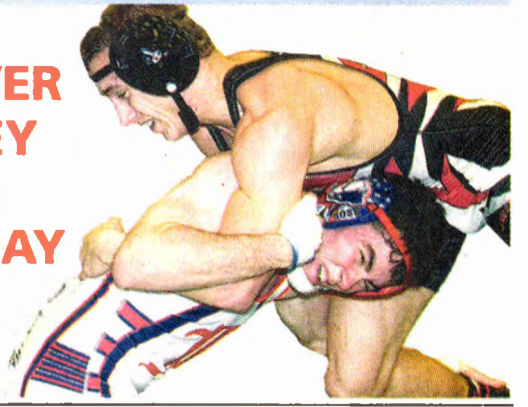


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PARC fans regroup, plan meeting

Group still trying to find agreement between city, township on proposed complex at Central Middle

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Proponents of turning Central Middle School into an arts and athletic center once it closes as a school are regrouping after a political defeat in Plymouth Township last week that could delay or even sink the project.
Don Soenen, a Plymouth

Arts and Recreation Complex committee member, said his group is working to reverse a township Board of Trustees decision that put a nearly three-year moratorium on any "authority"-type agreements with the city of Plymouth and is also reviewing other options to include the township in what the group hopes would be a cultural, athletic and

community center shared by city and township residents.

The township board voted 4-3 on Jan. 14 to not enter an authority agreement with the city until at least Nov. 20, 2016. Treasurer Ron Edwards, who made the the motion, said he objected to having a community center in the city when township taxpayers, because of the township's greater size and land area, would pay a large majority of the taxes to support it.
PARC committee members

had intended any community center to be run by a city-township authority with taxing power, subject to voters' decision on a property tax to help support the center's construction and operation. Both city and Plymouth-Canton Community School District officials have weighed in in favor of the project.

At loggerheads

Soenen, calling the township vote "irresponsible and obstructionist," said PARC

supporters are not giving up. "It's unfortunate that the township has put us in this position," he wrote in an email. "We will do whatever is necessary to reach a responsible disposition of the Central Middle School site."

Edwards said he was acting responsibly by looking out for the interests of township taxpayers and that township officials are about to undertake a study of residents' recreation

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SCOUT PACK MARKS 60TH BY GIVING BACK



Scouts and leaders in Cub Scout Pack 293 sit for their annual pack photo. The pack at Bird Elementary marked its 60th anniversary – though it actually turned 61 last month – with a variety of service projects.

Bird Elementary group celebrates milestone

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Cub Scout Pack 293 celebrated its 60th birthday Tuesday by giving back to the community instead of only receiving gifts.
The pack of nearly 60 scouts, chartered at Bird

Elementary School in Plymouth Township for its entire history, undertook service projects to mark its anniversary, with each of its five dens doing at least one project.
Cubmaster Amy Richards said she was inspired by the Cub Scout Promise, which

includes a pledge to help other people.

"I just really wanted to put out the word that scouting does a lot of good for the boys and that it carries out into the community," Richards said after a Tuesday evening pack meeting and birthday party in the gymnasium at Bird.
One den collected new and used shoes for Soles 4

Souls, which provides shoes to needy people; another organized quilt-making (with a parent's sewing help) for Project Linus, which offers help to ill children; and another collected food for the emergency food pantry at the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps, among other projects. The entire pack

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Locals join call for Agema ouster

GOP committee member draws ire with comments

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Add Plymouth and Canton state legislators to the growing list of people calling for the resignation of Republican National Committee member Dave Agema.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, a Plymouth Township Republican representing the 20th District, and state Rep. Dian Slavens, a Canton Township Democrat in her third term representing the 21st District, both say the former state representative from Grandville should resign over controversial comments and postings made on Facebook.

They joined a burgeoning list of people calling for Agema to step down – or for the party to oust him – as the RNC prepared to meet this week in Washington.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, a Republican from Canton, couldn't be reached for comment.

Heise said he voted for Agema's opponent, Saul Azunis, in the 2012 vote that made Agema the committeeman. He said Agema's postings – comments that have been described as anti-gay, anti-Muslim and intolerant – make it

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Two face charges in vandalism of restrooms at The Gathering

Two teenagers face a preliminary hearing Friday in 35th District Court on felony charges in the November vandalism of three public restrooms at The Gathering in downtown Plymouth.

Kyle J. Strock of Plymouth and David Heidelberg of Plymouth Township, both 17, are charged with one count each of malicious destruction of property over \$1,000, but less than \$20,000. They were arrested earlier this month and formally charged Jan. 11; both are free on bond.

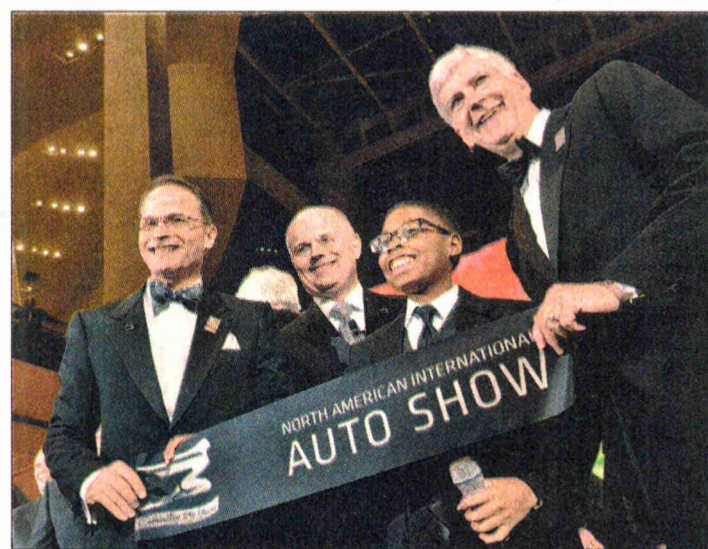
The vandalism of the men's room, the women's room and the family restroom at The Gathering was discovered on the morning of Nov. 25.

In the men's room, the door and frame to the toilet stall had been knocked down and a soap dispenser ripped from the wall, a police report said. In the family restroom, a soap dispenser had also been ripped from the wall, while in the women's room, toilet paper had been strewn about, the report said.

The incident prompted police to step up patrols in the area, which led to the December arrest of a suspect in a separate incident in which the men's room at The Gathering had been "tagged" with graffiti.

– By Matt Jachman

Wheels in motion at auto show



NAIAS vice chair Scott LaRiche (from left), chairman Bob Shuman, 12-year-old David Redmond (representing the kids of Detroit) and Gov. Rick Snyder, helped open the 2014 auto show. For more on the auto show charity preview, please turn to page A6.
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World War II hero leads MLK celebration

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson bravely flew fighter aircraft during World War II and spent time in a German prison camp after his plane was shot down defending freedom.

Yet this African-American pilot, one of the oldest surviving Tuskegee Airmen at age 92, was hardly treated like a hero when he returned to the United States, a country gripped by racism.

Black soldiers and their white counterparts had to form different lines as they touched U.S. soil. Back in Detroit, Jefferson said he couldn't ride the Boblo boat. He couldn't choose where he wanted a meal.

"There were restaurants in downtown Detroit I could not eat in," Jefferson told a crowd Monday night in Canton that packed the 400-seat Village Theater at Cherry Hill for a rousing celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy.

Jefferson, a highly educated hero who taught school and penned his war memo-

ries in *Red Tail Captured, Red Tail Free: Memoirs of a Tuskegee Airman and POW*, said struggles for equality continue — long after King was gunned down April 4, 1968, outside a Memphis motel.

Jefferson gave a chilling account of war as he recalled being near Nazi camps "where they were burning bodies. I'll never get over the smell of burning human flesh."

Though it might seem surprising, Jefferson said he was mostly treated "as an officer and a gentleman" while he was captive.

Back home, his parents grieved because they had been mistakenly told he had been killed in action.

Canton's youth wowed the audience with music and dance. Alicia Dent aced *The Star-Spangled Banner* and a piano solo of *Precious Lord*. Singer and tap dancer Kelsey Rose, accompanied by guitarist Rick Young, performed *Up to the Mountain*.

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Cubmaster Amy Richards illustrates the significance of Pack 293's anniversary for scouts by talking about some of the historical events that occurred around the time the pack was founded.

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collected pairs of new socks to be distributed by Northville Civic Concern.

Future leaders

"I'm proud of you guys," Richards told the scouts Tuesday as the projects were discussed. "Look at all the good work we've done."

Local officials, Boy Scouts of America officials and representatives of some of the organizations the pack assisted were on hand Tuesday to thank them and congratulate them on the anniversary.

"You guys have taken a step toward becoming leaders in the community and it's no small step," said Oliver Wolcott, a Plymouth City Commission member.

Richards brought context to the amount of time the pack's been in existence by reaching back to 1952 in history (the pack was chartered in December of that year, but Richards didn't find that out until recently):



Jordan Fehlig, 8, is a third-year Cub Scout in the Bear den with Pack 293. He received several honors Tuesday night.

scouting, adding he likes service projects best.

"Sixty years is really a lot to me," he said. Jordan said he plans to stay in scouting through the Boy Scout level and one day wants to become an adult scout leader.

Community commitment

Chad Curry, leader of Pack 293's senior Webelos den, said the pack's longevity is a testament to the importance of scouting in the community. Mark Price, an executive with the BSA's Michigan Crossroads Council, said three out of 10 boys in the Plymouth area are in scouting, a high proportion compared to other communities.

"We have a lot of parent volunteers who have been great," Curry said. Curry was also a Cub Scout as a boy. "I remember how much fun I had. It's just about generations carrying on the traditions and the value," he said.

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Church hosts annual coat drive

Maureen Hassien knows her late husband Bud wouldn't hesitate to strip off his own coat for someone else who needed it.

That's why Hassien is happy to be one of the folks leading the charge for the annual St. Thomas a Becket coat drive, dubbed "Be a Buddy Coat Drive," that will help fill a need church officials say "is still great" for coats.

This year's drive runs through Sunday, Jan. 26, and benefits a variety of church and other outreach organizations.

"It's a great thing," said Hassien, who lost her husband in September 2006. "We've gotten a lot of requests again this year."

It's the seventh year for the drive, named for friend of the church and former parishioner Bud Haissen. Organizers decided to remember Bud in this way because, as his wife said, "Bud would have given the coat off his own back."

Over the last six years, volunteers have collected more than 14,000 coats, Hassien said. The church donated more than 2,000 coats in last year's coat drive and has had more than 2,000 requests this year.

In addition to coats, the church will also be

accepting clean used gloves, mittens and scarves. Many will be needed. Donors are asked to put mittens and gloves in a plastic bag so they do not get separated.

Like last year, the church will also be purchasing new coats with monetary donations. Last year, new coats were purchased for babies, children and adults at a discount, because retail sales are often great in late January.

Church officials said they'd "be thrilled to accept" any monetary donations. Checks need to be made out to St. Thomas a Becket.

Coat drive officials will take everything from baby buntings, snow suits, hoodies, children's, teen's and adult coats and jackets.

Coats are distributed first to those in need in the St. Thomas a Becket parish. Coats also go to organizations such as the Wayne County Homeless Shelter, Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center (to dress women for job interviews), Wayne Family Resource Center, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and others.

Donations, both clothing and money, can be dropped off at the church, located at 555 S. Lilley in Canton.

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clear he "doesn't represent me and they don't represent the party."

"I think he needs to step down ... it's time," Heise said of Agema. "I worked with (Agema) as a state representative but, unfortunately, I have to ask him to do the right thing and step

down."

The list of Republicans urging Agema to resign is getting longer and louder. U.S. Rep. Candice Miller, R-Harrison Township, issued a press release Tuesday calling for Agema to resign. U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, offered the same sentiment.

Earlier this week, published reports showed Betsy DeVos,

former state party chairwoman and the wife of former gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos, issuing a strong rebuke of Agema.

While she's obviously not involved directly, Slavens agreed it was time for Agema to go, calling the controversy a distraction.

"He needs to step down ... based on (statements of) ignorance, bigotry ... it's ridiculous

he's a leader in the Republican Party," Slavens said. "We need to focus on moving Michigan forward, bringing more jobs to the state and making sure education is funded. I applaud the Republicans who've stepped up and called for him to resign."

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PARC

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wants, with a view toward possible improvements and additions to township-owned recreation facilities.

Meanwhile, PARC supporters have scheduled a meeting for 7 p.m. Monday at the Penn Theatre for an update on

where the movement stands. The meeting was scheduled prior to last week's vote in the township.

PARC claims the support of about two dozen community and athletic groups, including the Plymouth Community Band, the Plymouth Community Arts Council, the Miracle League of Plymouth and several youth athletic organiza-

tions. Many of those organizations already use facilities at Central.

The PARC plan, at an estimated cost of \$26 million, would preserve the core part of Central — the old Plymouth High School, dating from the 1920s — and, with remodeling and additions, turn the 18-acre property into a community center with meeting space, an audi-

torium, a new swimming pool, a fitness center, a gymnasium, art studios, athletic fields and more.

The school district is planning to close Central after the 2014-15 school year, once a new middle school is built in Canton Township.

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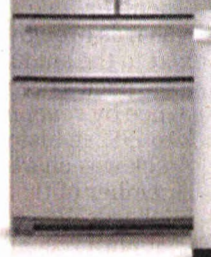
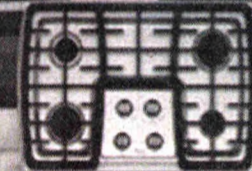
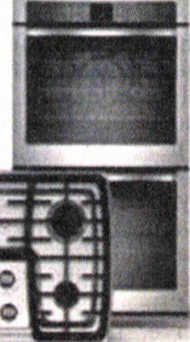
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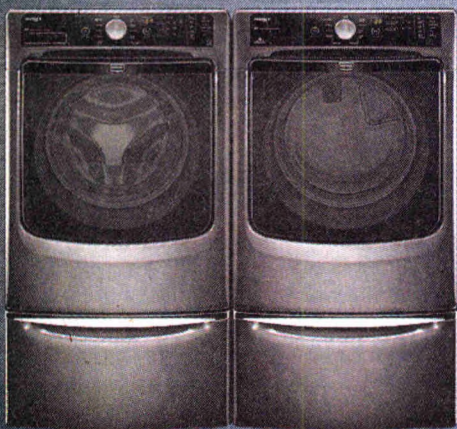
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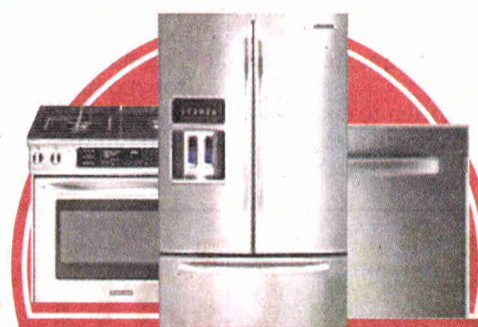


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Canton man faces charges in carjacking case at Meijer

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Meijer store at Eight Mile and Haggerty in Northville was the scene of a scary situation last week, when a Canton Township man allegedly used a gun to rob two men in a harrowing carjacking incident.

According to the Northville Township Police, the incident took place at approximately 9:30 p.m. Jan. 15 at the store, 20401 Haggerty Road.

A suspect, 20-year-old Muhamed Turkovic of Canton Township, was later arrested in connection with the incident on multiple charges.

The investigation that led to the arrest was a cooperative effort between Northville Township, Oakland County and Canton Township.

Police say two Farmington Hills men were robbed at gunpoint by another man after they exited the Meijer store and were getting into their

vehicle. They were then forced to drive to a nearby ATM and withdraw money. They say the man also stole additional property from the victims.

"The suspect made the victims get out of the vehicle and he drove away in it," Northville Township Lt. Mike Wildt said.



Turkovic

The vehicle was later recovered in a nearby community, though police were not specific.

Northville Township got a lead after spotting a "Be on the Lookout" issued by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. It stated a suspicious person that fit the Northville description was identified in an incident at the Walmart in Milford.

Police arrested Turkovic in Canton Township after another incident at the Walmart there, but this time he was taken into custody. Wildt said they in-

terviewed him while he was in Canton and they were able to tie him to the Meijer crimes.

Turkovic is charged with one count of carjacking (felony, up to life in prison), two counts of armed robbery (felony, up to life in prison) and two counts of unlawful imprisonment (15-year felony) and one count of stealing of a financial transaction device (four-year felony).

"This is a case of good work and cooperation between us, Oakland County and Canton," Wildt said.

Turkovic was arraigned Monday in 34th District Court in Romulus and is being held on a \$1 million bond in the Wayne County Jail. Because of the MLK holiday, the hearing went to the Romulus court, which was open on the holiday.

The preliminary examination is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31, in the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Parking lot sex

Canton police issued citations to a man and woman for disorderly and obscene conduct after finding them having sex in a red Honda in the parking lot of the Marathon gas station on Michigan Avenue near Haggerty Road, a police report said.

Police received a call shortly before 12:30 a.m. Monday after others noticed the couple - a Brownstown woman and a Canton man, both 21 - inside a parked car that was idling with the windows fogged up.

A police officer approached the driver's side of the car and spotted the man with his pants partially pulled down while he was being groped by the woman, police said. The front passenger seat was described as being in a reclined position.

The woman tried to cover the man's genitals with a pillow, the report said, before he pulled up his pants and was ordered out of the vehicle by authorities. He told police his pants were unbuttoned because he had a stomach ache, police said.

Police issued citations for the pair to appear in 35th District Court and released them at the scene.

Drug paraphernalia

Police arrested a 51-year-old Romulus man for possession of drug paraphernalia after finding items commonly used to smoke crack cocaine, a police report said.

The incident unfolded after police noticed a defective brake light and stopped a Ford Taurus near Canton Center and Palmer roads shortly before 11:30 a.m. Monday. A 20-year-old Westland woman was driving and was accompanied by her boyfriend, 21, of Inkster, and the man who was arrested.

Police found items in the back seat where the 51-year-old man had been sitting. Police recovered a clear glass stem, a burnt scouring pad, metal wire hangers and roll-

ing papers, the police report said. The female driver denied she and her boyfriend had any knowledge of the items, though she did admit to police that her boyfriend had recently served time behind bars on drug-related charges.

As the incident unfolded, police were told the woman's boyfriend had met the other man the day before at an Inkster motel. When stopped by police, the suspects said they were on their way to cash in a gift card.

The 51-year-old man who was arrested told police he had smoked crack cocaine the day before, but said the paraphernalia didn't belong to him. However, some of the items were found on him during a search, the police report said.

Work site theft

A contractor working on a construction site on Michigan Avenue west of Lilley notified police after items such as safety rails and cages were stolen sometime prior to Sunday morning, a police report said.

A 54-year-old man who reported the theft told police there had been no work done at the site for nearly a month due to winter weather, but when he returned the items were missing.

The man told police he intended to check with scrap yards to see if the items may have been sold for scrap. He also planned to notify the insurance company.

Duffel bag swiped

A 14-year-old male told police his duffel bag containing his cellphone and miscellaneous clothing was stolen while he was at Summit on the Park, a police report said. The teen reported the incident Saturday evening.

He said he arrived at the Summit around 2:15 p.m. and learned his duffel bag had been stolen about three hours later.

- By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Parts theft

A 20-year-old Southfield man was arrested Jan. 14 in the theft of nearly \$250 worth of plumbing components from the Home Depot at Five Mile and Beck.

The incident occurred shortly after 11 a.m., a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. Police were called after a store security worker witnessed a man walk through the plumbing aisle, conceal items in his coat and leave the store without paying for them, the report said. The employee confronted the man outside and \$247.36 worth of parts were found in the liner of his coat, police said.

The suspect admitted the theft, police said, saying that

he shoplifts to support a heroin addiction. He said he sells stolen items to a Downriver contractor.

Makeup theft

A 65-year-old Northville Township woman was arrested Jan. 15 in the theft of makeup from the Kmart store on Ann Arbor Road.

The incident occurred shortly before 2 p.m., a police report said. A store security worker told police he had seen the woman, via a security camera, conceal cosmetics in her purse and leave the store, the report said.

He confronted her outside and police were called.

Tire-slashing

All four tires on a Chevrolet Impala were slashed the night

of Jan. 14 as the car sat in the parking lot of an apartment complex in the area of Ann Arbor Trail and I-275.

A responding officer noted a cut of about one inch to each of the tires after the car's owner discovered the vandalism around 10 a.m. Jan. 15, a police report said.

Light gone

The left taillight was reported stolen Jan. 15 from a Jeep Cherokee parked in the driveway of a house on Barrington Road, in the area of Joy and Canton Center roads. The entire assembly, including the wiring, was gone, police said.

The complainant told police the Jeep had last been seen intact at about 2 p.m. Jan. 14.

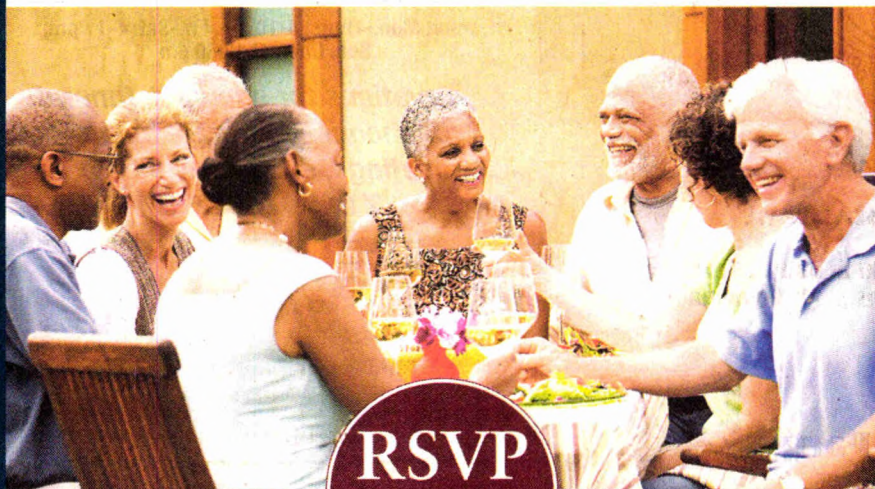
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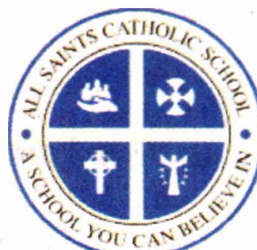
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Interfaith Family Movie Night

Date/Time: Friday, Jan. 24, 6:30 p.m.
Location: Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5834 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Geneva Presbyterian hosts an Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Group Family Movie Night for all ages, featuring the film *Live Above All* (PG-14). Discussion and conversation will follow. Cartoons and games for elementary-school ages.
Contact: RSVP or ask questions via email at plymouthcantonico@yahoo.com

Colbeck hours

Date/Time: Monday, Jan. 27, 10-11 a.m.
Location: September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township
Details: State Sen. Patrick Colbeck and his district manager, Penny Crider, host a district office hour. Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. This will be an opportunity for local residents to meet with Colbeck to address issues related to state government. No appointment is necessary.
Contact: For more information or to contact Colbeck, visit www.senatorpatrickcolbeck.com or call 734-335-0673.

St. Michael open house

Date/Time: Monday, Jan. 27, 6-8 p.m.
Location: St. Michael School, 3003 Hannan (at Hix), Wayne
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Date/Time: Saturday, March 8, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Canton High School cafeteria, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, Canton
Details: The Project Graduation vendor fair will feature a variety of vendors to address all graduation party needs, including tents, inflatables, photo booths, caterers, bakeries and more. There will also be a variety of vendors available for visitors to shop, including Tastefully Simple, Tupperware, Cookie Lee Jewelry, Scentsy Fragrance Warmers, Mary Kay, Velata Chocolate Warmers and more. Proceeds will benefit the Senior All-Night Party. Admission is free.

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:

» Friday, Jan. 24, 1:30-7:15 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
 » Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2:30-8:15 p.m., West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth
Contact: Donors can call Diane Risko at 313-549-7052 or email Diane.Risko@redcross.org to set up an appointment.

A conversation with ...

... a Plymouth coffee aficionado

In not quite three years in business, Plymouth's Espresso Elevado has built a devoted following with meticulously prepared coffees and specialty drinks, an eclectic, outgoing staff and on-site custom roasting. Owner Teresa Pilarz said the coffee-house lets her pour (her word) many interests - culinary arts, creativity, customer service and even Spanish (spoken in many coffee-growing countries) - into one business.

Pilarz sat down with the *Observer* over a couple of recent afternoons, as customers sought coffee and refuge against a grim chill, to talk about her 20-year love for fine coffee. She also studied Spanish for about 20 years, winding up with a master's degree and teaching it at the college level, while the shop's name suggests an "elevated" coffee experience, so we'll call her a coffee aficionado.

Observer: Fair to say you're passionate about coffee?

Teresa: Absolutely! To what do you date the passion for coffee?

First coffee job, early '90s. Drifted in and out of coffee and kept learning more about it. Eventually taught myself to roast and that was in, like, 2008. I started at roasting at home, worked for a roaster for a short time and at that point I was convinced I needed to be in coffee. ... The amount of things we don't know about coffee - there're constant learning opportunities. I figured it was something I could grow into for the rest of my life.

You've compared coffee to wine in terms of its complexity, its different flavors or "notes."

Coffee is actually more complex than wine in terms of the number of volatile compounds in it. ... Roasting throws in a whole new set of variables. ... Fruits, nuts, chocolate, floral, citrus.



Teresa Pilarz at Espresso Elevado, where both the coffee and the water that goes into it are meticulously measured for each cup.

Flavor notes, yeah. ... How it's roasted helps bring out or mute a lot of those flavors.

Have you traveled to coffee plantations?

I've been to a couple. I've been to Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic and seen coffee in origin in those places.

You have employees here with a variety of interests. I often hear them talking about the different things they're doing.

Well-rounded. I want to hire people that are smart. You hire people smarter than you, that's even better. ... We've got two musicians, we've got an artist on the staff. ... we've got quite a variety here. It keeps it interesting. Then everybody's got some unique contribution.

Have you long wanted to own your own business?

For a long time. ... Having my own business would be a way I

could express everything I'm interested in. ... And, let's face it, there are control issues.

Tell me about some of the odd things that have happened while running the shop.

A guy came in looking for his teeth.

Had he been drinking coffee in here?

He was drinking something - no, he wasn't drinking coffee.

You have a lot of regulars here.

We have a good, solid base of wonderful customers. ... I think a lot of 'em come because they truly like to interact with the staff.

What do you do besides coffee and business? Movies? Books? Planting a garden? Travel?

I hate gardening. I'm not good with plants. I should be because I'm a Virgo and that is technically that is an earth sign. ... We go out to eat.

What are your favor-

ite places?

Probably a draw between Tiramisu and Alexander's - and Cellar 849.

Coffee and books go together. What do you like to read?

Non-fiction. Business books. Right now the books on Steve Jobs.

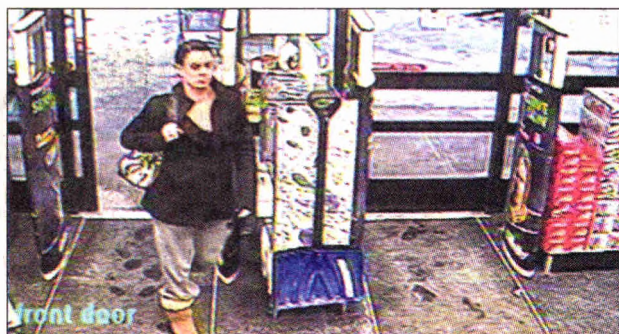
How much coffee do you drink in a day and how do you take it?

Depends on the day. I don't really drink an excessive amount. Today, I had a cappuccino and I cupped (tasted) some coffees, so I so had some that way.

Do you need it to get your day started?

Yeah. (Laughs.) I'll feel like my day is not complete. ... I'd feel so sad.

Know anyone in the Plymouths or Canton who'd make a good candidate for "A conversation with ...?" Email suggestions to mjachsman@hometownlife.com.



Canton police are seeking help identifying this woman in connection with the possible use of a stolen credit card at the Walgreens at Ford and Sheldon.

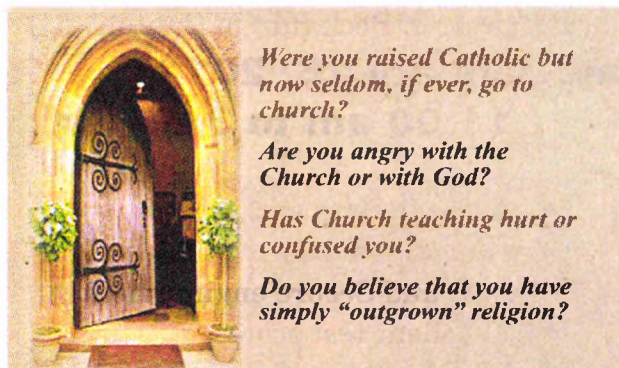
Police seek help in identifying suspect in credit card theft

The Canton Police Department is asking for assistance with identifying a woman believed to have used a stolen credit card Christmas Day at the Canton Walgreens store.

The woman's image was captured by the store's surveillance system. She is believed to have used the stolen card

to make two purchases at the Walgreens store at Ford and Sheldon around 4 p.m. Police believe the woman may reside in the Canton area.

Anyone who might recognize the woman or who has information about the incident is being asked to call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.



Were you raised Catholic but now seldom, if ever, go to church?

Are you angry with the Church or with God?

Has Church teaching hurt or confused you?

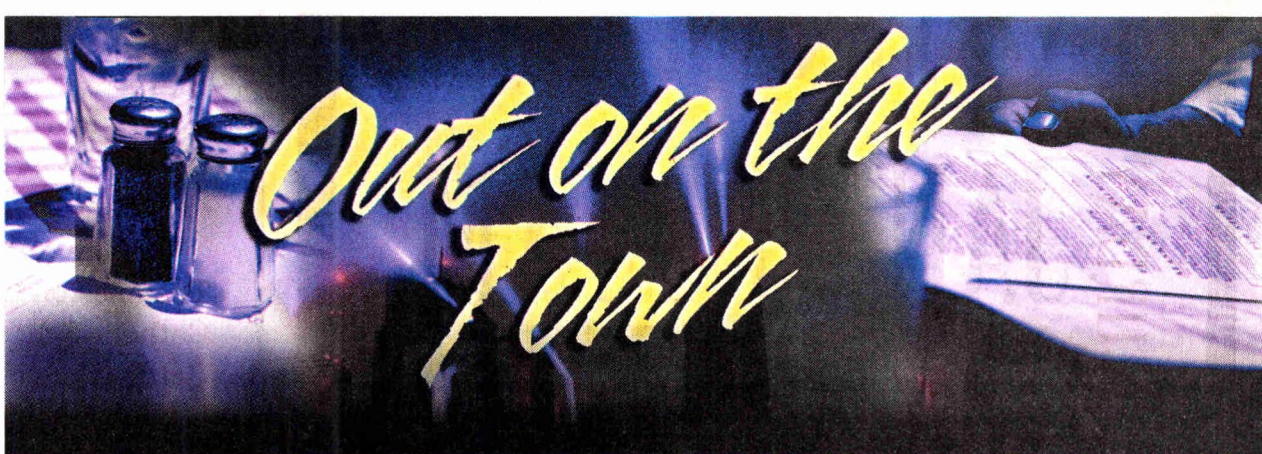
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Tom and Yvette Dixon of Plymouth, Bob and Pam MacKenzie of Plymouth, Rich and Beth Turner of Northville, Mark and Anne Houska of Plymouth, and Tom and Debbie Meredith of Northville, enjoying the Charity Preview. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GLITZ, GLAMOUR AT AUTO SHOW GALA

The indomitable spirit of Detroit is alive and well. Just ask the nearly 13,800 people who attended the North American International Auto Show Charity Preview last Friday.

NAIAS reported \$4.8 million was raised for nine children's charities during an evening of glamour and elegance. This year's event raised nearly \$1 million more than 2013 - and the highest amount raised since 2008.

"The evening was absolutely electric," NAIAS chairman Bob Shuman said.

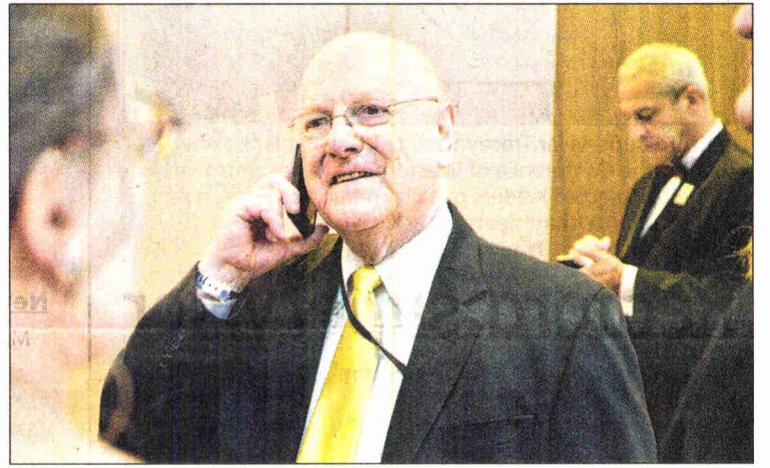
Charities benefiting from the event include Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Boys and Girls Hope Detroit, The Children's Center, The Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, The Detroit Auto Dealers Association Charitable Foundation Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Detroit Institute of Children, Judson Center, March of Dimes Metro Detroit and Detroit PAL.

The black tie crowd enjoyed 4,400 bottles of champagne, 1,000 pounds of beef, 20,000 bottles of wine, 35,000 bottles of beer from the Detroit Beer Co., 1,200 pounds of shrimp and more.

The show is now open to the public through Sunday, Jan. 26.



Philip and Celisa Jackson are from Belleville. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Carl Berry, security chief for the NAIAS, works the Charity Preview. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



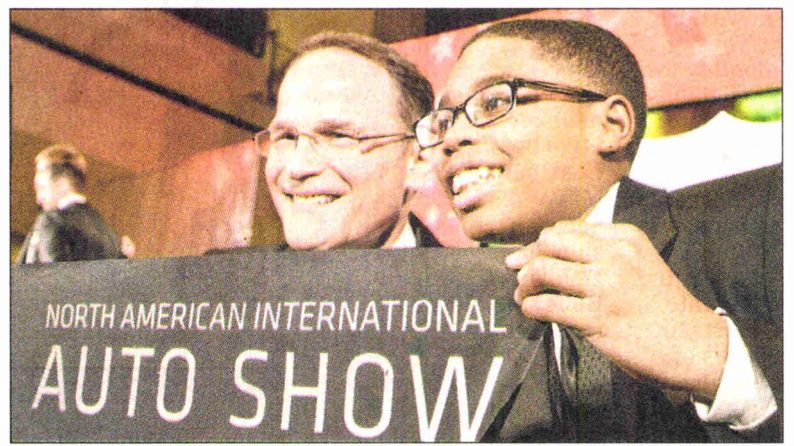
Barbara Moskwa of Canton poses with United States Sen. Carl Levin. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



NAIAS Vice Chairman Scott LaRiche and brother Bob LaRiche, acting like brothers. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



General Motors CEO Mary Barra and Ford CEO Alan Mulally, onstage for the opening of the auto show. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



NAIAS Vice Chair Scott LaRiche and 12-year-old David Redmond, representing the kids of Detroit, opening the auto show. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



West Bloomfield residents (from left) Sally and James Scapa, CEO and co-founder of Altair; and Farmington Hills residents Diane and Howard Morof, CFO of Altair pause for a photograph at Friday's gala. JULIE YOLLES

Purple Heart recipient 'blessed to be here'

By Valerie Olander
Correspondent

When the government envelope arrived in Dan O'Connor's Redford mailbox, the Iraq War veteran thought it was just another form to fill out after retiring two years ago from the U.S. Army.

Inside, he found his Purple Heart certificate for wounds suffered in combat during his second tour in Iraq. Once the medal arrives, a pinning ceremony will be held with an adjunct general in Lansing.

O'Connor, 37, suffered a traumatic brain injury from a suicide bomber's attack Jan. 20, 2009. Five other soldiers were injured and four Iraqi civilians were killed that day. He still suffers from headaches and a hearing loss in his left ear.

"I'm just blessed to be here, home with my kids and going to school (at Schoolcraft College). I'm starting a new chapter in my life," he said.

As a sergeant with the 4th Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery Regiment, O'Connor was in charge of a security patrol in Baghdad, where his captain and other coalition forces were meeting with

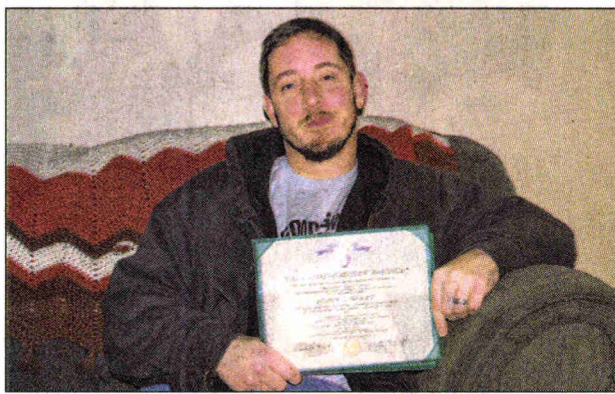
Iraqi officials.

He was in charge of eight soldiers in four Humvees lined up along a street near an office building where the meeting was taking place. A second security patrol from his unit was parked there, too.

O'Connor remembers checking on his men and returning to his Humvee. Just as he shut the Humvee door, a blast rocked the street. A suicide bomber in a car detonated 200 pounds of explosives.

His memory is patchy. O'Connor remembers hearing one of his gunners yelling for him and then making the initial radio contact to report the explosion. In the seconds that followed, his patrol assessed the area to make sure no other threats existed. The injured were rushed to the Green Zone hospital. Three soldiers suffered shrapnel wounds. Two gunners from O'Connor's patrol, Spec. Dixon Daggi and Pvt. Dustin Dill, suffered concussions.

It was outside the hospital where troops were gathered waiting for news on the injured when his section leader noticed O'Connor was



Dan O'Connor holds up his Purple Heart certificate. A pinning ceremony will be held with an adjunct general in Lansing once the medal arrives.

having issues with his depth perception. After an MRI, he was admitted to the hospital for a concussion.

"I don't remember much. I woke up in a hospital bed next to Dill and Daggi wondering what had happened," he said.

He spent two days in the hospital and returned to his base, where he recuperated for one more day before returning to duty.

"It's a very surreal experience. We lost so many men and sometimes I wonder how I made it back alive. I have 11 friends who were not so lucky during two tours in Iraq," he said.

The worst day was Jan. 5, 2006. This was shortly after arriving in southern Iraq during his first combat tour. Five men from his unit were killed from an improvised explosive device during a convoy opera-

tion in An Najaf. The anniversary haunts him and he memorializes the men, keeping in contact with their family members and his Army friends.

A 1994 graduate of Redford Union High School, O'Connor worked at the Kmart distribution center on Joy and Haggerty for 10 years. When it closed, he found temporary work, including a seasonal job with Wayne County Parks, but nothing permanent. That's when he decided to join the Army in 2005, knowing two wars were raging in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I remember telling the recruiter I didn't want to go until after St. Patrick's Day so I could have my last hurrah with friends. I was at Duffy's (a bar where his future wife Susie was working)," he said.

The two knew each other, but didn't start dating until after he returned stateside in 2009. He was stationed at Fort

Carson in Colorado for two more years.

After retiring in 2011, he found the job climate in the Detroit area no better than it was when he enlisted in the Army. Last semester, he began taking classes at Schoolcraft College using his Veterans Administration benefits. Once completing the prerequisite courses, he will transfer to Eastern Michigan University to get a teaching degree.

In the meantime, the stay-at-home dad is busy with his 9-year-old stepdaughter Mya and his 20-month-old daughter Lilly, a busy little girl, who can snatch a reporter's unattended notebook within seconds. His wife Susie is a nurse at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

"I'm lucky to be here with my girls. Chasing (Lilly) helps me to not dwell on it. She's really my therapy," he said, tossing the giggling Lilly skyward.



Redford Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz is the new chair of the Conference of Western Wayne, a consortium of the top elected leaders of 18 communities in western Wayne County that meets monthly to discuss topics affecting western Wayne.

Redford supervisor to lead CWW, Eight Mile group

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

Area's needs

Redford Township Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz was recently named chair of the Conference of Western Wayne and re-elected chair of the Eight Mile Boulevard Association.

"This is just an incredible honor to have the support of 18 elected officials," Kobylarz said of her recent election to chair of the Conference of Western Wayne, a consortium of the top elected leaders of 18 communities in western Wayne County. The group meets monthly to discuss topics affecting western Wayne.

Kobylarz joined the CWW five years ago and served as vice chair last year. Her term as chair is for one year.

As the members of the conference collaborate on legislative efforts to help meet the needs of western Wayne County, Kobylarz said she hopes to create "an open and welcoming environment that policy makers, elected officials and their representatives and residents are eager to be a part of."

She also hopes to lead the conference to be "more visible and involved in encouraging legislators as they may consider local needs that may be contrary to state initiatives."

Last year, the CWW joined with some chambers of commerce in western Wayne County to promote and further the area's needs in light of the recent financial and political troubles in Wayne County government.

"We are considering new partnerships with local chambers and regional economic development specialists," she said of plans to further promote the region this year.

Other areas the CWW is involved with are: CWW Mutual Aid Association, 9-1-1 collection and distribution of fees, Fire Chiefs and Police Chiefs Association, auto theft task force and funding for Growth Works and JJ Diversion efforts.

Kobylarz takes over for Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, who is now chairperson emeritus. Other members of the executive board are Vice Chairperson Dearborn Mayor Jack O'Reilly, Secretary Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and Treasurer Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley.

As far as the Eight Mile Boulevard Association, a group representing the municipalities that border both sides of Eight Mile Road, Kobylarz has been chair for two years and joined the group in 2008.

The Eight Mile Boulevard Association was established in 1993 by 13 communities and three counties along Eight Mile Road, with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and Detroit Economic Growth Corp. to revitalize Eight Mile Road.

She has served on the 8MBA board since 2008 and has been chair for two years

"I am most proud of the funding and grants efforts, as well as beautification programs along the corridor," Kobylarz said.

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Gus Kanakis (right) and his son Peter have recently opened the Detroit Ham and Corned Beef Co. restaurant at Five Mile and Beck. The menu includes the classic corned beef sandwich. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bringing a slice of Detroit to the suburbs

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

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"My father and grandfather both were in the restaurant business, so it's something we know a lot about," said Gus, a Northville resident who previously owned the former Steak Hut that was located on West Lafayette Boulevard in Detroit. "It's been good to see my son take up the tradition. This is all his

idea."

From local legends like Sy Ginsberg Corned Beef and Dearborn Ham to genuine Detroit classics like Better Made potato chips and Faygo, Peter said they take pride in serving the best our area has to offer, while supporting the local economy.

They opened their doors several weeks ago. "We want to bring a piece of Detroit to the suburbs," he said. "We have authentic local food options that you won't find at a chain location."

All of their meats are

cooked in-house and soups are made from scratch because Peter said they know it just tastes better that way.

His father said they use nothing but fresh quality ingredients, prepared and served the same day.

To learn more about this new diner or see the rest of its menu, go to www.detroitamand-cornedbeef.com or stop by and see for yourselves the Detroit feel the Kanakis' are bringing to the suburbs.

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Credit union program helps spread the warmth

Community Financial Credit Union celebrates another successful season of the Warming Hearts & Homes charitable campaign.

Through Warming Hearts and Homes, Community Financial chose several nonprofit organizations to receive a donation with the help of its social media fans. For December 2013, The Heat and Warmth Fund, local food pantries and The Salvation Army Coats for Kids Program each received a portion of \$30,000 that was earmarked for Warming Hearts and Homes.

Community Financial chose nonprofit organizations that make a difference in children's lives across Michigan.

THAW helps more than 20,000 children in

their efforts to provide energy assistance to low-income families throughout Michigan. Funds received by THAW help Michigan families keep their utilities on. The Salvation Army Coats for Kids Program has provided warm coats to children in need for 31 years in eastern Michigan. Other donations from Warming Hearts and Homes went directly to food pantries around southeast Michigan, feeding those who need assistance during the winter months.

CFCU officials point out that surveys from Michigan residents illustrate that over recent years, the number of people forced to choose between paying for food and utilities has

increased.

When families have to make decisions between paying for food and heat, the ability to purchase a warm coat just isn't there, officials said.

With an exceptionally chilly 2013-14 winter season, Community Financial wanted to help eliminate the choice for families across Michigan and make sure all three causes received well-deserved donations.

"Michigan winters are rough, so the thought of children not having the outerwear they need is heartbreaking," team member Denise Busby said. "I'm glad to work for an organization that sees a need and does something about it."

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Kickoff breakfast

Chamber Chairman Mark Evenson, CU Solutions Group, and the board of directors invite chamber members to attend the annual Chamber Kick-off Breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at The Inn at St. John's.

Chamber officials will present their 2014 plan for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. Officials said they're "working on new dynamic ways we can serve our members and better promote the area to attract residents, businesses and visitors."

The board of directors will be introduced, upcoming events will be highlighted and members will have the opportunity to volunteer. Participants will be able to visit exhibit stations to learn more about the chamber's initiatives and committees. There will also be the opportunity to join committees and volunteer to help with chamber events.

Last year the breakfast attracted 140 members, making it one of the best networking opportunities of the year. The cost to attend this event is just \$5. Reservations must be made by Friday, Jan. 24. Cancellations must be received 48 hours prior to the event, since the chamber is liable for all meals.

To register, email teri@plymouthmich.org or call 734-453-1540.

Business workshop

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a business development workshop designed to teach participants the latest techniques for an effective and profitable website.



Joy Fitness Studio recently celebrated its grand opening in a new location at 43367 Joy Road in Canton. Lauri Martineau, owner, is cutting the ribbon. The event boasted a great turnout of staff, members and other community support. Joy Fitness Studio is a women-only center that provides classes, cardio and weight equipment with 24-hour access for members.

The workshop takes place 8:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, in the meeting room at the chamber office on Ann Arbor Trail.

The presenter is Jani Hayden of hibu, who will share information on what makes people use a website and how to keep them coming back. She will provide tips at this workshop that owners can take back and implement immediately on their websites.

There is no cost to attend. To RSVP, email teri@plymouthmich.org or call 734-453-1540.

X-Treme Networking

The Canton chamber is teaming up with the Detroit Red Wings for a new X-Treme Networking Event for the team's Feb. 3 game against the Vancouver Canucks.

Transportation to and from the game, refreshments on the bus and one ticket to the game cost \$65. Tickets are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The bus leaves the Canton chamber office, 45525 Hanford, at 6 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Bovitz CPA, P.C., and Twisted Rooster. For more information, call the chamber at

734-453-4040.

Speed networking

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a speed networking event 7:45-9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the Red Olive banquet room, 1051 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Cost is \$10. The event is designed as a fast-paced hour of networking with 40 to 50 other chamber members.

For more information or to register, email teri@plymouthmich.org or call 734-453-1540.

State of the Schools

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Chamber of Commerce partner with officials of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to host the State of the Schools luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Plymouth High School.

Cost is \$15, with all proceeds being used for Student Citizen Scholarships. Dr. Michael Meissen, Plymouth-Canton's superintendent, will address the latest developments in the school district.

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AAUW entertains children with 'Peter Pan'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

By Sharon Belobraidich's count, she's played Captain Hook at least nine times. The retired Plymouth-Canton teacher will reprise that role when the Plymouth-Canton AAUW's presents *Peter Pan* Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 6-8, at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium.

"I'm not sure what we'll do if she ever retires," said Helene Lusa of Livonia, who is directing the production with Mickey Edell of Canton.

This is the 54th year the chapter has presented live children's theater. Its first production was *Hansel and Gretel* and the group now has a repertoire of six to seven plays that it rotates and updates every few years. The organization takes classics like *Snow White*, *Peter Pan* and *Cinderella* and turns them into hour-long AAUW versions.

"We try to add something each time that makes it contemporary for adults and children," Edell said. "We have a couple of surprises planned for this year."

This year's version includes speaking lines for Tick-Tock the Crocodile, played by Sue Below of Garden City, and a musical addition the ladies say is sure to please the children. What it is, they aren't saying.

"We don't want to give away the surprise," Edell said.

Members started working on the production in October with tryouts and have been doing read-throughs in preparation for taking the stage at O'Leary Auditorium. Severe weather earlier this month postponed moving the play to O'Leary by a week, but rehearsals have gone on without a hitch and props will be in place next week.

'Good shape'

"I think we're in good shape," Lusa said. "This is an amazing group of women. They adjust to whatever parts are given to them to make them the best they can and make the play special. They really go all out for the kids."

"We have some very talented women in this group, but you don't have to be an actor, you need to be a ham and have a sense of humor," Edell added.

Lusa used to bring her



Captain Hook (Sharon Belobraidich of Plymouth) challenges her nemesis, Peter Pan (Becky Copenhaver of Canton) to a sword fight in the Plymouth-Canton AAUW's production of "Peter Pan."

'PETER PAN'

What: The 54th annual Plymouth-Canton AAUW's children's theater production of *Peter Pan*.

When: 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Feb. 6-7, and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. The Thursday evening and Saturday morning performances will be for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Scouts, families and friends are invited to experience a "behind-the-scenes" look at live theater by the drama students at Garden City High School at 6:15 p.m. Thursday and 10:15 a.m. Saturday, followed by the show.

Where: Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium, 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford, Garden City.

Tickets: Presale tickets cost \$5 and are available at www.aauw-pcmi.org. Tickets will be available at the door for \$6 each.

Contact: For more information, email the Plymouth-Canton AAUW at AAUW_PlymouthCanton@yahoo.co or call 734-716-1833.

children to see the plays before getting involved with the chapter in 1982-83. Her children are still coming to the shows with her grandchildren.

The same is true for Becky Copenhaver of Canton, who hooked up with the chapter after bringing her two children to see a play. She thought they were having so much fun that she tried to decide to try out. The show was *Peter Pan* and she was cast as Wendy. This time she is playing the lead role.

"It's fun this year to play opposite Sharon,"

she said. "I played Wendy a couple other times, Mrs. Darling and Mr. Smee. I love working with these ladies, they're so creative. They come up with things to do."

Two of the shows — Thursday evening and Saturday morning — are set aside for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, their families and friends. The scouts receive a 45-min-



Cast as the Lost Boys are Michelle Churchill (front row, left) and Sandra Iannucci of Plymouth, while the Pirates are Esther Nelson of Canton (top row, from left), Kathy Sharpe of Plymouth, Kathy Kish of Garden City and Dawn Parker of Canton.

ute presentation about live theater, the show and a fun patch.

"The scouts are really huge for us," Lusa said.

Fun patches

The chapter has been doing the scout program since 2008 and generally attracts 1,200 for the two

performances. The first year, they gave out a generic fun patch, but in 2009 for *Peter Pan*, Sandra Iannucci of Plymouth started to design them. This year's design is a cloud-shaped blue patch with Peter, Wendy, John and Michael flying over Big Ben, Tower Bridge

and St. Paul's Cathedral.

"I try to find patches that the Girl and Boy Scouts will like and that encompass the theme of the play," said Iannucci, who plays one of the Lost Boys in this year's show. "I want them to be something memorable for the kids."

Proceeds from the performances help fund scholarships for high school seniors, an important part of what the American Association of University Women does. According to Edell, the AAUW "has been empowering women as the premiere national women's organization" since 1881.

"The AAUW advocates for equality for all women and girls through education, research and philanthropy," she added. For more information about the play or about the Plymouth-Canton AAUW, visit www.aauw-pcmi.org.

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OUR VIEWS

Thank your school board members for all they do

Elected officials serve with little recognition

Being a school board member has got to be one of the most thankless jobs. Paid nominally, if at all, these elected officials put in countless hours of tedious work reviewing bids, contracts and other proposals so they can come to a consensus in making decisions in the best interest of the school district they represent.

Holding down day jobs to support their families – usually in fields unrelated to education – they meet in the evening to conduct school district business and sacrifice time they could be spending with their loved ones.

They attend musical concerts, athletic events, science fairs and school fundraisers to show their support at all of the buildings, not just the ones their children or grandchildren may attend.

Some spend hundreds or thousands of dollars of their money on political signs and/or literature to get elected. Once in office, many donate back to the school district they represent any pay they may get for attending meetings or pass up reimbursement for classes or conferences they attend in order to learn how to do their job better.

While serving, they face tough decisions such as which schools to close, which programs to cut, which services to privatize. No matter how they vote, they inevitably make a

group of people mad and are subjected to critical comments made publicly at meetings and in the press. It is impossible for them to please everyone with the difficult decisions they are elected to make.

Often, they have to set aside their personal preferences and vote for the greater good.

So then, why would anyone want to run for school board? Because they believe in public education, one of the cornerstones of American society. Their reward comes in June, when they get to hand out diplomas to another class of students, sending them off full of promise for the future.

Maybe that's why January is School Board Recognition Month, a time when communities across Michigan acknowledge the efforts of their local school board members. From June to June is a long time to go without any encouragement – especially for a mostly volunteer job that requires so much commitment.

Take the time to send an email or write a note or card to the members of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. Whether you agree with them or oppose them, theirs is a thankless task for which they put in tremendous time and effort.

Members of the P-CCS board are Judy Mardigian, president; Adrienne Davis, vice president; Kimberly Crouch, secretary, Mark Horvath, treasurer; and John Barrett, Mike Maloney and Sheila Paton, trustees. Their emails and addresses are available online at www.pccs.k12.mi.us.

Being a school board member is a tough job, but someone has to do it. Let's thank those who are willing to do it.



The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education includes (from left) Mark Horvath, Judy Mardigian, Sheila Paton, John Barrett, Adrienne Davis and Michael Maloney. Trustee Kimberly Crouch was appointed after this photo was taken.

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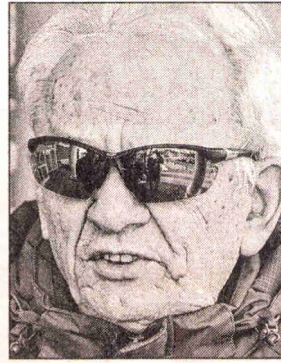
The I-96 freeway will close in Livonia and Redford for a few months, beginning in March, for rebuilding. Will this mess with your routine?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"It'll mess with my son's, because he drives up and down (I-)96 twice a day for his job on Inkster Road. ... I'm on 96 a lot. It'll impact us."

Maureen Armstrong
Plymouth



"Not really, but it still sucks. ... That's really going to suck going downtown."

Dennis Nygren
Plymouth



"Probably not."

Heather Mees
Plymouth



"Yes. I have a business and have an office in that corridor."

Dave Kozler
Plymouth Township

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Board priorities

What are the priorities of the Plymouth Township board? Are the majority of the members listening to residents? Not long ago, the board voted to close a fire station, citing lack of funds. Recently, without any "public" involvement or knowledge, a bond issue for \$2.2 million (of which \$1.9 million has been sold) was passed by the majority of the board for an unnecessary pavilion and amphitheater.

This is not "free" money. We the property owners will have to pay that money back with interest (that is a tax increase on us all). However, these facilities will be used by a very small fraction of township residents. Incidentally, the General Fund Budget is growing a deficit for

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the third year.

Out of the seven members of the board, right now, we hear only two members, Trustees Doroshewitz and Curmi, who are asking questions and speaking up for fiscal responsibility.

We want to publicly thank them. They do not have the majority voice on the board. If you want "your voice" to be heard,

attend board meetings, contact board members and write letters to this paper. For specific dates of board meetings (which are held at 7 p.m. each Tuesday in township hall), board members' phone numbers and email addresses, see the front of your new township calendar.

Larry and Diane Cooper
Plymouth Township

GUEST COLUMN

Snyder makes the case for his accomplishments

Gov. Rick Snyder likes to describe himself as "one tough nerd." He is also widely and accurately regarded as a numbers guy.

And his annual State of the State address was, indeed, true to type. There was none of the soaring rhetoric of his predecessor, Gov. Jennifer Granholm. Our governor would never win an oratory contest and I suspect he knows it.

Instead, what we got was a down-to-earth, wide-ranging list of topics, from campaign promises kept and initiatives accomplished to some forward-looking priorities. Snyder is clearly, if unofficially, running for a second term and the speech offered an advance look at what his re-election campaign will look like.

For me, the most interesting part of the speech had to do with his emphasis on how immigrants coming to Michigan can be an essential part of our state's economic development strategy.

To his credit, Snyder has been talking about welcoming immigrants ever since his first State of the State back in 2011.

This time, however, he called for creating a "Michigan Office for New Americans" to help educated, talented and ambitious immigrants, plus he urged federal approval for a visa program to help provide a path to citizenship for entrepreneurial immigrants who come with at least \$500,000 in capital to invest in new businesses.

Indeed, the metrics of what immigrants have done here are impressive – even to a numbers guy. From 1995 to 2005, one-quarter of all high-tech start-ups in the U.S. were founded by non-native born entrepreneurs, fully half of all such firms in Silicon Valley.

In Michigan, where only 6 percent of our population today is foreign-born, a radically disproportionate 32 percent of high-tech start-ups from 1990 to 2005 were founded by immigrants. In fact, nearly one-sixth of all businesses started in Michigan between 1996 and 2007 were launched by immigrants; in all, those 2,276 firms generated \$1.5 billion in one year alone.

Clearly, we need more of this. The Michigan Office for New



Phil Power

GUEST COLUMNIST

Americans idea follows past steps taken by the Snyder administration to encourage immigrant-driven economic success.

At Snyder's urging, the Michigan Economic Development Corp. has provided financial support for the Global Talent Retention Initiative of Michigan, a pioneering international student program. It's aimed at encouraging the best of the more than 25,000 foreign-born students at Michigan universities, many of them studying engineering and math, to stay after graduation.

The governor's administration has developed a series of online professional licensing guides designed to help new Americans through the thicket of regulations and requirements. Now, his Office for New Americans is a logical next step. Former state Rep. Steve Tobocman, D-Detroit, is a bright guy who started Global Detroit and has been a consistent and effective advocate for immigrants as drivers of Michigan's economy.

Tobocman says the new office "sends a signal that Gov. Snyder is serious, that he is committed to making our state welcoming and that the complexities of the field ... require full-time attention and coordination."

Complexities are right. One example: Michigan has filed an application to be designated an EB-5 visa application center, something that would allow the state to reach out to prospective investor immigrants. Makes plenty of sense, yes? True – but bizarrely, the feds have placed management of the program in the Department of Homeland Security, not the Department of Commerce. Unraveling that bureaucratic snafu is bound to take some of the governor's attention.

The solution of Michigan's most pressing problem – how to remake Detroit into an economic engine rather than a sinkhole – has much to do with immigration

policy. One of the key priorities for a revitalized Detroit is increasing the number of residents and it's plain that international immigration is the only population growth strategy that has worked in any significant way in years.

The growing Hispanic community in southwest Detroit, the Middle Eastern one in Dearborn and multi-ethnic Hamtramck are all envied by struggling neighborhoods throughout Michigan.

Back in 2011, Tobocman told me "nothing is more powerful to remaking Detroit as a center of innovation, entrepreneurship and population growth than embracing and increasing immigrant populations and the entrepreneurial culture and global connections they bring." I suspect Snyder has heard that message.

And looking through his State of the State speech gives the impression he has been listening to other far-sighted folks, as well. The governor wants another \$65 million in support for a state-run free pre-K program for poor and vulnerable 4-year-olds. He wants to explore the idea of year-round schools, where kids don't forget much of last year's learning over a long summer vacation. And he wants the Legislature to finish a new teacher evaluation system.

Two weeks ago, I went after the governor for signing a bill that perpetuates the disgraceful amount of secret "dark money" sloshing into Michigan political campaigns. That was a bad decision.

But there's much to admire in Rick Snyder's State of the State speech. We have no idea yet how the campaign for governor will unfold over the next nine months. But the markers Snyder laid down last week offer a powerful case for what he's done as a nerdy numbers guy who happens to be our governor.

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Estate planning: Review your beneficiaries to avoid hassles

At a recent library talk that I gave, a man shared a story about the problems he had with his brother's estate. His brother, who was divorced, left everything in his will to him. Unfortunately, the deceased brother failed to change his beneficiary on his IRA and 401(k) plan and the ex-wife was still the beneficiary. His brother also was never named secondary beneficiaries.

The man eventually did get the IRA and the 401(k) plan, but he had to spend a significant amount of money in legal fees. He also had to give his deceased brother's ex-spouse something as part of a settlement.

This story reminded me how important it is that beneficiaries are always current and that secondary beneficiaries are named.

There are benefits to having the correct beneficiaries on things like IRAs, retirement accounts, brokerage accounts and life insurance. The main one is that upon your death, your property will go to exactly whom you want without having to go through probate.

Probate is the process where the court takes jurisdiction of assets and then supervises distribution. Although in many cases probate is relatively straightforward and easy, it can also be complex and expensive.

Planning goals

One of the goals of any estate plan is to make sure your beneficiaries

can get their money as inexpensively and as easy as possible. Avoiding probate is one goal and having the correct primary and secondary beneficiaries can help accomplish it.

Taxes are another reason the correct primary and secondary beneficiary are important - particularly with regard to the inheritance of IRAs and 401(k)s. These investment vehi-



Rick Bloom
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cles have different tax consequences based upon who is the beneficiary. For example, if you name your spouse as beneficiary, he/she can transfer the IRA into an different IRA, potentially letting the money grow

tax-deferred for a longer period of time.

In addition, in some situations there can be a financial and tax benefit to naming a child or a grandchild as beneficiary. The bottom line is who you name as beneficiary is important.

I recommend that beneficiary designations be reviewed once a year. In addition, if your family situation has changed (such as a divorce or a

death), you should re-look at beneficiary designations. Checking your beneficiaries is relatively easy and does not take any significant amount of time.

In addition to naming a primary and secondary beneficiary, consider other ways to avoid probate. For most people that would be to have a living trust.

Don't forget, avoiding probate and eliminating

taxes are all good things, but the most important thing regarding estate planning is to make it easy on your loved ones after you are gone. Good luck.

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PCAC hosts 45th birthday fundraiser

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts its annual fundraiser and silent auction, a 45th birthday-themed celebration that honors the council's past and highlights all the PCAC is looking forward to in the future.

The fundraiser takes place 7-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, in the Gallery at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. There is no cost to attend, but donations to the fundraising campaign will be accepted at the door. Hors d'oeuvres, wine and desserts will be served. Live music will be provided by Rose Paulus on piano and Jeff Davis on acoustic guitar. A RSVP is suggested by calling 734-416-4278.

Up for bid in the silent auction will be themed celebration baskets filled with everything a bidder would need for their own anniversary or birthday celebration: wine, restaurant certificates, sporting event tickets, gift items and more. Premium artist packages for youths and adults will be part of the silent auction offerings as well, including a gift certificate for a free summer camp with a companion easel.

Artists who have donated their pieces to the event include Kirbi Fagan, Denise Cassidy Wood, Lisa Howard, Christina Evans and Chelsea Murray.

During the event, photographer and PCAC instructor Christina Evans will be taking You-Art photos of guests and there will be a memorabilia table with some retro Plymouth news articles and epic photographs from the PCAC historical scrapbook archives. Fun door prize drawings will be held throughout the evening.

Those who would like to contribute to the 45th birthday fundraising campaign, but cannot attend the event, may donate through the website by clicking on the link on its homepage.

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This season has been one to smile about for the Plymouth varsity girls basketball team and senior leaders (from left) Kylie Robb, Jada Woody, Shelby Cheston and Brooke Senkbeil. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Vets on board with makeover of Plymouth girls basketball program

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

One might wonder if Kylie Robb, Jada Woody, Shelby Cheston or Brooke Senkbeil know anything about a British pop group that stormed America 50 years ago this month.

But they very well might be a new "Fab Four" at least in terms of what they mean to the quick makeover of the Plymouth varsity girls basketball team in this, the first season under new head coach Nick Brandon.

The four senior co-captains immediately bought in to Brandon's attitude adjustment and as a result made it a slam dunk for the entire squad to follow suit.

"I love how hard they've competed for one another," said Brandon about the Wildcats' senior quartet. "I like the tone they set for the rest of the

team, and I'm the luckiest coach in the world to walk into a situation with those four."

The seniors, of course, point in Brandon's direction for how 2013-14 is unfolding like, well, a Beatles' smash hit.

Entering Tuesday night's action, the Wildcats were 8-2 overall and 3-1 in the KLA South Division.

Let it flow

"It's the way he communicates, the way he's good at getting good energy flow through the team," said Woody, a standout 6-0 post player who will play collegiately at Division I Toledo.

"That's a really big thing."

That systemic reboot extends beyond jumpers and put backs. All of the Wildcats wear warmup shirts with "Cats Together" emblazoned on the front and their game programs

feature slogans such as "Welcome to the New Age."

Perhaps indicative of that moniker is how the girls seem to always be smiling on the floor and off. They play an uptempo brand where anybody at any time could get the ball.

"His first thing he wanted to see on the court was sharing the ball, making sure everyone's involved," Woody said. "And also communication, making sure that everyone knows what's going on on the court, being on the same page, being a team, really."

The team's go-to player in the paint is 6-4 center Cheston, agreeing that the new attitude and mission under Brandon's watch are hard to miss.

"We definitely play with a lot more intensity and togetherness," Cheston emphasized. "We all have an identity

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Canton duo too much for Patriots

Power forwards Taylor, Nobles lift Chiefs

Canton let visiting Livonia Franklin hang around for two quarters Tuesday night and then the Chiefs let the Patriots have it after the intermission.

Spearheaded by post production from Davon Taylor (15 points) and Jordan Nobles (14 points), the Chiefs turned an 18-15 halftime lead into a 37-20 margin after three quarters. Canton went on to notch a 47-30 triumph in the matchup of KLA South Division varsity boys basketball teams.

The Chiefs (8-2 overall, 3-2 in the KLA South) also received excellent work on the glass from their towering senior forwards. Taylor (6-6) and Nobles (6-8) pulled down 11 and eight rebounds, respectively, to keep Franklin's offense from taking off.

Also contributing to the win were sophomore forward Logan Ryan (seven points, five rebounds) and junior guard JaJuan Sturdivant (four points).

The loss dropped Franklin's record to 1-10 overall and 0-5 in the KLA South.

Adam Monroe paced the Patriots, who shot 28 percent from the floor (10-of-35), with 11 points while Charles Keith chipped in with six.

Canton will host Westland John Glenn at 7 p.m. Friday in a matchup of two division contenders.

Wildcats falter

Westland John Glenn proved efficient with the basketball Tuesday night as the host Rockets earned a 66-53 KLA South Division boys victory over visiting Plymouth.

The first-place Rockets, who improved to 7-4 overall and 5-0 in the division, got a game-high 22 points from 6-foot-4 senior forward Isaac Everette, while senior guard Mo Foani made six 3-pointers and finished with 18 points.

Senior guard DeAngelo Kirksey contributed nine points and nine assists, while junior forward James Pruitt added eight points and 16 rebounds.

John Glenn made 4-of-7 free throws on the night.

"We had a good start and good assist-to-turnover ratio," said Glenn coach Dan Young, whose team led 32-20 at halftime. "We probably had 20 assists and around eight-to-10 turnovers. We were moving it and both of our bigs, Pruitt and Michael Edwards, played well on the boards. It was our chemistry, ball movement and connectiveness that enabled us to get the job done."

Plymouth (5-5, 2-3), which

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OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING TOURNEY PREVIEW

Can Plymouth grapplers stay ahead of class?

Favored Wildcats poised to claim 1st-ever Observerland wrestling crown

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

One team appears to be in the catbird seat heading into the 23rd annual Observerland Invitational Wrestling Tournament, which commences once again Saturday morning at Livonia Churchill High School.

Plymouth, the Wayne County Tournament champions, will be gunning for their first-ever Observerland title in the 17-school field after finishing fourth a year ago.

"Plymouth is definitely the team to beat," said Franklin coach Dave Chiola, who owns four Observerland titles himself. "I've been coaching at Franklin since they started their program and this is definitely the best team they've had in my opinion, which is surprising because they've graduated a lot of good kids the couple of years. I thought they might be going down a little bit, but they've picked it back up with kids nobody has ever heard of."

Plymouth sixth-year coach Quinn Guernsey is confident in his team's ability to get the job done, but remains cautiously optimistic.

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Plymouth sophomore heavyweight Michael Jordan (top) is one of many contributors to the Wildcats' success this season. ROBERT SHAVER

MAT EXTRAVAGANZA

What: 23rd annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament.

When: Saturday, Jan. 25 (first-round matches start at 9 a.m. followed by the finals at approximately 5 p.m.)

Where: Livonia Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road (between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail).

Admission (all day): \$5.

Participating schools: Livonia Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, Farmington, Farmington Harrison, North Farmington, Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Garden City, Redford Union, Lutheran High Westland, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Belleville, Northville, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (varsity White).

Past champions: Catholic Central (1993, '96, '99, 2000, '02, '03, '09, '10, '11); Franklin (2005, '06, '07, '12); John Glenn (2004, '12, '13); Canton (2001, '08); Churchill (2004); Salem (1998); Farmington (1992).

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Net-front bonanza

Plymouth Whalers' own 'Grind Line' keys matinee rout

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers brought their paint brushes to work Monday afternoon and put a colorful coat all over Compuware Arena.

Emplored by head coach Mike Vellucci to start going hard to the blue paint of the goal crease in search of goals, Whalers players did just that. Plymouth led 4-0 after one period and was rewarded with a 7-2 OHL victory over Saginaw before 1,990 fans in attendance for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day matinee.

"We had a lot of chances against Windsor the other night (a 6-2 loss Saturday) and didn't capitalize on them and then we gave up a couple soft goals," Vellucci said. "But yesterday we worked on going to the net and getting our 'D' involved and they listened."

"I just told them, they paid attention, they listened and they played well. It's the tough area, you got to go to the net, you got to get the paint, as we call it."

Connor Chatham (two goals, one assist) got things rolling when he stormed through the Saginaw goal crease and banged in a pass from linemate Francesco Vilardi with 13:17 to play in the opening period.

About five minutes later, Chatham



Scoring Monday's first goal is Plymouth forward Connor Chatham (No. 11). At right for the Whalers is winger Liam Dunda (No. 13).

scored again.

This time, he found a loose puck a few feet above the crease and flipped it past Saginaw goalie and Detroit Red Wings prospect Jake Paterson, who gave up four goals on 14 shots before being lifted at 14:50 of the period.

Earning assists on the power-play tally were forwards Connor Sills and Mathieu Henderson, who both were battling down low to keep the play going.

Work pays off

"Vellucci's been yelling at us to get to the net, get to the crease and we did that today," said Chatham, who now

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS HOCKEY

Blazers score late to forge 1-1 tie with Penguins

PCS stymied by Ladywood netminder

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Ladywood's varsity girls hockey team scored in the final minute of regulation Tuesday night to salvage a 1-1 tie against the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins at Arctic Edge Arena.

Yet Penguins head coach Mary Beth Smith was in a good mood following the fast-paced, well-played Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League tilt. PCS out-shot Ladywood 31-21, but could not get more than one puck behind Blazers goalie Michaela Warner.

"It was a great game, both teams played really hard," said Smith, whose team is 5-4-1 overall. "I think that was the most offense we've generated thus far. They came out fired up and ready to play, definitely not a bad tie to come out of here playing against Ladywood."

Johnson wasn't down about

her team losing a point thanks to the goal by Abby Pelon with 36 seconds to go in the third period, with Warner pulled for an extra attacker. She emphasized that the Penguins were strong throughout against the Division 1 Blazers. PCS is a D2 team.

"You never know until the buzzer goes, so you got to fight through the end of that period," Johnson said.

"But, I'm definitely not disappointed with the tie. I think we can build momentum off that. We play (D1) Liggett on Tuesday."

According to Ladywood assistant coach Ethan Graham, coming back to get the late goal and earn a tie continues a recent trend of improved play. His team is 2-10-1 overall, but more competitive since the Christmas break, he noted.

"We didn't have the start we wanted," Graham said. "But the girls battled the whole game. And we got better as the game went on."

"We kept digging, and we told them to keep shooting, keep moving your feet. We got the goal at the end to tie it up."



PCS Penguins forward Jenna Carter (No. 11) and Ladywood players chase a loose puck Tuesday. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

The Penguins had just expertly killed off a penalty, with solid work checking and clearing the puck by senior defenseman and captain Alexis O'Flynn, senior forward Jenna Carter, sophomore forward Megan Brace and junior forward Elizabeth O'Donohue.

Forcing OT

Then with about one minute remaining, the Blazers — wearing pink jerseys for breast cancer awareness — pulled Warner in a final stab at scoring the equalizer.

About 20 seconds later,

defenseman Colleen Lynch sent the puck from the left point that reached PCS senior goalie Gwen Gadulka (who also played a strong game, with 20 stops).

Battling on the doorstep were Ladywood's Kylie Doyle and Pelon with the latter finally punching the puck into the net. Lynch and Doyle earned helpers on the play.

Both teams had to kill off penalties in overtime.

One of Ladywood's major threats throughout the contest was forward Katie Hayward, who had several prime scoring chances against Gadulka.

"She (Hayward) pushes the pace in a lot of games and she gets a lot of chances," Graham said. "She's definitely a spark plug for us."

He added that the netminding performance from Warner bought the Blazers the extra time needed to earn the point.

"Our goalie always keeps us in a lot of games and she was good tonight," he said. "She saw the puck through traffic a couple different times."

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PREP HOCKEY ROUNDUP

13-1 Troy escapes Patriots on late goal

Plymouth wins big over Churchill

The Livonia Franklin boys hockey team just can't seem to get a break this season.

The Patriots battled one-loss Troy even for 50 minutes before losing in the final 23 seconds to host Colts, 2-1, in a non-conference game Saturday night at the Troy Sports Center.

Troy, now 13-1, tallied the game-winner during the final minute on Jake Howard's even strength goal from Jacob Smith.

Troy scored first at 3:34 of the second period on Jordan Sowerby's goal from Nik Bester, but the Patriots knotted

the count at 1-all at 8:46 of the same period on Corey Ferrier's goal from Greg Bo.

Troy goalie Michael Fisher stopped 16-of-17 Franklin shots, while Patriots goalie Matt Monendo had 30 saves.

Franklin took six penalties, while Troy stayed completely out of the box for 51 minutes.

PLYMOUTH 8, CHURCHILL 2: Alex Bump tallied a pair of goals and Mike Schultz added three assists Saturday as the host Wildcats (7-5-1, 6-3-2) exploded for four goals during the final period to beat KIAA South Division foe Livonia Churchill (5-10-2, 4-4-1) at Arctic Edge.

Colin Staub, Charles Supernois, Andrew Jossey, Corey Smith, John Vandenbergue and Antony Sloan also added goals for Plymouth, which led 2-1 after one period and 4-2 after 34 minutes.

Zach Taverie also chipped in with two assists.

C.J. Cromie scored both goals for the Chargers, who were outshot 50-19. Dan Hudy and Drew Puishes assisted on the first goal, while Joe Wozniak and Puishes

added assists on the second. David Turel started in goal for the Chargers before Grant Klimkiewicz came on to play the final 10 minutes.

PORT HURON 2, LADYWOOD 1: Devin Tomlinson had a goal and assist Saturday as the Ice Hawks (7-1, 7-1) edged host Livonia Ladywood (2-10, 2-10) in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 encounter at Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

Dana McLeod had the other goal for Port Huron, which led 1-0 after one period and 2-1 after two periods.

Freshman Katie Hayward scored her team-leading 16th goal of the season in the second period from junior Jackie Kristofik for the Blazers.

STEVENSON 3, T.C. WEST 2 (OT): Devin Kelly had the game-tying and game-winning goals as No. 1-ranked Livonia Stevenson (16-1) rallied for an overtime victory Saturday against upset-minded Traverse City West (7-9) at North-South Showcase held Centre Ice Arena.

Kelly's goal with only 44 seconds left from Ray Chartier, Jr. knotted the game at 2-all and the senior tallied the game-winner from Dominic Lutz and Tyler Irvine with 1:15 left in overtime.

Irvine's second period power play goal from Lutz at 3:16 of the second period tied it at 1-1.

Jake Saxton had a goal and assist in a losing cause, while Ryan Roehler also added a goal.

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has seven goals for the season. "I got a couple in close, so that's what we were working on and we're happy to get them."

The seven-goal explosion was the most scored by the Whalers (17-23-0-5) since March 10, 2013, a 7-5 win over Saginaw.

At the other end of the ice, Plymouth goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic stopped 58 of 60 shots, with former Whaler Cody Payne scoring both Saginaw goals (Payne now has 17).

Nedeljkovic needed to make some big stops after the Whalers built their lead, but Vellucci questioned the high number of shots against his goalkeeper. Saginaw took 23 shots in each of the final two periods.

"I think they were inflated," Vellucci said. "They were all from the outside. Ned made some saves, but nothing spectacular. We still had 40-some shots ourselves and we kind of (sat) back once we got up 5-0, 6-1."

Chatham, the game's No. 1 star, said the offensive flurry should serve as "a blueprint of what we need to do every game. We got to get to the paint like that every game. We scored a bunch in close, we got to keep doing that."

The Whalers chased Paterson after padding their lead to 4-0 on goals less than two minutes apart by defenseman Alex Peters and Sills (each tallying one goal, one assist).

Peters fielded a bouncing puck between the circles and rifled a high shot over Paterson's blocker at 12:56.

Saginaw (22-18-4-1) then gave up a shorthanded goal with 5:10 left. After a Whalers player blocked a shot at the Plymouth blue line, Cullen Mercer and Sills rushed down the ice on a two-on-one. Mercer's point-blank shot was stopped by Paterson, but the rebound caromed off the leg of Sills into the net.

After officials reviewed the play, the goal stood and Paterson was yanked in favor of Nikita Serebryakov.



Teammates mob Whalers' Connor Chatham after a goal. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

Energetic line

Plymouth took a 5-0 lead two minutes into the middle period when Vilar-di scored from Mercer and Peters.

Mercer's harmless-looking shot from the left circle was stopped by Serebryakov, but the goalie could not corral it. The puck slithered over to Vilar-di, who slammed it into the half-open net.

Payne finally got the Spirit on the board when he knocked the puck over the goal line at 16:32. Daniel De Sousa's shot from the right circle started the scoring play.

Just 13 seconds later, however, left wing Mercer buried Chatham's centering pass over Serebryakov's trapper. The goal gave Mercer a three-point afternoon.

"They both bring a lot of energy, we all got some good speed and we all work hard," Chatham said about playing with linemates Vilar-di and Mercer. "We're liking the chemistry we got, so we got to keep it going."

Plymouth's final goal of the day was an unassisted one by forward Matt Misteale about 13 minutes into the third.

With less than four minutes remaining, Chatham nearly scored his third on a two-on-one rush, but Serebryakov turned aside the bid.

"Oh man, I got a couple good chances there at the end, but it (hat trick) wasn't meant to be, I guess," Chatham said with a hearty laugh.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Chiefs make quick work of Patriots, win 63-20

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

They pretty much could turn out the lights after Tuesday's first quarter thanks to a 27-0 frame by visiting Canton.

The KLAA South Division leaders went on to pummel Livonia Franklin's varsity girls basketball team by a 63-20 count.

Canton improved to 8-3 overall and 5-0 in the division.

"Overall, I thought the kids played a solid game," Chiefs head coach Brian Samulski said. "The players' full court pressure allowed us to get up on them early and they were able to roll from that point on."

It was 44-8 at halftime and 61-12 after three quarters.

Everybody pitched in for Canton, with all 10 players getting minutes and contributing. Nine of the girls got on the score sheet, led by senior forward Paige Aresco (16 points).

Tallying nine points each were senior forward Shannon Perry and junior guard Alanna Brown. Adding eight points was senior center Taylor Hunley, with senior guard Rachel Winters and freshman forward Erin Hult helping out with seven and six points, respectively.

Canton shot 47 percent from the floor, with Aresco's 6-of-9 (67 percent) leading the way.

"I thought all 10 players came out ready to play," Samulski noted. "This team's work ethic, leadership and commitment to defense continues to impress me every day."

Franklin's record dipped to 0-10 overall and 0-4 in the KLAA South.

The Chiefs will visit Westland John Glenn at 7 p.m. Friday.

Rocks roll

Salem made it two straight victories with Tuesday's 47-26 KLAA Central Division girls basketball triumph over South Lyon.

The host Rocks led 7-4 after one frame and had little resistance from the Lions. Salem led 22-8 at halftime and padded that margin to 40-22 after three.

Rocks' interim head coach Lindsay Klemmer, whose team upped its record to 7-4 overall and 2-3 in the KLAA Central, said the effort and intensity picked up in the second half.

"I don't care who we are playing or the score, our effort always needs to be there," Klemmer said. "Everyone contributed on the team both offensively and defensively."



Salem junior forward Hayley Rogers (No. 20) tries to get past a South Lyon player Tuesday night. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

"We played well as a team and moved the ball to the open player. Everyone got in the book tonight and that makes me happy."

Individual statistics were not available as of press time.

Eagles soar

Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls basketball

team faced a stiff MIAC Red Division test when Southfield Christian visited Butler Gymnasium on Tuesday night.

The Eagles aced that challenge with a convincing 64-42 victory that PCA head coach Rod Windle credited to strong team defense.

PCA (6-4 overall, 3-1 in the division) led just 16-15 after the first quarter but really stopped Southfield Christian (7-2, 3-1) in the second, giving up just two points to take a 30-17 halftime lead.

Leading the way with 27 points for PCA were Rachel Smith.

Martha Mullett was everywhere for the victors, with 15 points and 15 rebounds. Other top contributors to the win included Rachael Fuller (14 points) and Jen Malcolm (eight points).

PLYMOUTH 67, JOHN GLENN 55: Shelby Cheston poured in a game-high 27 points Tuesday and career-high 19 rebounds as the host Wildcats (9-2, 4-1) pulled away from a 34-all halftime deadlock to beat Westland John Glenn (4-7, 3-2) in a KLAA South Division game.

Leah Kiczinski and Kylie Robb chipped in with 13 and eight, respectively, for Plymouth, which outscored Glenn 33-21 in the second half. Adding six points each were Patti Begoske and Kendall Rose while Brooke Senkbeil dished out six assists.

Plymouth halted an eight-game losing streak to the Rocks in the process.

"This was an important victory for our seniors, who hadn't had the chance to get a win against John Glenn until tonight," Wildcats coach Nick Brandon said.

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and without that we wouldn't be able to play.

"I'm all about sharing the ball. We can go pretty far if we all work together and stay together."

The player who sets the tone on both sides of the basketball is Robb. She commands respect on the court and employs a sweet outside jumper when the team needs an offensive jolt.

"It's a lot more fun, it's very fun," said Robb, who like Woody and Cheston is in her fourth season on Plymouth's varsity. "It's enjoyable. I actually like coming to basketball."

"Our bench does a really good job, always being ready, always being in the game."

Not just words

Robb stressed that the "New Age" slogan wouldn't mean much if all members of the team weren't following the script of cohesiveness and camaraderie.

"What that means to me is playing as a team and overcoming obstacles," Robb said. "And really playing to earn the respect of others, respecting ourselves in the process, just working together as one unit."

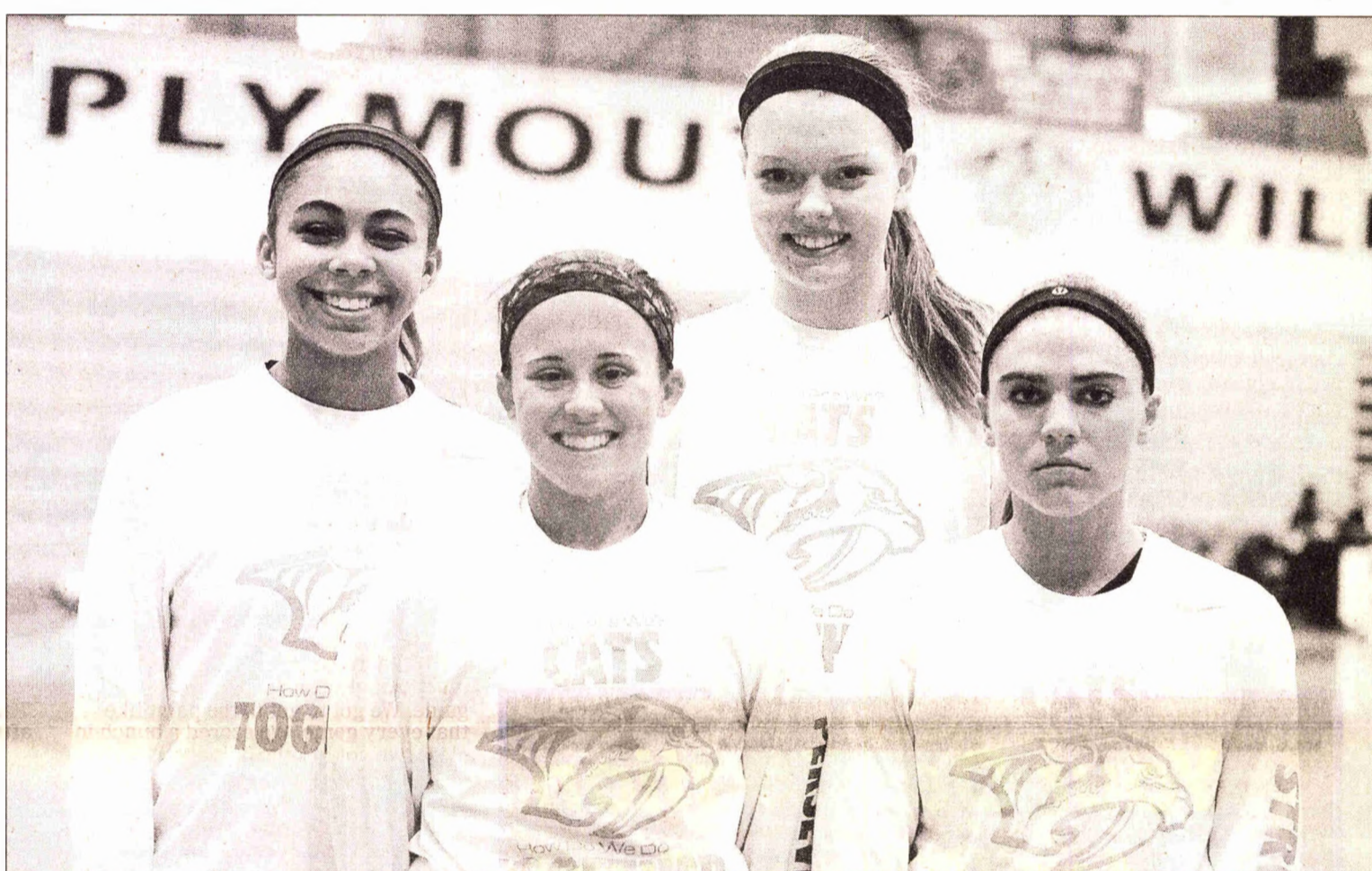
"Everyone has different qualities that they bring to the table. And so it's really important that we all work together, everyone is just as important as everyone else."

Concurring was Senkbeil, a tenacious wing who played her freshman season on the Brandon-coached JV before moving up to varsity as a sophomore.

"For sure, even though the four seniors have been here for four years, or three years, it's definitely a new age for this program," Senkbeil said. "Girls, especially the seniors, have just a totally different and better attitude towards the season. And it's great."

Senkbeil said she sensed things were different from the beginning.

"Going into this season I knew it was going to be a change from seasons past," she noted, "just from how our



The "Cats Together" slogan fits the new-attitude Plymouth Wildcats, a team led by (from left) seniors Jada Woody, Brooke Senkbeil, Shelby Cheston and Kylie Robb. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

"His first thing he (coach Nick Brandon) wanted to see on the court was sharing the ball, making sure everyone's involved. And also communication, making sure that everyone knows what's going on on the court, being on the same page, being a team, really."

JADA WOODY, Plymouth senior wing

workouts in summer went. "It was uptempo, more effort had to put in and I was really looking forward to basketball for once."

Brandon's message to the girls, recalled Cheston, was "just to be a family and work together and play hard for each other. I think we've been doing that."

Playing for each other and having fun in the process has paid major dividends, too.

The Wildcats reeled off five wins in a row to start the season before getting blitzed on Dec. 30 by Farmington Hills Mercy.

All that loss did was embolden the team to come out

tougher than ever after the holiday hiatus; Plymouth throttled Livonia Churchill 55-13 on Jan. 9.

Last week, in a victory over Wayne Memorial, all 12 players got into the game and 11 scored points — another example of the all-for-one mentality preached by Brandon and his senior leaders.

"Our seniors have led the way from the day I got the job and that's what I expect and that's what our team and our program needs," Brandon continued. "Especially this combination of four players who have been through so much, and have so much experience."

Finishing strong

Brandon, meanwhile, said his seniors — all excellent students with lofty GPAs — are ready to take things up a notch as the KLAA regular season winds down and segues into the state tournament.

That's because time is running out on their last chance to put a banner up in the Plymouth gym.

"All athletes, when they become seniors, something clicks," he continued. "I think that something is the realization that there's a timetable on their high school athletic careers."

"What I see out of these four

players is four players that are really hungry. Four players that have persevered, four players that have seen a lot and been through a lot. That's left them very determined and very hungry."

First, of course, they'll have to overtake campus rival Canton — a team including senior stalwarts Paige Aresco, Rachel Winters and Taylor Hunley — for the KLAA South title.

Robb is pumped up to meet that challenge.

"We have the potential to win the division title, do well in the KLAA tournament, and make a good run in playoffs," she added, "as long as we keep it together."

If she or her teammates ever waver about that last point, all they have to do is look at the front of their warmup tees for a bit of inspiration.

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made 14-of-26 foul shots, got 16 points from Randall Aikens and 15 points from Josh Reynolds.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 74, PARKWAY 54: P.J. Guse scored 16 points and Jake Davenport chipped in with 11 points and eight rebounds as Lutheran High Westland (5-2, 3-2) stopped host Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (1-7, 1-2) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division game.

The Warriors, who shot 55 percent from the field (30-of-55), jumped out to a 24-5 first quarter lead and never looked back.

Caleb Schmake and Nathan Schick each scored 13 points in a losing cause.

"We had the foot on the gas from the opening tip tonight," Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoelt said. "It was also refreshing to see us hit some shots tonight. We were able to break their full-court pressure, allowing us to get easy buckets throughout the

entire game.

"We still need to limit our turnovers, but overall I'm pleased with our effort tonight."

GREENHILLS 87, HURON VALLEY 45: Ross Scheinberg scored 18 points and Emmet Kulka added 16 points Tuesday as MIAC Red Division leader Ann Arbor Greenhills (8-0, 4-0) defeated visiting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-6, 1-2).

Collin Wagaman had 11 points, while Ryan Schaffer added 10 points and nine rebounds for the Hawks, who trailed 48-30 at halftime.

STEINER 65, HURON VALLEY 32: On Monday, Miles Greenstone tallied 19 points and Ben Hadlock added 13 points as host Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner (7-2) rolled past visiting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-5) in a non-conference game.

Huron Valley Lutheran, which trailed 22-11 after one quarter and 39-18 at halftime, got 12 points and eight rebounds from Milan Monk.

Ryan Schaffer chipped in with nine points.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Crusaders cage Concordia, take over second place in WHAC

Junior center Donald Owens paced a balanced attack with 13 points and eight rebounds as Madonna University took over sole possession of second place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a 75-67 men's basketball victory Saturday over host Concordia University in Ann Arbor.

The Crusaders, who improved to 14-6 overall and 10-2 in the WHAC, also received 12 points off the bench from Jordan Short, while Travis Schuba and Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) added 11 points apiece.

Naubert, who was named WHAC Player of the Week,

also dished out nine assists.

The Crusaders trail No. 6-ranked Cornerstone (17-3, 11-1) by only a game in the conference standings.

Concordia (8-11, 6-7) got a game-high 16 points from Josh Fugate, while John Schaffer and Jesse Schienke added 13 and 12, respectively.

Madonna, which led 38-29 at halftime, shot 26-of-62 from the floor on the game (41.9 percent) and 17-of-22 from the foul line (77.3 percent).

ST. CLAIR COUNTY CC 117, SCHOOLCRAFT 79: Thirty-eight turnovers was the story Monday as Schoolcraft College (10-6, 3-3) fell to host St. Clair County Community College (9-8, 2-4) in an MCCA Eastern Conference game at Skippers Gym in Port Huron.

Marques Pool led the winners with 29 points, while Everett Boone came off the bench to add

14. Matthew Van Dyke and Matthew Russell contributed 13 apiece.

Schoolcraft was led by Redford Thurston's Terrence Coles (16 points, 10 rebounds) and Andrew Mapley (13 points, 12 rebounds).

Basel Ibrahim added 12 points, while Terrell Sewell (Canton) and Devonta Riley each added nine.

Schoolcraft, which trailed 64-40 at halftime, shot only 44.4 percent from the foul line (12-of-27) and 40.5 percent from the field (32-of-79).

MACOMB CC 94, SCHOOLCRAFT 74: Brandon Hicks scored a game-high 29 points Saturday as host Macomb Community College (9-6, 3-2) pulled away in the second half for an MCCA Eastern Conference triumph over Schoolcraft College (10-5, 3-2).

DeAngelo Brown chipped in with 16 points and 11 rebounds, while Rayshawn Griffin and Lavel McKnight added 15 and 14 points, respectively, for the victorious Monarchs, who led 50-43 at halftime.

Terrence Coles (Redford Thurston) paced Schoolcraft with a double-double (16 points, 15 rebounds), while Terrell Sewell added 10 points. The Ocelots, outscored 48-31 in the second half, committed a total of 31 turnovers.

Schoolcraft shot 40 percent from the field (26-of-65) and only 63.3 percent from the free throw stripe (19-of-30).

PREP WRESTLING

Plymouth goes 4-1 at Phillip James tourney

Staying sharp for this weekend's Observerland Invitational, Plymouth's varsity boys wrestling team nearly captured Saturday's Phillip James Memorial Tournament.

The Wildcats went 4-1 at the tourney in Tecumseh and finished second.

Plymouth nearly came away with the title — falling 41-24 in the final dual of the day to the host Indians, ranked No. 4 in

Division 2.

Head coach Quinn Guernsey said his team gave Tecumseh a lot to ponder, with "a number of exciting matches and we won our share of them, as Daniel Ahearn, Jon Conn, Sterling Schiftar, Joey Shaver and Hussein Youssef built a 21-6 lead."

But Tecumseh turned the tables during the next weight classes to go up 32-21.

Plymouth did manage a win by Mohamad Youssef to secure the final points of the dual.

Fast start for 'Cats

The Wildcats opened things up against the Tecumseh B team and coasted to a 65-12 win.

Against Battle Creek Lakeview, Ahearn earned a hard-fought 8-7 decision against state-ranked Hat Thet to help

the Wildcats squeak out a 33-31 triumph.

Next up was Lapeer West and Plymouth rolled, 56-22.

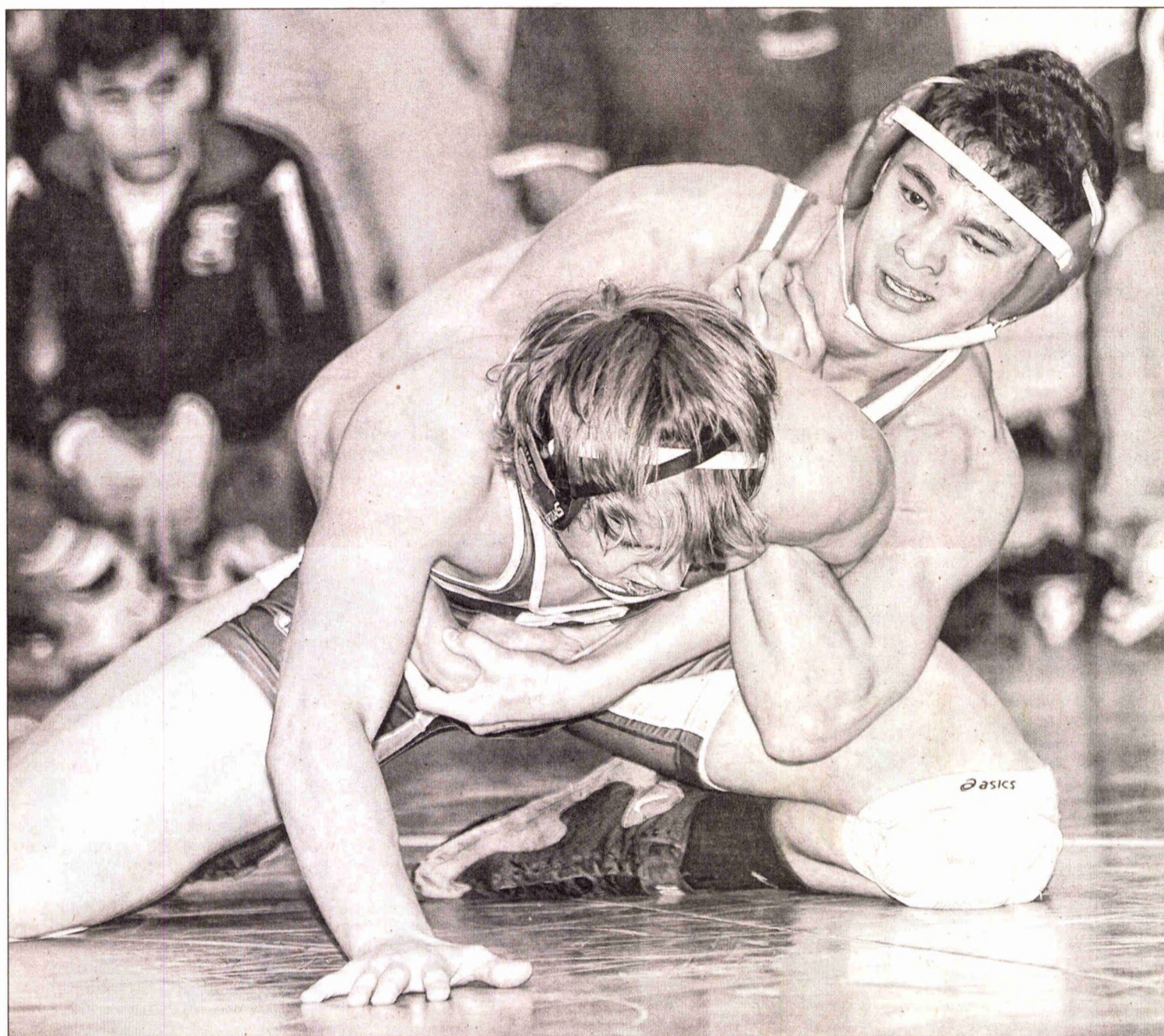
That set the stage for a frequent opponent of the Wildcats, Swan Valley, which handed Plymouth one of its two losses this season.

Sparked by a number of gritty performances, the Wildcats emerged victorious by a 36-29 count.

Among Plymouth wrestlers to prevail in their bouts were Conn, Shaver, Hussein Youssef and Tarek Tamimi.

Not to be forgotten were two others instrumental to the win — freshman heavyweight Ricky Burke (who pinned his opponent in 1:13) and Collin Reed.

The latter avenged an early season loss to Edwin Hernandez with a second period fall.



Franklin's Jordan Atienza (top) is undefeated in his 38 matches this season at 160 and 171 pounds. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Canton gymnasts 1st at Caruss Invitational

The Canton Chiefs varsity girls gymnastics team had another splendid showing at Saturday's Jeanne Caruss Invitational at Lakeland High School. Canton topped the 17-team field with 144.7 points.

In second place with 140.925 points was Farmington.

Chiefs' head coach John Cunningham praised his team for excelling throughout and overcoming the fact Jocelyn Moraw and Hailey Hodgson were fighting the flu.

Moraw was no worse for wear. She was first in the all-around standings with 36.875 points and also won beam with a 9.65 and came in fourth on floor exercise with a 9.45.

Hodgson helped the cause with her 9.025 on floor, good for third place.

"Beam and floor were both 37-plus events, which is excellent," Cunningham continued. "I was most impressed by our first event in the competition, (uneven parallel) bars. Even though the scores were lower than usual, the routines were great."

There were other Canton standouts. Erica Lucas captured first on vault with a 9.25. Maddie Toal finished second on beam with a 9.6 (trailing only Moraw) and registered a 9.075 on floor for ninth. Melissa Green's 9.475 on floor was good for third. Stephanie Cox contributed a 9.025 on floor (10th).

MU softball camp

Madonna University women's softball coach Jerry Abraham will stage a fundamentals camp from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and a pitching camp (all ages) from noon to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at the MU Activities Center.

The cost is \$25 per session or \$50 for both. You can register at the door.

For more information, email Abraham at jabraham@madonna.edu or call 734-432-5612.

Wildcat baseball clinic

Youngsters in grades 1-8 who are interested in baseball are invited to attend the Plymouth Wildcats 2014 Spring Clinic, led by new varsity coach Justin Crain and his staff. Also helping out will be current high school players.

The clinic will take place Saturdays March 15 and 22 (morning and afternoon sessions each day), at the Plymouth High School gymnasium. Cost is \$40 for one session or \$75 for two. Cost includes a snack and T-shirt (limited sizes; register by Feb. 15 to ensure correct size).

» Boys and girls in grades 1-4 have sessions on offense (9 a.m. to noon on March 15) and defense (9 a.m. to noon on March 22).

» Boys and girls in grades 5-8 have sessions on offense (1-to-4 p.m. March 15) and defense (1-to-4 p.m. March 22)

Topics will include hitting, pitching, infield, outfield and catching. All clinic attendees will receive radar gun readings.

For more information, contact coach Crain at plymouth-baseball@pccsmail.net.

CHS Hall of Fame

The 12th annual Livonia Churchill Athletics Hall of Fame induction dinner, put on by the Churchill Athletic Patrons, will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Italian-American Hall, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia. Dinner starts at 6:45 p.m., followed by the program at 7:30 p.m.

Among the inductees will be the 2006 Churchill Division 1 state runner-up cross country team (coached by Sue Tatro); football and baseball player John Stoitsiadis (1986); and former Churchill Principal Rod Hosman. Tickets are \$35 each (if purchased by March 1) or \$40 (after March 1).

For more information, email Rob Suida at rsuida@cmse-nergy.com.

TOURNEY

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"This year we have plenty of top-end talent, but this year our seventh, eighth and ninth best kids on the team are still pretty good," Guernsey said. "Really, all the way down we don't have a hole. We don't have a kid — when he usually goes out — we don't expect to lose. And this year that's been the case."

"We've looked good all season. We're hoping to come out of this hoping to finish near the top."

Rockets defend

Westland John Glenn is the defending Observerland champion after scoring a team-high 180.5 points. Rounding out the top five was Franklin (149), Wayne Memorial (143), Plymouth (133.5) and the Novi Detroit Catholic Central varsity 'B' team (120).

"They've been consistent," Glenn coach Bill Polk said of Plymouth. "I really thought we could win our dual against them, but they won some crucial matches. A lot of times who wins our division is the team that has a lot of consistency from top to bottom. This year — Canton, Franklin and us — have a lot of young kids in the lineup, so Plymouth has taken advantage of it."

Glenn lost to Plymouth in a KLAA South Division dual meet only last week, 45-25.

"They're pretty balanced from top to bottom," Glenn coach Bill Polk said of the Wildcats. "We've struggled a little bit lately. We got a couple injuries and we're putting a lot of young kids out on the mat. They're struggling at the varsity level, but hopefully we can get it all together at the

end." There will be no shortage of individual talent heading into Saturday's tournament as 19 Observerland grapplers are ranked either in the top 10 or honorable mention in their respective weight classes by the website MichiganGrappler.com.

Prime matchups

The finals, which will start at approximately 5 p.m., should feature some outstanding matches.

Among the Plymouth wrestlers ranked in Division 1 include junior Brandon Harris, 112 pounds (honorable mention); senior Mohamad Youssef, 119 (third); senior Jon Conn, 140 (ninth); and junior Hussein Youssef, 171 (seventh).

Mohamad Youssef was the Observerland champ last year at 103, while Conn was runner-up last year in his weight class and the 130 pound champ in 2012.

Franklin is led by senior Jordan Atienza, the state runner-up at 152 pounds in Division 1. Atienza, who went 58-1 a year ago, is unbeaten this year and ranked No. 2 in his weight class (160) by MichiganGrappler.com. Thirty-seven of Atienza's 38 wins this season have come by either pin, technical fall or by major decision.

Meanwhile, younger brother Nathan Atienza, a freshman, is ranked No. 8 this season at 125.

One of the most competitive weight divisions will be at 119.

That class features four ranked wrestlers including Youssef (No. 3), Belleville senior Austin Koehler (No. 8), Churchill senior Josh Perez (No. 10), the defending Observerland champ; and Glenn

junior Chase Spanos (honorable mention).

Other top talent

Other ranked Glenn wrestlers include freshman John Siemasz (103), who is ranked 10th; senior Kevin Huynh (125), who is ranked No. 6; and senior Jordan Brandon (215), who is ranked No. 1 after finishing runner-up at 215 in last year's Division 1 state finals.

Brandon, who may wrestle up at 285, has only two losses this season — one to Lowell 215-pounder Josh Colegrove and the other in an upset first-period pin by Plymouth sophomore heavyweight Michael Jordan.

Making a return to Observerland after a three-year absence is Canton, which boasts two outstanding talents in seniors Ben Griffin (ranked No. 1 at 130) and Alec Pantaleo (ranked No. 2 at 152).

Lutheran Westland has two wrestlers ranked in the top 10 in Division 4 by MichiganGrappler.com led by senior Zach Francis, who is third at 135. Francis captured Observerland last year at 125. Teammate Caleb Richter (140), a junior, is ranked No. 10.

Yet another threat is Farmington Harrison junior Michael Volyanyuk, a state runner-up at 103 last year and now in the 112-pound class (honorable mention).

Highly regarded

Meanwhile, Wayne senior Aaron Mauldin is ranked No. 4 in the 285-pound class in Division 1, while Salem junior Mitchell Gross is No. 7 at 189.

"He (Gross) has had some good matches lately and as long as he steps up he should have a good tournament," Rocks head coach Pete Israel said.

Israel also said Salem wres-

tlers who could have solid performances include Cameron Shaughnessy (112) and Caleb McCabe (145).

"He has been doing well this month and continues to improve," said Israel, about Shaughnessy. "It will be good to see how he does against the wrestlers in the area that he might see at districts."

Meanwhile, McCabe said he is hoping for "some of the other guys to step up, like Hamad Abed, Connor Thornbury and Peter Bushaw. If all goes well, we should have a decent showing Saturday."

Picking up bonus points with pins, technical falls and major decisions is one key to a team title, along with first places.

But that's only one part to the puzzle, according to Guernsey.

"It's not so much the champs," he said. "We're going to do well at this tournament with number of thirds, fourths and runner-ups, and kids we have in the semifinals. I don't really expect anybody on my team to go 0-2. Everyone is going to score points. At the end of the day we want 12 guys finish in the top six. That would kind of be a solid goal for us. That would be a great scenario."

But one area coach believes it's going to be a one-horse race.

"After Plymouth, I think we're in the mix with John Glenn, Wayne, probably maybe Churchill and the CC 'B' team," Chiola said. "Everybody is pretty much the same after that. That next tier there are probably five or six teams all vying for second and third place."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday, Jan. 24
Luth. Westland at Luth. South, 6 p.m.
Baptist Park at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Roeper at PCA, 8:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Jan. 23
Oak Christian at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 24
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Roeper at PCA, 7 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Baptist Park, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Luth. South, 7:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Marian, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Jan. 24
Stevenson vs. Brighton at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Plymouth at Dakota, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 25
Brighton vs. Salem at Ply. Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.
(Mich. Metro Girls Showcase)
Ladywood vs. Northville at City Ice Arena, 11:30 a.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Saturday, Jan. 25
Observerland Invitational at Churchill H.S., 9 a.m.
Annapolis Team Tourney, 10 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Jan. 23
Plymouth at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

Novi at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
PREP BOWLING
Thursday, Jan. 23
Northville vs. Salem
Canton vs. Plymouth
at Novi Bowl, 3:30 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Divine Child at Drakeshire Lanes, 3:45 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 24
Canton vs. Milford at Town 'N Country, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 25
Tri-County Tournament at Five Star Lanes, 10 a.m.
COMPETITIVE CHEER
Saturday, Jan. 25
W.L. Western Invitational, 1 p.m.
Lake Orion Invitational, 3 p.m.

Northville Invitational, TBA
PREP SKIING
Thursday, Jan. 23
Ladywood Giant Slalom at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Saturday, Jan. 25
Marygrove at Madonna, 3 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Kirtland, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Saturday, Jan. 25
Marygrove at Madonna, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Jan. 24
Ply. Whalers at Kitchener, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 25
Sarnia vs. Ply. Whalers at Compuware, 7 p.m.
TBA — time to be announced.

Try dance, improv or set design at Motor City Theatre

'Trying some different things' helps beat winter blahs, cabin fever

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

If you've ever wanted to learn a few tap dance moves — without making a major commitment to classes — it's time to click up your heels and head to Motor City Theatre.

Nancy Florkowski, artistic director and founder, plans to roll out a series of arts sampler workshops on Sundays in February at the Livonia playhouse.

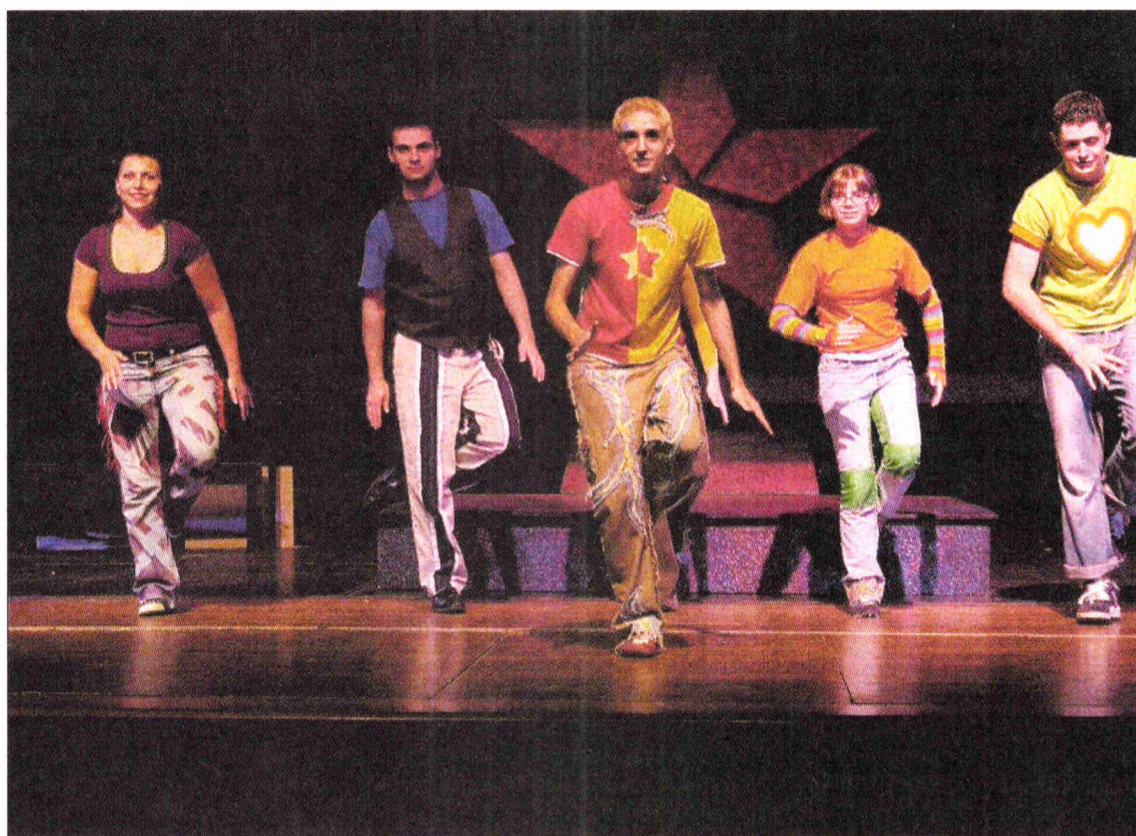
"The kids have been asking for dance, so we're trying some different things. We did try something like this a year or two ago, but it never got off the ground," Florkowski said. "We're hoping now that we have an adult theater company, more people will notice."

Both Motor City Players, an adult troupe, and Motor City Youth Theatre perform and rehearse at the former Grantland Street Playhouse, now the Motor City Theatre, 27555 Grantland. All of the upcoming workshops will be held at that location.

The schedule includes:

» Improvisation for Theater, 1:30-4:30 p.m. for middle school to age 15, and 5-8 p.m. for age 16 to adult, Sunday, Feb. 2. Improv performers Mike Meike and Mark C. Holden will teach improv basics, including warm-up exercises, listening skills and group trust. The second half of the session gives participants to apply what they've learned by playing games seen in the television show *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* Cost is \$35 per person.

» Tap, Jazz and Broadway dance is a two-part class, Sunday, Feb. 9 and 16. It's open to children and adults. Beginners and youngsters in grades four-six will meet from 1-2:30 p.m.; moderately experienced dancers and grades seven-nine will meet from 2:40-4:10 p.m. and advanced dancers and grades 10-adult will meet from 4:20-5:50 p.m. An optional dance placement workshop will be held from 2:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, to help determine skill levels. Cost is \$35 for the two-session class. Molly Zelesky



Adults can sign up for tap, jazz and Broadway dance workshops at Motor City Theatre.



A drawing by Fred Florkowski shows a scenic design. He'll teach a design class for adults next month at Motor City Theatre in Livonia.

will teach the dance workshop.

» Florkowski's husband, Fred, will teach a scenic design class for students, 16-adult, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23. He'll talk about visual images, script research, developing scene renderings and floor plans. Students should bring graphite pencils, colored pencils, erasers and paper. Cost is \$35.

"Fred will take them at whatever level they are," Florkowski said, adding that some

experience is preferred but not required.

Audition tool

Florkowski said the dance classes are helpful for actors who want some step and movement knowledge when they audition for musicals.

"They can go to an audition and not feel like a klutz. It's always nice to have at an audition. It gives you a little backbone if you're not going in

cold."

She said Motor City Theatre may offer monthly classes if there's enough demand.

"Another reason we're doing this is we want to see what interest there is in classes," she said. "We want to do at least another four weeks after this. We'll do some crazy stuff."

She hopes to offer a puppet-building class in the next round of workshops. A monster makeup class is in the works and Florkowski plans to teach a session in harmonica.

"We're there to inspire people. Things happen by serendipity. You take a puppet class and you may end up having a puppetry troupe. Or improv troupe. We're trying to generate interest to build more things."

Class reservations are due Feb. 1. Walk-ins will be allowed if there's room. Make checks payable to Motor City Youth Theatre and send payment — along with a form available at www.mcyt.org — and mail to Nancy Florkowski, 15498 Meadowbrook, Redford, MI 48239.

Questions? Call 313-535-8962 or email nancy@mcyt.org.

Perform Shakespeare for a chance to win scholarship

The Michigan Shakespeare Festival will hold regional contests next month — with statewide finals set in March — for its 13th annual Michigan Shakespeare Festival High School Monologue Competition.

The event is open to all Michigan high school students in grades nine-12. Entrants are required to memorize one monologue, one to two minutes in length, from a Shakespeare play of their choosing. Four finalists will be asked to compete in the statewide final and have the opportunity to win a financial award up to \$625 to spend toward higher education goals.

The Eastern District Regional, which includes Wayne and Oakland counties, will be held Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Mallets Creek Library, 3090 E. Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor. Signup will begin at 11 a.m. The Statewide Final Competition is set for Saturday, March 29, in Jackson.

Invitations to the finalists will be made after the regional competitions are completed.

Applications are available by emailing msf@acd.net and by download at www.MichiganShakespeareFestival.com. Deadline for registration is Feb. 8. Entrants also pay a nonrefundable application fee of \$5. For more information about the competition, call the festival office at 517-998-3673.

Founded in 1995, the Michigan Shakespeare Festival is a not-for-profit professional theater company dedicated to entertaining and educating a broad-based audience through professional performances of Shakespeare's works and other classic plays. It presents a repertory season of three productions annually at The Baughman Theatre, located in Jackson College's Potter Center.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 31

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

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$12 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$9 for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Contact: 248-541-5717

ART & CRAFTS

ARAB AMERICAN MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1

Location: 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn

Details: Pewabic Pottery instructor Victoria Shaheen will lead a bowl-making workshop. Participants will hand-mold bowls from clay and decorate them with a slip-glaze technique. Includes a docent-guided tour of the Museum focusing on Arab artistic heritage in America and the role of food and hospitality in culture. Fee is \$35 and advanced registration is required. Appropriate for adults and children 11 and over

Contact: 313-582-2266; arabamericanmuseum.org

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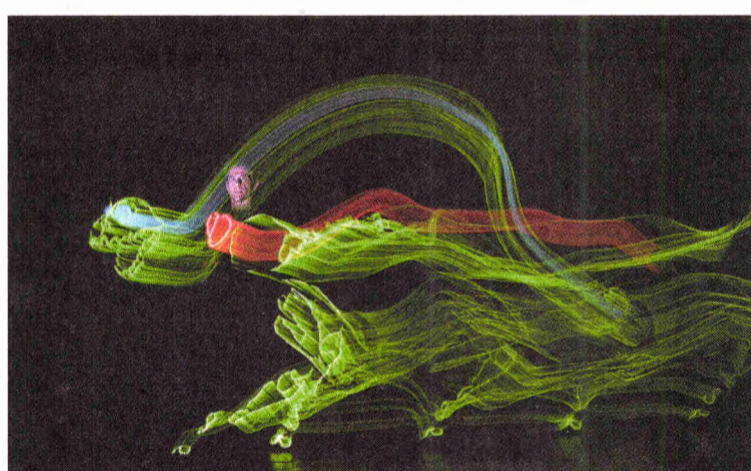
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, during public performances, or by appointment

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

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

Contact: 734-394-5300

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE



Light Wire Theatre brings its electro-luminescent wire puppets, Feb. 9, to Music Hall in Detroit.

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, opening day reception is from 6-9 p.m.; show runs Feb. 7-March 1

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: 8th Annual Member Exhibition

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

FILM

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM

Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31

Location: 315 E. Warren, Detroit

Details: Premiere of *Madman or Martyr*, a documentary about abolitionist John Brown and the Underground Railroad in Detroit. Luke Jaden, a Detroit Country Day student wrote, directed and produced the film. A Q & A with Jaden and some of the cast will follow the screening. Free

Contact: 313-494-5800

MATRIX THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. screenings and 9 p.m. reception, Thursday, Jan. 30; 8 p.m.

screening, Friday, Jan. 31; 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. screenings, Saturday, Feb. 1; 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. screenings, with award ceremony at 6:45 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 2

Location: 2730 Bagley, Detroit

Details: Second annual 2014 Detroit Dreaming Film Festival showcase the diversity, struggles and triumphs of the City of Detroit, through narratives, documentary, and shorts. Tickets are \$7 per screening block

Contact: 313-967-0599; www.matrixtheatre.org

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24; 4:10 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 25-26; and 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: *The Book Thief*, admission \$3

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Jan. 31 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 1

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

Details: *True Grit*; \$5

Coming up: *Casablanca*, 8 p.m. Feb. 14 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 15; free admission;

Contact: 313-537-2560

FUNDRAISER

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m., Friday, Jan. 31

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: 45th Birthday Party & Silent Auction Fundraiser

features wine, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, music by Rose Paulus and Jeff Davis, You-Art photos with Christina Evans, door prizes, silent auction. RSVP recommended, but tickets are not required. Donations will be accepted at check-in

Contact: 734-416-4278

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: Doors open at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15

Location: Golden Fox at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township

Details: "A Night FOR the Museum" will include appetizers, gourmet dinner, dessert, cash bar, live auction and raffle, entertainment by 12-year-old Makenzie Ryder and the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps. Tickets are \$75 and are available at the Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth or online at www.plymouthhistory.org. Ticket deadline is Feb. 7

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Open mic sign up, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; perfor-

mances 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: Includes a featured performer and several open mic spots. Open mic musicians may perform two songs, original or cover. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free admission.

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSpresident@aol.com

BERMAN CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 20

Location: On the campus of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: The Haifa Symphony Orchestra performs music by Mozart, Dvorák, and Uri Bracha. Tickets are \$67; \$62 for members

Contact: 248-661-1900

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: \$5 donation at the door

Contact: 734-453-1780

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26

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

Details: Cellist David Geringas and pianist Ian Fountain perform.

Contact: 248-855-6070

CLASS TEACHES VEGETARIAN NUTRITION, MEAL PREP

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Arthur Weaver, M.D., will talk about one of his favorite subjects — the plant-based diet — on Sunday, Feb. 2, at Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church.

His wife, Natalie Weaver, will cook up some vegetarian dishes to illustrate the topic.

And everyone in their audience at “Vegetarian Cooking and Nutrition School” will get a chance to taste the results.

“We’ve been doing these classes for about 45 years,” said Weaver, 90, who also leads stop-smoking classes and an annual weeklong health camp. “The less meat one eats the greater the reduction in the risk for diabetes, cancer and a dozen other chronic diseases.

“Studies show the vegetarian diet has a significant advantage and the vegan diet even more significant. But we don’t try to make vegetarians out of them (class attendees). We try to inform them and give them the information and let them decide what to do with it. They become educated. The reason for doing this is to share some good news with the community.”

Weaver and his wife are vegetarians who attend the Seventh-day Adventist church. He said about half of Seventh-day Adventists are vegetar-



Natalie and Arthur Weaver of Northville will hold “Vegetarian Cooking and Nutrition School” Feb. 2 at Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ians. He’ll cite some of the studies that have tracked the health of church members, both vegetarians and meat-eaters, as well as data from other research projects.

He’ll also answer questions about nutrition and vegetarianism. He said nonvegetarians often ask about protein sources in a plant-based diet. They also want to know how a meatless diet will affect their children.

Becoming a vegetarian

He suggests that individuals gradually reduce their meat consumption and “re-educate their sense of taste” as they work their way toward a plant-based diet. Keeping portions under control is important, too. Weaver also prefers fresh fruits and vegetables over processed fare.

“Ideally I think fresh, and

then frozen, then maybe dried and then canned. If you can get it locally, fine. But it’s better to get it than not get it at all,” he said.

“The average meat-eater can’t picture a plate that doesn’t have meat as a central item,” he said. “They also don’t know how you can make up various entrees they don’t have meat. My wife will talk about menu planning and a (vegetar-

TASTY BEAN BAKE

Many different kinds of beans could be substituted, and home cooked beans also work well.
Serves: 8-10

- 1 (15.5 ounce) can kidney beans
- 1 (15.5 ounce) can lima beans
- 1 (15.5 ounce) can French-cut green beans
- 1 (15.5 ounce) can yellow wax beans
- 1 can condensed tomato soup
- 1 pound can vegetarian baked beans
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup barbecue sauce
- 1 small onion chopped
- 1 small green pepper chopped

Partially drain and do not rinse the kidney, lima, green and yellow beans. Add the remaining ingredients to the beans. Stir all ingredients and place into deep baking dish or crockpot. Bake at 350 degrees for 1½ hours or crock pot 2 hours on high and then a half hour on low.

ian) balanced diet.”

Sample recipes and cook books will be available at the class. It will run from 2-5 p.m. Feb. 2, in the community room at the church, 4295 Napier, south of Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth Township. Admission is a suggested donation of \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. RSVP by calling Weaver at 248-349-5683.

Here’s one of the Weavers’ bean recipes:

Manage hunger with wholesome foods

Whether you’re following a weight loss plan or simply maintaining healthy habits, finding foods that are nutritious sources of protein and promote satiety can help curb your urge to snack throughout the day.

Wholesome soyfoods can replace other foods in your diet that might be adding too much fat, sugar and cholesterol. Soyfoods also provide high-quality, complete protein, shown to increase satiety, the feeling of fullness.

“Soy protein can play a major role in satiety,” said Russ Egbert, director of protein research at Archer Daniels Midland Co. “We know that diets that are high in protein are more satiating than diets that are high in carbohydrates or high in fat.”

Regardless of your lifestyle or age, protein is an essential nutrient your body needs, and compared to other common protein sources, the soybean is a giant. The soybean is upwards of 38 percent protein, said Karl Weingartner, director of the International Soybean Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Fish such as salmon contain about 18 percent protein, while a T-bone steak is about 22 percent.

In addition, a recent study published in *Molecular Food & Nutrition Research* found that soy fiber has “favorable effects on body weight, body mass index and fasting LDL-cholesterol levels in overweight and obese adults,” all factors that are helpful in weight loss and managing high blood pressure.

“The soybean by its nature is a complete food. It’s very high in protein, it contains valuable oils, essential fatty acids, fiber, even the sugars in it are considered to be prebiotics,” said Peter Golbitz, director of international business development for the SunOpta Grains and Foods Group.

Simple substitutions make it easy to incorporate soy into your favorite dishes:

- » Combine an avocado, a cup of extra-firm tofu and salsa for a lighter guacamole
- » Substitute soymilk into garlic mashed potatoes
- » Energize your child’s morning breakfast with protein-rich soy yogurt
- » Fix a quick, healthy dinner with soy-based burgers in place of traditional ground beef
- » Toss fresh edamame on top of your favorite salad
- » Select delicious whole soy nutrition bars as snacks

Or, you can experiment with new recipes for guilt-free indulgence. For more recipes featuring soy protein, visit www.soyfoods.org.

Courtesy of Family Features



BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND FENNEL GRATIN

From the Silk Test Kitchen

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 small bulbs fennel, cored, stalks thinly sliced (reserve fronds)
- 1 small onion, thinly sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Pinch of freshly grated nutmeg
- 1 cup Silk Unsweetened soy or almondmilk
- 1 tsp salt
- 2-2 ½ pounds butternut squash, peeled, seeded, and thinly sliced
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 4 ounces grated Parmesan, Romano or soy cheese

Preheat oven to 350°F. Butter or oil a 9- by 13-inch casserole pan. Place a medium-sized skillet over medium-low heat. Add olive oil and cook fennel and onion until both are translucent, about 10 minutes. Add garlic and cook an additional 2 minutes. Stir in nutmeg, Silk and salt. Bring mixture to a boil and remove from heat.

Chop 3 tablespoons of the reserved fennel fronds. Spread half of the squash in the bottom of prepared casserole pan. Top with half the fennel/onion mixture and half the fennel fronds, then lightly salt and pepper. Repeat, ending with the fennel/onion mixture and remaining chopped fronds. Salt and pepper again.

Cover casserole with foil and place on a sheet pan in the middle of the preheated oven for 30 minutes. Remove the foil, top with grated cheese and bake for an additional 15 minutes. Allow to cool for 10 minutes before eating.

SOY AND SPINACH ARTICHOKE DIP

12 servings

- 1 pound silken tofu, crumbled
- 1 pound low-fat cream cheese, cubed
- 1 cup low-fat mayonnaise
- ½ teaspoon ground pepper
- 1 pound frozen

- chopped spinach, thawed and drained
- 1 pound marinated artichoke hearts, drained and coarsely chopped
- ½ cup green onions, chopped
- Parmesan cheese, grated for garnish

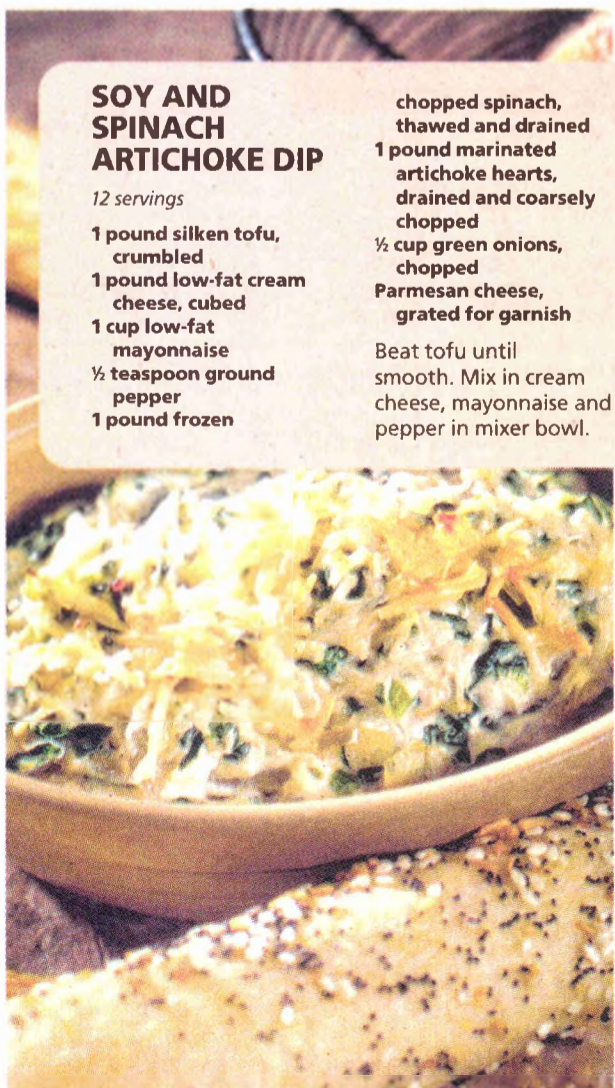
Beat tofu until smooth. Mix in cream cheese, mayonnaise and pepper in mixer bowl.

Fold in spinach, artichokes and green onions. Divide mixture equally into 12 (4-ounce) au gratin dishes. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese on top, if desired. Bake at 350°F for 15 to 20 minutes or until bubbly and browned on top. Serve with low-carb crackers or bread for an all-around low-carb snack or lunch!

TOFU “PUNKIN” PIE

- 1 package (14 ounce) firm tofu
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 can (16 ounces) cooked pumpkin
- 1 prepared graham cracker pie crust

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a blender or food processor, add all ingredients and blend thoroughly. Pour mixture into pie crust; bake for 45 minutes or until set. Serve chilled.



RELIGION CALENDAR

JANUARY

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24

Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, Redford

Details: Performances by Ammunition Band, This Fire Within, The Savior's Army and Lost & Found; free admission, although donations are welcome

Contact: 313-937-2424

CONCERT

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

Jan. 25

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, between Grand River and Freedom Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Rachel Kurtz, singer/song writer, performs. She has sung with such groups as Agape, the Restoration Project, Black Audience, and many others. Admission is \$5. Refreshments served after the concert

Contact: 248-474-0584

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Cliff Monear Trio with guest vocalist Ja Franco perform at this rescheduled event. Admission is a suggested donation of \$15 per person or \$25 per family

Contact: 248-4746170, Ext. 208

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2-March 25

Location: Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, at

Drake, Farmington Hills

Details: Free; presented by New Hope Center for Grief Support. Register by calling Amanda Haelterman at 248-661-9191

Contact: pastor Dennis Carlson, dennis.carlson@4fcc.org

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27

Location: St. Michael Lutheran School, 3003 Hannan, one mile north of Michigan Avenue, Wayne

Details: Tour the school, meet with teachers and learn more

about Christian education. Bus service is available for residents of the Wayne-Westland Community School District. Child care is available before and after school

Contact: 734-728-3315; www.stmichaellutheran.org

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26

Location: St. Michael the Archangel School, 11311 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Tour the K-8 parochial

school's facilities, meet staff members, and meet other parents and students.

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 226; livonia@michael.org

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26

Location: All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road, west of Beck, Canton

Details: Open house for new families. All Saints includes preschool through eighth grade

Contact: 734-459-2490

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BENTLEY, NEWELL FRANCIS, JR.

Age 74, a 46 year resident of Livonia, Michigan passed away on January 19, 2014. Newell was born on April 6, 1939 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Newell and Jane (Rose) Bentley. He married Margaret Sweeney on July 13, 1968 at St. Clement Catholic Church in Romeo, Michigan. Newell (Beve, Francis, Bevo) loved playing with his grandkids, cooking, fishing, hunting, wood-working, drinking coffee and "exercising" at the Farmington YMCA. Newell retired from General Motors after 33 years of service. Then, one day later, he started at the Farmington YMCA. He was very active in the community and all of his children's activities. Newell Jr. is survived by his wife of 45 years Margaret; children: Ann (Robert) Brumar, Barbara (John) Holcomb, Cathleen (Tom) Sweder, and Newell (Marla) Bentley III. Grandchildren include Daniel Andrew, Margaret, Natalie, Julia, Hannah, Braeden, Jaret, and Maia Newell. Sister Christine Connor of Redford, MI, and beloved extended family also survive. In lieu of flowers donations to American Diabetes Association or The "Farmington YMCA Senior Programs" would be appreciated. Arrangements by the Henry M. Malburg Funeral Home, Romeo, Michigan.



CALDER, JANETTE (WOLCOTT)

Age 98 of Livonia, passed away in her sleep January 20, 2014, at Woodhaven Retirement Community where she had lived since 2009. She was married to Alexander Calder for 74 years until his death in 2007. A 1933 graduate of Highland Park H.S. she was an accomplished seamstress, a devoted mother, a loving wife, and a proud homemaker. She will be deeply missed by her four sons: George of Westland, Neil (Michele) of Henderson, Nevada, Gary (Debra) of Okemos, Michigan, and Kenneth of Livonia. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. According to her wishes, there will be no viewing or visitation, she will be cremated, and her ashes will be combined with her husband's in Livonia's Parkview Cemetery. A memorial service will be held later, probably in April, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church. Donations in her memory can be made to St. Matthew's Memorial Fund, 30900 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48152, or to Woodhaven Retirement Community, 29667 Wentworth, Livonia, MI 48154. Arrangements in the care of Fred Wood Funeral Home Livonia, MI.



CLOR, JOHN J.

Born July 20, 1954, passed away January 14, 2014. Survived by longtime companion, Sharon Perry; two sons, John C. Clor and Andrew Clor; step-daughter Casandra; two step-grandchildren Carly and Braiden. John will also be missed by extended family and all friends.



LINDBERG, ISABELLE

96, of Kohler, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 16, 2014, at Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. She was born July 24, 1917, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Isabelle was married to Oscar Lindberg on December 31, 1936. Oscar preceded her in death on May 29, 1994. They lived in Grand Rapids for 38 years. In 1955 they moved to the Detroit area, where they were actively involved with Faith Covenant Church and made many life-long friends. In 2007, Isabelle moved to Kohler to live with her daughter, Mary. Isabelle is lovingly remembered by her four children, Fred Lindberg (Betty Jo) of Brighton, Michigan, Carol Henderson (Mark) of Rochester, Michigan, Mary Buchan (Bruce) of Kohler, and Richard Lindberg of Scottsdale, Arizona; four grandchildren, Lisa Haverkate, Ken Lindberg, Chris Lindberg, and Ian Buchan; four great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Marie Lindberg. She was predeceased by her husband, Oscar, and son, Robert. In accordance with Isabelle's wishes, a memorial will be held in Michigan at a later date. Please visit www.zimmerfuneralhome.com to sign her guestbook. In lieu of flowers, a memorial to Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48331, would be appreciated.



MANCHESTER, MARY M.

Passed away January 16, 2014 at the age of 87. She was born December 24, 1926 in Detroit to Joseph and Rachel (McLeren) Barlow. She was the beloved wife of William "Bud" Manchester for over 66 years and the dear mother of Linda (Richard) Walther, Jill Manchester, Cynthia (Eric) Matchette, Crystal (Joseph) Mazzarella, Mary (Roger) Bloedel and the late Ronald Manchester. Dearest grandmother of Patricia (Donald) Gerbert, Richard Walther Jr., Eric Matchette Jr., Alyssa Matchette, William Mazzarella, Samuel Mazzarella and the late Rachel and Sarah Bloedel and great-grandmother of Brenden Walther and Maddix Gerbert. Mary is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and her beloved poodle "Sweetie". Funeral Services were held Monday, January 20, 2014, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Rd., Livonia. Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Share memories at schrader-howell.com. Entombment Glen Eden Cemetery.

ROBBINS-LeBLANC, BETTE

January 21, 2014. Mother of Kimberly (Mark) Walker-Esper. Full obit at: www.rhusband.com.



STANG, MARY ELIZABETH

Her Legacy... Passed away, January 20, 2014 at the age of 88. Mary Beth was born December 7, 1925 in Sandusky, Ohio to Herman R. and Alena I. (Simon) Bryant. On May 28, 1949 Mary Beth married Charles Stang in Sandusky, Ohio. Lovingly married for 60 years, he preceded her in death in 2010. Mary Beth will be remembered as a loving spouse and mother who was generous to all. Her Family... Mary Beth is survived by sons, David (Mary) of Morgantown, North Carolina; Thomas J. of Friendswood, Texas; and daughter Barbara (William) Fleszar of Brighton, Michigan; grandchildren, Matthew, Andrew, Meghan and Morgan; and brother Thomas Bryant of Farmington Hills, MI. Her Farewell... Family and friends will gather on Friday, January 24, 2014 from 3 - 8 p.m. at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. A Rosary will be held at 5:00 p.m. Mass will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brighton. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Sandusky, Ohio. Please leave a message of comfort to Mary Beth's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit our website at: www.borekjennings.com.



STOWELL, JOHN GREGORY

Age 71, of Northville, passed away suddenly on January 17, 2014. He was born on July 18, 1942 in Garden City, Michigan; son of Theodore and Evelyn (nee Nolte) Stowell. John worked as a Diesel Mechanic with Ryan Transportation for 30 years before retiring. He was united in marriage to Joyce Pankow on September 23, 1966; they spent 47 loving years together. He was an elder with the First Baptist Church of Novi. John liked to do handy work. He was always fixing something or building something new. He loved spending time with his grandchildren; especially giving them tractor/trailer rides. John was a very determined, motivated and strong man. He was very giving and an easy going father. John was a devoted husband and gave Joyce the life she wanted. John is survived by his beloved wife Joyce; his loving children Tammy Stowell and Todd (Michelle) Stowell; his brother George Stowell, his sister Donna (Dave Harden) Stowell; and his grandchildren, Mackirra, Cheyenne and Korwyn. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Steven Stowell. A Funeral Service was held Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at Casterline Funeral Home. Online condolences at: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



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Cooking, home heating fires increase in winter

The National Fire Protection Association and the United States Fire Administration are teaming up on a campaign to promote fire safety during winter months. There are typically more home fires and home fire deaths in cooler months. Safety information being offered on a host of topics under the umbrella "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires" is aimed at raising awareness of winter fire risks and providing tools and information that can be used to reduce these risks.

Preparing for a new season is the first step in addressing safety. NFPA and USFA offer 10 Tips to Get Ahead of the Winter Freeze, a printable checklist of reminders, such as checking that vents have been cleaned and inspected, and furnaces have been inspected and serviced.

The campaign will begin with a focus on cooking fire safety and heating fire safety. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, and the third leading cause of home fire deaths. November usually signals a time of increased cooking fires as Thanksgiving is the peak day for cooking fires with roughly three times the average number of cooking fires. It also marks the beginning of the holiday season and a lot of cooking. In fact, Christmas and Christmas Eve rank second and third in cooking fires. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires. Most cooking fires involve the range or cooktop.

Heating is the second leading cause of home fire deaths, behind smoking, and the second leading cause of home fire injuries. In 2007-11, most home heating fire deaths (81 percent) and injuries (70 percent) involved stationary or portable space heaters.

For tip sheets, videos and other information on how to prevent cooking, heating and other types of fires, visit www.nfpa.org/winter and www.usfa.fema.gov/winter for an extensive list of resources. Check out the new online quiz and stay tuned to www.nfpa.org/winter or follow NFPA and USFA on social media for updates, new

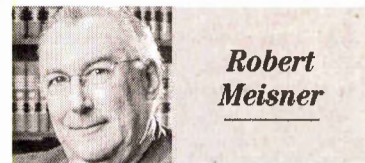


materials and other interactive ways to brush up on fire safety.

The "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires" campaign will run through mid-March and other topics will include holiday decorations, candles, electrical, winter storms and carbon monoxide.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit

organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.



Focus of N.J. case is handicap parking

Q: I live in an apartment complex and I am disabled. Initially, I was given an assigned parking spot. Now, I am asking the landlord to give me a handicap accessible spot closer to my apartment. Can I still keep my non-accessible parking spot?

A: Probably not. In a case in the early 2000s out of New Jersey, the federal court held that the association had acted reasonably in offering a disabled owner a handicap accessible parking space closer to his unit upon the condition that he surrender his non-accessible parking space, since each unit owner only had one assigned space. This case should be helpful to all associations dealing with this question.

Q: I am thinking about developing a live-work condominium and I am wondering whether you are aware of any potential problems with that type of development.

A: It is a difficult question to answer in the short time allotted, but it is clear that the development of a so-called live-work condominium building is picking up speed throughout the country in response to the proliferation of professionals who work from home. A condo hybrid creates a space that is suited to work and residential needs. However, there are zoning and building code challenges largely because communities don't know whether to treat live-work condos as commercial or residential. Buyers need to understand what uses they can and cannot have which usually are enumerated in the condominium documents. In general, as far as the uses of the units are concerned, it is buyer beware especially in developments where there are fewer live-work units than traditional residential units. Buyers need to look very carefully at the governing documents to make sure that any amendments to them that would affect their rights would have to be approved by a majority of the live-work unit owners and not the owners of traditional units. You are best advised to consult with an experienced community association attorney before entering into any purchase agreement and/or design decisions with respect to any condominium development.

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.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 23-27, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
42630 Addison Ave	\$180,000
39446 Bart St	\$137,000
46731 Bartlett Dr	\$265,000
41586 Bedford Dr	\$40,000
7711 Charrington Dr	\$228,000
7910 Charrington Dr	\$235,000
467 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$172,000
50334 Colonial St	\$294,000
1557 Commodore Cir	\$150,000
2483 Cranbrook Rd	\$181,000
42129 Echo Forest Dr	\$339,000
5885 Fairborn Dr	\$400,000
50678 Federal Blvd	\$83,000
51285 Federal Blvd	\$86,000
7037 Foxridge Dr	\$210,000
48835 Gyde Rd	\$151,000
1144 Hampshire Dr	\$152,000
1982 Hawks Nest Ct	\$164,000
2480 Hogan Way	\$185,000
2720 Hogan Way	\$250,000
2768 Hogan Way	\$236,000
3897 Hunters Way Ct	\$72,000
50412 Hunsdowne Rd	\$410,000
2336 Leigh Ct	\$258,000
1663 McInane St	\$360,000
7485 N Beck Rd	\$160,000
3928 Palace Ave	\$205,000
7340 Parkway Ct	\$215,000
6254 Pickwick Dr	\$203,000
254 Princeton St	\$198,000
7432 Provincial Rd	\$195,000
5926 Runnymede Dr	\$175,000
2109 S Pennfield Ln	\$77,000
42544 Saltz Rd	\$225,000
44461 Savery Dr	\$52,000
644 Sorel Dr	\$248,000
1811 Steeplechase Rd	\$87,000
377 Sylvan Dr	\$383,000
45303 Turnberry Dr	\$300,000
46596 Waddington Rd	\$285,000
5705 Wedgewood Rd	\$150,000

7640 Wheaton Dr	\$164,000
2399 Wooster St	\$366,000
GARDEN CITY	
28489 Barton St	\$67,000
2029 Cardwell St	\$101,000
6041 Cardwell St	\$70,000
30024 Cherry Hill Rd	\$80,000
6445 Fairfield St	\$82,000
6036 Gilman St	\$45,000
32207 Marquette St	\$60,000
LIVONIA	
28700 Seven Mile Rd	\$90,000
38814 Allen St	\$165,000
36713 Angeline Cir	\$142,000
34001 Ann Arbor Trl	\$132,000
18999 Bainbridge Ave	\$203,000
9063 Beatrice St	\$158,000
29656 Clarita St	\$50,000
29656 Clarita St	\$53,000
14512 Country Club Dr	\$167,000
14904 Country Club Dr	\$128,000
18014 Country Club Dr	\$235,000
9901 Cranston St	\$30,000
36101 Curtis Rd	\$245,000
15430 Edington St	\$215,000
14851 Ellen Dr	\$150,000
39004 Elsie St	\$195,000
9833 Fairfield St	\$80,000
33009 Fargo St	\$35,000
18978 Gleggarry Dr	\$312,000
15317 Green Lane Ave	\$108,000
29200 Grove St	\$143,000
31510 Haldane St	\$143,000
15045 Hix St	\$130,000
9268 Houghton St	\$120,000
15015 Knolson St	\$170,000
38478 Lapham Ct	\$256,000
18525 Loveland St	\$185,000
39194 Minton Ave	\$139,000
36705 Munger Dr	\$136,000
34614 Navin Ct	\$320,000
15060 Nola St	\$120,000
29801 Richland St	\$142,000
30840 Schoolcraft Rd	\$110,000
15536 Shadyside St	\$225,000
18369 University Park Dr	\$87,000
9245 Virginia St	\$128,000
27540 W Chicago St	\$97,000
14063 Westmore St	\$175,000

14133 Westmore St	\$133,000
15507 Williams St	\$215,000
NORTHVILLE	
48458 Binghampton Dr	\$510,000
17638 Briar Ridge Ln	\$720,000
17778 Briar Ridge Ln	\$506,000
16409 Brooklane Blvd	\$575,000
39631 Dun Rovin Dr	\$290,000
39595 Eagle Trace Dr	\$295,000
39753 Eagle Trace Dr	\$269,000
495 East St	\$543,000
39876 Harbert Dr	\$283,000
16524 Horseshoe Dr	\$467,000
16750 Horseshoe Dr	\$514,000
39658 Muirfield Ln	\$310,000
617 N Center St	\$150,000
49448 N Glacier	\$277,000
47786 Newcasttle Ct	\$640,000
19154 Northridge Dr	\$70,000
50595 Northstar Way	\$710,000
50687 Northstar Way	\$682,000
18947 Oak Leaf Ln	\$1,425,000
46275 Pinehurst Dr	\$504,000
49200 Ridge Ct	\$265,000
50031 Teton Ridge Rd	\$734,000
PLYMOUTH	
696 Adams St	\$255,000
45763 Amesbury Dr	\$362,000
365 Auburn St	\$400,000
47080 Burning Tree Ln	\$650,000
240 Burroughs St	\$190,000
42257 Hammill Ln	\$148,000
837 Harding St	\$325,000
9410 High Pointe Ct	\$265,000
13945 High Ridge Ct	\$465,000
647 Kellogg St	\$231,000
359 McKinley St	\$415,000
42207 Mill Race Cir	\$121,000
51355 Northview	\$310,000
42211 Old Pond Cir	\$115,000
895 Palmer St	\$409,000
12510 Pinecrest Dr	\$210,000
233 Pinewood Cir	\$78,000
41633 Riveroaks Dr	\$200,000
1479 Ross St	\$280,000
1099 Simpson St	\$182,000
9230 Tavistock Dr	\$225,000
REDFORD	
12920 Beech Daly Rd	\$65,000

9020 Brady	\$80,000
11675 Farley	\$68,000
17195 Gaylord	\$74,000
9920 Grayfield	\$15,000
9623 Hemingway	\$72,000
15914 Indian	\$51,000
14224 Inkster Rd	\$20,000
9295 Jerome	\$78,000
9084 Lenore	\$48,000
15480 Lexington	\$75,000
11639 Marion	\$72,000
25447 Ross Dr	\$75,000
26210 W Chicago	\$73,000
19403 Wakenden	\$29,000
11392 Wormer	\$47,000
11415 Wormer	\$26,000
WAYNE	
34333 Annapolis St	\$30,000
34930 Elm St	\$108,000
4690 Niagara St	\$60,000
WESTLAND	
32915 Avondale St	\$64,000
31656 Birchwood St	\$55,000
8661 Cardwell St	\$140,000
7728 Carrousel Blvd	\$85,000
32750 Chapman Cir	\$115,000
7315 Cheyenne St	\$175,000
35442 Farragut Ave	\$90,000
31540 Grandview Ave	\$100,000
5131 Julius Blvd	\$10,000
341 Larchmont Dr	\$135,000
2370 McGee Ct	\$95,000
5835 N Berry St	\$56,000
8300 N Hix Rd	\$225,000
5930 N Newburgh Rd	\$50,000
34655 Parkgrove Dr	\$140,000
6457 Pembroke Dr	\$91,000
7806 Rivergate Dr	\$80,000
1568 S Crown St	\$76,000
1575 S Sutton St	\$125,000
8310 Shari Dr	\$125,000
34065 Standish St	\$90,000
30859 Stephen Ct	\$109,000
36159 Traditions Dr	\$155,000
829 Van Sull St	\$98,000
6342 W Morgan Cir	\$90,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 3-6, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
16296 Beechwood Ave	\$295,000
15975 Reedmere Ave	\$270,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1751 Birmingham Blvd	\$415,000
622 Chesterfield Ave	\$683,000
677 E Lincoln St	\$262,000
1569 E Lincoln St	\$219,000
1778 Graefield Rd	\$123,000
1221 Hillside Dr	\$280,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
7118 Cathedral Dr	\$376,000
1015 Eastover Dr	\$255,000
260 Guilford Rd	\$1,798,000
941 N Reading Rd	\$234,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
542 Cambridge Way	\$526,000
1320 Covington Rd	\$995,000
776 Great Oaks Dr	\$435,000
6731 N Adams Rd	\$204,000

7200 Parkhurst Dr	\$296,000
1116 S Timberview Trl	\$300,000
1887 Squirrel Valley Dr	\$295,000
2540 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$184,000
100 W Hickory Grove Rd # A8	\$65,000
4590 Walden Dr	\$473,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
3143 Belle Terre	\$75,000
5981 Birchcrest Ln	\$60,000
3761 Cheryl Dr	\$100,000
1854 Cheshire Ln	\$405,000
4645 Commerce Woods	\$240,000
2731 Greenlawn Ave	\$299,000
224 Havana St	\$83,000
725 Polvadera St	\$175,000
2600 Rocky Top Ct	\$246,000
3508 Trentwood Dr	\$715,000
1611 Wandrei Ct	\$400,000
FARMINGTON	
34142 Cortland Ave	\$213,000
23801 Farmington Rd	\$215,000
38372 Lana Ct	\$270,000
22980 Manning St	\$188,000
33244 Slocum Dr	\$175,000
34009 State St	\$210,000

22901 Warner St	\$146,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
28197 Alycekey St	\$130,000
25872 Beecham Rd	\$188,000
27675 Chatsworth St	\$887,000
33577 Colony Park Dr	\$275,000
29347 Earth Ln	\$110,000
37773 Glengrove Dr	\$335,000
26750 Halsted Rd	\$100,000
21418 Hamilton Ave	\$18,000
27281 Hystone Dr	\$147,000
28927 Kirkside Ln	\$225,000
37538 Legends Trail Dr	\$228,000
35735 Lone Pine Ln	\$197,000
23011 Middlebelt Rd	\$74,000
31111 Misty Pines Dr	\$138,000
26117 Pillsbury St	\$220,000
32361 Red Clover Rd	\$230,000
22451 Shadowglen Dr	\$295,000
32237 Tall Timber Dr	\$203,000
36729 Tanglewood Ln	\$265,000
23630 W Newell Cir	\$145,000
31371 W Stonewood Ct	\$280,000
FRANKLIN	
27115 Wellington Rd	\$1,275,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
28125 Lathrup Blvd	\$222,000

738 Banbury Ct	\$285,000
806 Canal St	\$145,000
420 Crystal St	\$170,000
664 E Dawson Rd	\$290,000
1032 Riverstone Cir	\$240,000
2986 Rolling Green Ct	\$340,000
NORTHVILLE	
41754 Broquet Dr	\$130,000
49790 Ravello Ct	\$930,000
37785 W Greenwood Dr	\$257,000
NOVI	
39955 Burton Ct	\$260,000
50917 Chesapeake Dr	\$518,000
22445 Cranbrooke Dr	\$125,000
22440 Darcy Ct	\$680,000
24655 Dinser Dr	\$240,000
44643 Ellery Ln	\$201,000
27967 Hopkins Dr	\$154,000
24596 Kings Pointe	\$210,000
44490 Stone Rd	\$375,000
27424 Victoria Rd	\$295,000
43650 Wendingo Ct	\$210,000
1523 West Lake Dr	\$538,000
46195 White Pines Dr	\$148,000
SOUTH LYON	
23817 Bayberry Ct	\$360,000

24734 Brompton Way	\$448,000
23825 Copperwood Dr W	\$434,000
61365 Creekevly Dr	\$196,000
1111 Fountain View Cir	\$120,000
54898 Grenelefe Cir W	\$277,000
23966 Lyon Ridge Dr	\$455,000
51921 Red Cedar	\$374,000
51957 Red Cedar	\$358,000
58698 Swing Beam Ct	\$80,000
SOUTHFIELD	
19695 Albany Ave	\$69,000
27445 Bradford Ln	\$142,000
18519 Jeanette St	\$160,000
20905 Mapleridge Ave	\$140,000
30841 Marshall St	\$97,000
29465 Somerset Dr	\$130,000
29569 Stellamar Dr	\$190,000
20270 Westpointe Ct	\$145,000
25820 Woodville Pl	\$190,000
WHITE LAKE	
527 N Ponchartrain St	\$275,000
9723 Shelby Dr	\$259,000
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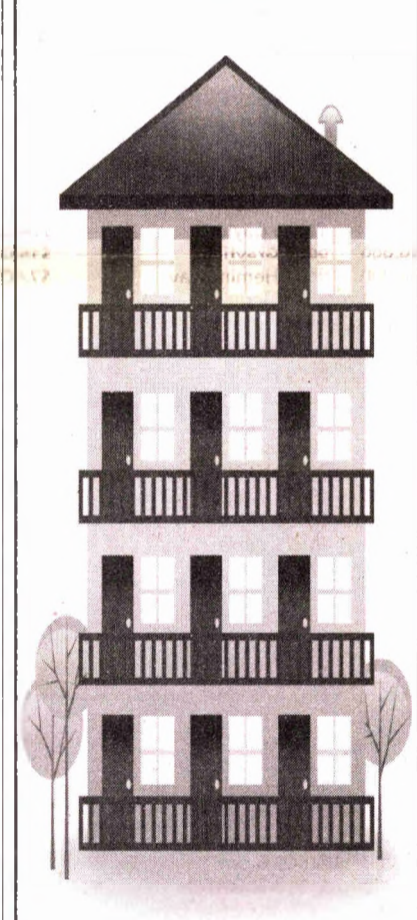
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