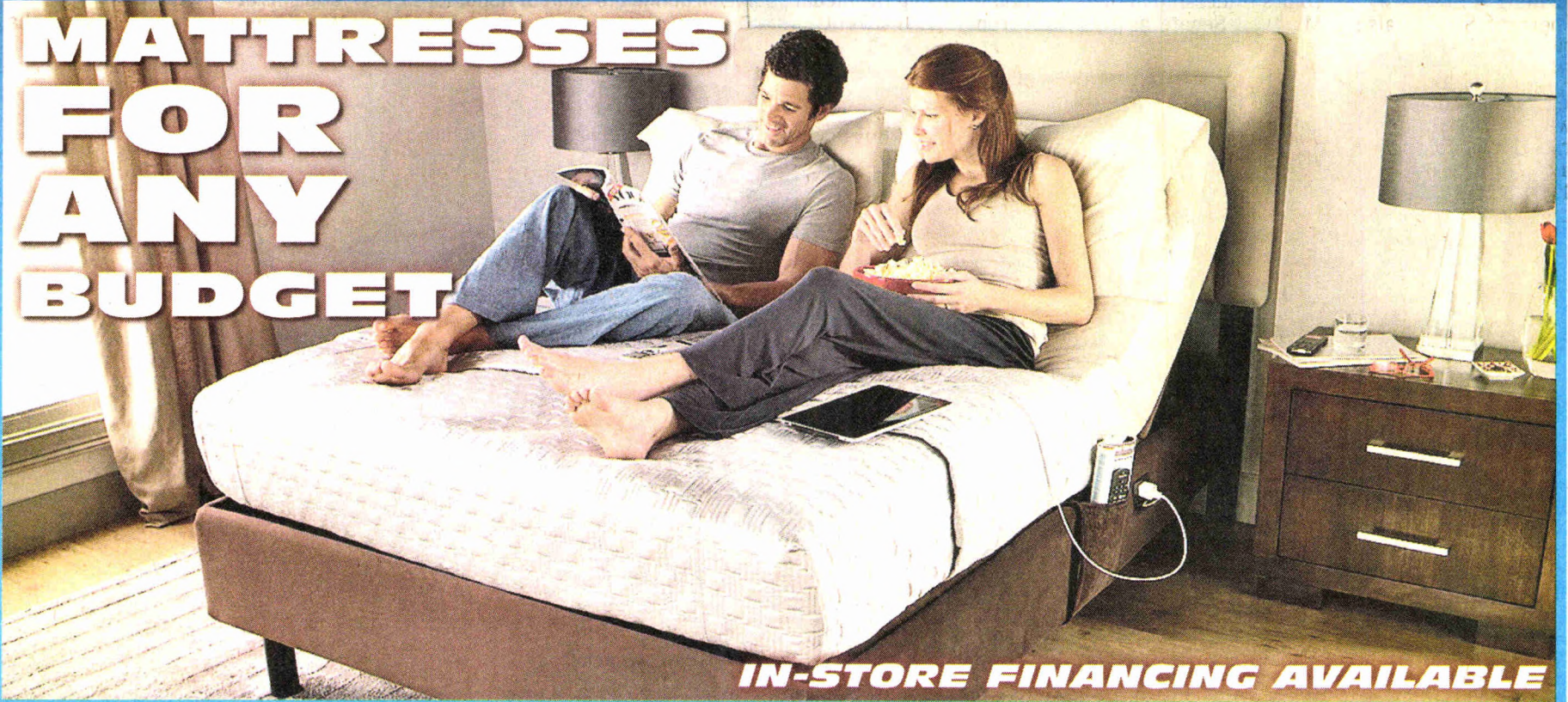
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Muhedin Danny Turkovic, Alexander James Shippey, Clary Dejuan Scott Jr. and Joseph Charles Holland are facing sentencing for a robbery at a Canton party. CANTON POLICE

Four face sentencing for robbery at apartment

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Four men accused of robbing two Westland teens who police say had gone to a Canton party to buy drugs are facing sentencing Jan. 23 after pleading guilty to two counts each of unarmed robbery.

One victim was punched and kicked while the other was struck in the face as the robbery unfolded shortly before 9 p.m. Nov. 2 at The Crossings, an apartment complex near Joy Road and I-275 on Canton's far north side.

Following initial indications a gun may have been involved, four men – Muhedin Danny Turkovic, 17, and Joseph Charles Holland, 18, both of

Canton, Alexander James Shippey, 22, of Livonia, and Clary Dejuan Scott Jr., 17, of Detroit – had been charged with armed robbery.

However, the four men have pleaded to lesser counts of unarmed robbery after 35th District Judge Michael Gerou, citing a lack of evidence linking them to a gun, reduced the charges during a preliminary hearing in mid-November.

Canton Detective Erik Kaledas has said the Westland victims, both 18, were robbed of belongings such as money and a cellphone amid allegations they had gone to the party to buy drugs.

Turkovic, Holland, Shippey and Scott could have faced penalties ranging up to life in

prison if they had been convicted of original charges of armed robbery. Their punishment could range from probation to 15 years for the lesser charges.

All four men have been released on bond as they await their sentencing, but they have been ordered not to contact the Westland teens. They also are under court orders not to carry firearms, use drugs or consume alcohol.

The men are expected to face sentencing by Wayne County Circuit Judge Margie Braxton.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Fraudulent checks

Canton police took three people into custody after investigating an incident involving fraudulent checks Dec. 31 at the Huntington Bank branch on Ford Road.

Police got involved after receiving reports of a 21-year-old woman who had tried to pass a bad check to a teller – and the investigation led police to two males who were with her, a police report said.

The suspects, all in their early 20s, were from Ypsilanti.

One of the male suspects told police the check he was trying to cash came from a temporary employment agency he had worked for in 2010. He said he hadn't cashed the check earlier because he had been incarcerated.

The female suspect told police she had received a check from a "secret shopper" company. One of the checks also was supposedly from a health care agency in Ypsilanti.

Police learned that two of the suspects also had allegedly been involved in passing fraudulent checks at another bank branch on Michigan Avenue. The investigation was continuing.

Arrests made, drugs seized

Police seized drugs from a woman who was investigated by Canton police near the Super 8 Motel at Michigan Avenue and Lotz, a police report said.

The woman also was wanted for a shoplifting charge out of Pittsfield Township, while a man who was with her was arrested for an unrelated warrant out of Washtenaw County, a police report said.

Police learned the woman had heroin and crack cocaine in her possession.

Police investigated the woman, a 30-year-old Ypsilanti resident, and the man, 29, of Ann Arbor, after no-

ting suspicious activity in the motel parking lot about 10 p.m. Dec. 30, a police report said.

The report noted there has been ongoing activity involving narcotics and prostitution in the area.

Police arrested the male. The female also was initially taken to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital after she apparently was suffering a panic attack and having trouble breathing, the report said.

Attempted break-ins

A 23-year-old man who lives on Nectar Drive in The Crossings, an apartment complex southeast of Joy Road and I-275, notified police to report someone tried to break into his apartment between 6 p.m. Monday and 10 a.m. Tuesday, a police report said.

The man told police he returned home to find the door to his apartment had been damaged, though it appeared the would-be intruder never made it inside the residence. Nothing was missing.

The latest incident came after police investigated another attempted break-in on Nectar that occurred Dec. 26. In that incident, a woman arrived home to find pry marks near the door knob.

Xanax swiped

An 18-year-old Canton woman told police a bottle of Xanax was stolen from her 2000 Ford Explorer while it was parked in the driveway of her residence in the 400 block of Ridge between 10 p.m. Dec. 27 and 9:30 a.m. Dec. 28.

The woman told police she had the prescription filled for 60 pills just before Christmas. She said there still should have been 54 pills in the bottle.

She said the car wasn't locked because the lock doesn't work properly.

– By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Car burglary

A Pensacola, Fla., woman reported having her purse and its contents – including cash and identification – stolen from the trunk of a friend's car as they attended a New Year's Eve party in Plymouth Township.

The woman told police her friend's Pontiac Grand Am was parked on Burning Tree Lane when the theft occurred be-

tween midnight and 1 a.m. Jan. 1. The car had been left unlocked, she said, and the car's owner also had money stolen from inside of it.

Fraud

» A township woman reported Jan. 30 that her Social Security number had been used to open accounts with a cellular phone company and a cable television provider without her permission.

The woman filed the report after being notified of the fraud by a credit-watch service.

» Another township woman reported Jan. 30 the fraudulent use of a credit card for a \$180 purchase from Victoria's Secret, the lingerie company. The merchandise had been delivered to an address in Ohio, she said.

– By Matt Jachman

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Concerts will help fund arts complex

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, in an effort to raise funds in earnest for its arts complex project at the old Ford factory in Cherry Hill Village, will use all money from 2014 fundraisers for that project.

First up is next week's two-concert slate at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, when the partnership will join with the Westland Community Foundation to bring Simply Diamond, a Neil Diamond tribute band, to the Village Theater stage. The groups are sponsoring a 2 p.m. matinee and a 7 p.m. show Saturday, Jan. 18.

The sponsoring organizations (including the Westland Chamber of Commerce) will split the proceeds and the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities will apply 100 percent of its share from these concerts – and a March 1 fundraiser featuring Steve King & the Dittilies – toward its arts complex project.

Westland Community Foundation President Glenn Shaw said he's confident the concerts will do well.

"I've always wanted to do something like this," Shaw said. "This is a pretty good named group that's coming in."

Several hundred tickets are available for both the matinee and the evening concert, which features a cocktail reception and hors d'oeuvres. The three groups will receive the proceeds from those tickets they each sell. Main Street Catering is donating desserts for the evening intermission and Biggby



Proceeds from two Jan. 18 concerts will help fund the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities's dormitory project in Cherry Hill Village.

Coffee in Westland is donating coffee. 502 Grill is offering a 10-percent discount before and after the evening performance for any purchases.

Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by LaBistecca Italian Grille, The Sardine Room, Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Courthouse Grill and Hayden's Bar & Grill.

The Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities will direct all of its proceeds toward the project, designed to create a regional arts complex. First up is the World War II Veterans Dormitory, the first phase of its future Arts District project.

The goal for the dormitory, once completed, is to offer art therapy services to local veterans, "creating an indoor and outdoor location for them to find peace," said Jill Engel, the partnership's executive director.

"Henry Ford had created the Village Industry in Cherry Hill so that disabled veterans returning from World War II had a place to live and work while receiving rehabilitation and training," Engel said. "This will also tie the building back to its original heri-

tage." Engel said the partnership is "excited" to continue working with Canton-based The Manik & Smith Group to finalize the architectural design and begin renovations this spring. She said the partnership would also "greatly accept" donated supplies such as roofing materials, heating and cooling, paint, windows, doors, landscaping, flooring, plumbing, cement, an elevator and others.

Tickets for the 2 p.m. afternoon matinee are \$25 and are available through the Village Theater website (www.cantonvillagetheater.org).

Tickets for the evening event are \$75 each and include cocktail reception and hors d'oeuvres, followed by the concert at 8 p.m. Tickets for the evening concert are available through the Westland Community Foundation (734-595-7727), the Westland Chamber of Commerce (734-326-7222) or the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities (734-765-7061).

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Andrew Malik of Westland takes on the sledding hill at Plymouth Township Park in spite of zero degree temperatures. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A snowstorm to remember

It was the storm everyone in southeast Michigan was expecting — and then some.

First came the snow that made driving nearly impossible, followed by frigid temperatures that added to the mess and closed schools and businesses, as well as canceling community activities.

Before the snow even hit late Saturday-early Sunday, major roads with grocery stores and gas stations were busy as shoppers stocked up for food, other supplies and gasoline. It was a just-in-case kind of move.

But there were still those who — snow and cold temperatures or not — had to brave the roads that were still being plowed early Monday as frigid weather began to set in.

Most motorists who were out Monday morning reported that the freeways, such as I-275, M-5, I-696 and I-96 were the most treacherous for driving. That didn't stop some residents from wondering when their subdivisions would be plowed.

By Tuesday, though, life in Oakland and Wayne counties was beginning to settle down — except for the arctic-like temperatures that were expected to last through Wednesday morning.



Derek and Claire Moraco, sledding in Hines Park. They are Canton Township residents. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



By 10 a.m. Monday, the winds began gusting across the rolling hills of Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. JOANNE MALISZEWSKI



It was slow going on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills Monday morning. JOANNE MALISZEWSKI



David Moraco pours hot chocolate for his children Derek, 12, and Claire, 13, during a break from sledding in Hines Park. They are from Canton. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

New owner moves franchise forward

The Livonia / Wayne – North franchise of Two Men And A Truck is under new ownership. Michael Stafford, who acquired the franchise Oct. 31, answered the following questions about the business specializing in household and commercial packing and moving services:



Stafford

Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

Two Men And A Truck is a franchised residential and commercial moving company. Our core purpose is to move people forward, and we are heavily involved in our local communities. We specialize in providing packing and moving

services, as we aim to help anyone's move go as smoothly as possible.

What makes your business unique?

We are constantly striving to live out our brand's culture through our tagline, "Movers Who Care." We are in the customer service business and work hard every day to continuously exceed our customer's expectations in value and a high standard of satisfaction.

How did you first decide to open your own business?

I had been contemplating business ownership for several years, and I have a fellow Michigan State University alum who is a Two Men And A Truck franchisee who introduced me to the enterprise. Unfortunately, there were no open territories in the area until recently, when the Livonia / Wayne – North



Two Men and a Truck employees follow the company's core values to treat everyone as if they are their Grandma.

franchise of Two Men And A Truck became available. I had been looking for an opportunity to apply my learned business skills to my own business, and I was also

extremely intrigued to own and operate a business that members of my family might one day be able to participate in, so this became the perfect venture.

How did you decide to locate in Livonia?

I acquired the assets of an existing franchise that has been located in Livonia for well over 10 years, and I saw the area

as a great opportunity for potential.

Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

One of our core values is The Grandma Rule to treat everyone the way you would want your Grandma to be treated. What most people don't realize is that the company was founded by a family, and the franchisee family continues on with these strong values as an operating arm of the original founders.

Two Men And A Truck, 31037 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, provides moving services seven days a week. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 734-722-6683 or visit www.twomenandatruck.com.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Attorney earns honor

Plymouth attorney Catherine L. Heise has earned the professional insurance designation of Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter.

Heise, an attorney with Amerisure Insurance based in Farmington Hills, was awarded this designation by the



CEO of The Institutes, an educational organization that confers CPCU designation on persons who complete eight rigorous courses and examinations to meet its ethics and experience requirements.

All CPCU's are required to maintain and improve their professional knowledge, skills and competence through their commitment to The Institute's CPCU Code of Professional Conduct.

Heise is one of a few attorneys in Michigan with the CPCU designation. In addition to her role at Amerisure, Heise is a member of the Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery and the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Policy Advisory Committee.

New physicians

Garden City Hospital's medical staff is growing. Now with more than 350

physicians in 47 specialties able to serve the community, GCH has become a leader in providing quality health care and service to patients, visitors and staff. Garden City Hospital welcomes the following new medical staff members:

» Dr. Keith R. Barbour has been practicing physical medicine and rehabilitation since 1988. He is board certified by the American Academy of

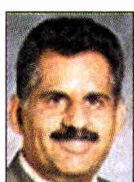
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Barbour teaches manual medicine classes, and is approved

by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork as a continuing education provider Category A. He has offices at Prizm Pain Specialists, 6200 N. Haggerty, Canton.

» Dr. Hadi Berry is board certified in internal medicine. He attended Nova Southeastern University Medical School and completed his residency at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Ann Arbor.

His office is located at American Internal Medicine PC, 2040 Monroe St., Suite 208, Dearborn.

» Dr. M. Salik A. Jahania is board certified in cardiac/thoracic surgery. He attended Sindh Medical College and completed his fellowship program at University of Kentucky Hospital and the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics.



Jahania

His clinical interests include cardiothoracic robotic surgery, surgery endovascular, and transplantation. His office is at 18181 Oakwood Blvd., Suite 102, Dearborn.

» Dr. Rossitza P. Pironkova is board certified in pediatrics. She attended Albert Einstein College of Medicine and completed her internship, residency and fellowship program at Cohen Children's Medical Center. She has an office at 43380 Woodward, Suite 105, Bloomfield Hills.

Botsford selects

Botsford Hospital Laboratory staff selected Maureen Olszewski, a nationally certified medical laboratory technician, to receive the Dr. Joseph H. Langnas Memorial Laboratory Enrichment Award.

Botsford's Department of Laboratory Services hosted the award ceremony in December, which was attended by Olszewski's co-workers, the hospital's pathology

staff, members of the Langnas family, and others.

Langnas' family established the award to support the attendance of a Botsford Hospital lab employee at a professional society educational meeting.

This award honors Olszewski for outstanding dedication and commitment to patient care and the support of her department for more than 25 years since the day in 1988 when she was hired by Dr. Langnas, who was Botsford Hospital's medical director of Laboratory Services and chairman of its Pathology Department. Langnas passed away in 2005.

At Botsford, Olszew-

ski has performed countless tests on blood samples. For a quarter of a century, she has been instrumental in detecting diseases of the blood and tissues that form blood.

Gubernatorial appointment

Farmington Hills resident Brenda Donaldson is one of three state residents appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder to the Michigan Board of Acupuncture. Housed within the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, the 13-member board oversees the licensure and practice of acupuncture. Members serve four-year terms expiring June 30, 2017, and their appointments

are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

New director

Special Tree Rehabilitation System, a leader in brain injury and spinal cord injury rehabilitation, has announced that Westland resident Kate McClain has joined the Romulus-based company as the new director of Workforce Engagement.

McClain was previously the human resources director at Emergency Physicians Medical Group, PC, in Ann Arbor. She is responsible for directing and developing all of Special Tree's employee engagement and workplace development programs.

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OCC offers Microsoft certification courses

Oakland Community College is offering a Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate certification course through the Microsoft IT Academy.

The class is for professionals who are already in the field and are looking for additional certifications. Those with Windows Server 2012 (Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate) certification will have Windows Server 2012 skills, which are relevant across multiple solution areas in a business environment to reduce IT costs and deliver additional business value.

A Windows Server 2012 certification qualifies for a position as a network, computer sys-

tems administrator or computer support specialist. The three courses collectively cover implementing, managing, maintaining and provisioning services and infrastructure in a Windows Server 2012 environment. IT experience and general networking and Windows knowledge is a prerequisite to attend MCSA 2012 classes.

The courses include: Classes are 6-10 p.m., Monday and Wednesday starting March 3 at the Orchard Ridge Campus.

» Course 20410: Installing and Configuring Windows Server 2012 (Exam 70-410). Course cost is \$1,580. Class is March 3 through April 2.

» Course 20411: Ad-

ministering Windows Server 2012 (Exam 70-411). Course cost is \$1,580. Class is April 7 through May 17.

» Course 20412: Configuring Advanced Windows Server 2012 Services (Exam 70-412). Course cost is \$1,580. Class is May 19 through June 23.

Register online at www.oaklandcc.edu/ce. For more information, call 248-232-4150. Courses are noncredit and offered through the Continuing Education department. Detailed course information is listed on the Continuing Education website under the subtitle: Computer Networks, click on MCSA.

ProCam offers free camera classes

ProCam is offering two free camera classes at its Livonia facility, 34224 Plymouth Road. "Photography 101: A Crash Course for All

Digital Camera Users," will be offered 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11. A five-part series called "Get to Know Your DSLR Camera" begins 11 a.m. to

2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. For more information, visit <http://www.eventbrite.com/o/procam-2022> 038881 or call 734-838-6900.

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Plumber: Heed tips to avoid frozen pipes in sub-zero cold

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Plumbing problems are common in sub-zero weather, but master plumber Sam Stukel of Plymouth's Horton Plumbing and Remodeling has some tips for homeowners.

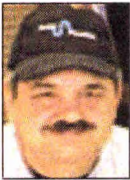
"A little trickle of water" through faucets helps, said Stukel, who manages commercial plumbing at Horton. "Water coming through doesn't freeze."

In manufactured homes, heat tape is used on plumbing. When Horton crews visit manufactured homes with plumbing problems, often they find skirting pieces missing.

Siding can blow off the home, he said. "That little bit of air hole can freeze pipes. It doesn't

take a lot to freeze them up."

He was in a Plymouth Township Lake Pointe home Tuesday, where the main bathroom was 25-30 degrees cooler than the hallway.



Stukel

Stukel recommends not dialing your thermostat down too much in this weather.

"The heat's got to crank up to combat it," he said.

He had 35-40 more calls to get to late Tuesday afternoon.

"We are just cranked up," Stukel said.

Horton Plumbing, in business since 1988, doesn't usually see that volume. "Every five

years or so, you get a bad one," Stukel said.

Horton crews have visited mainly homes in this cold snap, along with a couple of dental practices. It is good for the plumbing business.

"It's almost like the guys plowing," he said. "We're going to be going through most of the night and start again tomorrow. We look forward to it."

Some homeowners don't heed the plumbers' advice to keep water trickling through taps. Horton crews have made repeat calls like that.

Stukel, at his own home, said, "I checked them the other night. I turned on all my faucets to make sure I had water."

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Canton couple receives wish for wedding vows

Like many couples, Maureen Cahalan and David Gorden of Canton will exchange vows in a private commitment ceremony Friday surrounded by family and friends.

The difference here: Their wedding wish has been granted by the Michigan chapter of the nonprofit group, Wish Upon a Wedding. It's the second wedding wish granted by the group and takes place at Silver Garden Event Center in Southfield.

The entire wedding will be completely donated by Detroit-area wedding vendors through Wish Upon a Wedding, the world's first nonprofit organization dedicated to providing weddings and vow renewals for individuals facing a life-threatening illness and other serious life-altering circumstances, regardless of sexual orientation.

"We are thrilled to grant our chapter's second wedding wish," said Laura Allis, Michigan chapter president. "The Michigan Board of Directors and I are extremely grateful for the many talented professionals who have generously



Maureen Cahalan and David Gorden of Canton will exchange vows in a private commitment ceremony Friday surrounded by family and friends. DIONNE HAGLUND, THE SHOOTING GALLERY PHOTOGRAPHY LLC

donated their services to make this deserving couple's wish come true."

Gorden and Cahalan both suffer from cerebral palsy and first met 20 years ago. Their unwavering commitment to each other, Wish Upon a Wedding officials said, has seen them through the toughest times, including the heartbreaking decision to give their beloved daughter up for adoption 17 years ago.

Their deep love for each other, sharp minds and great senses of hu-

mor are often overlooked as others place more focus on their physical limitations. Even having a wedding has been an insurmountable obstacle for Gorden and Cahalan—a legal marriage would result in Cahalan losing her survivor benefits from the government.

"David and Maureen are an inspiration to us all," Allis said. "They remind us that with a fighting spirit and unconditional love, we can overcome any challenge by facing it head on."



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As large amounts of snow accumulate, officials said, township staff will be dispatched as

part of its ongoing snow and ice removal operations to assure that township-owned sidewalks are kept clear to provide pedestrian access.

Both manual and mechanical means will be utilized to continue clearing and chemically treating these areas.

Township officials are asking residents to be patient and allow time for crews to complete

the full clearing and clean-up of these township-owned sidewalks as quickly as possible. Snow and ice removal operations will continue until all sidewalks and pathways are accessible.

For additional information, please contact the Canton Parks Office at 734-394-5310 or visit www.canton-mi.org.



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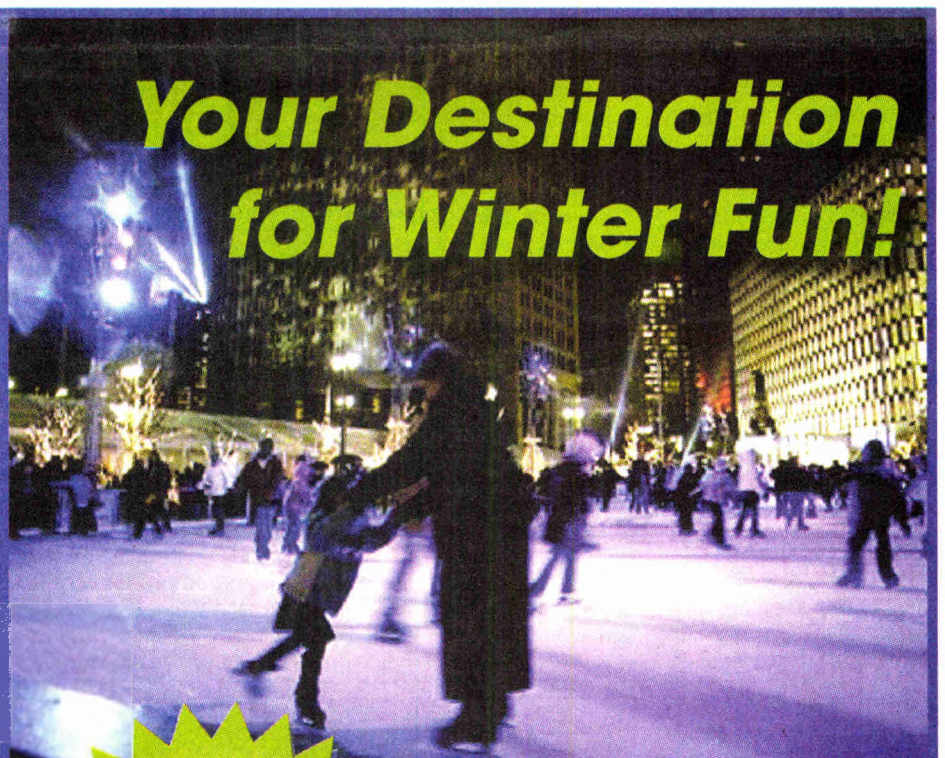
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SENIOR CONVERSATION

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

Location: Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth.

Details: The Plymouth Council on Aging hosts state Rep. Kurt Heise, who will hold a "Senior Conversation with Kurt" coffee and doughnut hour. Heise will present a legislative update for the upcoming 2014 session in Lansing, as well as a question-answer forum on any issues that concern the senior population. This is a free event.

Contact: RSVP to 734-453-1234, ext. 236.

UNITED WAY OPEN HOUSE

Date/Time: Saturday, Jan. 11, noon to 4 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

Details: Visitors can enjoy free hot chocolate while warming up while learning about the work the local United Way does in Plymouth, Canton and the western Wayne County. Pick up information on volunteering April 26 for Rake-N-Go to help senior citizens and people with disabilities, or the monthly emergency food assistance program. Keep the giving season going by bringing non-perishable food items or new hats, gloves, scarves, socks and blankets for men, women and children. The PCUW Hats for the Homeless Drive is in full swing as low-income families and homeless individuals struggle to survive the Michigan winter.

Contact: For more information, visit www.plymouthunitedway.org.

HEISE HOURS

Date/Times: Monday, Jan. 13, 10-11 a.m. (Canton), noon to 1 p.m. (Northville) and 3-4 p.m. (Plymouth).

Locations: Parthenon Coneys Island, 39910 Ford Road, in Canton; Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady, in Northville; and Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, in Plymouth.

Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspectives and ask questions. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

Contact: Residents can call toll free 1-855-REPKURT or email kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

SOCKS AND UNDIES

Date/Time: Monday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Democratic Club is sponsoring its fifth annual Socks and Undies drive to support the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Clothing Bank. This year's event is "Seats and Feets Drive," a day of service event honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Club members will be collecting new socks and underwear in all sizes (boys, girls, women and men). Other new or gently used clothing will also be accepted. All donations are tax deductible.

Contact: For more information, call 734-634-6837.

WELLNESS EXTRAVAGANZA

Date/Time: Saturday, Jan. 11, noon to 3 p.m.

Location: Canton Chiropractic Clinic, 6231 N. Canton Center, Suite 109, Canton

Details: Canton Chiropractic Clinic hosts a "Wellness Extravaganza" with demonstrations and information on nutrition, chiropractic, dental, massage, Reiki, Reflexology, essential oils, BioMat Co., Kangoo Jumps, raffles, free sessions and more.

Contact: Call 734-455-6767 for details.

BLUES @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7-10 p.m.

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

Details: Features Bobby Murray Band with Murray on guitar, David Uricek on bass and vocals, Lenny Watkins on vocals and Ron Pangborn on guitar. A \$5 donation is asked at the door. Blues @ the Elks happens the second Tuesday of each month.

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

DEMOCRATS MEET

Date/Time: Thursday, Jan. 16, 7-8:45 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Jonathan Cohn, senior editor of *The New Republic* and author of *Sick: The Untold Story of America's Health Care Crisis - and the People Who Pay the Price*, will be the guest speaker at the monthly membership meeting of the Plymouth Democratic Club.

BOOK SIGNING

Date/Time: Saturday, Jan. 11, 2:30 p.m.

Location: The Next Chapter Book Store & Bistro, 141 E. Main, Northville

Details: Plymouth author Beverly Dunn will be available to

sign copies of her book *Marriage, Incarcerated*. Married to an abusive man for eight years, what does a woman do upon discovering he has also duped her by assuming a fake identity? *Marriage, Incarcerated* author Beverley Dunn has experienced this scenario first-hand. Dunn describes the genesis of this doomed relationship, the abuse that followed, and the staggering revelation of her husband's true identity.

Contact: For more information, contact 877-727-0697 or Michelle Whitman at michelle@keymgc.com.

BUSINESS MIXER

Date/Time: Tuesday, Jan. 14, 5:30 p.m.

Location: Bailey's Pub & Grille, 1777 N. Canton Center, Canton

Details: Plymouth-based Ribar Floral sponsors a Business-2-Business mixer. Participants are encouraged to bring business cards to exchange with fellow business owners in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia and the surrounding area. No fees or groups to join.

Contact: Lori Morrison, 734-455-8722

BLOOD DRIVES

Details: The American Red Cross sponsors blood drives at a variety of locations during January. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments can also be made.

Dates/Times/Locations:

» Sunday, Jan. 12, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

» Monday, Jan. 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Webasto, 14988 Pilot Drive, Plymouth

» Thursday, Jan. 16, 2:30-8:15 p.m., Tonda Elementary, 46501 Warren, Canton

» Monday, Jan. 20, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Biggy Coffee, 44601 Five Mile, Plymouth

» Thursday, Jan. 23, 11 a.m. to 7:45 p.m., Gardner White Furniture, 39453 Ford Road, Canton

» Friday, Jan. 24, 1-6:45 p.m., Central Middle School, 650 Church, Plymouth

» Monday, Jan. 27, 1:30-7:15 p.m., Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

» Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1:30-7:15 p.m., St. Michael's Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Plymouth



Sarah, John, Carmen and Colin Freek enjoy the LEGO open house at the Plymouth library.

LEGO fun draws crowd at library

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Jen Miller of Plymouth Township brought son Jack Perrizo, 7, Saturday to the Plymouth District Library for some LEGOs fun.

"We just moved here Labor Day weekend," said Miller, who'd lived with her family near Columbus, Ohio. "We like it here."

Jack is in Cub Scouts and a first-grader at Our Lady of Good Counsel. "He has three step-sisters at home," she said. "He needs to meet some friends."

Jack didn't hesitate when asked about LEGOs during a LEGO open house that afternoon at the library. "I just like LEGOS," he said. He has police and Star Wars LEGOs.

"I got a spaceship one with him," said Jack, who also has monsters. Saturday, he quickly

built a red and blue house, then added its lawn.

Children's librarian Lauren Baker was assisted by National Honor Society volunteer Hannah Turnbull, 17, a Canton High School junior from Canton. Baker, 31, didn't play much with LEGOs as a child.

"I believe my brother had them," said Baker, who lives in Wixom. "He's 34. I don't remember playing with them."

Turnbull played with them some. "My brother had a bunch and then I had some cousins I'd play with," said Turnbull, who is interested in psychology studies beyond high school.

"It seems like something that would be fun to do," the teen said of helping younger children play that day. She also needed NHS service hours.

Baker noted the library, 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth,

has a LEGO Club that meets 4-5:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month for ages 5-12. It began in the spring of last year.

"We changed the time to 4 o'clock and the numbers just boomed," the librarian said. "A couple of our regulars like to build the towers. They pretty much build whatever they feel like." Spaceships and rockets are popular.

Baker said some 75-80 percent of participants are boys. The larger Duplo pieces are used for younger children at Family Fun Nights, when parents attend, but not for the LEGO Club.

Children get to socialize and use teamwork, Baker said. "They can picture it in their head and then they can actually make it happen with the LEGOs."

John Freek of Plymouth Township brought three of his

youngsters to the event, with one preferring the nearby books. "I think it's a good idea," Freek said of the open house. "I thought there'd be more people here, actually."

He's a library fan, finding children's resources good. "The children's library is excellent for the kids," Freek said.

Parent Jen Miller noted the Plymouth library is much larger than was the one in Ohio near where she lived. She likes the kids' books organized by holidays.

"He loves that, just everything's available," she added of DVDs and more. She also likes the non-fiction.

"That's huge for me," Miller said. She and Jack like parking in downtown Plymouth and visiting their stops. "I just love walking all through the town."

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I'm Keith Meadows, owner and operator of American Power Vac, Inc. For years, I've been improving our community's health one family at a time. By now we've all heard the statistics: 50% of all illness is a direct relation to dirty indoor air and our indoor air is up to 90 times more polluted than outdoor air. Yet, 90% of the calls I receive everyday are from desperate people complaining about dust. They tell me they dust the TV on Friday, but by Sunday they are pushing the dust out of the way again so they can watch Dancing with the Stars, and none of them know exactly where it's coming from. Well, I'm here to tell you that it's not because you're a bad house-keeper. I tell people that simply having your ducts cleaned will drastically reduce household dust, and the reason is, your cold air returns.

Cold air returns suck in dirty air, and over time it builds up until you have the same type of debris that you would find in your vacuum bag.

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Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While your drywall was being sanded, your cold air returns sucked all of the dust through the system and it settled on the bottom of the duct lines where a little at a time gets blown back into your home. To prove it, take a walk down into your basement, look up at the

ceiling for thin sheets of tin nailed between your floor joists. These are your cold air return lines. Give them a good pounding. You'll see puffs of dust seeping out of the edges. That, my friends, is the reason you have uncontrollable dust problems!

This debris cannot be removed without a professional. Which brings me to my next point: choosing an air duct cleaning company. Most companies use portable units, which are like a shop vac that you would vacuum your car with, obviously a s o l u t e l y useless. Then there are companies who claim they have a truck-mounted system. In reality, they have a low powered portable system attached inside a van, again, absolutely useless. Visit our website for photos of our equipment

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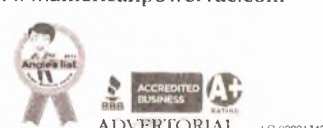
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OUR VIEWS

Arctic blast

Thank DPW crews for keeping us safe on the roads

As we remain in the grips of a snowy, sometimes downright frigid Michigan winter, there's a group of men and women whom we all need to thank for keeping our roads passable and for keeping us all safe as we go about our work and our lives.

Public works crews in the city of Plymouth, along with road crews from Wayne County working in Plymouth and Canton townships, have had few hours of sleep or time with their families, particularly since New Year's Eve. Regardless of the hour or weather conditions, crews have arrived at work to man the massive snowplows and salt trucks. And when we're all getting ready for a good night's sleep, the crews are out again making sure the roads are safe for when we awake and head to work and school.

As a community, let's give these hard-working crews a big round of applause, not only for the hours they have spent working on only a few hours of sleep, but for truly caring that the rest of us safely reach our destinations as the snow, wind and cold temperatures pound away.

While we are thanking them, let's also help them. All homeowners and motorists can make crews' work lives easier and safer by remembering some important tips.

Above all, give way when you see a snowplow. They are massive vehicles and cannot stop on a dime. Motorists' lightning fast maneuvers to speed around a snowplow creates distraction and danger. Give the snowplow plenty of room so crews can do their jobs — it's for your safety.

Safe driving for the winter conditions will ensure not only your safety, but others who share the road with you — including the DPW crews. Let's all be mindful of keeping not only ourselves safe, but others, as well.

This past weekend, when southeast Michigan was hit with a foot or more of snow in some areas, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township declared a snow emergency. That means everyone must remove their vehicles from the roads to make way for the snowplows. It's difficult and dangerous for the snow plows to make their way around parked vehicles.

When the snow falls, it's hard to resist picking up the shovel or starting the snow blower. Be sure, however, not to move your snow into the road. It just makes it tougher for other drivers and for the DPW crews. While you're at it, be sure your kids are not playing in the snowbanks near roads.

DPW crews are all too familiar with homeowners' complaints that as the roads are plowed, snow piles up at the end of driveways. There's nothing that can be done about that — if you want your roads cleared. Wait until the plow comes through before you start your own driveway clearing. That way, you don't have to repeat your efforts.

Help out the snow crews and local firefighters by ensuring that snow is cleared away from fire hydrants. You will be thankful that firefighters can reach a hydrant if a fire breaks out.

Let's all pitch in to help each other during severe weather and to make it safe and easier for DPW crews to do their work. We count on them to keep us safe and they should be able to count on us to allow them to do their jobs.



It might look like fun, but plowing the roads isn't easy, especially when motorists are trying to speed around them.

Safety comes first



With low visibility because of falling snow Thursday, pedestrians dodged cars at Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street in downtown Plymouth. The winter weather made things treacherous for both drivers and pedestrians, as residents in Plymouth and Canton — like those all over the area — had to dig out from under more than a foot of snow. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for help

I wanted to publicly thank the service director and the shuttle driver at Victory Toyota in Canton for assisting me.

I am a senior and needed help getting to a local doctor appointment. When I contacted Victory Toyota regarding renting a car for the day, they responded that they would shuttle me to my appointment.

How wonderful! The driver was very kind and helpful, giving me door-to-door service. The shuttle is actually used to assist people having their cars serviced, but they kindly offered to squeeze me in the schedule so I could get to my appointment.

Thank you, Victory, for sharing the Christmas spirit and helping me out.

Gloria Beckstrom
Canton

No to park projects

I am a resident of Plymouth Township and I live near McClumpha Park. With the upcoming plans for an amphitheater and shelter being added to the park, I am concerned about many factors of this plan.

One such factor is the funding. This plan started with a several hundred thousand-dollar shelter, which was a large investment to begin with. Somehow it has grown, along with the price to something over \$1 million. Who is going to pay for this? You cannot just tax us for the funding of this. We do not need this. Especially after losing most of our fire department, it seems silly to then spend all this money on a shelter that we do not need. I am also concerned about the

crowding, traffic and parking for these added attractions. Already we have people who park on our street to access the park and it is a safety problem. I don't want these people parking on our street, it is already busy enough. The traffic is a huge problem during the fireworks every year. Making the parking lot larger at the park seems like we would have to sacrifice trees in order to do that.

All of this seems like a poor decision. I do not think we should be going forward with this.

Peter Wilson
Plymouth

Stop drunken driving

My wife and I were rear-ended last weekend while driving in downtown Plymouth. Our accident didn't make the news. No celebrity was involved, no one in the political arena or sports world was involved. However, the police officers informed us that "we didn't realize how lucky we were."

Our crash was the result of a driver who didn't even brake before hitting us. He struck us hard enough to do significant damage to both of our cars. We pulled over to exchange information. The driver who hit us didn't pull over. He got out of his car, looked at the damage to the front end of his 2013 model car, got back inside, and slowly drove to the first side street, turned left and disappeared.

Thankfully, a couple witnessed this incident and followed the driver who hit us. They got his license plate and noted his address, then called 9-1-1. The driver was arrested

and transported to an area hospital. We later found out his blood-alcohol level was 0.31 — almost four times the level deemed "intoxicated" and unlawful.

Undoubtedly this driver will suffer significant financial penalties due to court fines, car repairs and perhaps attorney fees. We can only presume that this is not the first time this driver has driven while under the influence. Perhaps the courts will come down on him even harder if he has done this type of thing before.

While our injuries were minor, we realize the officer's remark "that we were 'lucky'" was right on the mark. More than 6,000 people in Michigan were injured last year in crashes that involved alcohol. And 281 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes. Almost 40,000 alcohol-related driving arrests were made last year in Michigan.

Isn't there some way to dramatically stop individuals from driving while under the influence of alcohol? After all, we have seen incredible advances in automobiles to make them safer: air bags, rear back-up mirrors and detection systems, cars that can park themselves and cars that can even drive without a driver!

What a fantastic thing it would be that our automobiles could be so designed to prevent an intoxicated driver from getting behind the wheel. Just think how great it would be that we could put an end to a nightmare this nation has endured for such an agonizingly long time.

Lynn Gregg
Canton

GUEST COLUMN

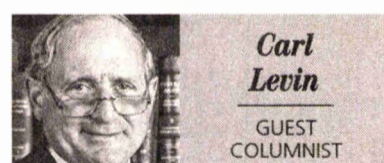
ENDA's passage honors our founding ideals

This nation began not as merely a plot of land or as a group of people united by language or ethnicity. It began with an idea: "That all men are created equal." Our story since Thomas Jefferson wrote those words has been a story of progress toward honoring what has been called "the immortal phrase."

A few weeks ago, the Senate voted to move our nation one important step forward in honoring the truth of those words by finally passing the Employment Nondiscrimination Act or ENDA. This legislation would ensure that no American is deprived of the opportunity to work — the opportunity to succeed as all of us want to succeed — merely because of sexual orientation or gender identity, just as we have acted to protect that opportunity against discrimination based on age, race, color, religion, national origin or disability.

This legislation is carefully crafted to protect the sincere religious beliefs many Americans hold. It embodies a simple but powerful American ideal: On the job, what matters is your work, not your gender or skin color or faith or your sexual orientation or any other extraneous matter.

There may have been times in the past when the Congress pushed Americans into new and perhaps uncomfortable territory



Carl Levin

GUEST COLUMNIST

in the march toward equality. But today, the law lags public opinion in this area. Public opinion polls show that roughly seven in 10 Americans believe workplace discrimination against gays, lesbians and transgendered individuals should be against the law. In fact, they think it already is — according to one poll, 80 percent of Americans believe such discrimination is already a violation of federal law.

And support for ENDA is not confined to one region of the country — polls show that majorities in every state in the union support it, including Michigan, where more than 30 municipalities already have local statutes prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. So passage of ENDA is not some bold social experiment or engineering process. It is what the American people want and are ready for.

That is as true today as it was in 1996, the last time the Senate held a vote on this measure. Even then, a majority of Americans supported it and, just as today, it enjoyed the support of a diverse group of religious and business organizations. Then, as today, American businesses

recognized that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity is just bad business.

This is also not a partisan issue. The Senate's bipartisan vote was possible because members of both parties showed principled leadership and dedication.

But the ultimate reason I have supported this legislation for decades now is not related to public opinion polls or endorsement letters from churches and corporations, though those are heartening and welcome. Simply, it is wrong to deny employment to anyone who can do the job, just because of their sexual orientation.

"All men are created equal" means giving every American the opportunity to earn what their talents and dedication allow, to provide for themselves and their families. Denying anyone that right is at odds with the ideals on which this country was founded and on which it depends to this day.

I was proud to vote for this legislation. I have urged the leaders of the House of Representatives to recognize just how far behind the American people they have fallen on this issue and bring the Employee Nondiscrimination Act to the House floor for a vote.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

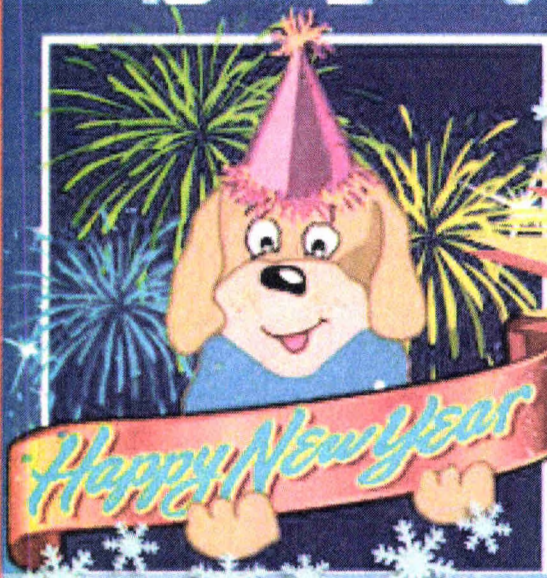
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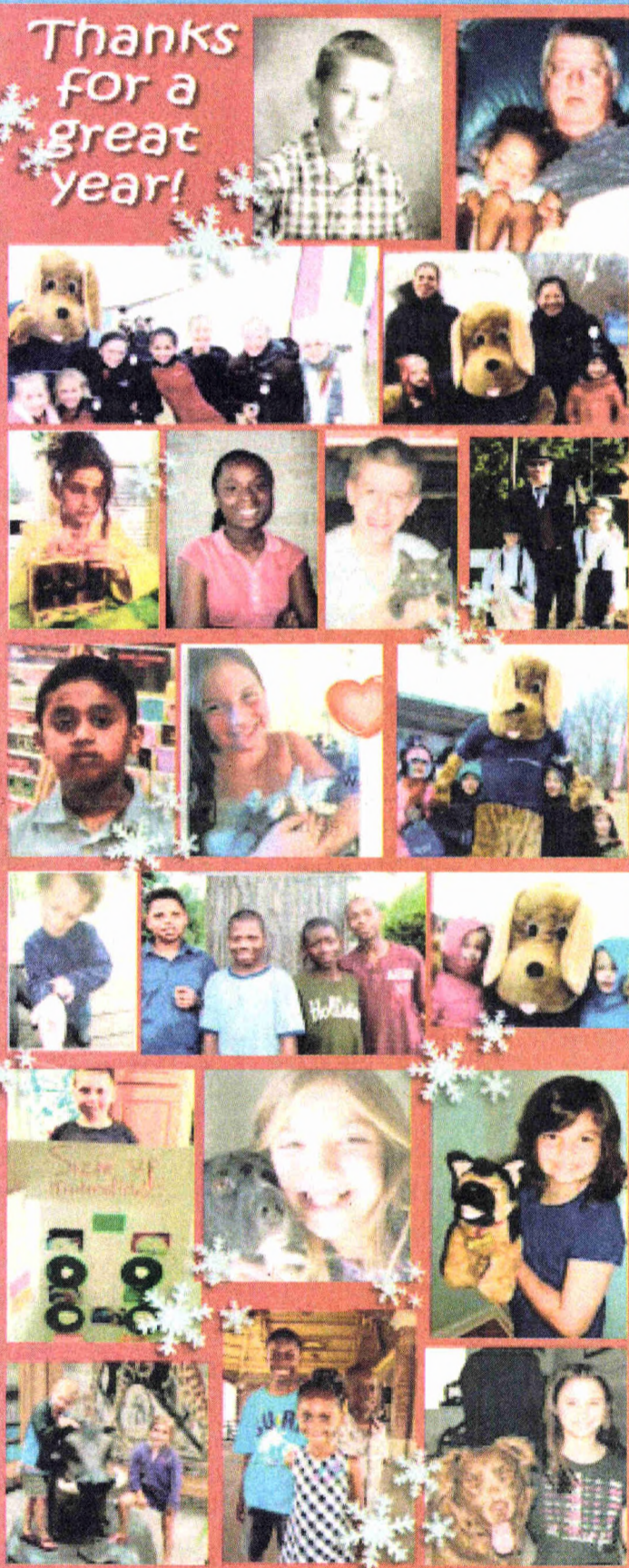
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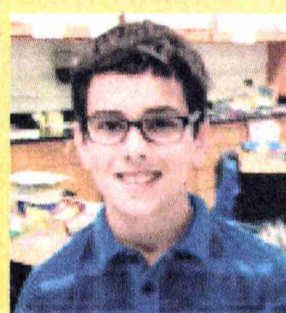
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YEAR IN REVIEW

Thanks for a great year!



When I Grow Up



Trent Griffith

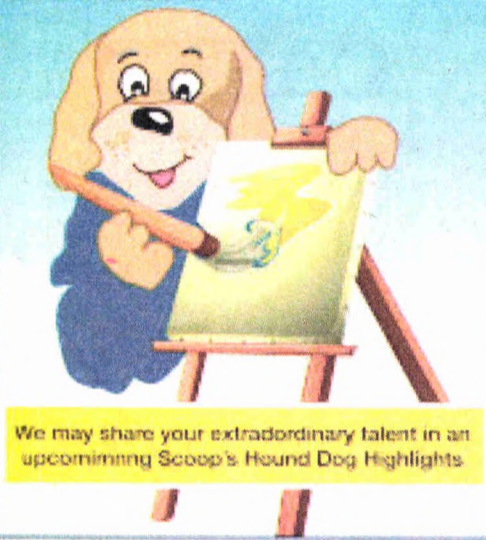
6th Grade at Adams Upper Elementary School in Westland

When I grow up, I want to become a chemist. In case you don't know what a chemist is, I'll explain it. A chemist can be someone who develops a synthetic fiber that can stop a bullet, find out how to make hair-gel work better, discover new medicines that cease pain or even cure diseases, or create new processes that solved then world's energy crisis.

As you can see, a chemist can do many things, which is why this career interests me. I enjoy having a choice in what I do. If I become a chemist, preferably, I'd like to work for the CDC (Center of Disease Control) and figure out a cure for the flu or another dreaded disease. Germs seem like an interesting thing to learn about because I think it is fascinating to know how much life is everywhere, yet you can't see it. Also, I would like to hear what others think of diseases and how to make treatments for them. That is why a chemist would be a great job to have when I grow up.

SHARE YOUR TALENT

Do you write, draw, make crafts, take photographs, or do something else that you would like others to know about?



We may share your extraordinary talent in an upcoming Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights

When I Grow Up



Brooklynn Crews

6th Grade at Adams Upper Elementary School in Westland

After sleepless nights of studying at the last minute before a test and years of nearly dozing off on the school desk, my desired occupation is to become an athletic trainer. I realized that continuing a life surrounded by education is not exactly on my favorites list. I've had past dreams of becoming a veterinarian to aid pets but with my hobbies and talents of running and hockey I do day-to-day, I've changed ambitions.

I believe that running and hockey have had the most impact on my change of paths. I can't go through more than 24-hours without putting one foot in front of the other or shooting a puck. How do you expect a young girl who has worked so hard on developing her future dream, to just leave everything behind and do a job that in the end might not work out as planned?

One of my strengths is my agility. I can outrun most girls and boys my age. Also, I'm smaller than other people which gives me an advantage to run faster than they can. With my unflinching determination, I believe I'll have the courage to achieve my future dream.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

David	Koff	Hovi	1
Madelynn	Richard	Garden City	7
Abigail	Brimwell	Northville	11
Bradley	White	Canton	12
Hope	Drogmiller	Hovi	13
Preston	Bogear	Wayne	21
Brandon	Lewandowski	Garden City	29
Janay	McCall	Redford	30

New Year's Word Find

Just in time for New Year's Day, find the hidden words in the puzzle.

BALL	CONFETTI	NEW PARTY									
BALLOONS	DANCING	RESOLUTIONS									
CELEBRATE	JANUARY	YEAR									
CHAMPAGNE	MIDNIGHT										
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SALEM NAMES INTERIM COACH

KLEMMER HAS BIG SHOES TO FILL

Former player to lead Rocks in wake of Thomann's passing

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The job started by legendary Salem basketball coach Fred Thomann is Lindsay Klemmer's to finish and she is honored for the opportunity.

Thomann's sudden death at age 71 on Dec. 27 created a temporary coaching void.

But Klemmer — a star point guard for Thomann's Rocks from 1997-2000 who went on to a fine career in the backcourt at Madonna University — last

week accepted the job as Salem's interim varsity girls basketball coach.

She joined Thomann's staff in November as an assistant coach, primarily working with players on their defense.

"He had called me and found out I wasn't coaching (as an assistant at Concordia University) and asked me to come help him out," Klemmer said.

Klemmer, 31, will have to wait until Thursday night for her first game in charge because Tuesday's scheduled home game against Northville was postponed due to sub-zero temperatures.

Still, it has been a whirlwind of emotions and activity for Klemmer and her team.

Last Friday, Klemmer scout-

ed the Canton Chiefs in their game against Grosse Pointe South. It was one of many parts of the coaching job that Thomann relished.

The previous day, she met with the players to help them continue grieving and to talk about picking up where the 5-1 team left off in the last game under Thomann (Dec. 19 against Westland John Glenn).

"We can't control what happened to Fred," Klemmer said. "But now we can move on and we can play in his honor."

"We can play for him. We know that he's always watching and we know he's always with us in heart all the time."



Salem grad Lindsay Klemmer has played and coached at the college level. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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Thomann services

A memorial gathering for longtime Salem High School basketball coach Fred Thomann will be held 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. A service will follow the gathering.

A scholarship fund is being set up in Thomann's memory.

Thomann, who died Dec. 27, is survived by a sister, Gloria Shelton, and a niece, Tanya Thomann.

Lacrosse meetings

» A mandatory meeting for the Canton boys lacrosse team is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Canton High School library.

Those with questions about the meeting are asked to contact Maura Topper, 734-454-4864.

» Prospective players for the 2014 Salem boys lacrosse team are invited to attend a registration meeting set for 7 p.m. Monday, in the Salem Presentation Room (No. 2112).

For more information, contact Salem-RocksLax@gmail.com.

Shuffling the sked

Arctic-like temperatures that slammed Canton and Plymouth earlier this week forced all high school contests to be postponed.

Efforts are continuing to reschedule those various games, meets and matches, noted Sue Heinzman, co-athletic director for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Some games already have been rescheduled. Tuesday's boys and girls basketball games between Northville-Salem and Westland John Glenn-Canton will be played Thursday. Plymouth and Livonia Churchill were to tip-off on Wednesday night.

MU coach Abraham holding camps

Madonna University women's softball coach Jerry Abraham will offer fundamentals camps from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Jan. 11, 18 and 25 at the MU Activities Center.

MU also will offer a pitching camp from noon to 2:30 p.m. Jan. 12, 19 and 26.

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ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

One to remember

Whalers rookie rewarded for responsible play, nets first OHL goal

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth Whalers rookie Cullen Mercer's eyes lit up like a Christmas tree Saturday night when talking about his first Ontario Hockey League goal.

Mercer hopes many more soon will follow.

"It was just relief at first to get that first one out of the way, and then I was just so happy," said the 16-year-old about his reaction to scoring, during Plymouth's 4-3 win over Niagara at Compuware Arena. "I love scoring goals and to finally get one in the OHL is just great."

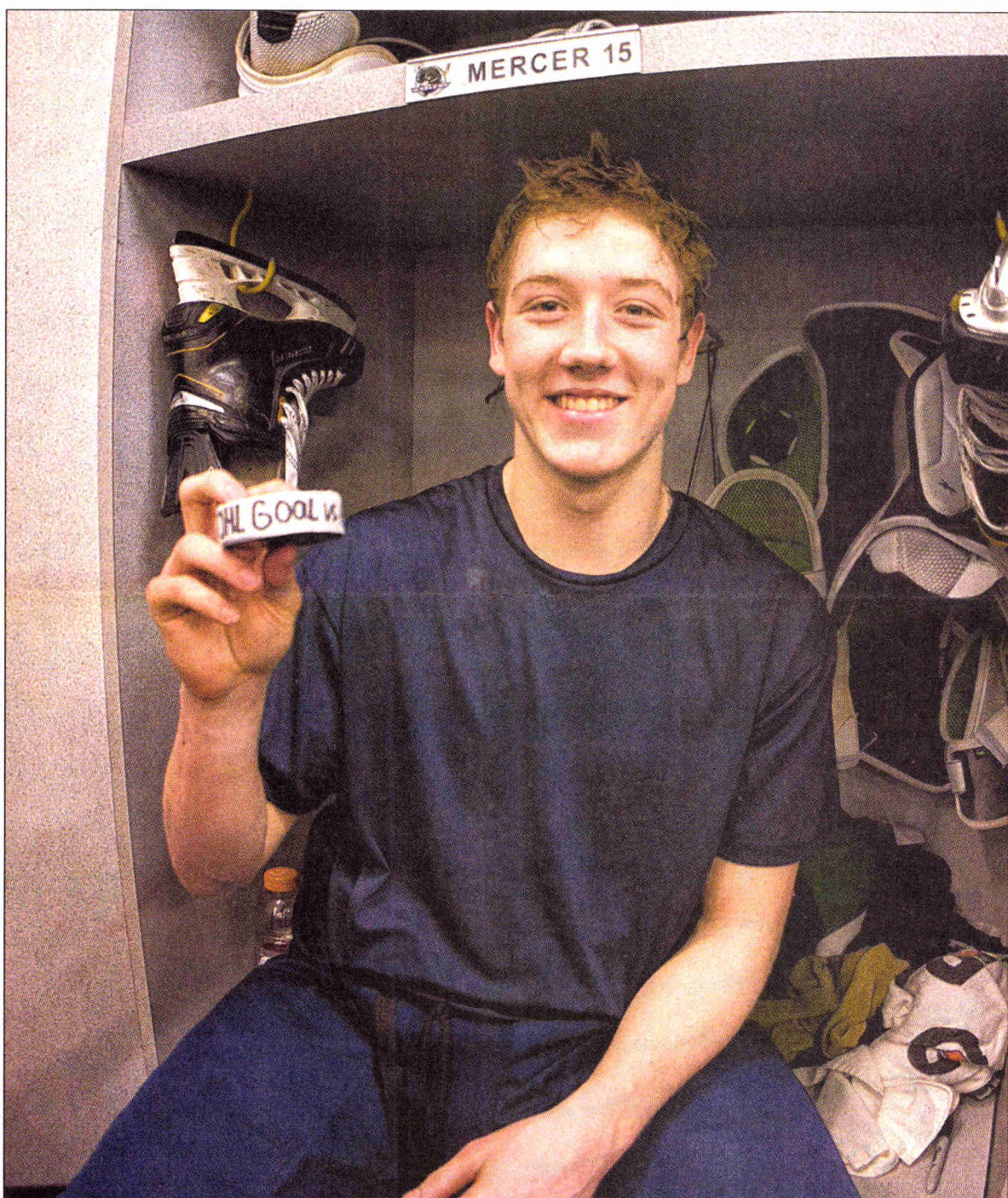
The milestone goal came in his 40th game of the season. Mercer slammed home a perfect feed from linemate Zach Lorentz at 5:55 of the second period to put the Whalers up 3-2.

"It's obviously been frustrating so far to this point," said Mercer, in the Whalers' dressing room following the contest. "But I'm just really glad to get it out of the way and I hope that kind of breaks the dam and I get a few more here going on for the rest of the season."

Before recalling the sequence that resulted in the big goal, a photographer snapped a photo of Mercer holding up the puck used on the play.

He then credited teammates Lorentz and defenseman Nick Malysa for making the goal possible.

"It was a great chip to start off with by Nick Malysa, who



Whalers forward Cullen Mercer holds up the puck he scored his first OHL goal with. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Eagles can't stop Lenawee Christian duo

Nigerian transfers overpower PCA cagers

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth Christian Academy varsity boys basketball coach Dominique Washington knew Saturday's opponent Adrian Lenawee Christian featured a couple of big sophomores who

transferred to Michigan from Nigeria.

Unfortunately, Washington and his players found out more than they wanted to know about 6-8 imports Maxwell and Collins — they only go by their first names — during Lenawee Christian's 65-30 victory at PCA.

"Any time you have guys 6-8, athletic and understand the game, they're going to do something," Washington said. "They

did a good job, they have pretty good post moves.

"Defensively, they can check on the perimeter, they understood the whole help-side concept. They contested shots very well. ... They definitely changed a lot of things we do well."

Maxwell led all scorers with 23 points while Collins tallied 11, including a thunderous slam dunk in the fourth quarter with the nonleague matchup long decided.

The Eagles trailed 17-4 after the first quarter, unable to get near the basket at either end and missing badly on perimeter shots. For the game, PCA managed to make just 23 percent from the floor (compared to Lenawee Christian's 59 percent).

PCA trailed 35-15 at halftime and 47-22 after three frames.

"We missed a lot of shots the

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Chiefs run streak to six

Pretty much the only thing stopping the Canton varsity boys basketball team these days is the weather. Friday night, the Chiefs improved to 6-0 overall on the season with a 43-35 victory over visiting Saline. Their chance to make it seven straight wins was stymied when Tuesday's scheduled contest at Westland John Glenn was postponed. The Chiefs and Rockets will try to get that game in Thursday, with the KLAA South Division matchup to begin at 7 p.m. In the win against Saline, the

Chiefs fell behind 11-8 after one quarter, but bounced back to tie things up 19-all at halftime. Then Canton outscored Saline by scores of 11-7 and 13-9 in the final frames. Leading the charge for the Chiefs with 17 points (along with seven rebounds) was Jordan Nobles. Helping the cause with 11 points was Chase Winningham, while Javon Taylor contributed nine points and seven boards. Canton hosts Wayne Memorial at 7 p.m. Friday.

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entire ballgame," said Washington, whose team dropped to 1-4 overall. "It starts in practice. Our guys, we go through the motions in practice. We really don't practice at game speed. I preach about it, but it showed tonight. "We had a lot of open shots, we just didn't knock them down. We just got to get back in the gym on Monday and try harder, try to do a better job." One of PCA's better performers was senior forward Daniel Jipping, who scored nine points and pulled down six rebounds. Also registering nine points for the Eagles was senior forward/guard Ryan Hovermale while junior forward/guard Evan Horne chipped in with six points. Augmenting Maxwell and Collins for the Cougars (6-2) was senior forward Grant Hohlbein, with 14 points. Adding seven was senior forward Brad Harrah.

Look out

Washington said the Nigerian players definitely make Lenawee Christian a strong championship contender in Class D. "At this level, size makes up for a lot," Washington noted. "Lenawee will be a team that will give pretty much anybody in the state, at least Class D a run for their money. "They're definitely the team to watch for a state championship." Washington also said there was nothing suspicious about the Cougars adding "the one-name guys" in Maxwell, Collins and a third towering Nigerian transfer, Kingsley (who didn't play Saturday). "The story I heard, they came over to America, they had nobody to take care of them," Washington continued. "The Supreme Court ruled they could stay with somebody if somebody adopted them. And a family out in the Adrian area adopted them. "From what I know, it's legal. It just so happens they go to a school that we have to play."



Lindsay Klemmer (second from left) succeeds Fred Thomann (far right) at the Salem helm. Also shown are assistant coach Kelly Jascot (far left) and player Kelly Whalen. JOHN KEMSKI

KLEMMER

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Never forget

Klemmer stressed that the girls "move forward" — while never forgetting the man who touched many lives over the past four decades at Salem. To that end, a special tribute to Thomann is planned for Tuesday, Jan. 14 before the Salem home game against Livonia Stevenson. As of late last week, more than 20 former Salem players planned on attending (the ceremony is at 6:30 p.m. with the game to follow) and they will be introduced at halftime. Those interested in taking part should RSVP via e-mail to Klemmer (coachklem3@gmail.com). They should include the years played for Thomann and when they graduated. Also that night, a plaque honoring Thomann will be unveiled, players will begin wearing blue wristbands with the initials "F.T." as a further tribute to his memory and a "white-out" is planned. "We are doing a white-out and asking everyone to wear white in his honor as we come together as a community," she noted. Tuesday's festivities will continue an "overwhelming" outpouring of support that has overwhelmed Klemmer since news broke of Thomann's passing. "I have heard from people I haven't heard from in 15 years," Klemmer said. "I've heard from coaches I've never met. I've heard from parents I've never met. "The community itself, you can tell it's one big family. It shows you how much he affected people's lives on a daily basis." **Job to finish** Of course, Klemmer knows there is work yet to be done on the basketball court despite Salem's strong start this season. "This season we've made a lot of strides, and a lot of progress," Klemmer noted. "I came in specifically to work on defense, and that's going to be

THE KLEMMER FILE

Who: Lindsay Klemmer, 31, interim head coach for Salem High School's varsity girls basketball team. **Preps:** She graduated in 2000 from Salem, having played three seasons for the late Fred Thomann. The point guard was instrumental in the Rocks posting records of 17-3 her junior year and 18-2 her senior year. Salem lost in the regionals each season. **College hoops:** Klemmer enjoyed a successful career as a guard at Madonna University, coached by Carl Graves. She followed that up with four seasons as an assistant coach for Andrea Gorski at Concordia University (2009-13). **Early coaching:** After graduating from Madonna in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in sports management, Klemmer coached Ladywood High School's freshman team for two years. **Return to Salem:** Thomann recruited Klemmer to join his coaching staff (which also includes Kelly Jascot and Bill Mair) for 2013-14 after learning Klemmer wasn't returning to the Cardinals. **Tribute to Fred:** Klemmer is helping orchestrate Tuesday's 6:30 p.m. "celebration" of Thomann's life and long coaching career. He coached 41 years at Salem, including both boys and girls basketball. Former players of Thomann's are invited to RSVP if they plan on attending. E-mail Klemmer at coachklem3@gmail.com and include which seasons they played for Thomann and year of graduation. A "white-out" during the Salem-Livonia Stevenson game (7 p.m. tip-off) will be followed by a reception in the Salem cafeteria. Also, a scholarship fund in Thomann's memory is being set up.

one of my biggest things is changing our tempo on defense. "We're going to be a lot more intense, and that's not going to change. That's what Fred wanted me to do. So I told the girls this is why I'm here, this is why he brought me in and this is what we're going to stick with." Klemmer would like nothing more than to fulfill Thomann's dream for the season, that the Rocks contend in the KLAA Central Division and enjoy post-season success.

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Young guns spark Whalers

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It hasn't been an easy season for the Plymouth Whalers, who at the start lost power forward Tom Wilson and defenseman Connor Carrick to the NHL's Washington Capitals.

But the team is beginning to make strides as the second half of the schedule unfolds, with youngsters such as forwards Cullen Mercer and Francesco Vilardi showing coach and general manager Mike Vellucci they are players to be counted on.

Saturday night at Compuware Arena, Mercer tallied the first goal of his Ontario Hockey League career, and Vilardi scored twice in Plymouth's 4-3 shootout victory over Niagara.

"We were on the bench saying one of our 16-year-olds was going to score tonight," said Vellucci, whose team has won four of its last five games. "I thought (forward Bryce) Yetman had a chance to score, too."

Mercer scored with 14:05 left in the middle period to put the Whalers up 3-2.

Defenseman and captain Nick Malysa moved the puck up to forward Zach Lorentz in the right circle and Lorentz

dished it in front to Mercer. The 16-year-old from Exeter, Ontario, snapped the puck past IceDogs goalie Blake Richard.

That stood as the game-winning goal until the IceDogs scored a power-play goal with 28 seconds left in the game. Left winger Brendan Perlini drove a low shot through a screen that beat Plymouth goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (39 saves).

Niagara (12-21-2-4) actually had a two-man advantage with Richard pulled for the extra attacker.

Vellucci shrugged off the late penalty that set up Niagara's tying goal, especially since his team went on to get the extra point anyway.

"That happened to us the game before, where we pulled the goalie and scored on the power play," Vellucci said, referring to Thursday's game against Sault Ste. Marie. "So as long as we got the two points, I'm happy with it."

The Whalers (15-21-0-4) poured it on in overtime, outshooting Niagara 7-3 and coming close on shots by defenseman Josh Wesley, forward Matt Mistele and Vilardi.

In the shootout, Plymouth won 2-0 with right winger Connor Chatham going top shelf against Richard and Lorentz



Whalers forward Francesco Vilardi (No. 7) scores one of two goals Saturday against the Niagara IceDogs at Compuware Arena. Unable to stop the shot is Niagara goalie Blake Richard. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

converting his forehand-backhand bid.

At the other end, Nedeljkovic denied Billy Jenkins and Perlini.

Vilardi starts it off

Plymouth opened the scoring at 2:10 of the first, when Vilardi — who turns 18 Thursday — tipped in Mistele's shot with the Whalers on the power play.

After Niagara's Eric Ming made it 1-1 at 7:42, the Whalers regained the lead a minute later, when Vilardi scored his second of the game and seventh of the season.

"You know what, the second one was a dirty goal," Vellucci said. "Those are the kind of goals he's got to get. He got in

front of the net and got the rebound. He played well and scored two big goals."

Early in the second, the IceDogs tied it up again when defenseman Luke Mercer hammered a shot from the left circle that cleanly beat Nedeljkovic.

The Whalers needed just 1:42 to go back up again, on Cullen Mercer's milestone goal.

Plymouth now has the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference with 34 points.

Still, Kitchener and Sarnia aren't too far behind, so Vellucci wants his squad to keep grinding out as many points as possible.

"We've been at home a little

bit and that always helps," he said. "The guys are playing real hard and competing and that's the key. If you compete and make mistakes, that's all right. But if you don't compete, that's when I have a problem."

The Whalers next play Friday night at Sarnia and return to Compuware Arena at 7 p.m. Saturday for a game against Ottawa.

When they do, they will have center Ryan Hartman back in the lineup after coming back from the World Junior Tournament (he played for Team USA). Defenseman Alex Peters also is expected to return after missing a month with a leg injury.

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Bad puck luck costs Wildcats

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The first part of the 2013-14 varsity boys hockey season has been very eventful for Gerry Vento's Plymouth Wildcats.

Of course, the team's 4-0 victory over Canton at Detroit's Comerica Park on Dec. 19 as part of the two-week Hockeystown Winter Festival was the highlight so far.

But despite a 4-6 record following Saturday's tough 2-0 loss to Novi-Detroit Catholic Central at Compuware Arena, Vento is enthusiastic about what the second part of the season might bring.

"We played a really tough schedule up to now and that's how we planned it," Vento said. "We're hoping to battle-test them for the playoffs, (and) I think they're ready to take the next step."

"We just got to stay with our defensive game plan and we'll be fine."

Catholic Central goalie Michael Ronayne stopped all 13 shots he faced, helped by the fact Plymouth junior forward Josh Smith drilled two shots off goal posts.

The Shamrocks sent 20 shots in the direction of Wildcats' junior netminder Jared Maddock. Netting the CC markers were Dillon Jones and David Spiegel.

"They're always tough and talented and I thought we played a great game," Vento said. "Shots were close both ways, we kept them to 20 and we had our chances."

"We hit two goal posts, just couldn't bury the puck. But as far as battling and playing hard, we did that."

With the loss to the Shamrocks, the Wildcats picked up where they left things before the holiday break — unable to light the lamp despite strong overall play.

On Dec. 20, Plymouth dropped a 2-1 decision to Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center.

"Guys are just snakebitten (on offense)," Vento said. "We had a couple great chances today (against CC). We rung two off the goal posts."

"I'd be more worried if we weren't getting chances. But we're getting chances and eventually the lid's going to come off that net."

Vento added that he is proud of how his players "stick to the game plan, we limit chances and we give ourselves a chance to win."

Plymouth was scheduled to host Northville Wednesday night at Arctic Edge Arena and then travel to Sault Ste. Marie for a pair of games Friday and Saturday (against Soo and Jeffers, respectively).

"We always take the trip,"

he said. "We take the bus, get away from all the distractions. It's a good time."

Salem nips 'Cats

In the aforementioned pre-holiday game, Salem parlayed excellent goalkeeping by Parker Godfrey and timely offense into a 2-1 win over Plymouth on Dec. 20.

Godfrey stopped 26 of 27 Wildcats' shots, giving up only a second period goal to Josh Smith (from Zach Tavierne and John VanDenBergeury).

The Rocks opened the scoring early in the first period, when Jason Newel sent the puck past Plymouth goalie Erik VandenBosch (19 saves).

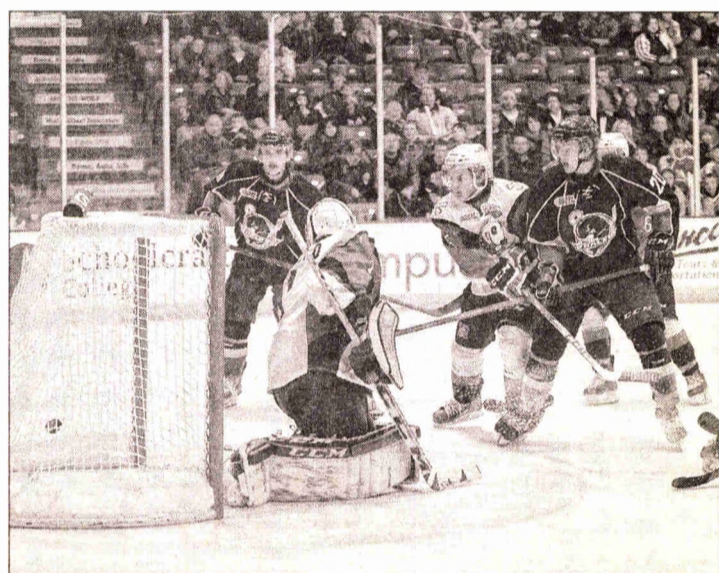
Setting up the tally was Jake Sealy, who later in the frame made it 2-0.

Assisting on Sealy's goal were Jack Driscoll and Cameron Clark.

"It was a good game and a solid win for us," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher noted. "It was an even game with a lot of back and forth action. Both goalies played well."

On Friday, the Rocks travel to Eddie Edgar Arena for a game against Livonia Churchill. Salem then welcomes Livonia Stevenson to PCC for a game set for 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Plymouth's Cullen Mercer (No. 15) scores his first OHL goal Saturday against Niagara goalie Blake Richard. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

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just chipped it up there," said Mercer, who attends Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "Zach Lorentz caught it with speed and I know he's a great playmaker."

"So I just tried to get open for him and he hit me with a beauty pass in the slot, there wasn't really much I could have done to miss it."

According to Plymouth coach and general manager Mike Vellucci, it was good to see the youngster from Exeter, Ont. rewarded for solid two-way play.

"Mercer has had good chances and I played him like a veteran (against Niagara)," Vellucci said. "He started play in the overtime, he's penalty killing. If you're responsible defensively a coach is going to play you and he's responsible defensively."

"I think he's going to score, right now he's just making sure he's good defensively. When you get older

and stronger and more comfortable I think the offense is definitely there."

Mercer said his overall game is starting to round into shape, evidenced by Vellucci using him in such important situations as overtime and killing penalties.

"I think I'm just getting more and more comfortable with the speed and my coaches are trusting me in more situations here," Mercer continued. "So, I just try to be as strong as I can defensively so I get lots of time and hope my offensive chances come."

One of the first things Mercer said he planned on doing Saturday night was calling sisters Carly and Caylee Mercer — players for Clarkson University's women's hockey team in upstate New York.

"I can't really razz them, they've been scoring their fair share," he said, smiling. "But I will let them know I scored and they'll be very supportive about that."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Jan. 9
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 10
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
S.L. East at Salem, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at HVL, 7 p.m.
PCA at Franklin Rd., 8:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 9
Calvary at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Divine Child, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 10
Luth. Westland at HVL, 5:30 p.m.
Salem at S.L. East, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
PCA at Franklin Rd., 7 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Jan. 9
Ladywood vs. G.P. South at Arctic Pond, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 10
Churchill vs. Salem, Franklin vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 11
Ladywood vs. Mercy at Arctic Pond, 5:30 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Salem

at Plymouth Cultural Ctr., 8:30 p.m.
W.L. Wild vs. PCS Penguins at Suburban-FH, 8 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Saturday, Jan. 11
Bay City Western Duals, 8:30 a.m.
Luth. Westland Journey, 9 a.m.
Stevenson Invitational, 9 a.m.
Wayne Tournament, 9 a.m.
Garden City Novice, 9:30 a.m.
Warren Woods Tower Inv., 10 a.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Plymouth sweeps opponents at Highland Duals

Salem victorious at Adrian

Plymouth's varsity boys wrestling team returned from the holiday hiatus Saturday and plowed through the opposition at the Highland Duals.

The Wildcats topped all five opponents to improve to a stellar 13-1 entering Wednesday's Kensington Lakes Activities Association divisional matches against Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial.

"Many wrestlers went undefeated, including Brandon Harris, Mohamad Youssef, Jon Conn, Sofus Nielson and Michael Jordan," noted Quinn Guernsey, head coach for Plymouth.

But others were just as key to the run of success, including "the brothers Schiftar" in the day's opening match — a 45-21 victory over Lake Fenton. Spencer Schiftar pinned

state-ranked Jared Corcoran at 125 and Sterling Schiftar win via fall over Ryan Franks.

Next for the Wildcats was an understaffed Ann Arbor Skyline team and Plymouth rolled to a 72-9 win.

Plymouth then grinded out a 39-25 triumph over Anchor Bay. Joey Shaver, Hussein Youssef and Zach Lohrmann earned hard-fought wins to spark the team, Guernsey said.

Rounding out the tourney were wins of 45-25 against Howell and 67-0 against a team made up of backups from Howell and other participants.

Rocks top field

At the Adrian Duals, Salem went 4-1 and captured the championship.

The Rocks posted wins over Jackson (51-27), Farmington (38-31), Chippewa Valley (39-37) and Adrian (63-15).



Salem's varsity wrestling team prevailed at Saturday's Adrian Duals.

"The guys really pulled it together and I was proud of their effort," Salem head coach

Pete Israel said. "We are a young team, but are developing as the season goes."

"The places where we needed pins or extra points guys really stepped up."

One highlight, he said, was the last match against Chippewa Valley where Cameron Shaughnessy needed to win by major for Salem to tie.

"He (Shaughnessy) came up big for us and pinned his guy," Israel said. "But others contributed as well."

"It was good to see Mitch Rosinski come up with some wins as he continues to work hard."

"Caleb McCabe had some tough matches, but he was able to pull out pins."

Israel also cited other highlights. Senior captain Hamad Abed and Seth Dunn successfully split duties at 140, Roy Foster and Charly Woody had some strong matches and Akash Rai needed just 42 seconds for a pin.

Livonia's Kesler goes for the Gold again

Canucks center anticipates trip to Sochi

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Ryan Kesler's resumé when it comes wearing the Red, White and Blue in international hockey competition is pretty darn impressive.

He's represented the U.S. in five International Ice Hockey Federation-sanctioned events winning one World Under-18 Championship gold medal, one World Junior Championships gold medal and the 2010 Winter Olympics silver medal. He also participated in the 2001 World U-17 Hockey Challenge and won a gold as well.

So to nobody's surprise, the 29-year-old Livonia native and center for the NHL's Vancouver Canucks is off next month to Sochi, Russia to represent Team USA again for his second straight Olympics.

The announcement was made Jan. 1 following the NHL's Winter Classic in Ann Arbor and Kesler will be wearing his signature number 17.

"I think they did a good job of putting us together," said Kesler, who had two goals in six games in the Vancouver Olympics.

"We have a lot of faces that weren't there when we were on the silver medal the last time around. We added some young guys that are playing exceptional this year, so I think you always need that youthful energy to be in the lineup and I think it will help tremendously."

Select company

Kesler, a 2002 Churchill High grad, is only one of three Livonians (Al Iafate, 1984; and Mark Beaufait, 1994) to play for the U.S. men's hockey team.

Growing up in the U.S. Junior National Team Development program in Ann Arbor, Kesler has played in his fair share of international games, including a couple of stints in Russia.

"We get to play the host country again, so those are always fun games to get up for," Kesler said. "It's going to be a blast. I heard the Olympic Village is extremely nice over there and I'm looking forward to seeing it."



Kesler

Despite suffering a heart-breaking 3-2 overtime loss to Team Canada in the gold medal game in 2010, Kesler can't get enough of the Olympic atmosphere.

"I think it's great," he said. "The last time in Vancouver those experiences were definitely the best I've had in hockey. It was a ton of fun. The guys were great and we were successful to a point. It makes things more fun when you're successful and we had a good time those two weeks."

The 6-foot-2, 202-pound Kesler, who can also play right wing, will once again bring his versatility to the table.

Similar scenario

"I envision a similar role than what I had last time ... a little bit of everything," Kes-



Livonia native Ryan Kesler will make his second appearance on USA men's hockey team at the Sochi Winter Olympics. GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

ler said. "As the tournament goes on I think things change and lines change, but I see myself being a big part of this gold medal team."

"I definitely think the pace is faster. It's a bit of a different game with the bigger ice. There's more room width-wise, but the offensive zone is smaller. We have to figure out how to play on that ice right away. And the coaches did a good job in the summer making us aware of that and telling us what to do."

After suffering through an NHL lockout and two injury-plagued seasons, Kesler is on a bit of a renaissance this season with the Canucks, who stand 23-13-8 (fourth in the Western Conference's Pacific Division).

Kesler leads Vancouver with 17 goals and has added 12 assists in 44 games.

He is slowly regaining the form that earned him the 2011 Selke Trophy for NHL's best two-way forward.

Regains form

"It's been a couple of years," said Kesler, who has 174 goals and 205 assists in 622 NHL regular season games. "I got a summer of conditioning under my belt and I'm happy where my game is at, but I still figure I can expand and improve. I'm looking forward to the challenge."

In 57 NHL career playoff games, Kesler has 12 goals and 26 assists.

Kesler was one of the major reasons the Canucks reached the 2011 Stanley Cup Finals before falling to Boston in Game 7.

Kesler, who was a first-round pick (23rd overall) by the Canucks after playing a season at Ohio State, has also adapted to a new coach in Vancouver as John Tortorella (formerly of the Rangers and Tampa Bay) replaced Alain Vigneault.

"He's good," Kesler said of

his new coach. "He expects a lot out of each individual. I have a lot of respect for him. He's hard on you at times, but all he wants is winning and we're all pulling in the same direction. And you can see how passionate he is about that."

"I think he's really big on defense first. And the goals will come from your defense. I think this year he's expanded my game tremendously. I only scored goals one or two ways, but now there's a lot of different options I can use to put the puck in the back of the net."

Family support

With a wife and three young children at home, Kesler will more than likely go it alone when it comes to Sochi.

His father, Mike, currently a scout and former player at Colorado College, might be the only family member to make the trip. (Mike coached Ryan's Bantam team in the Livonia Hockey Association before he moved up to play for Honeybake, Computware and Caesars in the Major Midget ranks.)

"There's only so much they can do over there," Ryan said. "If I said yes, my dad would be the only one."

And as his second Olympics draws closer, Kesler won't speculate on what his specific role might be under coach Dan Bylsma (Pittsburgh Penguins).

"I haven't talked with any coaches," Kesler said. "I'm sure they're still trying to figure it out, and once they do, I'll be the first to know."

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PREP BOWLING

Canton boys win Ladywood Holiday title

Rocks fourth at Super Bowl Lanes tournament

Canton's boys bowling team finished first at Saturday's 2014 Livonia Ladywood Holiday bowling tournament, held at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

The Chiefs prevailed shot a 3,496 to earn the boys tourney title over St. Clair Shores Lakeview (3,428) and Wayne Memorial (3,418) at the Ladywood Holiday Tournament.

Canton rolled a 761 in the first regular game, but bounced back with 992 and 944 games. In the four baker games, the Chiefs totaled 799 points.

"We started out very slow and were out of sync for the first game but put together two nice regular games and a real good first two baker games," Canton coach Karl Brubaker said. "This was on the 'Middle Road' pattern that

we use for the states and regional so its a good test to get the kids ready."

"While the scores are not high it puts an emphasis on making a good first shot and making a spare."

Other area finishers included Salem, fourth (3,401); John Glenn, fifth (3,397); Novi Detroit Catholic Central, sixth (3,396); Farmington-Harrison, 12th (3,184); and North Farmington, 15th (3,044).

Lakeview's Mitchell Cunha was the individual winner with a 663 series including a high game of 273.

Wayne's Kody Wojewski was runner-up with a 644, including a high game of 253.

Also earning all-tournament honors included South Lyon's Tyler Magee (619), Salem's Steve Cadwell (fourth, 613) and CC's Joe Alvord (602).

Spearheading the Chiefs was Michael Richards, who tallied a 160-234-183-577 series to finish ninth overall.

Other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park bowlers with top-20 showings included Salem's Tyler Snyder (12th, 557) and Nolan Rudis (14th, 556) and Canton's Mitchell Zelenak (18th, 543, including a 209 game).

"I was very proud and a bit shocked to win after the very slow start we had," Brubaker continued. "It's good to see them not give up and to keep working because you never know what can happen."

"I always like to tell them its not how you start its how you finish."

Glenn girls first

On the girls side of the ledger, Westland John Glenn emerged as the winner by a single pin over Farmington-Harrison, 3,366-3,365.

Canton took third with 3,046 followed by North Farmington (3,020) and Farmington Hills Mercy (2,999) rounding out the top five.

Other area finishers in the field of 20 included Wayne Memorial, 10th (2,766); Salem, 13th (2,634); and the host Blazers, 16th (2,444).

Farmington-Harrison's Candyce Bradley was the individual leader on the day with a 618 three-game series, including a tourney high game of 256.

John Glenn's Olivia Cabildo was runner-up with a 593, including a high of 212.

Also named to the all-tournament team along with Bradley and Cabildo were Canton's Brianna Bailey (587) and Megan Macunovich (580), along with South Lyon's Morgan Hatton (564).

Ladywood's Sabine Hutter was 20th with a 512 and led all competitors with a 213 Game Three.

Canton's Kim Ahearn and Salem's Brynna Samuels placed 29th and 34th, respectively, with series of 479 and 466.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Chiefs top field at Rockford Invitational

Success is contagious with Canton's varsity girls gymnastics team.

All one has to do is look at Saturday's Rockford Invitational, which the Chiefs' strong talent and depth sparking a first-place finish with 141.675 points.

Five Canton gymnasts placed at or near the top of the standings in their various events, as the Chiefs topped

the 17-team field.

Finishing second was Farmington United (139.975), followed by Rockford (139.7) and Forest Hills (139.55).

Veteran Canton coach John Cunningham said Hailey Hodgson "had a great meet," finishing first on balance beam (9.3), floor exercise (9.275) and all-around (35.225). Hodgson's total of 9.05 on vault was good for fourth place.

Also stellar was Erica Lucas, who "continued her domination" on vault with a first-place mark of 9.2. She also finished second on beam (9.2) and third in all-around (34.9).

Jocelyn Moraw's led the D1's with thirds on uneven parallel bars (8.4), beam (8.95) and all-around (35.575).

Other Canton performers included Melissa Green (second on beam, 9.25; fifth in all-

around 35.025) and Stephanie Cox (fourth on floor, 9.125).

Meanwhile, Canton's "B" team of Ellie Bachman, Stephanie Cox, Katie Kleabir, Katie Lawera, Kayley Lazarski, Onajitte Okabare, Sarah Plant, Jessica Siegler and Valerie VanGilder scored a total of 131.425. That set a new B-team school record.

Mercy girls remain competitive on the lanes

Marlins have another solid bowling team for 2014 season

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Always a solid, competitive team in the sport of girls bowling, Mercy High School is expected to continue that tradition in 2014.

The Marlins have finished fifth in two tournaments to date - the North Farmington Early Bird Invite in December and the 20-team Livonia Ladywood event Saturday.

Mercy's first Catholic League dual match was postponed Tuesday because of the snow and cold, so the opener

will be Thursday at Bowl One in Troy.

Following the graduation of two-time all-area bowler Maria Walawender, the Marlins will be led by their only senior, Hayley Caddell, who raised her average to 170 this year.

She carried a 163 average last year in a starting role and had a high game of 242. She made the Ladywood all-tourney team after bowling games of 201 and 209 and she was fifth in the league singles event with a high of 181.

Caddell and juniors Ashlei Brooks and Arianna Watson will comprise the core of the team, coach Vicky Kowalski said.

Brooks made the all-tournament team at North Farmington with a three-game series of

587, which included a high of 235. She'll be the leadoff bowler and Caddell the anchor.

Watson rolled an average of 157 with a high of 213 last season. She was sixth in the singles event with a best game of 172. Watson bowled a high game of 190 in the Ladywood tourney.

Kowalski and the Marlins had a pleasant surprise from left-handed sophomore Heather Lillystone, who will be the fourth starter.

She was fourth and got a medal at the singles tourney in which she had a high game of 178. Her best game has been a 190 in the Early Bird.

Lillystone was a JV bowler last season with a 116 average, but Kowalski said she "got the bug" and did a lot of practicing

over the summer and fall months to earn a place on the varsity.

The fifth spot in the lineup will be shared by juniors Carly Bartes and T'yara McMillan.

Bartes spent two years on the JV, averaging 137 last season. She has improved her game, bowling a 192 in the singles tourney and 171 in the Ladywood event.

McMillan was a varsity bowler, but not a starter last year. She was in the 140s on average and has had high games of 164, 167 and 160 in the three tournaments this year.

"With her and Carly, we're trying to find consistency," Kowalski said. "We can usually get one good game out of each of them, so that's very helpful."

United gymnasts runners-up at invite

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

In its first big meet of the 2014 gymnastics season, Farmington United got an idea as to where it stands in regard to its statewide competition Saturday.

Farmington United did very well in what could be considered a mini-state meet, taking the runner-up trophy in the annual Rockford Invitational.

Canton Red captured the team championship with a 141.675 score, while Farmington United won a three-team battle for second place, accumulating 139.975 points to edge Rockford (139.70) and Forest Hills Orange (139.55).

Farmington United was in first place through three events, but it didn't have a good team performance on the uneven bars and "kind of fell apart," according to coach Jeff Dwyer.

He was heartened by the fact his team was right there with Canton, which has scored as high as 145 this season, however.

Canton, which might be the top-ranked team in the state when the first coaches poll is released, was runner-up to Grand Ledge in last year's state meet.

Farmington United was third and will shoot for another top five finish in March. Ideally, it hopes to battle the aforementioned two for first or second place.

Senior Claire Saunders was Farmington's top all-arounder and was fourth in Division 2 with a 34.725 total. Senior Alyssa Millinoff was tied for fifth place (34.675) and junior Marissa Schuh was ninth at 34.10.

Saunders was part of the 'B' team. She continues to work her way back from a broken leg and Dwyer didn't think she was ready to re-join the 'A' team just yet.

That perception will likely change after her performance Saturday. Saunders also was third on the beam (8.975), ninth on bars (8.05) and 10th on vault (8.8).

Senior Meredith Jonik was the Division 1 bars champion with an 8.625 score and she also tied for second place on vault with a 9.2.

STAGELAB24

Theater group races time to create, stage a show in 24 hours

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Maureen Paraventi will write — and polish — a one-act play in less than 10 hours this weekend.

Leanne Young will rehearse and memorize a script in less than five hours on Saturday.

And Linda Pohl will make sure the fast-track writing, auditioning, and rehearsing, all leads to a public performance Saturday night at the Biltmore Studio at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

Paraventi, a novelist and playwright from Redford Township, and Leanne Young, an actress from South Lyon, are among more than 50 participants, including writers, actors, directors and technical crew, who will collaborate and stage eight-10 original one-act plays at StageLab24, which runs from 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, and 10-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Pohl, and her fellow founders of TLC Productions, Tim Chanko and Christopher Tremblay, have been planning the experimental theater event for months. They received a grant from the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities to offset costs and will be on hand the entire 24 hours to make sure everything runs smoothly.

"Bringing original productions to the stage is what we like to do," Pohl said. "We don't buy scripts. We bring in originals or write our own. This was another way of doing some-



Chris Tremblay, Linda Pohl and Tim Chanko are the founders of TLC Productions, in Canton.

thing original."

TLC Productions created two one-hour musicals, *Behind the Curtain* and *FONTS! A Type of Musical*, since they began working together in 2008. The group staged its first Canton One Acts Festival in 2011 and again in 2013.

For StageLab24, TLC reached out to writers and directors in the theater community across the state and got commitments from eight directors, eight writers and one writing team who plan to participate in the event. They also allowed potential cast members to "sign up" online at tclproductions.org for auditions on Saturday. Walk-ins are welcome, too.

Tight schedule

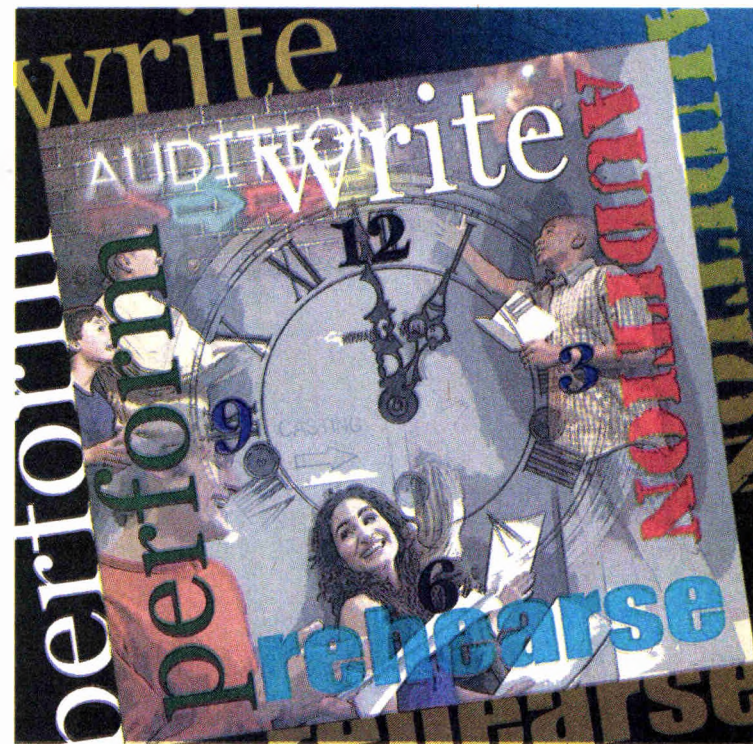
Pohl said authors will arrive at 8 p.m. Friday for an orientation and then will work overnight on their one-act, 10-minute plays. The directors,

who have been paired up with a writer, will meet at 7 a.m. Saturday to look at the new script and get prop, set and lighting requests ready. Actors will audition from 9-11 a.m. with a one-minute, prepared monologue. After the directors choose their casts, they'll rehearse for four-five hours.

Technical work will start at 4 p.m. and the performances will start at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and available from tclproductions.org or at the door. The Biltmore Studio seats 80.

The public may drop in to watch the writing, auditioning or rehearsal process, but are limited to an hourlong stay. A videographer will be on hand to record the event and create a finished piece by performance time.

Pohl said StageLab24's short time commitment of 12-24 hours is appealing to busy actors and directors who may be involved in other projects at



the same time.

Challenging event

Paraventi and Young both hope to stretch their creative abilities during the event.

"I never completely polish something in one night," said Paraventi, who has written plays and novels. "I have a few ideas in my head, but I'm not going to cheat and write anything out ahead of time."

"I think this will give me more confidence ... it will be a wonderful adventure."

Young, who teaches English at Farmington High School,

said her biggest challenge, if she's cast, will be memorizing dialogue. Pohl said actors may hold their scripts during the performance, but Young said she and other actors likely would memorize their lines.

"You either know your story or not. Everyone will be testing their mettle, seeing what they can do at their craft. I'd like to think I'll be pushing my limits a little. There's no time for stage fright or overthinking it. I'm excited."

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ART & CRAFTS

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Jan. 22

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: "Elements: Sky, Water, Land," features the paintings, drawings and three-dimensional mixed media works of Martine MacDonald

Contact: 248-473-1856

GALLERY@VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, during public performances, or by appointment

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Glass sculpture by JB Wood is on display through May

Contact: 734-394-5300

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Feb. 1

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Altered Perceptions" features paintings by abstract expressionist artist, Jan Brown

Contact: 248-344-0497; <http://www.northvillearts.org>

AUDITIONS

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. registration, 1 p.m. audition, Sunday, Jan. 19

Location: Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: *Rumors*, by Neil Simon will be staged in late April through mid-May

Contact: rumors@farmingtonplayers.org

FARMINGTON HILLS YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 25-26

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: *Camp Rock - The Musical*, will feature a wide variety of roles, at all performance levels. Auditions are on a drop-in basis. Participants should bring a recent school photo. Preliminary materials will be available for review beginning Jan. 8 at fhgov.com/YouthTheatre

Contact: 248-473-1859

MOTOR CITY PLAYERS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Jan. 14-15

Location: Motor City Theatre, 27555 Grantland, Livonia

Details: The musical production of *The Lady Pirates of Captain Breer* has roles

for 10 men and one woman. High school students may audition for roles as understudies and chorus. Vocal auditions held for solo roles only

Contact: 313-535-8962; nancy@mcyt.org

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10 and 16; and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 11-12

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: *Frozen*, admission \$3

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Jan. 17 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 18

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

Details: *Amadeus*, 2002 director's cut

Coming up: *True Grit*, 8 p.m. Jan. 31 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 1

Contact: 313-537-2560

SENATE THEATER

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11

Location: 6424 Michigan Ave., Detroit

Details: *Bringing Up Baby*, the 1938 comedy starring Katharine Hepburn and

Cary Grant; \$5 admission

Contact: 313-894-0850

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BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the third Saturday of the month through May

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: The event includes open mic performers and featured musicians. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free admission.

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSpresident@aol.com

BLUES@THE ELKS

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

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The Bobby Murray Band will perform Jan. 14; \$5 donation at the door

Contact: 734-453-1780

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11

Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, 13 Mile at

Lahser, Beverly Hills

Details: The Jasper String Quartet in collaboration with pianist Christopher O'Riley and cellist Matt Haimovitz, plays quartets and quintets by Haydn, Mozart and Schubert. Tickets range from \$15-\$24 for students and \$30-\$60 general admission, available online at chambermusicdetroit.org. Student rush tickets priced at \$10 also are available at the box office beginning at 6 p.m. on concert night.

Contact: 248-855-6070

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: Timothy Monger, Jan. 10; Floyd King and the Bushwackers Old Time Gospel Show with Campfire Compadres, Jan. 11; Red Tail Ring, Jan. 17; Billy Brandt and the Sugarees, Jan. 18; Ronny Cox, Jan. 19; Jeff and Mike Karoub, Jan. 24; Sweethearts of the Yellow Room Gang, with Jan Krist, Kitty Donohoe and Annie Capps, Jan. 31. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

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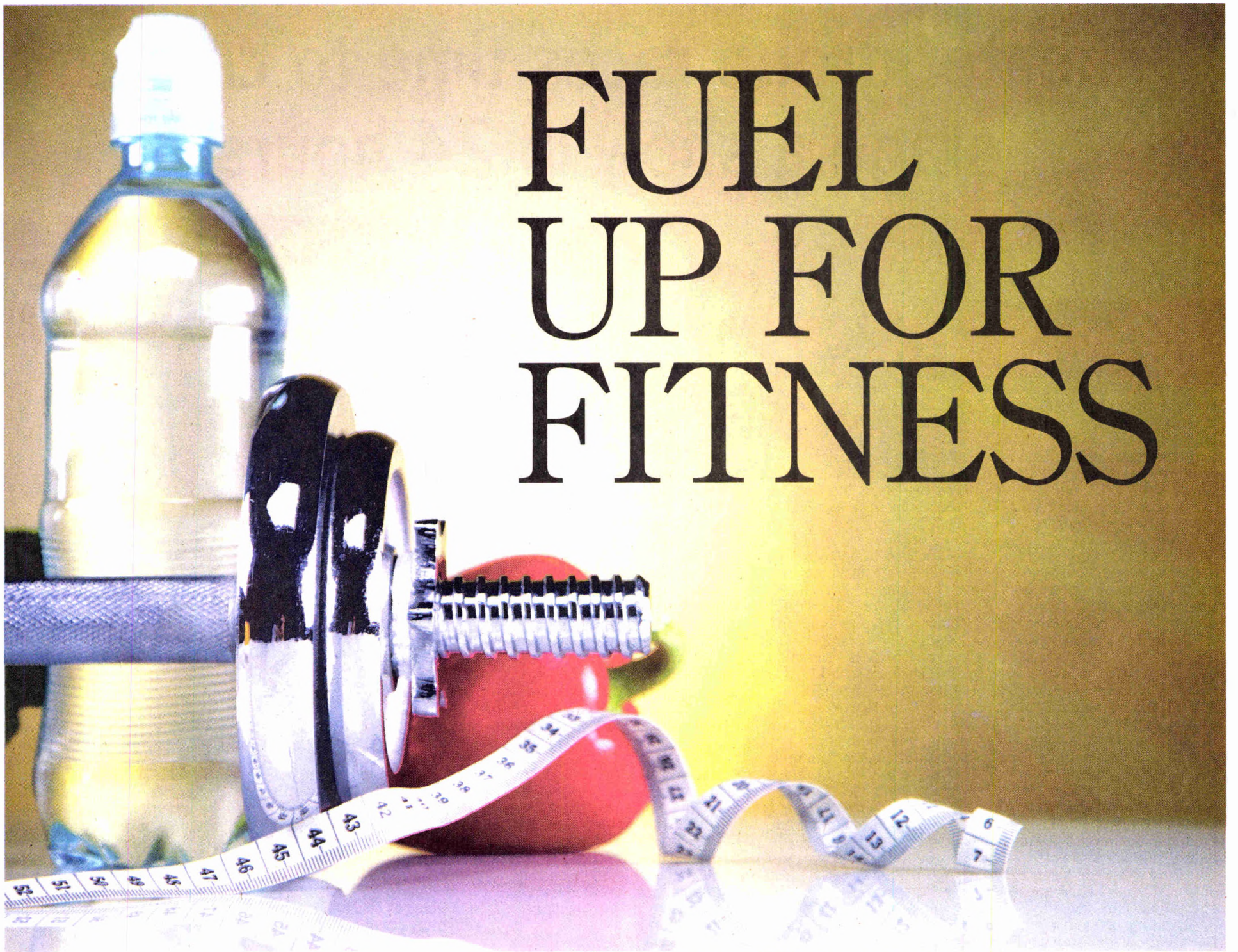
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FUEL UP FOR FITNESS

Sports nutrition isn't just the domain of professional athletes — for a good workout and quick recovery, everyday athletes need the right diet, too.

"A good workout is draining and can lead to fatigue and sore muscles," said Michele Macedonio, R.D., C.S.S.D., L.D., a veteran sports nutritionist and team dietitian for the Cincinnati Reds. "The right combination of foods helps restore energy and nutrients used during exercise, and prepares your body for the next workout."

Keep these tips in mind when fueling up to stay fit:

» Make friends with fat: Fat is an important

energy source for athletes, but it's important to choose healthy fats. Canola oil, for example, provides a valuable source of unsaturated fats, including monounsaturated and omega-3 fats.

» Pump up protein: Maximize muscle growth with a snack that contains carbohydrates plus 10 to 20 grams of protein consumed within 15 to 30 minutes after a workout, when muscle is most receptive to growing.

» Don't ignore complex carbs: Athletes need healthy carbohydrates, the preferred source of energy for active muscles. Whole grains, beans, vegetables and fruit

are good sources.

» Feed the furnace: Running on empty? Your body needs consistent fuel to function. A small pre-workout snack may improve your workout performance. Liquid foods such as smoothies digest more quickly than solids, which makes them ideal pre- or post-workout for energy, hydration and restoring nutrients.

Dishes such as these from CanolaInfo contain less than 300 calories and provide complex carbohydrates, fiber and protein with nutrition-packed ingredients including whole grains, beans, nuts, fruits and plenty of vegetables. For more great recipes, visit www.canolainfo.org.

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SKILLET QUINOA WITH BLACK BEANS, CILANTRO AND FETA

Yield: 6 servings
Serving size: 1 cup

1 tablespoon canola oil
1 cup onions, diced
2 cups red bell pepper, diced
1 ½ cups water
¼ cup quinoa, uncooked
1 can (15 ounces) reduced sodium black beans, rinsed and drained
¼ cup chopped walnuts
2 teaspoons chili powder
½ cup crumbled, reduced-fat feta cheese*
¼ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
1 medium garlic clove, minced
½ teaspoon salt

In large, nonstick skillet, heat canola oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and pepper. Sauté 5 minutes or until onions begin to brown on edges, stirring occasionally. Add water and quinoa. Bring to boil over medium-high heat, reduce heat, cover and cook on medium-low for 12 minutes or until water is absorbed.

Remove from heat, stir in beans, walnuts, chili powder, feta, cilantro, garlic and salt. Cover and let stand 2 minutes to heat through and absorb flavors. *Vegetarian option: Replace feta with vegan cheese or tofu.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 230 calories; 8 g total fat (1.5 g saturated fat); 10 mg cholesterol; 31 g carbohydrates; 7 g fiber; 3 g sugars; 10 g protein; 360 mg sodium; 445 mg potassium



POWERHOUSE GREEN SMOOTHIE

Yield: 1 serving
Serving size: 1 ½ cups

¾ cup seedless green grapes
½ cup ripe banana slices
¼ cup chopped kale
½ cup nonfat plain Greek yogurt
1 ½ teaspoons canola oil
½ cup ice cubes

In blender, combine all ingredients. Blend for about 30 seconds to 1 minute or until desired smoothness is achieved.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 290 calories; 7 g total fat (0.5 g saturated fat); 0 mg cholesterol; 42 g carbohydrates; 3 g fiber; 31 g sugars; 17 g protein; 75 mg sodium; 502 mg potassium



CHUNKY CHICKEN, VEGETABLE AND ROSEMARY STEW

Yield: 6 servings
Serving size: 1 cup

2 tablespoons canola oil, divided
12 ounces boneless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch pieces
1 medium onion, cut in 8 wedges
3 medium carrots, quartered lengthwise and cut into thirds
1 medium celery stalk, cut into 1-inch pieces
2 cups water
2 dried bay leaves
¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
1 can (15 ounces) reduced-sodium navy beans, rinsed and drained
1 cup grape tomatoes, quartered
½ cup chopped fresh Italian parsley
1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary
¼ teaspoon salt

In Dutch oven, heat 1 tablespoon canola oil over medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook about 3 minutes per side or until it begins to brown (center will still be slightly pink). Remove from oven and set aside.

Add remaining canola oil, onion, carrot and celery. Sauté, stirring frequently, for 5 minutes or until vegetables just begin to lightly brown on edges. Add water, bay leaves and pepper flakes. Bring to boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium low and simmer covered for 20 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

Stir in chicken, beans, tomatoes, Italian parsley, rosemary and salt. Cover and cook 5 minutes or until tomatoes are tender and chicken is cooked. Serve immediately or let stew stand 30 minutes to develop flavors and texture.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 220 calories; 7 g total fat (1 g saturated fat); 50 mg cholesterol; 17 g carbohydrates; 6 g fiber; 3 g sugars; 22 g protein; 380 mg sodium; 532 mg potassium

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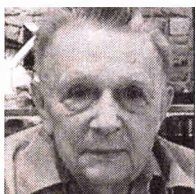
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COMPTON, KEN

Age 66, January 6, 2014 of Canton. Beloved husband of Debbi. Loving father of Tammy (Todd) Hill, Ken Compton, Tina (Derek) Kaunelis, Shelly (Dan) Cervenan and Bob Compton. Brother of Ella, Beverly, Barbara, Pam and John. 10 grandchildren. Visitation Friday 1-9 p.m. at the R.G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation continues Saturday from 10 a.m. until time of Service at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Share a memory of Ken at: www.rgharris.com



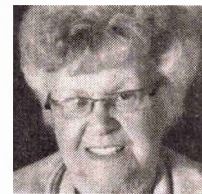
LANE, LEONARD

"...you can see clearly now, and no more worrying or pain. You are with Grandma now. Heaven gained another angel this day. - R.I.P. Grandpa. We will miss you." Born Leon Eugene Lotowicz on 11/3/1921, Leonard Lane was welcomed into heaven on 1/2/2014 at the age of 92 by his beloved wife, Ruth, who he married on 10/17/1945, and his two sons, Randy and Lenny. Caring and loving father of his surviving six children, Charles, Barry, Russell, Christine (Gary) Zalewski, Maureen (Michael) Brodie, and Daniel; grandfather of Jennifer (Michael) Robertson, Sarah (Jesse) Wiebusch, Bryan Lane, Lisa and Jacob Brodie; and great-grandfather of Brady and Garret Wiebusch. Leonard was one of 12 born to Anthony and Sophie Lotowicz and is survived by his sister, Doris Zerkowski. Leonard proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII and was awarded the Purple Heart. Leonard's remains, together with his wife's, will be placed at the Great Lakes National VA Cemetery in Mt. Holly, MI where a small service is planned for a later date. Memorials may be directed to the Macula Vision Research Foundation at www.mvrf.org/donation-page or the Kellogg Eye Institute: www.kellogg.umich.edu/giving.

McKINNEY, JOAN MARIE "SUE"

Age 73, of Grosse Pointe and formerly of Wayne and Westland, passed away peacefully on January 2, 2014 of pneumonia. She is survived by two daughters, Kea Bartholomew (Steve) of Cincinnati and Meg McKinney of Valdez, Alaska, her grandchildren, Steven, Max, Nick, Andrew and Antoinette; and her ex-husband Gene McKinney. Also surviving is one of her four siblings, Fred Etherington of Arizona, and several nieces and nephews. Sue was born in Wayne on December 18, 1940 and graduated from Wayne St. Mary's High School in 1958. She continued her schooling and worked as a newspaper reporter and feature writer for weekly papers in Wayne, Inkster, and Wyandotte and the Women's Editor at the Ypsilanti Daily Press. She married in 1963 and in 1968 stopped working to begin her family. In 1978, they moved to Grosse Pointe where she continued to raise her family and began a successful career as a Grosse Pointe real estate agent. Upon retirement, she cherished her role as a fully devoted grandmother and friend. Per her wishes, there was not a public funeral service but there will be a private celebration of life at a later date. Any memorial donations can be made to the City of Wayne Goodfellows at waynegoodfellows.org or the Michigan Humane Society at michiganhumane.org. Messages of condolence and special memorials can be sent in care of Kea Bartholomew at 7832 Surreywood Dr., North Bend, OH 45052 or kea@fuse.net.

After a 34 year career as an engineer, Max retired from Detroit Diesel to pursue his varied hobbies full time. Max volunteered his time as a docent at Matthaei Botanical Gardens and as a lab technician at the University of Michigan Ornithology Department often riding his bicycle to Ann Arbor from Livonia. Max was also active in The Nature Conservancy, The Audubon Society and the Sierra Club, guiding numerous nature hikes. Max loved nature and outdoor fitness activities. He was a serious long distance runner for many years, and was member of the Motor City Striders running club. He ran numerous marathons, from Boston to Hawaii, running his personal best time of 2 hours 47 minutes in the Detroit-Windsor marathon when he was 58 years old. In his retirement Max traveled around the world on a series of outdoor adventure vacations, often involving hiking, biking, canoeing, bird watching or mountain climbing, summiting Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania when he was 64 years old. Max is survived by his son John Nemazi (Lisa), daughter Diane Richardson (Richard), grandchildren Leslie and Lauren Nemazi, Kari Kerby, Robert and Eric Richardson, great granddaughter Sarah Kerby, sisters-in-law Marie Nemazie, Beverly Edens, Evelyn Jackson, brother-in-law Herb Cook, and many nieces, nephews and their children. Max was pre-deceased by brothers Joe Nemazi and Sam Nemazie, brothers-in-law Thomas Jackson and Ray Edens, sisters-in-law Mary Theresa Nemazi and Barbara Cook, and nephews James Kenyon, Thomas Jackson, and James Nemazi. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 11, 2014 at the Baldwin Fairchild Chapel, 301 NE Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando. In lieu of flowers the family suggests making a donation to Matthaei Botanical Gardens http://www.lsa.umich.edu/mbg/give/tributes.asp.



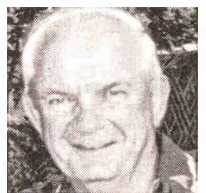
PALMER, ELIZABETH M.

January 6, 2014. Age 81. Beloved wife of the Robert M. Loving mother of Barbara (Donald) Anderson, Karen (Keith) Buschbacher and Robert (Laura). Also survived by nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral Thursday, 7 p.m. at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Road (at Ann Arbor Trail). Family will receive visitors Thursday 1-9 p.m. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

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STREET, HELEN I.

January 4, 2014, age 96. Beloved wife of the late Albert Gerth and Taft Street. Dear mother of William L. Gerth and Theodore "Fritz" (Linda) Gerth. Grandmother of Sandy (Mark) Sage, Stacey Dempsey, Sherry (Bill) Parks, Leslie Gerth and Jeremy (Michelle) Stover. Great-grandmother of Nick, Meghan, Kyle, Danielle, Melissa, Austin, Aaron, Preston, Kelly, Kayla, Jacob and dear friend and neighbor Linda Frost. Visitation Friday 10 a.m. until time of the funeral service at 1 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Share your memories at: www.schrader-howell.com



STUPYRA, ADAM T.

Age 86, January 3, 2014. Beloved husband of Ann "Dolly." Loving father of Constance (Rick) Bottema, Kenneth (Patricia), Janet (Charles) Navarro, John, Dale (Debi), Gary (Denise) and Al (Lisa). Grandfather of 12, great-grandfather of nine. Brother of Lillian, Virginia and Delphine. Visitation was held Monday with an evening Scripture Service at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City. Funeral service was held Tuesday at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City. Memorials suggested to the Michigan Humane Society and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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May you find comfort in family and friends

A loving tribute



JACKSON, FANNIE MAE,

January 4, 2014 age 92 of Canton. Predeceased by husbands Odell Murray and Robert Jackson. Loving mother of Caroline Norwood, Modell (David) Yates, David (Judith) Murray. Dear sister of Mildred Kilburn, Robert, C.L. Cunningham and Joan Cunningham Green. Predeceased by siblings Raymond, Grace, Ed, Vernon, Herman, Lavern, Fred Cunningham and Evelyn Cunningham Davis. Proud Grandmother of Devona Yates, Alana Younts, David Mark Merchant, David Ray Jr. and Brian Murray. Great Grandmother of Brandon David Yates, Corey Jason and Tommy Neil Silveus, Jennifer Dunn, Bradley Michael Merchant, and Meghan, Ethan and Jeremy Murray. Great-Great Grandmother of Isiah David Silveus. Visitation Sunday 2-4 p.m. until the 4 p.m. Funeral Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, (Btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Interment Washtenong Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to Salvation Army. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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LORIDAS, MARGARET "MAGGIE"

Age 84, of Farmington, one of the Farmington Senior Center founders, died January 2, 2014. Maggie is the beloved wife of the late Paul (d. 2011); devoted mother of Michael (Laura), Patrick (Kathleen), Paulette (Gregory), Mary, Katy (Jeffrey) and Joseph (Janet); and cherished grandmother of 17. Maggie's Funeral Mass was celebrated Monday, Jan. 6th, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, stjude.org. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200).

heeney-sundquist.com

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



NEMAZI, MEHDI (MAX)

88, passed away in Altamonte Springs, Florida on January 3, 2014. Max was born August 23, 1925 in Shiraz, Iran, and moved to the United States in 1948 to pursue a Master's degree in Diesel Engineering at the University North Carolina. After graduation in 1950 he moved to Detroit to work for the Detroit Diesel Division of General Motors. He was married in 1951 to Mary Jackson, and they were together for 59 years until her passing in 2010. Max and Mary lived in Livonia, Michigan for over 50 years where they raised their children John and Diane.

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<p>CATHOLIC</p> <p>ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Tridentine Latin Mass St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8 38100 Five Mile Road Livonia, MI 48154 • (734) 462-3200 Mass Schedule: First Friday Mass 7:00 p.m. Saturday Mass 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. AT 150641</p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)</p> <p>The Church Worth Driving To! Westminster Church of Detroit Multi-cultural, welcoming, warm & secure parking 17567 Hubbell @ Outer Drive Detroit, MI 48235 Services at 8:30 and 11:00 (Summer and special Sundays-10:00) 313-341-2697 x 200 www.wcodetroit.org</p>	<p>EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN</p> <p>WARD CHURCH 40000 Six Mile Road Northville, MI 48168 248.374.7400 Sunday Worship Services 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m. 4 different music styles from classic to modern www.wardchurch.org LC 0000184811</p>	<p>LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD</p> <p>Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, Just north of I-96 www.christsaviorsavior.org Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am - Traditional Sunday School/Bible Class 9:45 am Early Childhood Center Phone 734-513-8413 Staffed Nursery Available Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ Rev. Dean M. Davenport & Rev. Robert F. Bayer 734-522-6830 LC-0000164867</p>
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<p>LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD</p> <p>St. Paul's Ev. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL 17810 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA (734)261-1360 WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Tuesdays - 6:30 P.M. website: www.stpaulsilivonia.org</p>			

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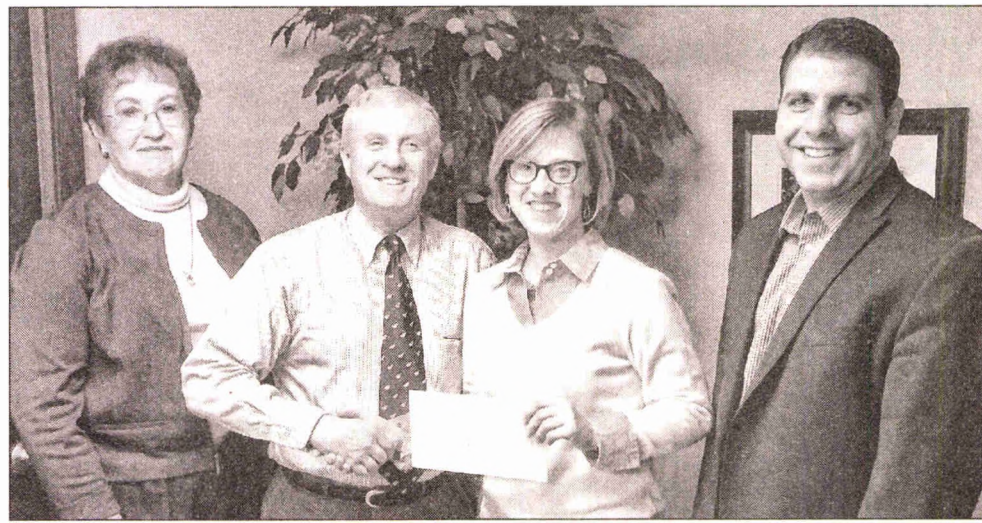
REALTORS REACH OUT WITH YULE SPIRIT

Recently at its Farmington offices, the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors gave checks to local charities.

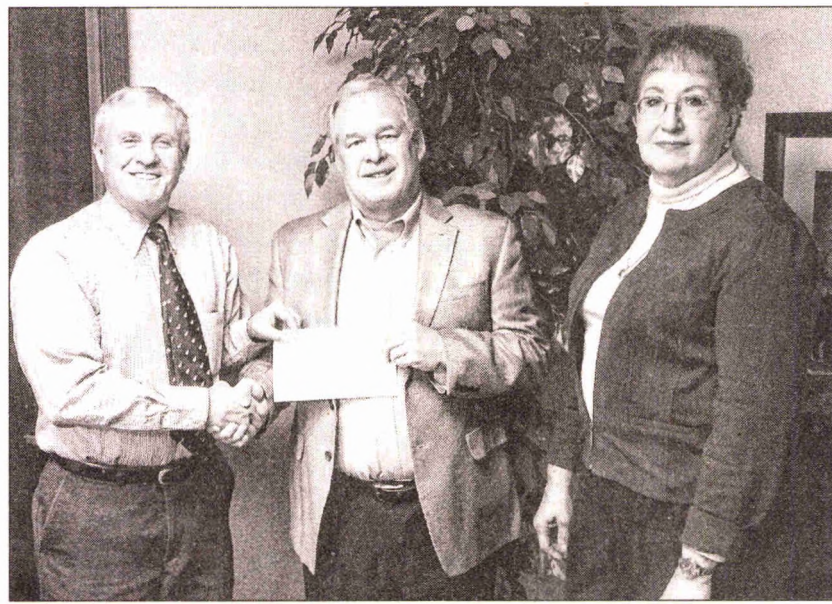
A total of \$2,574 was given to Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan and \$606 was given to the Farmington Area Goodfellows. The money was raised through raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets and donations during GMAR's Holiday Party and Golf Outing.

Accepting the check on behalf of Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan was their Vice President of Marketing and Communication Anne Schenk. Farmington Area Goodfellows President Dave Kenerson came to accept the check on behalf of their group.

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors (GMAR) was formed in 2010. Its over 6,000 members span the counties of Macomb, Oakland, Wayne and their surrounding counties. GMAR provides a slew of benefits to its members, such as access to the Realcomp MLS, over 220 quality continuing education, training and designation courses, the Real Estate Service Center marketing and communication materials workshop, the ToolShop real estate store with over 1,000 items, the *Metropolitan Minute* weekly newsletter and the *Metropolitan REALTOR* monthly eMagazine.



Shown from left are GMAR Staff Liaison to Member Services Committee's Elaine Gatlin, GMAR CEO Duane Marsh, Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan Vice President of Marketing and Communication Anne Schenk, and Member Services Committee member Marx Elias.



Shown from left are GMAR CEO Duane Marsh, Farmington Area Goodfellows President Dave Kenerson, and GMAR Staff Liaison to Member Services Committee Elaine Gatlin.

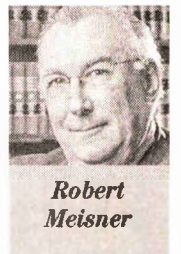
Home business issue should be updated

Q: I heard you speaking at a seminar about the need to update restrictions of a community association. One of the areas you mentioned was home businesses. Could you be more specific?

A: The problem with many deed restrictions, including those restrictions in condominiums, is that they have an antiquated definition of residential use and/or no definition of residential use at all. Some documents do provide for an exception for certain types of "home businesses" such as home offices, computer utilization, etc. However, with the technological revolution, the entire provision regarding residential use should be better defined to more accurately clarify what type of commercial and/or business activity will be allowed in the home, taking into consideration the types of "businesses" that can be run that do not attract traffic and/or refuge. That should be one of the many changes made to update the condominium documents.

Q: I am a condominium board member and our management company recommended "their attorney," as they put it, to represent us. The board, I think, naively went along with it. Later, we found out that the attorney does not represent the management company. Should we can the management company?

A: There are some management companies that are desirous of steering associations to a particular lawyer, and suggest to their Board of Directors that they have an attorney for them suggesting that the attorney works for the management company when, indeed, the attorney is actually working for and being paid by the association. The board should never rely on the management company's attorney, either with respect to an attorney who actually does work for the management company or is so financially beholden to the management company that the management company treats that attorney as theirs when, in fact, he or she should be representing the association. Many boards have naively retained attorneys who they never meet and have no basis to choose in the first instance other than the fact that the management company asked them to blindly follow their recommendation. This is not a good mark for the management company and you may wish to consider getting a company with greater integrity.



Robert Meisner

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 19-23, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
17240 Beverly Rd	\$287,000
18277 Beverly Rd	\$371,000
17215 Birwood Ave	\$255,000
18432 Riverside Dr	\$400,000
31443 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$40,000
BIRMINGHAM	
245 Catalpa Dr	\$500,000
1425 Chapin Ave	\$370,000
1428 E Lincoln St	\$244,000
463 Golf View Blvd	\$455,000
1375 Humphrey Ave	\$240,000
975 Madison St	\$305,000
1113 N Old Woodward Ave Unit	\$250,000
1890 Oak Ave	\$980,000
1165 S Eton St	\$185,000
1594 Villa Rd	\$233,000
550 W Merrill St	\$1,200,000
299 Westchester Way	\$418,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
5486 Brookdale Rd	\$435,000
4961 Dryden Ln	\$430,000
1966 Klingensmith Rd	\$100,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1197 Banbury Cir	\$606,000
3800 Burning Tree Dr	\$245,000
4612 Chelsea Ln	\$1,050,000
2851 Colonial Trl	\$170,000
1196 Copperwood Dr	\$700,000
660 Deauville Ln	\$480,000
532 E Fox Hills Dr	\$73,000
2609 Endsleigh Dr	\$830,000
4448 Far Hill Dr	\$250,000
5132 Forest Way	\$452,000
5583 N Adams Way	\$262,000
915 N Reading Rd	\$275,000
4031 Pine Tree Trl	\$340,000
241 Strathmore Rd	\$745,000

359 Sycamore Ct	\$587,000
4316 Vernor Ct	\$635,000
3861 Wedgewood Dr	\$439,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	
2336 Brigantine	\$235,000
6072 Brockway St	\$140,000
5098 Carinas Way Ct	\$243,000
1822 Cheshire Ln	\$402,000
1931 Cheshire Ln	\$400,000
3211 Creekview Ln	\$387,000
5618 Deerwood	\$284,000
4986 Foothills Dr	\$258,000
5460 Huron Hills Dr	\$358,000
5239 Kristi Ln	\$210,000
3312 Mandrake St	\$68,000
5815 Pickbourne St	\$89,000
3064 Rio Vista St	\$135,000
3206 Rio Vista St	\$110,000
5312 S River Dr	\$185,000
5870 Turnberry Dr	\$390,000
2125 Winston Dr	\$332,000
FARMINGTON	
23075 Farmington Rd	\$205,000
36819 Heatherton Dr	\$212,000
32236 Leelane	\$150,000
33939 Moore Dr	\$168,000
33111 Orchard St	\$65,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
22906 Ashley St	\$90,000
29473 Beau Rdg	\$140,000
31772 Bella Vista Dr	\$150,000
23986 Brookplace Ct	\$131,000
29962 Club House Ln	\$160,000
23769 Cora Ave	\$170,000
29231 Fieldstone	\$245,000
30420 Fox Club Ct	\$415,000
22559 Glenmoor Hts	\$106,000
29867 Indian Trl	\$128,000
33971 Kirby St	\$132,000
29437 Laurel Dr	\$136,000
22176 Malden St	\$127,000
29920 Mayfair Dr	\$250,000
26056 Meadowview Dr	\$272,000
23179 Middlebelt Rd	\$61,000
29602 Middlebelt Rd	\$115,000
31280 Misty Pines Dr	\$151,000
21341 Parklane St	\$265,000

29461 Parkside St	\$300,000
37685 Russett Dr	\$200,000
30580 Springland St	\$239,000
28450 Venice Cir	\$175,000
29451 Weatherwane Ave	\$360,000
FRANKLIN	
24550 N Cromwell Dr	\$285,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
19125 Rackham Dr	\$190,000
18734 Wiltshire Blvd	\$165,000
MILFORD	
811 Bird Song Dr	\$137,000
1783 Bristol Dr	\$615,000
824 Chatham Dr	\$236,000
653 Duchess St	\$153,000
1085 Eagle Nest Dr	\$200,000
779 Heritage Dr	\$320,000
1536 Hunters Lake Dr	\$620,000
800 Manderly Dr	\$273,000
1455 Rowe Rd	\$250,000
1569 S Creek Dr	\$232,000
2300 Stoney Blf	\$80,000
180 Water St	\$335,000
NORTHVILLE	
38648 Cheshire Dr	\$330,000
21291 Equestrian Trl	\$812,000
533 Langfield St	\$185,000
22235 Lujon Dr	\$13,000
966 New Haven Ct	\$145,000
21177 Stanstead Rd	\$450,000
NOVI	
25580 Abbey Dr	\$383,000
43137 Ashbury Dr	\$540,000
49970 Blackberry Trl	\$321,000
50721 Chesapeake Dr	\$800,000
44511 Copland Ln	\$315,000
44677 Ellery Ln	\$213,000
44681 Ellery Ln	\$198,000
44683 Ellery Ln	\$207,000
44685 Ellery Ln	\$203,000
42660 Faulkner Dr	\$266,000
41610 Hamlet Ln	\$130,000
24239 Hampton Hill St	\$226,000
28868 Hearthstone Dr	\$258,000
24051 Heathergreene	\$167,000
27917 Hopkins Dr	\$164,000
24780 Kings Pointe	\$202,000

40608 Lenox Park Dr	\$282,000
40847 Lenox Park Dr	\$274,000
28046 Lightfoot Ln	\$225,000
42119 Loganberry Rdg S	\$148,000
24825 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$515,000
24225 Saybrook Ct	\$550,000
41127 Scarborough Ln	\$399,000
45252 Sedra Ct	\$320,000
41703 Steinbeck Gln	\$310,000
30726 Tanglewood Dr	\$215,000
28492 Traci Trl	\$200,000
48301 W 11 Mile Rd	\$850,000
24519 Willowbrook	\$320,000
SOUTH LYON	
1122 Chestnut Ln	\$278,000
22980 Clarkshire Dr	\$273,000
1153 Colt Dr	\$265,000
23385 Country Club Dr	\$150,000
61238 Greenwood Dr	\$80,000
24299 Martindale Rd	\$205,000
59323 Peters Barn Dr	\$78,000
24338 Ravine Dr	\$2,000
24570 Ridge Pole Ct	\$335,000
22854 Saint Andrews Dr	\$595,000
25256 Stanley Ln	\$291,000
25486 Stanley Ln	\$329,000
SOUTHFIELD	
22799 Bell Brook St	\$75,000
28738 Brentwood St	\$45,000
19685 Coral Gables St	\$75,000
21900 Mada Ave	\$20,000
17634 Melrose St	\$40,000
21821 N Tuller Ct	\$61,000
18185 New Jersey Dr	\$95,000
25298 Saint James	\$65,000
WHITE LAKE	
9394 Cedar Island Rd	\$95,000
76 Danforth St	\$77,000
47 Lisa Cir	\$205,000
10367 Northridge Ct	\$297,000
765 Oxbow Lake Rd	\$268,000
9235 Sandison Dr	\$125,000
663 Sunnybeach Dr	\$280,000
8860 Tackles Dr	\$130,000
8194 Timber Trl	\$185,000

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CANTON	
7002 Becky Dr	\$235,000
2315 Berwick Dr	\$154,000
43718 Brandywyne Rd	\$220,000
1981 Brookline St	\$159,000
200 Cherry Grove Rd	\$213,000
561 Cherry Grove Rd	\$170,000
745 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$166,000
592 Cherry Stone Dr	\$261,000
874 Cherry Stone Dr	\$249,000
2149 Cleveland Way	\$270,000
8722 Columbia Cir	\$76,000
7109 Copper Creek Cir	\$139,000
249 Coronation Ct	\$170,000
44195 Dartmouth St	\$227,000
7038 Epping Ct	\$210,000
50830 Federal Blvd	\$79,000
50867 Federal Blvd	\$80,000
7061 Foxridge Dr	\$230,000
51319 Geddes Rd	\$25,000
48358 Gladstone Rd	\$439,000
6123 Gloucester Dr	\$148,000
46011 Graystone Ln	\$175,000
39682 Hillary Dr	\$135,000
39924 Hillary Dr	\$132,000
7355 Hillsboro Dr	\$230,000
50537 Jefferson St	\$360,000
45224 Lemont Rd	\$225,000
45005 Middlebury Ct	\$312,000
4113 Monarch Ave	\$171,000
6201 N Beck Rd	\$140,000
859 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$268,000
44209 Richmond Ct	\$190,000
3657 Riverside Dr	\$245,000
45870 S Stonewood Rd	\$165,000
42230 Sultz Rd	\$170,000
3778 Shepherd Ct	\$169,000
6153 Stonetree Dr	\$180,000

43793 Sweet Cherry Ln	\$161,000
47507 Vistas Circle Dr N	\$222,000
41052 Westfield Cir	\$205,000
1221 Wildwood Ln	\$195,000
689 Worthington Rd	\$167,000
GARDEN CITY	
33210 Alvin St	\$74,000
243 Arcola St	\$95,000
6435 Arcola St	\$70,000
5932 Belton St	\$35,000
6808 Belton St	\$55,000
6060 Cardwell St	\$80,000
6567 Henry Ruff Rd	\$99,000
28933 James St	\$67,000
30004 John Hauk St	\$90,000
30548 John Hauk St	\$88,000
6850 Whitby St	\$72,000
LIVONIA	
34133 Six Mile Rd	\$174,000
36438 Six Mile Rd	\$175,000
19263 Bainbridge Ave	\$129,000
32725 Barkley St	\$155,000
20360 Beatrice St	\$130,000
31242 Bobrich St	\$195,000
33152 Broadmoor Ct	\$240,000
33828 Cindy St	\$139,000
36620 Clarita St	\$225,000
8882 Crown St	\$144,000
9928 Fairfield St	\$130,000
17595 Fairway St	\$145,000
11750 Farmington Rd	\$105,000
15592 Fitzgerald St	\$174,000
17960 Floral St	\$30,000
17960 Floral St	\$115,000
9860 Garvett St	\$124,000
15971 Gary Ln	\$254,000
34653 Grove Dr	\$159,000
32900 Hees St	\$145,000
9047 Henry Ruff Rd	\$135,000
31193 Hillbrook Ct	\$210,000
32217 Jamison Ct	\$146,000
11200 Karen St	\$100,000
37090 Kingsburn Dr	\$365,000
8857 Knolson Ave	\$172,000
29535 Lamar Ln	\$100,000

9270 Lathers St	\$115,000
14198 Levan Rd	\$123,000
29433 Lori St	\$156,000
18414 Manor Ln	\$318,000
16505 Marsha St	\$228,000
9000 Perrin St	\$130,000
33000 Perth St	\$170,000
19338 Rensellor St	\$37,000
9614 Roseland St	\$115,000
37635 Saint Martins St	\$150,000
31565 Scone St	\$163,000
15986 Shadyside Dr	\$200,000
19475 Southampton Dr	\$250,000
19823 Stamford Dr	\$180,000
14526 Stonehouse Ave	\$150,000
15140 Sunbury St	\$67,000
14238 Sunset St	\$122,000
15424 Sunset St	\$60,000
32439 Washington St	\$140,000
9833 Woodring St	\$127,000
NORTHVILLE	
45731 Fermanagh Dr	\$440,000
18443 Fox Hollow Ct	\$540,000
18816 Grande Vista Dr	\$118,000
18873 Grande Vista Dr	\$118,000
17540 Maple Hill Dr	\$395,000
46619 Merion Cir	\$639,000
15996 Morningside	\$153,000
46286 Pinehurst Dr	\$565,000
17449 Rolling Woods Cir	\$514,000
19967 Schoolhouse Ct	\$65,000
17447 Victor Dr	\$395,000
PLYMOUTH	
655 Byron St	\$168,000
12881 Glenview Dr	\$345,000
48655 Harvest Dr	\$368,000
13381 Latheron Dr	\$480,000
1380 Linden St	\$340,000
11525 McClumpha Rd	\$310,000
650 N Evergreen St	\$240,000
161 N Mill St	\$129,000
51221 Northview	\$332,000
11211 Plymouth Lake	\$300,000
51215 Plymouth Lake Cir	\$700,000
49481 Pointe Xing	\$145,000

8848 Quail Cir	\$385,000
1251 Sheridan St	\$350,000
11707 Sycamore Dr	\$160,000
11739 Sycamore Dr	\$90,000
REDFORD	
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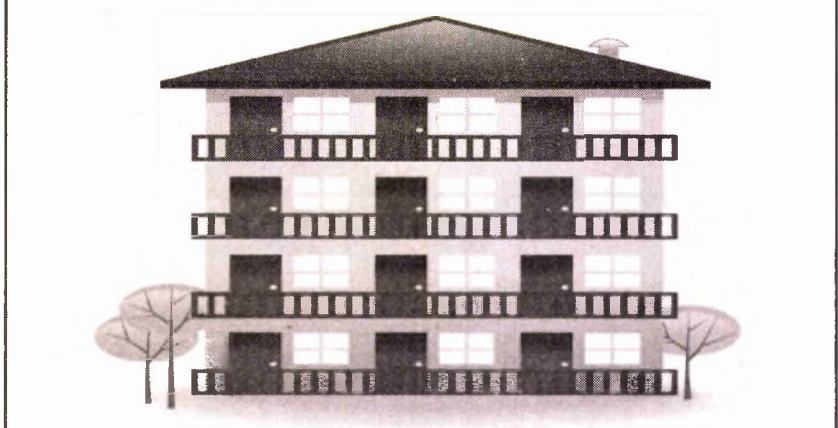
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