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City looks for funding for more police

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth officials are committed to keeping a 16th police officer – as well as still considering hiring a 17th – despite the defeat last month of a public safety millage intended to raise money for the new jobs. Where they'll find money for those goals is something that will be played out as they develop a budget for the next

fiscal year, which begins in July.

"We're committed to keeping the 16th officer," said City Commissioner Oliver Wolcott, one of the two commission "champions" of the goal of adding to the police force.

As far as adding a second new officer to the department, which had been at just 15 officers for years until the 16th was hired in January, "no final decision has been made," Wol-

cott said.

"We're really in the beginning stages of looking at all the options and putting them on the table," he said.

In the short term, funding for the 16th position was to be shared by the general fund and the Downtown Development Authority, which Wolcott chairs. The DDA had agreed to fund the position through the end of the current fiscal year.

Police Chief Al Cox has put

the cost of a new officer, including salary and benefits, at about \$76,000 a year.

Over the longer term, the money was to come from the public safety millage that lost by just 44 votes Feb. 24, 594 votes against it to 550 in favor. The 1.5-mill (\$1.50 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value) would have raised about \$708,000 a year had the entire tax been levied.

Oliver said that finding

money for a 17th officer might take a re-examination of commission priorities, but that public safety will remain high on the list. He said the commission will "look and see if there are some rocks we can turn over" to find the money.

"It's a top priority, public safety, and we're committed to it," he said. The millage was also intended for other long-

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Roads that are patched and riddled with potholes are common. This is on Lilley, north of Warren.

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Local motorists sound off on persistent pothole problems

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

They rattle nerves and cars alike, these tire-busting, rim-bending, suspension system-weakening potholes.

They're here – and likely to get worse – signaling one flaw in spring's thaw.

"It's worse than it ever has been," said Steven Ostrovich, buying four new tires for his 1995 Lincoln Town Car from Discount Tire Co. on Ford Road in Canton. "I've hit plenty of them."

Ostrovich singled out potholes as one drawback as he moves from Dexter to Canton.

"I love Canton," he said. "I just wish the roads were better."

Westland resident Dawn Drake took her place in line



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Steven Ostrovich said the pothole situation is the worst he has seen.

behind Ostrovich after she got a flat tire while driving to a doctor's office in Canton, though she wasn't sure wheth-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Dawn Drake of Westland stopped by Discount Tire Co. in Canton after getting a flat tire.

er to blame a pothole. "But they're bad, really bad," she said.

Canton resident Ken Simson, parked near crumbling Lilley Road north of Warren, said area roads are, simply, a mess.

"It's not only the potholes, it's the rippling and the buckling of the roads," he said. "It's the worst I've ever seen. It's bad everywhere."

Deanté Chapman, assistant manager of the Discount Tire Co. in Canton, held up a bent wheel as proof this season's damage has begun, but he said the problem doesn't yet seem to have gotten as bad as last year.

"We've seen a few problems, but not as many as last year so far," Chapman said Wednesday afternoon. "This is about the time for it to

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Judge sends 'coward' killer to prison

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Demanding that a murderer "look me in the eye like a man," a Wayne County judge sentenced him Friday to at least 27 years in prison for the killing of Plymouth Township resident Kenneth LaBita.

LaBita, 76, was shot once in the back of the head in his house on Gilbert, east of Haggerty, last October. Andrew J. Nutt, 22, of Westland, who had faced charges of felony murder and premeditated murder, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and using a gun during a felony.

"This is one of the most despicable acts that I've ever seen," said Wayne County Circuit Judge Mark Slavens, who repeatedly called Nutt a "cow-

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IKEA to spruce up Starfish clinics – for free

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Starfish Family Services, a nonprofit agency that has helped vulnerable children and families across metro Detroit for 52 years, will get a free makeover of its Livonia and Westland clinics after winning an IKEA Canton contest.

"This is absolutely wonderful," said Marisa Nicely, Starfish vice president of clinical and youth services. "We're really excited."

Inkster-based Starfish, one of three nonprofits chosen to compete in IKEA Canton's Life Improvement Challenge, won the prize after accumulating the most votes during an online voting contest that ended March 2.

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As crowd cheers, Canton woman reaches milestone workout

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Betty Ross started her morning, as she usually does, going to Curves fitness center in Canton to work out.

Imagine her surprise when a crowd began cheering for her as a song, *The Final Countdown*, played. "I was stunned," said Ross, a Canton resident and General Motors Corp. retiree.

This wasn't just another March morning exercise routine. Ross had reached her 3,000th workout, becoming the first to achieve that milestone at Curves locations in Canton and Plymouth townships that owner Kim Scartelli opened 14 years ago.

"She is consistent and motivating to our members," Scartelli said. "We can always count on Betty coming into our center with a big smile on her face and ready to work hard on her strength training workout."

Ross has far outpaced her closest competitor, who has accumulated 2,700 workouts.

Ross joined Curves in November 2001, but only worked out two or three times a week before she retired. She made what time she could for her half-hour fitness routine.

Now she goes to the Curves on Cherry Hill, near Sheldon, five or six times a week, usually early in the morning. Her average since she joined, Scartelli said, is 4½ times a week.

During her celebration, Ross said she received flowers from Scartelli. As she used one fitness machine, Canton Curves manager Katy Kreger stood behind her with a big pink sign marking her 3,000th workout.

Ross said her milestone only heightened her motivation.



Smiling, Canton resident Betty Ross starts her 3,000th workout at the Canton Curves as manager Katy Kreger holds a sign celebrating the achievement.

"I feel inspired to keep going," she said. "I'm really happy about it because it makes me feel energetic. I really love to work out there (at Curves) because the people are so nice."

She has practical reasons, too. "I want to keep my blood pressure and my cholesterol down," she said. "I'm trying to stay off medication. That's my goal. I also babysit my two grandkids (ages 3 and 4). I have to keep my energy up to keep up with them."

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STARFISH

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IKEA employees nominated Starfish, Friends of the Rouge and Developing K.I.D.S. of Detroit, who pushed for votes by rallying their supporters by email and social media.

Starfish clinics in Livonia and Westland, which offer services such as outpatient mental health treatment, early childhood education and family counseling, will have their lobby and waiting room areas spruced up with IKEA furniture, children's toys, new flooring and freshly painted walls, said Amanda Preston, IKEA Canton marketing manager.

Lobby areas are the first impression children

and families get when they enter a Starfish facility, Preston said.

"We want to make it comfortable for them," she said.

Starfish serves thousands of children and families at any given time and Nicely said the money that the nonprofit receives isn't budgeted for remodeling projects.

"If we have a dollar to spend, that's not where we spend it," she said.

Nicely said IKEA Canton's help will make a huge difference by making clinic waiting areas much more inviting to children and families. She said Starfish is grateful for all the votes its supporters cast during the Life Improvement Challenge.

"They really came together as a team," she said.

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start."

Chapman had replaced one wheel and tire for a motorist who hit a pothole along the I-275 corridor. Still, he hasn't seen as much damage as last season, when he recalls as many as four tow trucks at once hauling vehicles in for repairs.

Over in Plymouth, Denny's Service Center on Starkweather hasn't yet been inundated with pothole-damaged vehicles, either.

"Last year we did have a lot of cracked rims, broken suspension components

and damaged tires," said Jack Cameron, service manager. "I'm not sure if maybe the snow has been a cushion this year, but I expect we'll start to see more (pothole damage)."

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said he believes the pothole situation, at least so far, could be "a little better this year." But that could change, quickly.

Kirk Steudle, the state's transportation director, said the quick warmup in Michigan is likely to cause problems.

"Because frost has penetrated the ground so deeply this winter due to extreme cold and lack of insulating snow cover, we're expecting this year's

Preston said IKEA Canton will send a designer to Starfish to discuss the remodeling project.

"We plan to have it done by July," she said.

While Starfish gets a makeover for an undisclosed price tag, second-place Friends of the Rouge will get to spend \$1,000 at IKEA, while Developing K.I.D.S. will get \$500 in merchandise.

IKEA stores across the country participate in Life Improvement Challenge, Canton store manager Matt Hunsicker said. He said it's an opportunity for employees to get involved in local communities.

"It's an opportunity for us to make a difference in our neighborhoods," he said. "These are our neighborhoods. We live here, too."

spring 'breakup' to be worse than usual," Steudle said in a press release. "A quick warmup like we're expecting will just make it worse. Aging pavements that are cracked already will be even more vulnerable."

Some years, Canton has helped patch potholes because Wayne County, responsible for Canton roads, has been overwhelmed. Faas said it's too early to say if it will be a joint effort this year.

Motorists who want to report a problem to Wayne County may call a pothole hotline at 888-762-3273.

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term police and fire department needs, he said.

'Political decision'

Cox said he would like to have a 17th officer in order to get officers into neighborhoods more frequently.

"With the millage failing, that is a political

decision that the electeds will have to decide where they go from here," Cox said.

Ideally, he said, the two extra positions would allow him to designate an officer to a 3 p.m. to 3 a.m. shift, every day, to boost patrol capability and handle issues that stem from the city's bar and restaurant scene, such as fights and drunken driving. There would be two officers sharing such a "booster

shift," he said; one would work four 12-hour shifts a week and the other three, alternating each week, providing seven-days-a-week coverage.

The 16th officer, Mathew Wilson, is currently patrolling with a field-training officer and the chief said that once he starts patrolling on his own, it's likely that the department will begin an afternoon-to-early morning booster shift with just one officer,

working three days a week, then four, and alternating that schedule.

"We're sort of going to have half of what we wanted," Cox said.

Cox said he'll keep pressing commissioners for funding for a 17th

officer, but also sounded a note of realism.

"Budgets are tight, so I'm not sure where we're going to go from here," he said.

On election night, Mayor Dan Dwyer said some misinformation about the tax had been

spread before the election, but that he respects the decision of the voters.

"It never hurts to ask the people," Dwyer said.

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ard." "I think that the act that you committed was evil."

Slavens, who had threatened to throw out the plea agreement that gave Nutt a sentence of between 27 and 60 years and send him trial for first-degree murder, said he would be watching the imprisoned Nutt "like a hawk."

"I'd better not hear about you not making your bed," Slavens said.

Recorded threats

Assistant prosecutor Trisha Gerard had earlier told Slavens about recorded phone conversations Nutt had while in the county jail in which threats against co-defendant Miriah Pisarski, his girlfriend at the time of the murder, had been made.

"If anything happens to her, we're coming after him," Gerard said.

Pisarski, 20, was sentenced Thursday by Slavens to between two and five years in prison for her role in the killing and robbery of LaBita. She had pleaded guilty to being an accessory after the fact to a felony and larceny of firearms and had been prepared to testify against Nutt. A murder charge against her was dismissed.

Nutt offered a halting apology Friday, looking down several times, prompting Slavens to chide him.

"Mr. tough guy, look me in the eye," Slavens said.

"I know that I made a huge mistake and I'm willing to pay the price," Nutt said.

LaBita's sister, Sally Lemus, was in the courtroom with Ronan Kennedy, a neighbor of LaBita. Lemus did not want to address the court, but had given some notes to Gerard, which the assistant prosecutor read



Pisarski



LaBita

aloud.

'Never ... remorse'

Lemus, who had been at many court proceedings, wrote that Nutt's "cavalier attitude toward that life and death of my brother is frightening" and that he had been "glaring at me" in the courtroom.

"He has never shown any remorse whatsoever," she wrote.

"I'm so very, very sorry," Slavens later said to Lemus. "This man did not deserve this."

Lemus, leaving the courthouse with Kennedy, declined to comment. "I wish he would've gotten more," Kennedy said. "I hope he does the whole 60."

Nutt's father, Timothy S. Nutt, also declined to comment while leaving with family members.

But he had approached detectives and Gerard during a brief recess, saying his son is "a little kid in a grown man's body" and has been remorseful.

Dad: 'I've lost a lot'

"I've lost a lot here," said the elder Nutt, who had known LaBita, "and now I'm going to lose my son."

Nutt, being led away by county sheriff's deputies, had final words for family members as the door to the court's lockup area closed.

"Love you!" he said, as they responded in kind.

Police said guns and cash were stolen from LaBita's house; almost \$4,000 was found at Nutt's home days after the Oct. 24 killing, but none of the missing guns were recovered.

During the November preliminary hearing, both Nutt's father and older brother, Timothy J. Nutt, testified that Nutt had told them he shot LaBita.

"He went over to Kennedy's and he was supposed to buy a gun or something from him and it went bad and he shot him," the father said, adding he told his son to "take it to his grave."

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Bee crowns youth spelling champ

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Twenty-nine students representing 10 Plymouth-Canton schools battled with their words Wednesday evening for the unofficial title of the district's top elementary school speller.

The winner, after seven rounds, was Amey Krishna, a fifth-grader at Dodson Elementary, who correctly spelled "receipt" after Julia Burgess, the eventual runner-up, bowed out on "laboratory." Amey went on to spell "parallel" to take first place in the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council's second annual youth spelling bee at Discovery Middle School in Canton Township.

Amey was non-chalant about his win. "I just read a lot," he said after getting a trophy and a medal and posing for photographs with Julia and the Literacy Council's board president, Debbie Cortellini.

"If you're interested in it and you read a lot, you can win spelling bees," Amey added. He likes to read science and fiction, he said (but not meaning science fiction, he stressed).

Amey's mother, Mini Chahil, said they had studied by going over a word list competitors had received, with Amey misspelling none of the words on it, then used the Internet to look up commonly misspelled words.

"He didn't know what to expect and he was a little nervous," said Amey's father, Soma Perooly.

It was his first Literacy Council bee, but Chahil said Amey had done well in other spelling bees.

Language help

The event raised money for the Literacy Council's work: helping people with their English skills. The group offers tutoring for adults whose literacy skills are below a ninth-grade level, plus conversation groups, book clubs and writing workshops.



MATT JACHMAN
Spelling bee winner Amey Krishna, a fifth-grader at Dodson Elementary, poses with his trophy and Debbie Cortellini, president of the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council board of directors.



MATT JACHMAN
The field of spellers narrowed, Julia Burgess, a fifth-grader at Dodson Elementary, looks toward the judges during Wednesday's spelling bee. Julia was the contest's runner-up.



MATT JACHMAN
Julia Burgess and Amey Krishna await a decision from the judges during the seventh round of Wednesday's spelling bee. Amey was the eventual winner, Julia the runner-up. Both are fifth-graders at Dodson Elementary.



MATT JACHMAN
Nicole Liang, a fifth-grader at Dodson Elementary, considers the spelling of a word before proceeding.

Many of the people it serves are immigrants who are learning English as a second language. "They really want to learn how to talk like an American," said Amy D'Urso, the Literacy Council's program coordinator. "They want to make friends, they want to be able to talk to their kids' teachers, they want to be able to talk to their neighbors."

The group currently has 84 volunteer tutors, assisting more than 50 people in one-on-one tutoring plus leading the conversation groups, which meet regularly at

three locations. Wednesday's second youth spelling bee saw an expanded field of 30 fourth- and fifth-grade competitors (there was a no-show), up from 18 last year. More Plymouth-Canton Community

Schools elementary schools were represented. "That was a bonus," D'Urso said. Julia, the runner-up, obviously enjoyed the competition, saying afterward that the bee was fun.

"I studied like every night once I got the list," she said. Breana Underhill was the master of ceremonies for the event, announcing competitors' names and telling jokes during breaks.

"I thought the kids would be like, 'Oh, this is really lame,'" she said of the jokes. But many of the competitors, she said, ended up chanting for her to tell them.

The Literacy Council's annual adult spelling bee, in which spellers compete in teams, is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, also at Discovery.

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Group's aim: Improve literacy skills

Founded in 1985, the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council is a nonprofit that provides volunteer tutors who work to improve the literacy skills of adults in the area who read or write at below a ninth-grade level.

The council, headquartered in a portable building at Tonda Elementary School, offers one-on-one tutoring, plus conversation groups, a book club and writing workshops.

The council draws clients from the Plymouth-Canton area and several other western suburbs, like Livonia and Farmington Hills, program coordinator Amy D'Urso said.

With more than 80 tutors, it currently serves about 56 clients, not including many more people who drop in casually for the conversation groups, which meet regularly at the Canton Public Library, the Plymouth District Library and Living Word Church.

Many of the council's clients are studying English as a second language, while some dropped out of school at a young age and want to continue their studies.

Wednesday's youth spelling bee raised about \$1,300 from sponsors; about \$4,500 more has been pledged for the adult spelling bee, which is later this month.

The Literacy Council is always looking for volunteers and has training sessions for would-be tutors scheduled for May.

For more information on volunteering or becoming a council client, call 734-589-0011 or go to www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org.

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Foundation grants prompt gratitude in P-C teachers

By Julie Brown
 Staff Writer

The Educational Excellence Foundation of the Plymouth-Canton school district has long supported local teachers. The evening of Thursday, March 12, 16 district teachers showcased their foundation-supported work.

"We are wishing to show appreciation to the teachers who are receiving grants," said Mickey Edell, a retired speech and language pathologist from the district and EEF board member. "One of the ways we can do that is to have teachers show their projects."

K-12 teachers showcased their work at the Plymouth Cultural Center. "We sent invitations to all the school administrators, some of our major donors, the school district Blue Ribbon Committee and also some of the officials (of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton)," said Edell, a Canton resident.

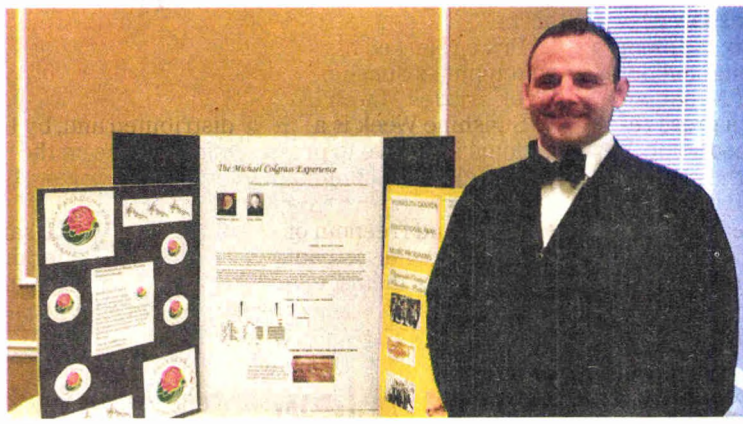
Organizers' intent was also to boost the profile of the Educational Excellence Foundation and encourage donations by showcasing teacher grants, Edell said.

Mary Ann Foss of Plymouth Township is vice chair for the EEF board. "I really would like to raise the presence of EEF in the community," said Foss, a retired Plymouth-Canton instructional coach and, earlier, teacher. Others on the board tipped their hats to Foss as the key person behind the first-time event.

"Teachers are busy and it's hard for them to let us know about their grant," Foss said. "I just thought, 'We need to share this.'"

Nearby was Janet Sutherland, a Plymouth High School video production and public speaking teacher with the district since 1989. She has students from Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools.

"We received a grant for a video camera," said Sutherland, a Saline resident. "The camera is used by the advanced students." They pro-



Jon Thomann is director of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band and associate director of bands at P-CEP. He and other district educators are grateful for work of the Educational Excellence Foundation.

duce *Park Pulse*, focused on Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, including its sports and clubs, and shown on local cable TV. "It's a program that gives people a look at what goes on at the Park."

The camera was in use that Thursday for taping of formal practice for a culinary competition for P-CEP students.

"They're so valuable," Sutherland said of EEF grants. "It's either the grant or I have to have kids doing a lot of fundraising. It really makes a lot of difference." Past grants have gone for music and microphones, she said.

She appreciates the EEF committee. "They don't have to do this. It's not their paying job," Sutherland said.

Making a difference

Bill Johnston teaches geophysical science at Salem High School, mostly to ninth-graders, and is in his fifth year with P-CCS. "A Canton lifer," said the 2003 Canton High School graduate, standing by his earthquake shake table.

The table teaches how earthquake energy waves move and students can also build structures on it to see if they hold up in movement, Johnston said.

"I think it's really important," he said of the grants. "This is something the students really enjoy." The extra support "gets the students to learn,

I think, at a higher level. I'm just very thankful for the support of the EEF. It makes it a better experience for the students."

Kathy Eldridge teaches physical education at Miller and Hoben elementaries. "I like to incorporate lifestyle," said Eldridge, a Canton resident and 24-year veteran of the district. She purchased Frisbee golf equipment, helping her students learn to take turns as they boost fitness and also math skills, by keeping score.

"You don't have to be an athlete, you just go out and have fun," Eldridge said. She works mainly with the third-through fifth-graders with the equipment, plus other children on field days. "As long as the wind behaves, we're OK," she said with a smile.

"The equipment is very expensive. This was a great opportunity," Eldridge said of the grant, agreeing children need to be physically active. "I think it's a necessity."

Jon Thomann is director of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band and associate director of bands at P-CEP. It's his eighth year in education and fourth with Plymouth-Canton.

Thomann, a Plymouth resident, described a high school music program at the Showcase of Grants. A student starts by drawing a shape. "It's interactive without technology,"



Kathy Eldridge teaches physical education at Miller and Hoben elementaries.

Thomann said of the shape being the basis for music notation. "It forces them to use their imagination."

Michael Colgrass, a Pulitzer Prize-winning composer now in Toronto, visited P-CEP music students in May 2014 along with Glen Adsit. Colgrass' method was demonstrated to high school and middle school students in Plymouth-Canton.

"It was a very powerful experience for the kids," Thomann said. Such an opportunity to work with a composer is rare. "I told them that's not happening in most schools. We're really blessed here."

West Middle School teacher Erin Parris-Dallia was also happy to share work she does with co-teacher Deonna Szawara. Parris-Dallia, a Birmingham resident planning to move with her husband to Plymouth, is in her ninth year with the district. She teaches French and Spanish and the grant provided a document camera for projecting materials.

Parris-Dallia noted it's difficult to speak mainly the foreign language to beginning students. "We're finding our kids are able to understand us a lot more of the time," she said. "Basically everything's easier.

Even staying organized is easier."

She's had the technology about a year and a half.

Mike Frantsen, a 2000 Canton High graduate and Plymouth Township resident, is in his first year teaching at Canton High School. He teaches auto paint half a day, followed by computer-aided design, electronics and technology.

"This is my passion, automotive," Frantsen said. His program got airbrushes and paint through an EEF grant.

"We're trying to increase enrollment," he said, wanting to "get the program thriving." A student of Frantsen's, also in a video class, was filming the Showcase of Grants.

Stephanie Goecke of Plymouth Township is board chair for the EEF, an attorney and district parent. "We're just trying to raise awareness in the community," she said. "We believe that schools are important to everybody. Schools are important to the community."

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Price: County improves on transparency

Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price, who made government transparency a key component of his political campaigns, said Friday that Wayne County continues to improve its ratings.

Price said it was just two years ago that the county's rating was a D-minus - a grade that has improved to an A-plus for 2015 by Sunshine Review, a nonprofit U.S.

organization that monitors government transparency.

Price, who represents Canton and Plymouth townships and the city of Plymouth, attributed the change to a joint effort by Wayne County's administration and commission.



Price

"I am elated to say that not only have we achieved a higher grade than our neighboring counties, but when it comes to transparency Wayne County is among the elite throughout our great state of Michigan," Price said in a press release. "We shed some sunshine on the county's lack of transparency by calling on the administration to work with the commission so taxpayers

could view such documents on the county's website as the county budget, its financial performance and audit reports."

Price released his statement as Sunshine Week arrives March 15. Sunshine Week is a national initiative to promote a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. Participants include news media, civic

groups, libraries, nonprofits, schools and others interested in the public's right to know. (For more, go to www.sunshineweek.org.)

"Taxpayers need to know where their hard-earned dollars are being distributed and, by throwing sunshine on the process, we are doing a better job of preventing fraud and abuse," Price said. "This is a brighter day, but we cannot rest on our

laurels. We still have difficult decisions ahead of us."

Sunshine Review, a nonpartisan organization, was formed to rate local governments on transparency. It developed a 10-point transparency checklist that is used to evaluate government websites across the country to see if they proactively and voluntarily disclose information to the public and media.

How to calculate cost basis on an inheritance

Q: Dear Rick: My taxes are straightforward and I do them myself. All I have is the income from my job, as well as some interest. I take a standard deduction. All my money is in my IRAs and 401(k). Last year after reading one of your columns and attending one of your library talks, I decided to do a Roth conversion. At the time I did the conversion, I sold the one stock that I owned to pay the taxes. I got that stock over 30 years ago when my grandmother passed on. I have no idea what she paid for the stock, but I do know what it was worth when I eventually received the stock after her estate was in probate for over five years. Can you help?

A: The proper number to use for cost basis on an inheritance is not the value of the stock when you received it, but the fair market value when your grandmother died. The value of the stock on the day you received it or what your grandmother paid for the stock



Rick Bloom

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are not relevant when it comes to an inheritance.

What causes confusion is that there is different tax treatment between a gift and an inheritance. If your grandmother (while she was alive) gifted you the stock, then for tax purposes your basis would be what she paid for the stock. For gifts which are transfers of property while both parties are living, the basis is what is known as a transfer basis. Therefore, if your grandmother had gifted you the stock and she had paid \$1 a share for it, that would be your basis for tax purposes. On the other hand, if she paid \$1 a share and upon her death the stock was worth \$100 a share, if you inherited the stock your cost basis would be \$100 a share.

Many people are sometimes in the situation where they did receive a gifted stock and

have no idea of the true basis. After all, the person who gifted them the stock may not know what their basis is or may not be alive. In those situations, taxpayers need to guesstimate the basis.

I have found in those situations - where taxpayers are reasonable and have a solid reason for their guesstimate - if they are audited, the IRS is reasonable.

Many grandparents gift stock to their grandchildren. If you are a grandparent and you do gift stock to your grandchild, then it would make sense to somehow document what your basis is so eventually when they sell the stock they won't have to go through any aggravation. After all, isn't the last thing that you want to do when you make a gift is cause someone grief?

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

New real estate service bringing 100 jobs to Livonia

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

A company that moved to Livonia only three years ago is already looking to more than double its workforce, adding 100 new jobs.

Marketplace Homes recently announced a spinoff company, ZipTours, a mobile real estate platform designed to give home buyers an online view of homes, online scheduling of appointments and live-streaming discussions with an agent regarding the home during a visit. As a result, the company is looking to expand its office, adding 100 new jobs in a variety of areas, including in real estate, technology and support.

The service will also allow home buyers to place an offer on a home right from their computer or smart phone.

"Now, all of a sudden, we're going to need a whole bunch of people to

do that," said Dustin Bosscher, Marketplace Homes' CIO.

The company moved to Livonia in 2012 after sharing office space in Plymouth. Its offices currently employ more than 80 people and all 100 new jobs will remain in its offices in Livonia, even though the company works in real estate all across the country. The new service will become a separate entity from Marketplace Homes.

CEO Mike Kalis said the company began just as home values, especially in metro Detroit, began to drop. The next step after working as a brokerage, Kalis said, is to expand this service, developed completely in Livonia.

"It's been eight years," he said. "It seems like a really short time, but also a really long time."

Kalis said he hopes the service, which is available online and in the Apple App Store and Google Play, will be-

come a revolutionary next step in real estate, much like how websites Trulia and Zillow advanced the online listing of properties for sale.

"These companies transformed the way search happens," he said. "Today, ZipTours transforms the way people buy a home."

Those with experience working with Ruby On Rails, a web application development framework, are especially desired, Kalis said. The company is located on Laurel Park Drive and its website is ZipTours.com.

Company spokeswoman Elyse Sarnecky said the online system went live Thursday and is specifically designed for home buyers looking in southeast Michigan. The service is expected to expand to include rental properties for those not ready to by a home.

"It's a service, she said, that's truly unique. "No one else offers this at all," she said.

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An evening to remember

Canton Community Foundation stages gala for planned arts complex

By Brad Kadrich
Correspondent

Jill Engel has spent the better part of the last couple of years trying to raise awareness and, more importantly, funding for the arts complex she's trying to see built on the old Henry Ford factory property in Canton's Cherry Hill Village.

Last weekend, Engel – the executive director of the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities – got some help.

The Partnership was chosen as the nonprofit partner for the Canton Community Foundation's "Project Give Gala," an evening dedicated to celebrating the CCF's 25th anniversary.

Considering the foundation's focus is on arts and culture, education, health, human services, community development and environment, Engel thinks it's a marriage made in heaven.

"We're grateful for being selected as the nonprofit partner for the gala," Engel said. "Our



Guests drink a toast to the special occasion.

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Village Arts Factory project embodies all of these focus areas. It was especially exciting to have an opportunity to

share our vision for Henry Ford's 19th and final Village Industry and speak at the event being hosted at the Henry Ford

Museum. It could not have been a more perfect fit."

With the Henry Ford Museum as the backdrop, the foundation raised some \$75,000, including in-kind donations. The

event featured a performance from the Michigan Philharmonic, along with a meal prepared by the Henry Ford's chefs. In keeping with the evening, the meal included Michigan-made wines,

beers and desserts. In an evening CCF marketing manager Beth Meade said "couldn't have gone any better," presentations included

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the inaugural Bob Zulker Humanitarian Award, named for a former board member who Meade said embodied the spirit of the foundation.

Zulker, a former Gil-Mar staffer who passed away just after Christmas, was "available anytime I needed help with anything," Meade said. The award was presented to Zulker's wife and daughter.

"Bob was a perfect example of someone who understood it's not always about giving your 'treasures,'" Meade said of Zulker. "It's just as important to give of your time and talents. Bob will be missed."

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Trustee Michael Siegrist was among the guests at the gala. Siegrist, whose dad Dave is president of the Plymouth Community Foundation, said the gala "helped put into perspective" how immense the foundation's network is.

"Seeing the nonprofit and business community come together in celebration of 25 years of stewarding charitable giving throughout the community is awe-inspiring," he said. "The venue was apropos, considering the Cherry Hill Arts Community project coming to life at Henry Ford's old creamery."

Engel said that project is continuing to move forward.

"In the next couple of months, we will begin demolition on a portion of the factory over the river, to make room for a driveway and parking for both historical landmarks," she said. "Then we will begin interior renovations on the World War II Veterans Dormitory. The contribution from CCF will be put toward this first phase."

Meade said the foundation and its partners were pleased with the gala.

"The whole night was fantastic," Meade said. "It couldn't have gone any better."



Jerry dancing with guests, including Canton's own DACE – a competitive dance group that preformed throughout the evening and kept the crowd on their feet. ELIZABETH WIGHT OF E. WIGHT PHOTO, ANN ARBOR



Christina and Tom Kiddle (front seat) and Alyssa Chambo and Joe Carr (back seat) enjoying a ride in an old Ford. ELIZABETH WIGHT OF E. WIGHT PHOTO, ANN ARBOR



Jerry Grady of UHY and board chairman of the Canton Community Foundation, giving the keynote speech. ELIZABETH WIGHT OF E. WIGHT PHOTO, ANN ARBOR



Dr. Derek Bair, a neonatologist at Oakwood Hospital, catching up with Canton business owner Sharon Dillenbeck of D&M Art Studios. ELIZABETH WIGHT OF E. WIGHT PHOTO, ANN ARBOR

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Contact: For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

BRAIN NEUROBICS

Date/Time: Second and Fourth Thursday through May 2015, 11 a.m.

Location: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty

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Contact: To sign up, call the Plymouth Community Council on Aging at 734-453-1234, ext. 236.

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Dates/Times: Fourth Monday of each month, 7 p.m.; fourth Saturday of each month, 10 a.m.

Locations: Monday, Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road, Canton; Saturday, Leo's Coney Island, 9624 Belleville Road, Belleville

Details: State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, announces the schedule for her monthly coffee hours. Pagan invites residents to join her to discuss their thoughts and ideas about how she can best represent and address the needs of her constituents. Pagan encourages interested residents to sign up for her e-newsletter, which will provide updates of her work at the Capitol and in the community.

Contact: To sign up, interested

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PFLAG MEETING

Date/Time: First Sunday of each month, 3-5 p.m.

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Plymouth-Canton PFLAG meets for discussion, education and sharing. Founded in 1972 with the simple act of a mother publicly supporting her gay son, PFLAG is the nation's largest family and ally organization. Made up of families, friends and straight allies united with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT), PFLAG is committed to advancing equality and societal acceptance of LGBT people through its threefold mission of support, education and advocacy.

Contact: Email laurie.mayers@gmail.com

DROP-IN KNITTING

Date/Time: Third Tuesday of each month, 1-2 p.m.



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Coaches needed

Coaches and other volunteers are needed for the spring and fall seasons of the Miracle League of Plymouth. The league provides opportunities for special-needs players to enjoy the game of baseball. Anyone interested in donating their time or who has questions can contact Shari Bilkie via email at shari@miracleleagueplymouth.org

Location: Plymouth Township Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Community Council on Aging offers drop-in knitting and crocheting classes. If you need help finishing a project or starting a new project, then this is the place to come. Beginners are welcome. Each class has a donation of \$2. Instructor is Dori Mefford.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1234, ext. 236.

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Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 17

Location: West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

Details: Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society of women in education, will host its 31st annual craft show to

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Contacts: For more information, contact Debbie Cortellini at debcortellini@comcast.net or call 734-451-1525.

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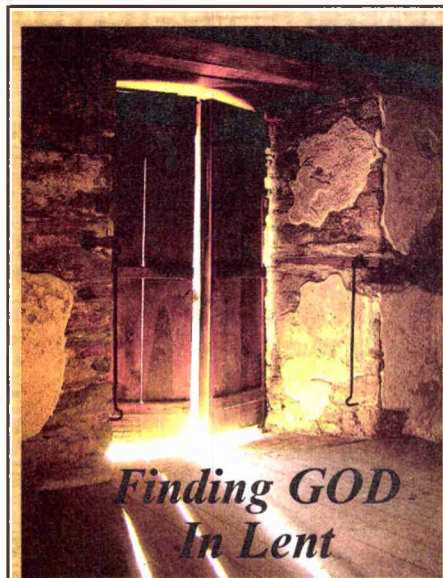
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Date/Time: Fourth Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship clothing bank, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship sponsors a clothing bank every fourth Saturday. No documentation is needed. Drop-off is available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Wednesday. Canton Christian Fellowship is located on at Joy Road, west of Haggerty.

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Arts council painting class a hit with kids, teens

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Painting Plus, Thursday Studio4 Art Classes, are meeting this month at the Plymouth Community Arts Council on Sheldon. The classes are for ages 7-17, with Christina Evans as instructor.

Heather Graham, 16, a Livonia Franklin High School student, was enjoying the first session after school March 5. "Because I really like art," the Livonia resident said of her reason for signing up. "I would like to pursue art as a major or minor when I'm older. I like photography, sculpting, painting, drawing, jewelry making, all of those."

Also in the first class that day was Keya Patel, 12, of Northville, a Meads Mill Middle School student. "Because I enjoy painting," Patel said of her reason for joining in. "The creativity" is what she likes.

Lisa Howard, PCAC executive director, said the Studio4 Art Classes are popular with families. She noted the previous longer classes were a challenge as kids got involved in myriad activities.

"Families can't commit to that anymore," Howard, a Plymouth resident, said of longer sessions. Of Studio 4, she added, "They're an extension of our studio classes where kids are learning new techniques."

She recently taught a four-week pottery class for kids, which drew well. An earlier "Faces" four-week class focused on drawing and painting with realistic features, "mixing skin tones, which is a really hard skill."

She and other art instructors have found by fifth grade, young artists want to do more realistic art and less of a "cartooning" nature. "They're doing great stuff in (school) art class. They're doing more projects rather than that technique kind of instruction" in school, she said. Showing shadows, for example, is something young artists like to do starting around fifth grade.

The Painting Plus runs four weeks each Thursday after school at the PCAC through March 26. At the first session, Evans, a Plymouth native now calling Detroit home, said, "This class should be fun. I'm really excited. I love mixed media. I feel it's so free."

There's less concern about the end result for the artist, said Evans, who earned a bachelor of fine arts degree with a photography concentration from Eastern Michigan University in 2011.



Instructor Christina Evans talks with the class about the work of Edee Joppich and Dan Joppich.

MATT JACHMAN



Instructor Christine Evans works with students Heather Graham and Keya Patel.

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Brynn Mistry works on her project.

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She graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 2006.

About self

The students worked on a self-based project. "Nobody knows you bet-

ter than yourself," said Evans, who had students answer questions ranging from their full name and initials to something that makes them happy, something they don't love and their favorite memory.

"It's all about the experiment," Evans told the students. She showed one artist's work who puts words into paintings.

The students looked through magazines for images. "Then we'll kind of go from there," Evans said of the class, which uses acrylic paint.

"You can pick large images, small images" to place on the canvas later to arrange, Evans said

during class.

Howard is also an artist who trained in graphic design. "Watercolor is my thing, as well," she said. "I do a lot of the graphics here at the arts council."

She previously worked for advertising agencies in Washington, D.C., Southfield and Birmingham and has been PCAC executive director about a year and a half. She took over when Jeff Burda left the executive director post. She'd earlier done PCAC programs, special projects and graphic design, as well as teaching preschoolers at the arts council.

"I did all of our exhib-

its, did all the posters," Howard said. She'd also worked with artists and did the marketing.

The PCAC has a website at www.plymoutharts.com, with online registration offered for some classes, including the Studio4 lessons. Howard encourages those who wish to register to call the office at 734-416-4278 to sign up or get more information.


The PCAC also offers a lot of art, music and theater summer camps, as well as classes for adults. Howard and colleagues have been hard at work on the 31st annual Music in the Park in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park, with the first concert noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 17.

"All of our sponsors are back this year," she said. "We're really excited. Guy Louis (a veteran musician for kids of all ages) will be the performer (June 17). "Everybody loves Guy."

The free Music in the Park concerts continue noon to 1 p.m. each Wednesday in Kellogg Park through Aug. 26.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council March exhibit is "In Focus" by Edee and Daniel Joppich. Edee Joppich's work is composed of her Surface Series "collage paintings" that incorporate paint, drawing, photography, assemblage and encaustic methods. An artist behind the lens, son Dan Joppich's work includes industrial influenced urban pieces, as well as Michigan scenic and detailed wildlife photography. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

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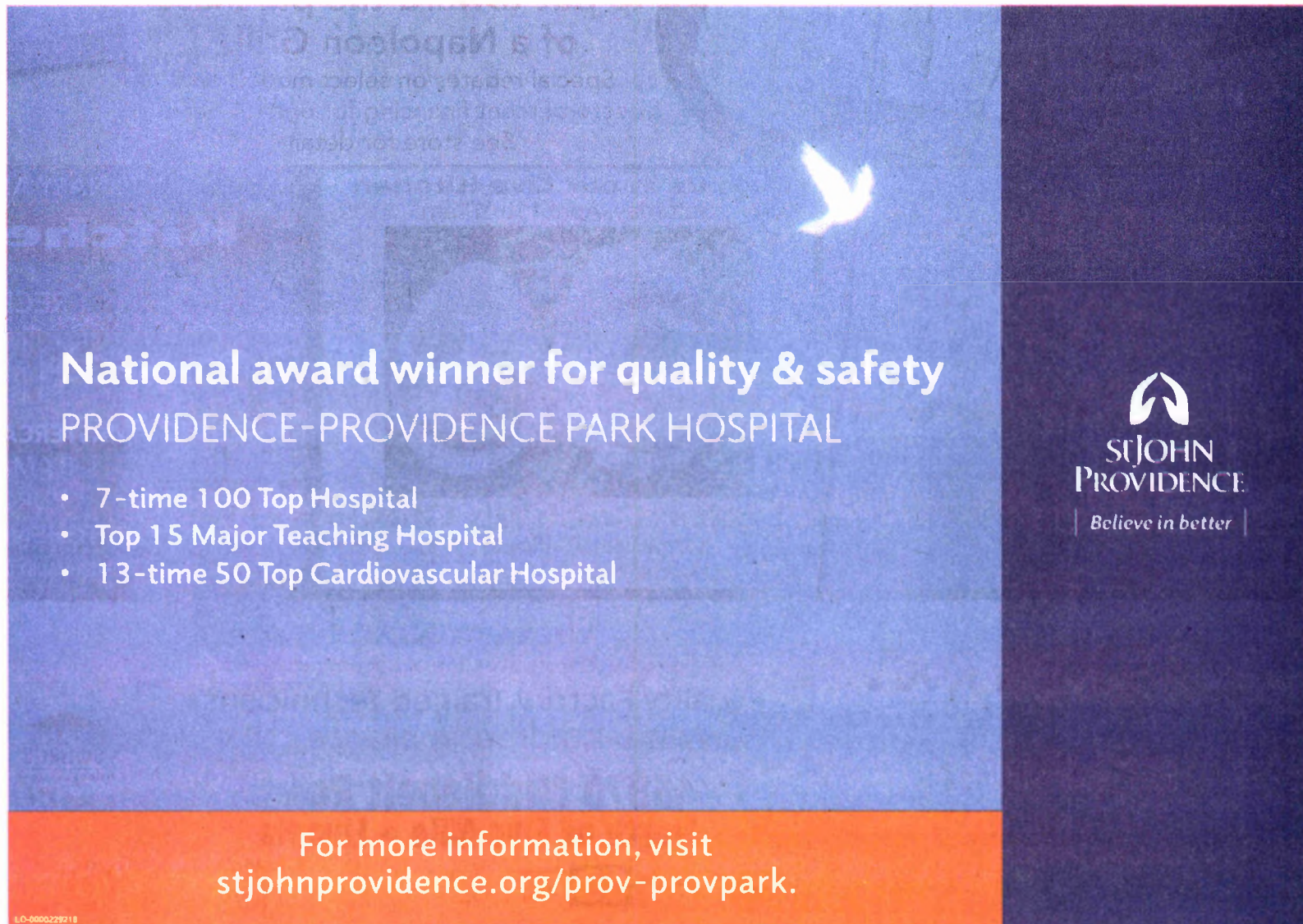
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'It will always be murder in my eyes'

Man who struck, killed referee receives 8- to 15-year prison sentence

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

It wasn't until the end of Kris Bieniewicz's address in Wayne County Circuit Judge Thomas Cameron's courtroom that she reached into her pocket, pulled out a red card and lifted it above her head in the direction of the man convicted of killing her husband.

"My husband should have been able to go on and referee the game he loves," she said in her address. "There are five kids right now, two of mine and three of his, that might as well be without a father."

Bassel Saad, 36 of Dearborn, was before Cameron for his sentencing Friday morning after taking a plea deal, pleading guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the death of Westland resident John Bieniewicz, whom Saad struck while Bieniewicz was refereeing an adult league soccer match Saad was a participant in last summer at Livonia's Mies Park. Saad was sentenced to serve between 8-15 years in prison as a part of the agreement.

Several witnesses have said John Bieniewicz was in the process of showing Saad a red card during the match, indicating he was about to be ejected from the match. Bieniewicz was then struck by Saad in the head and neck region, a punch that would lead to his death two days later.

Despite the charge of involuntary manslaughter Saad pleaded to, Kris Bieniewicz said she believed Saad's action was nothing short of murder. "It's murder in my eyes," she said. "It will always be murder in my eyes."



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Bassel Saad enters court for sentencing in the death of soccer referee John Bieniewicz.

Saad will receive 256 days credit on his sentence for time served in the Wayne County Jail. He was also ordered by the court to pay John Bieniewicz's funeral costs, which totaled more than \$9,200.

One of Saad's attorneys, Brian Berry, argued to the court that the Bieniewicz family had received large amounts of donations that had been able to cover funeral costs.

"Our understanding is that has happened through other sources," Berry said.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Erika Tusar said the funds raised on behalf of the family were specifically designated to support their two children, as John Bieniewicz was the provider in the family.

Saad spoke at the end of the hearing, saying he was remorseful for what had happened and that he planned on keeping John Bieniewicz and his family in his thoughts.

"I'm so sorry from the bottom of my heart," he said. "I'm going to continue to pray for him and his family."

Members of the Bieniewicz family sat in the back row of the courtroom during the hearing.



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To finish her statement, Kris Bieniewicz gives defendant Bassel Saad a red card, signifying an ejection for a soccer player.

Laura Meyers, John Bieniewicz's sister, said her brother and the rest of her family had a tendency to share silly emails almost on a daily basis.

Even with her brother gone, she still continues to check her phone for a text message or email from her brother before she realizes there will be none.

"I miss those emails from John so much," she said. "Our lives are forever changed without him."

John Bieniewicz's sister, Donna Bieniewicz Ayala, said the two shared a special bond that was shattered the



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Family members of defendant Bassel Saad and victim John Bieniewicz sit in Wayne County Circuit Judge Thomas Cameron's courtroom for Saad's sentencing.

day he died. "He was not only my brother, but he was my confidant, my friend,"

she said. "I'll hear one of our favorite songs and I start to cry."

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Man pleads guilty in crash that killed young woman

The man who caused a deadly crash in Redford while trying to flee from Livonia Police pleaded guilty Thursday to second-degree murder and fleeing and eluding.

John McCallum, 27, of Detroit entered his plea before Wayne County Circuit Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway in the case from last fall in which a young woman lost her life.



McCallum

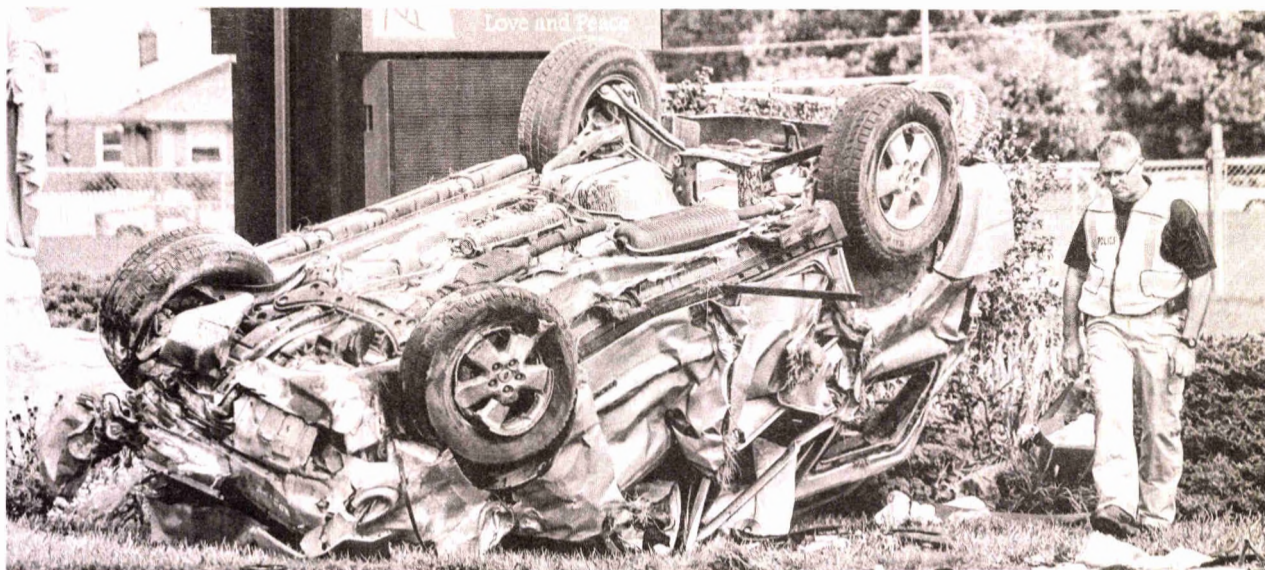


Francesca Weatherhead was killed in the car crash at Six Mile and Beech Daly.

Livonia and ended in Redford last October.

He was arrested after the vehicle he was driving went through the intersection of Six Mile and Beech Daly and struck another vehicle being driven by 25-year-old Royal Oak resident Francesca Weatherhead. The impact from the crash killed her.

Livonia Police had been in pursuit of the vehicle after locating it on Six Mile near Middlebelt, believing McCallum to be a suspect in a home



Six Mile and Beech Daly was the scene of a horrific crash last fall in which a young woman lost her life.

FILE PHOTO

invasion that took place that same day on Shady-side.

McCallum had also been charged with reckless driving causing death, first-degree fleeing a police officer, oper-

ating while license suspended causing death, second-degree home invasion, attempted home invasion and habitual offender fourth offense. If he had been convicted of all those

charges he would have faced up to life in prison.

The October incident took place while McCallum was on parole from the Michigan Department of Corrections. He had been released from

prison months earlier after serving part of a sentence on home invasion.

He remains locked up in the Wayne County Jail since his arraignment in October without bond.

Angela Hospice offers free grief support

Grief comes in all shapes and sizes, and so does processing it. No two people will experience it in the same way, which is why Angela Hospice offers a variety of grief support programs, all of which are free of charge to anyone in the community.

"We provide a safe environment where a bereaved person can express feelings of loss and receive understanding and the sense that they are not struggling alone," said Joan Lee, Angela Hospice bereavement social worker.

One of the reasons Kathy Bailey decided to attend grief support was to not feel alone with what she was going through after her husband Tom died in the Angela Hospice Care Center two years ago.

"When I started out I was feeling like I was

kind of crazy," Bailey said. "You're going through something that is so different from anything else, so you want to talk to someone that's like, 'Are you experiencing this, too?'"

For about a year and a half, she's been attending the grief support group that meets twice a month for those who have lost a spouse/significant other. She also attends one-on-one sessions with Lee.

During her time in the grief support group Bailey has found others who get exactly what she is going through, whether it be something emotional or financial. Going to the group has also helped Bailey better understand her grief, and that everything she was experiencing or thinking was OK.

While Bailey has found comfort at the

group, she's also found some outside of it. She said she's formed a bond with a few women in her support group who have all become very close. They often have social outings, which Bailey says has been another benefit of attending the sessions, and one she didn't expect.

Angela Hospice also offers the following support groups and services at its Care Center, located at 14100 Newburgh Road in Livonia:

General Grief Support Groups — These groups are open to anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. They meet at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Grief Pathways: Beginning the Journey — This group meets at 1 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The group is intended for those who are just embarking on their personal path of grief, whether there was a recent death or a death from awhile ago.

Loss of a Spouse/Significant Other Group — Members must have lost a spouse or significant other. The groups meet at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Grief Support Quilter's Group — Meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month. No sewing skills required. You must register for this group by calling Joan Lee at 734-953-6012.

Individual Support Services — These services are provided to anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. Call 734-464-



Social worker Joan Lee meets with Canton resident Kathy Bailey for a one-on-one session. Angela Hospice offers free support groups, as well as individual counseling, for those who are grieving.

7810 to speak with a licensed bereavement social worker for more information and to schedule an appointment.

Suicide Loss Support Services — For anyone who has lost a loved one through suicide. Contact Sheri Katz or Rebecca DeRaud at 734-953-6030 for more information

and to schedule an appointment.

Angela Hospice also offers holiday workshops for adults, teens and children.

For more information on these programs or to speak with a member of the Angela Hospice bereavement team, call 734-464-7810 or go to www.AskForAngela.com.

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Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.
Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

This Project will consist of a sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions of work:
 118: Carpeting - **REBID**

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, Inc. are available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room, Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), Reed Construction Data, and Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Documents are available via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400.
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), and the Iran Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit. **The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1267 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 380.1267, and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit form may be found in section 00 42 10 of the Bidding Requirements & General Conditions Manual.**

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the school district is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the bid or failure of the bidder to enter a contract for performance. Further, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

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Save the Bomber Plant launches Willow Run Memories Project

A new element has been added to the ongoing Save the Bomber Plant Campaign that will preserve part of the historic Willow Run Bomber Plant to become the new home of the Yankee Air Museum.

The Willow Run Memories Project is collecting photos, stories and artifacts from all eras and all aspect of Willow Run history (pre-World War II boys camp, 1941-45 Ford Bomber Plant, 1946-53 Kaiser-Frazer, 1946-65 Passenger Airport, 1953-2010 GM Hydramatic).

"Regardless of the era, Willow Run has been pivotal for this region from the time Henry and Edsel Ford built the Bomber Plant, to the last transmission Hydramatic manufactured," said John Zajac, Michigan Aerospace Foundation Board member who is heading up the Memories project. "As keepers of that legacy, Yankee Air Museum and the future National Museum of Aviation and Technology call out to the community for their stories, photos, and to let us know about any artifacts they might consider donating."

The Willow Run Memories project is also looking to find living workers — both male and female — who worked at the Bomber Plant (1941-45) to honor them at an event to be held later this spring.

"We also want to honor the men and women who worked in the wartime Bomber Plant (1941-45), so please let



The online gallery includes this press photo of World War II Bomber Plant workers about to board the Willow Run bus owned by Richard S. Pilon Sr.

us know if you — or a living member of your family — worked there," Zajac said.

All Willow Run stories and photos collected will be archived to help inform the development of Willow Run-oriented exhibits and programs of the Yankee Air Museum. Selected material will also appear on an online Willow Run Memories Project Gallery.

To see some of the material that has already been submitted, go to <http://savethebomberplant.org/willow-run-memories-gallery/>

To learn more about the Willow Run Memories Project, including how to submit your family's photos and stories, go to <http://savethebomberplant.org/willow-run-memories/>.

Freshman U.S. Rep. Trott learns the ropes in Washington, D.C.

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

These past several weeks have served as boot camp for Dave Trott as he shifts from the private sector to public service.

"One of the things people said to me — you've been running a business and now you're going to be one of 435 people in Congress, how is that going to work?" he said Tuesday while enjoying a week-long spring break back in his district. "I went in with that understanding — I didn't have an expectation that John Boehner was going to come to me every time he made a decision to make sure I was good with it — and that certainly hasn't happened. So I knew that making the transition work would be part of the process."

Trott replaced the outspoken Kerry Bentivolio as the representative for Michigan's 11th U.S. House District. While the two Republicans might vote in similar fashion, their approach to politics could not be further apart.

Bentivolio trampled into Congress like an angry rhino, constantly making headlines with threats to start impeachment proceeding against President Barack Obama.

When Trott met Obama, the two talked about their golf games. Their first meeting took place when he and the other new members of Congress were invited to the White House right after the November elections.

"He came over to my wife and I and we started talking about golf," Trott said of the conversation. "At one point, the president looked at my wife and asked, 'Do you play?' My wife is a good golfer, better than me, and before she could answer, I said, 'Mr.



JAY GROSSMAN
Dave Trott is learning the ropes as a freshman congressman.

President, she's a very good golfer ...' and then out of nowhere my wife points at me and said, 'He's got a horrible reverse pivot!' Mr. Obama then looked at me and said, 'I'd rather play with you then.' You had to be there, but it was a funny moment."

He then pauses for a moment. "Whether it's Bill Clinton, Ronald Reagan, Obama or Bush — they're all pretty talented when it comes to being a people person. ... Obama looks you right in the eye and he seems sincere — and again, I don't agree with a lot he's done — but it was very nice to invite us to the White House."

Getting settled

The 11th District encompasses portions of western Wayne and Oakland counties. Even though the district leans Republican, voters quickly tired of Bentivolio's political grandstanding as they bounced him from office after one term.

Trott says he's in it for the long haul, having divested himself from the family law firm of Trott & Trott. His district

office is set up in Troy and he has his 14-member congressional staff in place. He's been appointed to several prominent committees and he's already voted on a number of bills.

And he's enjoying a lot of Chick-Fil-A.

"That's another thing about D.C.," he said. "There's a lot of meetings and at every single meeting they feed you and it's not always the healthy stuff. Although (Republican Whip) Steve Scalise, whenever he has a meeting, he has Chick-Fil-A — that's pretty tasty stuff. I see a Scalise meeting on my calendar, I don't eat lunch or breakfast."

Trott, who lives in Birmingham with his wife Kappy and their three children, admits there's a lot of rushing around in Washington, tons of committee meetings and perhaps a bit too much partisanship. But for the most part, he's enjoying the ride.

Now, if he could only improve that reverse pivot.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 99.019 TEXT AMENDMENT 010

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 99 BY AMENDING ARTICLE XXVII, NONCONFORMITIES, AND ARTICLE XXVIII, SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Charter Township of Plymouth Zoning Ordinance No. 99 is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE XXVII, NONCONFORMITIES

Add the following new Section 27.1, Nonconforming Lots or Parcels of Record in the R-1 District.

SEC 27.1 NONCONFORMING LOTS OR PARCELS OF RECORD IN THE R-1 DISTRICT

It is recognized that within the R-1 District, there are recorded lots or parcels of record, which lawfully existed at the time of adoption of this Ordinance, which do not meet the minimum requirements for width or area. The purpose of this Section is to allow such lots or parcels of record to be utilized, as long as reasonable living standards can be provided.

The following regulations shall apply to nonconforming lots or parcels of record within the R-1 District:

1. Development of Nonconforming Lots or Parcels of Record within the R-1 District

A single-family dwelling and customary accessory structures may be erected on any single lot or parcel of record in the R-1 District that was in existence at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this Section. This provision shall apply even if the lot or parcel does not meet the minimum area or width requirements of the R-1 District, provided that any principal or accessory structure constructed on the lot or parcel complies with all other yard, floor area, height, and access requirements of the R-1 District.

2. Review and Approval Procedure

An application for the construction of a single-family residence on a nonconforming lot or parcel of record in the R-1 District shall be submitted to the Chief Building Official for review and approval, prior to the issuance of a building permit. In reviewing the application, the Chief Building Official shall determine that all other requirements not involving area or width have been met. In addition, the Chief Building Official shall determine whether any additional information and/or approvals must be obtained to ensure compliance with this Section, and to preserve the general public health, safety, and welfare.

3. Variation to Yard Requirements

If the nonconforming lot or parcel of record in the R-1 District requires a variation of the yard requirements in order to erect a structure, then such structure shall be permitted only if a variance is granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

ARTICLE XXVII, NONCONFORMITIES

Revise the numbering of existing Section 27.1 to 27.2 and renumber the subsequent sections accordingly.

ARTICLE XXVIII, SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Section 28.3 Residential Design Standards. Add the following language to Paragraph 2:

2. Dimensional Standards

Such dwelling units shall comply with the minimum standards listed in Article 20 for the zoning district in which it is located, including minimum lot area, minimum lot width, minimum floor area, required setbacks, and maximum building height, **except as provided in Section 27.1 for nonconforming lots or parcels of record in the R-1 District.**

ARTICLE XXVIII, SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Section 28.4 Dwelling Locations. Add the following language to Paragraph 3:

3. Lot Width

Every single family dwelling shall be located on a lot, parcel or tract of land having a width of not less than sixty (60) feet at the front or rear building line, whichever is less, **except as provided in Section 27.1 for nonconforming lots or parcels of record in the R-1 District.**

Part II. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. Unless otherwise provided, any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

Part III. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portions shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

Part IV. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Part V. SAVINGS CLAUSE. The repeal or amendment provided for herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established, or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance as amended.

Part VI. PUBLICATION. The Clerk of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause a Notice of Adoption of this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Part VII. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective seven days after publication.

Part VIII. ADOPTION. This Ordinance was adopted by the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees by authority of Act 110 of Public Acts of Michigan, 2006, as amended, at a meeting duly called and held on March 3, 2015, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Plymouth Township Hall, Community Development Department, during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on: March 3, 2015
Effective Date: March 22, 2015

Four arrested in television theft

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Four Inkster residents have been charged with shoplifting and are suspected of being involved in a shoplifting ring that struck stores in Westland, Canton, Garden City and Dearborn.

Westland Police began investigating after five suspects entered Kmart, 165 S. Wayne Road, March 1 and were reported to have stolen four televisions.

After investigation, detectives were able to obtain information on the suspects, resulting in a search warrant being executed in Inkster. Two of the stolen TVs were reported to have been recovered from that location.

Officers arrested four



Alghith Brown Caudill Farley

of the five suspects, all of whom share a home in Inkster, for retail fraud. Police report that further investigation led to the recovery of two additional televisions from local pawn shops.

According to police, the investigation found that the suspects were involved in a retail fraud ring that was targeting local area stores in not only Westland, but the surrounding communities of Canton, Dearborn and Garden City. Police are continuing to investi-

gate.

Arrested in Westland 18th District Court were:
» Frank Caudill, 34, charged with felony retail fraud. Bond was set at \$10,000/10 percent.

» Kenneth Brown, 24, Tabitha Alghithi, 26, and Tori Farley, 19, all charged with misdemeanor retail fraud/receiving and concealing stolen property. Bond was set at \$1,000 cash for each.

Not guilty pleas were entered for all four defendants.

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A patient with a painful knee sees a doctor. The physician asks the patient about the nature of the pain, examines the knee, and takes an x-ray of the knee. Based on the information gathered, the doctor tells the patient that the cause of the pain is unclear, but the knee is good enough to allow the patient to continue present activities. The doctor recommends that the patient return in two weeks for a re-evaluation.

The patient responds: "I want an MRI of the knee."

A doctor sees a patient with pain in the neck, back, arms and legs; the patient has experienced this pain for years. The doctor does an examination and informs the patient that the condition is fibromyalgia. The patient responds: "I want to be tested for Lupus."

Requests by patients telling doctors what to do annoy the profession. Physicians feel their training justifies the decisions they make taking x-rays, requesting referrals, and ordering laboratory tests.

On the other hand, doctors realize they cannot expect full cooperation by patients if the doctor is unwilling to work with them. However, granting a patient's request, recommendation or order is more than a matter of good will. For instance there is the matter of cost. A lab test may run \$16, but an MRI is \$1300 or more.

The doctor also needs to consider that the patient may have a point. At times doctors overlook a diagnosis that needs consideration. Sometimes a patient has not told their experience completely and the reason for wanting the additional test, say a test for Lupus, is that the condition runs in the family, but that point did not come out previously.

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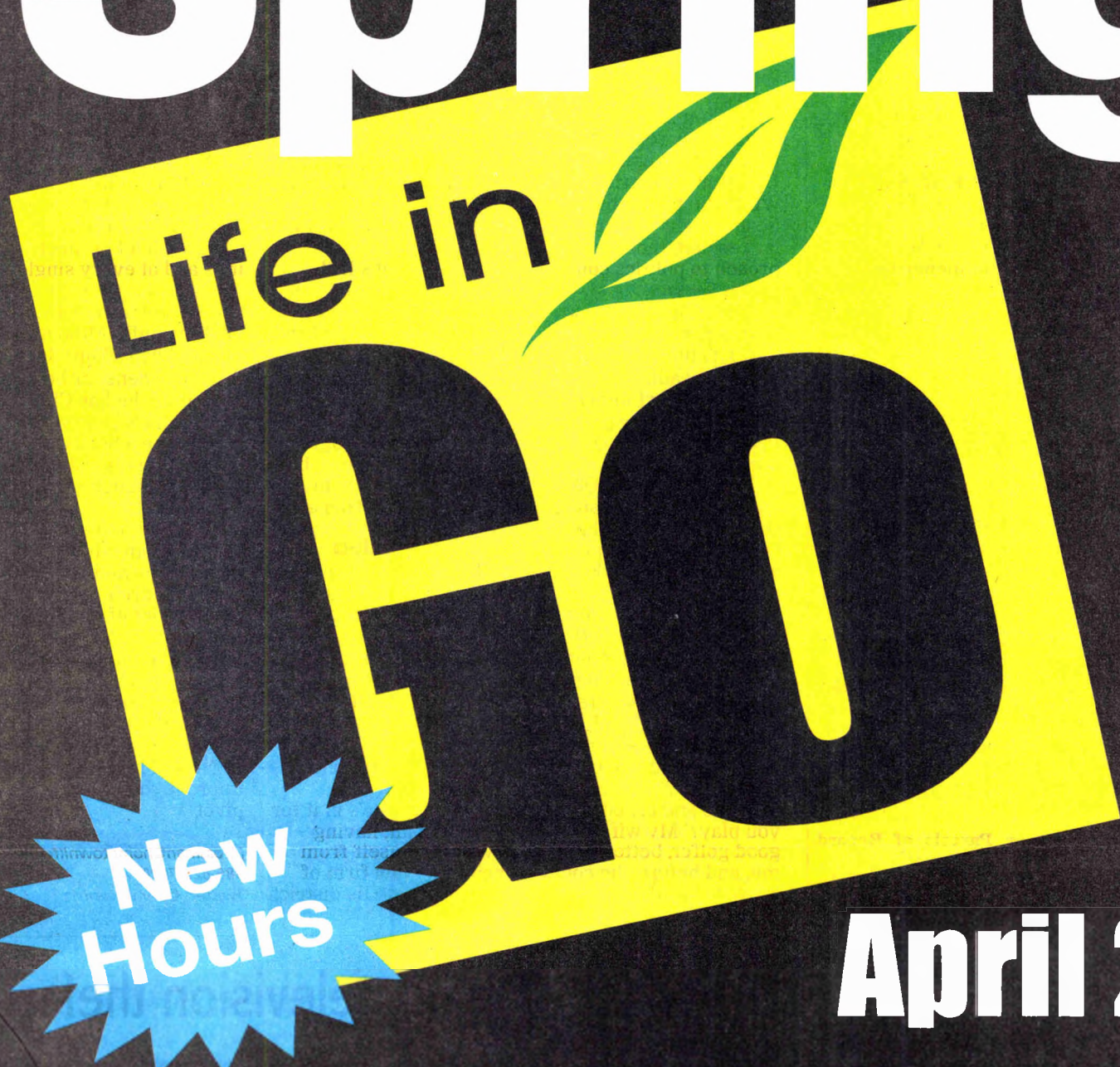
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Slow cooking for busy people

Dear friends, Let's talk about Crock-Pots or slow cookers, which are an asset both winter and summer. Growing up, my mother never used a slow cooker and it wasn't until my older kids went to college that I learned what a benefit a slow cooker can be. Slow cookers have numerous uses, such as a main course, soups and stews, chili and many dips.

When kids, parents, student or friends aren't able to make a healthy meal for themselves because of their busy daily schedule, I suggest preparing a slow cooker meal. A complete meal with meat, vegetables and potato, already seasoned, can be prepared the night before and put into the refrigerator. In the morning, throw ingredients into the slow cooker and, when they arrive home, eight to 12



Andria Bajrab

hours later, a full healthy meal is ready and waiting.

I have given these Crock-Pot freezer meals to others and they are so appreciative to have a healthy meal waiting for them. When I prepare the Crock-Pot meal for my own kids, it's no problem to make a few extra, ready to share with whomever may need it. These are also great to take to a cottage, where no one wants to stay in the kitchen.

Blessings!

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ANDRIA'S CROCK-POT MEAL BAGS FOR MEAT OR CHICKEN

- 2-3 lbs. of a lean pot roast or chuck roast or 6 large pieces of chicken, skin removed, with bones
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3-4 carrots, peeled and cut into larger pieces
- 5-6 potatoes, peeled and cut in half
- 3 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 2 Tsp. salt
- 1 Tsp. pepper
- 1 Tsp. red pepper flakes (optional)

Place all ingredients in a freezer zip lock bag and seal, shake all ingredients to coat meat and vegetables. Lay flat in freezer and is ready for a crockpot meal. When preparing a crock pot meal, thaw in refrigerator the night before use. When contents of freezer bag are put into the crockpot, place 1 1/2 cups of water in empty zip lock bag and seal and shake. You are getting the left over spices from the freezer bag, pour over crockpot meal. Cover and cook on low heat. Buy good crusty bread and add a salad for a great meal for yourself or invite a friend. Will yield 3 meals.

I had a cousin's dinner party last week and decided to make a low calorie Egg Plant Parmesan. It was such a hit and so easy to prepare that I wanted to share it with you.

EASY EGGPLANT PARMESAN

Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees

- 3 large similar shaped eggplants, tips cut off, peeled length wise, leaving skin in between peeled area. Cut into 1/2-inch round discs.
- 2 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- Mushrooms, cleaned and chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 zucchini, chopped (optional)
- 1 red or yellow pepper, chopped (optional)
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 jars of your favorite pasta sauce
- 16 oz. part skim Mozzarella, finely shredded cheese

put oven on broil, line 2 cookie trays with parchment paper and spray with a cooking spray. Place eggplant discs on parchment paper and spray tops of eggplant with cooking spray. Place in oven and broil till brown, flip and brown other side. Take out and let cook on trays.

On stove add olive oil to pan and heat, add onion, mushrooms, and zucchini or other veggies you like. Sauté till wilted, about 5-9 minutes. If it's not a formal meal, I cook in foil tin pans that can be thrown away, otherwise cook in 9 x 13 glass Pyrex.

Spray bottom of pan, add a layer of pasta sauce to cover bottom, add eggplant, then half of the sautéed veggies, tomatoes sauce, half the shredded cheese, eggplant, the rest of the sautéed veggies, tomato sauce then top with the remaining cheese to cover.

Bake at 375 degrees until hot and bubbly, about 45 minutes. You may want to put foil under pan to catch any tomato sauce dripping. You can make 2 trays at the same time and freeze one for later use. If you have extra broiled eggplant, it makes a wonderful sandwich with cheese and lettuce and tomato. It is a good option for those who are observing lent and not eating meat.

QUICK FRENCH ONION SOUP

- 6 cups lower-salt beef broth
- 3 large sweet onions, one chopped, two thinly sliced lengthwise
- 1/4 to 1 oz. dried porcini mushrooms
- 1 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 1 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp. finely chopped fresh thyme
- 1/4 tsp. paprika
- 1/4 cup sherry
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 4 1/4 inch thick slices of French Baguette, lightly toasted
- 6 oz. Gruyere Cheese, coarsely grated (about 2 cups)

In 4 qt. saucepan, bring broth, chopped onion, and porcini to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and cook for 15 minutes. Strain through a fine mesh lined with a damp paper towel into a large bowl. Clean the saucepan and return broth to pan.

Heat butter and oil in 12 inch skillet over medium-high heat until butter browns, about 2 minutes. Add the sliced onions, thyme, and paprika. Cover and cook until the onion is soft and golden, stirring occasionally, about 10 minutes. Add sherry and stir to scrape browned bits on the bottom of skillet. Add the contents to the broth. Add the salt and bring to a boil. Cook for 2 minutes.

Position a rack 6 inches from the broiler and put oven on broil. Place soup in oven safe bowls, top with a slice of baguette and cheese on top. Broil till cheese is melted.

Better Than Ever Productions presents 'Geezer Game'

Better Than Ever Productions, a group primarily made up of actors over the age of 50, is well-known for its high-quality performances.

Nominated for Outstanding Ensemble Production at the Midtown International Theatre Festival in New York City last summer, the troupe is now proving that it still has it, by bringing its smash hit *Geezer Game* to Inspire Theatre in Westland.

Doc's depressed and his over-the-hill friends are out of shape. But they get hustled by a well-meaning reporter to play a charity touch-football game. Laughs abound as

age, experience and cunning prove to be just as, if not more, important as physical fitness in this comedy.

The cast features Jack Alaska, Jeanne Pruett, Harry Stafford, Rich Pieta, Linda Trigg, Michael Burden, Beth Brooks, Jerry Carney, Terry Viviane, Gary Turnquist and Tom Strock. The comedy is directed by Michael Burden, who also plays the role of Frank.

Playwright, Herb McCollom Jr., a senior himself, felt his comedy is a perfect fit for senior actors. According to Jeanne Pruett, president of the group, *Geezer Game* is a perfect match

for this group.

"Mr. McCollom's play is right on," she said. "It is an entertaining new work with laughs throughout. Our group had the pleasure of meeting Herb last year in Canton and again in New York City. He is a joy to work with. His optimism and sense of humor really come alive in this show."

"We're proud to know him and proud to be doing his play again. We know that audiences will enjoy it, even those who've seen it before," she said.

Geezer Game will be presented at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 19 and 26; 7 p.m. Friday and



Jeanne Pruett of Canton and Jack Galazka of Redford play girlfriend and boyfriend in "Geezer Game."

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Late free throws spark 'Cats to first district crown



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Plymouth's Brent Davis (middle) soars to the basket in between Northville defenders Nate Kellum (left) and Justin Zimbo.

Davis clutch at the stripe to nip Northville, 47-46

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Plymouth's Brent Davis harkened back to his practice habits when he stepped to the free-throw line with 26.6 seconds remaining and the boys basketball Class A district title hanging in the balance.

Northville, which trailed most of the game, took a 46-42 lead with 55.6 seconds left on a basket by Nate Kellum, but the host Wildcats got a clutch triple from Josh Reynolds from the wing to pull within one, then forced a turnover before Davis got fouled.

"That last free throw, everyone was counting on me and I knew I was going to be the guy

that lost the game if I didn't hit at least one," the 6-2 junior said. "So when the first one went off the backboard, it was like, 'OK, maybe I can hit the second one.'"

Davis swished the go-ahead foul shot and Northville couldn't convert on three attempts during final moments as the Wildcats cut down the nets for the first time in their brief school history with a 47-46 triumph.

"And the second one ...," Davis said. "I just remember we do what we call the (Steve) Nash drill in practice where we continuously shoot free throws for a straight minute and we have to hit 14. I just kept hearing in my head, 'Nash

drill, Nash drill, Nash drill, Nash drill.' The second one I just released it softly and it went straight in and I knew from then from those seconds on we won the game."

Davis, who finished with a team-high 14 points along with senior point guard Randall Aikins, had gone 1-of-4 from the line during the fourth quarter prior to the game-tying and game-winning foul shots.

And he takes an unorthodox approach when shooting free throws by standing slightly off-center and to the left.

"That's something I've done since I was a kid," Davis said. "Whenever I center myself to

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D1 HOCKEY QUARTERFINAL

Cubs end Rocks' tourney journey

Salem's playoff streak hits the wall at Yost

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem's dream run ended at Yost Arena.

The Rocks — fresh off an amazing run in the Division 1 regional, knocking off three top 10 rivals in the process — tried to keep their hot streak going Wednesday in Ann Arbor against University of Detroit-Jesuit in a boys hockey state quarterfinal match-up.

That's when the clock struck midnight for the Cinderella team, falling 4-2 to the No. 2-ranked Cubs in a hard-fought game that came down to the wire.

Trailing 3-2, Salem (14-11-4) went on the power play with under two minutes left in the third. Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher subsequently lifted senior goalie Dillon Phillips for an extra attacker to give the Rocks a six-on-four advantage.

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MICHAEL VASILNEK

Salem senior forward Noah Willer (left), shown from a regular season game, had a goal and assist in the D1 quarterfinal.

CLASS A GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONAL FINAL

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Salem senior Maranda Armstead (right) looks to pass the ball inside Thursday night while Hartland's Graysen Cockerham guards her.

CRUSHED

Salem Rocks unable to slow Hartland attack and fall two victories short of Breslin Center

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem's game had ended 20 minutes earlier, a devastating 58-42 loss to Hartland in Thursday's girls basketball Class A regional final.

Yet one by one, players started emerging from their locker room, eyes red and moist, still trying to come to

terms that their season for the record books was suddenly over.

And when they did walk out into the corridor at Fenton High School, a large gathering of family, friends and fans were there — clapping rhythmically and loudly as they gave a heartfelt thanks to all the 2014-15 Salem Rocks had accom-

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Hartland's Ryann Laler (left) goes flying as Salem senior forward Shara Long goes hard to the basket during Thursday's regional final.

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BOYS HOCKEY DIVISION 1 SEMIFINAL

Shamrocks ride extra gear into D1 final

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Unleashing a full-speed attack that never wavered for 51 minutes, Novi Detroit Catholic Central outshot University of Detroit Jesuit by a 54-18 margin during Friday's Division 1 boys hockey semifinal at Compuware Arena.

Yet the Shamrocks had to hold on for dear life in the final minutes, earning a 4-3 victory over the Cubs and moving on to Saturday's D1 final against the winner of the Grandville-Bay City contest. CC will have the chance to claim a second straight championship.

"Last year was a feeling I'll never forget, honestly seems like a dream," said Shamrocks' senior defenseman Owen Kipke. "And knowing I'll have another chance to make it reality is an unreal feeling."

Catholic Central needed to kill off late penalties in order to seal the deal and advance to the D1 final for the second consecutive season. But thanks to team depth and speed, the Shamrocks (23-5-1) just had more in the tank down the stretch.

"Seventeen (Sam Knoblauch), 19 (Christian Wirth-Karbler) and 9 (Teddy Apap) are their three players, and they're in every situation," Shamrocks head coach Danny Veri said. "You could see they ran out of gas. When they have to fight against us rolling, pushing it every shift."

"... I'm the luckiest coach in the world to have the depth that we have here that allow us to do that."

Numbers game

UD Jesuit (22-7-1) somehow stayed close all night despite senior goalie Jack Deines facing an endless attack.



Novi Detroit Catholic Central players pile on each other after winning Friday's Division 1 semifinal over University of Detroit Jesuit at Compuware Arena.



Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Alex Kreutzer (No. 7) battles for the puck against Nick Gadowski of University of Detroit Jesuit.

"They're just a really good team, they're deep, they come at you in waves, they throw four lines at you and we only have three," Cubs' head coach Rick Bennetts said. "Just in terms of numbers, we had 20 guys dressed but we only skated 15. They used all 20. It makes a difference in the long run."

The Cubs got out to a quick 1-0 lead just 1:27 into the contest when Wirth-Karbler scored the first of his two goals in the opening period. Wirth-Karbler one-timed a crossing feed from Joey Garves over the trapper of Shamrocks' senior goalie Spencer Wright.

But the Shamrocks quickly responded with 12:34 remaining in the

period when senior defenseman Ryan Burnett followed up his own rebound and jammed the puck past Deines. Drawing the helper was JoJo Mancinelli.

Once again, UD Jesuit took a one-goal lead thanks to Wirth-Karbler. With just under 10 minutes remaining, he took a pass from Apap, cut in front of Wright and slid a backhand that slipped through the goaltender's pads.

Catholic Central, who enjoyed an 18-6 shots advantage in the opening period, managed to draw even with 3:48 left on a power-play tally by senior defenseman Blake Veri.

"We felt we were fortunate to be 2-2 after the first period," Bennetts

said. "We wanted to try and make a few adjustments on how to get the puck out of our end, because we kept turning the puck over trying to make breakout passes."

The CC attack continued unabated in the middle frame, yet it took a miscue by Deines to lead to the tie-breaking goal at 4:26.

Deines went behind his net to handle the puck. But junior forward Kyle Mulka stripped him of it and sent it into the vacated cage.

Less than a minute later, CC junior forward Brian Kearns scored (from Dillon Jones and Andrew Spiegel) to make it 4-2.

UD Jesuit would not go away quietly, however. A power-play goal by Lorenzo D'Agostini with 9:31 left in the second cut the deficit to 4-3, despite being outshot 35-9 to that point.

The third period was a parade to the penalty box by both teams. The Shamrocks needed to kill off a major for boarding, not to mention a late minor against Kipke.

Veri wasn't too worried, not with a team still with plenty of energy. "I think I got a little grayer. It was intense, but we had our guys out there. We were okay."

HOCKEY

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"Six guys on four allows us to put a little bit more pressure on the puck," Ossenmacher said. "We had a couple chances."

But the Rocks could not sustain any pressure in the Cubs' zone and any hopes of another late-game comeback dissipated when U-D Jesuit's Christian Wirth-Karbler notched an empty-net goal with 26 seconds to go.

It was Kirth-Karbler's second goal; also scoring for the Cubs (18-6-1) were Nick Gadowski and Teddy Apap.

"My hats are off to them (Rocks). They play a really tough defensive systematic-type game and their power play is outstanding," U-D Jesuit head coach Rick Bennetts said. "We knew it, we didn't want to take penalties and yet I think we took six or seven."

"We're really happy and feel fortunate to be where we are."

Where they are going is where the Rocks wanted to go — Compuware Arena for Friday's D1 semifinal against Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

In the hallway outside Salem's quiet locker room, Ossenmacher said he couldn't help but remember how his team rallied late just nine days earlier to win a pre-regional against Plymouth.

"I thought it might be Plymouth all over again, where we get one late in the game, tie it up and go to overtime and sneak one in," Ossenmacher said. "But it didn't happen that way."

Senior defenseman and team captain Noah Saad — whose goal tied the March 2 contest against the Wildcats — said he was ready to let loose another blast and hopefully extend the game to overtime.

"I was hoping for it, but we didn't get the bounce," Saad said. "The (U-D Jesuit) goalie played a good game. They had a couple bounces that they capitalized on; we had some that we didn't."

Goal scorers for Salem were senior forward Noah Willer and junior linemate Evan Newel — who were a dangerous tandem much of the night. Phillips, meanwhile, played another strong game with 33 stops.

Pivotal moment

Cubs goaltender Jack Deines (18 saves) wasn't as busy, but still made several timely stops.

None was bigger than a save with four minutes to go in the first and the Rocks already up 1-0 on Willer's early goal (assisted by senior forward Liam Walker).

Pressing to go up two, Walker slid a perfect pass from the left wall in front. Willer got off a quick shot, but Deines denied the scoring bid.

"Willer's our leading goal scorer. That's the guy you want shooting the puck in that situation," Ossenmacher said. "Great play and their goalie just made a better play."

Less than a half-minute later, the Cubs

netted the equalizer when a wrist shot from inside the blue line by Wirth-Karbler hit a Salem player in front of Phillips and caromed into the net.

"The difference between 1-1 and 2-0 in a matter of about 30 seconds is pretty huge," Ossenmacher said.

Perhaps still reeling from that turn of events, the Rocks then allowed the go-ahead goal to Gadowski with 2:21 to play — just a half-minute after the tying marker.

Yet the Rocks proved their mettle once again, as they have throughout the postseason, when Newel evened things up at 2-2 just 37 seconds into the second period.

A carry-over Salem power play had just expired when junior forward Zach Goleniak kept the puck inside the Cubs' zone and sent it down low from the left point. Newel swooped in to corral the disk and fling a backhand into the top-right corner. Also picking up an assist was Willer.

Once again, however, the bigger, more-experienced Cubs had a response.

Sam Knoblauch threaded a pass to Apap, who was all alone in front of Phillips.

Apap calmly went forehead-backhand to draw Phillips out of position before sliding the puck into the Salem net.

For the remaining 29 minutes, the Cubs did a good job of controlling play and making any quality Salem chances few and far between.

In fact, the Cubs asserted themselves all over the Yost ice over the final two frames, outshooting Salem 28-14 and sometimes making it difficult for the Rocks to clear their own zone.

"That's one of the things we try to do," Bennetts said. "We try to utilize speed and be hard on the puck, so that it's difficult."

Tremendous

Meanwhile, although the Rocks will wonder what might have been, 2014-15 turned out to be a very special season to remember.

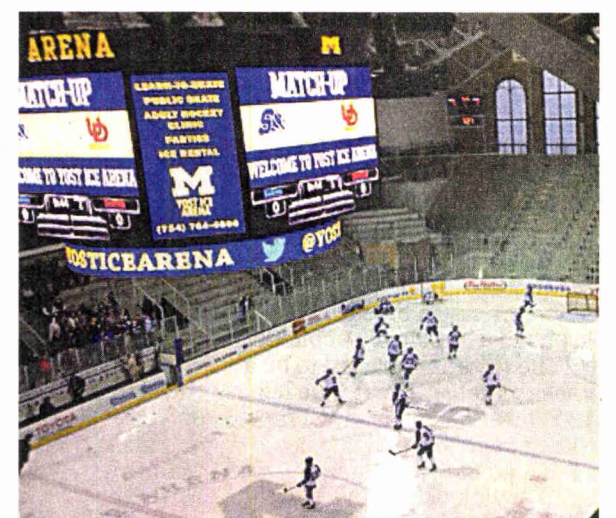
"It's one thing to lose at the end. Every team does, except for one," Ossenmacher said. "But it's another thing to lose in a quarterfinal against a very good team. That group of seniors ... they've been tremendous all year."

In addition to the nucleus of Willer, Phillips, Saad and Walker, the team featured solid seniors in forwards Rich Corso and Zach Newsom, defensemen Eric Borg and Nate West and goalie Nathan Blank.

Saad noted that much of the credit for Salem's successful season was the way younger players meshed with the veterans.

"We lost a lot of seniors last year and we had a lot of rookies this year that really stepped up and they just picked up where the seniors left off," Saad said. "The end result was great. We went further than any Salem team in history has. We couldn't be more proud of what we've done."

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Salem circles the Yost Arena ice during pregame warmups Thursday. The Rocks lost 4-2 to University of Detroit-Jesuit in a Division 1 quarterfinal.

DIVISION 2 BOYS HOCKEY

Stevenson ices Eskymos, on brink of a title

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Dazzling Escanaba superstar Levi Wunder was outshone by Livonia Stevenson's galaxy of blue-collar gladiators during Thursday's MHSAA Division 2 semifinal game played at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

In an entertaining and always-tight duel played at a lightning-quick pace, the deep and diligent Spartans (19-5-5) outlasted the Eskymos, 3-2, to earn a berth in Saturday's against Birmingham Brother Rice.

It will be the Spartans' second appearance in the title tilt in the past three years.

While the 2012-13 team's state championship run was amazing, this year's Stevenson surge may be more com-

elling simply because the program was expected to be hobbled by the 2014 graduation of its high-scoring Production Line trio of Tyler Irvine, Devin Kelly and Dom Lutz.

Although it took a few games for the re-built Spartans to find their rhythm and learn their roles, they're a finished product now.

"I am so grateful right now and so proud of this team," Stevenson senior captain Mick Sinclair said, moments after he emerged from his team's postgame locker room gathering. "Because we didn't have Lutz and Irvine this year, there were a lot of people doubting us and wondering how we were going to score. But this team has come together and used intangibles like hard work and determination

to reach the state final.

"Our depth is so good right now. Everybody who steps on the ice for this team can be trusted to do his job. We can put anybody out there at any position and we know they're going to make plays. We don't have one top line like in years past. Our opponents have to account for all of our lines, because they can all score."

It didn't take long for the Eskymos to find out that Stevenson junior goalie Cullen Barber brought his 'A' game Thursday. Just 3:40 into the contest, a penalty shot was awarded to Escanaba's Hunter LaMarch, whose slick backhand was defused by Barber's right pad.

"Making that save definitely gave me a lot of confidence moving forward," said Barber,

who finished with 16 saves. "I don't know if the shot was on net or not, but either way it got me in a good mind-set."

With his team clinging to a 3-2 advantage with just under 10 minutes left in the third period, Wunder stole the puck off a Spartan's stick at the far blue line and motored up the ice uncontested toward Barber, who turned aside the attempt to deadlock the game.

Spearheaded by junior blue liners Zach Finzel and Nick Beers, the Spartans' defense played its second solid game without junior defenseman Adam Olson, who suffered a 60-stitch cut to his upper thigh during Saturday's 4-3 victory over Trenton.

Escanaba seized a 1-0 lead with 3:17 left in the first period, when Wunder secured a rebound off the boards behind the net, circled swiftly to the bottom of the left circle and delivered a tough-angled wrist into the top-right corner of the net.

Stevenson drew even midway through the second period, when Shane Leonard roped a searing rocket that didn't land until it ripped into the top of the twine just under the crossbar.

Just 42 seconds later, Vince Glenn's goal (from Nate Sudek) put the Spartans in front 2-1.

The lead evaporated less than three minutes later, when LaMarch netted a short-handed breakaway goal to make it 2-2.

The goal flurry escalated 26 seconds later, when Sudek executed a slick deke beside the net before tucking a power-play goal past Escanaba goalie Jack Valentine with what turned out to be the game-winner. He was assisted by Leonard and Alex DeFlorio.

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TAKE A TIP FROM ONE WHO'S BEEN THERE

Moraw providing leadership from sidelines for Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Last March, Jocelyn Moraw was doing it all, a key cog in Canton's run to a gymnastics state championship.

One year later, the Chiefs once again are serious contenders for a title. They were in Friday's team championship meet at Rockford.

But Moraw's role is considerably different.

"I'm just the cheerleader; I help with what I can," said Moraw, sidelined since early in the season due to a broken talus bone (lower part of the ankle joint). "I give little pointers here and there. I do what I can to make sure I'm still part of the team as much as possible."

With that task at hand, Moraw again was at Plymouth High School for the MHSAA regional, held March 7.

But unlike 2014, when she qualified for states as an all-arounder, she could only watch and encourage. She is almost



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Canton's Jocelyn Moraw talks about rooting her teammates on after a serious injury ended her senior season. The Chiefs were in Friday's team gymnastics final.

like an assistant coach on the staff of head coach John Cunningham.

Moraw as a team player doesn't mind those duties. But Moraw as a competitor sometimes wishes she could ditch the ankle brace and get back into the fray.

While teammates took part in the vault, Moraw sat on the side of the pad behind the vault, one of two spotters.

She clapped her hands and yelled for Allison Kunz, Stephanie Cox, Jana Hilditch and other Chiefs to finish with a flourish.

If only Moraw could do the same.

"I broke my talus bone in a meet and then I had surgery the next morning to put five screws and a plate in," Moraw said. "It's the bone that is charge of all your foot mobility; it's a pretty vital bone."

"I was just vaulting and the way I landed, the way I came down, my foot was at an angle. It just kind of snapped. It was just a fluke landing."

Veteran voice

Despite the setback, Moraw remains an important member of the team. After all, she is a co-captain, along with senior Katie Lawera.

Moraw speaks from experience to younger team mem-

CANTON DROPS FINAL

Canton's varsity gymnastics team fell short Friday in the team final in Rockford. The Chiefs, who were trying for a second consecutive title, finished second with 146.225 points — trailing champion Rockford/Sparta's 147.975 tally. Plymouth placed 12th (137.125) while Farmington came in sixth (139.875).

Go to www.hometownlife.com over the weekend for more results from the team and individual finals, the latter taking place Saturday. Complete coverage will be in Thursday's *Observer*.

bers about the ups and downs of the regional and state meets, for example.

"The girls are starting to get toward the end of the season and they're like, 'Oh, we got to get through it,'" Moraw said. "So it's just getting them to keep up the confidence and keep up the work ethic."

"It's just a whole different ballgame here compared to club or where they've come from. It's just a different atmosphere, so they just got to get used to it. But they're all doing really great this year. I'm really proud of everybody."

The ankle injury also is expected to stop Moraw from performing on the Canton varsity girls track and field

team, too.

Doctors want her to concentrate on healing. She would like to at least return in time for the conference and state meets.

"I'll be out most of the season. The doctor's not really optimistic about coming back at all (for track)," she said. "But I'm pretty optimistic. I was optimistic for gymnastics season, but that didn't turn out."

"I was really hoping to come back for the last few meets, but that's OK, I guess. ... It's not something I wanted to end on at all. It was a little upsetting, but we're making our way through it."

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BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICTS

Plymouth holds off Canton charge

By Evan Paputa
Correspondent

When Canton ran away with a 59-43 victory Jan. 16 at Plymouth, it looked like the Chiefs, sporting a 9-2 record, would be a force to be reckoned with come district tournament time.

Instead, Plymouth ended Canton's dreams of winning the district tournament Wednesday night to the tune of a 36-32, grind-it-out victory at Plymouth.

Even though the Chiefs outscored the Wildcats 6-5 in the fourth quarter, Plymouth held on to move to Friday's district championship game against Northville.

"Always is a battle when we meet up with Canton," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said in a text message. "Coach (Jimmy) Reddy does a wonderful job with his group. We started out really well and then hit a lull in the second quarter and the first part of the third."

"We were able to go on a run to end the third and then able to make some plays in the fourth."

Soukup said there was a sequence during the third quarter that illustrated just how much of a battle the contest was.

He said there was "a total of five guys on the floor for the ball from both teams. What a play and a testament to how



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Plymouth's Deji Adebisi (left) and Canton's Obi Okoli go for a rebound during Wednesday's Class A district semifinal.

hard this game was contested tonight."

Plymouth (15-6) had to weather the storm late.

Greg Williams gave Canton (16-6) a strong start to the fourth quarter with his triple three steps behind the arc to cut the Plymouth lead to 31-29.

Both teams then went scoreless until 1:54 was left in the game, when Brent Davis extended Plymouth's lead on a burst to the basket, finished with a lay-in.

Logan Ryan answered on the ensuing possession with a jumper from the left elbow with 1:35 remaining.

After Plymouth controlled its next possession, Canton fouled to put Randall Aikins at the free-throw line for a one-and-one. Aikins made the first and missed the second to give

Plymouth a 34-31 lead with 55 seconds left.

Williams misfired on a long triple with 47 seconds left. Deji Adebisi got the rebound and was immediately fouled.

Adebisi missed the front end of the one-and-one and Canton pushed the ball up court quickly. A missed shot by Jack Zemanski gave Plymouth an opportunity to extend its lead to four.

Aikins nailed two free throws to put Plymouth up 36-31 with 36 seconds remaining.

On Canton's next possession, Obi Okoli was fouled on the way to the rim and he split the free throws to make it 36-32.

After Plymouth was able to break Canton's press following Okoli's free throw, Davis went back to the line for a one-and-one. He missed the front end, giving Canton one last chance.

Williams fed Nick Wendel, who missed a triple attempt from the right wing. Adebisi grabbed the rebound and was fouled immediately with just two seconds left on the clock.

As Adebisi was jogging to the other end of the floor to shoot his free throws, both teams' crowds stood up and gave an ovation to honor Williams — a four-year starter for Canton, who Reddy ceremonially took out of the game.

Staff writer Tim Smith contributed to this report.

CROWN

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the basket, it doesn't feel right. My trainers and coaches tell me all the time that I should center myself, but it never happens."

Plymouth, which improved to 16-6 overall, advances to the regional semifinals at 7:30 p.m. Monday against host Holly (21-2).

"It means a whole lot. We finally felt like we made history," Aikins said. "Me, Josh (Reynolds) and Deji (Adebisi) have been dreaming of this moment since we were sophomores. Our senior year, we had to have this addition. It means a whole lot to us."

Northville (14-8) trailed 17-9 after one quarter, but fought its way back to trail 23-19 at halftime.

It appeared the Mustangs were down and out with 2:38 left in the third quarter, when Davis made a basket to put Plymouth ahead, 35-25.

But Northville, going exclusively with its starting five, made an 8-0 run to close out the quarter to cut the deficit to 35-33.

And with just 3:53 left in the game, the 6-8 Kellum, who had a game-high 16 points, drilled a shot near the top of the key to put Northville on top, 42-41. He then scored two straight hoops to put the Mustangs in position to win the game with a four-point lead.

But that's when Reynolds, who finished with 11, answered with a triple with only 47.6 seconds left after going 3-of-15 from the floor and not scoring since the first quarter.

"It's not about how many, it's about the right times," Plymouth coach Mike Soukup said of Reynolds' streaky shooting.

Northville then committed a costly turnover with 39.1 seconds left and Davis put the Wildcats ahead to stay.

The Mustangs, however, got off two shots, including a rebound put-back in the waning moments, but couldn't convert.

"It's a hard team to hold the ball against and protect a lead," Northville coach Todd Sander said of the Wildcats. "We felt we had to keep scoring, but we certainly didn't want to turn it over. It's plagued us a little bit of late. But it doesn't come down to the last minute."

With 3.2 seconds left, Northville had one last chance following a timeout, but Morrissey's short baseline try off an in-bounds play sailed over the rim at the buzzer.

"We had Nate (Kellum) as an option, we had David (Morrissey) as an option, we had

"Northville played their tails off. It was a great nip-and-tuck game."

MIKE SOUKUP
Plymouth coach

Ryan (Roberts) an option," Sander said. "David made a play and we almost had a tip-in, too. Guys executed. (Plymouth) defended it well."

Morrissey, a 6-3 senior guard, and Roberts, a 6-7 senior center, added 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Northville shot 20-of-52 from the floor (38.4 percent), while Plymouth was 17-of-51 (33.3 percent).

"We knew that (2-3) zone (defense) was going to give us trouble, but we didn't let that stop us," Aikins said. "We felt like we had to execute, no matter what. We tried to get out in transition so they wouldn't set up. It didn't happen all the time, but we just executed well. We play as a team. We play together."

Soukup, meanwhile, tried to make adjustments on the fly against the taller Northville squad.

"Spinning nightmare, then wishful dream come true, how about that?" the Plymouth coach said following the one-point thriller. "We knew playing a half-court game wasn't going to be the best for us. They got us into that and we were able to get a little turnover here. We knew that bothered them and we were able to come up with the big one when it mattered the most right there."

"Northville played their tails off. It was a great nip-and-tuck game. Coach Sander does a fantastic job with the program. Those boys play really hard and we had a couple of breaks go our way tonight. I'm not going to lie about that. Our kids didn't stop playing, though, and that was part of it. All 32 minutes. We'll take it."

And it literally came down one crucial possession from the Mustangs' perspective.

"You drive yourself crazy, thinking back and going through the what-ifs," Sander said. "I'm so proud of our team, not only for tonight, but of everything they accomplished this year and we had tremendous leadership that grew throughout the season from our four seniors. And it was really evident in tonight's game."

"Those are tough moments, especially when it comes down to close game like this. Just that we love them and the seniors had a great message for everyone coming back that remember this moment as motivation leading into next season."

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BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICTS

Rocks ousted by Northville's defense

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try and then try once again.

After losing its first three meetings during the regular season against KLAA Central Division foe Salem, the Northville boys basketball team broke through Wednesday night in the Class A district semifinal at Plymouth by holding off the Rocks for a 53-50 victory.

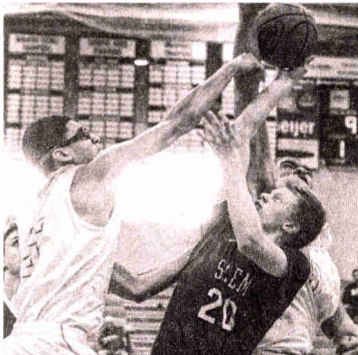
The magic elixir for the Mustangs, who moved into Friday's district final against host Plymouth, was a 2-3 zone defense that forced Salem into 26.7 percent shooting from the field (15-of-56).

And it didn't hurt that Northville (14-7) had its version of the Twin Towers in concert as 6-foot-8 Nathan Kellum, who missed a majority of the season with a dislocated knee, patrolled the paint area effectively along with 6-7 Ryan Roberts.

The senior tandem scored 14 and six points, respectively, but more importantly combined for seven blocks and a grabbed a bundle of rebounds.

The first half proved to be a chess match as Northville led 12-11 after one quarter, while Salem came back to take a 22-21 halftime advantage.

"They blocked a few and they changed our trajectory," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "We didn't take them up real strong a couple of times, especially in the first half. We had



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Northville's Nathan Kellum (left) block a shot by Salem's Jakob Lenders.

good looks in the first half and they didn't fall or we were real tentative with the shots. The key against a zone a lot of times is to offensive rebound and we didn't offensive rebound very well against them."

The third quarter was Northville's best as the Mustangs made 6-of-8 shots from the floor and built a 36-31 lead. Senior guard David Morrissey struck for nine of his team-high 16 points after being limited to four points and just three shots over the first two quarters of play.

After making just 7-of-28 first-half shots, Salem went only 2-for-9 in the third quarter and missed its first five attempts to start the fourth as Northville slowly increased its lead to double digits, 45-34, on a pair of free throws by sophomore guard Kevin Morrissey with only 1:53 left.

Salem (16-6) tried to make a

late surge and could have cut it to three in the final minute, but couldn't convert a layup after one of Northville's seven turnovers during the quarter.

"You got to be able to shoot the basketball against the zone," Brodie said. "It didn't surprise us. We knew it was coming. We knew they used it against (Westland) John Glenn in the first round of the (KLAA) playoffs. We had actually one day to prepare for it, but we prepared for it a little bit prior to that, but you can't look ahead at all. We just had to run our stuff and make some shots and we didn't do a very good job of that."

Northville, meanwhile, was 17-of-36 from the floor (47.2 percent) and 16-of-26 (61.5 percent) from the foul line, including 13-of-20 over the final eight minutes.

Jon Swift and Jake Stropes, both seniors, paced Salem with 20 and 12 points, respectively. Senior Allante Wheeler and junior center Kenny Topolovec each contributed six.

"This group was an over-achiever," Brodie said. "Graduating five seniors from a 17-6 team who went the regional ... our expectations weren't that great for this team. But I give those guys credit, they stepped up, went through a lot of injuries and adversity."

"Some players were down for us and others stepped up. Hey, they have a (KLAA Central) division championship and a nice record (16-6), which is a good record for wins. I'm proud of the way they played."



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Plymouth's Deji Adebisi hoists the Class A district trophy, first in school history, following a 47-46 win Friday night over Northville.

BOYS LACROSSE

Teams to scrimmage inside

Squads at High Velocity for preseason tourney

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

If you can't get things done outdoors during the muddy March thaw, might as well take it indoors.

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's three varsity boys lacrosse teams are doing just that with Sunday's comprehensive 10-team scrimmage at High Velocity on Michigan Avenue in Canton.

The event is being dubbed the Lax War.

"I'm really excited about hosting the event at High Velocity after the outdoor version has been canceled the past two years due to weather," said Brian Walsh, Plymouth head coach. "They have a brand new, gorgeous dome facility that will give all coaches some great early season looks at their teams."

In addition to the Wildcats, the Park will be represented by Canton and Salem.

Other squads competing at the preseason tournament include Novi, Dexter, Saline, Walled Lake Northern, Brighton, Okemos and Forest Hills Central.

Walsh said spectators will be treated to "outstanding competition" with three top 10 teams among the field.

Teams will be played every 30 minutes, beginning with Canton facing Salem at 8 a.m.

Some of the other contests include the following: 10 a.m., Canton vs. Dexter; 11 a.m., Plymouth vs. Okemos; 11:30 a.m., Salem vs. Saline; noon, Canton vs. Walled Lake Northern; 12:30 p.m., Plymouth vs. Novi; 4 p.m., Brighton vs. Saline; 5:30 p.m., Brighton vs. Plymouth.

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plished.

"The goal was to get to Breslin (Center), but I couldn't be more proud of the group," Salem head coach Lindsay Klemmer said. "They just set the bar really, really high for the program and the foundation I'm trying to (build)."

"They're an amazing group of kids that bought into everything I laid down and I couldn't be more proud of them. Yeah, we came up a game short, two games short, whatever. But they're all still winners in my book."

One of Salem's six seniors, Maranda Armstead, said nothing was going to detract from a season that featured a 20-game winning streak (which ended Thursday) and a handful of titles along the way.

"I'm so proud of the whole team; the seniors have been together forever," Armstead said. "We're family. That's not going to change, even if the season is over. We're always going to be family and I'm really proud of what we accomplished this season."

That long string of wins began after starting the season 0-4, after Klemmer and the seniors regrouped and remembered what they were looking to achieve.

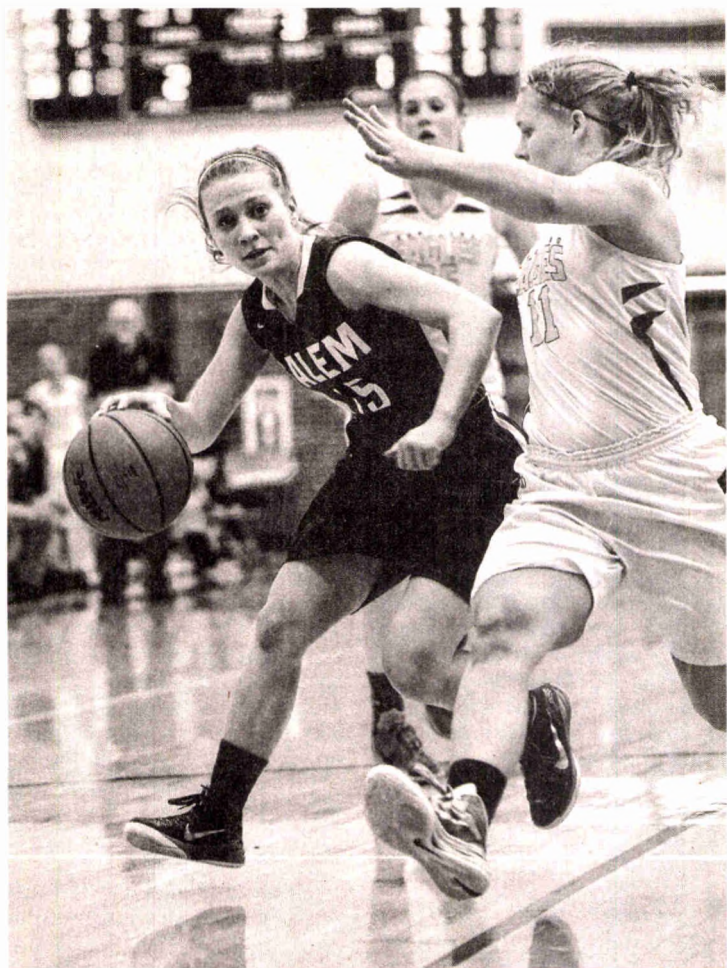
They wanted to finish their Salem careers on a high note and perhaps honor the memory of the late, great Fred Thomann (the longtime Rocks coach who died in December 2013).

Looking good

Thursday night, looking to cross a regional title off the checklist and make it to the state quarterfinals, the Rocks got off to a promising start.

Senior forward Shara Long (20 points) took a nifty bounce pass from senior guard Jamyra Wilson to open the game with a layup and — following a trey by Hartland's Natalie Halonen — Salem answered with three field goals in a row to lead 8-3.

Senior guard Katie Latack's jumper from the left corner rolled around the rim and fell



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Salem senior Katie Latack (left) tries to dribble past Hartland defender Natalie Halonen during the Class A regional final at Fenton.

through the cylinder, perhaps an indication Thomann was still watching over the Rocks.

Armstead then hit two layups within 30 seconds, the second at the end of a Wilson-led fast break.

Closing out the first was Wilson's 3-ball from above the arc, making it 11-6 at the buzzer. She raised her arm in triumph, smiling in the direction of the Salem side of the gym.

But that's when the wheels began to fall off. Hartland (18-6) fought back to take a 19-17 lead with 1:45 left in the first half on a layup by sophomore forward Lexey Tobel (20 points, seven rebounds).

Salem managed to even things up at 19-19 at halftime on a layup by Long.

Early surge

Then came the second half, which opened with a triple by Tobel to ignite a 7-0 run — pushing the Hartland lead to

26-19 with 7:07 left in the third.

That quarter ended with the Eagles up 35-27, closing in on their first regional championship.

Salem did open the fourth with a burst of energy, slicing the deficit to 35-32 following a trey by freshman Lasha Pe-tree (seven points) and a put-back by senior Hayley Rogers (four points).

However, Tobel and Halonen connected on 3-balls to make it a 41-34 ballgame.

A minute later, Tobel hit her third triple of the half and it was 46-36. The Rocks couldn't get within 10 points the rest of the way.

"Lexey Tobel is only a sophomore," Hartland head coach Don Palmer said. "She's one of those special players that's going to be heard from, I think."

Reasons for the Hartland dominance were clear. Defen-

sively, the Eagles slowed Salem's five-out motion offense and they also owned the boards, often limiting the Rocks to one-and-done chances.

On the attack, the Eagles registered 17 offensive rebounds and parlayed a number of those into easy buckets.

To add injury to insult, Hartland players made almost all of their free throws (15-of-17) and rarely missed from behind the 3-point line (9-of-16).

"They did exactly what we thought they were going to do, drive and kick," Klemmer said. "We tried to protect the drive, they still finished."

"When we helped on the drive, they shot. I mean, they shot the crap out of the ball. There's nothing you can really do."

Extra spring

According to Palmer, his team overcame a tentative start.

"We rebounded pretty well and that's not been our M.O.," Palmer said. "Usually we get outrebounded pretty badly and tonight I think we just had a little extra spring in our step, a big game and we came through a little bit."

"And we shot it well. I've been on the other end of it; when people are hitting threes, it's demoralizing. You're playing, playing, playing, but you're losing ground, you know?"

When the final outcome was already decided, Long fouled out with 2:13 remaining. As she walked to the Salem bench, Rocks fans stood and applauded her efforts — toasting a stellar prep career.

The moment seemed surreal. Salem's season was about to end after winning division, conference, association and district titles.

And so were the careers of Long, Armstead, Wilson, Rogers, Latack and Allison First.

Later, Armstead had just a hint of regret in her voice. "I wished we would have boxed out a little more, contested the three, just played more of our game and not play theirs," Armstead said.

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Carnival brings disabled persons together for food, fun, entertainment

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

D-MAN All Stars will keep listeners tapping their toes to the beat of soulful songs and rapid-fire rap, when its members perform at the ninth annual Carnival of Care in Novi.

When it's Len McCulloch's turn to take the stage with his choirs, singers of all ages will bolster spirits with a mix of traditional and contemporary songs.

Both groups will demonstrate how music therapy can increase self-esteem, improve memory, and enhance social skills, all while entertaining the crowd of an anticipated 1,000 disabled individuals, their families and caretakers.

The Carnival of Care runs from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. It's free and will include food, games, massages, clowns, balloon artists, games and entertainment to celebrate individuals with disabilities and rehabilitation. Vendor booths will offer resources for the disabled.

"For the majority of people who come out, they may not have a lot of social life. The only time they leave the house may be to go to medical appointments," said Zaid Kassab, whose D-MAN Foundation is presenting the event. "This is a day to get out and have fun, food, games, face painting."

Kassab has emceed the Carnival every year and watched it grow from 150 attendees in 2006 to approximately 900 last year. He started the Foundation in honor of his late brother, Danny, who lived with quadriplegia for 16 years after being hit by a car at age 7. Its mission is to enhance the lives of families and individuals living with physical and mental disabilities. Empowering its clients to overcome challenges and achieve personal goals is among its values.

Recording studio

"The reality is that people with disabilities are not different from me and you. We want people to see past the disabilities and highlight all the things they can do," Kassab said.

That includes recording music and singing solos in front of an audience. Kassab's Foundation opened a recording studio in Berkley two years ago, for music therapy. The D-MAN All Stars are current or former clients of the free program.

"There is an application online they can fill out. The client comes in and has a formal clinical assessment by a music therapist. We provide the therapist and the audio engineer," Kassab said. "We find out what goals they need to achieve, whether they are physical, social, or emotional. One little girl used a ventilator to breathe. After four months (on harmonica) she strengthened her diaphragm and was able to come off it and breathe without a machine."

At the end of 90 days, an evaluation determines if the client has met goals or should continue on the program another 90 days.

"Music is healing. We've had clients come in who are on the edge of suicide. Now they



Len McCulloch, director of The Therapy Choirs of Michigan, sings along with its youngest member, Nicholas Johnson, at the Carnival of Care last year.



Clowns always are on hand at the Carnival of Care.

have a purpose, they come to the studio," said Kassab, adding that the recording space is "hip and cool" with a clinical foundation. Some clients work in teams, writing lyrics, creating new songs. Some work individually. All eventually record.

Choir therapy

McCulloch tells similar success stories about his youth choir and three adult singing groups, known collectively as The Therapy Choirs of Michigan. They rehearse in Auburn Hills, Brighton and Farmington Hills and come together to form one group when they perform. An adjunct group of volunteers, The Volunteer Voices, sings and assists with physical tasks, such as turning music pages. The Therapy Choirs of Michigan will kick off the Carnival of Care at noon, with one of its youngest members singing *The Star-Spangled Banner*.

"I have a wheelchair-bound man who is paralyzed from a motorcycle accident. He was angry and suicidal. He didn't want to do anything with the choir," said McCulloch, a Farmington Hills psychotherapist and Choirs director. "I said, what if you could do a solo? He grumbled and sang for over a year and after that first (public) appearance, told the staff meeting and his family that he



Members of the D-MAN All Stars will perform at the Carnival of Care in Novi.

no longer wanted to kill himself. He found a reason for living — therapy choir."

McCulloch founded the Choirs years ago with just one man. The patient had lived in an institution for 18 years and wouldn't talk, but McCulloch encouraged him to sing.

"We'd sing back and forth to each other. He belted out *Amazing Grace* and I said, we have a choir now. It's you," McCulloch recalled. "We got five people together, learned five songs, borrowed five

robes from a church and were invited to sing at the Brain Injury Association annual conference."

The choir accepts singers with mental and physical challenges of all ages, from seniors with memory problems, to youngsters with developmental disabilities.

"Singing is not required to be in the choir," McCulloch noted. "We have people who can't speak but can tap a tambourine. We have paraplegic young women who will keep

the beat by bobbing their heads. We don't claim to create a musical masterpiece, but some people say what we do is more than a masterpiece. It's much more than just singing."

For more information about the Carnival of Care, visit mydman.org/carnavalofcare or call 248-267-0229. There's also a link on the site for the D-MAN music studio. For more about The Therapy Choirs of Michigan, or to donate to the group, visit therapychoirs.org.

Detroit Story League concert teaches kids to enjoy live performance

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Mother Goose and giant turnips will come alive — if only in the minds of listeners — at the Detroit Story League's fifth annual Once Upon a Time Children's Story Concert this month in Livonia.

"The best part of a story is when they are listening so intently, they are so completely still," said Judy Sima, League president, who plans to tell an interactive tale at the group's upcoming children's concert. "The kids looking up at me get so quiet they can hardly breathe. Or they laugh. The storyteller needs that live reaction."



Chrissy Begle



Trudy Bulkley



Judy Sima



Ivory Williams

Youngsters will play a farmer, his wife, and various animals in Sima's telling of an enormous turnip that won't budge from the soil without a little elbow grease. She'll recruit youngsters to act out her tale — "I always pick on a male parent to be the duck" — as she recounts the Russian tale.

Sima, of West Bloomfield, is

one of three Detroit Story League members, along with a guest storyteller, who will perform at the League's annual spring children's concert, which starts at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia; 734-466-2491. Tickets are \$3. Each child at the event will receive a gift. Refreshments also will be

served.

Chrissy Begle of Livonia will introduce the storytellers and keep the show flowing in her role as concert "maestro."

Trudy Bulkley of Ann Arbor, a League member, will dress as Mother Goose to tell nursery rhymes.

"It appeals to kids older than just preschool," Sima noted. "She tells some history (of rhymes) and stories."

The guest artist is Ivory Williams of the Detroit Association of Black Storytellers. He promotes African and African-American storytelling and offers a wide repertoire of tales, Sima said.

"His stories usually have a lesson and they usually are

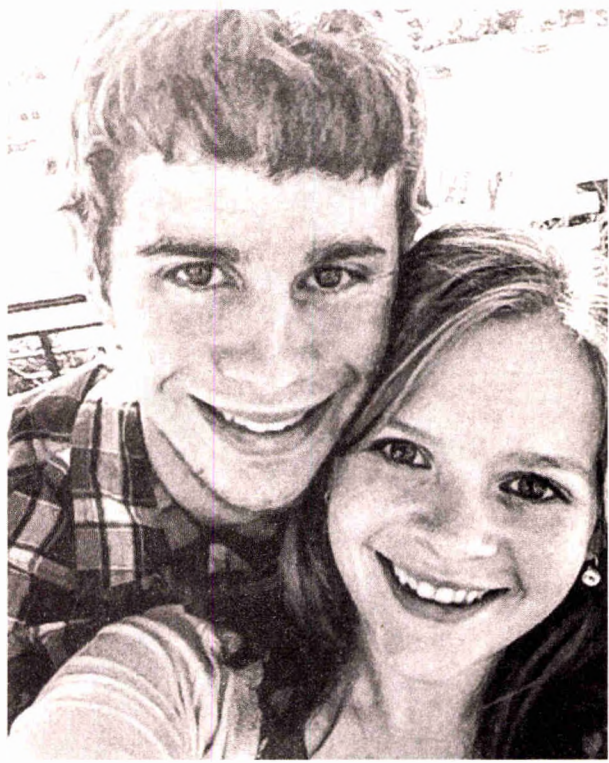
funny."

Sima and Bulkley will get 15 minutes each to tell a story or two. Williams will perform for 30 minutes. The concert is aimed at ages 4-10.

"The important thing is to educate the audience on how to sit and listen and enjoy a live performer," Sima noted. "It's important, and I think we're losing that. You can go on YouTube and see storytellers, but it's not the same. You need that interaction."

For more about the League's children's story concert, call 248-476-8515. Visit its website at detroitstorytelling.org.

ENGAGEMENTS

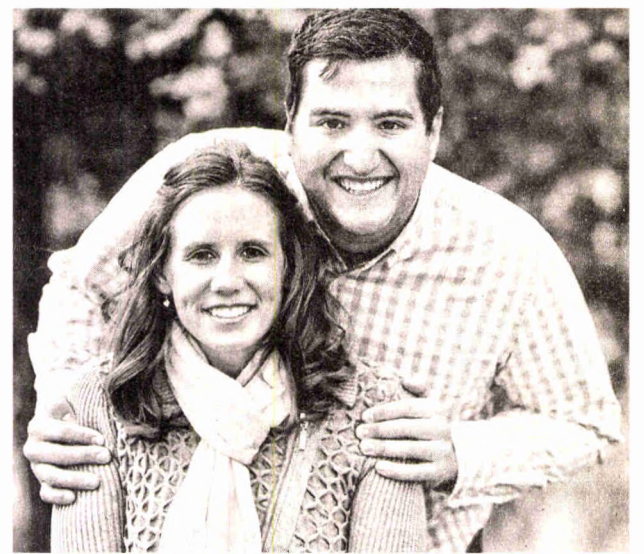


Mike Ruwe and Katie Rener



Megan Rener and Stefan Tenev

ENGAGEMENT



Colleen Megan Alyssa O'Beirne and Nathan Paul Monfette

O'BEIRNE-MONFETTE

Dennis and JoAnn O'Beirne of Canton are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Megan Alyssa, to Nathan Paul Monfette, son of Donna and Richard Monfette of Fraser.

Colleen is a graduate of Salem High School and Madonna University. She graduated in 2014 with a bachelor's of art degree in communication. She works as a tissue donation coordinator at Gift of Life in Ann Arbor.

Nathan is a graduate of Fraser High School and Lawrence Technological University. He graduated in 2013 with a bachelor's of science degree in electrical engineering. He works as an electrical engineer at Grand Haven Stamped Products in Madison Heights.

Nathan proposed to Colleen at Sandhill Crane Vineyard in Jackson. A September 2015 wedding is planned at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

Thomas and Patricia Rener of Plymouth are pleased to announce their daughters' engagements.

Katie is engaged to Michael T. Ruwe, son of Mark and Laura Ruwe of Ann Arbor. Katie is a 2009 graduate of Plymouth High School and received a bachelor of arts degree in education

from Madonna University. She teaches eighth-grade language arts at Fortis Academy in Ypsilanti. Mike is a 2008 graduate of Huron High School and received an associate degree in business from Washtenaw Community College. He is employed with UPS.

A summer 2016 wedding is planned.

Megan is engaged to Stefan A. Tenev, son of Ken and Jeny Feldman of Canton. Megan is a 2010 graduate of Plymouth High School and received a bachelor of business administration degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is currently employed with DTE Energy. Stefan is a 2007

graduate of Pine-Richland High School in Pennsylvania. He received a bachelor of arts degree in advertising from Michigan State University. Stefan is currently employed at MRM/McCann in Birmingham.

A spring 2015 wedding is planned.

RELIGION CALENDAR

MARCH BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 15

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

CAREER NIGHT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. March 19

Location: Concordia University, 4090 Geddes, Ann Arbor and 22720 Michigan Ave., Dearborn

Details: Prospective students will have the opportunity to talk with admission counselors to learn more about admission requirements, financial aid, program and degree options. They also can tour the campuses

Contact: cuaa.edu/career; 734-995-7300

CHURCH MISSION

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. March 22-25

Location: St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, located at West Chicago Road and Inkster Road, Redford

Details: Sponsored by the clustered parishes of St. Robert Bellarmine and St. John Bosco, topics include "Jesus, How Do We Come to Know You?" March 22; "Come, Follow Me," March 23; "Reconcile and Forgive," March 24; "Become A People of Purpose," March 25. Reconciliation will be offered March 24

Contact: 313-937-1500

CONCERT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. March 15

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: "Footprints in the Sand," with words by Joseph Martin and music by Joseph

Martin and David Angerman, will be presented by the choirs of Newburg United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church of Garden City, directed by Richard Lenz with Bev Ratcliffe accompanying

Contact: 734 422-0149

CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. March 19-21

Location: Trinity in the Woods, 26880 La Muera, Farmington Hills

Details: "A Call to Peace," with reception to follow. Tickets, \$10

Contact: trinityinthewoods.org

DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS

Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15

Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church, 21915 Beech Street, Dearborn

Details: Requiem for the Living, by Dan Forrest focuses on grace and redemption. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$10 for seniors and students, 12 and over. Children under 12 are admitted free. Buy tickets online at detroitlutheransingers.com or at the door

Upcoming concerts: 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 N. Venoy, Westland, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at Cana Lutheran Church, 2119 Catalpa, Berkley

Contact: detroitlutheransingers.com

JEWS FOR JESUS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Alexander Adelson will present "Christ in the Passover"

Contact: 734-459-3333; office@connectingwithGod.org

LENTEN SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, through March 25

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne

Contact: 734-728-3315

LENTEN SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, through March 25

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Theme is "I Tell You The Truth." Free treats after the service

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

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 15

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool/Daycare and Summer Camp, 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: All-day preschool offered for 2015-16; programming available for ages 2 1/2-12

Contact: 248-474-2488; mkroedel@hotmail.com

VESPERS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, March 15

Location: St. Thomas Orthodox Church, 29159 W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The third of five Vespers services sponsored by The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit. Services conducted by members of the Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit. The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit will sing responses during the service.

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

APRIL RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 17

Location: Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Rent a table or space and sell your own stuff; tables are \$20. Proceeds to Older, Wiser and Loving Senior Group

Contact: 734-453-5464, Ext. 22

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 Shulenberg 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

FAITH COMMUNITY WESLEYAN

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

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

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

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

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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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, 14 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 transliteration 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: Addition 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

Study tests music as a calming technique during surgery

Wearing headphones to drown out the drill and relax to music in the dentist chair is used in some dental practices. And now the calming technique is finding its way into the hospital operating room.

A Beaumont Health System anesthesiologist, Kathy Schlecht, D.O., became interested in the medical uses of music after a medical student suggested it can help students concentrate while studying. Schlecht wondered if music also might help patients re-

main calm and reduce their pain while in the operating room. Many medications typically used to help calm anxiety come with a series of side effects that might affect a patient's recovery.

She obtained a \$10,000 grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation to collect data and study the concept. Patients participating in the study get randomly assigned to one of three groups. One group selects their favorite music. Another group listens to music

pre-identified as calming or relaxing. The final group does not listen to any music.

"Music can elevate people's moods, alleviate anxiety by serving as a distraction, increase their tolerance for pain, and decrease the amount of medications needed, thus decreasing the amount of side effects experienced by patients," Schlecht said.

Surgeons and most patients have been supportive and excited about the study.

"The preliminary results

have demonstrated that music is more beneficial than no music. Patients who listen to music of their choice have required the least amount of medications thus far, while the patients who listened to our 'research' music designed to be calming have experienced the least amount of anxiety. However, the sample size is still too small to be statistically significant," she said.

To measure whether music has an effect on the patient during and after surgery,

Schlecht is examining the amount of supplemental sedation medications administered, the amount time spent in recovery, and how patients rate or describe their anxiety and pain.

The study is ongoing. So far, Schlecht has analyzed approximately 20 patients, but aims to include 75 patients in this phase of her research.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Acupuncture

St. Mary Mercy Livonia's Center for Integrative Medicine will host a wellness seminar on chronic pain management with acupuncture, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 21, in the Wellness Center, located off the hospital's South Lobby, Levan and Five Mile, Livonia. Harsha Jayatilake, M.D., Center medical director, will explain how acupuncture works and its use to help alleviate stress, headaches, chronic lower back pain, neck and shoulder pain, irritable bowel syndrome and other conditions. Free, but registration is required. Call 734-655-1320.

Blood drive

Garden City Hospital will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, in Classrooms 1-4 in the Allen Breakie Medical Office Building, located on the hospital campus, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Call 734-458-4259 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

Celiac support

Kelly Dorfman, an expert on using nutrition therapeutically to improve brain function, energy and mood, will speak at the next meeting of the Tri County Celiac Support Group, 7 p.m. Monday, March 30, at the First Presbyterian

Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Her topic will be "Beyond Celiac: When Removing Gluten Is Not Enough." tccsg.net

Colorectal cancer awareness

Tadd Hiatt, M.D., a gastroenterologist from the University of Michigan Health Center, will present a program for Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, in rooms B and C, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. The program is free. For more information call 734-466-2490.

Dementia

Oakwood Healthcare will sponsor a free program about managing symptoms, treatment and physical therapy of dementia from 6-8 p.m. April 25 at Oakwood Hospital - Wayne, 33155 Annapolis St., Wayne. Two Oakwood physicians will lead the free program. Valet parking will be available at no charge at the West Entrance and a complimentary light dinner will be served. The session is expected to fill fast. Early registration is recommended. Call 800-543-9355 or visit Oakwood.org.

Diabetes management

» Link Up with Diabetes, a Garden City Hospital support

group with a focus on living a healthy lifestyle, will focus on Internet health literacy, 2 p.m. April 1, at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren Road, Westland. For more information, call the hospital at 734-458-4330.

Healthy veins

Marshall Medley, D.O. will talk about the symptoms, complications and treatment of venous disease and wound care, 1-2 p.m. Saturday, March 28, in the east court at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren Road, Westland. Call 734-458-4330.

Hearing loss

The Hearing Loss Association of America will focus on the topic, "What is aural rehabilitation and how will it help with my hearing loss?" 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information, contact Tony at 734-664-3297, aferrack@comcast.net.

Medical bill terminology

Botsford Hospital offers a free seminar, "Understand Your Medical Bills: Know the Terminology To Read Your Statements," 9-11 a.m. March 21, April 18 and May 16, in Classroom A/B in the hospital's Zieger Building, 28050 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills. The presentation will

answer common questions about medical bills. For more information, call Alonda Malvo-Beard at 248-888-6448.

Nutrition class

» Cooking Matters for Diabetes, presented by Oakwood Healthcare, provides specialized recipes and information for adults living with diabetes and their caregivers. The six-week course, which begins 2-4 p.m. April 13, at Maplewood Manor Apartments, 15270 Plaza South Drive, Taylor, is free and includes all groceries and cookbooks. To register, visit Oakwood.org under the Classes & Events tab or call 800-543-9355.

Prostate support group

US Too Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet 7-8:30 p.m., the fourth Wednesday of the month, beginning March 25, in the conference room at Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. The interactive format helps facilitate conversations to exchange information about common treatments, side effects and questions. For more information, call 313-585-1641.

Walk with a Doc

Patricia Schmidt, D.O., will lead a walk and talk about prevention and treatment of osteoporosis, noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at Heri-

tage Park, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Register by calling 877-477-3621, option #1.

Weight loss surgery

Edward Mavashev, M.D., Oakwood bariatric program surgeon, will talk about weight loss surgery, 5-7 p.m. March 18 at Oakwood Hospital-Wayne, 33155 Annapolis, Wayne. To register for the free program, visit Oakwood.org under the Classes & Events tab or call 800-543-9355.

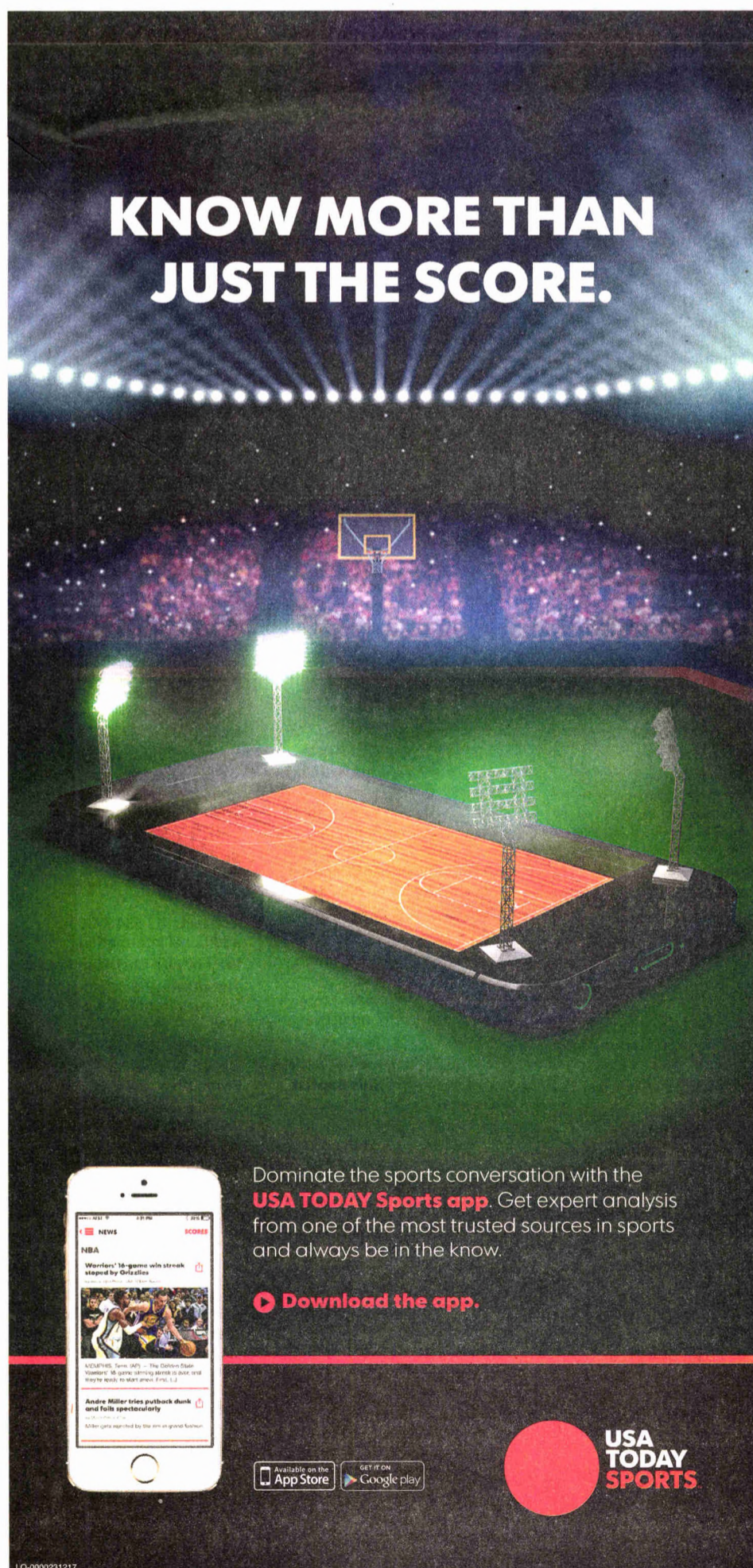
Women's health

Paul Makela, M.D., medical director of Gynecological Robotic Surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will talk about bladder dysfunction and overactive bladder, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at Cantoro Italian Market II, 15550 Haggerty, Livonia. To register, call 734-655-1980. Registration is required.

Ongoing

Aquatic classes

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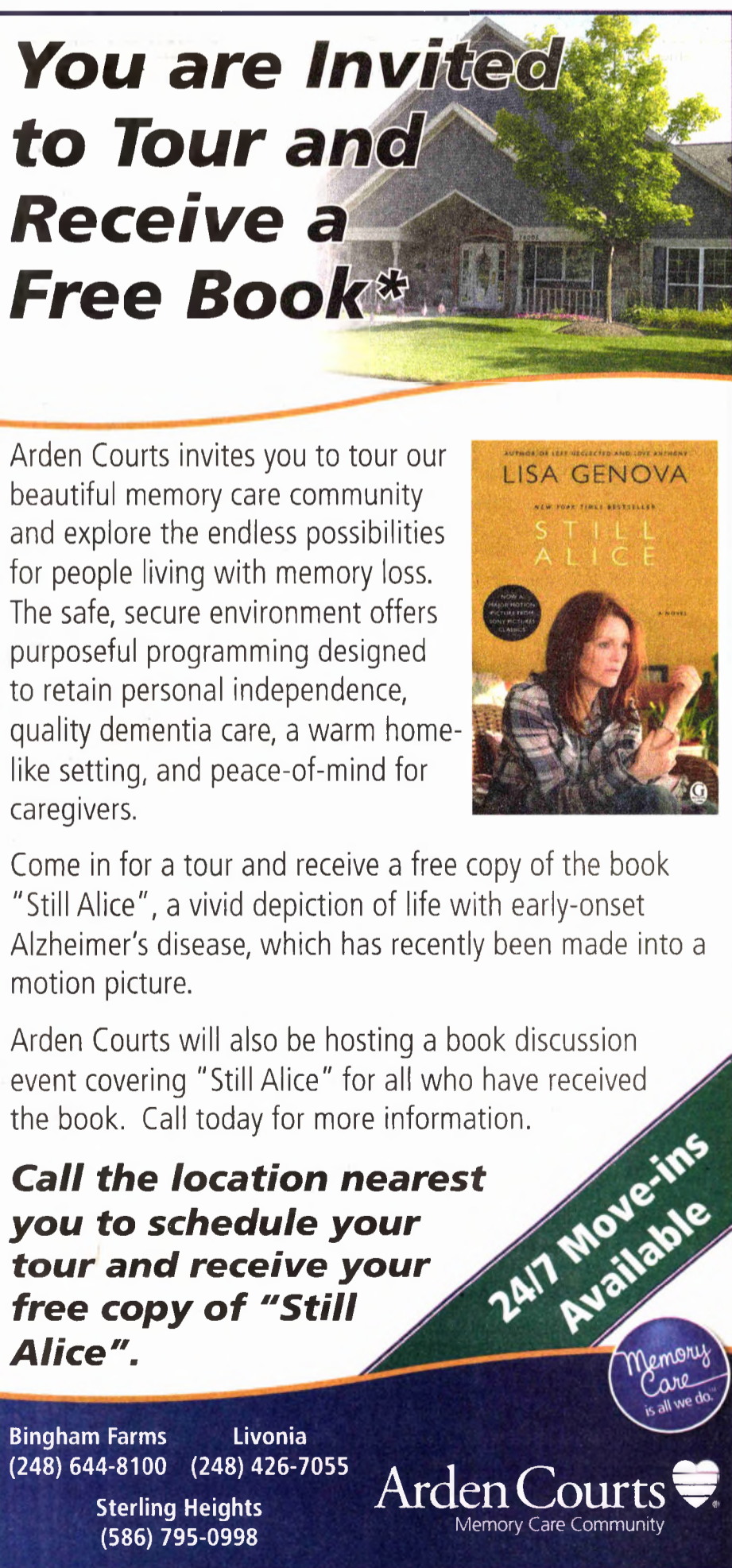
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When driving down the freeway, you'll often pass trucks hauling various types of cargo. You may wonder what it takes to keep such high-powered machines running so they're able to deliver their cargo on time and intact, no matter the distance. While it's the driver who gets the truck from point A to point B, it's the job of diesel service technicians and mechanics to make sure the ride goes off without a hitch. If the idea of working behind the scenes to help power diesel machines sounds interesting to you, read on to learn more about a career in diesel mechanics and technology.

Working as a diesel service mechanic and technician

If a vehicle has a diesel engine, diesel service mechanics and technicians are called upon to keep it in tip top shape. These workers are responsible for inspecting, repairing or overhauling bus-

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- Using technology

Today, diesel mechanics and technicians need to use more than their hands to fix these powerful machines. Their jobs are becoming increasingly complex as engines and other components are being powered and controlled by electronic systems. For example, fuel injection and engine timing systems use microprocessors to maximize fuel efficiency and minimize harmful emissions. Workers often use computers to diagnose problems and adjust engine functions. Those interested in entering this field

will need to learn not only how to use hand and high-powered tools, but also computer systems that are essential to engine operation.

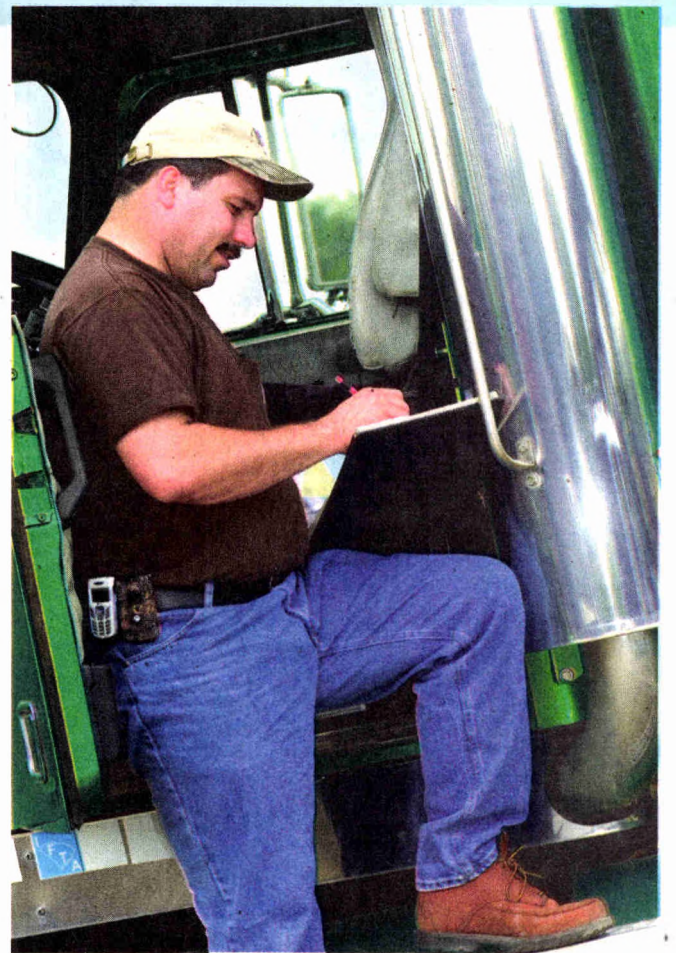
Entering the field

While many diesel mechanics and technicians learn their trade on the job, many employers require at least a high-school diploma or equivalent. In fact, according to Economic Modeling Specialists Intl., 49 percent of workers in this field have attained a high-school or similar level of education. Increasingly, employers are attracted to workers who also have postsecondary training in an area such as diesel engine repair.

Workers may also earn a certification from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence. Although obtaining a certification isn't required to work in this field, it increases a diesel mechanic's value to employers and clients. To earn certification, mechanics must have at least two years of work experience and pass one or more ASE exams. To remain certified, they must take and pass the test again every five years.

Diesel mechanics and technicians – by the numbers

Employment growth: The occupation is projected to grow steadily over the



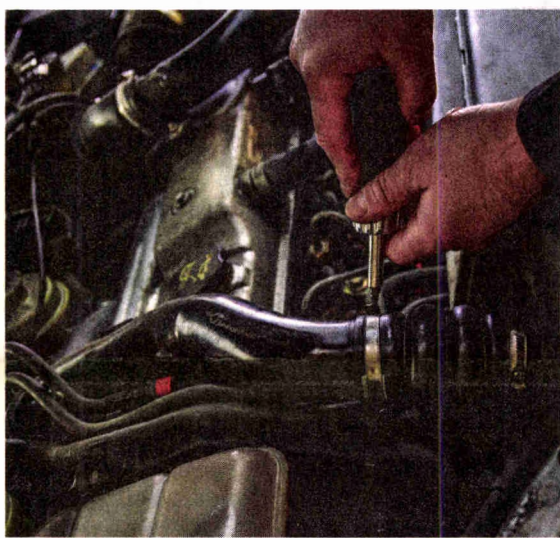
next couple of years. According to EMSI, 239,666 workers are employed as bus and truck mechanics and diesel engine specialists today. By 2016, the occupation will grow by 2.1 percent, to 244,664.

Earnings: EMSI notes that bus and truck mechanics and diesel engine specialists earn a median hourly wage of \$20.35 an hour.

Educational programs: In 2012, 9,294 people graduated with a degree in a program related to this occupation, according to EMSI. Eight thousand, six hundred and thirty four graduated from a Diesel Mechanics Technology/Technician program, while 660 graduates took part in a Medium/Heavy Vehicle and Truck Technology/Technician program.

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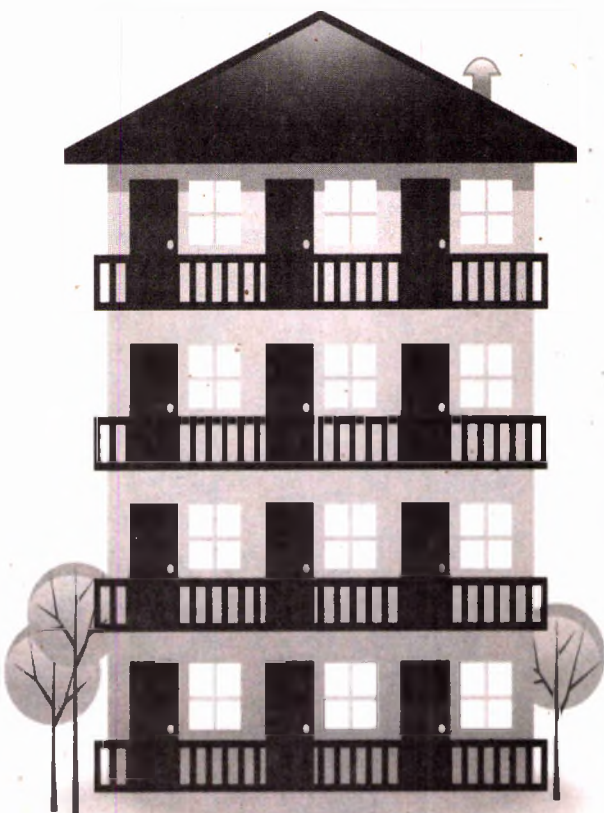
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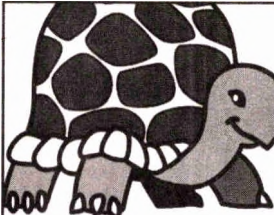
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2015 Lincoln MKZ is 'attracting next generation of luxury car buyers'

By Greg Mullin
Staff Writer

The 2015 Lincoln MKZ continues to represent the road ahead for the Lincoln Motor Co., said Steve Hunsinger, sales manager at Jack Demmer Lincoln in Dearborn.

"With its design, performance and technology, the MKZ is attracting the next generation of luxury car buyers," he said.

Those customers enjoy a wide range of standard features, plus three power train options:

- » The standard 2.0L EcoBoost I-4.
- » The available 3.7L Ti-VCT V6 engine.
- » The Lincoln MKZ Hybrid, which offers the third-generation 2.0L Atkinson-cycle I-4 gas engine.

The 2015 Lincoln MKZ competes head-to-head in the luxury mid-size sedan market with brands like the Acura TL, Cadillac CTS, Infiniti Q50 and Lexus ES 350, while the Lincoln MKZ Hybrid contends with vehicles like the Infiniti Q50 Hybrid and Lexus ES 300h.

"There are many standard features on the MKZ that aren't offered on many of the competitive models," Hunsinger said.

"One of the most intriguing features of the MKZ is the push-button transmission, which is on the dashboard, alleviating the center console shift and offering a more open feel to the cabin of the vehicle," Hunsinger said.

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features include:

- » Adaptive LED auto headlights.
- » Auto high beams.
- » Body-color exterior door handles with chrome insert.
- » Configurable daytime running lamps (available with select and reserve equipment groups).
- » LED tail lamps and light-pipe driving lamps.
- » Split-wing grille with chrome surround.
- » Pedestal-mounted heated side-view mirrors

with integrated turn signals, blind spot mirrors and security approach lamps.

- » Power up/down deck lid (available).
- » Rectangular dual exhaust with bright tips.
- » Retractable panoramic roof.

Interior design features include:

- » 10.1-inch LCD instrument cluster.
- » Ambient lighting — customers can choose from seven different colors (select equipment

group).

» Flow-through front console with storage bin, trinket tray and two cup holders.

» Genuine wood appliques.

» Illuminated scuff plates.

» Premium leather seating surfaces (select and reserve equipment groups).

"The luxury and elegant attributes of the MKZ have not gone unnoticed by today's luxury car buyers," Hunsinger

said. "The MKZ has done very well with current Lincoln owners, but Lincoln is looking at the big picture of attracting the competitive buyers and converting them to Lincoln owners."

In fact, Lincoln predicts that 45 percent of sales will be to past or current Lincoln owners, while 55 percent of sales will come from "conquest" customers, Hunsinger said.

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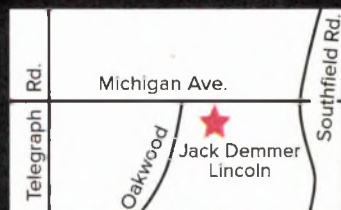
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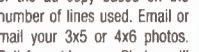
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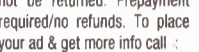
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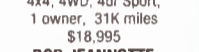
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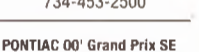
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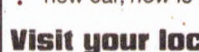
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