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Board votes to close 2 elementaries

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday made official what Allen Elementary parents had feared since early October: Their school will close after this school year.

The board voted 5-2 Tuesday night to close Allen and the Tanger Center, both located in Plymouth Township, and repur-

pose Gallimore Elementary School in Canton as part of a redistricting plan made necessary by declining enrollment and the opening of a new middle school next year.

In a separate vote, the board approved the first reading of a proposal for new middle school boundaries. The final decision on that plan will be made next week.

Allen and Tanger will be

closed as educational facilities; no prognosis for their future has been discussed. Gallimore will be repurposed to house the elementary TAG program now split between Miller and Dodson elementaries, and the Infant and Preschool Special Education Program currently at Tanger.

The decision did not come easily.

"It's heart-wrenching ... but

our financial situation has gotten so difficult, and with the declining enrollment (district-wide) due to declining birth rate and the charters, it was something we had to do," board President Judy Mardigian said. "My heart breaks for the Allen and Gallimore communities ... But we're at the point where we had to make a decision."

As one might expect, Allen's parents and staff didn't take

the news well. A large contingent from the Allen community turned out for the meeting, which was moved to Plymouth High School to accommodate the crowd.

As has been their custom at recent meetings, they were adorned in red and stood united in their hope their school wouldn't be closed.

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An honor guard from Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 gave a rifle salute at the close of the Veterans Day ceremony in Plymouth on Tuesday.

MATT JACHMAN

TRIBUTE TO HEROES

Plymouth pauses to honor veterans

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth took time out to honor its military veterans on Tuesday with stories of sacrifice and words of gratitude.

The Veterans Day gathering at Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park brought together veterans from many conflicts, local officials, students from neighboring Central Middle School and those who work with veterans to heal their wounds and help them adjust

to civilian life.

"Veterans Day commemorates the courage and patriotism of all the men and women who served in the United States military," said Steve Monaghan, an ex-Marine and the master of ceremonies.

The event opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by the student council from Central; a prayer from the Rev. Clement Suh, associate pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church; and

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Roby Jarczewski, in black coat, a teacher and student council adviser at Central Middle School, accepts an award on the council's behalf from Ron King, president of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528, and other representatives of local veterans groups thanking students for participating in the annual Veterans Day ceremony at Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park.

BOB ZAETTA

Township recall moves growing

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Attempts to vote Plymouth Township elected officials out of office are going in several directions with the approvals last week of petitions against two more Board of Trustees members.

The Wayne County Elections Commission on Nov. 6 green-lighted petition language seeking the recalls of Trustees Michael Kelly and Bob Doroshewitz, while rejecting a petition against Trustee Chuck Curmi on the grounds that it was unclear.

Supervisor Richard Reaume, who filed the latest petitions, said Friday that he will reword and re-file the petition against Curmi.

With four recall petitions filed earlier also approved, six of the seven board members face a possible recall election next May. For any one board member to face a recall election, recall proponents must gather the signatures of close to 3,200 registered township voters on a petition against that board member.

But Reaume says he does not plan to collect signatures in order to force a recall election against Doroshewitz, Curmi or Kelly.

Neither Doroshewitz nor Kelly plan to appeal the elections commission decisions to approve the petitions against them.



Reaume

'Not going to worry'

"Why would I?" Doroshewitz said in an email. Either Reaume is abusing the process and should apologize, he added, "or he better get busy collecting signatures."

"I just don't think this is going anywhere, so I'm not going to worry about it," said Kelly on Friday.

Reaume says he filed the petitions in an attempt to draw attention to Michigan's recall laws, which he characterizes as too loose. Elected officials, he said, should only be subject to recall attempts in cases of illegal or unethical behavior or fiduciary lapses, not because of how they voted on an issue.

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Plymouth Goodfellows looking for families to help

JULIE BROWN
Plymouth Goodfellows volunteers (from left) Lillian Drauss, Penny Irwin, Tom Piesik, Kristen Farmer and Harry Stansell. Farmer is Plymouth Goodfellows president, Stansell vice president.



By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Fewer families have approached the Plymouth Goodfellows for Christmas help this year than in previous years, and Kristen Farmer is pretty sure – and hopeful – there are more out there.

So, with a deadline approaching for Christmas help Farmer, the Goodfellows' president, is looking for more families to help. The deadline for applying for help has been extended to Nov. 22 in an ef-

fort to help as many families as possible.

Last year, the Plymouth Goodfellows helped 88 families, including nearly 200 children. So far this year, only 32 families have signed up.

"We are carrying on a 76-year-old tradition of providing toys and clothes and food for families who would likely go without," Farmer said. "We make sure to provide enough food money go get the kids through the two-week winter

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Salvation Army, DDA kick off Red Kettle drive

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Officials from the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and the Plymouth Salvation Army are getting ready to kick off two campaigns with one event.

The DDA kicks off its Boulevard Tree Lighting and helps the Salvation Army kick off the 2014 Red Kettle Campaign with an entertaining event at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

The tree-lighting begins at 7 p.m. "It's the beginning of an exciting time in downtown Plymouth," DDA operations director Tony Bruscatto said. "We're glad to help the Salvation Army kick off their kettle drive. They do a lot of good work in our community."

Entertainment will be provided by the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choir, radio station WOMC-FM (104.3) and the Salvation Army Brass Band.

Sponsors include E.G. Nick's, Gordon Food Services and Community Financial Credit Union. There will be free hot chocolate and coffee served.



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Volunteer Grace Stanczak has been a bell-ringer for the Salvation Army kettle drive in the past. This year's campaign kicks off Nov. 14.

A variety of local businesses will provide gift certificates, including Avenue Market, Core Sport, Dean Sadler Hair and Makeup Studio, Delta Diamond, Focal Point Studio, Hands-On Leather, Home Sweet Home, Ironwood Grill, Kilwin's, Merle Norman Cosmetics, Omelette & Waffle Cafe, Primp Beauty Concierge, Salon Awesome, Sean O'Callaghan's and Stella's Black Dog Tavern.

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville. Visitors who bring nonperishable food items for the food pantry will be entered to win gift certificates. The first 100 guests receive a free gift.

Salvation Army seeks turkey donations

Plymouth Salvation Army officials realize the obvious: No Thanksgiving dinner is complete without a nice turkey to carve.

And considering the PSA is determined to help some 400 families get a traditional Thanksgiving meal, that's a lot of turkeys. And so far, they're coming up short.

The Plymouth Salvation Army Corps, which services families in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, is in need of some 275 frozen turkeys (averaging size: 15 pounds) for their annual Community Thanksgiving distribution.

"The Thanksgiving meal is a family experience, and we want to

make sure as many families as possible have that experience," said Laurie Aren, the PSA's director of family and community ministries. "This community has always been more than generous, and we couldn't operate these programs without local donations."

Along with the tur-

keys, Aren said, families will get "all the fixins" for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Donations will be "gratefully accepted," Aren said, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays. Deadline for donation (and distribution) is Saturday, Nov. 22.

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a rendition of *The Star-Spangled Banner* by the Central band.

Representatives from several veterans organizations offered thanks to veterans and urged listeners to do the same.

"We can never say 'thank you' enough. However, we owe it to them to keep trying," said Ron King, president of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528.

"When you see a veteran, make his or her day," said Bob Caldwell, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695. Caldwell said displays of gratitude from the public give veterans "the greatest feeling in the world."

Plymouth heroes

Frank Pawelak, commander of American Legion Post 391, told brief stories of two local men killed in action during World War II, Don Passage and Peter Gayde, for whom Post 391 is named.

Passage served in the Army and died in the invasion of Nazi-held North Africa, while Gayde was in the Merchant Marine and was on a ship that was torpedoed.

"They are not forgotten," Pawelak said.

E. Wayne Byrum, a psychotherapist, spoke of his work at the Veterans Affairs hospital in Ann Arbor, where he continues to run a program for former prisoners of war even though he is officially retired.

"There are a lot of veterans here today who



MATT JACHMAN

The band from Central Middle School performed to open Tuesday's Veterans Day ceremony.



BOB ZAETTA

E. Wayne Byrum, a psychotherapist, spoke of his work with former prisoners of war at the Veterans Affairs hospital in Ann Arbor. Byrum has been with the hospital for about 40 years.

carry scars that you will never see," Byrum said.

Byrum grew emotional when he remembered a friend and former POW, Paul Coen of Canton Township, who died earlier this year at age 90.

Coen was in the Army when he was captured by

the Germans shortly after D-Day; in the years after the war, he joined the Air Force and served in the conflicts in Korea and Vietnam, Byrum said. He went on to have a career as a manufacturer's representative.

"Everybody loved

Paul," Byrum said later. Stewart Israel, the veterans affairs chairman for the Ann Arbor-Plymouth Elks, rounded out the speeches by contrasting the trials veterans faced with the ease of civilian life back home.

"You wore a uniform for me while I complained about my job," Israel said. "You saluted your commander while I argued with my boss. ... You stood in front of me while bullets were flying, while I sat at the bar."

The ceremony ended with a rifle salute by an honor guard from VVA Chapter 528 and the playing of *Taps* by a lone bugler.

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break from school."

The Goodfellows provide clothes, toys and food gift certificates. Some families are adopted by local businesses and residents. The Goodfellows will deliver some of the larger gifts to people who are disabled or otherwise unable to pick them up.

The others come to the Plymouth Elks club to pick up their gifts in mid-December.

Applicants must live in Plymouth and must have children under the

age of 18. Applications are available at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, or online at plymouthgoodfellows.org.

Farmer said the Goodfellows program has provided lots of happy holiday memories.

"We have seen tears of joy from children and parents alike when they see their gifts," Farmer said. "It is rewarding for us to make sure there is 'No Child Without a Christmas.'"

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In the end, though, the board went with the administration's recommendation.

"I am deeply saddened by the decision of the board this evening," Allen parent Michelle McAvo said. "I will stand by my position that the Steering Committee did not provide sufficient, consistent or reliable data to justify a 'yes' vote. I am confident that our Allen community will come together to support our school family through all of the upcoming transitions."

Trustee Mark Horvath was one of the two "no" votes (Mike Maloney was the other). Horvath said he couldn't support the plan because it still lacked data he said he'd



BRAD KADRICH

Parents, kids and supporters crowded the curb in front of Allen Elementary School on Haggerty in Plymouth Township Sunday to show support for the school. On Tuesday, the Board of Education voted to close it.

been asking for.

That data included items such as the costs for optional, tuition-based programming - "All we got was the revenue side," he said - and transportation costs associated with the plan.

"The transportation data was just a guess ... The data just wasn't there," Horvath said. "I'm a big advocate that

we have to close schools and get our costs in line. At this point I don't know if we should close two schools or three or four. I didn't get the data to support the conclusions. I can't support what I can't explain to our customers."

The board also approved the first reading of the middle school plan. The boundary steering

committee - and district administrators - recommended the second of three options.

The recommended option - Option 2 in the plan - is basically the original proposal with a couple of modifications. Eriksson Elementary students would move as a whole to Discovery Middle School, rather than being split between the new school and Discovery Middle School. This option also adds a piece of Workman to the new middle school and creates an additional elementary school split (Workman under Option 1 would move entirely to Pioneer).

The board is expected to formally vote on the middle school plan at a meeting Tuesday, Nov. 18, likely back at Plymouth High School.

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"He raised awareness all right," quipped Curmi. "He got my attention."

"We'll take it to the Legislature and show them how ridiculous this is, that the law needs to be changed," Reaume said.

Reaume also faces a recall effort, along with Clerk Nancy Conzelman, Treasurer Ron Edwards and Trustee Kay Arnold, by a group of citizens who don't like the majority's spending priorities and don't feel citizens are being respected or heard.

Petitions against those four were approved by the elections commission in early October, but Conzelman, Edwards and Arnold are appealing the

commission's decision in Wayne County Circuit Court. Hearings are scheduled for Friday, Nov. 21, before Judge Robert Colombo.

Janet Anderson-Davis, an attorney for the county elections commission, has filed motions asking Colombo to dismiss the appeals.

Recall-ready

Reaume, who is in his third term as supervisor, is not appealing the approval of the petition seeking to recall him.

Sandy Groth, a leader of the citizens group pushing for the recall of Reaume, Conzelman, Edwards and Arnold, said the group is ready to start gathering voters' signatures should it get the go-ahead from the court.

"We're pretty much just waiting for approv-

al," from the judge hearing the appeals by Conzelman, Edwards and Arnold, said Groth, a former township deputy clerk who ran for trustee in 2012. "We're not going to waste a lot of time. We want to get it done."

Once a recall petition drive starts, state law gives proponents 60 days to gather the necessary signatures. Recall petition language remains valid for 180 days after it is approved.

If a petition drive is successful, the officials targeted must fight for their jobs as incumbents in a sort of midterm election, against challengers from an opposing party - in this case the Democratic Party - or independent challengers.

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FIGHTING BACK

Family fundraiser battles bone-marrow syndrome

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Not much is known about the bone marrow failure disease Shwachman-Diamond syndrome. There isn't much information about it, doctors have a tough time providing a prognosis and the symptoms are so variable that people can go for years without being diagnosed.

Rob and Erica Frew are hoping a fundraiser they're conducting at Super Bowl in Canton Saturday will help raise awareness of – and money for – the rare disease.

And if anyone should be able to help raise the syndrome's profile, it should be the Frews, whose three sons have all been diagnosed with SDS. The Frews are hoping their family will help put a face on the disease.

"Receiving a diagnosis of a disease like SDS is frightening," Erica Frew said. "We want people to know what SDS is and know that it is their community. We want people to connect faces to this disease that they have never heard of, and may never see again. Yes, we want to raise money – money is what helps families and funds research. But just as important is that people know that SDS exists."

Dealing with it

The Frew family has been dealing with the syndrome since January 2010, when their eldest son, Kyle, then 2 years



The Frew family – parents Rob and Erica with sons Ian, Kyle and Gavin – are fighting back against Shwachman-Diamond syndrome.

ERICA FREW

old, was officially diagnosed. Kyle had experienced poor growth, malabsorption and intermittent low white blood cell count since around his first birthday. While Kyle's pediatrician seemed unconcerned, his parents weren't convinced.

"We were initially concerned he had celiac disease, but that was ruled out," Erica Frew said. "Our doctor at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital suspected SDS in September 2009, and we received genetic confirmation in January 2010."

Twins Gavin and Ian were diagnosed in September 2012 based on genetic testing. They had no obvious symptoms at

the time.

"We tested them at 5 months old simply because their older brother has the syndrome," Erica Frew said. "We received genetic confirmation of their diagnosis in September 2012."

Invisible illness

Part of the frustration of SDS is that it's an "invisible" illness. Eric said she frequently hears the boys "look too well to be sick." And that's true in large measure because the family works hard at it.

All three take pancreatic enzymes before they eat since their pancreases do not properly produce enzymes needed for digestion. The en-

zymes that they lack aid in the absorption of the fat-soluble vitamins, and they require high-dose supplementation to maintain normal levels of vitamins A, D, E and K.

She said Kyle, the 7-year-old, "struggles" with the chronic aspects of his syndrome.

"He doesn't like having to take (medication) at school, he doesn't like missing school for doctors appointments," Erica said. "He does not like being different from his friends."

While bone marrow transplants haven't been necessary for 7-year-old Kyle or 2 1/2-year-old Ian, Gavin underwent one in August. Since then, he's been busy in C.S. Mott

Children's Hospital's bone marrow transplant clinic weekly – a schedule that changes to bi-weekly when he hits the 100-day post-transplant mark Saturday.

Tough times

The disease has been hard on the family. They have to be cautious about illness, especially since Gavin has no immune system following the transplant. The family monitors the boys' exposure when they know people around them are ill.

"One person's cold could potentially send my boys to the hospital for strong antibiotics, with a potential 48-hour stay," Erica said. "We

RAISING THE PROFILE

What: Fundraiser for Shwachman-Diamond syndrome

When: Saturday, Nov. 15, 5-7 p.m.

Where: Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road in Canton

Why: Raise awareness and money for the Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome Foundation

Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door (\$15 for kids)

Contact: For details, call Erica Frew, 313-492-4075, or email team-gavinfrew@gmail.com. More information is also available on Facebook at facebook.com/gavin-frew

avoid putting ourselves into those situations when we can."

Still, the family keeps busy, something that gets tougher as the weather cools and chances for safe activities outdoors dwindle. Being inside with large groups isn't safe for Gavin following the transplant.

All in all, the family is doing OK.

"We have a good support system, which helps a lot," Erica said. "Some days we are so mentally exhausted that it feels hard to function, though. Our reality is that we have three chronically ill kids, and we have no idea what their futures look like. That type of uncertainty – living with what-ifs – can be exhausting. So we take it one day at a time. Enjoy the good, deal with the bad when/if it comes around."

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Veteran cops announce retirements

The Canton Police Department will say goodbye to two of its lieutenants next week, as the men retire from long-standing careers with the department.

In their current positions, both serve as platoon commanders in the patrol division, overseeing the daily operations of their assigned shifts made up of sergeants and patrol officers.

David Schreiner was hired as a Canton Police officer in 1987. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2001, and lieutenant in 2013. Schreiner earned his bachelor's degree from Ferris State University



Gajeski

Schreiner

and his master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He is also a graduate of Eastern Michigan University's Police Staff & Command School.

During his 27-year career with the department, Schreiner spent 12 years assigned to the department's Detective

Bureau, seven years as a detective and five as the supervising sergeant, investigating and overseeing countless felony cases. Most notably, he investigated a criminal sexual conduct case that was featured on *America's Most Wanted*.

Schreiner also served numerous terms as union president for both the police and command officers unions.

Mark Gajeski was hired as a Canton Police officer in 1986. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2006 and to lieutenant earlier this year. Gajeski earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice

from Ferris State University, and is also a graduate of Eastern Michigan University's Police Staff & Command School.

During his 28-year career with the department, Gajeski served 22 years on the Western-Wayne Special Operations Team. As a member of this elite SWAT unit, he specialized in chemical munitions and explosive breaching. He was promoted through the unit from team leader to senior team leader, to executive officer, serving as second in command of a multi-jurisdictional unit.

"The department is losing a

tremendous amount of skill and knowledge with the retirement of these two individuals," said Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler. "Their careers with Canton took them down two diverse paths, with both men excelling in their respective specialty of choice - Lt. Gajeski's being special operations, and Lt. Schreiner's being criminal investigations. They both have done an outstanding job of mentoring officers in their fields of specialty, setting the department up for continued success in their absence," Mutchler added. "I wish them both the best in their future endeavors."

Man arrested on disorderly charge

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A 31-year-old Wixom man was arrested on a disorderly conduct charge late last month after he became irate when officers questioned him about the ladder he was carrying near a construction site, police said.

The arrest occurred shortly before noon on Oct. 27 near the construction site at Robert Bosch LLC, at Five Mile and Haggerty. The Bosch facility there is being expanded.

According to a Plymouth Township Police Department report, police got a call from another police agency about a man in the area who was carrying an eight-foot ladder and wearing a backpack. An officer stopped the man and told him to put down the ladder, and he complied, the report said.

But he became agitated and, using profanity, told police the ladder belonged to "someone," but would not go into detail, police said. He was uncooperative and demanded to see a supervisor, and a sergeant was called to the scene, police said.

At one point, police said, the man reached into a pocket, and an officer grabbed his wrist until it was determined the man was only reaching for lip balm. The man then became irate and threw the tube of balm, nearly hitting an officer, police said.

Eventually, the man was arrested for disorderly conduct, issued a citation and released.

Police contacted a construction worker at Bosch, but he told them there were several contractors on the site and he didn't know if the ladder belonged to any of them. Police secured the ladder.

Drunken driving dad

A 39-year-old father was arrested for driving drunk and endangering his children, ages 12 and 17, after he was stopped shortly before 9 p.m. Nov. 4 on Michigan Avenue near I-275, a police report said.

Police stopped the man's 2009 Ford Fusion after receiving notice of a suspicious vehicle that had pulled onto Michigan Avenue from Morton Taylor, a police report said. The driver was accused of crossing lanes without signaling and then entering the southbound I-275 ramp.

The man told police he, his wife and their two children were coming from the Arctic Edge ice arena where his 12-year-old son been playing hockey. He said he had one beer but then admitted he had three. He told police he had stopped at a party store on Michigan Avenue before the traffic stop was made.

The man's car was towed. Police took the mother and children to a nearby McDonald's where they had arranged for another ride.

A test of the man's blood-alcohol level at the police station revealed he was nearly twice the legal limit of .08 percent.

CRIME WATCH

Unlawful entry

A Canton man was ticketed by police for unlawful entry after he was accused of forcing his way inside a house he has been renting to woman who formerly lived there with his stepson, a police report said.

A police report indicated the 63-year-old suspect knocked on the door, didn't get an answer, forced open a latch and gained entry so he could get his tile saw from the garage.

The incident happened Sunday afternoon on Alton, near Joy and I-275, police said. The 40-year-old female tenant, who lives there with her 3-year-old daughter, told police she was in a back bedroom when she heard a noise elsewhere in the house.

She told police she saw him rustling through a kitchen drawer, apparently to find a garage door opener. She said she warned him she would call police and he didn't object, though the report indicated he ultimately left in a Ford F-150 pickup truck.

Police saw the truck on westbound Joy near Haggerty, stopped it and asked the suspect to escort them back to the scene. According to police reports, he said he saw the tenant's car in her driveway, believed she was home, knocked on the door and went

inside, apparently breaking a latch.

A police report indicated the man's stepson had moved out following a domestic dispute in August. The report said the stepson has been ordered not to go to the house. The report also said the tenant has been issued an eviction notice.

The tenant told police the homeowner didn't threaten her, but he was issued a citation for unlawful entry because he hadn't made arrangements to go into the house and there was no emergency requiring it.

Crack cocaine arrest

Police arrested a 35-year-old Ypsilanti man for possession of crack cocaine after making a traffic stop shortly before 2:30 a.m. Saturday on Michigan Avenue near Beck, a police report said.

Police learned a 31-year-old man in the vehicle was wanted for unrelated warrants out of Allen Park and Dearborn for issues such as traffic offenses.

Police stopped the men in a 1995 Ford Thunderbird after the car passed a patrol car and an officer ran a background check.

- By Darrell Clem

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FOOD DRIVE

Date: Month of November
Location: Plymouth Comfort Keepers
Details: According to the Mayo Clinic and the American Dietetic Association, more than one in three seniors in the care of others is at risk for under- or malnutrition. The Plymouth office of Comfort Keepers will be conducting a food drive through November. Nonperishable food items can be dropped off at the Plymouth District Library (223 S. Main), the Plymouth Cultural Center (525 Farmer) and the Canton Community Foundation (50430 School House Road., Suite 200). The Senior Alliance and the Salvation Army of Plymouth will assist Comfort Keepers in distribution.
Contact: For more information, contact Comfort Keepers at 734-771-7404 or go to www.ComfortKeepers.com

DENTIST OPEN HOUSE

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 15, noon to 4 p.m.
Location: Contemporary Dentistry, 1325 N. Canton Center in Canton.
Details: The Contemporary Dentistry team hosts its grand opening open house to celebrate its new location. The event features on-site tours, contests, hors d'oeuvres and a screening that shares the production of the new state-of-the-art facility. The first 100 people will be entered into a raffle. Grand prizes include an iPod for a child, a \$500 gift card to Nordstrom for a woman and a specialized bicycle for a man.

ANXIETY WORKSHOP

Date/Time: Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m.
Location: New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty, Plymouth Township
Details: Local educational leader and psychologist Cheryl Blau makes a presentation on how to help children cope with stress, acknowledging that, in today's fast-paced world, many children ages 2-18, struggle with stress, anger and/or anxiety. The 45-minute workshop will explore how stress, anger and anxiety are triggered in children and what parents can do to help their children cope.
Contact: To RSVP, and for more information, email nicole@new-morningschool.com

NEW SCHOOL MEETINGS

Dates/Times/Locations:
 Thursday, Nov. 13, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 N. Canton Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 Sunday, Nov. 23, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, 1-3 p.m.
 Monday, Dec. 1, at the Plymouth Township offices, 9955 N. Haggerty, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Details: New School High, a community-based, teacher-led, self-managed, tuition-free public school academy opening in Plymouth in fall 2015, is hosting informational meetings. Interested families may also visit the website at newschool-high.org or the New School High Facebook page.
Contact: School leader Cyndi Burnstein at cburnstein@newschoolhigh.org

TOASTMASTER ANNIVERSARY

Date/Time: Monday, Nov. 17, 6:45 p.m.
Location: St. Kenneth Church Conference Center, 14805 Haggerty, Plymouth Township
Details: The public is invited to attend a 60th anniversary party hosted by members of the Motor City Speak Easy Toastmaster Club. The free event will feature a brief history of the club, "Flashback," presented by Allen Moore, a 31-year member, and a keynote address "Toastmasters Drives Me" by Liz Cezat, a seven-year member. There will be prizes, refreshments and networking. Guests can take part in a public-speaking exercise known as table topics.
Contact: For more information, visit the website mcspeakeasy.toastmastersclubs.org. For questions, call 734-604-2910 or 734-454-1778.

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Nov. 25, 7-10 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Jazz @ The Elks happens the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. This event features Ann Arbor's Paul VornHagen Quartet with Paul on sax and flute, Chuck Shermataro on keyboard, Pete Siers on drums and Kurt Krahnke on bass.
Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthannarborelks325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

GOODFELLOWS BENEFIT

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 15, 7-9:30 p.m.
Location: Joanne Winkleman Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: The BaseLine Folk Society presents a benefit concert for the Plymouth Goodfellows. There are 10 open-mic spots available for performers to do two songs, original or cover. The featured group for the evening is The Folk Laureates, who have been together four years and present a fresh venue of new music. Host is BaseLine board member, singer and songwriter Julie Bengtsson.
Contact: Scott Ludwig, president of BaseLine Folk Society, by email at scludwig@aol.com or 734-453-0869.

HOPE FOR HOLIDAYS

Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 13, 7-8:30 p.m.
Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley, Canton
Details: Compassionate Care Hospice will be conducting "Hope for the Holidays," during which participants will learn helpful coping strategies for the upcoming holidays, as well as special ways to honor the memory of their loved one.
Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050. There is no charge for this event.

THANKSGIVING CONCERT

Date/Time: Sunday, Nov. 23, 4 p.m.
Location: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth
Details: More than 100 voices will join in celebrating Thanksgiving with a music festival featuring choral anthems accompanied by hand bells, organ and piano, as well as audience sing-along of familiar Thanksgiving hymns. The combined adult choirs of Plymouth churches will present a Thanksgiving Choir Festival. Admission is free; an offering will be received to benefit the Salvation Army.
Contact: For more information, call 734-453-5280.

ANNUAL WCGH REUNION

Date/Time: Tuesday, Dec. 9, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Location: Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet, 6539 North Wayne Road, Westland
Details: The 30th annual Wayne County General Hospital employees holiday reunion will be held in the party room of the Hibachi Grill Supreme. There is a large choice of food selections and a senior discount. All retirees and former employees are invited to attend. No reservations are needed. You can pay at the door.
Contact: For questions, call the restaurant at 734-729-5688.



Ribbon cutting
 Cheryl and Tom Skynar with friends and politicians cut ribbon on the new location for Skynar Bookkeeping Services. The business recently moved to its new 1,130-square-foot office at 9397 Haggerty in Plymouth.

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Spaghetti dinner helps send choir kids to Carnegie

By Brad Kadrich
 Staff Writer

Traditionally, school groups trying to raise money sell something: pizza kits, cookies, wrapping paper. But with a trip to New York's famed Carnegie Hall — where they'll perform Ralph Vaughn Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem* — coming in April, members of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park are selling something completely different:

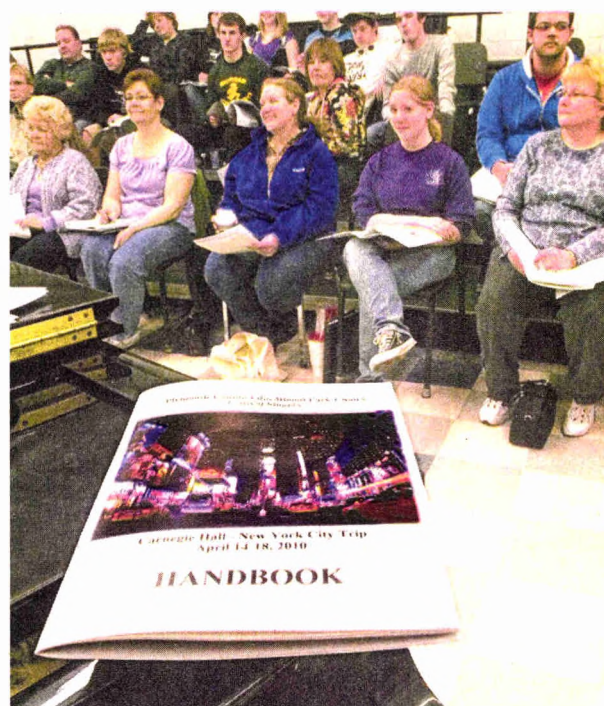
Their talent. The choirs are set to take part in a fundraiser at Scrambler Marie's in Canton 5:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 21-22. It's an all-you-can-eat pancake dinner that features solo performances by P-CEP choir students.

According to choir director Jennifer Neumann, the fundraiser came about as a result of the efforts of "some wonderful choir families who thought outside of the box."

It has already worked once, last month, so Neumann decided to bring it back for a return engagement.

"Rather than selling product after product to raise funds, we decided we would give the students the opportunity to do what they do best — sing," Neumann said. "The students are passionate about performing, and they were thrilled for the opportunity."

Some 40 students are scheduled for the trip.



FILE PHOTO

P-CEP choir students are fundraising for an April trip to Carnegie Hall in New York City.

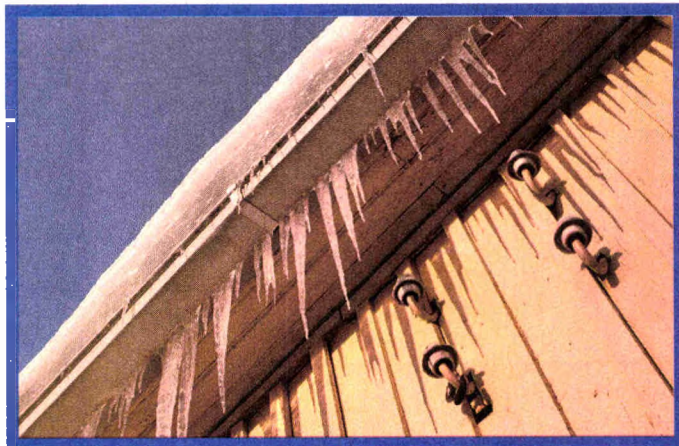
The proceeds from this event will be divided equally among the participants. Neumann said the fundraising is "very important" so more students have this "once-in-a-lifetime educational and musical experience."

The group was invited by Trey Jacobs, who's conducting an upcoming concert at Carnegie Hall, as a result of the group's reputation for excellence.

"The music is quite challenging, and this is an opportunity outside of the classroom to learn collegiate-level music, and perform on a world-renowned stage with other singers from all over the world," Neumann said. "Our students work hard and deserve this opportunity to expand upon their musical experience."

While there are not actual tickets (and a maximum of only 200 tickets per evening), the group needs to collect payment for the meal in advance. Anyone interested in going needs to fill out a flier and deliver it to Valerie Said in the Salem High School office. Potential diners who know someone in the choir program can send their reservation and money in with a choir student.

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The Plymouth Scholars choir sings the national anthem.

BRAD KADRICH

A GRATEFUL NATION

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The moral focus for November at Plymouth Scholars Academy is gratitude.

And students at the Plymouth Township charter school showed gratitude in large amounts Tuesday, thanking more than two dozen veterans of the military for their service to their country in a stirring Veterans Day ceremony.

Students, staff and parents applauded wildly for the veterans as they stood while the theme music from each of their branches played.

"My favorite part of the ceremony," Plymouth Scholars Principal Jaci Jeffrey said. "There's no better way for our kids to know what gratitude is than by showing our veterans our gratitude. To be able to have (veterans) in our presence, and for our students to know what it means to give back, is a great lesson for them to learn."

It was one of many tributes to veterans around the community, which included (but weren't limited to) official ceremonies in Plymouth and Canton. A veterans tribute at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton was Tuesday night.

The ceremony at Plymouth Scholars included an interpretive reading of the Pledge of Allegiance, plus the playing and singing of the national anthem by the school's choir and band.

Students interviewed two Air Force veterans in a package that played on the large video screen, and the school's Student Council presented them with tokens of appreciation.

Nathan and Christy Fox are both U.S. Navy veterans who attended the ceremony with their son, Evan.

"I thought it was very well done," Nathan said. "The kids did a great job. It was very touching."

Gratitude and appreciation were the watchwords of the day at the Plymouth Scholars ceremony, and taught lessons Jeffrey was hopeful her students picked up.

"If you walk away having that appreciation, that's the reason we do this," Jeffrey said.



World War II veterans Russell Ash (left) and Gene Overholt reflect during Tuesday's ceremony at Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park. Ash served in the Navy and Overholt in the Army.

PHOTO BY MATT JACHMAN



Veterans stand and accept the spirited applause of hundreds of Plymouth Scholars Academy students at the school's third annual Veterans Day ceremony Tuesday.

BRAD KADRICH



Plymouth Scholars Cyric Chazhikat (from left), Iyah Nasser, Dominic Cabrera and Emma Howell read a poem during the Veterans Day ceremony.

BRAD KADRICH



Disabled veteran Cheryl Vatcher-Martin holds a photo of herself, taken on Veterans Day, in 1981.

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Plymouth chamber parties hearty at annual auction



PHOTOS BY DOUG WALLACE

Kristi Johnson (left), a mod-looking Kelly Doneth and Andrea Hoglen at Friday's auction.

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth boosters marked the 50th anniversary of the British Invasion — and a silver anniversary of their own — with the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce auction and gala dinner Friday night.

The event at Laurel Manor in Livonia drew more than 450 people, who bid on everything from a photo safari trip to South Africa to tickets to the Detroit Lions Thanksgiving Day game to a ride into Kellogg Park with Santa Claus later this month. There was also a silent auction and raffles for dozens of prizes, from household goods to services to a hotel stay, donated by

Plymouth-area businesses.

The 25th annual auction netted between \$45,000 and \$50,000 for chamber programs, said Wes Graff, the chamber president, who gave auction goers a preview of an upcoming promotional video.

"It was great to see the positive reaction to the trailer for the video we are creating to promote the Plymouth community," Graff said later. "Our ability to create a high-quality video is made possible by the contributions members make at events like the auction."

The auction master of ceremonies was Channel 7 reporter Nima Shaffe, and Charlie Wickens was the auctioneer during the live auction of big-ticket



Greg Coyne and his wife, Christina, were the high bidders for a trip to South Africa.

items.

Those included, in addition to the South Africa trip, the ride with Santa and the Lions tickets, a guided hunting and fishing trip in the Upper Peninsula, a personalized ice sculpture at January's Plymouth Ice Festival, a week-long stay at a Florida condominium, and dinner and a night at the MGM Grand Casino hotel in Detroit.

'Party of the year'

The auction's theme was the British Invasion of the 1960s, and a rock trio in the lobby greeted attendees with tunes like *Gloria* (Van Morrison and Them) and *Summertime Blues* (The Who). The decor had a British flavor — including a cardboard cutout of Queen Elizabeth — and the Union Jack was everywhere.

Event sponsor and

volunteers were thanked, and Graff later said that they made it happen.

"It takes hundreds and hundreds of hours of volunteer time to pull off this event and create the best party of the year in Plymouth," he said.

Chamber board chairman Mark Evenson, branch sales manager at Community Financial Credit Union, told the crowd that it's the people in the Plymouth area who make the community special. Even said that he recently had a job that took him to communities large and small around the country, and that none could compare to



Plymouth City Commissioners Oliver Wolcott (left) and Mike Wright (right) with Dan Johnson of the Ironwood Grill.

Plymouth.

"It's the people. It's the businesses," Evenson said. "Most importantly, it's the culture."

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Shipping open house

America's Budget Storage has been a part of the Canton community for nearly 30 years, offering storage, packing and shipping supplies in addition to being a U-Haul super center.

The store is launching a new business with services that include packaging, shipping, personal mailboxes, faxing, copying and printing.

To celebrate the launch of that business, Express Shipping of Canton, hosts an open house from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19. The open house will benefit the Women at Risk organization and will feature refreshments, prizes, items sold by women who have been helped through Women at Risk and coupons that will offer discounts for customers and benefit Women at Risk.

America's Budget Storage (and Express Shipping of Canton) is located at 40671 Joy Road (just east of Haggerty).

For more information, call 734-459-6444 or 248-467-8427 or visit exshippofcanton.com or americasbudgetstorage.com.

Blackwell event

Blackwell Ford in Plymouth is hosting the Thanksgiving on the Mayflower event designed to help feed those in need this month.

Blackwell Ford is hosting 98.7 AMP radio's Thanksgiving on the Mayflower event, and will be collecting non-perishables for families this holiday season. The dealership is bringing

the event to Plymouth and adding an additional day of fundraising. All items collected will go to Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. Gleaners is gathering food for the Kids Helping Kids Backpack Program to help feed hungry children.

The dealership's goal is to collect enough non-perishable food items to stuff a 54-foot long Mayflower shipping truck during the 12 hours it is on location.

98.7 AMP radio will be on-site, from 5-7 p.m., for a chance to win One Direction concert tickets and other prizes.

Additionally, Blackwell Ford will make a donation to Gleaners Food Bank on behalf of anyone who test drives a vehicle at the dealership this month and mentions AMP radio.

Blackwell Ford is located at 41001 Plymouth Road in Plymouth. For more information visit BlackwellFord.com/Events

Christmas concert

The Ford Motor Company Chorus presents a Christmas concert, "Jingle All the Way," 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

Among the music to be performed will be "Walking in the Air," "Do You Hear What I Hear?" "The Little Drummer Boy," "Peace on Earth," "Pavane for a Silent Night," "Waltz for an Open Sleight," "The Twelve Days After Christmas," "Mid-Winter," "Shepherds Echo Carol" and "Joy to the World."

For more information,

contact Bill Curtiss at bcurtiss@ford.com

Stopping hunger

The Cellular Connection announced 300 of its stores will be donating and volunteering at local food banks through its "Stop the Hunger" initiative this holiday season in a joint effort with its customers.

Through Friday, Dec. 12, participating TCC stores across the U.S., including the Canton store, are encouraging local families to bring in canned and boxed food, which will be delivered to the community's food bank.

The participating store in Canton is located at 46540 Michigan Ave. In addition to the food drive, each participating store will donate funds and employees will volunteer at local food banks until the end of December.

"'Stop the Hunger' is the newest initiative under TCC's 'Culture of Good' movement, which empowers our employees to make a positive, charitable impact in their communities," said Scott Moorehead, president and CEO of TCC. "It's how our company gives back to every community where we do business. We're honored to have the ability to help families and children in need this holiday season by donating to and volunteering at local food banks throughout the U.S."

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Certified pre-owned Lincoln MKZs are hot sellers at Varsity Lincoln

By Greg Mullin
Staff Writer

Varsity Lincoln of Novi's Lincoln MKZ-A-THON offers no gimmicks, no gifts, just great deals. More than 100 Lincoln MKZs are on-site — with Certified Pre-Owned vehicles for sale for as low as \$10,995.

Hurry over to Varsity Lincoln these next three days to catch the deals:

- » Thursday, Nov. 13, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- » Friday, Nov. 14, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- » Saturday, Nov. 15, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Certified pre-owned Lincoln MKZ vehicles come with many benefits, including:

- » A meticulous, 200-point inspection by factory-trained technicians
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Customers spoke for themselves when detailing their experiences with the team at Varsity Lincoln.

"I have an MKZ from Varsity Lincoln; I've had it for about a year now. It's a beautiful interior, a beautiful exterior, it handles well on the road and gives me good gas mileage!" Lincoln MKZ owner Gary Trudeau said. "I love this place. I wouldn't even consider buying a car from anybody else!"

"I'm very, very satisfied — very happy with it," said Rich Lewna, describing his Lincoln MKZ purchase.

Jason Towe told us why he got into a Lincoln MKZ: "I definitely love the comfort and the sportiness of the Lincoln. The cost was a big factor for me; it was actually cheaper than my last car I owned and I feel I'm getting a better quality car for what I'm paying!"

"There are numerous benefits of purchasing a Lincoln MKZ, including the outstanding warranty that comes with the vehicles," said Jere Law,



This certified 2012 MKZ Lincoln Ultimate is one of more than 100 Lincoln MKZs for sale during Varsity Lincoln of Novi's MKZ-A-THON.

Varsity Lincoln's general sales manager and pre-owned director. "The 100,000-mile free bumper-to-bumper warranty that comes alongside all certified pre-owned purchases is better than a new car warranty! Additionally, any time the vehicle is in for a service visit, you can receive a loaner for no cost exclusively at Varsity Lincoln!"

Loaded with features, the Lincoln MKZ will satisfy any customer, Law explained.

"The Lincoln MKZ provides a combination of sporty and luxury. Benefits include FWD or AWD, dual-zone climate control, Bluetooth, SYNC, an adaptive suspension, a panoramic roof and heated and cooled seats for comfort, just to name a few," Law said.

This model defines luxury that is incomparable in this price. With Lincoln, most premium luxury features come standard, as opposed to paying additional for similar features on other comparable brands. "The Lincoln MKZ stands alone in its class of vehicles," Law said.

Drivers will also enjoy peace of mind from knowing that the Lincoln MKZ will hold its value.

"This model holds its value more than other models for many reasons," Law said. "Any depreciation has already been taken on by the previous owner. Plus, the advanced styling and dependability are advantageous and add to the Lincoln MKZ's value."

The MKZ-A-Thon event

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"The Lincoln MKZ Hybrid's gas mileage, dependability and warranty make for a solid modern vehicle and overall excellent experience," Law said.

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OUR VIEWS

TOUGH CHOICES

School board did right thing following committee recommendations

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday did what its boundary steering committee recommended it do and approved the elementary redistricting plan it proposed. They'll likely do the same next week when a final vote on a plan for middle school boundaries is taken.

As unhappy as Tuesday's vote made some parents — particularly those whose kids go to Allen Elementary — it was the right thing to do.

The committee, made up of 15 administrators, teachers, principals and a couple of community members, worked for months coming up with its recommendations. Despite what critics might believe, the group never was going to come up with something that made everyone happy.

Were there flaws in the process? You bet. Some board members don't believe they got information they request-



Parents, students and supporters rallied Sunday in an effort to save Allen Elementary School from closing.

BRAD KADRICH

ed. Members of the advisory committee felt under-utilized and, in some cases, misled about what their role would be.

The process stalled over the summer, so that when the

committee began bringing its recommendations together this fall, it seemed rushed. When the recommendation to close schools comes in early October and the vote to ap-

prove the plan comes barely a month later, parents feel bombarded.

The truth is, the process wasn't all that rushed. Despite what the critics would have you believe, there was plenty of opportunity for parents to voice their opinions, to let the board know of their frustration. There were several community forums and board meetings, featuring plenty of citizen comment.

But if discussions on social media are to be believed, much of the community still feels hoodwinked, as if the process didn't follow what was outlined (the action plan was on the website) and the committee used unknown criteria (the rubric they used for determining the closures has been on the website for months) to make its recommendations.

Barring an unlikely change

of heart, the decision is made. The board could have put off its decision, but what would that course of action have gained? Had they delayed the process, and the committee offered up a different recommendation, wouldn't the families of that school been just as upset. The board would have been right back where they started.

And what would they say to parents of those buildings? It was always going to be a case of "not my child, not my school."

Were they the right choices? Time will tell. In the meantime, families at Allen and Gallimore need time to grieve, to deal with the anguish of losing their beloved schools.

Soon, though, parents need to put away their anger and help their children adjust. Continued anger does no one any good.

OUR VIEWS

Controversial issues shouldn't wait until lame duck session

The midterm election has come and gone. Now what?

Various board and commissions locally will have some new members representing residents at the local, county, state and federal levels. They'll have to get up to speed on the various issues and agendas under consideration.

For the state Legislature, next comes the so-called lame duck session, the time between the election and the end of the legislative session. The session began Wednesday. Based on previous lame duck sessions, it's hard to determine what will come out of Lansing in the next month or so.

Two years ago, there was a flurry of activity — good or bad, depending on your point of view — coming out of the

lame duck session.

Most controversial of the actions was passage of right-to-work legislation, which made it illegal to require financial support of a union as a condition of employment for public- and private-sector workers. The bills exempted police and firefighters.

Other actions included creating a regional transit authority to coordinate public transportation in southeast Michigan; increased access for highly trained gun owners to carry their concealed weapons in formerly forbidden places, such as schools, day care centers, stadiums and churches; a new emergency manager law to replace the previous statute that was repealed by voters a month earlier; tougher recall require-

ments against elected officials; and increased regulations on facilities that offer abortions.

Some may applaud the new measures, and others cry foul. Some issues appeared to make sense. Others, not so much.

What's unfortunate is it appears too often state legislators wait to address anything remotely controversial until after the election. For those seeking re-election or a position in another governing body, waiting until after the general election allows the lawmakers not to worry about any repercussions if the bills passed go against the views of the electorate in the district. Even more so with the new recall requirements.

And that goes against the basic tenets of representative

government and elections overall.

Voters select the candidates they believe best represent their views and opinions. If they disagree with how the legislator handles the job, the electorate can select someone else in the next election. That's the whole point of elections in the first place. That's why incumbents sometimes see challenges from within their own party.

The state Legislature is a full-time position. It baffles us that so many issues are crammed into the final days of the legislature is in session. Most any state senator or representative will argue that it's a full-time position and a move to a part-time legislator would hurt the state.

But the lame duck session

flies in the face of that argument, since the elected officials seem to be able to handle so much of their work in a few weeks.

Among the issues that could be addressed during the current lame duck session include funding for road and infrastructure improvements, term limits, how presidential electoral votes are awarded, civil rights and medical marijuana.

There's some controversy to all of these issues, at least in terms of how they will be addressed.

We urge our local legislators to limit their official decision making in this year's lame duck legislation and leave it to the incoming legislature to address the issues voters elected them to do.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recall energy expended

With regard to "Plymouth Township: two recall petitions OK'd, one rejected" (*Plymouth Observer*, Nov. 9), recall initiatives for reasons other than malfeasance (illegal or patently unethical behavior) are assaults on the democratic process.

Elected officials often take actions with which I disagree but we have elections precisely so that citizens can choose people to make these decisions, popular or unpopular though they may be.

Often, recalls are intended to encourage an especially motivated and self-interested subset of the electorate to nullify prior elections. Furthermore, recalls for purposes of policy disagreements are burdensome on taxpayers, as much time and money are required to hold these special elections.

The democratic process isn't fun when elected officials do things we don't like, but unless illegal or unethical behavior is involved, we ought to expend our energy convincing other voters that these decisions are wrong and marshaling opposition for the next election.

Thomas M. Doran
Plymouth

Township board broken

I pride myself in being an informed voter, particularly at

the local level. So it is with great disappointment that I write this letter. The Plymouth Township Board has just reached a new nadir with Supervisor Richard Reaume's decision to file recall petitions against Trustees Bob Doroshewitz, Michael Kelly and Charles Curmi.

There has been great disappointment in the community around the "Big Four" of the Plymouth Township Board (Mr. Reaume, Treasurer Ron Edwards, Clerk Nancy Conzelman, and Trustee Kay Arnold). This has been largely due to a perception of arrogance on the part of these four.

I voted for all four of these people at the last election, and actively promoted all of them (including lawn signs), and was very enthused when they all won. This enthusiasm was done to their prior competence, and in the hope that a unified board would be even better for the community. But it appears that these four in particular took the last election as a mandate to do everything at their choosing, rather than an affirmation of their prior "good" behavior.

I was initially against the recall petitions filed against these four, even though I did agree that their recent behavior has been at times arrogant and rude. This behavior has been demonstrated toward both the citizens in general and particularly against Mr. Do-

roshewitz and Mr. Kelly, the two trustees who have most frequently challenged them for such behavior.

But Mr. Reaume's filing of recall petitions against these three (seemingly in response to a citizens' initiative to file against the "Big Four") is the final straw. Before, his behavior seemed arrogant; now it is purely childish. This feels like one child tattling on their sibling, with the attitude "If I'm in trouble, then I'll make sure that you are also in trouble."

Mr. Reaume clearly is tone-deaf to the electorate's legitimate concerns, and instead is insistent on turning this into an "us vs. them" referendum at the board level. This is an incredibly destructive course, and I don't see how the board can recover from such a "scorched earth" approach to addressing disagreements.

If Mr. Reaume wants a referendum, he will get one. But at what price? What a sad situation we find ourselves in....

Brad Heers
Plymouth Township

Voters haven't spoken

It used to be after an election, I would say to myself that the people have spoken, live with it. Whether my candidate won or lost. But now, with PACs, like labor unions and the Koch brothers, spending billions of dollars on elections, the people have not really spoken. The special interests have.

This isn't a knock on the electorate either. How does anyone avoid the negative ads, they're everywhere. The thing that bothers me most is, no one talks about what they will bring to Lansing or Washington, they only talk about what a bad, evil person their opponent is.

Now we have lost any

chance of compromise in Washington, we have to live with every decision or lack thereof that comes out of Lansing and the 2016 political ads start next week. Let the fun begin.

Skip Wehrle
Garden City

Have I got this right?

Milwaukee has had vouchers for 23 years and the United States Department of Education ranks them among the very worst urban schools in the country.

Sweden has had privatization and choice for 30 years. They rank below the United States on international testing and are in the process of changing to a public school system.

Chile was schooled in vouchers and choice by none other than Milton Friedman, the father of choice and vouchers. They are no longer financing private schools with public money.

Both "No Child Left Behind" and "Race to the Top" have been abject failures. Yet, *Detroit News* columnist Ingrid Jacques, in the face of charter school failure nationwide, wants more choice and vouchers.

What passes for "reform" in this country is an unmitigated disaster. For too long, we have listened to corporatists, who wish to profit through privatization of American schools and a few wealthy and well-intentioned citizens who are unschooled in how children learn (Bill Gates and Eli Broad).

We need to look for improvement by emulating our high-performing schools (Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut) and Finland, a top performing nation that is subjected to standardized testing a

grand total of once in the educational life of a student.

Al Churchill
Livonia

Monument bad idea

The Fallen Heroes Monument is a really bad idea. Police don't even make the top 10 for dangerous professions and firefighters don't even make the top 15, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The primary goal of police is to protect the city's interests not the citizens' interests.

Elevating public servants like this is wrong. It sends the message that their lives are more important than the citizens they serve and, of course, they are not. Prove me wrong by putting the name of every Livonian who has died on the job on the monument. If you do not, I am right and this is about elevating the government above its people. Put the name of every fisherman, logger, pilot, garbage collector, roofer, steel worker, farmer, driver and electrician on the monument because their jobs are more dangerous than police and fire. If you do not, you are making a very public statement that their lives are not worth what a cop or fireman's is worth. You are telling their families that their loved one is not missed as much the cop's family misses them. You are telling their orphaned children that their dad or mom was not as important as the dad or mom who was a fireman.

We have had this type of aggrandizement of government before, but then we were called "The Colonies." We all know how that turned out.

Edward Collins
Livonia

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Army veteran grateful for vehicle donation

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

In November 2013, U.S. Army veteran Amy O'Neil was involved in an accident that totaled the car she was driving and left her without transportation ever since.

Her inability to replace the vehicle made it tough to get to her job at the Veteran's hospital in Ann Arbor.

In a ceremony at the Progressive Insurance office in Livonia on Nov. 11, the Jack Demmer Automotive Group and Progressive Insurance joined forces to help her out, donating a refurbished 2005 Ford Escape to O'Neil, a Saline resident and a member of the Plymouth VFW.

"I really appreciate this," said O'Neil, who joined the U.S. Army in 1998 at the age of 20. "I've had trouble getting to work ... This is the best thing anyone could ever give to me."

When O'Neil's original enlistment was up in 2002, she decided she hadn't done enough, and signed up for a stint in the Army Reserves. Her unit was activated in January 2003, and by April, O'Neil was in Iraq. After her tour was up, O'Neil was discharged in November 2003.

When officials at Demmer and at Progressive were looking for a veteran to honor, Plymouth VFW officials recommended O'Neil. Demmer partnered with Progressive, the National Auto Body Council, Enterprise Rent-A-Car and several other organizations.

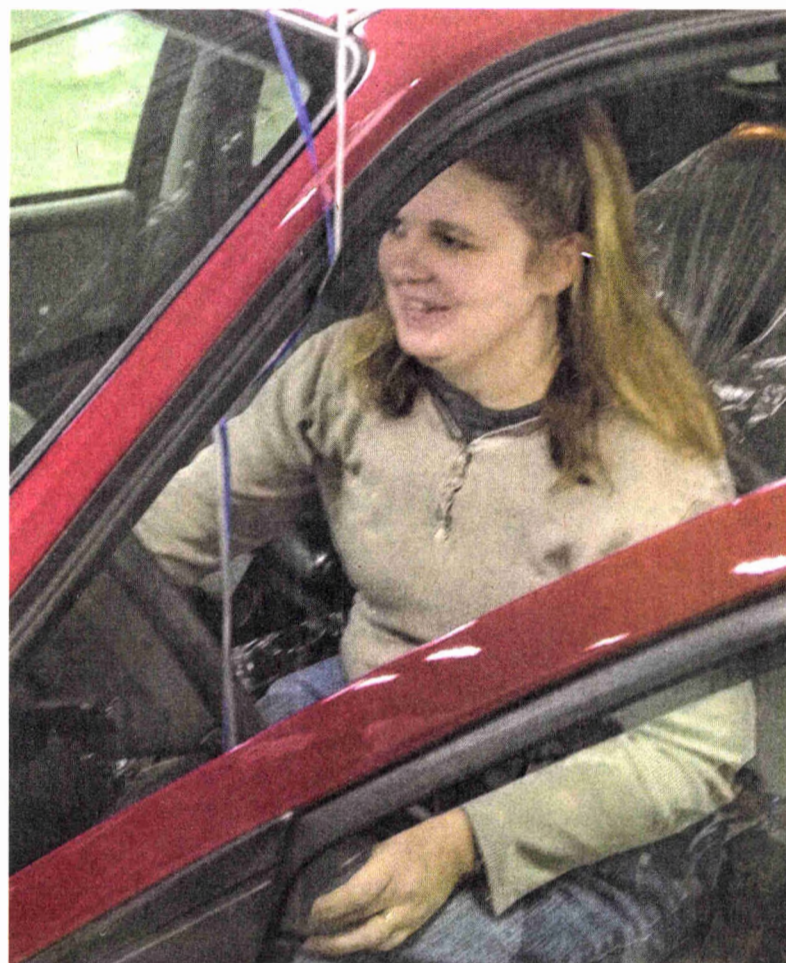
With parts donated from vendors, the staff at Jack Demmer Collision Centers repaired and refurbished the Escape for O'Neil, one of more than 100 veterans across the country who will receive a special vehicle on Veteran's Day through Progressive's "Recycled Rides" project.

"Amy's new job made her a perfect candidate," for the program, said project coordinator Tommy Ryan of Progressive. "We're hoping to make a difference in a lot of lives today."

Enterprise Rent-A-Car provided O'Neil with six months' worth of free auto insurance. Regional vice president Vincent LaBella pointed out that some 10 percent of Enterprise employees are veterans and Reservists. That, LaBella said,



Jim Demmer of the Demmer Automotive Group presents U.S. Army veteran Amy O'Neil with the keys to her 2005 Ford Escape.



BRAD KADRICH
U.S. Army veteran Amy O'Neil turns the ignition on the refurbished 2005 Ford Escape she received from the Demmer Automotive Group and Progressive Insurance Tuesday.

makes the company's participation in the program special.

"We get to give back to our communities, and we get to honor our veterans," LaBella said. "It's really important for us to give back to (O'Neil) for what she has done."

The Demmer family also has a military history. Patriarch Jack Demmer is a World War II veteran, and Jim Demmer, who spoke at Tuesday's ceremony, has a son, C.J., who is in the U.S. Marines.

"We want to say 'thank you' to all those who put their lives on the line for

our country," Demmer said. "We never take that for granted."

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The Compassionate Friends of Western Wayne County gather in Plymouth's Kellogg Park Dec. 14 for the 18th annual Worldwide Candle Lighting.

Compassionate Friends host annual candle lighting

The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting, which unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and grandchildren who left too soon, is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

As candles are lit at 7 p.m., hundreds of thousands of people commemorate and honor all children gone too soon.

Now believed to be the largest mass candle-lighting on the globe, the 18th annual Worldwide Candle Lighting, a gift to the bereavement community from The Compassionate Friends, creates a virtual 24-hour wave of light as it moves from time zone to time zone.

Started in the United States in 1997 as a small Internet observance, the event has since swelled in numbers as word has spread throughout the world of the remembrance.

Hundreds of formal candle lighting events are held and thousands of informal candle lightings are conducted in

homes as families gather in quiet remembrance of children who have died, but will never be forgotten.

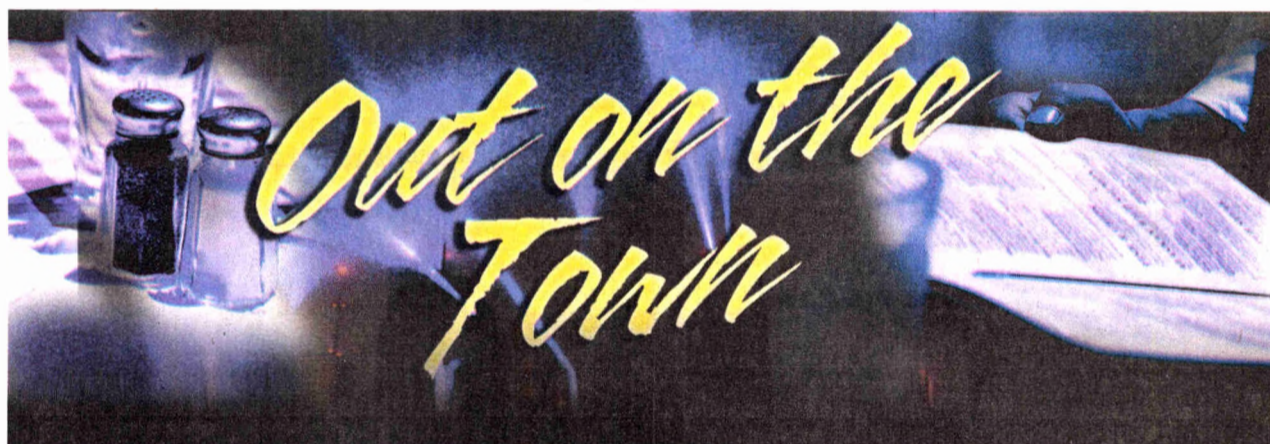
Starting in New Zealand, candles are lit at 7 p.m. local time. As candles burn down in one time zone, they are started in another, creating a virtual 24-hour wave of light as the observance continues around the world.

The local chapter of The Compassionate Friends sponsors the Kellogg Park ceremony. The event will include a candlelight vigil, reading of the children's names, a PowerPoint presentation of the children's names, poetry and songs.

Families will gather near memory trees specially decorated with the names of the children who have died too soon.

Friends and families are invited to the remembrance. For questions - or to register a child's name to be included - call 734-778-0800 or email tcfcandlelight@yahoo.com.

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CLASS D VOLLEYBALL REGIONALS



Keeping a volley going for Plymouth Christian during a recent game is libero Divna Roi (left), with Grace Kellogg (No. 3) standing by. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Stevenson is All-American

Recent Salem graduate finishes 2nd at nationals

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Recent Salem graduate Natasha Stevenson's hard work during the off-season to overcome an injury yielded All-American dividends.

Stevenson, a 2014 Salem grad who was a standout runner both for the girls cross country and track and field teams, earned All-American honors Nov. 7 at the United States Collegiate Athletic Association cross country nationals in Syracuse, N.Y.

The Cleary University freshman finished second overall in the 6K race with a personal best time of 23:16. Her performance also helped Cleary finish second overall.

"The feeling of crossing the finish line was pretty overwhelming," Stevenson said. "It felt so unreal, and took a while to realize I had actually finished second."

During the months following her high school graduation, Stevenson put in countless hours of training as well as time spent rehabbing a knee ligament injury (IT Band, common for runners).

Those efforts were bolstered by the encouragement and advice she received from her Cleary coaches — not to mention all the guidance she received in recent years from Salem coach Dave Gerlach.

"Throughout the race," Stevenson noted, "all I could think of was all the hard work I have put in and all of the advice my current coaches, as well as my high school coach, have given me."

"Me accomplishing this honor is like a dream come true, with all my hard work finally paying off."

She added that her own accomplishment was further sweetened by Cleary's team success.

"My team finished second," Stevenson said. "I couldn't have asked for a better season or team to be on."

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COURTESY DAVE GERLACH
Salem High School alum Natasha Stevenson (left) accepts her All-American trophy.

EAGLES TAKE IT TO THE LIMIT

PCA needs Game 5 rally to defeat Hawks

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Tuesday's Class D volleyball regional between Plymouth Christian Academy and Huron Valley Lutheran started out as a lopsided affair, with the host Eagles looking primed to roll to an easy victory.

That certainly isn't how it turned out. The Hawks — behind a 40-kill performance by senior outside hitter Madison Dest — rallied from a 2-0 deficit in games to force a fifth and

deciding Game 5.

Plymouth Christian finally closed out the match 3-2, with a 15-13 win in the fifth game to advance to Thursday's 7 p.m. regional final against Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

Even at the end, it was not a given that the Eagles would have their coveted rematch with Lakes (both teams met in last season's regional final, with the Lakers prevailing).

HVL senior Nikki Alcini brought her team to within 14-13 with her first serve.

But PCA stopped the Hawks' bid for the equalizer as PCA freshman outside hitter Grace Kellogg hammered home the set from sophomore Jessica Paulson for the clinching sideout point.

Keeping the final point alive for PCA was sophomore libero Divna Roi, who somehow prevented a Dest spike from hitting the floor and kept the volley going.

"She's really good, she has great

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YOUTH FOOTBALL

Super effort times two for Plymouth-Canton Steelers

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Saturday was a day for redemption for the Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team and a day of perfection for the Steelers freshmen squad.

In the Michigan Youth Football and Cheer Conference Super Bowls held at Pontiac's historic Wisner Stadium, the varsity Steelers thumped previously undefeated and No. 1 seed Macomb 48-6 — just a few weeks after suffering an eight-point loss to the Mustangs — while earlier in the day the Steelers freshmen unit capped off a perfect 10-0 season with a thorough 32-6 triumph over the Lakes Area Hawks.

The freshmen Steelers yielded just one touchdown the



Members of the Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team pose with their MYFCC Super Bowl trophies following Saturday's 48-6 victory over Macomb. KAREN HANSEN

entire season.

The varsity Steelers broke a scoreless deadlock late in the second quarter when Carson

Miller — who scored five touchdowns in his team's semifinal victory one week earlier — hauled in a 60-yard TD pass

from Ben Wright to make it 6-0.

After the Mustangs returned the ensuing kickoff for

a touchdown to knot the game at 6-6, the Steelers answered on the final play of the half when Wright took a keeper 62 yards to the end zone to give the Steelers a 12-6 halftime lead. Ben Bennett, Seth Troszak, James Hansen and Nick Downs all executed bone-crunching down-field blocks on Wright's run.

The Steelers maintained the momentum on the first play of the second half when Troszak's perfectly placed onside kick was recovered by Jason Perko.

The final 24 minutes were owned by the Steelers, who were fueled by three more Miller touchdowns and two more six-point runs by Wright. The Steelers' "Gold" offensive line of Adam Turfe, Luke Fish-

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LEADING THE ROAR

Canton Lions cheer squads win medals at WSJFL Demolay Rally

The Western Suburban Junior Football League championships for football and cheer were held Nov. 8-9.

Yet even though the Canton Lions freshman and junior varsity football squads were absent from the Super Bowl, after falling in the playoffs round, it wasn't a season-ender for the Canton Lions' organization.

There were medals left to earn for the Lions' cheer squads at Saturday's WSJFL Keith Demolay Cheer Rally at Belleville High School.

The rally was re-named this year to honor Demolay, a longtime and cherished WSJFL board member and overall beacon for local youth sports.

Eight local cheer organizations, with up to four squads each, competed for medals in cheer and dance.

The Lions cheer squads, directed by Rosie Beadle, walked away with a total of two silver medals and four gold medals across both categories.

» The varsity cheer squad took gold medals in cheer and dance, with routines that included a kick line that had the fans on their feet.

The varsity squad is coached by LaKeysha Dobbins and Kathy Cor-



All four Canton Lions cheer squads walked away winners at the 2014 Demolay Cheer Rally. Posing together are members of the varsity, JV, freshman and junior freshman teams.

rea and assisted by Jessie Hackman and Kayla Turner.

Walking away with double gold was Emilie Borke, Ellie Borke, Rose Correa, Christina Farmer, Morgan Johns, Riele Kahl-Jonca, Ke-Era Jor-

dan, Annie LaPlante, Katie McMillian, Bri Minghine, Amalia Stasa and Ally Stepek.

» The junior varsity squad also earned a gold medal in dance for a routine that energized the crowd with eye catch-

ing ripples, heel stretches and jumps.

A silver medal was awarded to the JV squad for cheer.

The JV Lions is coached by Tori Strong and Tamika Banks and assisted by Laura Knoll.



Amalia Stasa (front) and Katie McMillian perform the Canton Lions varsity gold-medal dance routine.

The winning routines were performed by Takima Banks, Sophia Baugh, Alaina Beadle, Kaylee Beaudion, Cassidy Deveriglio, Brianna DiStefano, Kylie Dunn, Sophia Gabriel, Kassia Grandon, Morgan Meredith, Jade Palmore, Lauren Sanders, Melanie Slater, Alyssa Strong and Abby Vasilnek.

» The Canton Lions freshman squad's sharp performance earned them a gold medal in cheer. The Lions came back for round two with as much enthusiasm and walked away with the silver for a hip hop dance routine, coming in second behind the Westland Meteors. The Lions freshman squad is led by coach Kryisti Harrigan, Renael Reed and assisted by Monica Williamson,

Kaitlyn Hoef and Shaniya Reed-Ginyard. The squad is formed by Alexis Bosanko, Cha'Maiya Brown, Madelyn Harrigan, Morgan Miller, Nina Oynoian, Xamora Reed and Haliona Vendlands.

» The Canton Lions junior freshman cheer squad performed both cheer and dance routines; and each organization's squads were given participation awards. The Lions junior freshman squad is coached by Lanaya Willis, Katie Modelski and assisted by Rachel Vaselnik.

Performing on the squad were Tamia Banks, Amya Bosanko, Kaylin Dobbins, Brielle Jonca, Kaylee Modelski, Samiya Palmore, Tiana Priestler, Madison Ramirez, Joslyn Roberts and Alycia Strong.

Chatham's overtime goal lifts Whalers

Connor Chatham's unassisted goal at 3:41 of overtime snapped a 3-3 tie and gave the Plymouth Whalers a 4-3 Ontario Hockey League

victory over the Kitchener Rangers on Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

A sellout out crowd of 3,577 saw the Whalers

(8-9-1-0) win their second game in a row. Kitchener dropped to 9-3-1-3.

Besides scoring his sixth goal of the year as the game-winner, Chatham

drew an assist on Bryce Yetman's fourth goal of the season. Matt Mistele scored a pair of first period goals for the Whalers (team leading 13th and 14th of the year). Sonny Milano recorded a pair of assists for the Whalers.

After Mistele staked Plymouth to a 2-0 lead after one period, the Rangers replied to tie the game at 2-2 in the second period on goals by Nick Magyar (sixth) and Brent Pederson (fifth).

Yetman gave the Whalers a 3-2 lead at 14:02 of the third period, but Gustav Franzen tied the game for Rangers at 16:14.



Matt Mistele (right, shown from earlier this season) scored two goals Saturday night against Kitchener. He leads the Plymouth Whalers with 14 goals.

That set the stage for Chatham's game-winner. Alex Nedeljkovic stopped 29-of-32 shots for Plymouth, while Dawson Carty stopped 30-

of-34 shots for Kitchener. Plymouth plays in Kitchener Friday before returning home Saturday to face Sault Ste. Marie (7 p.m. at Compuware).

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SC men's cagers lose first game

By **Tim Smith**
Staff Writer

A slow start cost Schoolcraft's men's basketball team, as the Ocelots lost 99-92 Saturday night at Owens Community College.

The defeat snapped Schoolcraft's modest two-game winning streak to open the 2014-15 season.

Schoolcraft (2-1) trailed 46-38 at halftime. Both teams cranked up the scoring in the second half, with the Ocelots outscoring Owens 54-53. But that still wasn't quite enough for a comeback

win. Long-distance scoring turned out to be a key factor. Owens canned 11 of 21 tries from behind the 3-point line in the contest, while Schoolcraft made just one of 16 triple attempts.

Leading all scorers was Schoolcraft's Aveon Simmons, with 29 points. Adding 22 for the Ocelots was Ronald Booth, with Ja'Christian Biles and Anthony Wartley-Fritz contributing 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Wartley-Fritz led Schoolcraft with 11 rebounds, including nine pulled down at the defen-

sive end. For 3-0 Owens, the leading scorer was Shaakir Lindsey, with 22 points.

S'CRAFT (WOMEN) 51, LAKELAND 45: On Saturday at Schoolcraft, the Lady Ocelots parlayed a fast start into a win. Schoolcraft (2-0) led 29-16 at halftime.

Registering 14 points each for the Lady Ocelots were T'era Nesbitt and Ashley Bland (Wayne), while Sara Gammons added 10 points.

A dominant force on the glass for Schoolcraft was Rikki Sherdt, with 17 rebounds (including 13 defensive boards).

S'CRAFT (MEN) 94, JAMESTOWN 66: The Schoolcraft men's basketball team rolled to a second straight win Friday night.

The host Ocelots built a 48-28 halftime lead and cruised to the victory from there.

Six Schoolcraft players cracked double digits as the Ocelots featured a balanced offense.

Scoring 18 points was Ja'Christian Biles, with Ronald Booth chipping in with 16.

Aveon Simmons (15 points), Tyler Johnson (12 points) and Davon Taylor (10 points) also helped the cause.

Sharing team rebounding honors were Taylor and Anthony Wartley-Fritz, with six each.

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COLLEGE SOCCER

Catic hat trick sinks MU in WHAC semifinal

Dzenan Catic was the one-man wrecking crew Tuesday afternoon.

The junior midfielder, the 2014 USL Premier Development League Player of the Year from the PDL champion Michigan Bucks, tallied his 32nd, 33rd and 34th goals of the season Tuesday as 10th-ranked Davenport University rolled to a 4-1 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's



Cisse

soccer semifinal playoff win over host Madonna University.

The Crusaders ended their season at 14-5-1 overall, while Davenport advances to Saturday's WHAC championship game at 17-3.

Catic, a Bosnian native from East Kentwood High School

who originally signed with Michigan State, notched his hat trick by scoring at 44:02, 58:53 and 79:12 marks.

The Panthers unloaded 19 shots on MU goalkeeper Marcel Schmid (Stuttgart, Germany), who made six saves.

T.J. Ifaturot also scored at 70:05 and assisted on two of Catic's goals for the Panthers.

Senior Doug Beason (Northville) tallied MU's lone goal at

46:43 to make it 1-1 off an assist from senior Ryan Williams (Auburn Hills Avondale).

MADONNA (MEN) 3, CONCORDIA 2 (2 OTs): Amadou Cisse's goal in the second overtime enabled Madonna University (14-4-1) to escape with a WHAC men's quarterfinal win Saturday at home over upset-minded Concordia University (5-13).

Cisse scored his ninth of the season to break a 2-2 deadlock at 103:25 off an assist from Yago Scalet Pires.

Danny Swanson notched his fourth and fifth goals of the season at 18:48 and 62:42, respectively, both off assists from Cisse, a sophomore from Conarky, Guinea.

The Cardinals' Jon Pederson tallied his first goal of the season at 24:04 off an assist from Joshua Heyer

to make it 1-1 and then sent the match into OT with his second on an unassisted effort at 86:15.

MU goalkeeper Marcel Schmid made two saves, while Michael Erickson had three for Concordia.

N'WESTERN OHIO 1, MADONNA (WOMEN) 0: Pauline Quesson's goal at 53:01 off an assist from Ella Huusko gave top seed and No. 9-ranked University of Northwestern Ohio (17-1-1) a WHAC women's soccer semifinal victory over visiting Madonna University (12-7-1).

Madonna goalkeeper Blaire Schmalenberg (Warren Cousino) made 10 saves in defeat, while Nadine Stonjek notched her 16th shutout of the season for the Racers.

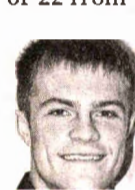
The Crusaders, who improved over a 6-0 thumping administered by Northwestern Ohio on Oct. 1, got only one shot off in the rematch (by senior Ashley Parent).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MU men's cagers fall in Tip-Off final

Three negative statistics stood out prominently Saturday as the Madonna University men's basketball team slipped to 2-2 overall with a 62-47 setback to host Spring Arbor University in the finals of the Trent Allen Memorial Tip-Off tournament.

The Crusaders committed 21 turnovers, shot only 11-of-22 from the foul line (50 percent) and just 36.4 percent from the field (16-of-44).



Stewart

Zach Mendendorp and Collin Hewitt scored 18 points and 16 points, respectively, for Spring Arbor (4-0), which led 25-19 at halftime.

Madonna junior guard Tyler Stewart (Salem) scored 13, while freshman guard Austin Johnson added eight points off the bench.

In Friday's tourney opener, Johnson provided a spark off the bench with 13 points as MU handed Rochester College its first loss of the season, 61-49.

Sophomore point guard Khalil Malone chipped in with 12 points and seven rebounds, while senior center Donald Owens contrib-

uted a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Sophomore forward Dan Hall added eight points off the bench as the Crusaders added to their 33-23 halftime lead and overcame 22 turnovers.

Rochester College (4-1), held to 30.2 percent shooting from the floor (19-of-63), got 12 points from Paris Pereira and 10 points from Milton Cribbs.

POINT PARK 74, MADONNA (WOMEN) 55: The Madonna University women's basketball team shot just 3-of-23 from three-point range (13 percent) in dropping its season opener Friday against visiting Point Park University (Pa.)

Kelly Johnson paced the victorious Pioneers (2-0), who bolted out to a 39-17 halftime lead, with a game-high 27 points.

Oakland University transfer Michele Hayes paced the Crusaders (0-1) with 15 points, but committed six turnovers. Senior Rachel Melcher added eight points and a game-high 15 rebounds, while Lindsey Hernden tallied nine points.

As a team, MU hit 20-of-68 (29.4 percent) from the floor as Melcher and Hernden were a combined 6-of-28. The Crusaders were 12-of-19 from the foul line (63.2 percent).

Point Park connected on 27-of-61 shots from the floor (44.3 percent) and 17-of-28 free throws (60.7 percent).



JON VESPAZIANI

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Steelers freshmen squad pose with their MYFCC Super Bowl trophies following Saturday's 32-6 victory over Lake Area.

STEELERS

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er, Jeremiah Penick, Gage Wheatley, Chris Little and Ben Vetter cleared the way for Miller's second TD, while the "Black" O-line of Dean Kaye, Sam Beydoun and Liam Radomski had the Mustangs on their heels the rest of the way.

Powering the Steelers' defense were Kameron Arnold, Jack Yates, Troszak, Miller and Wright, who returned an interception to the Macomb 5-yard line.

The head coach of the varsity Steelers is Angelo Lanava.

Fabulous freshmen

Luke Janack got the ball rolling for the freshmen Steelers when he returned the opening kickoff 60 yards for a touchdown. Janack broke five tackles on the way to the end zone for his first of two TDs on the day.

Also lighting up the first-half scoreboard for the Steelers were Brayden Willis (2-yard TD run) and Baechler Houser, who hauled in a point-after-TD pass from quarterback Andrew Iaquaniello.

Defensively, the Steelers gave up just one first down and a TD run on a broken play to carry a 13-6 lead into the

intermission.

Bolstering the Steelers' defense in its dominating second-half performance were Evan Cosgrove, who returned an interception 35 yards, and Michael Beydoun, who recovered a Hawks fumble.

Both Steelers offensive-line units turned in steamroller efforts despite less-than-perfect conditions, which included a cold, blustery wind and intermittent showers.

The head coach of the freshmen Steelers is Paul Hult.

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OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

ALL GAMES 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

Friday, Nov. 14

Canton (9-2) at Saline (10-1)

Thurston (8-3) at New Boston Huron (10-1)

Saturday, Nov. 15

Flushing (9-2) at Farm. Harrison (9-2), 1 p.m.

Last week's record

Overall record

Ed Wright

Canton

Thurston

Flushing

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95-30

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Tim Smith

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Thurston gridders headed to Division 3 'Elite 8'

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Of the eight teams still alive in the MHSAA Division 3 football playoffs, few are on a hotter roll than Redford Thurston.

Saturday afternoon on their home turf, the Eagles played a focused, relentless style of win-or-go-home football while overpowering Dearborn Divine Child, 37-17, in a D3 district final contest.

Losers of three of their first four games this season, the 8-3 Eagles will take a seven-game winning streak into Friday's 7 p.m. quarterfinal matchup at New Boston Huron (10-1).

Of the teams still playing in D3, only 11-0 Zeeland West has a longer winning streak going than the Eagles, whose three early-season setbacks came against eventual playoff-qualifiers.

Saturday's game — played in windy, cold conditions — was deadlocked 10-10 at the half, but Thurston regrouped at the break before outscoring the Falcons 27-7 over the final 24 minutes.

"We made a couple adjustments at halftime, but the main thing was we just executed better than we did in the first half and our offensive line took over," said Thurston head coach Bob Snell, whose team's previous trip to the final eight came in 2010. "In the first half, Divine Child did a good job of keeping us off balance and they brought some heavy pressure. We were able to take control up front in the second half and (senior quarterback) Travis (Wesenberg) made some outstanding throws."

After completing 4 of 8 passes for just 15 yards in the first half, Wesenberg found a groove down the stretch, completing 8 of 10 aerials for 117

yards.

"Travis made a couple huge third-and-long throws into tight coverage that kept drives alive," Snell said.

The winners' ground game was led by the dynamic senior duo of Laymon Giddings-Whatley and Chris Johnson. Giddings-Whatley ran 13 times for 78 yards and four touchdowns while Johnson picked up 87 yards on 17 carries and one TD. Johnson's most prolific run came on the Eagles' second drive when he smashed and dashed through the Falcons' defense for 24 yards to help set up a game-tying 26-yard field goal by Kobe Williams.

Divine Child seized an early 3-0 lead on Brent Rodden's 30-yard field goal.

An outstanding special teams play set up the Eagles' first touchdown of the day. With just over nine minutes left in the second quarter, Alonzo McCoy boomed a punt 60 yards that was down inside the Falcons 5 by a hustling Isiah Crofford.

Three plays later, Aaron Griffin intercepted a Jimmy Seewald pass and returned it to the DC 7. Giddings-Whatley then bulled into the end zone on a fourth-and-goal play from the 1 to put the Eagles in front 10-3.

DC evened the score at 10-10 at the break with a 94-yard into-the-wind drive that was engineered by backup quarterback Collin Goslin, who completed a couple pivotal third-down-and-long passes before capping the possession with a 16-yard keeper for a TD with just 32 seconds left before halftime.

"We were feeling pretty good at the half because we hadn't played well and were still tied," Snell said.

The Falcons nearly took the lead midway through the third



ED WRIGHT

Thurston's Jacob Jenkins (77) and Alden Ingram (70) wrap up Divine Child running back David McCarty.

quarter, but Dionte Jones surged through the middle of the DC offensive line to block a 30-yard field goal attempt.

Inspired by the turn of events, the Eagles promptly drove 73 yards and scored on a 9-yard run by Giddings-Whatley to make it 16-10 (the extra point was no good).

Thurston put the game away with a 21-point fourth quarter, which was ignited by a 55-yard pass from Wesenberg to McCoy, which took the ball to the Falcon 28. Moments later, Giddings-Whatley took the ball around right end for a 17-yard scoring scamper to make it 22-10. A two-point pass

from McCoy to Dionte Jones ramped the lead to 24-10.

DC cut its deficit in half, 24-17, on a 49-yard scoring pass, but the Eagles countered with a statement-making 55-yard drive that was capped by Giddings-Whatley's 2-yard TD run. The score was set up one play earlier on a 23-yard run by Johnson.

A 2-yard TD run by Johnson with four minutes left closed out the scoring.

Wesenberg finished 10 of 17 for 132 yards. His favorite target was Crofford, who reeled in five spirals for 55 yards.

Snell said New Boston Hu-

ron will pose a strong challenge for his team.

"They have a very good, balanced offense with a lot of size up front," he said. "They run out of several formations and they have good, tough athletes all over the field."

Friday's game will be the first-ever gridiron encounter between the two schools.

The Chiefs advanced to the regional round with a 44-27 victory over Trenton. They have outscored their 11 foes 346-172 this season. Thurston has racked up 296 points, but has yielded just 164.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL

Marlins reel in Chargers

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Farmington Hills Mercy took a little different approach Tuesday night in its Class A regional volleyball match with Livonia Churchill.

Best known for their tips and roll shots on offense, the Marlins used a more traditional attack and hit the ball hard to defeat the Chargers in the tournament at Bloomfield Hills Marian, 25-20, 25-16, 25-20.

"We were on our heels the entire time, and we could not read their hitters," Churchill coach Anna Gatt said.

"I know (Mercy senior) Jenna Lerg is going to Michigan to play, but she's short. I don't even know how tall she is, but she can place that ball.

"She doesn't even come up with a full arm swing. She drops down and she places the ball so well."

Lerg, who will be a libero for the Wolverines and also has played setter at Mercy, is an outside hitter this year, and she combined with senior middle Kayla Fisher to lead the Marlins in kills.

"We're really fortunate to have two people who can spread out the offense," Lerg said. "That definitely opens things up for me, be-

cause I'm little bit smaller. I can take shots (without always facing a block).

"If we got an open shot, we swung hard; otherwise, we just let them make mistakes and we played a good game."

Mercy coach Loretta Vogel had scouted the Chargers (27-17-4) numerous times and the Marlins were hitting away most of the match.

"I think everything for us is very helpful when we have a report on them and we know what they would like us to do," she said.

Gatt said she called for a double block opposite Fisher, but the Chargers never got it done and couldn't stop the Mercy attack.

"We weren't expecting as many hits," Gatt said. "We were expecting a lot of tips, roll shots and off-speed, little dumps. They did come in swinging and our block was not there at the beginning.

"I don't know how many times I said, 'We need to put a double block on that middle,' and we kept single blocking.

"It's easy for the hitter; you either go left of it or right of it. Mercy did a good job; I'm not taking anything away. They're a very good team."

Churchill showed it could pound the ball, too,

with spikes by Natalie Panek, Rayna Yetts, Anne Yost and Amanda Rybak, but Mercy (52-6-2) was outstanding on defense with few exceptions.

Led by libero Monica Shuk and Lerg, the Marlins dug up one hit after another to frustrate the Chargers.

"We prepare for everything — tips and deflections off the block," Shuk said. "We prepare for the hard hits, too, just in case; so we have people who can cover line shots, cross shots, everything. We never expect them to do one thing; we prepare for everything."

"Monica changed the game," Vogel said. "In the second game, she had a couple huge digs. Defense wins without a doubt. She really gave us a lot of energy at that point."

Churchill trailed on the scoreboard for most of the match. Every time the Chargers would rally and get within a point or two, the Marlins responded with another run.

"It was very frustrating and you could see it in their eyes," Gatt said of her players. "You could see it in their faces. They lost that confidence and they were playing very timid.

"We weren't on our toes. It's something so

simple: 'Be on your toes and ready to move laterally. We have nothing to lose (trailing 22-14 in the third game) at this point. Where's our fight?'"

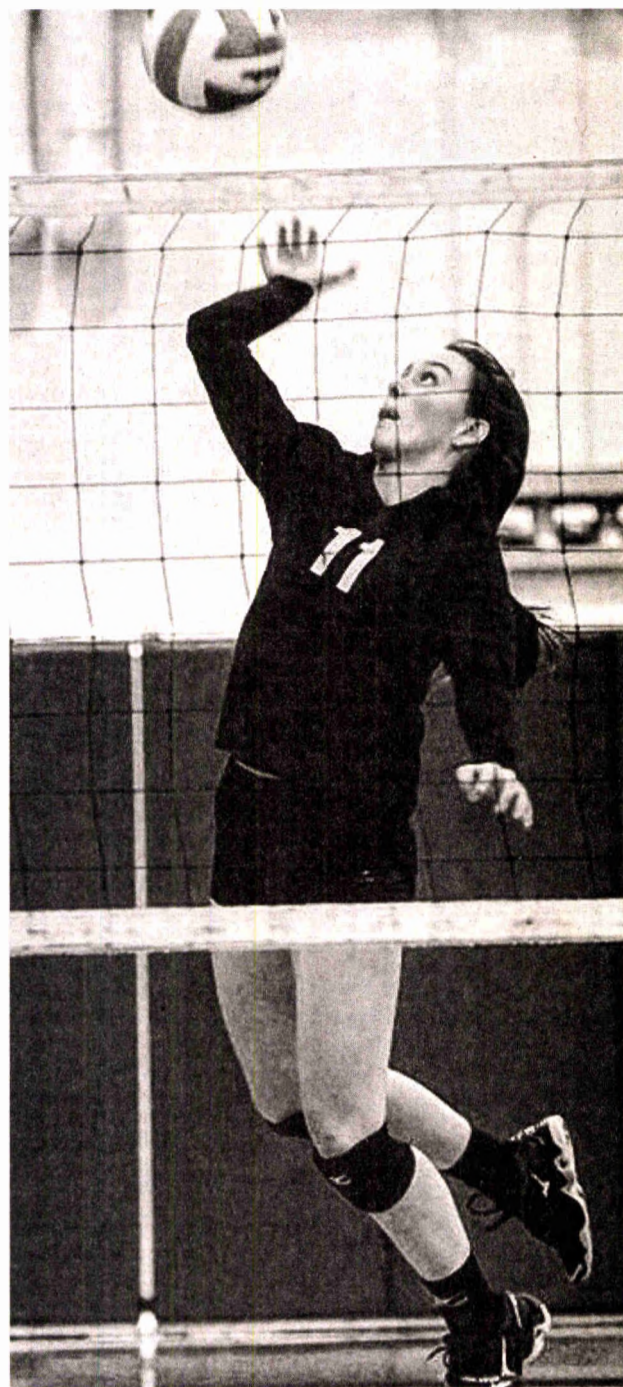
The Chargers came back from a timeout to score six of the next seven points and make the tally 23-20, but they had a point deducted for being out of rotation and seemed to lose steam after that.

Mercy's consistency, experience and steadiness were factors in the match.

"We've been working through those (high and lows), and we've come to the point where we're playing consistently well," Lerg said. "Even if they fire three or four points at us, we can side-out and get a run ourselves."

"A big emphasis for us was remaining consistent," Vogel said. "We tried to play the game not tremendously emotional, so even when they got their hits it was something that wouldn't necessarily both us."

Yetts had nine kills, Panek eight, Madilyn Darling and Rybak five each. Lauren St. Pierre made 22 digs for the Chargers and Fallu 17 digs. Churchill will lose just three seniors—Fallu, St. Pierre and Rybak.



Senior hitter Jenna Lerg goes for the kill. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



Ladywood's Abbigale Laurentius bumps the ball backed up by teammate Haley Moores. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Blazers cruise into Class B regional finals

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Ladywood has yet to be tested in the state Class B girls volleyball tournament.

The Blazers rolled to their fourth straight victory with a convincing 25-12, 25-8, 25-5 regional semifinal victory Tuesday night over Ferndale at Livonia Clarenceville.

Junior Kayla March sparked Ladywood's hitting attack with 16 kills, while Haley Moores added 10 as the Blazers improved to 30-18-4 overall while advancing to the regional final beginning at 7

"The team (is) communicating and supporting each other off the court."

COACH PETER LAU

p.m. Thursday against Catholic League Central Division rival Dearborn Divine Child.

"The team has been working hard, not only on the court, but also communicating and supporting each other off the court, and really coming together," Ladywood coach Peter Lau said. "And because of the camaraderie it's

showing on the court in one cohesive unit. As a coach I can sit back and enjoy watching the girls perform and execute."

Also contributing to the win was setter Emily Fradette (34 assist-to-kills); Madison Moschetta (12 digs, nine aces serves); Maggie Shirk (nine digs); Kelcy Son-Servacio (six kills); and Molly McClorey (six aces).

Ladywood has now won 12 straight lopsided sets going back to last week's district tourney matches at Clarenceville. The Blazers last reached a regional final in 2011 when they fell to Carleton Airport, 3-1.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Crusaders second in WHAC

The Madonna University women's volleyball team swept two matches Saturday at home to end the regular season with a second-place finish in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

The 16th-ranked Crusaders improved 19-3 in the WHAC with victories

over Marygrove College, 25-12, 25-21, 25-16, and Lawrence Tech, 25-19, 22-25, 25-23, 25-22.

MU, which finished one game behind regular season champ Davenport University (31-7, 20-2), opens the WHAC quarterfinals at 11:30 a.m. Friday at home against

Siena Heights (18-13, 10-12).

Madonna, now 34-6 overall, overcame a match-best 26 kills by Kasey Clark to beat Lawrence Tech (18-20, 8-14).

Samantha Geile led MU with 16 kills, while Casey Gates contributed 11 kills and 10 digs.

SPIKERS

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techniques and she's just an amazing player," said Roi, about Dest. "It's really hard for me to dig (the ball), but it helps my game."

"Once I dig her I know I can play with people like that."

Toughest test

PCA head coach Katie Decker said the way the night unfolded should provide her team (28-5-2) with a lesson in not looking too far ahead.

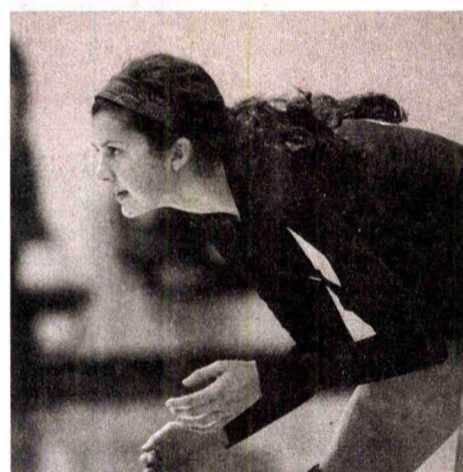
"What really helped the most was the second timeout I called in the fourth game," Decker said. "I kind of said 'We've got to play as a team, no matter what happens. We don't fall apart when things aren't going our way.' After that we kind of flipped the switch."

PCA opened up with 25-16 and 25-21 wins before losing 23-25 and 22-25 in Games 3-4.

The fifth game was a microcosm of the entire night. The Eagles broke out in front then battled to stay ahead of the pesky Hawks.

"That was intense, it was back and forth," Decker said. "It was actually the first time all season we've gone to five games."

"So I think that was probably good for us, a lot of the mental game comes through, then. You



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

PCA standout Olivia Mady, shown from earlier this season.

can see what they're made of when their backs are against the wall."

Hawks head coach Mike Dest, whose team finished 26-15-5, praised his team for leaving it all out on the floor — especially when things didn't look good early on.

"They gave it all they had, that's for sure," Dest said. "I can't be prouder of them."

Serious roll

Dest acknowledged the brilliant effort turned in by his daughter, who got on a serious roll starting early in Game 3 and set a season high (and perhaps career high) in kills.

"That's for sure, if we could get the ball to her she was definitely getting it on the ground for us," he added. "But it's a team effort."

"Our passers got to get it to our setter, our setter's got to get the ball to her."

The Hawks also received strong showings from senior libero Beth Schaffer (19 digs) and senior setter Anne St. John (39 assists, six kills).

Sparking PCA were sophomore outside hitter Olivia Mady (20 kills, 17 digs), Kellogg (11 kills, 15 digs), senior front-row player Abby Wyman (11 kills, nine digs), Roi (13 digs), Paulson (30 assists) and senior setter Raina Postma (13 assists).

Decker said it was crucial to somehow find

a way to stop Madison Dest in Game 5, and she changed her lineup in an attempt to do just that.

Instead of having Wyman open up from the service stripe, Decker moved Wyman to the front row and had senior defensive specialist Callie Morby serve.

Morby came through with two quick points, including an ace, to put the Eagles up 3-1. She also served what turned out to be PCA's 13th and 14th points.

"It was more so about getting some of our best hitters in the front row fast," Decker said. "So we switched Abby up front for hitting and blocking. You want to get your No. 1 middle as much time in the middle as you can."

Madison Dest's spectacular night really began after a Huron Valley timeout in Game 3, with the Hawks down 5-1 and in danger of being swept.

Out of that timeout, Dest hammered the ball for a defensive sideout point.

The seemingly was in on every other tally the rest of that way, spiking or tipping all three points served up by Alcini to put HVL up 18-15.

In Game 4, Alcini helped the Hawks launch to a big lead with a five-point service run (including two aces), to put the Eagles in a 7-1 hole.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER BODY, MIND SPIRIT FEST

Time/Date: Festival, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., concert, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: More than 40 vendors will have products aimed at helping body, mind, and spirit. Learn about conscious living, wellness, natural healing, personal growth, organics, holistic health, metaphysics and more. Tatiana Scavnick performs rock, pop, world beat and mystical music with Mark Watson. Admission, \$5, admission and concert, \$10. Children with an adult admitted free. All proceeds go toward replacing the church roof

Contact: 734-421-1760 or email office@unityoflivonia.org

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15

Location: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Walk-ins welcome

Contact: 734-422-0494

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 16

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice; cost is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, 2-10

Contact: 734-425-4421

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, Nov. 16

Location: St. Michael the Archangel School cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: All-you-can-eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, juice, coffee, tea, and milk served buffet style; admission at the door. Breakfast is served the third Sunday of the month, September-May, excluding December

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200; livonia@michael.org

CHRISTMAS CAMP

Time/Date: 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Open to children preschool and up, must be potty trained; \$20 for the first child and \$15 for each additional sibling. Parents can drop them off for crafts, games, movies, and pizza while they Christmas shop

Contact: 734-427-3660

DISCUSSION

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20

Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Rabbi Mark Miller presents a discussion, "The Jews

of Cuba." The program is open to seniors and will include refreshments. Free; RSVP requested

Contact: Laura Lucassian, 248-851-1100, Ext. 3142; llucasian@tbeonline.org

HARVEST SUPPER, BAKE SALE

Time/Date: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13

Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn

Details: Roast pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, pie, beverage; \$10 adults, \$4 children, 5-12, \$2 preschoolers. Take-outs must be ordered by Nov. 12

Contact: 734-855-4477 or 313-581-2525

MISSIONARIES

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 16

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Captive Free, a relational music ministry team sponsored by Youth Encounter, will lead morning worship. They'll also facilitate a food packaging service event following lunch at 12:15 p.m. RSVP for lunch and food packing

Contact: Kathy Weinberg at 734-464-0211, Ext. 202; or email info@holylivonia.org

ST. NICHOLAS PARTY

Time/Date: 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29

Location: Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Children will meet St. Nicholas and receive a gift while their parents take their pictures. The party includes a craft project, carol sing-along and refreshments. Youngsters can have their picture taken with a live reindeer, noon to 1 p.m. Free

Contact: Richard Shebib at 248-345-9346 or pascha-books@sbcglobal.net

WEAT SHIRT DRIVE

Time/Date: Between Masses Sunday-Saturday, Nov. 15-16

Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Knights of Columbus Council #5492 will collect small to XX-large sweatshirts for children, which will be donated to Holy Cross Children's Services. New sweat shirts with emblems of Detroit sports teams are encouraged. Drop them off in boxes in the church vestibule

Contact: Bill Alderman at 313-608-6171

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Sermon theme is Thanksgiving is a Time to Remember

Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

WIDOWED FRIENDS

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

Nov. 16

Location: St. Kenneth, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: Mass and potluck luncheon

Contact: Pat at 734-895-6246, Mass; Angie at 734-905-7262, luncheon

DECEMBER ADVENT SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, 10 and 17

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: The meditation theme is Waiting With The Old Testament Church"

Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7

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

Details: Excerpts from Bach's Magnificat, along with carols and other songs; tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for seniors and students

Other concerts: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, Farmington Hills

Contact: www.detroitluthersingers.com

WINE & CHOCOLATE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6

Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Wine and chocolate tastings, musical entertainment and silent auction. Tickets are \$18 per person. For reservations, make checks payable to Sisterhood of Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301.

Contact: Harriet Cooperman, at 248-321-9023 or hcooperman@sbcglobal.net.

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethan Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support,

practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More

offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebratercovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

On target: 'Christmas Story' actors will visit the Redford Theatre

Zack Ward, who portrayed Scut Farkus, raises awareness of bullying

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Zack Ward has a deal for you.

"Go see *Don't Blink* on iTunes, Amazon, buy it on DVD. If you buy it on DVD I'll sign it for free. If you download it, take a picture of yourself watching the movie. I'll sign another autograph.

"It's the first film I've produced and I'd love to get feedback on it. Hit me up on Twitter and Facebook and tell me what you think."

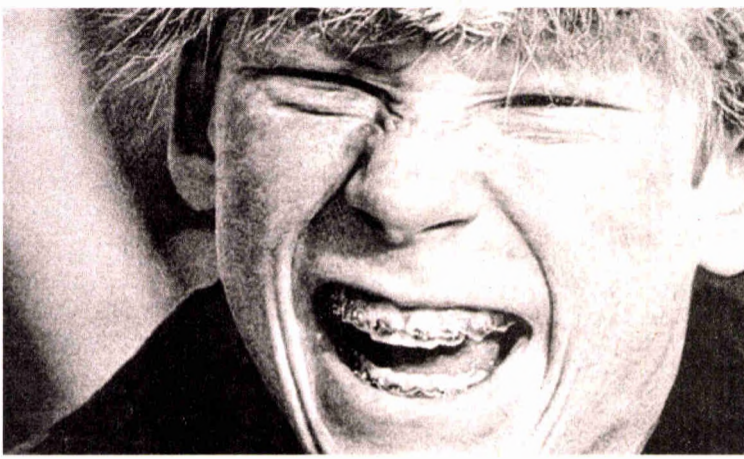
Ward, who also acts in the horror/thriller/sci-fi film, said of roughly 87,000 movies released annually, 17 percent debut in theaters. Getting an audience and response can be an "uphill battle." *Don't Blink*, the story of a secluded, abandoned mountain resort and 10 visitors forced to stay and investigate its mystery, premiered in September with a limited theatrical release and is available online.

Ward will make good on his promise Friday-Saturday, Nov. 21-22, at the Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit. He and four other cast members of the 1983 film, *A Christmas Story*, will be on hand at a VIP reception and three screenings of the film.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$7. The VIP event runs 5-6:30 p.m. Saturday and includes desserts with the cast and admission to the evening show. Tickets are \$25.

Christmas comedy

A Christmas Story, written by humorist Jean Shepherd and based on his short stories,



A young Zack Ward plays the bully, Scut Farkus, in "A Christmas Story."

has become a perennial holiday favorite, with its own 24-hour marathon every Christmas Eve on TBS. The film tells the story of Ralphie Parker, a young boy living with his family in a small town during the early 1940s, and the year he received a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas.

Cast members scheduled to appear at the Redford Theatre include Scott Schwartz, who played "Flick," the boy who stuck his tongue on a flagpole; Patty LaFontaine and Drew Hocever, who portrayed elves at Higbees Department Store; and Yano Anaya as Grover Dill, sidekick and "toadie" to raccoon cap-wearing bully, Scut Farkus, played by Ward.

Yes, that's Scut, not Scott. "Scut is an old Gaelic term that means cow diarrhea. Farkus is Lithuanian for wolf," said Ward, in a phone interview from his home in Los Angeles, Calif. When Scut Farkus first appears in the film the wolf's theme from Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* plays in the background.

Being bullied

Ward said his own experiences, being on the victim's

end of bullying, helped him sculpt the Scut Farkus character. His mother is an actress and her performances took Ward and his older brother beyond their hometown of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

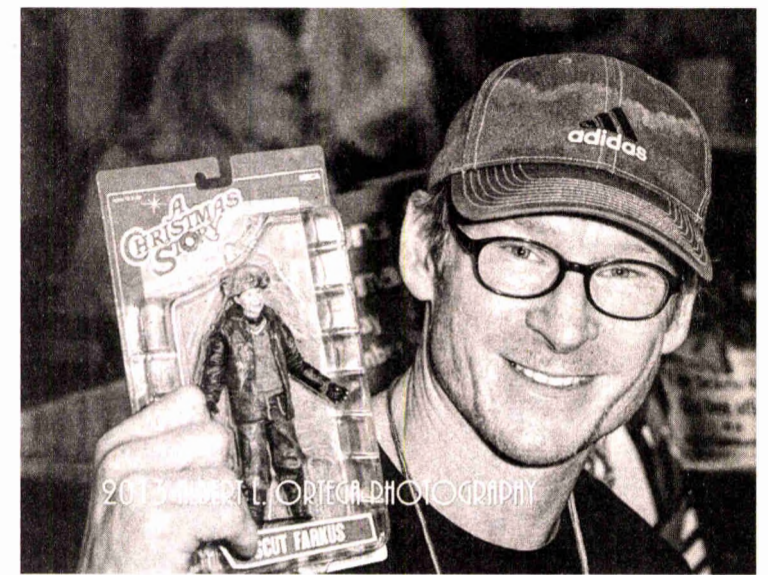
"I went to eight different schools before junior high, and being someone with red hair and having a name like Zack, I was the odd bird out," he said. "You don't think too much of it when you're going through it. I got into a lot of fights. I learned how to use comedy to offset the violence. It makes it harder for someone to throw a punch."

Portraying Scut Farkus gave him an opportunity to mock the kind of bullies he had encountered as a child.

These days, his association with the Scut Farkus character helps him to raise awareness about bullying. Last year, Ward even created an Indiegogo fundraising campaign to collect donations for bullying prevention programs.

"It's a one-man show and that's a daunting task. I'm working on it."

Between his anti-bullying work, his appearances at film conventions and events, acting,



Zack Ward shows off a Scut Farkus doll.

directing, writing and producing, Ward is busy both off- and on-screen.

At the holidays

He visits three to seven screenings of *A Christmas Story* every year, usually between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"I introduce the film and then leave and when it's over do a Q&A. I don't watch the movie because I get a chance to see it through so many other people's eyes," he said. "I love the movie, I think it's fantastic. It stays fresh because of the enthusiasm of the people who watch it. I'll watch it once every couple years. I'll watch it more as a filmmaker now."

In addition to more than 100 credits as an actor in diverse roles on television and in film, Ward has directed his own short film, *Protocol X*, which he also wrote and produced. He has associate produced films and is writing projects for film and television.

Television appearances

have included *Charmed*, *Lost*, *Deadwood*, *Crossing Jordan*, *She Spies*, *Mike & Molly*, *CSI: Miami* and *CSI: New York*, to name just a few. He had a continuing role as "Dave" in the Fox television series, *Titus*. Movie credits include *Transformers*, *Almost Famous*, *Resident Evil: Apocalypse*, *Postal*, *Blood Lake*; *Attack of the Killer Lamprays* and more.

"I've never thought of dismissing any genre. It's always about the caliber of the product," he said, explaining his interest in horror films. "It's the flip side of comedy ... very much like a roller coaster where you're scared but you know you are safe."

Check out Ward's Facebook page at facebook.com/Official-ZackWard. Follow him on Twitter at twitter.com/TotalZackWard.

Call the Redford Theatre at 313-537-2560.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

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

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Dec. 6

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: 2014 International Mosaic Exhibit and Auction includes 141 mosaic artworks from artists representing 13 countries. The work may be viewed at the Art House and is available for bid in an auction benefiting Doctors Without Borders at the online auction website: <http://www.BiddingForGood.com/DWB-MSF>

Northville Camera Club: "The Art of Light," through Dec. 6 in the lower level gallery

Contact: 248-344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday, through November

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: "Levels," a solo exhibit of works painted in acrylics, by Charles Stout

Contact: plymoutharts.com; 734-416-4278

VILLAGE THEATER AT CHERRY HILL

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Nov. 30

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "He Was the President: John F. Kennedy 1960-61" features more than 40 black and white photos of John F. Kennedy, taken by Tony Spina, who spent more than 40 years as a *Detroit Free Press* photographer

Contact: 734-394-5308

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 13-14, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: BT with special guest, Connie Etinger; \$12 for show only or \$22 with dinner, Thursday; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday-Saturday



Paul Vornhagen and his quartet will perform Nov. 25 at the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge, in Plymouth.

Contact: 734-261-0555; catchthefunny.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 14-15

Location: Fourth and Troy streets in downtown Royal Oak

Details: Kathleen Madigan; tickets \$30
Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

FESTIVAL

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15

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

Details: The event celebrates Canton's cultural diversity with music, dance and drama from around the world. Cultural exhibits and a sweets table will be stationed in the lobby. Admission is \$2

Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillageheater.org

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 15-16

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

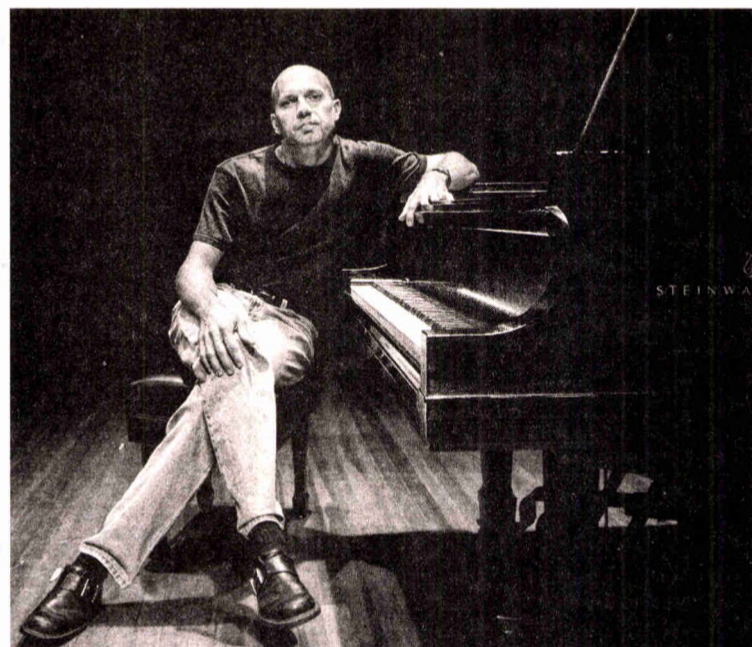
Details: *Dolphin Tale 2*, admission \$3
Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14

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

Details: *Pilot Error*; \$7. Meet and greet the film's star, producer and others including a pilot instructor for a Q and A after the evening show. Meet and



The Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents pianist Paul Barnes in concert Nov. 21 at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, in Detroit

greet is open to everyone at no charge at 7 p.m.

Also playing: Animation classics and rarity festival, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15; \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481

HISTORY

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Dec. 28

Location: Second floor in the Community Gallery at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Details: Fourteen stained glass windows that were installed at the original St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, built in 1929 and closed in 2005 in Farmington Hills, are on display. Admission is free

Contact: 313-833-7935

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Dec. 21

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor
Details: The exhibit, "Pearls of Wisdom: The Arts of Islam at the University of Michigan," consists of 82 artifacts, including ceramics, glass, metal, textiles, paintings, illuminated manuscripts and wood

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

453-0869

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15

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

Details: Dover Quartet performs music by Haydn and Ullman. Jon Kimura Parker joins the quartet on Dvorak's *Piano Quintet No. 2 in A major*. Parker plays a solo concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at the Seligman Center. Tickets range from \$30-\$60 for adults and \$15-\$30 for students with ID

Coming up: Pianist Paul Barnes in "An Evening of Detroit Premiers," 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, in the Music Box at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit; tickets are \$30 adults, \$15 for students with ID. Call 248-855-6070 or visit online

Contact: chambermusicdetroit.org

JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

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

Details: Paul VornHagen Quartet performs Nov. 25; \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

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

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: Noon Wednesday, Nov. 19

Location: VisTaTech Center, on the main campus, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Lynn Klock, professor of saxophone at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, performs

Contact: 734-462-4403; schoolcraft.edu/music

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Jason Dennie, Nov. 14; Harper and the Midwest Kind, Nov. 15; Mike Mangione and the Union, Nov. 21. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

THEATER

EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13-16

Location: The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti

Details: *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised]*; \$15 general admission, \$12 seniors and students with ID, online or at the door with cash or check.

Contact: 734-985-0875; emergentarts.com

Contact: sctuldwig@aol.com or 734-

Make Thanksgiving Day food prep easy with fare from area markets

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, so it's a perfect time to create the perfect menu that's sure to impress and please your guests.

Fortunately, many local markets have already done most of the work for you, creating a wide variety of unique and delicious appetizers, desserts and other holiday menu items featuring everything from farm-fresh produce, Michigan-made products and even gluten-free items for those with food sensitivities.

While ever-popular traditional offerings such as roast turkey, creamy mashed potatoes and savory stuffing remain holiday table mainstays, chefs at some area markets and grocery stores are adding new twists to long-standing favorites.

And once you've planned your menu, a beautiful centerpiece will add the final touch. Westborn Market, with locations in Berkley, Livonia, and Dearborn, can help make your tablescape pop with beautiful and unique fresh floral arrangements.

Adding flowers — even mixed with candles — can make a holiday table special, said Danny Sawalha, operations manager.

"We do flowers on a very large scale at Westborn, at a wide variety of price points. We have something for everyone," he added.

Appetizers

In Farmington Hills, Johnny Pomodoro's is introducing a new Pumpkin Dip appetizer featuring sweet cream mascarpone. Paired with ginger snaps or vanilla wafers for dipping, this sweet treat is a tasty way to start the festivities, said store manager Marc Miller.

Hiller's Market, with locations in Plymouth, Northville, South Lyon and West Bloomfield, offers an easy-to-serve Ultimate Snack Attack Tray that includes up to four super premium deli meats, two cheeses, potato salad or coleslaw, and pumpernickel or rye bread. It is presented with an assortment of olives, pickles, tomatoes, radishes and condiments.

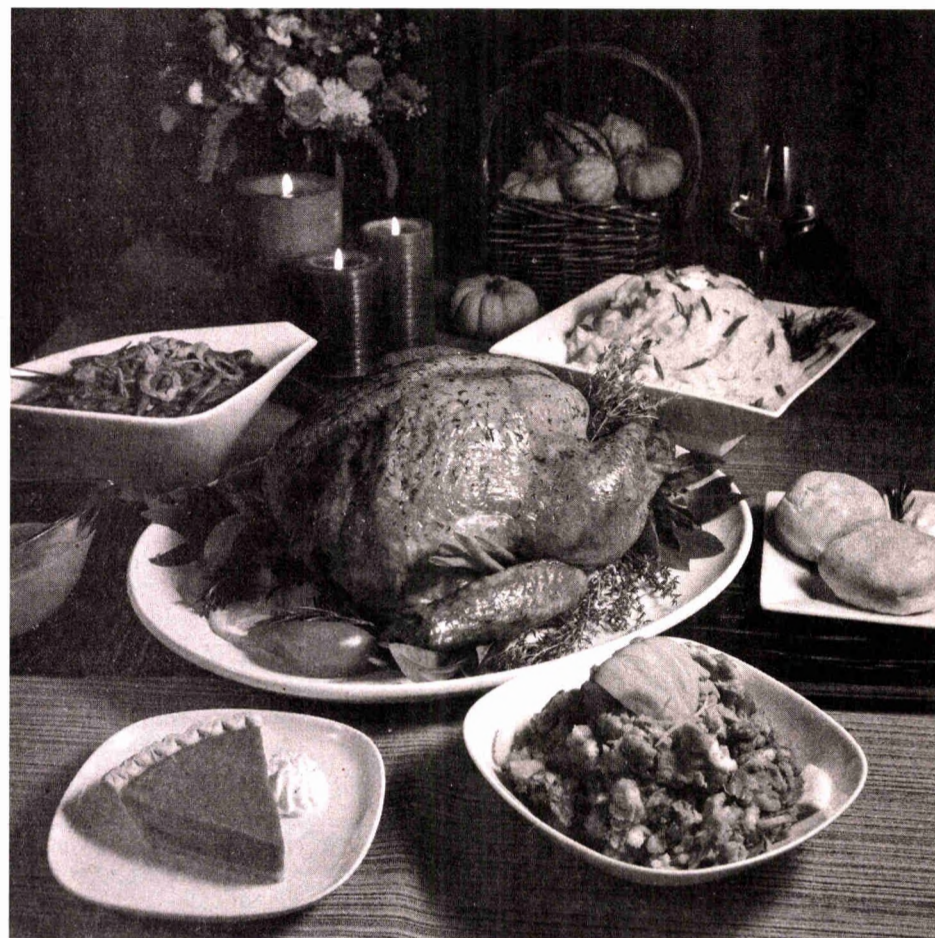
For another easy and appealing appetizer, Busch's Fresh Food Market, with several locations in the metro area, offers a spread platter featuring a blue cheese ball and salmon pate — perfect when paired with crackers.

Papa Joe's Gourmet Market and Catering in Birmingham takes the pre-dinner nibbles up a notch with its bacon-wrapped dates, made with sundried dates, stuffed with Gorgonzola cheese and wrapped in Applewood bacon.

Side dishes

Papa Joe's also offers four different types of stuffing, including a gluten-free version made with quinoa, multi grains, signature spices, and a variety of fall vegetables, cherries and pumpkin seeds.

Other varieties of stuffing include a traditional version, made with house-baked bread; a Venetian version featuring pine nuts, roasted mushrooms, herbs and Parmesan cheese; and a Michigan stuffing, complete with fall



Busch's Fresh Food Market offers turkey dinners, complete with side dishes.

apples, walnuts and Michigan cherries, said Lisa Monroe, catering director at Papa Joe's.

Earthy greens are a wonderful way to incorporate nutrient-rich foods into the festivities, said Sarah Kerr, chef at Busch's Fresh Food Market in Livonia.

Oven-roasted Brussels sprouts tossed with fresh Michigan maple syrup, bacon and pecans are a customer favorite, Kerr said.

Area Meijer stores also follow health-conscious food trends, offering nutritious alternatives to traditional Thanksgiving options including a new Kale Salad that features broccoli, grapes, apples and feta cheese as well as a Super Foods Salad that features kale, edamame, sunflower seeds, tomatoes, dried cranberries and more.

Joe's Produce Gourmet Market and Catering in Livonia kicks the tired jelly cranberries up a notch with a Cranberry Farro Beet Salad featuring whole cranberries, orange marmalade, butternut squash and farro grains available throughout the holiday season.

Kroger, with locations throughout the metropolitan Detroit area, offers a Cranberry Celebration Salad made with cranberries, walnuts and a variety of other sweet fruits. It is available in the deli department.

Main course

If you are the one cooking the bird this holiday, be sure and pick up the Turkey Perfect Brining Kit available at Hiller's Markets. The kit features a brine mix and large brine bag and promises to infuse your bird with delicious herb flavors.

Brenda Jones, manager of Vintage Market in Westland, said the store of-

fers an alternative for those who don't like turkey or who want an additional main course: roast lamb.

"We sell a lot of leg of lamb for Thanksgiving. Not everyone likes turkey, or they might be sick of it. So it is nice to have another option, something a little different that it still special," she said.

Canton's Holiday Market also offers a mouth-watering addition to your Thanksgiving table. Seasoned prime rib — roasted on site — is ready to serve and easily carved, said store manager Diane Mackey.

Desserts

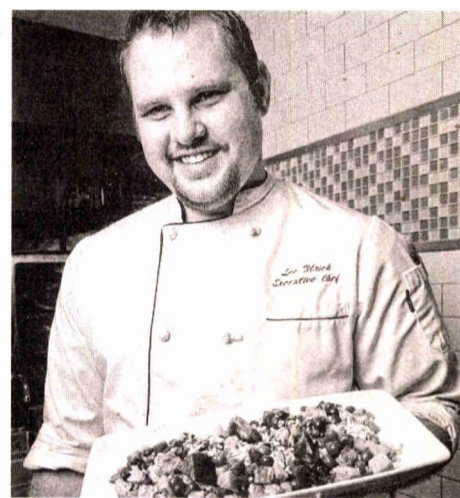
Holiday Market also offers sweet treats for your dessert menu, including a cannoli torte (yellow cake layered and frosted with homemade cannoli filling and covered with crushed cannoli shells, toasted almonds and shredded coconut). For those seeking a new twist on pumpkin pie, they also offer a Pumpkin Spice Roll filled with sweet cream cheese frosting.

Joe's Produce Gourmet Market and Catering also takes pumpkin to the next level with Pumpkin Spice Cupcakes frosted with a cream cheese frosting and topped with candied pecans.

Pies, ranging from apple, cherry and other fruits, to pecan and pumpkin, made by the Grand Traverse Pie Company are available at area Busch's Fresh Food Market locations.

A special seasonal apple-caramel dessert featuring fresh apples, whipped topping and rich caramel — a lighter alternative to pies and cakes — is available from Vintage Market.

Hiller's Market's macaroon tray offers an opportunity to bring a French



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Executive chef Lee Ulrich presents Cranberry Farro Beet Salad, at Joe's Produce Gourmet Market and Catering in Livonia.

element to the holiday, and features 12 varieties of the trendy cookie and is available in the bakery department.

Wine

Dan Sonenberg, manager at Johnny Pomodoro's, recommends offering guests a sneak peak at the vintage year with a Beaujolais Nouveau. Usually introduced a week before Thanksgiving, Beaujolais Nouveau is a "lighter, easier wine. It's a great complement to your Thanksgiving feast," Sonenberg said.

Experts at Holiday Market recommend The Chook Sparkling Shiraz. A luscious, light bodied Shiraz, "it tastes like liquid cranberry," said Mackey.

Mackey also recommends the 2013 Essence Riesling from Germany — "fruity and great with a buttery turkey" — as well as a 2010 Marimar Estate Don Miguel Vineyard Pinot Noir that is "great with dark meat."

J. Lohr Falcon's Perch Pinot Noir (Monterey County) is available at Hiller's Market and is "a terrific value Pinot that just received a 92 point rating from *The Wine Enthusiast*," according to Justin Hiller.

For a white wine selection, Hiller recommends Pacific Rim Riesling (Columbia Valley)

In addition to prepared hors d'oeuvres and side dishes, many area markets also offer completely prepared Thanksgiving meals to make entertaining even easier.

Area grocery stores Meijer and Kroger, as well as Busch's Fresh Food Market and Hiller's all offer pre-cooked turkey dinners, complete with sides. Prices vary by store and selection of items.

Other area gourmet markets including Holiday Market, Joe's Produce Gourmet Market and Catering, Johnny Pomodoro's, Papa Joe's Gourmet Market and Catering and Vintage Market also offer completely cooked Thanksgiving meals with prices varying depending on serving size and selections.

If you plan to serve a pre-cooked meal, be sure and order early, advises Marc Miller, manager at Johnny Pomodoro's.

"We want to make sure everyone has what they need in order to have a wonderful holiday," Miller said.



CHIEF GALE GAND
Chef Gale Gand will visit Busch's Fresh Food Market in Plymouth on Nov. 14.

Meet Food Network chef at Busch's in Plymouth

Gale Gand, nationally celebrated pastry chef, restaurateur, cookbook author and host of Food Network's dessert series *Sweet Dreams*, will meet customers 3-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 15185 Sheldon, Plymouth.

Gand will be on hand to pose for photos and sign autographs as well as her cookbook *Brunch*, which will be available for purchase. Busch's also will prepare several of Gand's cookie recipes for customers to sample and will hold raffles to win baking essentials and other prizes.

For more information, call Busch's at 734-414-5200.

Looking great: Set a beautiful table on Thanksgiving Day

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Preparing your Thanksgiving table is about more than just setting the table. It's also about setting a mood and creating the ambiance to complement your food and your guests.

For Karen Ingoglia, that means keeping it fun and fairly simple in order to accommodate the approximately 40 guests that converge on her Farmington Hills home to celebrate the holiday each year.

"I tend to go with deep gold, oranges and red — fall colors — for the cloths and runners," Ingoglia said.

Small pumpkins and gourds mixed with synthetic leaves and other decorative autumn pieces are placed on shelves and tables to add a festive touch.

"I want it to be pretty but not extravagant," said Ingoglia, the mother of three small children, all under age 6.

Complementing the fall jewel tones with wooden serve ware and accent pieces also heightens the atmosphere, said Nada Abbate, owns of Nada and Company in Royal Oak.

Establishing a mood also is easy with lanterns filled with candles or even flowers and other greenery for an effortless but elegant centerpiece, Abbate said.

Mano jars, covered with chalk-based paint and filled with tea lights or used as vases with fresh fall flowers, can create the same effect, she added.

Choosing the right serve ware can also make an impact and help set the mood for your dinner, said Kathy Magaluk, owner of the



SUBMITTED
Karen Ingoglia of Farmington Hills and family, Ava, 5, Michael, 4, Anthony, 18 months, and husband Chris. The family entertains close to 40 people over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Acorn Farm, a kitchen home goods store in Milford.

Magaluk recommends Juliska, earthenware from Portugal, in a hammered pewter finish to add a special touch, not just for the holiday but for everyday use as well.

"It has a wonderful finish and is still microwave-, freezer-, dishwasher- and oven-safe," Magaluk said.

She often pairs it with Juliska's Berry and Thread pattern, in Whitewash, for a simple yet sophisticated look.

Linens, in understated fabrics such as burlap, can play a big part in making your table look chic as well, Magaluk said.

"Adding a burlap runner over a tablecloth is a great look," she said.

Carbon monoxide dangers highlighted by initiative

As temperatures drop and consumers begin cranking up their heating systems, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) have launched a new online toolkit to help local fire departments educate the public about the associated risks of carbon monoxide (CO) in the months ahead. November through February represent the leading months for CO poisoning in the U.S., with a peak in December.

NFPA and CPSC announced the toolkit at a press conference recently at a Philadelphia fire station with Philadelphia Fire Commissioner Derrick J.V. Sawyer, NFPA President Jim Pauley, and CPSC Vice Chairman Robert Adler. The event highlighted CO safety, prior to the upcoming winter season, and included a local resident who spoke about how his CO alarm recently saved his life from CO traced to a faulty hot water heater.

"Risks of carbon monoxide poisoning are highly preventable by following simple, yet very important, safety precautions," said Pauley. "With help from local fire departments nationwide, our shared goal with the CPSC is to increase awareness about the danger of carbon monoxide and, most importantly, inform people about how CO alarms significantly reduce that risk."

Carbon monoxide is created when fuel burns incompletely, and is often called the "invisible killer" because it's a poisonous gas that's invisible and odorless. When home heating equipment isn't installed or working properly, the risk of higher levels of CO increases significantly.

In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire incidents in which CO was found.



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that from 1999-2010, an average of 430 people were killed by unintentional CO poisoning per year.

NFPA and CPSC's online toolkit provides a wealth of resources, safety tips and advice for properly maintaining heating systems to prevent the buildup of CO in the home, while strongly advocating for the installation of CO alarms.

"We all know that smoke alarms save lives, but it's important to know that carbon monoxide alarms save lives too," said CPSC Commissioner Robert Adler. "While

about 95 percent of U.S. homes have at least one smoke alarm, only 42 percent have a working CO alarm. Installing CO alarms on every floor of your home, keeping portable generators far away from your home, and having a yearly inspection of gas appliances can help your family avoid the invisible killer."

Fire departments can access all toolkit materials from NFPA or CPSC. For more information on carbon monoxide in the home, visit NFPA's carbon monoxide web page and CPSC's carbon monoxide information center.

CPSC is also working to educate middle school stu-

dents about CO safety. CPSC is sponsoring a CO safety poster contest with cash prizes that is open to all sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders at <http://www.cpsc.gov/COcontest>. The contest is accepting students' posters through the end of February 2015.

About CPSC

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries, and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$1 trillion annually. CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical or mechanical hazard. CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters and household chemicals - contributed to a decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 40 years.

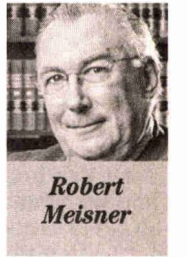
About the National Fire Protection Association

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.

Start spreading the news: New York real estate hot

Q: I am with a company that is inquiring as to the rental market in New York, particularly around Park Avenue South and the 30s. Is there a way of finding out what the situation is and/or do you have any information concerning it?

A: There has been influx of luxury apartments with a younger work force around the Park Avenue South and the 30s. It has sparked interest from hoteliers and restaurateurs to take a look at this once bland office district. Several high rise hotels, most of which with posh amenities and design and are being built. High end hotels are being constructed and older hotels are being refurbished. By way of example, a two-bedroom co-op loft with two baths on 30th Street is listed for \$2.8 million. A two-bedroom duplex condo with a private garden is listed for \$2.35 million and two-bedroom condo with two baths on 28th Street is listed at \$3.2 million. Obviously, the whole area is being rejuvenated with new restaurants, hotels and upscale apartments, co-ops and condominiums. You are best advised, if you are interested in buying, to retain a Realtor in the area and/or do an independent marketing survey, if you are thinking about investing.



Robert Meisner

Q: I am interested in buying into a hotel condo in the Caribbean, particularly in St. Lucia and am wondering what kind of arrangement would you recommend.

A: I am familiar with one particular hotel condominium resort which has done it the right way. The original developer went bankrupt and the bank foreclosed as would normally be the case, but then the condominium association itself bought the note from the bank, completed the foreclosure and took over control of the project. There were additional units that could have been constructed, but the association decided that it would only construct certain additional units that were the most potentially marketable on the water and has decided to run the resort community on its own. That means that all of the money that is generated from the restaurants, spa facilities and the like are given to the condominium association and all of the units in the condominium are sold to end purchasers who literally have an ownership interest directly in the condominium association as members of that association. Unfortunately, too many situations in the United States result in the association taking back property after the developer has relinquished control after 10 years per the Michigan Condominium Act, choose to do nothing or do not wish to take it upon themselves to retain their own builder or developer to complete the project potentially at great benefit to them. This project in St. Lucia is a perfect example of how that can be successfully accomplished.

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 should not be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 30 to July 3, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

18280 Devonshire St \$441,000
18360 Devonshire St \$315,000
15589 Kirkshire Ave \$150,000
16147 Wetherby St \$228,000

BINGHAM FARMS

23033 Bristol Ct \$984,000

BIRMINGHAM

1951 Cole St \$220,000
1352 Dorchester Rd \$585,000
1433 E Lincoln St \$140,000
1900 Fairview St \$610,000
1774 Graefield Rd \$114,000
1645 Holland St \$577,000
2057 Manchester Rd \$315,000
928 Oakland Ave \$420,000
2401 Radnor St \$305,000
1785 S Bates St \$850,000
1884 Shipman Blvd \$245,000
1727 Southfield Rd \$141,000
1652 Taunton Rd \$234,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

1903 Pine Ridge Ln \$379,000
2762 Bridle Rd \$275,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

1624 Bracken Rd \$484,000
1867 Brookview Cir \$327,000
2082 E Spinningwheel Ln \$292,000
1760 Trailwood Path \$192,000

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP

3095 Arbutus St \$145,000
5431 Bridge Trl W \$360,000
5513 Deerwood \$550,000
1932 Hampshire Ct \$365,000
2862 Ivy Hill Dr \$328,000
1760 Sadie Shore Dr \$105,000
8788 War Bonnet Dr \$155,000

FARMINGTON

33002 Maplenut St \$175,000
24168 Saint Mary Ct \$215,000
22740 Violet St \$165,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

37646 Avon Ln \$222,000
28481 Beech HI \$344,000
29451 Breezewood \$155,000
29240 Earth Ln \$605,000
28500 Halsted Rd \$150,000
30811 Lamar St \$30,000
38240 Lana Dr \$340,000
24060 Middlebelt Rd Unit 26 \$60,000
31175 Misty Pines Dr \$151,000
30040 Old Bedford St \$220,000
32372 Old Forge Ln \$240,000
15686 Ontaga Ct \$128,000
36611 Quakertown Ln \$215,000
28205 Statler Ln \$105,000

37776 Turnberry Ct \$480,000
28677 Venice Ct \$210,000
28260 Wildwood Trl \$45,000

HIGHLAND

1072 Dunleavy Dr \$74,000
3111 Pine Bluffs Ct \$319,000

MILFORD

3283 Foxfire Dr \$585,000
781 Promontory Dr \$177,000
660 River Oaks Dr \$320,000
326 River Wood Trl \$429,000
1044 Riverstone Cir \$289,000
957 S Main St \$570,000
1780 Valley Vw \$199,000

NORTHVILLE

23001 Bentley Dr \$100,000
21308 E Glen Haven Cir \$123,000
38694 Northfarm Dr \$283,000

NOVI

24942 Acorn Trl \$530,000
47992 Andover Dr \$640,000
22545 Deerfield Rd \$223,000
45153 Dunbarton Dr \$325,000
41416 Glyme St \$197,000
24054 Greening Dr \$326,000
42041 Loganberry Rdg S \$215,000
23559 Meeting Hall Ln \$83,000
41855 Mitchell Rd \$208,000
25886 Petros Blvd \$252,000
22250 Roxbury Dr \$618,000
48225 Rushwood \$210,000
45612 South Lake Dr \$410,000

1127 South Lake Dr Unit 215 \$103,000

SOUTH LYON

58815 Carriage Ln \$442,000
734 Challenging Trl \$170,000
1086 Colt Dr \$242,000
229 Detroit St \$134,000
52616 Fremont Dr E \$522,000
411 Jean Rd \$155,000
57198 Meadowcreek Cir 5 \$430,000
22280 Quail Run Cir \$133,000
61440 Richfield St \$153,000
28200 Seville Dr \$345,000
425 W Liberty St \$158,000
950 Westbrooke Dr \$228,000

SOUTHFIELD

28452 Everett St \$83,000
29660 Everett St \$61,000
29539 Leemoor Dr \$157,000
19050 Middlesex Ave \$75,000
29919 Pleasant Trl \$68,000
15801 Providence Dr # 04E \$82,000
28627 Regent Ct N \$50,000
30326 Rock Creek Dr \$188,000
15561 Stratford Dr \$100,000
21670 Virginia St \$130,000
17350 Westover Rd \$110,000
30845 Woodgate Dr \$175,000

WHITE LAKE

8265 Eastway Dr \$350,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 21-25, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

4181 Brighton Ln \$195,000
2277 Brookhaven Rd \$185,000
48880 Central Park Dr \$405,000
1897 Century Ct \$174,000
8476 Chatham Dr \$580,000
44232 Cherbourg St \$151,000
46773 Creeks Bnd \$228,000
39814 Deepwood St \$102,000
39761 Edmundton Dr \$81,000
2095 Fairmount Park Ln \$79,000
45337 Glengarry Rd \$298,000
44387 Hanford Rd \$158,000
1214 Heritage Dr \$164,000
479 Lenox Dr \$415,000
46515 Maben Rd \$245,000
49230 Manhattan Cir \$365,000
899 Meadowlake Rd \$175,000
8594 N Canton Center Rd \$75,000
45707 N Stonewood Rd \$153,000
49964 N Wintergarden Ct \$76,000
599 Pheasant Woods Dr \$315,000
49564 Potomac Rd \$201,000
426 Prospect Hill St \$402,000
2566 River Woods Dr N \$322,000
3498 Shepherd Ct \$208,000

3540 Shepherd Ct \$215,000
1580 Stafford Dr \$175,000
43356 Stonington Ct \$220,000
43877 Vicksburg Ct \$175,000
41143 Westfield Cir \$180,000
1197 Wildwood Ln \$215,000

GARDEN CITY

31901 Balmoral St \$88,000
32415 Cambridge St \$89,000
30112 John Hawk St \$55,000

LIVONIA

28286 Five Mile Rd \$10,000
14851 Arcola St \$153,000
15623 Blue Skies St \$262,000
36995 Bristol St \$171,000
18728 Canterbury Dr \$280,000
14606 Country Club Dr \$143,000
16854 Country Club Dr \$255,000
9611 Deering St \$140,000
15686 Deering St \$169,000
14232 Doris St \$165,000
36656 Elsie St \$160,000
33011 Fargo St \$28,000
36258 Hammer Ln \$260,000
11771 Hunters Park Ct \$305,000
29810 Lamar Ln \$135,000
93636 Munger Ct \$222,000
35183 Parkdale St \$171,000
38648 Richland St \$160,000
15530 Riverside St \$260,000
17511 Rougeway St \$125,000
31150 Roycroft St \$166,000
17231 Stamwich St \$213,000

33055 Summers St \$175,000
19474 Whitby Dr \$255,000

NORTHVILLE

15412 Bay Hill Dr \$600,000
18241 Blue Heron Dr E \$375,000
44465 Broadmoor Blvd \$440,000
44836 Broadmoor Cir S \$415,000
50640 Hawthorne Ct \$480,000
19844 Irongate Ct \$140,000
49431 N Glacier \$275,000
49473 N Glacier \$390,000
19338 Old Bridge Ct \$125,000
17126 Orchard Ridge Rd \$540,000
39471 Springwater Dr \$162,000
18381 Stoneridge Ct \$940,000
46401 W Main St \$916,000
46401 W Main St \$916,000
222 West St \$314,000
16499 Westminister Dr \$418,000
44451 White Pine Cir E \$635,000

PLYMOUTH

11631 Aspen Dr \$186,000
48708 Chambury Ct \$370,000
49935 Fuller Ct \$498,000
9068 Hillcrest Dr \$325,000
288 Irvin St \$355,000
866 Ivanhoe Dr \$355,000
46107 Litchfield Dr \$407,000
693 Maple St \$325,000
383 Pacific St \$357,000
1432 Palmer St \$412,000
1030 Penniman Ave \$430,000
311 Red Ryder Dr \$333,000

345 Roe St \$350,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd \$55,000
820 Starkweather St \$170,000
50330 Waterstone Ct \$300,000

REDFORD

15846 Denby \$78,000
19999 Garfield \$30,000
11410 Grayfield \$43,000
9972 Inkster Rd \$58,000
15639 Kinloch \$50,000
13991 Minock Dr \$55,000
16104 Norborne \$84,000
17041 Norborne \$80,000
19992 Norborne \$12,000
11356 Royal Grand \$68,000
17684 Sumner \$70,000
18418 Sumner \$44,000

WAYNE

3068 Rivers Edge Dr \$175,000

WESTLAND

8722 August Ave \$121,000
6774 Bison St \$112,000
34029 Cambria Ct \$22,000
766 Denice St \$78,000
8706 Donna St \$131,000
6112 E Executive Dr \$270,000
34011 Majestic St \$103,000
1700 N Berry St \$215,000
38360 N Jean Ct \$134,000
38075 Sherwood St \$44,000
2414 Wilshire St \$115,000

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