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Valenti gets city commission nod

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Joseph Valenti was named Monday to a vacancy on the Plymouth City Commission.

Valenti, a 32-year resident and five-year Downtown Development Authority board member, won unanimous support from the six commission members with whom he is now serving. He was sworn in im-

mediately at Monday's regular meeting.

Valenti will fill the remainder of the term left by Diane Bogenrieder, a four-year commission member who resigned Nov. 2 because of plans to move out of Plymouth. The term expires in November



Valenti

2017.

The appointment came two weeks after the regular city election brought another newcomer, Suzi Deal, to the commission. Three incumbents, Colleen Pobur, Mike Wright and Dan Dalton, each won a term in the Nov. 3 election.

Three residents at the meeting told commissioners the vacancy should go to the fifth-place finisher in the election,

based on the wishes of voters.

Jack Wilson placed fifth, winning 366 votes, 236 behind Dalton, the fourth-place vote-getter. Valenti was not a candidate.

"I think the people of the city deserve to be heard," Karen Sisolak said. "Three hundred and sixty-six people did vote for somebody else."

Wilson was present, but did not address the commission.

Mayoral appointment

Others supported Valenti's nomination, which was made by Mayor Dan Dwyer. The city charter says that a vacancy such as the one created by Bogenrieder's resignation will be filled by appointment of the mayor and that the commission "shall confirm and ap-

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Ceremony kicks off holiday season

Salvation Army starts annual Red Kettle drive

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A festive atmosphere combined with a charitable spirit Friday evening as people gathered in downtown Plymouth to launch the holiday season as well as help some of the community's struggling families.

Friday's official lighting of the trees along the Main Street boulevard in downtown Plymouth, featuring free refreshments and music from a brass band, was also the launch of the local Red Kettle campaign, the best-known part of annual fundraising efforts by the Plymouth Corps of the Salvation Army.

"The Red Kettle kickoff is one of our favorite events, because it gets us out in the community and we can interact," said Sandy Kollinger, the Plymouth Corps' volunteer and special events coordinator. "Nowadays, that's difficult to do."

Salvation Army volunteer bell-ringers brought in more than \$280 for the Plymouth Corps during Friday's event at Kellogg Park, while the Corps also collected about 200 pounds of non-perishable food for its emergency food pantry, Kollinger said.

The Red Kettle campaign continues through Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24, at 25 locations in Plymouth, Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Northville townships and Belleville. The Red Kettle goal this year is \$225,000; the overall

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George Harvell of Plymouth dances to holiday music at Kellogg Park as a Salvation Army band plays Friday evening during the Main Street boulevard tree lighting.

TOM BEAUDOIN

Teen finishes chapter in Eagle Scout book drive

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Setting out to earn his Eagle Scout rank, Plymouth teen Colton Hunley faced a massive task of collecting 2,500 books to fight illiteracy.

Hunley, a Canton High School junior, nearly tripled his goal by amassing a team of volunteers to collect 7,400 books from Plymouth residents.

"I didn't know what to expect," he said. "I'm very pleased."

Hunley, 16, is ready to celebrate his Eagle Scout status Saturday during a Court of Honor ceremony at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, where Boy Scout Troop 1537 is based.

"He did an outstanding job," his father, Douglas Hunley of Canton, said. "I think he over-achieved it. He was probably so concerned about not meeting his goal that he just killed it."

Colton Hunley chose a book drive for his Eagle Scout goal because he is an avid reader of books such as the Harry Potter series and science fiction selections, delving into the Frankenstein character.

"I've always liked reading since I was a young age," he said.

His book drive demonstrated the leadership skills he needed to become an Eagle Scout. He organized a team of about 35 people, including fellow Scouts, who worked during the summer to help him succeed.

Branching out across Plymouth neighborhoods, team members distributed 1,000 plastic bags donated by Busch's Fresh Food Market, asking donors to place books in the bags and leave them on their porches.

The team returned one week later and collected about 5,000 books, an amount that was boosted when Hunley's Scout friends donated an additional 2,400 books.

In all, books weighing more than 6,000 pounds were packed into 80 shipping boxes donated by Home Depot and delivered in a 16-foot, donated Penske moving truck to a warehouse for Worldwide Book Drive, which distributes books to national literacy groups, schools, libraries and prisons.

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Retired general helps vets navigate benefits

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Canton resident Carol Ann Fausone is a woman on a mission — getting the word out to U.S. military veterans on their benefits.

"They jump to the top of my list of things to do," the retired U.S. Air Force brigadier general said of veterans who plead for help. "I don't know why we're not communicating better."

Fausone was in the Air Force from 1977 to 2011, including Reserves duty. She spoke Nov. 13 at Plymouth Rotary on "Taking Care of Our American Heroes."

Fausone noted the 240th anniversary of the U.S. Ma-

rine Corps, as well as the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War start and the 70th year of the end of World War II combat. She presented commemorative pins to six Vietnam-era service men at the Rotary meeting: William D'Emilio Jr., Arthur Butler, Ed Schulz, Win Schrader Jr., Kirk Kohn and Arthur Gulick.

In introducing Fausone, Plymouth Rotarian Dave Willett said, "She is dedicated, she is determined." Willett told of a veteran getting his Purple Heart at the Northville Fourth of July observance with Fausone's help and that many present were tearful.



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Police say fatal accident is grim reminder to use caution on roads

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A tanker truck driver's death, after he struck a Wayne County dump truck along Interstate 275 in Canton, serves as a tragic reminder to remain alert and cautious, especially

in work zones, a Michigan State Police spokesman said.

Lt. Michael Shaw also confirmed there will be no criminal charges against any Wayne County Road Commission workers after the fatal crash that happened about 2 p.m. Nov. 12 on

southbound I-275, just south of Michigan Avenue.

Shaw said the lessons from this and other incidents involving roadside crashes are simple.

"You've got to pay attention," he said. "It's your responsibility to move over and give

(roadside workers) a lane to operate in. If you can't, then at least slow down."

Police say John Mark Sakofske, a 37-year-old Holly man, was killed instantly after his semi-tanker truck struck a Wayne County Road Commission dump truck that had stopped in the

right lane with its arrow board activated.

Police say Sakofske already had passed one Wayne County truck, also with its arrow board activated, without moving from the right lane.

"There was no indication of braking," Shaw said.

Shaw said the county work crews will not face any criminal charges as the investigation winds down.

"It's pretty much all done," he said.

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Plymouth Community Forum: Electoral college vs. popular vote

If you have ever wondered if the U.S. should change how it elects its president, you're invited to a Plymouth Community Forum for a discussion on the presidency 7-8:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth. The discussion will include speaker Saul

Anuzis, former chairman of the Republican Party and managing partner of Coast to Coast Strategies, LLC. Also on tap will be political analyst Adam Raelzer, former public policy adviser to Oliver North. The speakers will discuss the electoral college vs. the national popular vote.

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fundraising goal for the holiday season is \$315,000 Kollinger said.

The figure represents about 85 percent of the Plymouth Corps' annual budget, she said.

Bell-ringers are still needed for the effort; friends or couples can sign up together, Kollinger said, and service groups and other clubs can volunteer to collect Red Kettle donations for blocks of time at specific locations. People interested in volunteering can sign up at www.ringbell.org or call the Plymouth Corps at 734-453-5464.



TOM BEAUDOIN

George Rozzi (from left), Addy Frazier and Charlotte Rozzi of Plymouth pull the ceremonial switch Friday evening to light up trees along the Main Street boulevard in downtown Plymouth.

A new feature this year allows people to

donate with their cellular phones by texting "SAL-

MICH13" to 71777. The amount of the donation will be charged to the donor's cellular phone bill.

Friday's event was supported by local business owners, who donated gift certificates that were handed out to park-goers who brought food items for the Plymouth Corps.

"They really step up and make it a great event," said Tony Brusca, the Downtown Development Authority director, who said several hundred people attended.

Some downtown stores also hosted post-tree-lighting open houses Friday, extending store hours to attract potential customers.

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prove such appointment at its next regularly scheduled meeting."

"For the last 15 years, this has been a good commission," said Phil Pursell, a former commissioner member and mayor. "I think we have to let this process play out with this commission."

Dwyer said he understood the rationale of those who advocated for the vacancy going to the fifth-place finisher. "I just respectfully disagree," he said.

He said that 72 percent of participating voters didn't vote for Wilson and that he's not going to tell that majority



Dwyer

Wilson

that, "I'm going to put him on anyway."

Total voter participation was 1,277, meaning Wilson's 366 votes gave him 28 percent support among those who cast ballots.

"Joe Valenti has served very well on the DDA board for years," Dwyer said. Valenti has a good record, disagrees with others on the board in a respectful way and has an extensive background in financial matters, the mayor said.

Dwyer, who is also on the DDA board, said he didn't necessarily want to appoint a commissioner who always agrees with him. He pointed out that he and Valenti had voted on opposite sides of two recent major issues before the DDA.

Dwyer also criticized what he called a "trash article" in Sunday's *Plymouth Observer* in which two media lawyers questioned whether the process that led to Valenti's nomination had violated Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

Dwyer had said last week that he had consulted commission colleagues, asking for suggestions about who should take Bogenrieder's place, following the

Nov. 3 election, and that 10 or 12 people were discussed. He also said Nov. 10 that Valenti would get the appointment.

The lawyers said the Open Meetings Act prohibits so-called "around the horn" discussions by members of public board and that deliberations should be done during public meetings.

Dwyer defended his conversations with other commissioners about filling the vacancy.

"I'm just one guy on the team. I've never approached the job as, 'I'm the mayor and I'm going to do what I want,'" he said.

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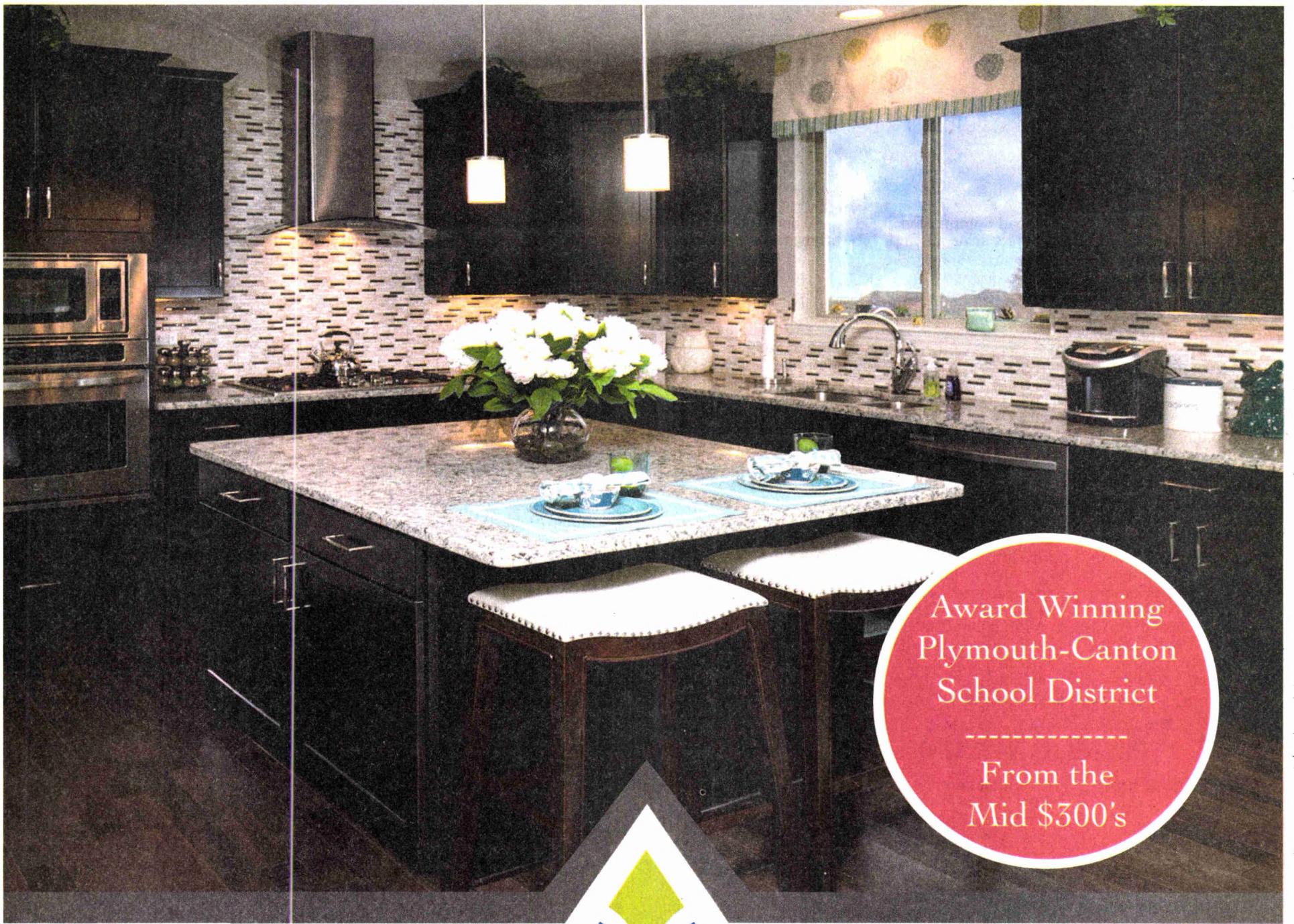
Praveena

Praveena Vellanki sensed something was wrong but she didn't say anything - it was too difficult to open up about such a private matter. She held in her fears and silently worried. In time, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and quickly began treatment at St. Mary Mercy Livonia. Four years later, after eight cycles of chemotherapy, surgery and radiation - a treatment plan spanning 16 months - Praveena is cancer-free. She is once again volunteering at her Temple and cooking for family and friends. She credits the care team who stood by her during her toughest days.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Man threatened at
gunpoint outside
motel

A 31-year-old man, possibly jealous over a woman he had dated, pointed a handgun at a man he found with her at the Days Inn in Canton, on Michigan Avenue.

No shots were fired and no injuries reported.

The suspect was arrested and facing possible criminal charges following an incident that occurred about 3:30 a.m. Saturday and spilled over to a nearby Shell gas station parking lot.

The suspect, a Warren resident, said he went to the Days Inn after he received a text from the 37-year-old Ypsilanti Township woman, saying she had gotten a ride to the motel because she was drunk. He told police

he feared she would be raped.

According to police reports, the woman had gotten a ride in her Dodge Durango from a 36-year-old Canton man after they met at a bar. He went inside the office to get a room, but was approached by the gun-toting suspect after he returned to the vehicle.

The victim said the suspect pointed a gun at him and ordered him out of the vehicle. He said he backed away and then walked to the nearby Shell station, but moments later the woman drove into the Shell parking lot in the Durango and the suspect arrived in a separate vehicle, a Ford Mustang. That's when police were called.

Alerted that the suspect in the Mustang had a gun, police drew their

weapons and ordered him out of the vehicle. Police found a 9mm handgun on the driver's side floorboard of his car, the report said.

The suspect and the woman both denied that the other man had been threatened with a gun. Police took the suspect into custody as possible charges were pending.

Motel prostitution

A prostitute and the man accused of paying her for sex now have a date in court after Canton police caught onto their activities at the Super 8 motel, near Lotz and Michigan Avenue.

The suspects gave different accounts to police. A 22-year-old Southfield man said he paid \$100 for oral sex, but the Detroit woman, 23, said she received \$40, a

police report said.

Their troubles unfolded as police were patrolling the Super 8 parking lot about 10:15 p.m. Sunday and stopped to question two men sitting in a car — one of them holding a condom in his hand. Then, a friend of theirs emerged from the motel and, under questioning, admitted to police that he paid \$100 for oral sex with a woman who had advertised on Backpage.com, a classified advertising website.

Police then questioned the woman in the room, who said she had sex with the man for \$40, although she initially said he was in the room because he had brought her some food from McDonald's. She also denied the Backpage ad and said she met him on Facebook.

Police searched the

woman's purse and found \$498, which they seized as forfeiture money. Police said four condom wrappers were found in a trash can. According to the report, the woman admitted she was on probation for writing bad checks.

Police issued citations to both the man and woman for prostitution. They are to appear in 35th District Court.

Illegal fireworks

Police went to Erikson Elementary School, on Haggerty south of Ford, after receiving reports of fireworks being set off shortly before 9:30 p.m. Nov. 11.

Police found a small group of people at the scene, including a 21-year-old Canton man who police say was bending over to light fireworks as

officers arrived.

Police issued citations for illegal possession of fireworks to those at the scene.

Hit-and-run driver

A 52-year-old Ohio woman told police her 2011 Kia was struck from behind by a driver who fled the scene on east-bound Michigan Avenue, near Sheldon.

The incident happened shortly before 4 p.m. Friday. The woman said she slowed her vehicle for traffic, but the vehicle behind her didn't stop before hitting her. She said she pulled into a gas station, but the other driver kept going.

The woman said she could only describe the other vehicle as small and black.

— By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Two arrested when
police find
suspected drugs

A 32-year-old woman and a 33-year-old man were arrested on drug possession charges early Saturday and, while warrants on those charges were denied, both face other charges.

Police say they found small amounts of suspected heroin and crack cocaine in the glove compartment of the pickup truck in which the two were riding on northbound Beck, near M-14. A Plymouth Township Police Department report says an officer stopped the male driver after seeing him fail to stop at a red light on the westbound M-14 off-ramp, then make an improper turn into the left lane of northbound Beck.

The driver told police his license had been sus-

pending and he was arrested. A search of the truck turned up the suspected heroin and crack cocaine. The woman, who had been in the passenger seat, was also arrested.

Both said they had been to a White Castle restaurant for hamburgers and both denied knowing about the suspected drugs, police say.

Later, the Wayne County prosecutor's office denied a warrant request on drug charges, police said, but approved a charge against the man for driving with a suspended license. The woman was held on an outstanding warrant.

Leaving scene

A 65-year-old Livonia woman was ticketed for leaving the scene of a property damage accident after a three-vehicle crash Friday afternoon on Ann Arbor Road at

Haggerty. No injuries were reported.

The woman, who was tracked down through a license plate number provided by a witness, initially denied having been in an accident, then told the officer who had come to her home that she had tapped another vehicle, but didn't consider it an accident.

The officer found what was described as fresh paint damage on the front bumper of the woman's Saturn Aura.

The accident occurred around 3:30 p.m. A 61-year-old man told police he was stopped for a red light when a vehicle crashed into the back of his Chevrolet Cruze, forcing it into the vehicle stopped in front of him. The driver behind him then drove off, he said.

— By Matt Jachman

State program helps fifth-grade
students prepare for emergencies

The Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division is offering elementary schools across the state an opportunity to enroll their fifth-graders in the Student Tools for Emergency Planning program. Known as STEP, this classroom curriculum enables teachers to prepare students for various emergencies, including tornadoes, flooding and storms.

"Fifth-graders who participate in the STEP program will learn important and potentially life-saving knowledge about emergency preparedness," said Capt. Chris A. Kelenske, deputy state director of Emergency Manage-

ment and Homeland Security and commander of the MSP/EMHSD. "Students then take that knowledge home and share it with family and friends, making their communities better prepared for an emergency or disaster."

The STEP program provides teachers with emergency preparedness materials at no cost to the school, including instructor guides, copies of student handouts and starter emergency supply kits for each student. The basic lesson includes one hour of instruction, but teachers have the option of expanding the lessons to include eight hours of material.

STEP curriculum can be taught by teachers,

school officials, first responders or volunteers. Interested schools should fill out the Application and Acceptance form at www.michigan.gov/step and submit it via mail, email or fax by Nov. 20.

Last year, teachers from 103 schools statewide signed-up to participate in the STEP program and taught the curriculum to more than 6,400 students. This year, Michigan's emergency management professionals hope to educate at least 8,000 fifth-graders statewide.

STEP is sponsored by the MSP/EMHSD and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. It is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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'Pucks for Pasadena' to feature Red Wings alums

Former Detroit Red Wings players Darren McCarty, Jimmy Carson, Petr Klima and John Ogradnick will join other Wings alumni Tuesday in a fundraising hockey game to help send the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band to the Tournament of Roses parade in January.

The game at USA Hockey Arena will pit retired Wings stars against the home team, the USA Hockey under-17 development squad. Game time is 7 p.m.; tickets for the "Pucks for Pasadena" event are \$10 each.

The game is being organized by officials in Plymouth Township, Canton Township and Plymouth, USA Hockey and the Plymouth-Canton

Music Boosters. The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band is one of a dozen high school bands, out of thousands from across the country that applied, to be chosen for the Tournament of Roses Parade that will accompany college football's Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., on Friday, Jan. 1.

"This is a tremendous, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity ... however, the cost to travel to California is monumental," Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price said in a press release. "That is why Plymouth Township teamed up with the city of Plymouth, Canton Township and USA Hockey to help raise the money that is needed for kids to go to Pasadena."

The marching band, with approximately 175 members, has been competing for more than 40 years. The band is a 24-time Michigan Competing Band Association champion, including this year; a 19-time Bands of America Grand National finalist; and a three-time BOA Grand National champion.

Chris Zygmunt, president of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters, said the band's hard work and dedication are paying off. The band practices more than 60 hours a week during the summer and 20 hours a week during the school year.

The band's appearance in Pasadena will be only the seventh time a Michigan high school band has appeared in the



The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, which finished first in Flight I during the Michigan Competing Band Association state finals earlier this month, is trying to get to Pasadena for the Friday, Jan. 1, Tournament of Roses parade

parade; the Plymouth-Canton band made the trip in 1973. The parade is seen by more than 700,000 spectators and broadcast worldwide on television.

The cost for the band and its props and equipment is estimated at

\$500,000; the cost of shipping the equipment alone is estimated at \$25,000. Several fundraisers have already been held and tens of thousands of dollars raised.

Tickets for Pucks for Pasadena can be purchased online at

www.usahockeyarena.com or www.PCMB.net. Tickets can also be purchased at the box office at USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck, north of M-14 and south of Five Mile.

— By Matt Jachman

Madonna University to host auditions for The Met

Madonna University's Kresge Hall will be filled with both high notes and high hopes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, when district auditions for the New York City Metropolitan Opera take place.

For the first time, Madonna's music department will host the NYC Metropolitan Opera National Council district auditions. The auditions are free and open to the public and drop-ins are invited. Donations to support the Madonna music program will be accepted.

Barb Wiltsie, associate professor of voice at Madonna, is also co-



Madonna University's Kresge Hall will be the site Saturday, Nov. 21, for district auditions for the New York City Metropolitan Opera.

chair of the Michigan Committee of the Metropolitan Opera National Council auditions. She said she suggested the Madonna location partly because of the lecture hall's Steinway piano. Madonna music stu-

dents will help with hosting duties and logistics of the day.

Judges will choose three out of approximately 35 singers to proceed on to the regional competition in January, to be held at

the Detroit Opera House. Each singer has to prepare five arias from varying operas and languages and then perform two of those selected by the judges.

"Come by to hear some fantastic singing," Wiltsie said.

Judges for the event are Susan Shiplett Ashbaker, general director of the Tri-Cities Opera (New York State); James Harp, artistic director of Lyric Opera Baltimore; and Craig Terry, music director of the Ryan Opera Center of the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

For more information, go to www.metopera.org/nationalcouncil.

KidSight: Plymouth Lions Club ensures kids' vision checked

Charlie Cone
Correspondent

If you could save a child's sight with the press of a button, wouldn't you? That's the idea behind Lions KidSight USA, a new national initiative announced by Lions Clubs in the United States. This service was launched to help ensure that children between the ages of six months and 6 years receive vision screening and professional follow-up care when

needed. Lions KidSight USA wants to reach kids early, because some vision problems can become permanent by age 7. But vision issues can be easily detected with handheld screening devices that even generate the results on-site.

Lions Clubs in the U.S. currently screen more than 500,000 kids per year through state and local programs often known as KidSight.

The Plymouth Lions Club is participating in the KidSight program and has purchased the specialized vision screening device as part of its commitment to community service. The club's trained technicians are available upon request and have traveled to other Detroit-area communities as well. Saving children's sight is too important not to answer the call if it is within a reasonable distance. The equipment is expensive, so there are limited cameras available. There is no charge for this service.

The Plymouth Lions Club KidSight team has screened children from the age of six months and up at locations such as the Plymouth library, Tutor Time, Cambridge High School in Garden City, a health fair in Highland Park, the Canton Corn Roast and Livonia Webster Elementary School.

The club is scheduled for screening sessions Jan. 19-22, 2016, at the Plymouth District Library.

About 5 percent of children ages 1-5 experience reduced vision resulting from a serious disorder like lazy eye. If treated while the visual system is still maturing, many eye disorders can be corrected with non-surgical intervention and, usually, normal vision can be restored. Many ophthalmologists recommend screening of young children once a year.

Through Project KidSight, potential vision problems can be quickly and accurately identified without causing stress to the child. In less than one second, the portable high-tech vision screeners measure and compare the refractive power of the child's eyes, pupil size and corneal alignment to age-based referral criteria.

While our vision screenings have identified serious conditions that have been corrected by vision professionals, the screenings are not substitutes for eye examinations by professionals. It is gratifying when appreciative parents tell us that, indeed, the condition identified was verified by an eye care professional and a correction was made - glasses or other treatment.

Charlie Cone is chairman of the Plymouth Lions Club's KidSight project.

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Parents share the love for their adopted children

Sarah Lafer Williams
Guest Columnist

November is Adoption Awareness Month. As parents of three, soon to be four, adopted children, we love to share our story with others and hopefully encourage others to consider adopting, as well.

We knew early in our marriage that we would adopt. We were blessed with two healthy, biological daughters and knew there was a great need for families to adopt children. I was in nursing school when we found our daughter, Landie, on a website for "hard to place children." We weren't looking to adopt then and the timing was not ideal, me being in the middle of nursing school.

Landie was in Haiti and adoptions there can be lengthy, so we started the process then and brought her home five months after I graduated from college. We keep in contact with Landie's birth family through letters and pictures. Our next adoption came four years later, with the surprise arrival of Isaiah three weeks before his



All of the Williams kids shopping.

due date and just a few days after submitting our profile for him. Isaiah was adopted domestically and has a closed adoption.

In October 2013, our son Ashton was placed with us. Ashton has Down syndrome and was born with a congenital heart defect. His birth mother made the difficult decision to place him for adoption. We have an open adoption with her and communicate reg-

ularly through email and see her every year.

In December, our family will be growing once more when John travels to China to bring our daughter home. We hosted Xiao Ya for a month last December, thinking we would just advocate for her to be adopted. "Yaya," as she is called, is 9 years old and, like our Ashton, has Down syndrome. Yaya fit in very well with our family and we can't wait



The Williams family minus the oldest, who is at the University of Michigan.

for her to come back.

There is a statistic I often see that says there are 142 million orphans in the world. Many more families are needed to foster and adopt children to help solve this crisis. We have adopted both domestically and internationally. There is no "right" place to adopt

from; we go where our children are found.

In many foreign countries, children with disabilities are placed in adult mental institutions by the age of 4 or 5. Many think that they can't afford adoption, but adopting from the foster care system does not cost anything in the state of Michigan. Domestic and international adoption can be costly, but there are many ways to raise money and employers often offer to reimburse for expenses. We are currently a single-income family; John stays home with the kids, while I work from home. We are far from wealthy, but the memories we make as a family far outweigh material things we could spoil them with.

I've been asked, "Were you worried that you wouldn't love your adopted children the same?" For me, the answer is "no." They are all my children, regardless of how they came into our family. Mama Bear comes out for each and every one of them when they face an injustice. I

cheer them on and hurt when they hurt. Ashton had open heart surgery just two months after being placed with us and I was a basket case during that time, just as I would have been if I had given birth to him.

This month, give some thought to adoption awareness. If you aren't in a position to adopt, support someone who is. Attend their garage sale, buy them a cup of coffee and let them vent about the how frustrating the process can be, encourage them or just let them know that you are there.

If you are considering adoption, reach out to adoptive friends to pick their brains. My husband John has an online blog in which he writes about his adventures as an at-home dad and about adoption. Feel free to visit him at <http://wiredhill.com/adopt/> and he or I would be happy to answer any questions you might have!

Sarah Lafer Williams, her husband John and their children live in Canton.

Canton police get teddy bears to comfort children

The Canton Police Department has received a donation of stuffed teddy bears, which will be used to comfort distraught children who may have witnessed or been a victim of a crime or tragedy.

The teddy bears were donated by the Knights of Columbus Council Nos. 8284 and 16169, both located in Canton.

"We appreciate the generous donation from both K of C Councils," Canton Community Relations Officer Patty Esselink said. "The teddy bears will be put to good use."



Holding teddy bears that will comfort children are (from left) David Lengel, grand knight of Knights of Columbus Council No. 8284; Mike Goodhart, deputy grand knight of K of C No. 8284; Officer Patty Esselink; Jim Pryce, grand knight of K of C Council No. 16169; and Craig Pryce, also of K of C No. 16169.

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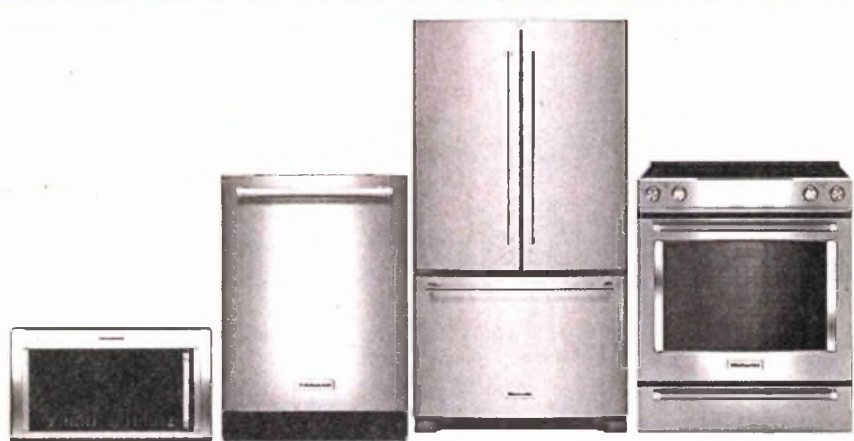
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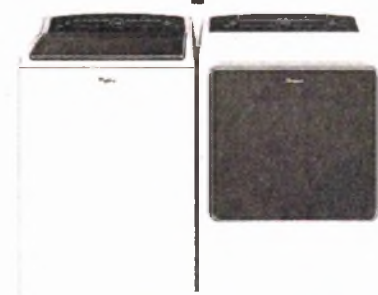
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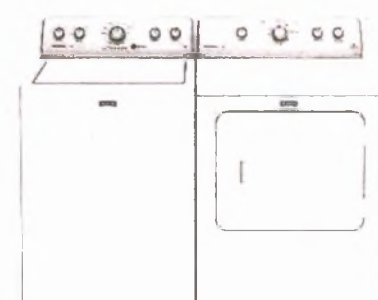
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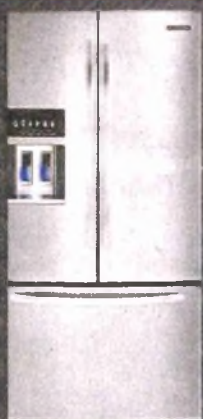
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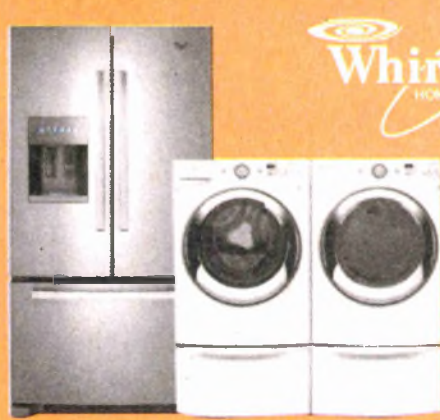
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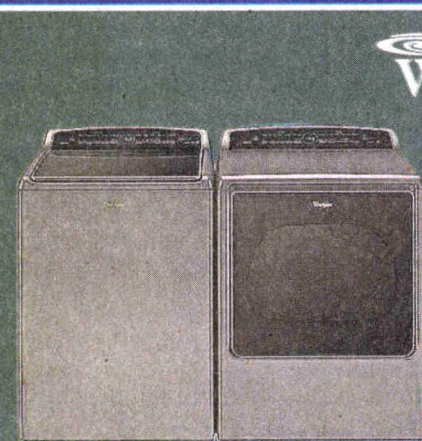
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Canton Hungry Howie's opens, donates to charity

Hungry Howie's Pizza's initial location has been a community staple in Canton for more than 25 years and now there's a second location, 1626 Haggerty Road, which opened Nov. 11.

The recent opening – attended by Canton Township officials and chamber of commerce members – was a perfect time to make a donation to The Tears Foundation. The charity helps parents with financial expenses for funeral expenses for babies who have died.

The new Canton location is part of a continued Michigan expansion.

"It has been my greatest pleasure to serve quality pizza to the people of Canton for over 25 years. I am rewarded each day as I watch customers leave the store satisfied with both the value of our pizza and the attentiveness of our phenomenal staff," said Al Newman, director of training at Hungry Howie's Pizza. "The original Canton location has achieved remarkable success and I look for-

ward to attaining that same level of accomplishment and more with our second location!"

"His extensive involvement within the Hungry Howie's establishment and knowledge of the community makes Newman a trusted and experienced leader at this new location," said Jennifer Jackson, vice president of development at Hungry Howie's Pizza. "Michigan is the birthplace of Hungry Howie's and we are always excited to add yet another store to the market!"



Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy (right) was among local officials who attended the ribbon-cutting for a second Hungry Howie's location.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Retail leased

NAI Farbman leased 13,800 square feet of retail to Party City Corp at the former La-Z-Boy-Canton, 40150 Ford Road. NAI Farbman's Ron Goldstone represented the landlord, Roberts Investments-Canton LLC.

A winner

DMS Moving Systems, Inc., of Canton has won the 2015 Milton M. Hill Quality Award from Atlas Van Lines.

The Milton M. Hill Quality Award recognizes companies that demonstrate industry superiority and uppermost quality of customer service.

DMS Moving Systems received the award at the 68th annual Atlas Convention, held Nov. 11-14 in Tucson, Ariz.

Citizen volunteers

Stacy Johnson and Abe Karaali of Canton were two of more than two dozen Citizens Bank

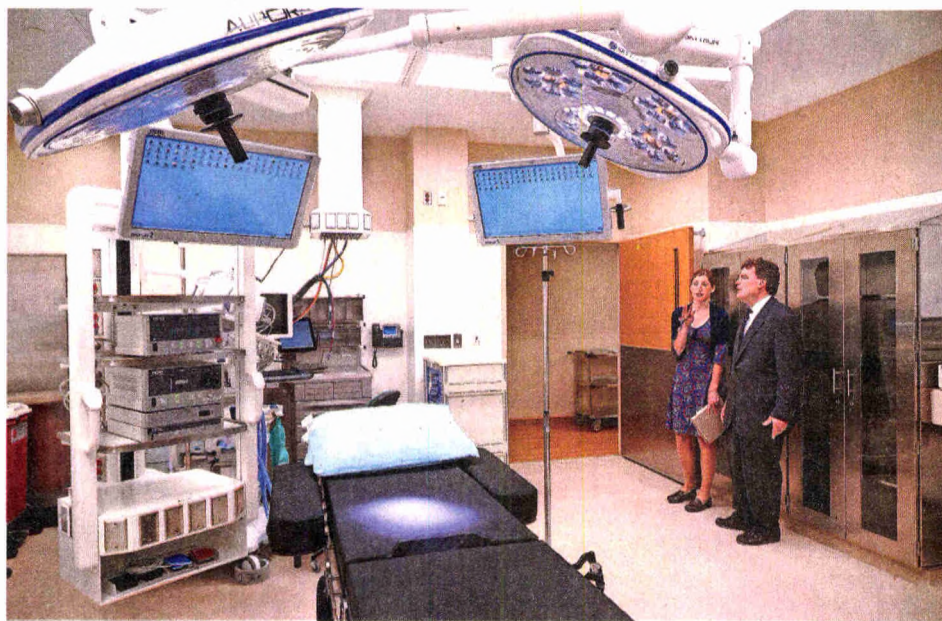


Here are some of the more than two dozen Citizens Bank volunteers – including Citizens Michigan President Rick Hampson – who recently weeded, pruned and harvested at the garden, which is run by The Greening of Detroit program. Pictured (from left) are Citizens Business Banking employees Amanda Anderson, Nisha Jayasundera, Stacy Johnson of Canton, Abe Karaali of Canton, Renee Katz and Anthony Asker.

employees who volunteered to help with harvesting, weeding and pruning at the Romanowski Urban Garden in Detroit.

The garden is managed by The Greening of Detroit, which is

dedicated to converting vacant land in the city into green space such as urban gardens. Johnson and Karaali work in business banking for Citizens in the Toledo and Dearborn area, respectively.



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Steven Paulus, an executive with Trinity Health, and Nicole O'Brien, a business manager with St. Mary Mercy, tour one of the surgical suites.

New St. Mary Mercy surgery center to open this week

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Patients requiring outpatient surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia may need to double-check where they're going to check in.

The hospital has opened its new outpatient surgery center in the Mendelson Professional Building, with procedures already on the calendar.

The surgery center, located on the second floor of the building at 36622 Five Mile, has three operating room suites, two procedure rooms and 19 private patient recovery rooms. The \$6.9 million center will utilize state-of-the-art equipment, as well as wireless technology for both patients and their visitors at the center.

It was a move that was badly needed, said Fiona Jubenville, the hospital's director of surgical services.

"We are at capacity in the main operating room," she said. "We had to do this for our patients."

After some delays, procedures were set to begin this week in the

new facility.

The surgery center is something that could not have come together without several people playing roles, hospital CEO David Spivey said at a ribbon-cutting and blessing that took place Oct. 23.

"This is the culmination of something we've been planning for a number of years," he said. "It was like a godsend to be able to put this together."

Third component to open

The surgery center, the third component of the building that's opened, comes after the building was built over the last few years. The site had remained vacant for many years before the hospital and the private practice decided to transform the corner into a medical facility.

"This was an empty, vacant Frank's Nursery and Crafts for a long time," said Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. "I know for the city leadership team, it was troubling to try and figure out what to do with the site."

The surgery center is the latest addition to the

facility to open. The Mendelson Kornblum Orthopedic and Spine Specialists practice, which had its offices in the hospital across the street, opened its new facility in August, while Lakes Urgent Care also recently opened.

The Michigan Bariatric Institute is the next entity to move into the building.

Mayor Jack Kirksey said it's been unbelievable to see how much the hospital has gone from a community hospital to the medical center it has become today.

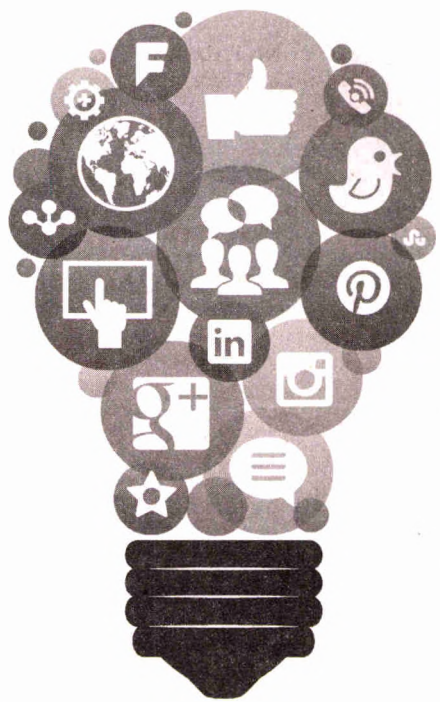
"I just can't believe all of the progress that has been made, how well it has been done, how well it has been planned," he said. "They are really, really a very viable part of this community."

West praised the hospital and the Mendelson practice for their hard work in making the building a reality and improving the lot.

"They did a wonderful job turning an eyesore into a beautiful new community resource," he said.

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Detroit Dog Rescue drop-off site

Kenny's Lakes Area Auto Experts has been named the newest donation drop-off location for Detroit Dog Rescue. Located at 490 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake, Lakes Area Auto Experts is a family-friendly repair shop that services all makes and models of vehicles.

Items that will be accepted at the shop include canned Pedigree Chicken & Rice puppy and adult food, Pill Pockets dog treats, collars and Kong toys of various sizes, paper towel and other cleaning supplies and new or like-new blankets. For the full wish list, go to detroitdogrescue.com/detroit-dog-rescue-donation-wish-list; to donate money, contact the organization directly.

Detroit Dog Rescue, which is the first no-kill

shelter in Detroit, is committed to changing the lives of dogs in the city. The organization works closely with municipalities to find, rehabilitate and find a home for the toughest dog cases. They also work closely with other shelters to provide them with food and resources to help their mission.

"As a dog lover myself, I know the needs of our canine friends are great. Unfortunately, for some dog owners, it is difficult for them to afford items like food, collars and other supplies," said Kenny Walters, owner of Kenny's Lakes Area Auto Experts. "I hope that having our doors open for donations will give more Oakland County residents the opportunity to help Detroit Dog Rescue save those dogs with no where else to go."

Walters' rescue dog, Cooper, is frequently

on-hand at the shop to greet clients.

Reach the business at 248-668-1200 or go to lakesareaauto.com or www.facebook.com/lakesareaauto.

Avoid layoffs under Work Share program

Michigan's Work Share program, administered by the Unemployment Insurance Agency, offers businesses an alternative to layoffs. An employer can reduce the hours of at least two full-time employees, who can then collect partial unemployment benefits to replace a portion of their lost wages.

For more information about Work Share requirements and eligibility, contact 967-5747 or go to the UIA website at michigan.gov/ui. For more information about the Talent Investment Agency, go to www.michigan.gov/tia.

Getting to know the ins and outs of wash sale rule

Q: I think I made a mistake and I need your help. At the beginning of the year, on a recommendation from a friend of mine, I bought a technology stock. Unfortunately, since I bought the stock it has just gone down. I originally paid \$79 a share and, when I sold the stock at the end of September, the stock was selling for about \$40. My friend who gave me the recommendation told me that the stock was still a good buy and that I should immediately buy the stock back, which I did in the second week of October. I was talking about what I did to a couple of other friends of mine



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

and they told me to my surprise that I would not be able to write off my losses from the sale of the stock because I violated some rule. My question to you is did I violate a rule, will I have to pay penalties and is there anything I can do to correct the situation? I have never been in trouble with taxes and I want to do what I have to do to correct the situation.

A: Don't worry, you're not in trouble with the Internal Revenue Service

and you don't have to worry about any penalties. That being said, there is an issue with regard to deducting the loss on the sale of the stock.

Under our tax laws, we have what is known as the wash sale rule. Basically, the wash sale rule prevents someone from deducting a loss on an investment that they sold and then immediately bought back. The wash sale rule says that in order to deduct a loss on the sale of an investment, you cannot buy that investment (or a similar investment) within a 30-day period. The 30-day period is really more like 60 days because it includes 30 days

before you sold the stock and 30 days after the sale. The consequence of not complying with the wash sale rule is not a financial penalty or anything of that nature; rather, it means you are not allowed to deduct your loss on the original sale of the stock.

The loss from the sale of the stock is not lost in its entirety, but your cost basis is adjusted accordingly. Sometimes taxpayers think they can outsmart the IRS and get around the wash sale rule if they buy the stock before the sale. However, keep in mind the wash sale rule applies to purchases 30 days after the sale as well as 30 days before the sale. However,

one strategy that does work is, for example, say you had an emerging market stock fund that you had a loss in, but at the same time you recognize that it's important and good for the long-term health of your portfolio to maintain a position in emerging markets. What you can do is sell one emerging market fund and then buy another emerging market fund immediately thereafter. You are not in violation of the wash sale rule, because you're buying a different investment and at the same time accomplishing your goal of always maintaining a balanced and diversified portfolio.

It is important to re-

member that our tax laws are very complex and they're constantly changing. If you have tax questions, it pays to talk with someone who is a professional and who is dedicated to staying current about taxes. In addition, there is a major difference between a tax preparer and a tax professional. A tax preparer doesn't necessarily understand the tax laws; they know how to prepare a tax return. That is something totally different than understanding our tax laws.

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



Colton Hunley's team collected 7,400 books they packed into a delivery truck.

DOUGLAS HUNLEY

SCOUT

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Given the numbers involved in his project, it might not be surprising that Hunley is pon-

dering a career, possibly as an engineer, that involves math.

For now, he can pause to celebrate with his father, mother Christine Hirsch and others who are proud of what he has achieved.

And somewhere, 7,400 people will now have a book to read because one Plymouth teen cared.

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Tail Wagger's sponsors holiday pet food assistance

With the holidays fast approaching and some families struggling to provide a Christmas for their children, Tail Wagger's 1990 would like the community to know family pets can enjoy the holiday season by receiving help from its Pantry 4 Paws Pet Food Assistance Program.

The community is encouraged to help fill the pantry by dropping off food and/or supplies for both dogs and cats to the Tail Waggers office, 28402 Five Mile, in Livonia (between Middlebelt and Inkster).

The goal is to collect enough food so that dogs and cats in the community can have a little something special under the tree for them this holiday season. Tail Wagger's welcomes gift cards to Petsmart, Petco, Target, Meijer and Walmart.

The Pantry 4 Paws Pet Food Assistance Program gives temporary assistance to pet owners



so their animals can stay with the family they have grown to love.

"The goal of the Pantry 4 Paws program is to help eliminate additional financial stress on a family during the holiday season and to ensure the animals of the community are being fed and not going to sleep hungry at night," founder Laura Zain said.

Local businesses are also encouraged to become a collection point for the Pantry 4 Paws Pet Food Assistance Program, along with an invitation to the area Scouts, church groups, youth groups, schools

etc. that are in need of a special project. All collection points will be given a sign, personalized flier, collection bin and exposure on the Tail Wagger's 1990 website.

Families in need of pet food assistance can confidentially contact the Tail Wagger's office at 734-855-4077 at tailwaggers1990@yahoo.com. While no income verification is necessary, the Pantry 4 Paws program does have a short application and requirements that are discussed with each pet owner upon their first visit to pick up food. All calls will be kept confidential and arrangements to pick up food must be made in advance.

Financial contributions can be made through the website at www.tailwaggers1990.org or by mail to: 28402 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. All financial contributions are tax-deductible.

VETERANS

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'Didn't as a nation' welcome veterans

"We didn't as a nation do a very good job" welcoming Vietnam veterans home, said Fausone, who has a nursing background and was at the Pentagon during the 9/11 attacks. "Congratulations again and thank you for your service."

She covered some details of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs benefits, noting a dishonorable discharge precludes benefits. "Days, weeks don't go by when I get a call saying, 'This veteran needs help,'" she said.

The DD-214 form is critical to obtaining benefits, Fausone said, adding the 800-MICH-VET toll-free number representatives can help with get-

"Days, weeks don't go by when I get a call saying, 'This veteran needs help.'"

CAROL ANN FAUSONE
retired U.S. Air Force brigadier general and Canton resident

ting a copy. "You don't have to be boots on the ground to be in that era," she said of benefits available to Vietnam-era service personnel.

Military training doesn't count toward active duty, she said. Fausone urges veterans to safely store important papers, such as marriage licenses, children's birth certificates and adoption papers.

"You do need a legible copy," she said in answering a question, noting forms do not need to be embossed.

Michigan has no active duty bases and Fausone said our state is second highest in National Guard members being called to active duty. She said peacetime service personnel of 1975-90 have limits on their benefits.

"You can't be buried in a national cemetery," she said of such veterans. "And that's very sad."

Of one veteran she helped, Fausone said, "We got him in under the wire. He will get service for life" through the VA.

She praised the Ann Arbor VA facility, one of five in our state. Fausone noted service-related illnesses associated with Agent Orange exposure, including cancers and Parkinson's disease.

"That's one of the things I do the quickest," she said of helping such personnel, mostly men. "We need to act very swiftly. I do this all around the country."

She also touched on unemployment issues,

which may be related to post-traumatic stress disorder and/or traumatic brain injury of veterans. "This duty these days, it's very difficult," she told Rotarians and guests.

Public often unaware of issues

She hears from the public, "Aren't we out of Afghanistan? Aren't we out of Iraq?" I don't think it's on a lot of people's radar," she said of military personnel.

She acknowledged the need to improve VA benefits administration and urged Rotarians to help.

"Get the word out to your veterans in your community," Fausone said. She was able to get one family a check for \$27,000 for medication covered by the VA they had been paying out of pocket.

"It never hurts to ask the questions," Fausone said. She can be reached at Legal Help for Veterans, general@legalhelpforveterans.com. Her phone number is 800-693-4800. The website is www.legalhelpforveterans.com. (Due to volume, email is preferred for correspondence, the website notes.)

"Female veterans are having even a harder time right now," she said, due to their caring for children. Children aren't allowed in many homeless shelters; it took Fausone more than eight months to get a group of eight women placed. A kind property owner allowed them to stay and she's grateful for that.

"Hire a veteran," she urged the audience in conclusion.

The veterans honored Nov. 13 at Rotary also received commendations from President Barack Obama and U.S. Rep. Dave Trott.

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Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at **STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI ON NOVEMBER 21, 2015 at 10:00 am**, on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit.

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Unit #692 - **PATRICK BURBANK, 1400 STACY DR, CANTON, MI 48188**
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OUR VIEW

Appointment process casts shadow on city commission

Credibility is a primary ingredient in any recipe for good government. Transparency is another essential ingredient. Time and again, government leaders step into hot water when both are cast aside for actions that may suit those in office, but not necessarily the public for whom the officials work.

That appears to be the case in the city of Plymouth. At issue is the appointment to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Diane Bogenrieder. Though it appears it was known she had planned to resign, the official announcement came the day before the Nov. 3 general election.

It didn't take long before Mayor Dan Dwyer said he had Joe Valenti willing to accept an appointment to fill the vacancy. Valenti was appointed Monday, Nov. 16. Valenti may or may not be known to the general public. But as a Plymouth Downtown Development Authority board member, he is well-known to city insiders.

A number of issues circling the proposed appointment immediately weakens the city commission's credibility and transparency. Foremost is that Dwyer spoke with other commissioners before publicly announcing Valenti as a candidate. And Dwyer says it best: "I'm not going to put someone's

name in nomination without talking to my colleagues about it."

Two media lawyers contacted by the *Plymouth Observer* questioned the mayor's action. Michigan's 1976 Open Meetings Act requires government bodies to deliberate and vote in public, allowing for closed discussions in a limited number of specific situations.

Jennifer Dukarski, an attorney with the Michigan Press Association, reminds that public deliberations should, in fact, be conducted in public.

"Even though a quorum wasn't physically present, by contacting everybody ... that's clearly in violation of the Open Meetings Act," said Jane Briggs-Bunting, a media attorney and Michigan Coalition for Open Government board member. "That's a decision that has been made behind closed doors."

Dwyer has defended his actions, maintaining the vote had not yet taken place and would be made in public. As it should be. In fact, perhaps more than Valenti's name should have been brought forward as a potential replacement for Bogenrieder. Dwyer's process intentionally or unintentionally excluded others who may have been interested.

Let's not forget that the fifth-place candidate — the next-highest finisher after the four winners — in the Nov. 3 election was Jack Wilson. Many elected boards look to the next-highest finisher to fill an appoint-

ment. In this case, it would have been appropriate, particularly considering Bogenrieder's resignation came the day before the election.

On the surface, it looks like a package that's too neatly wrapped to allow Dwyer's individual choice as a replacement for Bogenrieder. But then, surely the public does not forget that some city commissioners didn't like Wilson's questions and criticisms during the study and subsequent discussion and decision on quiet zones in the train-filled community.

No one questions Valenti's skills. Let's face it — there are plenty of people in Plymouth who could equally do the job. The mayor and city commission seem to have neglected the purpose of the governing body: to represent the public. That means credibility and transparency, both of which seem to be missing in this case.

Members of the public have long questioned the so-called coziness of the city commission. Members, however, have defended themselves, saying they study, they discuss and they work together — hence unanimous votes, for the most part.

But the recent turn of events in finding a replacement for Bogenrieder serves only to cast a shadow of doubt on how the Plymouth City Commission does business and to what extent it represents the public which elected it.



Dwyer

LETTERS

Appoint Wilson

Dear commissioners: I am writing to simply urge you to appoint the highest vote-getter, after those who won office in the very recent election, to fill the vacancy caused by Diane Bogenrieder's resignation. It is the obvious, democratic, American way.

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Tim Roraback
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Colleen Crossey
Novi

Right-wing theme

A recent letter by one Bernie Mastey attempts to debunk another writer's theory that Patrick Colbeck is pro-birth, not pro-life. When I read the original letter in this paper by Mitch Dubanik, it appeared to me that the point was that the

ultra-right has consistently cut a family's benefits and livelihood while attacking a woman's right to control her own body.

Mastey, with his gobble-gook writing in this letter and the past, has shown his Tea Party fondness. Colbeck and his brethren remind me of an episode of *Family Guy*. In that show, Peter, the father, falls in with a right-to-life group and brow-beats a destitute young woman into not having an abortion.

After the birth, Peter and Brian, the talking dog, are shown leaving the hospital. Brian asks Peter what they can do to help the baby. Peter looks at Brian with astonishment and says, "Help him? We got him born. Screw him."

And there, in a nut-

shell, you have the entire right-wing theme: we got him born, screw him.

James Huddleston
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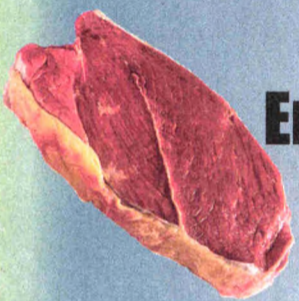


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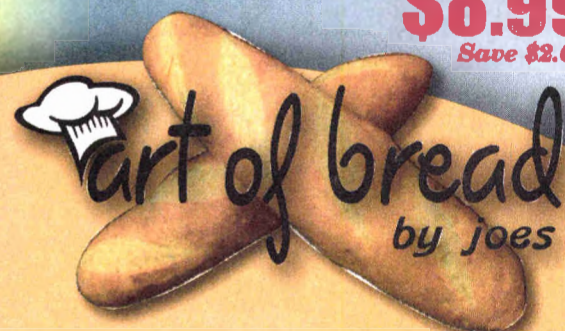
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USA HOCKEY

Happy homecoming for NTDP U18s

U.S. team follows Five Nations Tournament triumph with successive home victories

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Fresh off a victorious run at the Five Nations Tournament in Switzerland, the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 team returned home for a pair of weekend games and didn't miss a beat.

On Friday, the NTDP U18s

blanked Youngstown, 3-0, in a United States Hockey League match-up before more than 1,600 at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. Luke Martin, Clayton Keller and Joey Anderson found the back of the Youngstown net, while U18 goaltender Jake Oettinger stopped all 20 shots he faced.

The U18s kept the momen-

tum going Saturday against Niagara University, when Keller's goal at 1:37 of overtime lifted the home team to a 3-2 victory before nearly 1,300 fans.

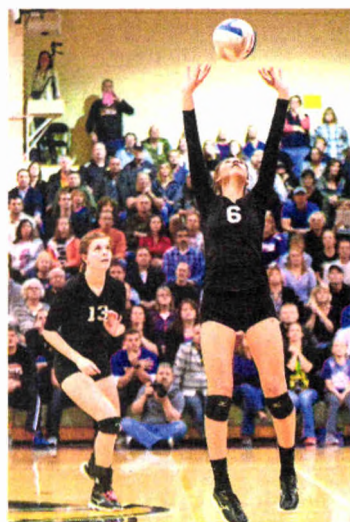
Keller stick-handled up the middle in on Purple Eagles goalie Guillaume Therien, going five-hole with his low shot and then thrusting his arms into the air in celebration as the crowd roared its approval.

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NTDP U-18 players mob each other after Clayton Keller's overtime winner against Niagara at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

CLASS D VOLLEYBALL QUARTERFINAL



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Setting the ball during the Class D regional final is PCA junior Jessica Paulson (right). Behind her is teammate Melissa Paige Perkey.

'Cereal City' awaits Kelloggs, Eagles

PCA sweeps, moves on to state semifinals

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Talk about a concept with plenty of snap, crackle and pop.

Before Plymouth Christian Academy squared off Tuesday in a Class D volleyball quarterfinal against Marine City Cardinal Mooney at Lake Fenton High School, Eagles players and coaches alike couldn't help but think about it.

A team coached by D.J. Kellogg — and co-starring his sophomore daughter Grace Kellogg — was one victory away from joining the final four fray at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

Thanks to a convincing 3-0 sweep over the Cardinals (25-14, 25-19, 25-18), PCA will get the chance, going up against defending Class D state champion Battle Creek St. Philip in Thursday's 2 p.m. semifinal.

"We made the connection and it's going to be pretty funny," D.J. Kellogg said about the name game. "So whose home court advantage is it if we go there, right?"

Grace Kellogg had an emphatic say in whether the Eagles would get that chance, with a team-leading 18 kills and 12 digs.

The outside hitter clobbered numerous balls teed up perfectly by junior setter

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DIVISION 1 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

OPPOSITE WORLDS COLLIDE



A team effort helped Canton defeat Saline and the same will be needed if the Chiefs are to get past Cass Tech. On this play, Jared Stephens (middle) carries the ball with fellow running backs Jakob Wickens (left) and Markus Sanders providing blocking help. Handing the ball off to start the play was quarterback Jake O'Donnell.



Canton senior linebacker Jalen Cochran (middle) breaks up a pass from Saline quarterback Josh Jackson (right) during the D1 regional final. Cochran and the Chiefs look to carry momentum forward to Saturday's semifinal against Detroit Cass Tech.

Five things to watch for in Saturday's semifinal between Canton and Cass Tech

Evan Paputa
Correspondent

Things are beginning to feel eerily similar to 2005 for the Canton Chiefs football team.

After knocking off top-ranked Saline in dominating fashion for their first regional championship crown since 2006, the Chiefs (10-2) are headed to the Division 1 state semifinals for only the third time in school history. The first time (2005), they won and headed to Ford Field for the state championship game.

Awaiting Canton in the semifinal at 1 p.m. Saturday at Troy Athens High School, just like in 2005, is perennial power Detroit Cass Tech (10-2).

The Technicians won back-to-back Division 1 state championships in 2011-12 and have reached the semifinals for the sixth year in a row.

Canton and Cass Tech really are the clash of opposite worlds. Canton is content with milking the clock and running a play a minute, while Cass Tech enjoys an up-tempo, spread offense and has speed at just about every skill position.

Here are five things to watch for in the Canton-Cass Tech semifinal:

Line of scrimmage

Canton has gone against good offensive linemen before, but never an offensive line quite like the one it will face Saturday. Michigan verbal commit Michael Onwenu (6-foot-4, 365 pounds) anchors the unit that paves the way for running back Tim Cheatem.

Sophomore Aaron Jackson is expected to get his first start at quarterback for Cass Tech. Starter Rodney Hall (fractured ankle) left Cass Tech's regional final game against Macomb Dakota in the fourth quarter with the injury.

Indiana State verbal commit Alvin Clemons (6-3, 285), Jordan Reid (6-5, 295), Ostell Martin (6-5, 325), and Toledo verbal commit Edrick Matthews (6-3, 285) all have gotten the attention of college coaches and each has multiple Division I offers.

Canton will be at a size disadvantage at every position, but Thomas Evely, Ali Mashhour, Jake McKinnon and

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USA

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"It was an outstanding play," U18 head coach Danton Cole said. "Clayton has a knack. If you look at most of our overtime games, he seems to have a hand in winning the game."

Cole said his team (14-3-1) dug deep for extra energy to play the back-to-back games, coming off the heels of the overseas tourney — where Team USA reeled off four wins in four games, outscoring opponents by a combined 19-6.

"The hard part coming back is the time change and the energy (level)," Cole said. "They did a great job; they could have wilted tonight a little bit. That was a tough game against an older, stronger team, but they kept skating and working and did a great job."

Early jump

Getting things started in the first period was the U18 power play. With teams scoring four-on-three, Ryan Lindgren slid a pass from the left face-off circle to forward Kieffer Bellows in the opposite circle for a one-time blast.

Bellows rang his shot in off the post with 6:26 to play in the period to



Zach Walker (right) of the NTDP U-18 team keeps close tabs on Niagara's Nick Farmer during Saturday night's contest.

put Team USA up, 1-0. Niagara drew even at 11:13 of the second period. The puck caromed in front of goaltender Joseph Woll and chipping it home while falling down was Luke Edwards.

Undaunted, the U18s regained the lead in the final minute of the middle period.

With an odd-man rush, Grant McPhee threaded a perfect pass from the right wing over to the streaking Trent Frederic, who snapped a shot from the left circle. Frederic's blast cleanly beat Therien, who took over from Joe O'Brien midway through the second.

The U18s were called for a penalty on the same play, but fought it off



NTDP U-18 player Clayton Keller (left) tries to avoid Niagara defenseman Kevin Patterson during Saturday's game at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. Keller later scored the winning goal in overtime.

with help from Woll, who snagged a hard shot taken by Matt Chiarantano from the left point.

That lead held up until late in the third period, when Edwards poked in

the rebound of Stanislav Dzakhov's snap shot taken from the top of the right circle.

"What I really liked was at the end of regulation our guys talking on the bench, 'Hey, let's have some confidence, let's go out and get the next shot,'" Cole said. "They were real upbeat; there wasn't much for Chris (Luongo) and I to say on the bench."

"They had it and went out and finished her off."

Five Nations recap

According to Cole, the winning experience at the Five Nations Tournament — not to mention playing four games in five days — is something his team can benefit

from all season.

"It's the beginning of the second year (in the NTDP), getting over there and playing Finland, Sweden, the Czechs and Swiss it's nice to get a barometer of where you're at," Cole said. "You know you've made progress through the spring and summer through workouts and then the first part of the USHL and college schedule."

"We felt pretty good about it and there's still a lot of stuff to work on but, hey, we won all four games and we'll keep going forward."

Team USA opened the tourney Nov. 4 with a 3-1 victory over the Czech Republic. Scoring were Bellows, Keller and Bloomfield Hills native Will Lockwood.

"We were in their zone for at least 40 seconds moving the puck around," Lockwood said, describing his insurance goal. "Ryan Lindgren took a shot from the point and the puck was just sitting there. I was at the top of the circle, skated in, dove and put the puck in the net to give a two-goal cushion for our team. A pretty exciting goal."

One day later, Frederic scored with 32 seconds to play for the winner in a 4-3 victory over Sweden. Also scoring for the U18s were Anderson,

McPhee and Bellows.

Nov. 7 against Finland, a two-goal effort by Keller keyed a 5-2 victory. Scoring were Lindgren, James Sanchez and Anderson.

That all led to the finale, a 7-0 romp Nov. 8 over Switzerland.

Earning the shutout with 16 stops was Woll, while Bellows and Keller spearheaded the offense with two goals each.

Other Team USA goals were scored by Lockwood, Nick Pastujov and Keenan Suthers.

According to Lockwood, who said putting on the USA colors every day is a "true honor," the Five Nations Tournament was a great experience, on and off the ice.

"It's always fun to play against international teams," Lockwood said. "And, of course, putting some pucks in the net helps always helps and makes the experience a little better."

U-17 team

Meanwhile, after a sixth-place finish at the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge, the NTDP U-17 team returns to action at 7 p.m. Friday at USA Hockey Arena against the Fargo Force. The USHL teams will meet again at 7 p.m. Saturday, also in Plymouth.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Target on back just fine

Schoolcraft men take charge in second half, up record to 5-0

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

After a glorious season that ended short of an NJCAA championship, Schoolcraft men's basketball players Dre Black and Davon Taylor don't mind the extra scrutiny that comes with being ranked No. 1 in the preseason polls.

And after five games, including Saturday's 82-68 win over visiting Cuyahoga Community College, Schoolcraft is living up to that billing with a 5-0 record.

"It's ... based on what we did last year," said Black, a sophomore guard and Westland John Glenn alum who scored 10 points Saturday. "We got players to come in and they gave us the ranking this year. But we really do deserve it (No. 1 ranking)."

"We know teams are going to be gunning for us; we got a target on our backs. That's well-known. But it's better than losing and to be chasing after someone."

Taylor, who played for Canton during his high school career, said that the team "added some new pieces. We're doing a lot better this year and we're looking to go to nationals again."

Schoolcraft second-year head coach Abe Mashhour said the entire squad doesn't mind the challenge of being

the No. 1 team and is motivated to "stay where they are. Our front line does a very, very good job on the boards and our guards are getting better as well."

Keying the win over the Chargers was sophomore guard JaChristian Biles, with 19 points and nine rebounds.

Chipping in 15 points was sophomore guard Tyler Johnson. Also in double figures were sophomore forward Anthony Wartley-Fritz and Black.

Sharing team honors with Biles in rebounding was Wartley-Fritz (nine), while Black added seven boards.

In order to remain undefeated, Schoolcraft needed to get its offense untracked in the second half against the Chargers. The Ocelots only shot 34.4 percent before intermission (11-of-32), not making life all that tough for Cuyahoga players, according to Mashhour.

"We were taking one shot off of one or two passes (in first half, which ended 31-31)," he said. "We really weren't making Cuyahoga defend and rotate defensively."

After intermission, more players got involved on the attack and the Ocelots starting connecting more often (16-of-34, 47 percent).

Now the Ocelots go

on a stretch where most of the games will be played on the road. Mashhour noted it will be a good test. "We'll see how resilient they are, as you know, it's different when you're on the road," he said.

Lady Ocelots roll

Also off to a fast start to the season is Schoolcraft's women's basketball team.

Earlier Saturday, the host Lady Ocelots jumped out to a 29-14 lead after one quarter and blitzed Cuyahoga 71-51.

Schoolcraft (4-0) was paced by guard T'era Nesbitt, who scored 26 points.

Helping the cause with a 13-point game was guard Ashley Bland (Wayne Memorial), while guard Rainy McCune chipped in nine.

Elise Tolbert (Birmingham Seaholm) and Phoenix Douthat scored seven and six points, respectively.

An indication of the team's depth was the play of freshman guard and Salem alum Jamyra Wilson, who scored four points and had five steals in 15 minutes of playing time.

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NJCAA DIVISION I TOURNAMENT

Schoolcraft women knocked out early

Pool play losses end Lady Ocelots' great season; men's team still alive in tourney

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The pool turned out to be too deep for the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team.

It remains to be seen if the same will hold true for the college's men's soccer squad — which opened pool play Tuesday afternoon against ASA New York in the NJCAA Division I tournament in Axton, Va.

The season ended abruptly for the Lady Ocelots, however, outscored 5-0 in two defeats in Pool D. The women's

tournament is taking place in Melbourne, Fla.

Monday, Schoolcraft dropped a 3-0 decision to Butler and followed that up Tuesday with a 2-0 loss at the hands of Darton State.

With the two losses, the conference champion Lady Ocelots — spearheaded all season by standout forward Shae van Gassen — ended the year with a 16-3-0 record.

After Jenna Wade put Darton State on the board in the 11th minute Tuesday, with an unassisted goal, Schoolcraft's van Gassen hit the left post on a penalty kick six minutes later.

Adding an insurance goal against Schoolcraft goalkeeper Katie Dangelmaier during the second half was Maggie VanHusan.

Assisting on VanHusan's goal at the 66-minute mark was Haley Knowles.

Men's team falls

The drive for a national championship got off to a lackluster start for the Schoolcraft men's soccer team in Pool B of the NJCAA Division I tournament.

Schoolcraft gave up two goals in the second half to ASA New York and that proved to be the difference in a 2-0 defeat.

The Rick Larson-coached squad was scheduled to play another game in pool play Wednesday afternoon, against Tyler.

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CROSS COUNTRY



SALEM CROSS COUNTRY
Salem seniors (from left) Gino Persicone, Jacob Kubinski, Griffin Skaff, Chaz Jeffress, Jared Zella and Ibrahim Mourad ran Saturday in the Mid-East Meet of Champions in Mount Pleasant.

More honors for Jeffress

Salem senior third at qualifying race for Mid-East Meet of Champions

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Just because the prep cross country season is over doesn't mean top-drawer achievements stop for Salem senior stalwart Chaz Jeffress.

The occasion for Jeffress' latest accomplishment was Saturday's Mid-East Meet of Champions' qualifying race in Mount Pleasant.

Jeffress, who the weekend earned Division 1 all-state honors for Salem, finished third in the Mid-East qualifying

meet with a time of 15:58.

By placing in the top 10, he qualified to represent Team Michigan Nov. 21 against runners from Ohio, Indiana and Illinois in Kettering, Ohio.

"Chaz ran a solid race, running with a lead group of about 10 that slowly dwindled to three by late in the race," Salem boys cross country coach Steve Aspinall said. "Nine of the top 10 runners earned all-state honors, so it was a very talented field."

Other area runners who qualified included

Novi's Joost Plaetinck and Berkley's Andrew Bill, who finished in fourth and sixth place, respectively.

Aspinall added that the Mount Pleasant race was open to Michigan seniors, in all four divisions.

In addition to Jeffress, the Rocks were represented by seniors Jacob Kubinski, Ibrahim Mourad, Gino Persicone, Griffin Skaff and Jared Zella.

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Romeo ends run for Shamrocks

Bulldogs capture first regional crown since 1992

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Romeo ironically used the same prescription Friday night that has been a staple of Novi Detroit Catholic Central's long history of football success.

The host Bulldogs, in fact, gave the Shamrocks a dose of their own medicine by running the ball effectively and controlling the clock to earn their first regional title since 1992 with a 40-29 triumph.

Romeo, which improved to 11-1, moves into the MHSAA Division 1 state semifinals against Grand Ledge at 1 p.m. Saturday at Brighton.

The Bulldogs, playing on their own muddy grass field, were able to pile up 317 yards rushing on 54 attempts, while senior quarterback Paul Hurley proved to be clutch on key downs, completing 10-of-17 passes for 129 yards and three touchdowns.

"I think they had a good balance of good linemen and good backs," CC coach Tom Mach said of the Bulldogs. "The quarterback was good. (Brad Tanner) is a real good running back and did a lot of good things. They did a good job up front blocking us and did a good job running. We've been on that side of the ball, too, a lot of times. When it happens to you, there's not much you can do sometimes."

CC, which ended its season at 9-3, had just 144 yards rushing on 26 attempts after going for 491 on the ground the previous week in a 49-35

district championship win over Novi.

Tough up front

Meanwhile, the Bulldogs might have been smaller in size at the point of attack, but they proved mightier at the line of scrimmage.

"They really stepped up tonight," Romeo co-coach Curt Rienas said of his offensive line. "I think offensively, it was such a great team effort. You think of a muddy field, you usually think the bigger team is going to have the advantage, but it's not true tonight."

Romeo scored on its first possession after CC mishandled the punt snap from center with 8:07 left in the opening quarter. Brad Tanner scored on an 11-yard touchdown run, but the Shamrocks' dangerous return man, Alex Bock, answered on the ensuing kickoff with a 90-yard TD return to make it 7-7.

The Bulldogs then went 67 yards in 11 plays, capped by Hurley's 13-yard scoring pass to Lucas Schimon with 2:02 remaining in the opening quarter to go up 14-7.

Romeo then took advantage of another CC turnover, when Austin Brown's pass glanced off the hands of receiver Jack Morris and into the arms of defensive back Anthony Quas at his own 39 with 10:21 remaining in the second quarter.

Four plays later, Hurley found Domenico Bongiorno on a 4-yard scoring pass with 6:29 remaining until halftime to make it a two-score game, 21-7, following Zach Nies' extra point.

The Bulldogs then drove again to the CC 20 during the final minute, only to have Bock come up with an interception in the end zone to repel the threat.

Lengthy drive

On its first possession of the third quarter, Romeo mounted another long scoring drive, going 86 yards in 13 plays while eating up more than seven minutes of the clock, as Hurley hit tight end Mitchell Heimbuch, who made a one-handed grab for a 4-yard TD with 4:25 left for a 28-7 advantage.

But on the first play following the kickoff, Brown, CC's freshman QB, hit Bock on a 73-yard bomb and Cole Gingell converted the PAT to cut the deficit to 28-14 just 17 seconds later.

The Shamrocks then kicked off and got a huge break when Tanner, near his own goal line, slipped to the ground at his own 2 while trying to field a line drive kick from Gingell.

Hurley then threw an interception as CC's Austin Darkangelo came up with the turnover, putting the ball on the Bulldogs' 13 with 4:08 remaining in the third quarter.

CC took only two plays to score, as Philip Schmitz ran into the end zone from 9 yards out and Gingell's PAT made it 28-21.

But on the ensuing kickoff, Tanner returned it to the Shamrocks' 33 and, only three plays later, Bongiorno made it 34-21 when he scored on a 4-yard run after Hurley



SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central's Alex Bock (middle) looks for an opening in the Romeo defense as Austen Malczewski (left) closes in for the tackle.

connected with Schimon, who made a circus catch down to the CC 4 just a play earlier.

Romeo, however, mishandled the snap on the extra point so the score stood at 34-21 with 2:09 remaining in the third quarter.

"I thought we put ourselves right back in, then we kicked it to the wrong guy first," Mach said. "That was not a good thing. We put ourselves right back in the game in the third quarter, but they came back and did a great job. Everything goes to them, because they did a great job the entire game and made plays when they had to."

With 29.8 seconds remaining in the wild third quarter, CC committed its third turnover of the night when Tanner intercepted Brown's pass at his own 40-yard line.

That led to Romeo going up 40-21 with 8:44 remaining in the game after Humberto Flores, who had only two carries on the night, set up his own 5-yard TD run with a 26-yard burst up the gut of the CC defense on the previous play.

"Our offensive line was phenomenal," Hurley said. "They really bullied them quite a bit of that game. Their defensive backs were phenomenal. We hadn't played anyone like them,

but the receivers stepped up to the challenge and made some huge plays."

CC got a late 1-yard TD run from Ryan with only 2:32 left. Brown converted the two-point pass to Tyler Laurentius to cut the deficit to 11, but Romeo was able to get a key first down on an 11-yard keeper by Hurley and run out the clock.

"Our kids played hard," Mach said. "Their kids did a nice possessing the ball, keeping us off the field. They made the big plays when they had to and they deserved the victory."

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FOOTBALL

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Jake Warner will go toe-to-toe with Cass Tech's offensive line. If they can generate a pass rush similar to the one against Saline and get pressure on the quarterback, it will take some pressure off of the Canton secondary.

Linebackers Jake Stephan, Jalen Cochran and Lou Baechler will need to help in creating pressure against the Technicians' offensive line.

Canton run game

The Canton running game has done its job in each of the first three playoff games. Markus Sanders, Jared Stephens and Jakob Wickens are a three-headed monster that has proven to be hard for opponents to figure out and stop.

Now that Canton has reached the semifinals, it is rewarded by playing a team that has not seen a style of play like Canton's all season.

Despite its defensive line's size, Cass Tech's success will hinge on finding a way to stop Canton's rushing attack from gaining momentum out of its traditional wing-T formation.

Stopping the Canton run game takes commitment, discipline and consistency. Not only will Cass Tech have to dedicate a good portion of its week to studying the wing-T formation, it will need to execute on every play.

If Cass Tech takes plays off and misses an assignment, one of the Canton backs will be



MICHAEL VASILNEK

The Canton Chiefs proudly hoist the Division 1 regional championship trophy after defeating Saline. The team is two wins away from one more such triumphant scene.

running for 20 yards or more at a time, which adds up.

Blocking Onwenu

It's been tough sledding for offensive lines that have had to match up with Onwenu as a defensive tackle. Onwenu will be tasked with hitting and wrapping up Canton's 5-7 running back, Sanders, on every play he runs up the gut.

If Sanders can't fool the Technicians' big man, the Chiefs will have to run away from Onwenu to generate offense.

Whichever of Canton's offensive linemen will be faced with blocking Onwenu, they better buckle up their chinstrap and fasten their seat belt for 48 minutes of hitting.

Ben Phillips, Devin Obrec, Josh Dunn, David Gunnis and Michael Maes have been up to the challenge all year of getting good pad level to drive defensive linemen back. Helping them in their efforts will be tight

ends Jesse Warner and Brennon Pelland.

Chiefs secondary

Cass Tech junior wide receiver Donovan Peoples-Jones is a household name in the recruiting world. With offers from Ohio State, Alabama, Florida, Michigan and Michigan State, he is dubbed as a five-star recruit (the highest ranking) and poses several threats with his 6-foot-2 frame.

Peoples-Jones has the ability to catch a simple screen pass and take it 80 yards with his speed or go get a one-on-one jump ball with his strength.

Colin Troup and Eddie Lang have gotten the bulk of playing time this season at cornerback for Canton. Whichever corner is tasked with matching up with Peoples-Jones, he will have a target on his back all day. Safeties Micah Rinke and Stephens will have to overplay to help when

FAST FACTS

What: Canton vs. Detroit Cass Tech, Division 1 football semifinal

When: 1 p.m. Saturday Nov. 21

Where: Troy Athens High School

What's at stake: Berth in the Division 1 state championship game

Chiefs to watch: RB/DB Jared Stephens, RB Markus Sanders, C Ben Phillips, LB Jake Stephan and DL Thomas Evely

Technicians to watch: Michigan verbal commit OL Michael Onwenu, WR Donovan Peoples-Jones, QB Aaron Jackson, Michigan State verbal commit DB Demetric Vance, DB Donnell Alexander

needed on Peoples-Jones.

Weather

Saturday will mark the sixth straight year Cass Tech has played in the semifinals at Troy Athens. It enters the weekend with a 2-3 record in those games, with the common denominator in the Technicians' losses being cold, blustery weather that slowed their offensive production through the air.

If Saturday's conditions include wind and chilly temperatures (forecast high of 37 degrees, wind and precipitation expected), the Chiefs will benefit on both sides of the ball.

The Canton offense doesn't rely on passing the ball 20 times, so it won't matter to the Chiefs.

On the other hand, Cass Tech's history in the semifinals has shown that it struggles to play the spread-you-out, speedy style when conditions are not favorable.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

MU advances to NAIA tournament with semifinal win

Crusaders earn 15th appearance in program's 29-year history

The 23rd-ranked Madonna University volleyball team punched its ticket to the NAIA National Championship for the 15th time in the 29-year history of the program Saturday as the Crusaders downed Cornerstone by a 3-1 score in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference semifinals to secure the league's second automatic bid at Tam-o-Shanter.

With its appearance in the WHAC finals against regular season champion Lourdes, MU was assured of its place in the field of 36 when the NAIA makes its announcement. The appearance is the fourth straight for Madonna and marks the 12th time since the Crusaders joined the WHAC in 1997 that they will appear in the national tourney. The opening round selection is MU's third since the NAIA went to the format for the 2008 season. MU earned byes to the final site in both 2008 and 2013, while hosting opening rounds at the Activities Center in 2012 and 2014.

Madonna had to overcome a cold first set in the four-set win over Cornerstone (18-25, 25-22, 25-22, 25-16) to advance to the finals. Karlie Kelly and Nicole Oestrike led Madonna with 15 kills each to go along with 10 from Miranda Fuerst. A total

of five Crusaders reached double figures in digs, led by Breanna Geile with 23. Deanna Krumholz, Payton Maxheimer and Spencer Stokes each had 17 digs to go along with 11 from Oestrike, who registered her second straight double-double. Stokes quarterbacked the MU offense with 37 assists in the victory.

MU hit just .040 percent in the first set, making 11 errors, before rebounding with 13 kills and just five miscues in the second set for the 25-22 win. Set three was much like set two as MU outthit Cornerstone .271 to .236 to win by a matching 25-22 final. The Crusaders had little trouble in set four as the Golden Eagles hit just .048 in a 25-16 defeat.

Assured of its bid by virtue of Lourdes' win over Indiana Tech in the other semifinal, Madonna came out with nothing to lose in the finals and suffered tough 25-23 and 25-22 losses in sets one and two before stumbling in set three, falling by a 25-15 score for a 3-0 loss. Kelly paced Madonna with nine kills, while Katie Breault and Oestrike added eight each in the loss. Geile had 14 digs, while Stokes added 26 assists as MU fell to Lourdes for the third time this season.

The Crusaders swing back into action Saturday at one of 12 campus sites around the nation. The winner of each opening round match travels to Sioux City, Iowa, for the NAIA National Championship at the Tyson Center.

OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

All games 1 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21

Canton (10-2) vs. Detroit Cass Tech (10-2) at Troy Athens

Livonia Franklin (9-3) vs. Detroit King (12-0) at Dearborn

Last week's record

Season record

	Ed Wright	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith
Canton	Canton	Cass Tech	Canton
Franklin	Franklin	King	King
Last week's record	2-0	1-1	2-0
Season record	100-28	91-37	84-44

WESTERN SUBURBAN JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Canton Lions are Super Bowl champs

Lions freshman team caps title season with victory over Comets

The Canton Lions freshman team capped off its undefeated season with a Western Suburban Junior Football League Super Bowl win Sunday, Nov. 15, at Thurston High School in Redford. The Lions prevailed over the Westland Comets, 25-7.

Lions scoring began in the first half when a series of first downs led to a touchdown by Caleb Williams. Aaron Alexander carried in the extra point.

Unlike the two regular-season meetings, the dominant Lions defense was able to hold the Comets scoreless throughout the first half. Dominic Johnson was a force in the backfield and key tackles were made by Alexander, Kris Easley, Ryan Goodson, Aaron Pryce, Luke Matusik, Bralen Willis and Alex Witt.

After a quiet start to the second half, Alexander sparked the scoring with a touchdown in the third quarter. A turnover on downs then led to a more than 50-yard touchdown run by Easley.

It appeared the tides were turning in the fourth quarter, when the Comets found their way to the end zone for a touchdown and extra point. And after a fumble recovery, the Comets



CANTON LIONS

The Super Bowl champion Canton Lions freshman team includes (front row, from left) Luke Matusik, Terek Beydoun, Andrew Clark, Aaron Alexander, Josiah West, Cameron Jonca, Ryan Goodson, Alex Wiewiora, Chris Medoro, Oronde Patterson and Youssef Beydoun; (second row, from left) Dominic Johnson, Braylen Willis, Kristopher Easley and Robbie Owsley; (third row, from left) Luke Rayborn, Austin Beaudoin, Caleb Williams, Damian Langlois, Diego Hernandez-Ramirez, Alex Witt, Aaron Pryce, Antonio Correa, Brynden Millet, Avery Satterlee, Jaxon Ervans and Dylan Fuciarelli; (fourth row, from left) Justin Anderson, Jace Herndon and Aiden Wallace; and (back row, from left) coaches Corey Williams, Deon Willis, Oronde Patterson, Rocelious Goodson, Bryant Satterlee, Mike Matusik and Kirby Easley.

regained possession. But their momentum would be swiftly shut down with an interception by Easley and passes broken up by Avery Satterlee.

Alexander, the Lions' leading rusher for the season, would score the final touchdown of the game clinching a victory and a perfect 10-0 season.

In other WSJFL Super Bowl action, the junior varsity Dearborn Heights Redskins beat the Westland Meteors, 22-6, and the varsity Comets defeated the Redskins, 16-0.



CANTON LIONS

Lions freshman running back Caleb Williams (left) sees a clear path, with blocking from Bralen Willis (No. 1), Aaron Alexander (No. 51) and Robbie Owsley (No. 84).

Second round

While all three Canton Lions squads advanced

squad, the freshman, moved on to the WSJFL Super Bowl.

VARSITY: The Lions varsity squad dropped a 21-0 decision to the Dearborn Heights Redskins in the second round of playoffs, Nov. 7 at Belleville High School.

The varsity Lions defense hung tough throughout the match-up, including fumble recoveries by Ivan Davis and Spenser Korroch.

Korroch led the defense with 13 tackles, while Davis, Lucas Holden, Jerome Nichols, Ezell Snipes and Cameron Wallace all contributed with multiple tackles. Daylin Banks, Sean Britt, Gabe Fisher, Jeremy Fuchs, Seth Humm, Daniel Martin and Cameron Wilborn rounded out the strong defense.

Special teams standouts were Davis and Wilborn, both with 20-yard kickoff returns.

The Lions varsity squad finished with a 6-4 record in the Western Suburban Junior Football League, losing to only two teams during their 2015 season play.

JV: The Canton Lions junior varsity team faced the Dearborn Redskins in the second round of playoffs Nov. 8 at Wayne Memorial High School. Despite a hard-fought battle, the Lions fell to the Redskins, 20-6. Lions highlights included Ethan Bennett's

block of an extra-point attempt and a touchdown pass from Preston Long to Bennett.

The Lions finished their season with a 7-3 record, placing third in the WSJFL.

FRESHMAN: The freshman Lions defeated the Dearborn Heights Redskins, 27-6, in round two of playoffs, Nov. 7 at Belleville High School. This win continued the Lions' undefeated season and earned them a spot in the WSJFL Super Bowl.

On the opening drive, a series of tackles by Aaron Alexander kept the Redskins from a first down. The Lions also converted a turnover into a touchdown by Caleb Williams, with Alexander carrying in the extra point.

Josiah West scored next for the Lions, with Luke Matusik running in the extra point. And before the first half was over, the Lions put seven more points on the board with a 52-yard touchdown run by Alexander and an extra-point pass completion from Avery Satterlee to Diego Hernandez-Ramirez.

The Lions' defense held the Redskins scoreless in the first half with tackles by Alexander, Hernandez-Ramirez, Satterlee and Alex Witt.

The Redskins reached the end zone in the second half, but the Lions answered with yet another Alexander touchdown.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

P-C Steelers freshmen capture championship

Second-half surge lifts Steelers to victory at MYFCC Super Bowl

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers freshman team secured the 2015 MYFCC Super Bowl championship Saturday with a 21-12 victory over the Michigan Warriors.

With the win, the P-C Steelers freshman team won championships in back-to-back seasons. Looking to avenge a

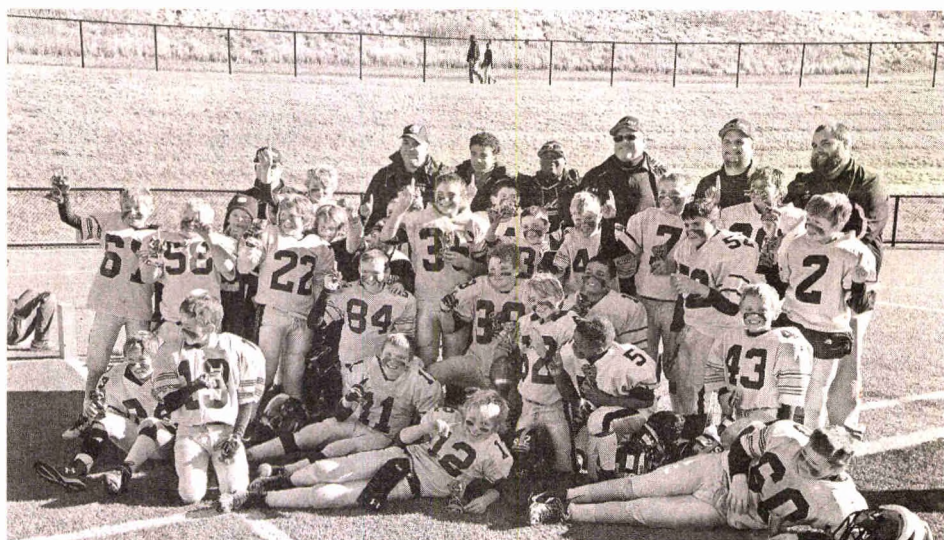
13-0 loss in the season opener against the Warriors, the P-C coaching staff had the players ready for the challenge.

In the first half, the Steelers were put to the test early. The Warriors grabbed a 12-0 lead, but the Steelers responded with a touchdown of their own to enter halftime

down, 12-7.

After intermission, the Steelers combined a punishing ground game and stiff defense to put the Warriors on their heels.

The Steelers were able to score two TDs to secure the win and finish with a 10-1 record and championship honors.



Plymouth-Canton Steelers freshman players are all smiles after winning their championship.

EAGLES

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Jessica Paulson (26 assists) and complemented other hard hitters in the front-row such as junior outside hitter Olivia Mady (eight kills, 12 digs).

"It's been connecting well," Grace Kellogg said about working in tandem with Paulson. "She's been getting the balls out there good so we've been able to hit them."

She chuckled when told about going to the Cereal City to continue PCA's postseason run: "I think we're ready."

Time to study

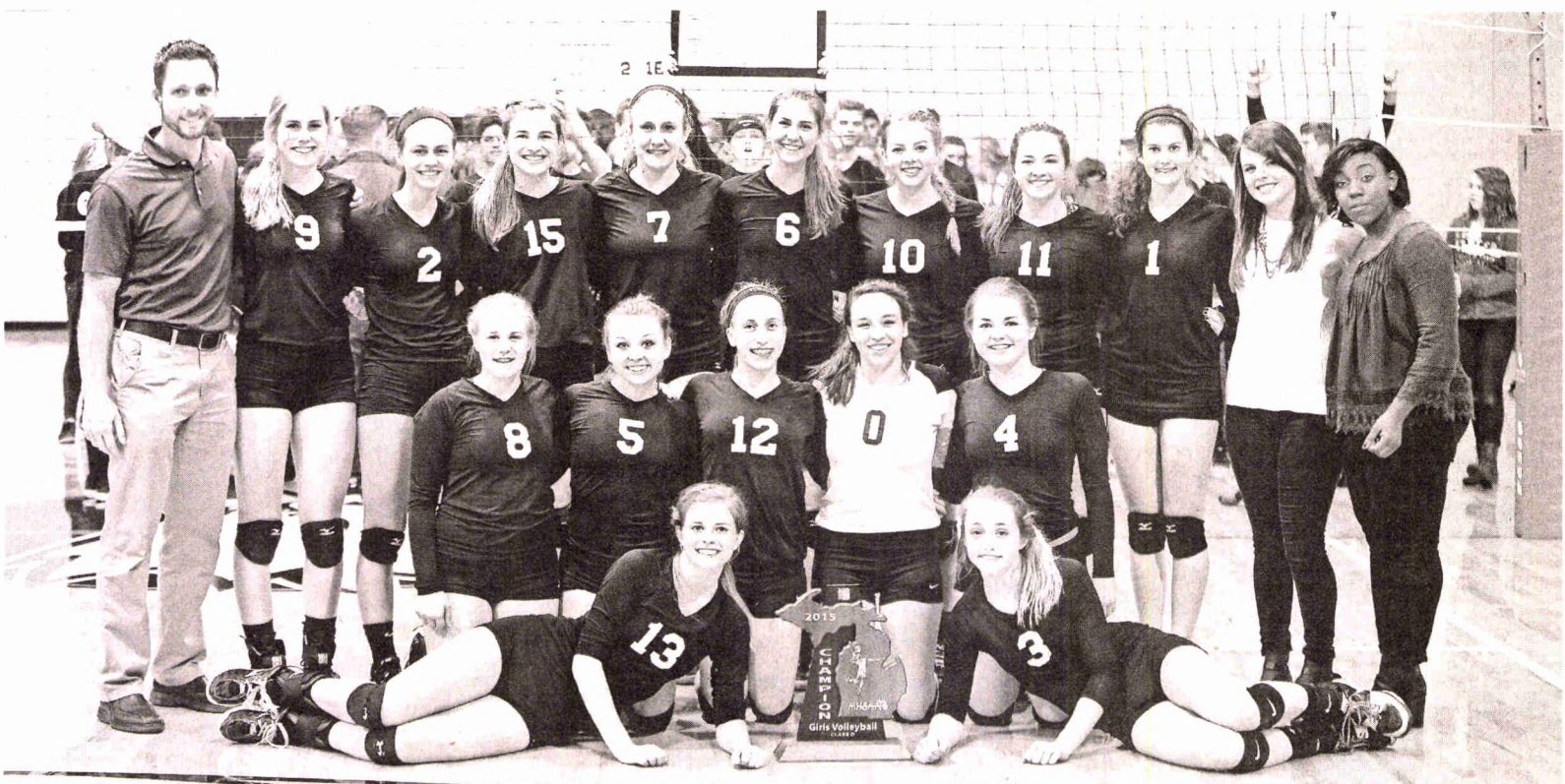
The coach said the Eagles (35-5-1) now will just watch film of recent St. Philip games and "go out and execute a game plan."

There also will be time to help his daughter and other players relax a little bit for what lies ahead.

"I know on the way home, it will be, 'Oh, I missed that one' or 'Oh, I missed that one' even though the overall result is good," coach Kellogg said about his daughter. "She just puts a lot of pressure on herself."

Closing out the third set and quarterfinal victory with a nifty kill was Paulson, who had a consistent game in all areas.

But the Cardinals gave the Eagles some-



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity volleyball team celebrates after winning the Class D regional final. The Eagles are headed to Battle Creek for the state semifinals.

thing to think about at times Tuesday, including the opening part of the first set, when PCA fell behind 6-3.

"It was hitting errors. We gave them the first five points they had," D.J. Kellogg said. "Part of it was a little too much excitement; it was getting them to calm down a little bit."

The Eagles chipped away and broke in front following a three-point

service run by Kellogg.

PCA's Paulson-to-Grace Kellogg combo worked for a pair of points to increase the lead to 16-9 and sophomore right-side hitter Robin Albert (five kills, seven blocks) all but sealed the win with two aces among a five-point run to make it 23-13.

There wasn't a slow start to the second set for the Eagles. Mady got things going with three

service points (on spikes by Albert and Kellogg) and senior middle blocker Melissa Paige Perkey went on a five-point run, featuring back-to-back aces, opening a 9-2 edge.

Junior libero Divna Roi (12 digs) bumped the lead to 17-9 with some fine serving and the Eagles were able to hold off a late charge by the Cardinals.

In the clincher, the Eagles bumped up the

intensity to close it out after falling behind 5-2.

With a loud student section inspiring the team with its "P-C-A" chant, with each letter corresponding with serve-pass-hit, the Eagles took over.

Roi served four points to put the Eagles in front 12-11, with Mady hammering home a Paulson feed. Pushing PCA closer to clinching was Mady's three-point stint at the

line, included an ace landing inside the back right corner.

All that was left to do was get the final points and celebrate the first quarterfinal victory in four years.

According to Perkey, having the boisterous students on the road was "so helpful. From districts to regionals to now, it's insane. It's just so great having their energy kind of help us."

RELIGION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

ADVENT CELEBRATION

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. live nativity, 6 p.m. concert and story, Sunday, Nov. 29

Location: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville

Details: Live nativity with sheep, donkeys and alpacas; cookies and hot cocoa, Christmas story and performance by Northville Backbeat, a boys' a capella group

Contact: 248-348-7600

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21

Location: Sts. Peter & Paul Romanian Orthodox Church Banquet Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights

Details: Juried show will include handmade products from more than 40 artisans, a bake sale, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, and foods including Romanian favorites such as stuffed cabbage, cornmeal and cheese soufle, and chicken soup, made by women in the parish. Admission is \$2 per person, which includes entry into a raffle

Contact: Deb at 248-946-0173

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

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

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Nov. 23

Location: Trinity In the Woods Episcopal Church, 268809 La-Muera, Farmington Hills

Details: Farmington area interfaith service with combined choir. Persons interested in participating in the choir must come to 6:30 p.m. rehearsal. An offering of non-perishable foods and money will be collected for St. Alexander's Food Pantry and Neighborhood House

Contact: Rachael Rose at rrose1031@gmail.com

DECEMBER

ADVENT SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 2, 9, 16

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: The theme for meditations is "Advent Means Coming"

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

BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 5

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Continental breakfast with St. Nicholas is \$12.95 for adults, \$10.95 for children, 3-12, and free for children 2 and under. Includes breakfast, a visit with St. Nick and other activities. Proceeds benefit the Solanus Casey Center, a part of the Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order

Contact: 313-579-2100, ext. 191

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5

Location: St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Includes 30-40 vendors and crafters with homemade items, raffles and lunch for purchase. Proceeds will fund youth trip to World Youth Day in Poland. Admission is \$2

Contact: Sara at 734-417-1405; sara17king@gmail.com

WOMEN'S EVENT

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4

Location: Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: A Cup of Christmas Tea - A night of tea, carols, crafts, and fun for women and girls, ages 8 and up. Event is free but reservations are requested. RSVP by Sunday, Nov. 29 at crossroad-snow.org and click on the "get involved"

Contact: 248-890-5718

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

Faith Community Wesleyan

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

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

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

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

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

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

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

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

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

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey 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 kindergarten-ners

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

St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

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

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



Shoppers browse tables of homemade arts and crafts at the annual show presented by The Ladies Auxiliary of Sts. Peter & Paul Romanian Orthodox Church, in Dearborn Heights.

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

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

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

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

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

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

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in 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: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

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

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

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

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

Fireside Church of God

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

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

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

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

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A twice-monthly 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-

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Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

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

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

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

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

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

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

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

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

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

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

Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon

first Sunday of the month

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel.

Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Contact: 734-522-6830

Congregation Bet Chaverim

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month

Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore

Contact: www.Facebook.com/bethchaverim or email to bethchaverim@yahoo.com

Due Season Christian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study

Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.

Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

Winners of 2015 Remodelers Design Awards announced

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and its NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council have announced the 2015 Remodelers Design Awards honorees. This is the first year the design contest was held. It was open to HBA members, who were invited to submit entries in the six categories shown below.

A total of 21 remodeling projects located in Southeastern Michigan were entered. "We are pleased at the response for our first contest," said Lenox Bowman, council chairperson, of P & B Finishers Inc. "We look forward to involving more builders and remodelers during the coming years."

Awards will be presented Dec. 9 at the HBA's Awards Night and Holiday Celebration to be held at The Diamond Center at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Nearly 300 members and guests are expected to attend the event, which will also feature presentation of HBA's industry awards.

"Remodeling is an important segment of the residential construction industry," said Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the HBA. "We are proud of our Remodelers Design Awards winners and we look forward to honoring their achievement."

2015 Remodelers Design Awards honorees include:

Basement Remodel

Gold award - **Compo Builders** for a home in Northville.

Silver award - **Finished Basements Plus** for a home in Novi.

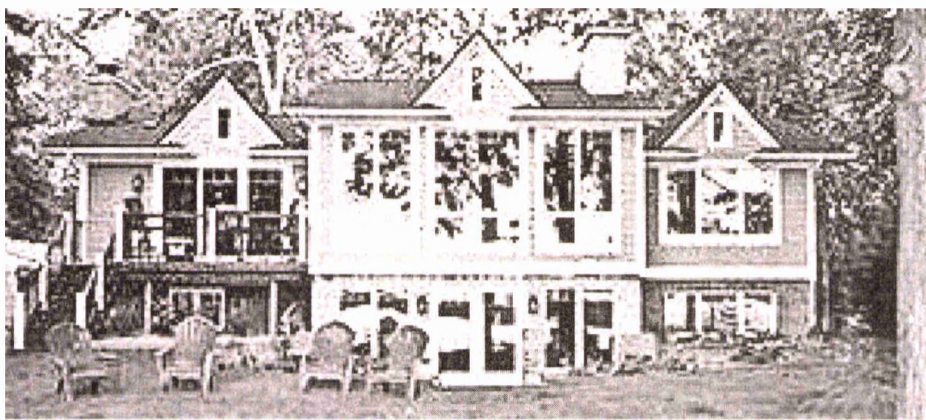
Bath Remodel

Gold award - **Templeton Building** for a home in Birmingham.

Silver award - **Transitions Remodeling and co-entrant Jena Anastasio** for a home in Canton.

Exterior Remodel

Gold award - **Capaldi Building and co-entrant Design Team Plus Architects, Soulliere Companies and Desai Nasr Consulting Engineering** for a home in Bloomfield Township.



SUBMITTED
Silver Award kudos for Whole House Remodel went to Legacy Custom Homes.

SUBMITTED
The DemNet Silver Award Specialty Room in Northville is shown here.



Kitchen Remodel

Gold award - **Cole Wagner Cabinetry** for a home in Pleasant Ridge.

Silver award - **Barb Burnham and co-entrant Kellett Construction** for a home in Metamora.

Specialty Room

Gold award - **Casadei LLC and co-entrant Trisha Gallagher** for a home in Oakland Township.

Silver award - **DemNet**

Technologies for a home in Northville.

Whole House Remodel

Gold award - **Transitions Remodeling and co-entrant Dean McQuade** for a home in Canton.

Silver award - **Legacy Custom Homes and co-entrant Alexander C. Bogaerts & Associates, Inc.** for a home in West Bloomfield.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, the Home Builders Association of Southeast-

ern Michigan (HBA) and the Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) are trade associations representing 800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

Squatter dilemma: Contact officials

Q: We have some squatters on our property and the police don't seem to want to do anything about it. Our lawyer told us that under existing landlord-tenant law, the use of force or threat of force by an owner may constitute unlawful interference with the possessory interest and may entitle the tenant to recover the actual amount of damages or \$200 whichever is greater. What can we do with this squatter?

A: Effective Sept. 24, 2014, it is now a criminal offense to occupy a dwelling if the person hasn't, at any time during the period of occupancy, had the owner's consent for an agreed-upon consideration. This applies to the illegal occupancy of a single-family dwelling, or one or both units in a two-family dwelling. A first offense is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 per dwelling unit occupied or imprisonment of not more than 180 days, or both. A second or subsequent offense is a felony punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000 per dwelling unit occupied or imprisonment for not more than two years, or both. You should notify your local police department and/or the prosecutor for your area.

Q: My tenant died who lived alone and has failed to provide me with contact information for his heirs. No estate has been started through the Probate Court and no one has come to claim his possessions. What recourse do I have besides a lawsuit?

A: Under Public Act 127 of 2013, there is a limit on the right of a tenant's heirs to begin an action to recover damages to one year from the date the landlord engaged in forcible entry or unlawful interference; i.e., it eliminates the right of an heir to file an action within one year of discovery of the landlord's unlawful conduct if in fact you go in a forcible enter or unlawfully interfere with the tenant's personal property. You should rather go to court before taking possession of the property, clearing out the decedent's personal belongings and renting the property to a new tenant to ensure that the leasehold is over.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 29 to July 2, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
16260 Amherst Ave	\$260,000
16905 Buckingham Ave	\$305,000
16195 Madoline St	\$255,000
21543 Meadow Ln	\$463,000
16187 Wetherby St	\$315,000
BIRMINGHAM	
976 Bird Ave	\$700,000
517 Catalpa Dr	\$275,000
759 Hazelwood St	\$720,000
1759 Henrietta St	\$367,000
577 N Old Woodward Ave	\$265,000
633 N Old Woodward Ave	\$375,000
2237 Pembroke Rd	\$260,000
1736 S Eton St	\$234,000
111 Willis St # 301	\$700,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
5310 Hollow Dr	\$300,000
3150 E Bradford Dr	\$334,000
162 E Hickory Grove Rd	\$230,000
5677 Kingsmill Dr	\$200,000
524 Newburne Pointe	\$215,000
5733 Raven Rd	\$318,000
1064 Top View Rd	\$485,000
100 W Hickory Grove Rd # D1	\$73,000
2618 Warwick Dr	\$253,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	

2753 Bradway Blvd	\$519,000
351 Marlborough Dr	\$206,000
7445 Paddle Wheel Ct	\$610,000
7480 Saint Auburn Dr	\$250,000
2387 Sanders Pl	\$215,000
2562 Sequoia Ct	\$730,000
3566 South Blvd	\$305,000
1660 South Hill Cir	\$157,000
1350 Timberview Trl	\$305,000
5100 Vincennes Ct	\$479,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
2425 Bevin Ct	\$292,000
3759 Canopy Dr	\$181,000
10417 Cooley Lake Rd	\$140,000
3881 Cove Cir	\$674,000
3583 Cranberry Dr	\$348,000
5415 Inverrary Ln	\$440,000
4344 Marcello Dr	\$261,000
3136 Marsena St	\$135,000
4453 Racewood Dr	\$289,000
3795 Ranya Dr	\$425,000
5680 Starwood Dr	\$260,000
1566 Trace Hollow Dr	\$315,000
5282 Vineyard St	\$478,000
FARMINGTON	
35558 Lark Harbor Ct	\$220,000
33218 Meadowlark St	\$125,000
34012 Moore Dr	\$175,000
33130 Locust Dr	\$130,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
22680 Albion Ave	\$114,000
31850 Allison Dr	\$170,000
29136 Aranel St	\$210,000
33715 Bernadine Dr	\$235,000
38629 Brandmill	\$145,000
25242 Bridlepath Ln	\$330,000
21115 Collingham Ave	\$30,000

29452 Geraldine Rd	\$105,000
34071 Gloucester Cir	\$270,000
23424 Larkshire St	\$170,000
24492 Martel Dr	\$200,000
29946 Mayfair Dr	\$310,000
28317 New Castle Rd	\$200,000
36290 Parklane Cir	\$250,000
21223 Rensselaer St	\$325,000
31291 Stonegate Cir	\$355,000
29476 Strathmore Dr	\$349,000
22674 Vacri Ln	\$78,000
27630 W Echo Vly	\$270,000
26822 Westmeath Ct	\$235,000
26190 Westmeath St	\$200,000
FRANKLIN	
2441 Tudor Ln	\$245,000
HIGHLAND	
2337 Dean Dr	\$129,000
3388 High Knoll Dr	\$317,000
1789 La Salle Blvd	\$256,000
2634 Lynch	\$277,000
MILFORD	
312 1st St	\$320,000
3360 Alta Vista Dr	\$223,000
1139 Atlantic St	\$430,000
520 East St	\$172,000
1003 General Motors Rd	\$205,000
3081 Granda Vista Dr	\$166,000
1077 Holden Ave	\$430,000
740 Knolls Landing Dr	\$337,000
299 Napa Valley Dr	\$310,000
1675 Ring O Kerry	\$350,000
1546 S Millford Rd	\$207,000
1450 W Maple Rd	\$65,000
NOVI	
24479 Baiden Dr	\$100,000
41396 Beshier Cir	\$202,000

51123 Brompton	\$296,000
39975 Burton Ct	\$300,000
28411 Carlton Way Dr	\$210,000
30802 Centennial Dr	\$182,000
22319 Chase Dr	\$370,000
22837 Cranbrooke Dr	\$136,000
44532 Midway Dr	\$365,000
24614 Olde Orchard St	\$115,000
24724 Olde Orchard St	\$102,000
21591 Shadybrook Dr	\$261,000
23675 Stonehenge Blvd	\$105,000
SOUTH LYON	
24985 Carriage Ln	\$73,000
23599 Millwood	\$415,000
24890 Ravine Dr	\$60,000
24867 Valleywood Dr	\$286,000
58750 Winnowing Cir N	\$73,000
58917 Winnowing Cir S	\$90,000
24830 Winnowing Ct	\$98,000
24877 Winnowing Ct	\$103,000
SOUTHFIELD	
28260 Aberdeen St	\$53,000
28479 Aberdeen St	\$66,000
26258 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$68,000
20082 Rodeo Ct	\$122,000
25479 Saint James	\$116,000
15999 W 11 Mile Rd #17	\$25,000
WHITE LAKE	
31 Allison Ln	\$283,000
661 Oxhill Ct	\$148,000
9186 Sandy Ridge Dr	\$350,000
8446 Strada Ct	\$190,000
1150 Sugden Rd	\$190,000
8760 Trenton Dr	\$274,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

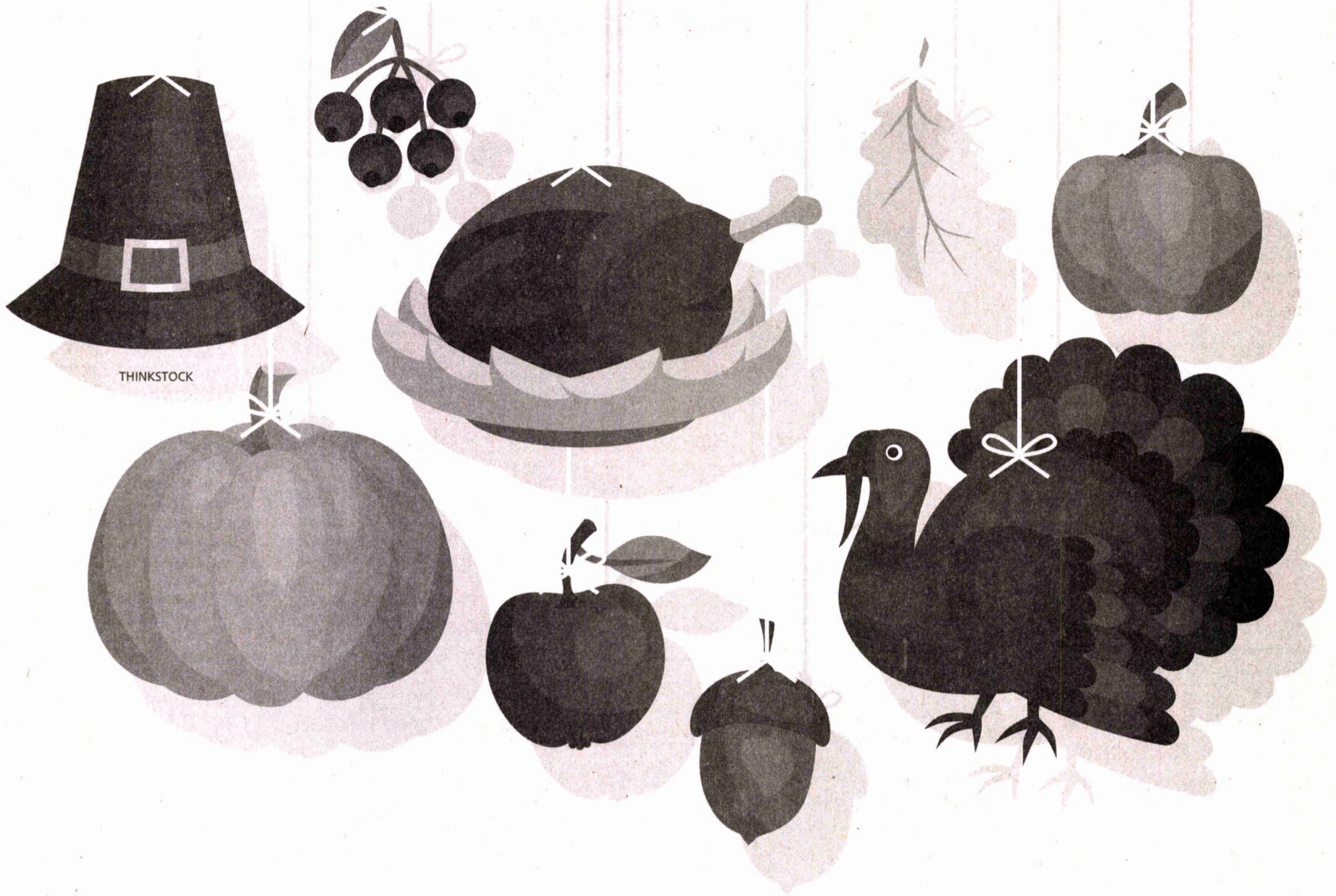
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CANTON	
43556 Abbey Cir	\$290,000
7715 Admiralty Dr	\$285,000
47590 Adriana Ct	\$395,000
6985 Ardley Dr	\$217,000
4681 Artley St	\$95,000
45415 Augusta Dr	\$376,000
46004 Bartlett Dr	\$250,000
7380 Burgundy St	\$222,000
42279 Chase Dr	\$320,000
41480 Corner Creek Dr	\$155,000
3969 Cornerstone Ct	\$140,000
41880 Coventry Way	\$197,000
46892 Creeks Bend	\$205,000
3902 Elizabeth Ave	\$143,000
7622 Embassy Dr	\$263,000
622 Filmore St	\$300,000
47113 Glenbury Dr	\$350,000
40457 Glen Eagle Ln	\$157,000
43108 Hanford Rd	\$250,000
6917 Harvard Ln	\$75,000
39848 Hillary Dr	\$155,000
4467 Hunters Cir W	\$110,000
39846 John Dr	\$141,000
42738 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$89,000
43630 Lotus Dr	\$210,000
43537 Lynnwood Ct	\$190,000
8334 Mannington Rd	\$259,000
45647 N Stonewood Rd	\$160,000
49592 Potomac Rd	\$265,000

3431 Riverside Dr	\$227,000
44196 Sheridan St	\$245,000
7735 Thornwood St	\$420,000
1221 W Crystal Cir	\$195,000
48103 W Oxford Ln	\$495,000
44094 Westminster Way	\$230,000
GARDEN CITY	
31437 Balmoral St	\$87,000
29635 Barton St	\$113,000
30714 Barton St	\$116,000
28673 Block St	\$125,000
32118 Cambridge St	\$94,000
29538 Chester St	\$90,000
486 Deering St	\$95,000
6407 Henry Ruff Rd	\$116,000
32440 James St	\$115,000
29417 Meadow Ln	\$93,000
33210 Rosslyn Ave	\$50,000
32216 Rush St	\$114,000
LIVONIA	
34117 6 Mile Rd	\$151,000
36634 Angeline Cir	\$130,000
9544 Arcola St	\$134,000
14257 Arcoia St	\$147,000
14942 Auburndale St	\$128,000
9812 Camden Dr	\$150,000
35238 Curtis Rd	\$333,000
31802 Delaware St	\$155,000
9100 E Bassett Ct	\$180,000
9961 E Clements Cir	\$140,000
15075 Elien Dr	\$183,000
30516 Hathaway St	\$145,000
17538 Hillcrest St	\$175,000
8925 Hubbard St	\$110,000
36719 Kingsbury St	\$180,000
27901 Long St	\$130,000
9828 Loveland St	\$157,000
28555 Lyndon St	\$142,000
38790 Mason St	\$166,000

9829 Mayfield St	\$165,000
9615 Merriman Dr	\$98,000
38801 Northfield Ave	\$164,000
32954 Oakley St	\$201,000
33925 Pondview Cir	\$72,000
38658 Reo Ct	\$235,000
15668 Riverside St	\$270,000
16640 Rougeway St	\$155,000
28101 S Clements Cir	\$134,000
20117 Saint Francis St	\$99,000
37070 Saint Martins St	\$232,000
9950 Seltzer St	\$152,000
20234 Sunset St	\$205,000
18017 University Park Dr	\$176,000
18346 University Park Dr	\$76,000
9342 Woodring St	\$139,000
NORTHVILLE	
18227 Blue Heron Dr E	\$470,000
16329 Brookwood Ct	\$249,000
510 Butler St	\$260,000
18261 Clairmont Cir E	\$825,000
16682 Dover Dr	\$165,000
49297 Freestone Dr	\$400,000
16966 Lochmoor Cir W	\$300,000
42700 Leric Ct	\$161,000
15562 Merion Ct	\$365,000
18043 Stonebrook Dr	\$555,000
46004 Tournament Dr	\$680,000
16577 Weatherfield Dr	\$345,000
44416 White Pine Cir E	\$591,000
20590 Woodbend Dr	\$375,000
PLYMOUTH	
11201 Academy Ct	\$354,000
761 Adams St	\$165,000
279 Ann St	\$460,000
50472 Beechwood Ave	\$210,000
9207 Brookline Ct	\$150,000
42300 Hammill Ln	\$180,000
49336 Pine Ridge Dr	\$480,000

571 Starkweather St	\$288,000
11821 Sycamore Dr	\$102,000
REDFORD	
15911 Beech Daly Rd	\$52,000
25037 Cathedral	\$86,000
18802 Glenmore	\$62,000
20036 Inkster Rd	\$36,000
18604 Kinloch	\$46,000
15863 Lenore	\$70,000
18744 Lexington	\$99,000
9986 Royal Grand	\$42,000
9301 San Jose	\$140,000
24627 W Chicago	\$40,000
15574 Woodworth	\$79,000
9576 Worner	\$65,000
WAYNE	
4437 Gloria St	\$67,000
4148 Howe Rd	\$56,000
34311 John St	\$65,000
WESTLAND	
39328 Armstrong Ln	\$133,000
35959 Avondale St	\$89,000
201 Bedford Dr	\$180,000
473 Darwin St	\$80,000
2005 Dryden St	\$45,000
36125 Ford Rd	\$380,000
34291 Hazelwood Cir	\$175,000
33212 Mill Race Cir	\$100,000
6901 Mohican Ln	\$142,000
35825 Oakwood Ln	\$170,000
38209 Palmateer Rd	\$136,000
18322 S Hursey Ave	\$56,000
34134 Standish St	\$99,000
1636 Stieber St	\$47,000
1871 Stockmeyer Blvd	\$145,000
2540 Stockmeyer Blvd	\$123,000
27758 Warren Rd	\$125,000



TIPS FOR AN EASY THANKSGIVING MEAL

Food. Friends. Family. Football. Thanksgiving would be incomplete without any of them, but the most important is the holiday feast your family and friends have gathered to enjoy while the game plays in the background. Serving up a full holiday spread — from turkey to dessert — that is sure to bring everyone back for years to come is easy with these tips for every stage of the meal.

— *Courtesy of Family Features*

Turkey Day Tips

The sight of a beautifully cooked, golden brown bird being brought to the table is one of the most memorable moments of any Thanksgiving gathering. Follow these tips to prepare the perfect centerpiece for your holiday meal:

Thawing your turkey

» For every 5 pounds in weight, thaw in original wrapper for 24 hours in the refrigerator. Thaw faster by covering with cold water in the sink and soaking approximately 30 minutes per pound.

» Refrigerate as soon as thawed or cook immediately. For best quality, do not refreeze uncooked turkey.

Roasting the bird

» Baste with extra virgin olive oil.

» Place breast-side-up on rack in shallow roasting pan. Cook in 325 F oven.

» For an unstuffed turkey, place a stalk or two of celery, seasonings, a cut-up onion and a handful of parsley in the cavity to keep it moist.

» Lay "tent" of foil loosely over turkey to prevent over-browning.

» Turkey is done when meat thermometer is 180 F or when the red stem on the pop-up thermometer rises.

» For easier carving, let turkey stand at room temperature for at least 20 minutes.

Other methods

» Grilled: Grill 15-18 minutes per pound. Air in grill must be between 225-300 F.

» Deep Fat Fried: Cook 3-5 minutes per pound in 350 F oil.

» Smoked: Cook 20-30 minutes per pound. Air in smoker must be between 225-300 F.

» Microwaved: Cook 9-10 minutes per pound on medium power. Rotate during cooking.

Delicious sides

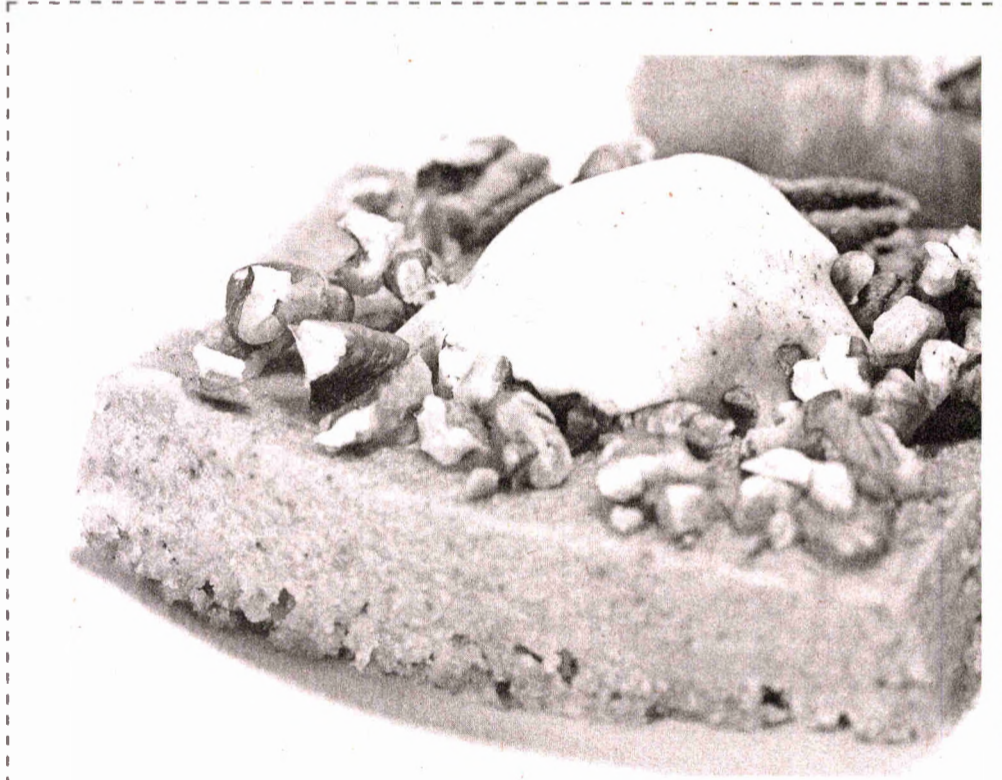
Although the turkey takes center stage on Thanksgiving, surrounding the centerpiece with a variety of delicious side dishes can take your turkey day to the next level. Here are a few popular sides to round out your table:

» Potatoes: Mashed potatoes and gravy are always a holiday hit, but other serving options, such as roasted potatoes, scalloped potatoes or sweet potatoes, can add variety to a favorite traditional dish.

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PUMPKIN PIE SQUARES WITH CINNAMON SUGAR YOGURT TOPPING

Total time: 1 hour, 20 minutes
Servings: 16

Crust:

1 cup graham cracker crumbs
½ cup old-fashioned oats
¼ cup brown sugar
¼ cup butter, melted
2 tablespoons low-fat milk
cooking spray

Filling:

2 cups canned pumpkin
2 eggs
¼ cup sugar
¼ cup low-fat vanilla yogurt

½ cup low-fat milk
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon pumpkin spice
¼ teaspoon salt
½ cup pecans, chopped
Topping:

2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup plain nonfat yogurt

Heat oven to 350 F. In large bowl, mix together graham cracker crumbs, oats, brown sugar, butter and milk. Press into thin layer in a 9-by-13-inch pan greased with

cooking spray. Bake for 10 minutes. While crust is baking, in another bowl, beat together pumpkin through salt. Pour over crust and bake for 40 minutes or until set. Sprinkle pecans over filling and bake another 10-15 minutes or until center is set. Cool slightly in pan. Mix together sugar and cinnamon. Mix in yogurt. Top each square with 1 tablespoon yogurt topping.

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Plymouth native Sarah Lenore is 'Transparent' in new album

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

SARAH LENORE

When she lived in Michigan, Sarah Lenore sang in local musicals, at sporting events and opened for a few big name country singers.

Now the Plymouth native is singing to the world.

Earlier this month she released an independent album, her second in 11 years. *Transparent*, with 16 of the 48 songs Lenore has written and recorded, has been in the works since July, when she split with Cash Money Records.

"I'm enjoying doing this myself. It feels good to do it myself, said the 27-year-old pop singer in a phone interview Tuesday from Miami, Fla., where she lives and records.

"Here I am packaging up eBay CDs that have been sold. I'm licking the envelopes and signing the photographs. You don't need a major label these days. You can do it a million different ways through social media. We were finally able to put out a record with no management, no label and it's been the best feeling ever. I have a lot of people around me, supporting me."

Although Lenore says she has been blessed with "good opportunities" and luck in her career, she has faced at least a few delays and setbacks along the way. The album title underscores that notion.

"To me that means something translucent, something you see right through, to the core, the heart and soul and blood sweat and tears in making this album. I want to be super open and free and honest. There's even a song about the music industry on it," she said, adding that she was hesitant at first about including it. "But it's the truth. It (the industry) isn't all flowers and butterflies. It's been tough, but all the work was worth it. I'm making a living by singing."

Always singing

It's a career she chose when she was a child. Lenore never took singing lessons, but learned how to project her voice while performing in local musicals. Her father, Brian Wiercioch, a truck driver, found auditions for his daughter. Her mother, Susan Wiercioch, the latchkey program teacher at Our Lady of Good Counsel, drove her daughter to them.

"We didn't have money for head shots and lessons. I was the only girl with no professional photos. I had a snapshot from my mom," said Lenore, who later dropped her surname in favor of her middle name.

The humble trappings never held her back. When she was 8 years old and a student at Our Lady of Good Counsel, she was cast in the lead child role in *Show Boat*, which starred Tom Bosley, at Masonic Temple in Detroit.

"It was the best experience of my life. I did 88 shows at Masonic Temple."

At 14 she dropped acting to concentrate on singing. She recruited mu-



The cover of Sarah Lenore's new album

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sicians for a band, started writing songs and learned to play guitar.

"My voice always had a twang when I sang. Back in the day I thought it was cool to be the pop country girl."

Nashville-bound

She attended Mercy High School for two years while taking home school classes, and graduated at 16. Lenore started music theory classes at Eastern Michigan University, but three years later left Michigan for Nashville, Tenn.

"My parents are so supportive. They helped me pack my Ford Escort and sent me off with \$400," she said. "I had a Craigslist roommate."

Lenore made a living singing on songwriters' demo recordings and host-

essing occasionally in restaurants, while trying to distinguish herself from hundreds of other young, female singers in Nashville. She got a big break in 2008 when she auditioned for *America's Got Talent*, earning a ticket to the live show in Las Vegas, Nev., and leaving it as a semi-finalist.

The experience helped her to network with movers and shakers in the industry and led her to Miami, where she signed a contract with Cash Money Records, which also produces Nicky Minaj, and Lil' Wayne.

"It is the most successful hip hop label in the world. I thought I'd be so different that it would be the best thing ever. I was so different that it was hard. They didn't know what to do with an

artist like me," Lenore said. "I was treated like a princess. If this was a hobby I'd stay for a lifetime, but it's not a hobby. I eat, drink and sleep music."

Now working with producer Jose Luis Pagan, she's had the opportunity to sing and co-write with top Latin artists. She even sings a song in Spanish on *Transparent*. The album is available for download at iTunes, Spotify.com and other digital music distribution sites. It's available in hard copy from cdbaby.com.

Watch Lenore in her own reality show, *Imperfectly Perfect*, on YouTube and Vimeo. Follow her on Twitter at @sarahlenore.

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p.m. Friday, Nov. 20; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21; and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22

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Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through Nov. 29

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Sky/Ground" features abstract landscapes from above and below by artist Leslie Sobel, who uses a combination of scientific imaging, including satellite and photomicrographs, computer code and maps to create her work
Contact: cantonvillagetheater.org; 734-394-5308

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PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *A Walk in the Woods*, \$3

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 20 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Nov. 21

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

Details: *Miracle on 34th Street*, \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481; redfordtheatre.com

HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Nov. 29

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: "Passionate Curiosities: Collecting in Egypt & the Near East, 1880s-1950s," focuses on the individuals who helped to build the Kelsey Museum collection

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages

6-17.

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC

ARAB AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn

Details: Ara Topouzian and Mal Barsamian perform Armenian folk music; \$10 for museum members and \$15 for the general public

Contact: www.bit.ly/AANMaramal

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: 7 p.m. open mic performers, singer/songwriter Kenny Lang at 8 p.m., followed by more open mic. Julie Bengtsson hosts the event. Open mic performers sign up from 6:15-6:40 p.m. Admission is \$5 and proceeds will benefit Plymouth Goodfellows

Contact: plymoutharts.com

BLUES@THE ELKS

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

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

Details: Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation
Contact: 734-453-1780

JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

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

Details: Kate Patterson and Friends, with Patterson on vocals, Chuck Shemetaro on keyboard, Ray Tini on bass, and Bill Cairo on drums, performs Nov. 24. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouth-elks1780@yahoo.com

JAZZ CAFE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27

Location: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: Grammy-nominated jazz trumpeter

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GET OUT!

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Russell Gunn and his quartet, featuring Grammy-winning vocalist Dionne Farris; tickets are \$20-\$30

Contact: 313-887-8501; ticketmaster.com

MAMA'S COFFEEHOUSE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21
Location: Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills

Details: Annie and Rod Capps; \$15 general admission, \$13 for students and seniors

Contact: mamacoffeehouse.org

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10
Location: Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Holiday Pops with the Phil features a variety of seasonal tunes, including the *Hallelujah Chorus* at the 8 p.m. performance, and a sing-along of Christmas carols. Tickets are \$30 general admission, \$25 for seniors, age 25 and up, and \$10 for students with ID

Contact: michiganphil.org

THERAPY CHOIRS OF MICHIGAN

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2

Location: Woodhaven Retirement Community, 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: The TCM singers consist of individuals with special needs, volunteers and friends. The group will sing holiday songs at this free concert

Contact: 248-474-2763, ext. 222; therapychoirs.org

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Around the House - A Variety Show, Nov. 20, Cold Tone Harvest with The Whiskey Charmers, Nov. 21, Open Stage, Dec. 1, Kitty Donohoe, Dec. 4, Thunderwude, Dec. 5, Danny Kroha, Dec. 11, Harper and the Midwest Kind, Dec. 12, Empty Chair Christmas Show, Dec. 13, Michigan Caroling Company, Dec. 18. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 28

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Motor City Soul, a seven-piece band, plays hits from The Four Tops, Temptations, Smokey Robinson & The Miracles, Rick James, Prince, Michael Jackson and more. Tickets are \$15

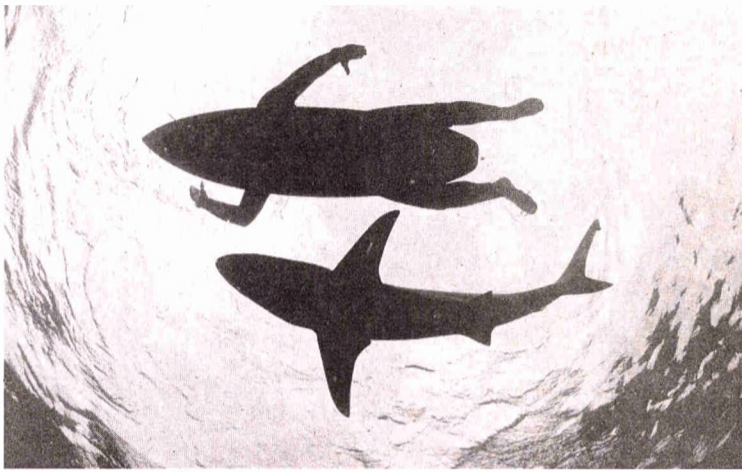
Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillage-theater.org



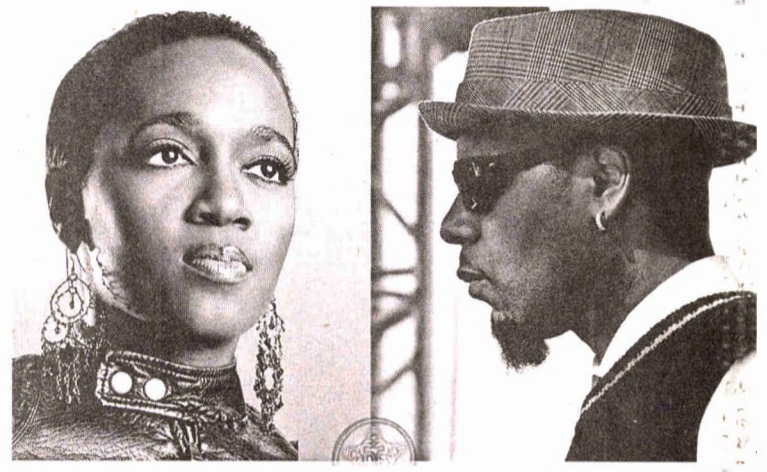
Motor City Soul performs Nov. 28 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.



The Michigan Weavers Guild holds its Winter Market, Nov. 21 in Farmington Hills



"The Shark Surfer" by Thomas Peschak is among the works on display beginning Nov. 20 at the Detroit Zoo's Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition.



Dionne Farris and Russell Gunn perform at Jazz Cafe, Nov. 27, at Music Hall in Detroit.

SPECIAL EVENTS AMERICA'S THANKSGIVING PARADE

Time/Date: 8:50 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26

Location: Starts at the corner of Woodward Ave. and Kirby in downtown Detroit and ends at Congress, just south of Campus Martius Park

Details: 89th annual parade features floats, bands, balloons, big heads and more. Comedian Tim Allen is grand marshal. Other celebrities will include U.S. national soccer team members, Willie Horton, former Detroit Tigers left fielder, 2015 Miss Michigan Emily Kieliszewski, 2016 Miss Michigan Susie Leica, and more. WDIV-TV Local 4 and News/Talk 760 WJR will broadcast live from the parade. Grandstand tickets start at \$40

Contact: theparade.org

AUTHOR SIGNING, DISCUSSION

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6
Location: Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty, at Six Mile, Northville

Details: Bob Larivee Sr., author of *Hot Rod Detroit: A Complete History of Hot Rodding in the Motor City*, signs books and talks about the sport of hot rodding

Contact: 248-348-0696

HOLIDAY SHOPPING EXPO

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13

Location: Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Shop more than 60 vendors, crafters and area businesses for toys, jewelry, candles, clothing, holiday displays, greeting cards, makeup and more. Food and refreshments available for purchase. Admission free

Contact: fhgov.com

THEATER FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5 and 11, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 5-6

Location: 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*; tickets are \$18 and \$20

Contact: farmingtonplayers.org

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 20-21, 27-28 and Dec. 4-5 and 2:30 p.m. Nov. 22, 29 and Dec. 6

Location: 21730 Madison, Dearborn

Details: *White Christmas*, featuring Denise Kowalewski-Tucker of Livonia in the role of Martha Watson. Tickets are \$20 with a \$2 discount for student with valid ID

Contact: 313-561-TKTS; playersguildof-dearborn.org

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 20-21; 2 p.m. Nov. 22

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

Details: In *Almost, Maine*, the residents of a town in Maine fall in and out of

love in the strangest ways. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students, available online, at the theater box office 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday, and one hour before show time at the door

Contact: cantonvillage-theater.org; 734-394-5300

TWO MUSES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22

Location: In the theater at West Bloomfield Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road

Details: *The Light in the Piazza* tells the story of Clara, who falls in love with an Italian man in a Florentine piazza. Her mother must decide whether she will reveal truths about her daughter that could destroy the romance. General admission advance tickets are \$23 for adults, and \$21 for students and senior citizens, age 62 and over. Tickets are \$2 more at the door

Contact: twomusetheatre.org; 248-850-9919

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By Brad Rubin
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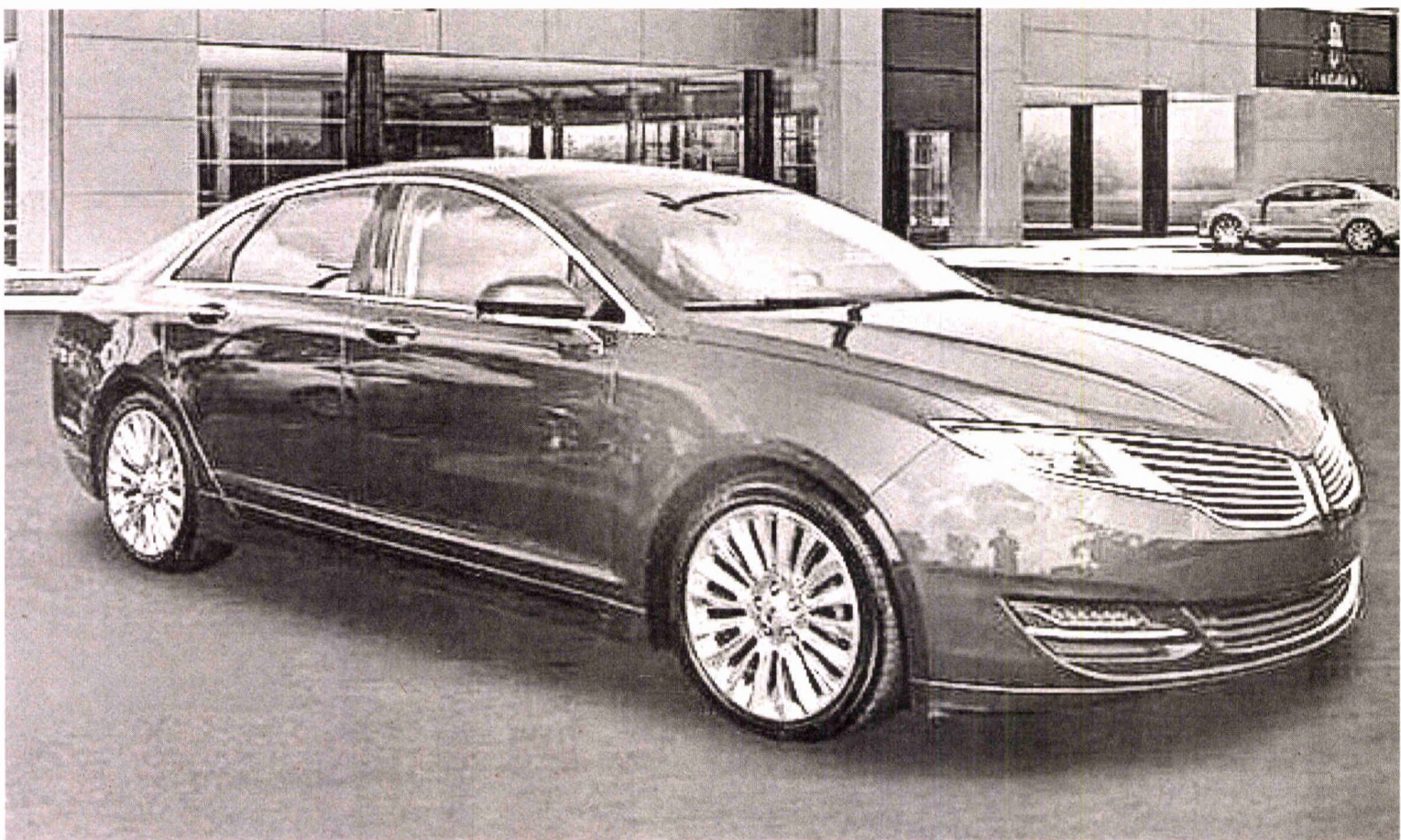
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- » 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19
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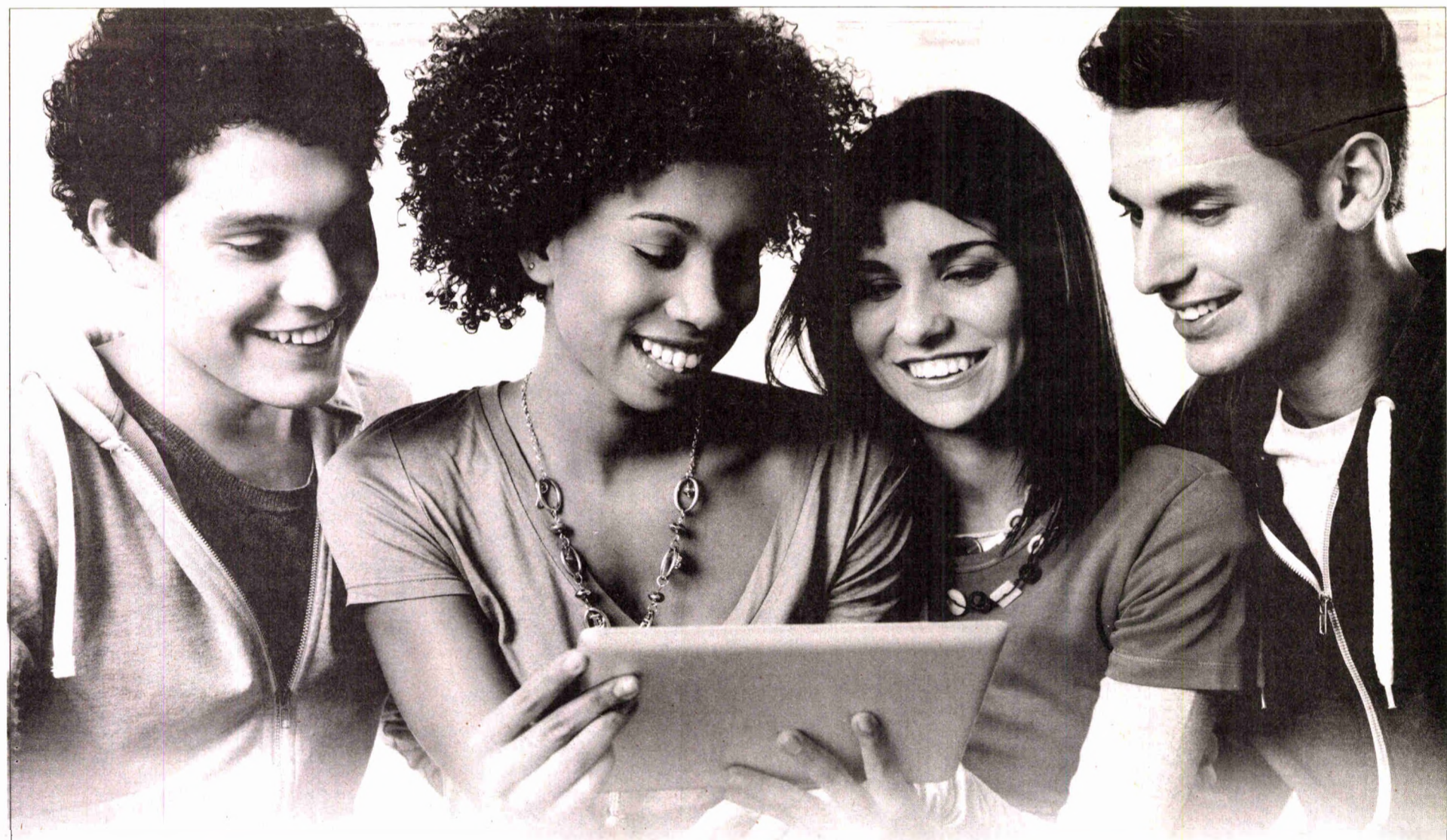
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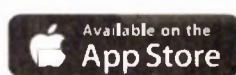


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