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Woman wants to open medical marijuana business in township

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

An Ann Arbor woman's bid to open a medical marijuana dispensary and growth operation is forcing Plymouth Township officials to address how the township should regulate such a business.

Michigan voters opened the door to medical marijuana for specific conditions, including cancer, AIDS, glaucoma, chronic pain and severe nausea, with the passage of the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act in 2008. But township officials say the law has many gray areas and is open to abus-

es. "We need the Legislature to step up and give us some clear direction," Supervisor Shannon Price said.

Stephanie Fischer of Ann Arbor, who provides medical marijuana to three patients out of her home, applied in July for an occupancy permit for a

site on Joy Road. Fischer wants to expand her business there and offer space for other caregivers to grow pot, plus provide a resource for education about medical marijuana.

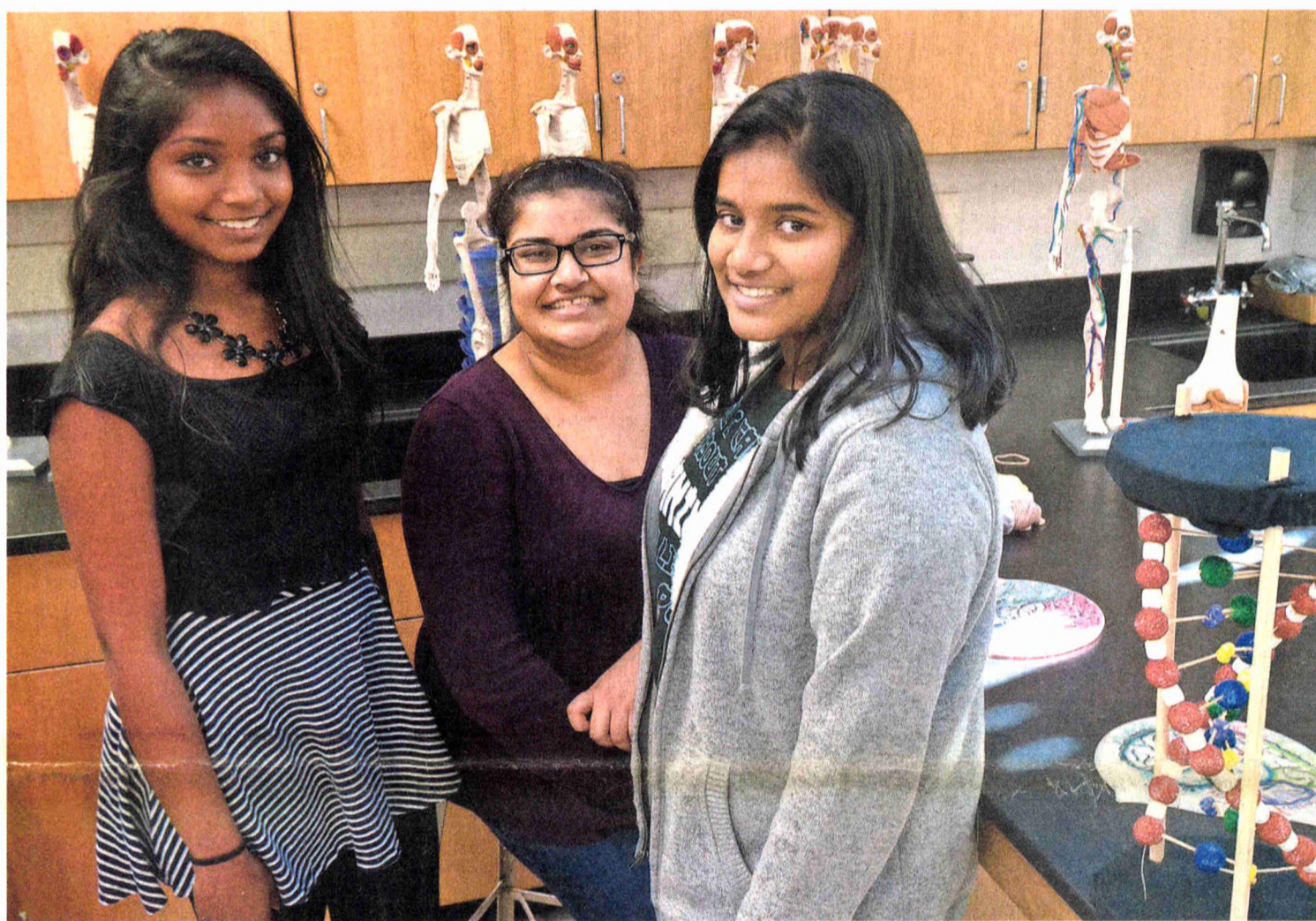
"I've seen the variety of people that it helps, the variety of people in different walks of life who medicate for vari-

ous reasons," said Fischer, who once worked in a medical marijuana dispensary in California and is herself a medical marijuana patient.

Fischer said her plans are being stalled by the township.

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Students look for worthy cause



Sanjana Sathrasala (from left), Neha Ray and Harshita Jallun are members of the P-CEP STEM Academy Council.

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Police investigate possible link in break-ins

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Three Saturday break-ins in a Plymouth Township neighborhood may be linked to a similar burglary in Northville Township a few days earlier, police said.

Cash, jewelry and electronic devices like laptops and iPads were reported stolen from three houses in the Rolling Oaks subdivision, in the area of North Territorial and Beck, Police Lt. Robert Antal said. No one was at home in any of the houses at the time they were broken into, he said.

The front door had been forced open at each house, Antal said; the incidents took place between about 1 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Saturday.

Police responded to an alarm at one house, at about 6:45 p.m., and arrived to find it had been burglarized, Antal said. While officers were at that scene, police received reports that two other houses in the subdivision had been broken into, he said.

The Northville Township home burglary took place earlier in the week on the township's west side.

John Werth, Northville Township public safety director, said jewelry and other items were reported stolen and that video from a security camera has proved helpful in the investigation.

"We're receiving tips about it right now," Werth said Monday. He said there may be links to burglaries in several other communities, including Plymouth Township.

Casing house?

Antal said the Northville Township burglary may be linked to a Nov. 24 incident in Plymouth Township in which a woman in a house in the area of Powell and Beck roads activated an alarm after seeing two men pounding on the front door and a sport-utility vehicle backed into the driveway. The men left when the alarm sounded; police checked the area, but could

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Community can make suggestions to STEM Academy

Joanne Maliszewski
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A good idea is what the students in the P-CEP STEM Academy are seeking as they prepare for their annual fundraising effort for the community.

"We are already passionate about helping the community," said Sanjana Sathrasala, a junior who serves on the STEM Academy Council. "It is good because you see people who are just as excited about a cause as you are."

Sathrasala with her classmates Neha Ray and Harshita Jallun are among about 20 STEM students who

as members of the council are planning to repeat the success the group has had in drawing attention to a particular cause or effort and the ensuing fundraising.

"We rely on the community. I wanted to teach the kids that we need to give back," said Danielle Ramos, STEM Academy coordinator.

To that end, the STEM students, led by the council, kicked off their community efforts in 2012-13 with a bottle return campaign. Students raised \$1,500 to provide GoldieBlox - engi-

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STEM CAREER FAIR

The STEM Academy will host a career fair 2:30-5:15 p.m. March 9 at P-CEP to showcase the various careers available to students in technical and STEM studies.

While it is mandatory for STEM students, others are welcome. Approximately 50 guests - professionals in various fields - will speak to provide students an idea of what these particular professionals do for a living.

Some of the career areas that will be explored include engineering, biomedical, technology graphics, business, automotive and robotics. Some 800 students are expected to attend, said Danielle Ramos, STEM Academy coordinator.

"This is about exposing students to careers in these fields," Ramos said. "We tell the speakers to be ready to answer questions about what these careers will be like when our students are ready for them."

Here comes Santa Claus

Township kicks off holiday season with inaugural event

Plymouth Township welcomed the holiday season Tuesday evening with its inaugural "Kick Off to Christmas" at Township Park.

The event, at the park's new all-weather pavilion, featured a Christmas tree-lighting ceremony, a sing-along led by the choir from

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, face-painting and cookie-decorating for children, refreshments and, of course, a visit from Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

Supervisor Shannon Price said more than 500 people

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MIKE SHUSTER
Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived at Plymouth Township Park by old-fashioned fire truck Tuesday night, then were driven in a golf cart up to the park's new all-weather pavilion, where they were greeted by excited children.



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not locate the men or the vehicle, Antal said.

The woman told police that, a short time earlier, a man had pounded on her door, which she did not answer as she wasn't expecting anyone, according to Antal. The man left, the woman told police, but returned a few minutes later with a second man and a dark SUV and the pounding on the door resumed more vigorously until she sounded the alarm.

One of the men the woman spotted, Antal said, was wearing a hooded sweatshirt like one worn by a man seen on the security video in the Northville Township break-in.

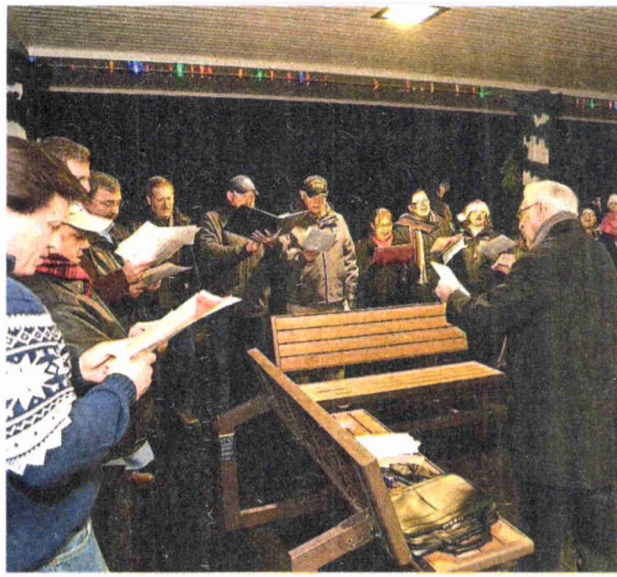
Antal said residents can take simple pre-

cautions to avoid home burglaries or to help the police in their investigation in case a burglary occurs. Residents should know their neighbors and report to police "if there's anything that doesn't look normal," he said.

"We'd rather come out and check something and have it be nothing" than take a burglary report after one has occurred, Antal said.

Christmas gifts, he said, and valuable items like electronics shouldn't be left in the open and the serial numbers of such items should be copied down. Police can use the serial numbers to track the belongings if they do end up being stolen.

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A choir from the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth led the crowd Tuesday in a Christmas singalong at Plymouth Township Park, with Santa arriving to a rendition of "Here Comes Santa Claus."



Young ones got to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus and share their Christmas wish lists.



Cookie-decorating for kids was one of the activities during Tuesday's "Kick Off to Christmas" at Plymouth Township Park.

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showed up for the celebration.

"For the first one, we had a good turnout. Kids

had fun," Price said. "It was very exciting, especially when you had that many people show up."

The event was sponsored by the township, with the assistance of the Plymouth Jaycees or Junior Chamber of

Commerce. The Jaycees collected donations of hats, gloves and socks to be given to the Plymouth Goodfellows to assist local families in need of winter clothing.

Price said he plans to make "Kick Off to

Christmas" an annual event. It followed a Tuesday morning open house at Plymouth Township Hall, where the public was invited to meet township staff and enjoy refreshments.

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Generosity, hard work from local clubs yield Rotary school in Ghana village

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Children ages 4-6 in Guo, a village in Ghana, are going to school now indoors, thanks to the generosity and hard work of local Rotarians and their supporters.

The Rotary Clubs of Plymouth, Michigan, U.S.A., Guo Kindergarten School Block recently opened. It was in the works about three years, said organizer Jeanne Knopf DeRoche, a Plymouth Township resident and treasurer of the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M.

"They were going to school under a tree before that," Knopf DeRoche said of the Guo children. "They had a school, but no building."

She and 10 Windsor, Ontario, area Rotarians traveled to the Guo region Nov. 12-24 to see the school and work on other nearby projects. The Guo school idea started with the A.M. club in Plymouth, which sought help from the Rotary Club of Plymouth and its foundation.

"So the Noon Club paid for half the building," Knopf DeRoche said. Her club had three Celebrity Wait Night fundraisers and contributed \$12,500 for the school, with the Rotary Club of Plymouth supplying an additional \$12,500.

Ghana, in west Africa, also is benefiting from a Rotary District 6400 grant, which includes this area. The district grant of \$4,000, matched by the A.M. club, paid for desks, uniforms and supplies.

Knopf DeRoche also left money for paint at the Guo school "so it's not going to fall apart on us." The lead teacher requested playground equipment, including a merry-go-round and swing set.

"There's a guy in their little village that makes them," she said of the playground items, which were purchased there with district funds. Money is kept in a Ghanaian bank in a neighboring town monitored by a trusted Catholic priest.

Canadian assistance

The Rotary Club of Windsor 1918, one of several in that city, mentored the Plymouth A.M. Rotarians on their African project. The Canadians had international connections that made banking aspects easier, Knopf DeRoche explained.

The district grant also provided a computer, textbooks and supplemental Montessori textbooks "as requested by the lead teacher. It was fun going shopping in the capital," she said of Accra, Ghana's capital city. Accra was hot, humid and subject to rolling electricity blackouts. Guo is northwest of Accra. "It took us three days to get home," Knopf DeRoche said of travel logistics.

The team of Rotarians and volunteers included spouses, with two from the 1918 Club, one from the Windsor Roseland Club, Knopf DeRoche and 11 people total. They stayed in a guest house in the next village, Jirapa. "We didn't all do everything together," she said.

The school in Guo is built and a source of great pride to locals and



JULIE BROWN

"It was a great experience," Rotarian Jeanne Knopf DeRoche said of building the school and her recent trip to Ghana to see it. The school is built.



Rotarian Jeanne Knopf DeRoche (center) of Plymouth Township is happy to meet local Ghanaian children during the Nov. 12-24 visit.



This marker is at the school in Ghana.

the Rotarians. Knopf DeRoche noted she saw another group of children in school under a tree on this trip.

"They have no junior highs," she said of a great need in Ghana, with the government under pressure to build junior highs, the highest level of free education in that country. High school requires payment.

"Now all these kids are headed to junior high. There's just not enough room," said Knopf DeRoche, who's concerned about ongoing need for preschool and early elementary education.

The Guo school took about a year and a half to build. "The villagers did as much work as they could before we brought in contractors," she said. The locals made mud bricks of good quality, as well as a thatched roof well-suited to local weather.

'Centuries of local knowledge'

"They're building on centuries of local knowledge," she said of that African knowledge and effort.

Dr. Godfrey Bachevie, a Windsor pediatrician who's originally from Ghana, is a Rotarian from the 1918 Club. "We come in with his family's trust behind us," Knopf DeRoche said.

Bachevie told the Rotarians to emphasize their hard work to raise the money; Westerners have a higher living standard and Bachevie wanted the Africans to understand the work the project entailed.

"The people are so generous and grateful," he said. "The older people in particular understand how far you've come to be with them."

The Guo school will serve about 70 children, in three classrooms. The day Knopf DeRoche visited, some 30 extra children showed up who aren't enrolled. Dresses and shorts were provided for all children there that day.

"Guo has some other schools, but not for that age," she said. There's an elementary and even a junior high, which is unusual for that size

community.

Knopf DeRoche was the only group member focused on the Guo school, with members working on five or six villages in the region.

She agreed it's difficult to see overwhelming need and, with others, asked, "What can I do that's going to stay?" Their focus was on local and not Western ideas.

At the orphanage, for example, feeding babies nutritious meals means more than diapering. "It's not part of their culture to wear diapers," she said.

She saw AIDS prevention and awareness signs, her favorite, "A friend with AIDS is still a friend." She wondered about passing of babies at the orphanage and of their parents, but saw less HIV evidence than in South Africa, "where I saw whole villages where there are no parents."

The Guo lead teacher is also an administrator and was teaching for a colleague on maternity leave recently. "Nice young man. I don't think I've ever been hugged so tight when I told him I could get him a computer," Knopf DeRoche said.

For the future, "I'm ready to keep going." Rotarians will enjoy family time over the holidays and Knopf DeRoche will meet with Traci Sincok of the Northville Rotary to discuss future efforts internationally. Sincok is an assistant district governor for District 6400.

Knopf DeRoche is also talking to Canton Rotary about international work and noted the great benefits of working together. She visited A.M. Rotarian Tim Higgins at his local print shop on her return and said, "We just do good work. They're thanking me, but they're thanking all of us."

The group will return to Ghana in 2018 and Knopf DeRoche hopes more Americans can join in then. "It was a great experience," she said.

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The program will include a holiday reflection given by the Rev. Thomas

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A forecast for snow, sleet and ice can produce conditions that will likely challenge even the most seasoned driver. AAA recommends:

» Restrict driving privileges for teen or new drivers who have never driven in snowy conditions.

» Provide new drivers with an adult-supervised opportunity to test their driving skills in an empty, snow packed/icy parking lot or low-traffic volume road.

» Help new drivers understand how vehicles operate differently in snowy conditions along with building their driving confidence and skills.

» Take extra care with seniors who may face other driving challenges.

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droid at AAA.com/mobile.
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AAA's top 10 tips

1. Before starting out, remove snow from the *entire* car so it doesn't blow onto your windshield or the windshields of other drivers. Make sure your mirrors and lights are clean as well.

2. Don't use cruise control in precipitation and freezing temperatures.

3. Remember that four-wheel drive helps you to get going quicker, but it won't help you stop any faster.

4. Familiarize yourself with your vehicle's braking system. Drivers with anti-lock brakes should apply firm, constant pressure while those without may need to pump the pedal in order to avoid loss of traction while stopping.

5. Always drive at a speed that matches the prevailing visibility, traffic and road conditions – even if that means driving below the posted speed limit.

6. Compensate for reduced traction by increasing your

following distances (normally three to four seconds) to eight to 10 seconds.

7. Allow sufficient room for maintenance vehicles and plows, stay at least 15 car lengths (200 feet) back and, if you need to pass, go to the other vehicle's left.

8. Watch for icy surfaces on bridges and intersections, even if the rest of the road seems to be in good condition.

9. If you get stuck in snow, straighten the wheel and accelerate slowly. Add sand or cat litter under the drive wheels to help avoid spinning the tires.

10. If your tires lose traction, continue to look and steer in the direction you want to go. If the drive wheels start to spin or slide while going up a hill, ease off the accelerator slightly and then gently resume speed.

Additional winter weather driving tips are available in AAA's *How To Go on Ice and Snow* booklet, which can be downloaded at: <http://exchange.aaa.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/How-To-Go-On-Ice-and-Snow.pdf>.

Farmington cops have first OD save with Narcan

Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Farmington Public Safety officers saved the life of a 57-year-old woman early Sunday morning with the use of Narcan after she overdosed on morphine and was barely breathing when they arrived.

This was the first time Farmington officers utilized Narcan – which can rapidly reverse the effects of opioid overdose – since being required to carry it about a month ago, said Ted Wartham, deputy director of the Farmington Public Safety Department.

"The officers on the scene did an excellent job, both in their investigation to detect a possible opioid overdose and their success in administering not one, but two doses, of Naloxone, also known as Narcan," he said.

Wartham said the woman was unresponsive and her pupils were fixed and dilated

when officers arrived shortly before 1:30 a.m. Family members had called police after finding her unconscious in a back bedroom. Police learned that someone else in the household had prescription morphine and that it was suspected the woman had overdosed on it, either intentionally or accidentally.

After Narcan was sprayed into her nostrils, she regained consciousness right away and was alert by the time Community EMS arrived, Wartham said.

"The results once it's given are incredible," he said. "It's very helpful and fast-acting."

The woman was transported by Community EMS to Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills and was expected to survive, Wartham said.

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'Just delaying'

In response to her application for an occupancy permit, she said, she received a questionnaire from the building department, to which she responded in August. She's had a couple of meetings with Police Chief Tom Tiderington, she said, but no official word on the status of her permit request.

"I can understand their hesitancy," said Fischer, who has hired a lawyer, James Fiselski. "If they were going to tell me no, they should've told me four months ago. Now they are just delaying it."

Fischer has appeared at the last two Board of Trustees

meetings to ask, during public comment, about the status of her request.

Price admits the issue is one he's reluctant to tackle.

"I'm not jumping for joy about this," Price said Tuesday.

Price said he is organizing a "task force" to discuss how the township should approach medical marijuana businesses. The committee, he said, will include trustees, a building department representative and the police chief.

"This isn't about bringing in a new restaurant or a high-tech company, this is about bringing in somebody who wants to grow and sell marijuana," Price said. "We're got to make sure whatever we're doing, we're doing right."

Price said there are gray areas in the law that concern him and that officials need to

decide if they should restrict medical marijuana businesses to specific zoning classifications.

Plus, Price said, Fischer's plan is different from the typical dispensary in that she intends to rent growing space to other caregivers, thus expanding the number of patients the business could service. Michigan's medical marijuana law allows each registered caregiver to provide marijuana for to up to five patients and to grow up to 12 marijuana plants for each of those patients. Medical marijuana patients must have a doctor's certification and also be registered with the state.

"This task force is going to look at every option and try to come up with what we're going to do," Price said. Township attorney Kevin Bennett has already been consulted, as

has an attorney with the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, an insurance provider, who has experience in medical marijuana issues, Price said.

Seeking clarity

Tiderington said the type of business Fischer wants to open would be illegal. "I don't think that the medical marijuana act provides for that type of facility," he said.

Tiderington said a marijuana dispensary in the township was raided about two years ago and charges filed against the operators.

At the same time, Tiderington said, the vagueness of the law is unfair to law enforcement and to people like Fischer who want to operate within the law.

"Law enforcement agencies statewide are looking for clar-

ification in terms of what is legal and what is not legal," he said.

Meanwhile, Fischer is stuck paying rent on her site, about 1,400 square feet, while she waits for an occupancy permit.

"I haven't even been able to put carpet on the floor, paint the walls, do anything, because I don't have that occupancy permit," she said.

Fischer added: "I want to be part of the community. I look forward to being able to help and educate those in the area."

The Michigan House of Representatives earlier this year approved legislation intended to clarify the medical marijuana law, but the proposal has yet to be voted on by the state Senate.

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P-C schools named to AP District Honor Roll

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district is one of 425 school districts in the U.S. and Canada honored by the College Board with placement on the sixth annual AP District Honor Roll.

The recognition is for increasing access to Advanced Placement course work, while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP exams. Reaching these goals indicates that a district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for the opportunity of AP.

To be included on the honor roll, P-CCS had to, since 2013, increase the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the number of

students earning AP exam scores of 3 or higher

Recognition by the College Board validates the efforts of our educational team to increase academic rigor, access and opportunities for all of our students," district Superintendent Michael Meissen said. "We are proud of the accomplishments of our students, the faculty and staff, administration and families."

National data from 2015 show that among black/African-American, Hispanic and Native American students with a high degree of readiness for AP, only about half of students are participating. The first step to deli-



Meissen

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MICHAEL MEISSEN, P-CCS superintendent

vering the opportunity of AP to students is providing access by ensuring courses are available, that gate-keeping stops and that the doors are equitably opened so these students can participate.

"The Board (of Education) is focused upon high academic results for all students and eliminating achievement gaps. This recognition is an indicator the strategies and best practices taken by our exceptional faculty is producing strong educational outcomes for our kids," Meissen said.

P-CCS remains committed to expanding the availability of AP courses among prepared and motivated students of all backgrounds, Meissen added.

"That the committed teachers and administrators in this district have both expanded AP access and also helped their students achieve high levels of performance on AP exams shows they're delivering opportunity in their schools and classrooms and it is a real testament to their belief that a more diverse population of young people is ready

for the challenge of college," said Trevor Pack-er, the College Board's senior vice president of AP and instruction.

In 2015, more than 3,800 colleges and universities around the world received AP scores for college credit, advanced placement and/or consideration in the admission process, with many colleges and universities in the United States offering credit in one or more subjects for qualifying AP scores.

Inclusion on the honor roll is based on the examination of three

years of AP data, from 2013-15, looking across 34 AP exams, including world language and culture. Districts must:

» Increase participation/access to AP by at least 4 percent in large districts, at least 6 percent in medium districts and at least 11 percent in small districts.

» Increase or maintain the percentage of exams taken by black/African-American, Hispanic/Latino and American Indian/Alaska Native students.

» Improve or maintain performance levels when comparing the 2015 percentage of students scoring a 3 or higher to the 2013 percentage, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70 percent of its AP students are scoring a 3 or higher.



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Danielle Ramos is the STEM Academy coordinator.

CAUSE

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neering toys – for kindergarten classes in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

In 2013-14, STEM students raised money for childhood cancer research. A mom and a her daughter took the time to speak to the students about their experience with cancer. In the end, the STEM Academy students donated \$4,500 to Mott Children's Hospital.

Last year, when the STEM students needed an idea, they opened it up to the public. "I started getting floods of emails," Ramos said.

Finally, the STEM council decided on the Gift of Life. A former STEM English teacher who became ill and required and received a lung transplant was the root of the idea for Gift of Life. "I had students who said, 'We are the last group who had him (as a teacher at P-CEP),' " Ramos said.

So as the STEM council begins its planning for this year's effort, it is opening it up again to the public. "We want something that will directly help the community," Jallun said.

Anyone who may have an idea for the STEM students is asked to email Ramos at danielle.ramos@pccsk12.com or call her at 734-416-7922. Community members are asked to get their ideas in no later than Jan. 4.

Ray and Satrasala have two caveats – they want to raise funds and they want to be passionate about the cause. But the students want a fundraiser in which they can be active. At last year's fundraiser and auction for the Gift of Life, students sold paper body organs as a means of drawing attention to organ donation. And, of course, if the students have to shop for anything for the effort, well, they are more than happy to do that.

"It really brings us together," Ray said.

And being together is important for the 700-some students in the STEM Academy, which offers classes in all three of the high schools at the Park. Students in the STEM program choose either a biomedical pathway or an engineering pathway, Ramos said.

Through the academy, students not only complete their required courses, but have a chance to take classes that introduce them to potential careers in, for

example, biomedical. "We can explore careers, which gives us a heads up," Jallun said.

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Children greet Santa in downtown Plymouth

With a choir from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and magician/comedian Joel Tacey as the warmup acts, Santa Claus arrived Friday in downtown Plymouth.

Driven up to Kellogg Park in a fire truck, as is customary, Santa was greeted by enthusiastic children who had gathered in the park.

Santa's arrival was the culmination of the city's annual Christmas tree-lighting ceremony, which typically occurs the day after Thanksgiving.

The Plymouth Corps of the Salvation Army provided hot chocolate, free of charge, for the event.

Santa will be making return appearances at the Santa House in Kellogg Park to hear the Christmas wish lists of young visitors. For a schedule of Santa House hours, go to the Plymouth Community Chamber of commerce website.

The Santa House is sponsored by Hines Park Lincoln and the chamber.



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Jake Schultz pushes the lever, with help from Santa Claus, Caroline Holmes and Will Holmes, to light the Kellogg Park holiday lights and tree.



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The manger scene and a menorah face Main Street.



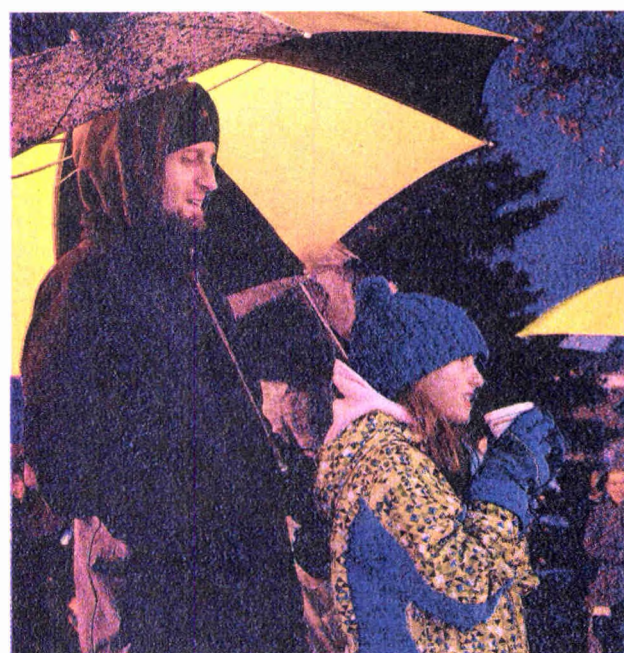
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Sure enough, Santa comes to Plymouth once again.



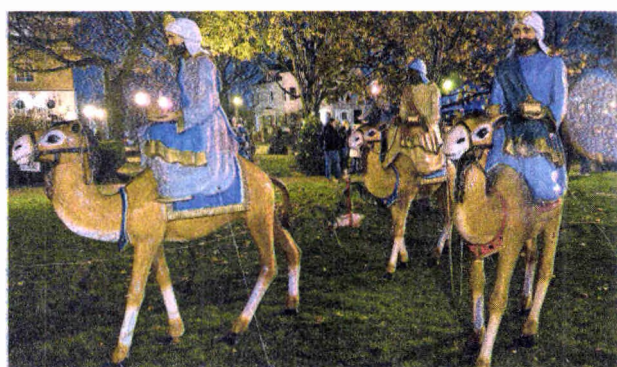
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It's worth the wait in the rain and wind.



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Jarrett New and 9-year-old daughter Georgia New watch the evening's entertainment.




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At the other corner of the park, three guys on camels follow a star.



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Santa and Mrs. Claus left the sled at the North Pole and arrived in a fire engine, with bright lights and siren blaring.



Be a survivor.

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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Dan Carney, president and CEO of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, and his wife Linda enjoy the last year's Kidney Ball with Ed Peper, 2015 Kidney Ball honorary co-chair, and his wife Pam.

Northville residents lead fight on kidney disease

Jill Halpin
Correspondent

It was more than 20 years ago that Duane McLean received a call that his father needed a kidney.

He didn't hesitate with an answer.

"It was an easy decision. My father was my hero," McLean said.

McLean's father Gerald had tried dialysis and was in the final stages of kidney disease. Aware of the looming possibilities, McLean, who has lived in Northville with his wife and three children for 12 years, had been tested earlier and was found to be a suitable donor candidate. When the opportunity arose for organ donation, he was prepared to act.

It was this experience — and others — that led McLean to join fellow Northville resident Ed Peper as honorary co-chairs of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's Kidney Ball, set for 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at Motor City Casino.

"Once you are touched by something, it tends to matter more and you begin to realize how important the issue is," said McLean, executive vice president of business affairs for the Detroit Tigers.

"Raising awareness of kidney disease and its prevention is very important to me," he added.

Peper — the U.S. vice president for General Motors Fleet and Commercial and resident of the Northville community since 2005 with his wife and two children — agrees.

Many people are not aware of the leading causes of kidney disease, such as obesity, hypertension and diabetes, Peper said. More importantly, some of these factors are preventable, he added.

"Losing weight, eating better and trying to live a healthy lifestyle are all really important," he said.



Duane McLean, 2015 Kidney Ball honorary co-chair (right), gathers with his daughter Kayla and wife Sue at the 2014 Kidney Ball.

More than 26 million people over the age of 20 — including 900,000 people in Michigan — suffer from chronic kidney disease, according to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. Chronic kidney disease is permanent kidney damage or decreased level of kidney function that continues for three months or more. When left untreated, CKD can lead to complete kidney failure, with the only options for survival dialysis or a kidney transplant.

"The good news is that, 70 percent of the time, we can prevent kidney disease ending in kidney failure by managing our risk factors," said Dan Carney, president and CEO of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

The foundation was ranked the No. 1 charity in the category of diseases, disorders and disciplines in 2014 by Charity Navigator, the nation's leading charity evaluator. It is committed not only to raising awareness of the disease, but to helping people learn to manage the disease in the early stages, before it becomes life-threatening, he said.

"So much of our health can be determined by our lifestyle — that is why it is so important to help people understand the importance of controlling the factors that they

are able," Carney said. "It is really important that people talk to their doctors and ask about kidney function during their regular checkups with their physicians."

He said that organizers of the Kidney Ball hope to raise \$550,000 from the event to support the foundation.

Not only does the Kidney Ball raise valuable funds, it also promises to be a fun-filled evening, Carney said.

The event includes a live auction featuring everything from an Italian Villa vacation to a "Detroit Tigers Experience," as well as a silent auction with jewelry, electronics, wine and even a toy-filled "Kid's Room" for those hoping to get in some holiday shopping.

Fifty Amp Fuse, a local band recognized for its energetic live music performances, will be on hand to add even more excitement to the event, Carney said.

McLean said he is hopeful that people recognize the importance of the issue and get behind it.

"It really is a great opportunity to support an important cause," he said.

Tickets for the Kidney Ball fundraiser are \$250. For more information about the event, call 800-482-1455 or go to nkfm.org.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Longtime Super Bowl has history of community support

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

A: Super Bowl Lanes is much more than a fun place for youth and adults to bowl. We offer fundraisers, corporate outings, family reunions, adult and youth birthday parties, field trips, team-building events, retirement parties, graduation parties, in-house and outside catering and so much more. The perfect place to have a fun-filled time with family, friends and co-workers at affordable prices.

Q: How did you first decide to open your business?

A: The owners, Mark and Diane Voight, as bowlers themselves, saw a great opportunity to bring a cost-effective form of family fun entertainment to the community.

Q: Why did you choose Canton?

A: Canton at the time was a growing, family-oriented community and still is today.

Q: What makes your business unique?

A: Bowling remains one of the only sporting activities that allows everyone, no matter their

health, gender or skill level, to participate together. Bowling creates camaraderie!

Q: How has it changed since you opened?

A: Bowling has changed dramatically over the years; lane conditions and bowling balls have become more advanced with today's technology. Scoring is now automatic and bowling has become the fastest growing high school sport, with hundreds of high schools throughout the country now offering bowling as a letter sport.

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

A: The most rewarding projects we have done at Super Bowl are those that involve the kids. They include:

» Turnaround Program in the Plymouth-Canton schools. We created and completely sponsor this program, which recognizes two or three children in every middle and high school in the school system for making a turnaround in their lives outside of academic or athletic

DETAILS

Name: Super Bowl Lanes
Address: 45100 Ford Road, Canton MI 48187

Interviewee: Susan Robertson, event planner

Opened: Super Bowl was built as a 40-lane center in 1978 and an additional 20 lanes were added on in 1981. Community Bowling Centers acquired the center in 1992

Employees: 35-45, depending on the time of year
Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 a.m., seven days a week (times may vary)
Specialty: Adult and youth bowling, banquets, family fun entertainment, top-notch customer service

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accomplishments. We have truly made a difference in many of these children's lives in giving them their first public recognition ever. Some of their experiences were truly heartbreaking. We were awarded business owner of the year in Canton several years ago for this program.

» Creating high school bowling in the Plymouth-Canton high schools. We worked with and financially supported the parents of several



Super Bowl Lanes is at 45100 Ford Road, Canton.

high school students to institute high school bowling in our three high schools.

» Providing in-school bowling instruction to all elementary students in local elementary schools. We have provided in-school bowling equipment and instruction to approximately 100,000 students in the last 20 years.

On the business side, we have been very successful in bringing many tournaments to Canton, which have benefited us as well as many of our nearby businesses. We would estimate that we have brought more than

\$50 million of business to the Canton area since we acquired Super Bowl in 1992.

Q: How has the recent economy affected your business?

A: Like several other businesses, we saw a slight decline as many families would cut entertainment out of their budgets first. For example, our league bowlers who may have bowled in two or three leagues weekly went to bowling in one or two leagues. The good news, however is we are starting to see an increase in both our open play and league play.

Q: Any advice for other business owners?

A: Have a well-prepared marketing plan and stay the course, continue to let the community know you're still in business and things will work out for the best.

Q: What's in store for the future of your business?

A: Super Bowl Lanes' future continues to look brighter and brighter. We have once again secured several youth and adult tournaments for the upcoming years, as well as many family fun events planned, which will continue to benefit the surrounding communities.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Promoted

Comcast has promoted Craig D'Agostini to vice president of government affairs for the company's Heartland region, which includes Michigan, Indi-

ana and Kentucky. He is based in Plymouth.

In this role, D'Agostini oversees all government and community affairs across the three-state region, which serves more than 1.5 million

customers and has more than 4,000 employees. His responsibilities include overseeing franchise and regulatory compliance and managing community investment initiatives, includ-

ing the company's Internet Essentials program that provides low-cost, high-speed Internet



D'Agostini

service to eligible low-income families.

D'Agostini has 16 years of experience in the telecommunications and cable industries. Most recently, he served as senior director of government affairs for Comcast in Houston. Prior to joining Comcast in 2008, he worked as a manager of franchising and regulatory affairs for Time Warner Cable's Houston division.

"As we continue to hire more people, advance technology and implement other initiatives that make it easier for our customers to do business with us, it's also vitally important that we work closely with government and community leaders," said Tim Collins, senior vice president for Comcast's Heartland region. "Craig brings the right skill set and leadership to this position to ensure we're

collaborating on economic and community development priorities across the region."

D'Agostini earned a bachelor of arts degree in telecommunications from Indiana University and a law degree from New York Law School.

Named

Julie Martin, HELLA's vice president of global sales, has been named by *Automotive News* as one of the 100 Leading Women in the North American Auto Industry for 2015.

Martin was honored Nov. 9 at a gala celebration at the Max M. and Marjorie S.

Fisher Music Center in Detroit at which Mary Barra, CEO of General Motors, was the featured speaker. The publication has compiled the list of top female executives at automakers, suppliers and dealerships every five years.

Based in Plymouth, Martin is responsible for further strengthening customer relationships in

HELLA's automotive electronics and lighting businesses. She also focuses on helping to position the company for additional growth in strategic product areas, including energy management, driver assistance and lighting.

Martin previously had served as HELLA's purchasing director for electronics commodities in the Americas and also had managed North American production purchasing and supplier quality for the company's electronics plants in the U.S. and Mexico.

Prior to joining HELLA, she held a series of management positions in purchasing at Visteon after progressing through a series of purchasing positions at Ford Motor Co.

"Julie has shown exceptional leadership skills," said Steve Liettaert, president, HELLA Corporate Center USA, Inc. "It comes as no surprise to her colleagues and the management team that she was selected to be on the *Automotive News*' 100 Leading Women in the North American Auto Industry."



Martin

Kroger Co. of Michigan honored for philanthropic efforts

The Kroger Co. of Michigan's efforts to give back to local communities earned the company the Outstanding Corporation Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals. The award was presented during a recent honors ceremony held in Detroit in recognition of National Philanthropy Day.

"Kroger has established a culture of giving and focuses on core areas that are important to our customers and associates, including hunger relief, better health, education, good neighbor activities and diversity," said Ken McClure, consumer communications manager for Kroger.

During 2014, Kroger donated \$670,071 to fund breast cancer research and education. Last month, the grocer wrapped up its annual Pink Ribbon Campaign to benefit the American Cancer Society. Shoppers also contributed to coin boxes, with funds collected for ACS and the

Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Novi-based Kroger supports education, the arts and Michigan's young people each year with its "I Can Make History" contest held during Black History Month. The contest awarded \$71,000 in scholarships and other prizes to students in the fourth through 12th grades last year. Students submitted their original work in four categories: art, essay, music and poetry.

According to McClure, many of Kroger's philanthropic efforts are ongoing, including its hunger relief program. During 2014, Kroger contributed 4.6 million pounds of food as part of its Perishable Donations partnership with Feeding America food banks in Michigan. Kroger also donated more than \$1.5 million to assist the Salvation Army in feeding hungry families via its annual Red Kettle Collections campaign.

"We were especially pleased with the results

of our Pour It Forward campaign, which, in its second year, raised enough money to provide 51,468 gallons of Kroger brand milk to needy families," McClure said. "The Kroger Co. of Michigan introduced Pour It Forward in 2013 and, based on its success, The Kroger Co. adopted the campaign nationwide."

The Kroger Community Rewards program celebrates its seventh year in Michigan and contributes \$2 million to local nonprofits every year, including service clubs, Scout programs, school groups, religious organizations and animal welfare groups. A \$719,048 contribution of cash, gift cards and merchandise supported FAR Therapeutic Arts & Recreation, Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy, the Detroit Zoo and Children's Miracle Network.

Kroger fundraising also resulted in a \$127,750 donation to benefit U.S. troops and their families through the USO.

NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WINTER TAXES - 2015

Winter taxes are due December 1, 2015 and payable through February 28, 2016 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement.

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH. Payments can be mailed, or paid at City Hall during regular working hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's office. Information on credit card payments is on our web page—www.ci.plymouth.mi.us. After hours, payments can be placed in the drop box located in the City Hall lobby (Church Street entrance) or in the payment drop box next to the book returns behind the Library.

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED Thursday, December 24, 2015 and Friday, December 25, 2015 also Thursday, December 31, 2015 and Friday, January 1, 2016.

During this holiday season, the Treasurer's office will be **OPEN** on Monday, December 21, 2015, Tuesday, December 22, 2015, Wednesday, December 23, 2015 also Monday, December 28, 2015, Tuesday, December 29, 2015 and Wednesday, December 30, 2015 for our taxpayers' convenience.

Teresa Cischke, MICPT CPFA
City Treasurer

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PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Construction Bid Package 5F, consisting of:

P-CEP Varsity Field Grandstand Replacement Project

will be received at the office of Ms. Pamela Anstey, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until **1:30 P.M., local time on Tuesday, December 15, 2015** at which time they will be opened, read publicly and tabulated.

Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

This Project will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions of work:

- 102: Earthwork/Site Utilities/Asphalt/Site Concrete
- 143: Electrical
- 149: Fencing
- 156: Exterior Grandstands

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

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of ½ size bidding documents beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400.
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.

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

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 1:30 P.M. at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

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

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

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

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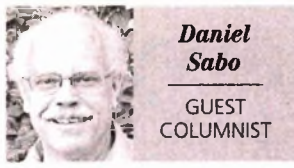
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GUEST COLUMN

A cloud of suspicion over Plymouth politics

Two important purposes of having Open Meeting Act laws in states is to prevent local elected officials from becoming engaged in the unsavory practices of accepting envelopes stuffed with cash in exchange for favors or in behind-the-scenes city council meetings to appoint committee members, who have agreed in advance to vote a certain way on city projects. The public has the right to share their views on appointments of city officials, prior to decisions being made by an elected body. When elected or appointed city officials hold secret off-the-books



meetings, or meetings in which minutes are expunged, folks have no way of knowing if elected officials are behaving honestly. Even worse is a mayor doing an "end run" around a secret meeting by calling individual members on the phone, meeting individually and defending the practice. Such behavior suggests a cover-up. Conducting public meetings by electronic communication is also wrong, as a recent St

Clair County court decision suggests. When politicians disrespect the Michigan OMA, they are also disrespecting their constituents and the office which they serve. It places each and every vote cast by Plymouth City Commission members under suspicion. When officials lash out against the press for printing what they say, it affects the entire community in a negative way. Unfortunately, this is the cloud of suspicion under which Plymouth City Hall will now operate, while the current commission members remain in office. When any elected leader promotes a public

body as "a team," where lopsided votes regularly occur and very little meaningful dissension among members at public meetings occurs, every member of that body then becomes suspect. City commissions or councils or school boards and their members should not be acting as "a team" or acting as "buddies" or acting as "co-workers" in an efficient manner when it comes to votes. The Plymouth City Commission is not some exclusive private country club. Officials are there for one reason, to represent all of their constituents and to argue on just about every issue

that comes up. The more inefficient a city council is, the more honest it is. A highly efficient city commission is a red flag for public corruption. An honest city commission is a highly contentious one. In my opinion, secret meetings of governmental bodies is equivalent to vote-rigging of that same body; there is no difference. Given the recent revelations in the Nov. 19 *Plymouth Observer*, no one will know for sure which if any city commission decisions were rigged and which were legitimate. In my opinion, the only way to restore the public trust is for the

current commission to spare the city of Plymouth further embarrassment; all members of the Plymouth City Commission should tender their resignations, a special election to fill all seats should occur and an investigation should occur. Until that happens, the city of Plymouth will be one gray area of politics in western Wayne County. Taylor resident Daniel Sabo grew up in Old Village in the home his great-grandfather G.A. Starkweather built, attended Starkweather School and graduated from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

GUEST COLUMN

Refugees represent choice between fear and freedom

In the wake of the recent attacks in France, Lebanon and other places around the world, our nation has become more fearful of accepting refugees from war-torn countries like Syria. Candidates for higher office have used this fear to try to convince Americans that only one option lies before us: We cannot offer aid to the refugees attempting to escape the murderous regime of Bashar al-Assad and the terrorist organization known as ISIS lest we put ourselves in grave and imminent danger. The facts tell a different story. The United States relies on the most stringent refugee acceptance processes in the world—procedures more than 250,000 refugees have



gone through since 9/11. This 18- to 24-month process is complete with health screenings, background checks and face-to-face interviews conducted by the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI. Without question, we must continue to provide law enforcement with the tools they need to ensure they can fulfill our foremost responsibility: keeping Americans safe. This vetting process—for all its rigor—is often times even longer for Syrian applications. Since civil war broke out in Syria in 2011, the United

States has admitted about 2,200 Syrian refugees. According to senior officials, only around 2 percent are "military-aged males" traveling with no companions. The vast majority of refugees are women, children and the elderly. But what about the screening process itself? Does it work? Roughly 50 percent of those who have applied for refugee status in the United States have been rejected due to concerns flagged throughout the screening process or because screeners were not able to properly vet them with the information they had available. These law enforcement officials have and must be allowed to continue to do their jobs while keeping Americans safe. These are the num-

bers and the factual reasons why we should not let fear motivate our decision making when it comes to accepting Syrian refugees. But there's far more to it than that. Inscribed on the Statue of Liberty are the words: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" These refugees are attempting to escape a hell that few of us, thank God, will ever know. Their homes have been destroyed, their loved ones murdered, maimed and raped at the hands of either a brutal dictatorship regime desperately trying to hold onto power or

a medieval religious cult spreading its hateful doctrine through the countryside by the sword. We have a responsibility to care for and provide refuge to those searching for the shores of a free land. President Ronald Reagan often referred to this nation as a "shining city upon a hill," a beacon of light and hope for a weary world. In his farewell speech in the Oval Office, he said, "And if there had to be city walls, the walls had doors and the doors were open to anyone with the will and the heart to get here. That's how I saw it and see it still." Reagan was borrowing from John Winthrop, an early settler who came to the New World seeking refuge and a place where he and

his companions could live and worship free from oppression. These refugees are seeking the very thing that Winthrop and our ancestors have sought from the earliest days of our great country. To turn our backs now would be decidedly un-American. While some politicians want to boil this down to a wedge issue that can advance their own political agenda, there is so much more at stake. This is a test of our courage and our desire to keep the American spirit alive and to keep inclusiveness at the heart of all that we do. Have we lost that spirit? I hope not. State Sen. David Knezek's district includes Redford and Garden City.

LETTERS

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 ultraright has consistently cut a family's benefits and livelihood while attacking a woman's right to control her own body. Mastey, with his gobblede-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 nutshell, you have the entire right-wing theme: we got him born, screw him. James Huddleston Canton

Record edition of Nov. 26 nails the current state of attack on religious liberty that is taking place in our country today. If a sitting U.S. president were to issue a Thanksgiving Proclamation today and invite fellow citizens "to set apart, and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens" and also "... fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation ...," I dare say the liberals and secularists of today would come down on Abraham Lincoln with much vitriol and disdain for violating church and state. Sadly, this movement on religious freedom is getting away with painting the historical fact that our country was founded on Judeo-Christian principles and seeks to ban any reference to God in public. We also would not have Thanksgiving today except for the fact that Lincoln made this proclamation Oct. 3, 1863, a time when invoking religion in public was acceptable and, dare I say it, tolerated. Ray Ferrer Northville

Patrick Colbeck's op-ed piece in the Nov. 26 edition of the *Northville Record*. Most of us believe in religious freedom. But then, we were blasted Nov. 27 with the news of an abortion-crazed man attacking a planned parenthood clinic in Colorado, killing three people. The majority of Americans have made abortion legal in this country. But abortion doctors continue to be stalked and murdered by religious fanatics. The Catholic Church and Right to Life organizations do not condone such illegal activation. However, they continually push anti-abortion bills in the Legislature. Fanatics grab onto these religious crusades and use it as an excuse for killing. ISIS is also a religion. It has killed thousands in its wars against Christians and other religions in the middle east. Religions can be destructive and have been throughout history. Read about the Spanish Inquisition and the Crusades. We must have freedom from religion when it begins to trample on the rights and lives of law-abiding citizens and disrupts our government's equal representation of all citizens. There is plenty of room for practicing religion in our private lives and homes and churches.

Organized religion has no place in our government, which has to equally serve citizens of many different religions. Bob Moreillon Northville

Arrogance amazes
The sheer audacity, arrogance and incompetence of our GOP-controlled state Legislature just never ceases to amaze. After avoiding, evading and hiding and using one excuse after one for over a year, road repair has now died over, of all idiotic things, an argument over a tax cut. The state House in particular has time to kick out the bums Todd Courser and Cindy Garmat, but not time to pass a long overdue infrastructure permanent repair bill. The Senate has long since approved a highway repair bill and Gov. Snyder agreed. The crazies in the House balked at any tax increase for anything ever. People and business are leaving Michigan because of or crumbling roads. These are facts. So quit your pre-adolescent squabbles, man up and pass a permanent road repair bill now. Those few of us who must stay here do not want to face another winter with roads further deteriorating to just dirt roads everywhere. You cowardly dumped this decision making on to us.

If you are going to refuse to take any action, why are you in the Legislature? More specifically, why are we paying you? You should really be ashamed and embarrassed into action now. Tax cut. Absurd, ridiculous and grossly untimely, out of the question. Fix our roads now or just get out of the way and let others for you. Gerald Maxey Farmington Hills

Early present
Christmas has come early for Wayne County CEO Warren Evans and the commissioners who govern us taxpayers. In addition, there are, I'm sure, some "elite" past employees and present who are also receiving their "forever free health care plan." Last week, WJBK-TV (Channel 2) reported that the Wayne County commissioners and the CEO gave themselves a "forever free health care plan." They were given this opportunity because of the consent agreement. This allowed them to govern Wayne County out of the present financial mess (threat of bankruptcy). We, the taxpayers, are paying for that "free" benefit that they are now receiving. This occurred because of past egregious county policies, and it is still continuing. Meanwhile, over 5,000 Wayne County

retirees are struggling to purchase their own health care plan. Mr. Evans and our county commissioners voted to eliminate health care benefits to retired Wayne County employees, many who are in their 70s and 80s. Most of our Wayne County employees had to work 25, 30 or more years to achieve their right to a pension and health care benefit. Our Wayne County "elite" have achieved that goal in only a few years by being elected to a Wayne County commissioner position, or elected to become CEO of Wayne County. I remind our current public county officials that they should be serving the public and not servicing themselves. I hope the voters will remember those commissioners and this CEO when the next election comes up because what happened to us could happen to you when they seek your vote again in the next election cycle. One last comment: Those of you who are looking for a career working in Wayne County should also look for other opportunities elsewhere, because you may lose your future as I did on Dec. 1, 2015. Richard Gora retired Wayne County Sheriff sergeant

Religious liberty attacked

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck's op-ed that appeared in the *Northville*

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OUR VIEW

Tech talk: Digital age calls for savvy parenting

As parents head to stores with children's gift wishes, it's worth pausing for a minute to consider electronic gifts and their impact. Technology has changed our world and certainly brings many pluses. It remains key to think through use of technology, especially for children and teens.

In a world where children are "growing up digital," it's important to help them learn healthy concepts of digital use and citizenship. Parents play an important role in teaching these skills. Here are tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics to help parents manage the digital landscape they're exploring with their children.

» **Treat media as you would any other environment in your child's life.** The same parenting guidelines apply in both real and virtual environments. Set limits; kids need and expect them. Know your children's friends, both online and off. Know what platforms, software and apps your children are using, where they are going on the web and what they are doing online.

» **Set limits and encourage playtime.** Tech use, like all other activities, should have reasonable limits. Unstructured and offline play stimulates creativity. Make unplugged playtime a daily priority, especially for very young children. And don't forget to join your children in unplugged play whenever you're able.

» **Families who play together, learn together.** Family participation is also great for media activities — it encourages social interactions, bonding and learning. Play a video game with your kids. It's a good way to demonstrate good sportsmanship and gaming etiquette. And you can introduce and share your own life experiences and perspectives — and guidance — as you play the game.

» **Be a good role model.** Teach and model kindness and good manners online. Because children are great mimics, limit your own media use. In fact, you'll be more available for and connected with your children if you're interacting, hugging and playing with them rather than simply staring at a screen.

» **Know the value of face-to-face communication.** Very young children learn best through two-way communication. Engaging in back-and-forth "talk time" is critical for language development. Conversations can be face-to-face or, if necessary, by video chat, with a traveling parent or faraway grandparent. Research has shown that it's that "back-and-forth conversation" that improves language skills — much more so than "passive" listening or one-way interaction with a screen.

» **Create tech-free zones.** Keep family mealtimes and other family and social gatherings tech-free. Recharge devices overnight — outside your child's bedroom to help children avoid the temptation to use them when they should be sleeping. These changes encourage more family time, healthier eating habits and better sleep, all critical for children's wellness.

» **Don't use technology as an emotional pacifier.** Media can be very effective in keeping kids calm and quiet, but it should not be the only way they learn to calm down. Children need to be taught how to identify and handle strong emotions, come up with activities to manage boredom or calm down through breathing, talking about ways to solve the problem and finding other strategies for channeling emotions.

» **Apps for kids — do your homework.** More than 80,000 apps are labeled as educational, but little research has demonstrated their actual quality, the AAP says. Products pitched as "interactive" should

require more than "pushing and swiping." Look to organizations like Common Sense Media (www.commonsensemedia.org) for reviews about age-appropriate apps, games and programs to guide you in making the best choices for your children.

» **It's OK for your teen to be online.** Online relationships are part of typical adolescent development. Social media can support teens as they explore and discover more about themselves and their place in the grown-up world. Just be sure your teen is behaving appropriately in both the real and online worlds. Many teens need to be reminded that a platform's privacy settings do not make things actually "private" and that images, thoughts and behaviors teens share online will instantly become a part of their digital footprint indefinitely. Keep lines of communication open and let them know you're there if they have questions or concerns.

» **Remember: Kids will be kids.** Kids will make mistakes using media. Try to handle errors with empathy and turn a mistake into a teachable moment. But some indiscretions, such as sexting, bullying or posting self-harm images, may be a red flag that hints at trouble ahead. Parents should take a closer look at their child's behaviors and, if needed, enlist supportive professional help, including from your pediatrician.

Media and digital devices are an integral part of our world today. The benefits of these devices, if used moderately and appropriately, can be great. But research has shown that face-to-face time with family, friends and teachers plays a pivotal and even more important role in promoting children's learning and healthy development. Keep the face-to-face up front and don't let it get lost behind a stream of media and tech, the AAP recommends.

LETTERS

Reflect on concerns

I want to thank the *Plymouth Observer* for asking some hard, well-researched questions on behalf of Plymouth residents and offering some solid opinions regarding the transparency and direct accountability that the residents expect of our leaders in the Nov. 19 opinion piece.

Regardless of the

futility of stating my lack of anger or animosity toward or for our mayor or commission in this charged atmosphere, let me say exactly that: I hold no anger or animosity toward the mayor or anyone on the commission. I do think the questions were fair and based in community concerns.

The job of the press is to ask the hard questions for the community and

many, if not most, local newspapers shirk that responsibility for the sake of avoiding controversy. I want to commend the *Plymouth Observer* for taking that duty seriously. I would like to add that the response of my representative at the city did not reflect my reaction to the piece.

I appreciate that the paper had the integrity and willingness to go to the trouble of consulting with attorneys who are knowledgeable in the area of law concerning the Open Meetings Act. It sounds as though there are gray areas of the law and varying opinions as to the letter of the law. While the letter of the law may be gray, it seems the broad spirit of

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the law is less so.

The mayor and/or the commission could take this opportunity for self-reflection on the issues of transparency and credibility rather than reacting in anger and

assuming the worst of those who question and/or criticize. Criticism is hard to accept graciously. Often times though, criticism is of greater value than ingratiating praise or nervous si-

lence.

I believe that the mayor and commission might benefit from reflection on the concern in the community, even if after reflection they do not believe they can improve on their adherence to the spirit of the Open Meetings Act or enacting the wishes of the community. The mayor and commission might consider the opinion piece in the paper to be a gift of insight into community concerns.

Tim Roraback
Plymouth

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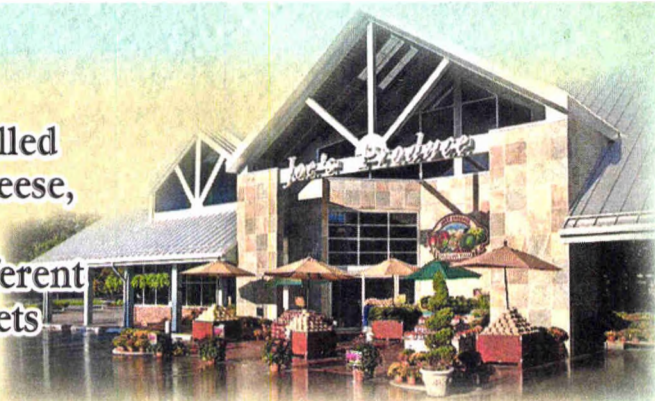
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2015-16 SEASON TIPS OFF

Opening victory costly for Salem

Rocks nip Plymouth, 29-23, but lose Talley to serious leg injury

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

After racing out to a 12-2 lead in the first quarter Tuesday, everything looked pretty rosy for the host Salem Rocks.

Things did not come so easy the rest of the night against Plymouth in the opening game of the 2015-16 varsity girls basketball season for both teams, although the Rocks hung on for a 29-23 non-division victory.

Salem likely lost senior wing guard Zoe Talley for an extended period, possibly the remainder of the season.

Talley, who grabbed eight rebounds, suffered an appar-

ent Achilles' tendon injury late in the third quarter.

"It's pretty big; she's a senior leader for us," Rocks head coach Lindsay Klemmer said. "This really, really hurts us. The girls were all pretty much in tears on the bench when I came back over and told them."

"She's a big loss. ... This is one of those things that I just told the girls, we now need to dedicate our season to her."

Just a minute or two before the injury, Talley had knocked down a short jumper from the paint to pad Salem's lead to 22-13. The field goal was her only one of the night.

With Talley out of action, the Rocks needed a lift in order to

hold off the pesky Wildcats — who hung tough despite having a rough night shooting, particularly from beyond the 3-point line.

Spark-plug

That boost came from Salem freshman Lyniah Wilson, who wouldn't be denied in the offensive zone. She scored five points and pulled down four rebounds off the bench.

"Yeah, absolutely, we did everything for Zoe," Wilson said about her efforts to spark the Rocks. "Especially since I really look up to her, I had to get back at it for her."



Salem's Jala Petree (left) tries to close in on Plymouth's Hannah Badger during Tuesday's game.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

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GIRLS BASKETBALL PREVIEW



Leading the Canton Chiefs on and off the basketball court will be captains (from left) Erin Hult, Natalie Winters and Madison Archibald.

CANTON ATHLETICS

NEXT CHAPTER BEGINS

Canton's new coach ready to continue program's winning tradition

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

As far as Rob Heitmeyer is concerned, all he's doing is continuing the tried and true established in previous years by Canton coaching legends Bob Blohm and Brian Samulski.

Heitmeyer — who Tuesday started his first season at the helm of Canton's varsity girls basketball program with a game against Bloomfield Hills Marian — plans on continuing staples from past regimes such as tough defense,

communication and a crop of tough December opponents to help the Chiefs gear up for the start of KLAAs play in January.

"The program has always valued the opportunity to play outstanding programs early in the year," Heitmeyer said, "because it gives us a good read on the things we need to improve on with our team throughout the year."

"Wins and losses in December are not nearly as painful they are in March."

Heitmeyer also is a coaching veteran at Plymouth-Canton Edu-

cational Park, with a number of years working on the Salem staff led by the late Fred Thomann.

Blohm is back

Yet he is almost beside himself to have Blohm sitting next to him on the Canton bench, after Blohm took a year off following Samulski's 2014 decision to leave the Chiefs and take Salem's athletic director position.

"Having coached basketball at both Salem and Canton, I have a

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GIRLS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Eagles look to soar high

Plymouth Christian coach sees promise in 2015-16 squad

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Last season didn't go well for Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls basketball team, with the Eagles managing just a 4-17 record.

That is viewed as a mere bump in the road by PCA veteran head coach Rod Windle, entering his 11th season with the squad.

Windle — whose son Matt is taking over the PCA varsity boys team, by the way — is optimistic that the returning players are much stronger thanks to experience gained during 2014-15, followed by a strong off-season.

"Our team is very athletic and should make it hard on opponents to score," Windle said. "All of our returners have starting experience, which should translate into aggressive and confident play at both ends of the floor."

"We did lose (guard) Raina Postma to graduation and will miss her floor presence and her assists. Our guards Paige Perkey, Kennedy Horne, Rachel Witkowski and Robin Albert had a great summer and really gained confidence by competing against teams from bigger schools."

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One of PCA's returning players is Lydia Chapel.

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BOYS HOCKEY PREVIEW

Chiefs ready to go to work

Grittier 'mindset' taking hold on Canton roster

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

After a couple of down seasons, Canton's varsity boys hockey team could be primed for a bounce-back year.

And as far as Chiefs head coach Brad Barath is concerned, it's because of attitude and work ethic. Both were on

display during a recent contest against campus rival Plymouth, as the gritty Chiefs gave it their all to block 22 shots.

"Blocking shots is something you do with hard work," Barath said. "And it shows exactly what the identity of this team is."

"Once they start doing the small things, they start putting a few pucks in the net and get a win, it's only going to build from there. They've got the

right mindset for it."

Senior leaders who could hasten that jump to relevance in the KLAAs South Division include forward and captain Brian Oldani, assistant captains Spencer Rochowiak and Erik Wafer (both defensemen) and forwards James Tucker, Marcus Cook and Nick Harwell.

"They're all going to play a big role on the team," Barath

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Canton junior Matthew Eastman's offensive skills could help propel the Chiefs to success this season.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

GIRLS HOCKEY PREVIEW

PENGUINS UP FOR THE CHALLENGE IN 2015-16

Mix of players could make PCS a dangerous squad

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

With a nifty infusion of talent from AAA programs, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins are poised to attack opponents this winter in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

Second-year head coach Jenna Donnelly is enthused about the 2015-16 season, which got off to a great start Nov. 18 with an 8-1 rout of Ann Arbor Pioneer.

In that contest, senior forward Megan Brace scored a hat trick, while junior forward Catherine VandenBosch and sophomore winger Michelle Cirino both had two goals.

The Penguins returned to action Tuesday at Canton Arctic Edge Arena against Livonia Ladywood.

"Our entire squad of new players are key for us," Donnelly wrote in a recent email to the *Observer*. "Cathryn VandenBosch and Savina Osann are fresh from AAA and are expected to make huge impacts for us this year."

"Grace Balch, Marnie Waggoner, Rachel Lanzilotti, Brooke Gauthier and Piper Keranen all are strong players who will add some much-needed depth to our roster."

The Penguins, with players from all three high schools at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, do have a handful of important returning players — particularly senior forward and team captain Brace.

"She's the heart of the team," Donnelly said. "And we'll look for a strong season from her, both on and off the ice."

Assistant captains Brianna Waggoner (junior forward) and Natalie Nowicki (senior goalie) also will be instrumental as the Penguins intend to become championship contenders.

Donnelly said Waggoner and Nowicki have strong leadership qualities that will be a "huge asset for our young team."

The Penguins' top blue liner is senior returnee Gabrielle Godre, who will be leaned on "heavily for high minutes and defensive leadership for



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Brianna Waggoner, shown from a 2014-15 game, is one of several key returning players for the PCS Penguins girls hockey team.

our young group of defensemen."

Another returnee is sophomore forward Cirino, who "thrived last year as a freshman" and is expected to keep up the offensive pressure this winter. Judging by her two-goal output against Pioneer, she is ready for the challenge.

With 11 returnees, the Penguins' roster is a deep one.

Also on the blue line will be juniors Bryanna Lanzilotti and Alexis Pheeny and sophomores Paige Sweet and Morgan Gagnon.

Junior forwards Serina Eadeh and Jessica Marek are capable of provid-

ing timely offense.

Meanwhile, VandenBosch and Osann spearhead the new wave of AAA players that will help carry the Penguins.

But Donnelly also has high hopes for the other newcomers. Those include freshman forwards Waggoner, Rachel Lanzilotti, Gauthier and Keranen and freshman defenseman Balch.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Salem rallies to defeat Canton, 7-3

Four-point night by Zach Goleniak, two goals by Driscoll and Newel, pace Rocks to easy victory

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The feast continued after Thanksgiving for Salem's varsity boys hockey team, scoring seven goals Saturday night en route to a 7-3 victory over Canton at Plymouth Cultural Center.

Scoring two goals each for the Rocks (1-1) were Joey Driscoll and Evan Newel, while Zach Goleniak helped the offense with one goal and three assists.

Other Salem goals were scored by Austin Marthaler and Matt Schaumburger (who also had an assist). Colin Goleniak had two assists for the Rocks.

For the Chiefs (0-2), Marcus Cook registered one goal and an assist, with Brian Oldani and Nick Harwell also scoring. Chipping in an assist each were James Tucker and Matt Eastman.

Making 14 saves in net for the victory was Salem goalie Austin Goleniak. Canton goaltender Isaac Salinas stopped 29 of the 36 shots he faced.

Canton got off to a fast 2-0 start over the first 12:09, when Harwell (from Cook and Eastman) and Cook (unassisted) found the back of the Salem net.

Getting one back on the power play with 1:42 to go in the opening period was Newel, with assists going to Zach Goleniak and Nick Callegari.

Just 3:39 into the middle period, Driscoll scored a power-play goal from Colin Goleniak to lift the Rocks into a 2-2 tie.

Salem then went up to stay at 8:49, when Driscoll scored again, this time on a feed from Zach Goleniak.

Just 16 seconds later, the Rocks took a 4-2 edge thanks to an unassisted goal by Marthaler, although the Chiefs closed the gap to 4-3 in the final minute. Oldani scored, with Tucker setting up the goal.

The Rocks then put the game away with a three-goal surge early in the third. Schaumburger's power-play goal at 2:49 (from Zach Goleniak and Marty Mills) made it 5-3 and Driscoll made it a three-point night when he assisted on Zach Goleniak's goal at 4:06.

Closing out the scoring just 15 seconds later was Newel, with assists going to Schaumburger and Colin Goleniak.

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COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Madonna University community mourns loss of Pat Moore

Sports info director, 36, touched many lives

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Staff Writer

Despite being taken away at the young age of 36, Patrick Moore's impact at Madonna University reached far and wide.

The school's sports information director since 2007, the Redford resident died unexpectedly Sunday. Cause of death was a heart attack, according to a Madonna University press release.

"He was our one dependable guy is always what I said about him," Madonna athletic director Bryan Rizzo said. "No matter I needed to do, I could always count on him. Whenever I needed anything done game day, he'd be there. He always put our students first. Putting Madonna first was always the most important thing to him. That's what I'll always think of."

Moore, always accessible and always accommodating, was the primary contact for all 11 of the Crusaders' intercollegiate sports while overseeing all communications for the department. He was the webmaster for MadonnaCrusaders.com. He was also played a key role in athletic communications for the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference along with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Moore became the first three-time winner of the WHAC's highest honor, The Mike Dean Sports Information Director of the Year, award in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

"I feel Pat was the backbone of game day and obviously the media coverage, public relations and everything," Madonna University volleyball and NAIA Hall of Fame coach Jerry Abraham said. "He was very close to the players and the teams. Just a real genuine guy that everybody liked. He's kind of been the right-hand man and just a real important part of the whole Madonna program. He was an essential part of every team."

Moore first got involved in athletics at MU as a student manager for the baseball team.

"I remember first meeting him and first reading a letter that he sent to the baseball office way back when," MU baseball coach Greg Haeger said. "It was a long note that said he wanted to be a part of something. His business card was in there, very plain and simple business card, his name on it. It said, 'Patrick Moore' and a little quote that said, 'Good all-around guy' and for 18 years he totally proved he was better than just a good guy. He

was a great guy."

Moore, a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High, got his start in sports information as a freshman at Eastern Michigan University, where he held the role of baseball contact.

Moore transferred from EMU and worked for four years in the MU sports information office as a student and was the primary contact for the Crusaders' baseball team from 2000-03.

Along with his work in the SID office, Moore was the editor in chief of the *Madonna Herald*, the MU student newspaper, before earning a bachelor of arts degree in journalism and public relations with honors from MU in 2003.

After a four-year stint at the University of Detroit Mercy, the last two (2005-07) as assistant sports information director, Moore returned to his alma mater in

summer 2007 and became the school's fourth sports information director.

Moore was involved with planning and execution of the annual Blue and Gold Awards. He served on the Madonna Athletics Hall of Fame and Julie Martin Memorial Scholarship selection committees, as well as assisting Rizzo and assistant athletic director Noel Emehiser with duties within the department.

"Madonna was his family and it's just not athletics — the whole school was," Haeger said. "What the school did for him and how he gave back to this place was genuine and priceless."

Madonna University men's soccer coach Mark Zathay was Moore's roommate and a close personal friend.

"He was very supportive of Madonna soccer and my efforts to come back to men's soccer after being away for some time," Zathay said. "Always willing to support the kids in the field and the program. He put in an extraordinary amount of hours ... ultra-dedicated to the Madonna family."

Moore is survived by his father Dennis, mother Anne Hunsaker of Apache Junction, Ariz., and a sister, Erin Moore Day, of Gilbert, Ariz.

Visitation will be 3-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, including a prayer service at 6 p.m., at Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

A funeral Mass is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Madonna University gymnasium, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

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Moore



Going up for a shot Tuesday is Plymouth junior Mikayla Rose (right). Defending for Salem is Lasha Petree.

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SALEM

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Klemmer liked what she saw from Wilson, although she obviously wished the extra playing time wasn't because of a key injury.

"She really stepped up for us," Klemmer said. "We told her we needed her to be strong and be an inside presence and that's what she did."

"She owns the boards offensively and defensively. She's just a workhorse."

Wilson asserted herself early in the fourth quarter, moments after Plymouth senior guard Cassidy Lewis (11 points, six rebounds) connected on a trey from beyond the top of the arc to make it 22-16.

The younger sister of former Salem stalwart and current Schoolcraft College player Jamyra Wilson went strong to the rim for a banker and drew a foul. She made the free throw to make it a three-point play and give the Rocks a 25-16 advantage with 5:20 left.

A minute later, Wilson came up with a couple of offensive rebounds to keep a Salem flurry going.

"If I had to pinpoint somebody that changed the game for us, it was her and she's a freshman," Klemmer said. "She gave us exactly what we needed off the bench, which is some energy, some positivity and some rebounding, which we were struggling with, too."

Neither team would score for the next two minutes, but Plymouth — which had trailed 12-4 after one quarter, 19-9 at halftime and 22-13 after three — got to within 25-21 when Lewis sank a layup.

Plymouth subsequently forced a turnover and had a chance to get to within two points with about two minutes remaining, only to be called for traveling.

Such self-inflicted wounds were a common occurrence throughout the sloppily played contest, not to mention plenty of missed scoring opportunities.

In the late stages of the first half, for example, the Wildcats went 0-of-4 on triple tries. Some of it was bad luck. On a couple of those attempts, the basketball went in and out of the cylinder.

"It was ugly, for sure," Plymouth first-year head coach Ryan Ballard said. "We just couldn't get the ball to go into the basket tonight. Sometimes, that's the way it goes."

"I loved our kids' effort; they played really hard. We're going to take this loss and learn from it, grow from it, look at the tape and get better."

The Wildcats had some positives, such as the all-around play of Lewis and the efforts of senior guard Jordyn Chouinard and senior forward Elise Wehmer (six rebounds).

"All the kids just battled," Ballard said. "I loved the way Jordyn Chouinard played. She played really, really hard. You can't coach effort like that. She kept us in it with her re-



Salem senior Zoe Talley (right) makes an aggressive push toward the basket Tuesday against Plymouth. Talley later left the game with a foot injury.

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lentless energy.

"And Elise Wehmer is one of our gritty kids."

Deserved to start

Leading the Rocks with 10 points was sophomore Jala Petree, who started the game next to sisters Lasha (sophomore) and Mahrianna (freshman).

The Petrees opened strong, with Jala and Lasha scoring 11 of Salem's 12 first-quarter points. Lasha Petree finished with six points and a team-leading 11 rebounds; Mahrianna Petree scored her first varsity point on a late free throw.

Chipping in six rebounds along with three points for the Rocks was junior Jayna Lenders.

Also bringing some spunk off the bench was junior Darby Scott. Adding two points was senior Leah Moss.

According to Klemmer, the youngest Petree deserved the opportunity to start.

"Mahri, specifically, has definitely worked her way into a starting spot as a freshman, just with her work ethic," Klemmer said. "She has a lot to learn, but she's got a huge upside."

"And when you put her with her other two sisters who can score, drive and do a little bit of everything, it's hard to keep them all off the floor because they do so much as a trio."

MARIAN 40, CANTON 36: The visiting Chiefs led 31-25 after three quarters, but put the Mustangs on the free-throw line too many times down the stretch.

"We certainly put them at the line way too much," Canton head coach Rob Heitmeyer said about Marian making 16-of-26 free throws. The Chiefs made just 7-of-14.

Heitmeyer also noted 17 turnovers by his team, along with getting out-rebounded on the offensive glass, as factors in the loss. Leading the Chiefs with 12 points was Brianna Finn. Erin Hult and Madison Archibald had 11 and seven points, respectively.

CROSS COUNTRY



BILL BOYD

Runners compete in the snow at Albion's Liberty Park during the AAU regional championship.

Can't stop these runners

Quartet from P-CEP beat snowy conditions at AAU meet

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Staff Writer

A snowstorm didn't stop some Park cross country athletes from making a dent in the recent Amateur Athletic Union regional championship.

The meet took place Nov. 21 at Liberty Park in Albion.

Capturing first-place honors in the 14-Under division was Plymouth High School freshman Brandon Boyd. He finished the 4K course in 14:15, qualifying for Saturday's AAU national championships in

Decatur, Ala.

Three Canton Chiefs qualified for nationals. Zac Clark was medalist in the 18U division, with Nick Socha also making the cut.

In the 16U race, Canton's Shane Andrews qualified.

Boyd, Clark, Socha and Andrews all were members of the recently unveiled 2015 all-Observer boys cross country team (published in the Sunday, Nov. 29 issue).

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HOCKEY

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said.

So could senior forwards Javier Guadiana and Jacob McClune and goalie Isaac Salinas, who finally is healthy after an injury-ridden junior year.

Younger players also will have their say as to how quickly the Chiefs can rise in their division.

Barath listed junior returnees Matthew Eastman (center), Michael Gaffka (defense), Emmerson Taylor (forward) and Michael Testani (defense). "All are going to contribute," he said.

Other juniors who could help the cause include forward Brett Cygan, defenseman David Gunnis, defenseman Jalen Miller and forward Michael Tucker.

Rounding out the roster are sophomore forwards Daniel Bourgeois and Joe Powers and sophomore goalie Donald Jardine.

"Daniel Bourgeois and Joe Powers, those are my two sophomore (skaters)," Barath said. "They're making a big impact on the team. My sophomore goalie (Jardine) is going to get a little bit of time."



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Canton junior forward Michael Tucker (left) is one of the players the Chiefs will be banking on during 2015-16.

It remains to be seen whether Canton will enjoy more victories than recent years, but Barath already has noticed a new attitude on his team. "They have an identity; they're mentally in every game and they're ready to work."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Injuries will test Mercy's depth

Nine returning players will help squad during 2015-16

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Fortunately for Mercy coach Gary Morris and the varsity basketball team's season outlook, the Marlins have nine returning players.

That high number will help them cope with a rash of injuries and put experienced players on the floor, though their depth won't be the same.

The biggest loss was senior guard Zora Pullen (all-area third team), who was second in scoring and rebounding with nine points and five boards per game.

Pullen suffered an ACL injury last summer and missed the season opener Tuesday at home against Flint Powers.

"We're hopeful of getting her back at some point," Morris said. "It certainly won't be early in the season. We don't know when that might happen.

"Zora has the ability to score and she can score in a variety of ways. That injury definitely impacts our team."

Mercy's best incoming freshman and potential varsity player, Isabelle Miner, suffered the same injury as Pullen and will miss the entire season.

Sophomore Jenna Schluter, who was expected to be the starting point guard last season until she tore an ACL in late fall, is still not ready to play.

Furthermore, senior guard Katie Bryce, who started most of last season, was injured recently and sat out the team's preseason scrimmage. She will return to active status before the others.

An opportunity

"We only had nine healthy bodies" for the scrimmage, Morris said. "I told the girls, 'It's an opportunity for you to show what you can do.'"

The Marlins do return healthy players in seniors Jordyn Schluter, Marisa Hardenbergh and Lauryn Hauncher and juniors Jackie Bauer, Chloe Godbold and Claire Murray. All are guards except Hauncher and Murray, both of whom are forwards.

Mercy will miss the 21 points per game from all-state player Taylor Jones (Oakland University), as well as the



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Senior guard Katie Bryce is one of nine returning players on the Mercy varsity.

defense and rebounding of Sierra Wanger, who was a second team all-area player.

The Marlins had hoped to spread the scoring around and compensate for the loss of Jones with better balance, but Pullen's absence will make that harder to do in the near term.

"A year ago, we were looking at replacing that senior class from the

year before," Morris said of the Class A state semifinalist team in 2013-14. "We were concerned where the scoring would come from. We said: 'Who's going to do it?' People stepped up and, hopefully, that's going to happen this year."

He added Bauer can shoot from 3-point range and the 5-foot-10 Murray is capable of being a post-up player.

"I think we're going through that process of identifying roles and figuring out who's going to be able to do what," Morris said.

Junior Katie Coe, who was on the varsity for the state tournament, can help in the paint, too.

She, juniors Morgan Brietzke and Lauryn Boggs and sophomore Bella Dugas were on the JV team that went 15-4 and won the Catholic League Central Division.

With two-time defending state champion Marian having lost all five starters, the division race is as wide open as it has been in years.

Mercy, which went 20-5 and was a regional runner-up to Marian, also will play Salem, Allen Park, Waterford Mott and Canton in preseason games.

CANTON

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great history to draw on," Heitmeyer said. "That history is enhanced with Hall of Fame coach Bob Blohm returning to the sidelines this year.

"There are not enough words to express what a difference Bob makes when he is in the gym. His mastery of the game and communication skills teaching the finer points of basketball to our student-athletes is second to none.

"Not only does the team benefit, but I get to share a clipboard with a local legend who has the center court at the gym named after him."

Heitmeyer and Blohm will insist on each of the team's 13 players following her prescribed role, perhaps doing well enough to take on additional court duties.

"I'm big on roles," Heitmeyer said. "Everyone on this team has a role, understands their role and will be able to play in that role as well as play into other roles.

"We look to push each other in practice and give ourselves a lot of options in games."

Captains key

If all goes according to plan, the Chiefs will "strive to perfect the motion offense and then play our trademark man-to-man defense."

Although the coaches will be key to Canton's chances in the KLAA South Division, so will a trio of captains — senior point guard Natalie Winters, senior guard Madison Archibald and junior forward Erin Hult.

"She is one of the best defenders in the conference," Heitmeyer said about Winters, a four-year varsity player. "She has a great head on her shoulders and a fast set of feet to complement her decision-making skills.

"I've been particularly impressed with her patience when running our offense."

Archibald is a shooting guard who "is fearless when it comes to seizing opportunity on both the defensive and offensive side of the ball. She defends very well, transitions well and can shoot the 3-ball."

Hult, starting her third year on the varsity, is developing into an exceptional all-around player, Heitmeyer noted.

"She can shoot from anywhere on the court and has really worked on perfecting that craft," he said. "She's a mentally tough student-athlete and that ... will be a difference-maker for the team in close ballgames."

Depth and athleticism extends to the rest of the roster. Junior wing Brianna Finn is a deadly outside shooter who "can make the big shot," the coach said.

Opposing players soon will find out about junior forward Madison Wolfbauer, described by Heitmeyer as "a relentless defender who not only can cover space, but has a knack for being around the ball."



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
One of the keys to Canton's offense is the outside shooting of junior forward Erin Hult, shown during a 2014-15 contest.

Junior guard Monica Newton is a two-way threat, able to scrap for rebounds in traffic and also knock down outside jumpers.

Another junior, forward Marissa Templeton, "can finish at the rim and set screens as well as anyone on the team."

Junior forward Shanya Butler also can work inside along with provide finesse. "She can recognize space as well as anyone and use that to get to the rim or hit a jump shot," Heitmeyer said.

Defend, rebound

Heitmeyer expects junior forwards Samantha Mattern and Raquel Church to strongly defend and rebound.

"(Mattern) is another player who always seems to be around the ball," he said. "She is a great defender, can rebound with the best and get into our early transition offense quickly.

"Another great defender is Raquel Church. She is quick, agile and, most importantly, unselfish. She really makes everyone around her better."

Junior guard Abby Heyde "is dynamic in all she does," and Heitmeyer

is looking for her to contribute at both ends of the floor.

Sophomore forward Ashley Criscenti and sophomore guard Alaina Heitmeyer round out the roster, but the coach stressed he won't hesitate to use either in important spots.

"(Criscenti) is an all-around quality player who is an effective shooter from any range," he said. "(Alaina Heitmeyer) changes speed on the dribble and has an ability to get to the rim."

Add it all up and Heitmeyer can't wait for his first season as Canton's head coach to unfold.

"I believe that not only defensively we'll continue to do what this program has done for many years, but offensively this group can shoot about as well as any team I've seen at the Park," he said. "Led by Erin Hult, (who has) really worked on her game over the summer, each one of them has the ability to make shots."

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Young named MIGCA Coach of the Year

Plymouth's coach honored for work guiding boys and girls squads

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Plymouth Wildcats golfers have nailed it on the course ever since Dan Young took the reins of the high school's boys and girls teams.

And now it's Young's turn to nail it, as he recently learned he will be honored as Coach of the Year by the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association. The official honor will be presented at a banquet next spring.

"Very humbled, especially that it's coming from the golf coaches board of directors," Young wrote in an email to the *Observer*. "They told me the MIGCA overall state coach of the year is a recognition of excellence over time."



Young

"Being good over time is hard to do. To me, this award is for all of our Plymouth golfers and coaches. Its about the tradition we have built over time."

Young, also a teacher at Pioneer Middle School, would rather give credit to others even for such an individual honor.

"This comes from a lot of hard-working people working together for the betterment of the team," Young added. "I really believe that. We have good golfers that come from good families and I just try to get them to become good together."

The string of successes chalked up by the boys and girls teams during Young's tenure is noteworthy.

With the boys program, Young has guided the Wildcats to three MHSAA regional titles, two Kensington Conference championships and three KLAA South Division titles, as well as finishing as runner-up at the D1 state finals.

Plymouth's girls teams over the past four seasons have won two D1 state championships, four regional titles, two KLAA titles, plus three conference and four division crowns.

In addition, current senior Katie Chipman and 2014 grad Kelsey Murphy were named to the MIGCA Super Team during Young's tenure.

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Kennedy Horne of PCA's varsity girls basketball team competes during a 2014-15 contest. She is among several key returnees.

EAGLES

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Also gone from last year is center Danielle Witkowski, whose work on the glass will be missed, the coach emphasized.

But 5-9 junior forwards Lydia Chapel and Taylor Misteale "will be asked to defend the paint this year."

PCA's offensive game will rely on sophomore point guard Albert dishing the ball inside to players like Chapel, Misteale and 5-11 junior forward Aliyah Pries.

Windle noted a couple of promising newcomers in 5-9 senior guard Kelly Abraham and 5-4 junior guard Jordan Reed.

"Both players will bring energy to the defense and will be shooting threats on the offensive end," he said.

Sophomore guard Natalie Shaffer brings a scoring touch from the perimeter and "will bring defensive intensity to our team."

"Last year our team was young, featuring five sophomores and a freshman point guard," Windle said. "We hope to be very competitive this year and improve greatly upon the record we posted last season."

"Most of our juniors were a part of the team in 2014 that lost in the regional finals and they have a desire to go far in the state tournament this year."

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Realtor association reaches out to help veterans, service personnel

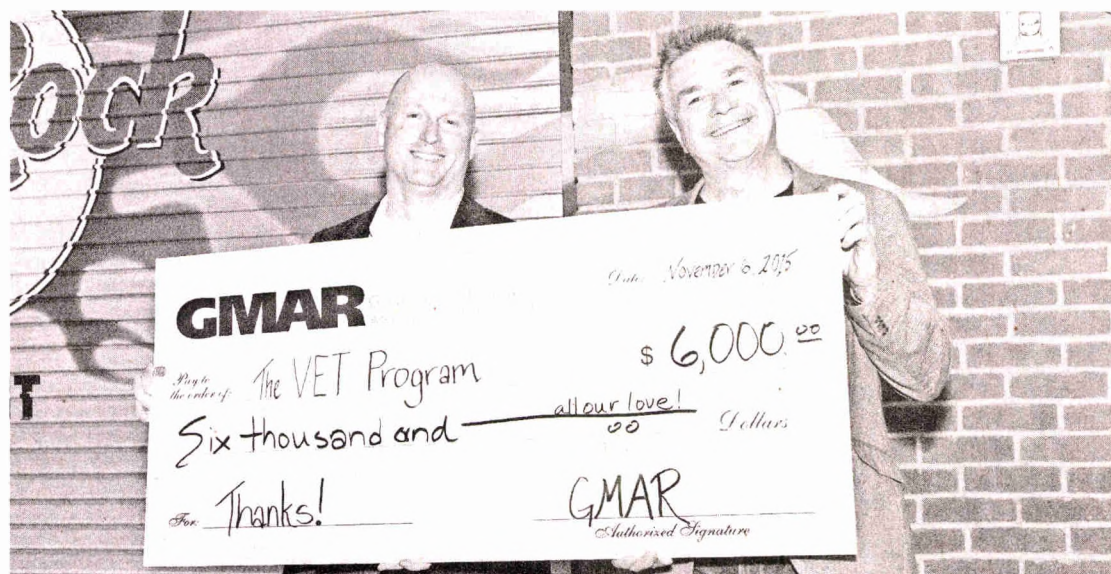
The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors (GMAR), based in Southfield, held its first "Gives Thanks" party on Nov. 6 at the Hard Rock Cafe in Detroit. The party celebrated and honored current service men and women and veterans, as well as the entire GMAR membership.

Over 220 attended the "Rock and Roll" themed party, complete with a red carpet photo shoot, guitar pick-styled drink tokens, and memorabilia stuffed gift bags. Through this event and the Golf Outing held in September, GMAR donated \$6,000 to the 2015 charity, Suits for Soldiers ("The Vet Program"). GMAR is very proud of its compassionate members for both volunteering their time to put on such a successful event and for raising the most money GMAR has ever donated to charity in a year, an association statement said.

The VET Program/Suits for Soldiers was created and started by Army veteran Scott Fader while he was still boots on ground in Afghanistan. The VET Program/Suits for Soldiers is about serving those who served our country and not just them, their families, too.

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Salt Lake City's on the grow, street cars a factor

Q: Do you have any information concerning the availability of high-rise living in the central city of Salt Lake City, and what it would cost, particularly, being near the University of Utah?

A: Salt Lake City is growing at a rapid pace which is being assisted by the electric street cars that crisscross the city, including on the way to the University of Utah. While downtown is experiencing growth in terms of condominiums, there are also a number of new projects being developed along the corridor to the University of Utah. Generally speaking, prices are less than would otherwise be experienced in a major metropolitan location, and you are best advised to try to get in on the possibility of preconstruction prices if you are looking for a new structure. As always, it is important to determine whether the location near the University of Utah is best suited for you or whether a suburb is more desirable given the excellent road patterns that permeate Salt Lake City.

Q: We are thinking of buying a houseboat to be kept on Lake Powell. Where would we start to get information about that and what are the potential restrictions?

A: There are many agencies and/or dealers that sell and/or lease houseboats for utilization on Lake Powell among other things. It is important that you secure the necessary licenses for the use of a houseboat after inquiring of the appropriate state authorities. It is also important that you obtain adequate insurance and adequate docking facilities, some of which are akin to a marina condominium operation. With that in mind, you should retain legal counsel to assist you in going through the processes of obtaining approval to utilize and/or purchase your houseboat.

There are number of high-end resorts on Lake Powell that cater to houseboats, generally on a seasonal basis, but the more you investigate the situation, the better prepared you will be to deal with that eventuality. Lake Powell, as you know, stretches on a coast length greater than the West Coast of the United States itself. So you should determine what portion of Lake Powell will be best suited for your needs.

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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.

Call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com.

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-Eleven, near Trenton Road. Call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 13-17, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office.

Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

32261 Auburn Dr	\$309,000
17140 Beechwood Ave	\$85,000
18428 Beverly Rd	\$280,000
16321 Birchwood Ave	\$298,000
17040 Dunblaine Ave	\$299,000
30043 Fox Run Dr	\$576,000
31740 Glencoe Dr	\$275,000
32110 Lahser Rd	\$500,000
31964 Mayfair Ln	\$270,000
32011 Sheridan Dr	\$320,000

BIRMINGHAM

598 Abbey St	\$618,000
2215 Avon Ln	\$565,000
1477 Cole St	\$370,000
748 Davis Ave	\$875,000
1716 E Melton Rd	\$220,000
1125 Emmons Ave	\$668,000
941 Forest Ave	\$425,000
1752 Hayes St	\$318,000
631 Humphrey Ave	\$399,000
618 Lewis St	\$350,000
523 Mohegan St	\$599,000
928 N Adams Rd Unit 2	\$119,000
359 N Eton St # 14	\$100,000
910 Rivenoak St	\$484,000
1323 Ruffner Ave	\$335,000
1062 S Glenhurst Dr	\$499,000
1813 Southfield Rd	\$152,000
1465 Stanley Blvd	\$859,000
1285 Westboro	\$740,000
1348 Yosemite Blvd	\$110,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

4559 Grindley Ct	\$335,000
580 Hawthill Rd	\$1,500,000
172 Linda Ln	\$965,000
4293 Margate Ln	\$465,000
2 Vaughan Xing	\$1,100,000
648 Weybridge Dr	\$311,000
554 Whitehall Rd	\$548,000
1231 Woodcrest Cir	\$285,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2740 Alveston Dr	\$225,000
3435 Bradway Blvd	\$1,030,000

1828 Brookview Cir	\$318,000
1417 Cedar Bend Dr	\$1,150,000
5540 Crabtree Rd	\$380,000
3055 E Bradford Dr	\$300,000
2083 Eagle Pointe	\$218,000
5153 Echo Rd	\$444,000
450 Eileen Dr	\$210,000
1962 Klingensmith Rd Unit 20	\$130,000
1989 Klingensmith Rd Unit 47	\$84,000
5562 Lane Lake Ct	\$780,000
423 S Cranbrook Cross Rd	\$344,000
1647 S Hill Blvd	\$140,000
565 Tally Ho Ct	\$625,000
185 Wadsworth Ln	\$327,000

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP

9769 Cooley Lake Rd	\$250,000
3727 Gulfwood Dr	\$392,000
290 Ruppert St	\$190,000
3561 Stoneridge Ct	\$330,000
5869 Strawberry Cir	\$75,000
1558 Trace Hollow Dr	\$297,000
392 W Beechdale St	\$181,000
8929 War Bonnet Dr	\$239,000

FARMINGTON

22437 Floral St	\$185,000
23086 Floral St	\$115,000
32020 Grand River Ave Unit 26	\$42,000
32040 Grand River Ave Unit 45	\$43,000
23623 Larkshire St	\$140,000
23775 Lovagare St	\$287,000
22735 Manning St	\$176,000
33225 Oakland Ave	\$165,000
24010 Pickett Rd	\$178,000
22801 Power Rd	\$165,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

29793 Beacontree St	\$128,000
23840 Brookplace Ct	\$162,000
36203 Crompton Cir	\$300,000
38518 Darbyshire	\$146,000
29732 Essex Ct	\$263,000
38373 Evonshire	\$145,000
29247 Fieldstone	\$298,000
32260 Fir Cir	\$190,000
30191 Gladstone St	\$230,000
29510 Kings Pointe Ct	\$282,000
26839 La Muera St	\$175,000
30634 Lamar St	\$200,000
24125 Locust St	\$225,000
21214 Middlebelt Rd	\$49,000
30151 Northwick Ct	\$308,000
36321 Old Homestead Dr	\$300,000
31448 Orchard Crk	\$96,000

30414 Orchard Lake Rd Unit 7	\$76,000
29912 Pipers Ln	\$225,000
30217 Ravenscroft St	\$205,000
39255 Silverthorne Bnd	\$345,000
33630 Stocker St	\$64,000
32259 Tall Timber Dr	\$263,000
22571 Tulane Ave	\$63,000
30060 W 12 Mile Rd	\$58,000
36144 W Lyman Rd	\$275,000
21633 Wheeler St	\$150,000
30557 Woodstream Dr	\$310,000
38322 Wynmar	\$151,000

FRANKLIN

24517 Bloomington Dr	\$350,000
30350 La Brea Ct	\$779,000
32695 W Haverford Dr	\$176,000

HIGHLAND

3936 Araby Ct	\$319,000
151 Bishop	\$141,000
4107 Hunters Dr	\$265,000
3389 Kingsway Dr	\$445,000
3887 Taggett Lake Dr	\$273,000
3693 Woodland Dr	\$295,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

27601 Lathrup Blvd	\$227,000
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MILFORD

1996 Charles Ct	\$505,000
1219 E Commerce St	\$134,000
846 Knolls Landing Dr	\$305,000
3940 Lovell Dr	\$210,000
677 River Oaks Dr	\$320,000
1196 Timber Ridge Ct	\$529,000
2258 W Commerce Rd	\$135,000

NORTHVILLE

21506 Beauford Ct	\$350,000
919 Carrington Dr	\$180,000
39067 Cheshire Dr	\$294,000
20826 E Chigwidden St	\$332,000
37554 E Meadowhill Dr	\$245,000
21611 N Center St	\$385,000
21800 Southlone Dr	\$290,000
43482 Serenity Dr	\$430,000
3266 Sherrie Ln	\$257,000

NOVI

45475 Andes Hills Ct	\$215,000
24610 Bethany Way	\$368,000
24177 Brentwood Ct	\$435,000
42123 Cherry Hill Rd	\$197,000
41305 Cornell Dr	\$185,000
40006 Crosswinds	\$124,000
22500 Devron Ct	\$415,000
22068 Edgewater	\$150,000

43096 Emerson Way	\$328,000
40360 Franklin Mill St	\$194,000
50988 Glades Ct W	\$540,000
23949 Hartwood	\$225,000
27857 Hopkins Dr	\$173,000
45049 Huntingcross Dr	\$300,000
23210 Inverness Ct	\$661,000
27065 Maxwell Ct	\$297,000
23515 N Rockledge	\$105,000
41510 Oconnor Ln	\$236,000
27483 Sloan St	\$340,000
50004 Streamwood Dr	\$330,000
49609 Timber Trl	\$438,000
49650 Timber Trl	\$430,000
43021 W 13 Mile Rd	\$261,000
45837 Willingham Dr	\$520,000

SOUTH LYON

565 Center Rdo	\$170,000
25655 Coach Ln	\$415,000
25801 Cobblers Ln	\$330,000
61156 Greenwood Ct	\$85,000
423 Lyon Ct	\$158,000
23556 Millwood	\$449,000
22205 Quail Run Cir Unit 2	\$161,000
61460 Roaring Brook Dr	\$199,000
948 S Parkwood Dr	\$220,000
1155 Surrey Ln	\$385,000
24525 Wedgewood Dr	\$410,000
54110 West Ct	\$390,000

SOUTHFIELD

28745 Aberdeen St	\$170,000
18615 Autumn Ln	\$234,000
18915 Carmel Dr	\$145,000
18629 Greenwald Dr	\$178,000
17116 Jeanette St	\$250,000
24675 Lois Ln	\$219,000
25232 Pierce St	\$195,000
30820 Red Maple Ln	\$195,000
17471 Revere St	\$148,000
28004 Selkirk St	\$69,000
30208 Southfield Rd # A121	\$50,000
30163 Spring River Dr	\$157,000
23750 Twining Dr	\$177,000
28021 W Kaiong Cir	\$200,000
29398 Westbrook Pkwy	\$109,000

WHITE LAKE

645 Burgess Dr	\$417,000
8675 Cooley Beach Dr	\$195,000
2300 Kingston St	\$150,000
60 Oak Pl	\$150,000
9136 Sandy Ridge Dr	\$245,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

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CANTON

758 Adams St	\$313,000
43680 Amber Ct	\$235,000
43677 Applewood Rd	\$190,000
2500 Bramble Ct	\$281,000
2783 Brookhaven Rd	\$225,000
716 Buchanan St	\$400,000
43558 Candlewood Dr	\$260,000
6848 Chadwick Dr	\$274,000
329 Charterhouse Ct	\$148,000
133 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$220,000
755 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$190,000
2593 Cleveland Way	\$268,000
505 Constitution St	\$200,000
49500 Great Falls Rd	\$85,000
45657 Holmes Dr	\$228,000
4061 Harlowe Cir W	\$105,000
2061 Marlboro St	\$156,000
50476 Monroe St	\$290,000
43866 Nowland Dr	\$270,000
283 Province Ln	\$60,000
7907 River Meadow Cir	\$229,000
42940 Ryegate St	\$222,000
42988 Ryegate St	\$213,000
44583 Savery Dr	\$115,000
41081 Southwind Dr	\$80,000
531 Terrace Ct	\$440,000
43598 W Arbor Way Dr	\$107,000

GARDEN CITY

5714 Arcolia St	\$84,000
29602 Bock St	\$60,000
31237 Brown St	\$150,000
33238 Donnelly St	\$114,000
494 Gilman St	\$76,000
28941 Rosslyn Ave	\$88,000

LIVONIA

33063 6 Mile Rd	\$156,000
33535 7 Mile Rd	\$110,000
35855 Ann Arbor Trl	\$191,000
27937 Bentley St	\$155,000
14147 Cardwell St	\$157,000
16864 Farmington Rd	\$143,000
20108 Floral St	\$20,000
36870 Gardner St	\$292,000
17558 Golfview St	\$202,000
15014 Houghton St	\$183,000
15645 Hubbard St	\$210,000
14709 Huff St	\$190,000
27817 Lyndon St	\$100,000
30311 Lyndon St	\$211,000
29356 Meadowlark St	\$120,000
29356 Meadowlark St	\$154,000
15098 Merriman Rd	\$129,000
31449 Merrimood Park Dr	\$136,000
18549 Millburn St	\$125,000
35079 Morlock Ave	\$391,000
36573 Munger Ct	\$210,000
20080 Myron Dr	\$286,000
16370 Rowegay St	\$53,000
32171 Stone St	\$230,000
39134 Starkey Dr	\$265,000
14538 Stonehouse Ave	\$175,000
33042 Summers St	\$242,000
20072 Whitby Dr	\$290,000
16902 Woodside St	\$283,000
14482 Yale St	\$233,000

NORTHVILLE

16116 Appleby Ln	\$370,000
19600 Beck Rd	\$452,000
16825 Carriage Way	\$144,000
16165 Cherrywood Ct	\$435,000
42477 Corlina Dr	\$232,000
16692 Country Knoll Dr	\$315,000
42035 Crestview Cir	\$400,000
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Tour six private homes during Livonia Christmas Walk



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A holiday town is set up on a window sill.

Get decorating ideas while exploring decked-out homes

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Every Santa Claus tells a story. Every ornament sparks a memory. And every Christmas village house and caroling figurine honors family ties.

Sharon and Giovanni Molinaro's home is decked out for Christmas with decorations that not only celebrate the season but continue family traditions.

"When you get your decorations out you think of the person you received them from," said Sharon Molinaro, showing off a collection of Byers' caroling figures on her fireplace mantel. "This particular grouping was given to my mother and father. They were on her mantel for a couple of decades and now they are here. That's even her greenery and lights. I tried to replicate what she did the best I can remember."

The Molinaro home is one of seven locations open for public tours during the 27th Annual Livonia Christmas Walk that benefits Greenmead, the community's historical village. The walk runs 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Tickets are \$9 in advance and are available at Livonia Civic Center Library and city hall, both located at Five Mile and Farmington Road; Greenmead, at Newburgh and Eight Mile; and from Friends of Greenmead members. Cost is \$10 on Dec. 5.

Ticket holders can tour six private homes and the Simmons/Hill house at Greenmead. Members of local Quester chapters — the organization dedicated to historic preservation — decked out the Simmons/Hill house in a silver theme. Friends of Greenmead members took on one of the private homes as a Livonia Christmas Walk project.

"That's why we have six houses on the Walk this time," said Sue Poster, Friends president. "We had booked five and then someone at the last minute said, oh yes, I'll be on it. We said, how about next year and they said the house would be going up for sale. It's a historic home and we didn't know if we'd be able to get it again. We're going to go in and decorate. We have a team."

Poster said local florists decorated the homes for the event 27 years ago. Now homeowners work with a designated florist to create an arrangement that suits their decorating scheme.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The fireplace behind Sharon Molinaro is decorated with a collection of figurines — all carolers — that previously was owned by her late mother, Dorothy Hull.



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One of many Santa figures stands in the entry way of the Livonia home.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A lamp lighter is one of Sharon Molinaro's favorite pieces on the fireplace mantel.

"We've had people take in mom's candlesticks and had them build an arrangement around them or in a basket."

Variety of themes

Gingerbread, trains, Christmas villages, Santa Claus figures, Disney characters, silver bells and nature decorate shelves, tabletops and entire rooms in some of the homes on the walk.

Rich and Carol Leonard decorated an outdoor shed and their remodeled kitchen in a gingerbread motif. A train circles overhead in the family room and four chipmunks placed throughout the home pay homage to the wildlife that visits a backyard feeder.

At the Casey household, a collection of silver bells welcome guests to the family room and a Department 56 village decorates the fireplace mantel. The dining room incorporates a passion for Disney and family needlepoint pieces. Santa Claus figures are gathered over sliding glass doors.

Santa Clauses of all sizes and shapes also figure into Molinaro's decorating scheme. They stand among greenery atop cabinets, share shelf space, and greet visitors near the front door.

"There are Santas everywhere. I continue to collect them," Molinaro said.

From mom

A near life-sized Santa holds his own lighted Christmas tree in the den, near the Department 56 snow village that belonged to her late mother, Dorothy Hull.

A spare bedroom is outfitted with her mother's furniture. A holiday picture hangs on the wall and a photo of John and Dorothy Hull sits on a dresser. Molinaro topped the windows with garland, decorated a small tree for the room and wrapped packages to display on the bed.

"I've got an ornament for each in their memory. They've got their names and the year they were born and the year they died," Molinaro said.

The Molinaros moved into their Livonia home after marrying last May. She is director of public relations for Glen Eden cemetery and he works in concrete construction. Each has grown children from previous marriages.

"My birthday is in December. I'm a December birthday girl," Molinaro said. "I love having my birthday in December. I love celebrating, and I've always loved decorating for Christmas."

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More than 130 artists show their work at Potters Market

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Katherine Eaton of Farmington Hills sewed Barbie doll clothes as a teenager and took up basket making and weaving as an adult.

But it wasn't until she began pottery classes 10 years ago at Oakland Community College with the late Charles Blosser, that she found her true artistic calling.

"I always wanted to do pottery. There's something about passing a potters booth — you just can't pass it by," she said. She began selling clay pieces almost as soon as she learned how to make them, showing at festivals including Plymouth's Art in the Park, and Arts, Beats and Eats.

"Charlie said he liked my color combinations. They had a different look than everyone

else," she said. "I always wanted to do the Potters Market but there was no room."

Eaton got her chance to sell at Potters Market, a show that her former teacher started, when it moved from Madison Heights to Southfield last year. She and more than 130 potters will return for the 40th annual show, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen. Admission is free. No strollers are allowed. Admission is \$10 for preview night, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3.

Shoppers will see thousands of pieces of pottery, including raku, stoneware, porcelain, and smoke-fired functional and decorative pieces, including tiles, tea pots, mugs, vases, tables, mirrors, picture frames, jewelry, Christmas

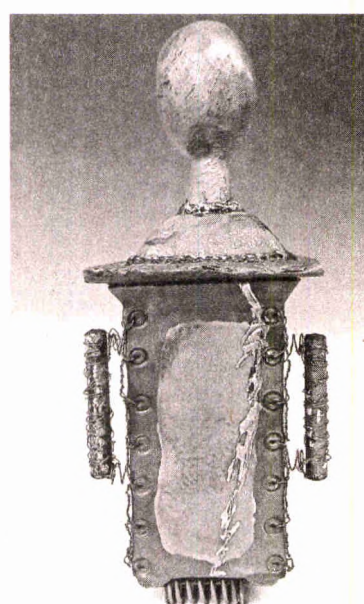
ornaments, sculptures, cooking and serving containers, and lawn decorations such as bird baths and bird houses. The event will include demonstrations, a cafe, and free parking. Each artist's works will be grouped together.

"We're able to put our whole selection on a shelving unit, so you can see the whole body of our work," said Eaton, who also shows her pottery at galleries in Berkley, Rochester Hills and Northville.

For the birds

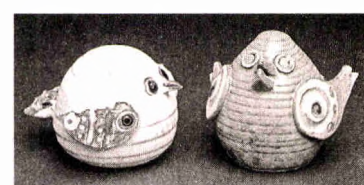
One of her biggest sellers is a simple platter with an attachment to hold condiments. She also will sell wall pockets, bird baths, bird houses and other functional items.

Barbara Gibson of Livonia also will be back for her second

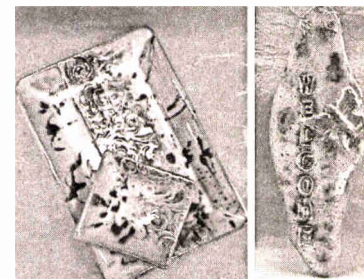


SUBMITTED

Pottery by Barbara Gibson of Livonia



Ceramic birds by Susan Fisher of Canton



SUBMITTED

Katherine Eaton of Farmington Hills will show everything from bird houses to wall pockets, along with serving pieces and decorative items.

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GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 1

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

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

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through Dec. 12

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Small Works," an all-media juried art exhibit consists of 120 pieces that are no larger than 12-by-12 inches. A Northville Camera Club exhibit is located in the lower gallery.

Contact: 248-344-0497 or www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 5-6

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: It's a Wonderful Life., \$3

Contact: 734-453-0870;

www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Dec. 4 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 5

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

Details: White Christmas, \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481; redfordtheatre.com

HISTORY

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

Current exhibit: A Red Ryder Christmas Story draws its inspiration from the popular 1980s movie, *A Christmas Story*, in which the main character, Ralphie, longs for a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. Red Ryder BB guns were sold by Daisy Manufacturing Company of Plymouth

Contact: 734-455-8940

LIGHTS

WAYNE COUNTY LIGHTFEST

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Monday-Thurs-

day and 6-10 p.m. Friday-Sunday, through Dec. 31. Closed Dec. 25

Location: Enter at Hines Drive and Merriman in Westland and exit near Telegraph in Dearborn Heights

Details: Drive-through light show features nearly 50 lighted displays. Fee is \$5 per vehicle

Contact: parks.waynecounty.com; 734-261-1990

WILD LIGHTS

Time/Date: 5:30-9 p.m. Dec. 4-6, 11-13, 18-23 and 26-31

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

Details: Admission is \$9 in advance and \$11 at the gate for ages 2 and older. Parking is \$6 per car. Features illuminated sculptures, holiday entertainment and activities, ice carving and arts and crafts. Buy tickets online at detroitzoo.org/events/wild-lights

Contact: 248-541-5717



SUBMITTED

Kenny Parker and his band wrap up the 2015 Blues@The Elks series, Dec. 8, in Plymouth.

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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: The Kenny Parker Band performs on Dec. 8. Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation

Contact: 734-453-1780

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 11-12

Location: Friday concert at Wayne State University's Schaver Recital Hall, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit; Saturday concert at Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills

Details: The Julliard String Quartet performs; tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students at the Detroit concert and \$32-\$64 for adults and \$16-\$32 for students in Beverly Hills

Contact: 248-855-6070 or CMSDetroit.org



The Julliard String Quartet performs Dec. 12 in Beverly Hills.

CHRISTMAS POPS CONCERT/CANTATA

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 12

Location: St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Features popular Christmas songs sung by soloists and small groups, and *One Silent Night* by Pepper Choplin, sung by the combined choirs of St. Timothy and Kirk of Our Savior of Westland; Free, but donations will be accepted

Contact: 734 464-8844, sttimothy@sttimothyusa.org

ITALIAN AMERICAN CHORALE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4

Location: American Club of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Viviana Garabello directs the group in its first Christmas concert; free admission for concert only. An optional potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. costs \$2 per person. Participants should bring a favorite dish and dessert to share. RSVP by Dec. 2 to Ann at 734-437-9067 or Maria at 734-591-0263 for potluck

Contact: Viviana Garabello at 313-690-1093; gvivi81@gmail.com

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: \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

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

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

SIMPLY DICKENS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 9

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The group sings old world Christmas carols. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Doors will open at 6 p.m. giving visitors time to see the Museum's special exhibit, *A Red Ryder Christmas Story*, which runs through Jan. 17, 2016

Contact: plymouthhistory.org

TRINITY AND FRIENDS CHOIR

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Dec. 3-5

Location: Trinity Episcopal Church, 26880 LaMuera, Farmington Hills

Details: Rejoice! A Holiday Concert features music of Beethoven, Handel and more; tickets are \$10

Contact: trinityinthewoods.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: 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

POTTERY

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year at Potters Market. She holds a master of fine arts degree from the University of Michigan and has made ceramics for 50 years.

"I quit the festivals about 10 years ago. I started getting tired of driving and setting it up," she said, adding that she "loved every minute" of the art festival circuit in earlier years.

Two years ago she attended the Potters Market in Madison Heights and was "blown away" by what she saw.

"I said, wow, I would love to do this show. I sent my stuff in and they said, sure. That was the first year at Southfield and it ran like clockwork."

Gibson, who enjoys drumming and making biscotti when she's not in her pottery studio at home, will sell a variety of functional and decorative items at the show.

"I've got outside stuff like bird feeders and big pots for plants and serving dishes," she said. "I love the little stuff and the big stuff. I have a passion for all of it."

Other local artists at the show include Leslie Greenstein of Canton, an active member of the Village Potters Guild in Plymouth; Susan Fisher and Centurium Frost, both of Canton and both new to Potters Market; Carol Fitzpatrick of Farmington Hills, who also serves as the Potters Market co-chair; and David Albrecht of Farmington, who is known for ceramic sculpture.

Visit the Potters Market website at thepottersmarket.com



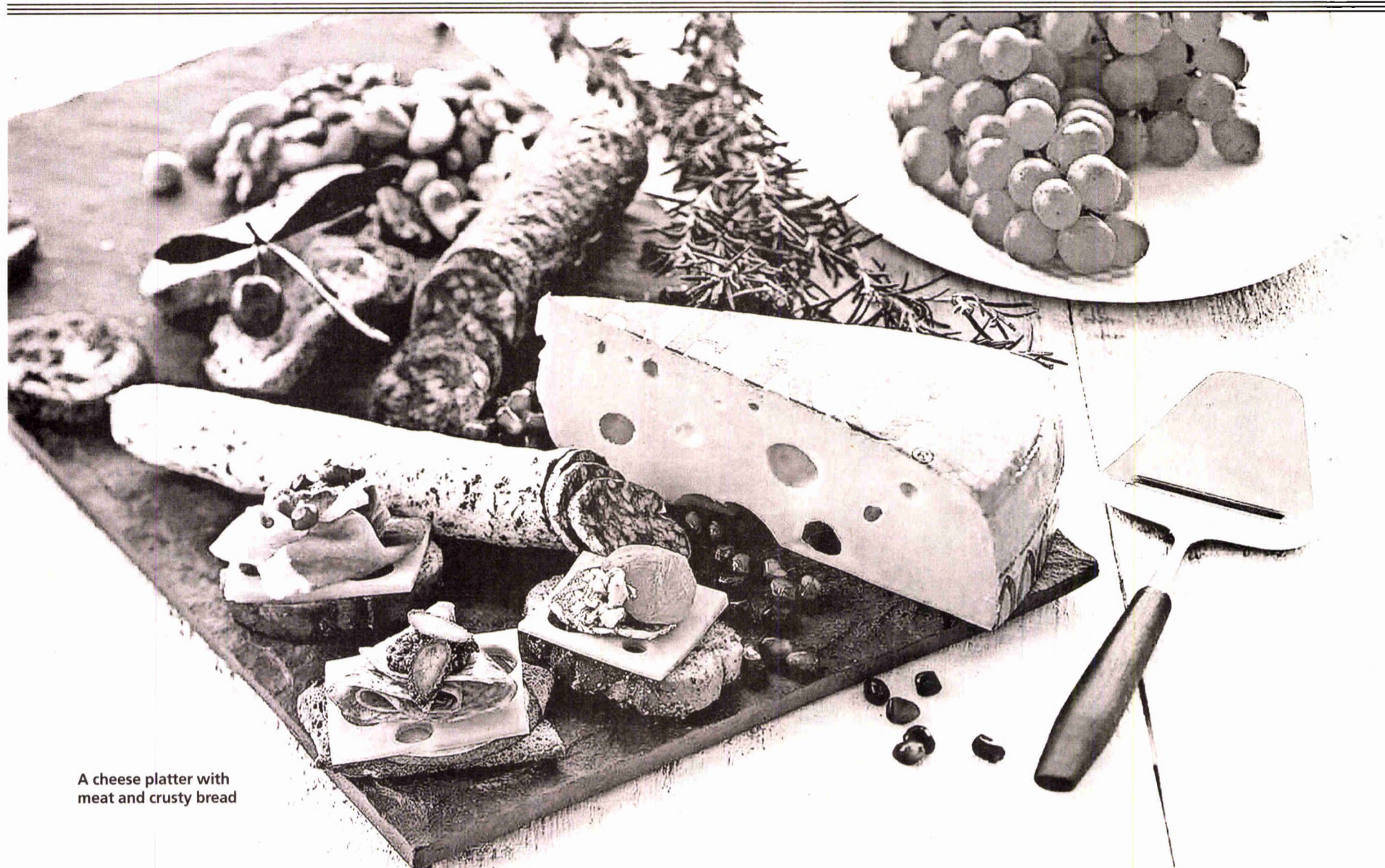
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A cheese platter with meat and crusty bread

This holiday season don't let a main dish hog all the glory. Instead let guests feast on a festive spread of small plates and sides.

Snack-size portions of a wide range of delicious dishes are the perfect solution for entertaining.

A large, heavy meal can leave guests feeling lethargic. Keep your party lively with lighter bites that guests can nibble on throughout the night. Another advantage of a small plate menu is that guests will appreciate the chance to sample many flavors without fear of over-indulging.

Get your party planning started with these tips:

» Keep dishes simple and put the focus on quality ingredients, such as naturally lactose and gluten-free Jarlsberg cheese. Best known for the classic wedge available in original and smoked flavors, Jarlsberg cheese offers a mild, mellow, nutty and delicious taste that is perfect for any cheese board and pairing with meats of your choice.

» Give traditional vegetable sides a special boost to make them party perfect. Basic asparagus gets a fresh twist with this Asparagus Tart, which blends savory Jarlsberg brand cheese and a pastry for a pretty presentation you can cut into squares before serving.

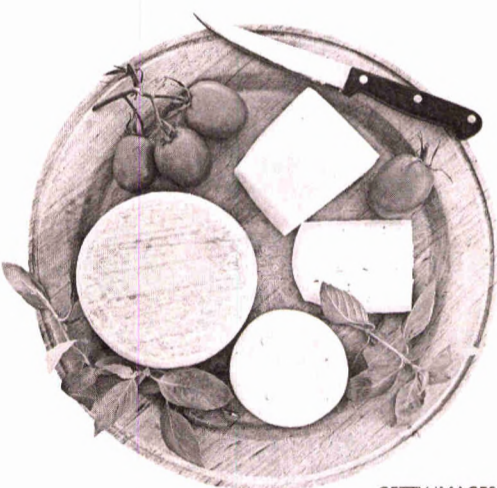
» Plan your menu with the clock in mind. Choose foods that will taste great for the duration of your party without drying out or losing flavor, such as this Tomato Gratin.

» Keep cold dishes chilled by setting the serving bowl inside a larger bowl filled with ice. Add some flair by tinting the ice or adding decorative accents.

» Use burners to keep the heat on warm dishes, or simply rotate in fresh batches periodically.

Give your holiday entertaining an extra boost this year with Jarlsberg Cheese's Great Holiday Giveaway, which runs through Dec. 31 and offers prizes for holiday entertaining, including a DSLR camera as the grand prize and weekly charcuterie party kits. Learn more and enter (once per day) at [Facebook.com/Jarlsbergusa](https://www.facebook.com/Jarlsbergusa), and find more holiday entertaining recipes at jarlsberg.com.

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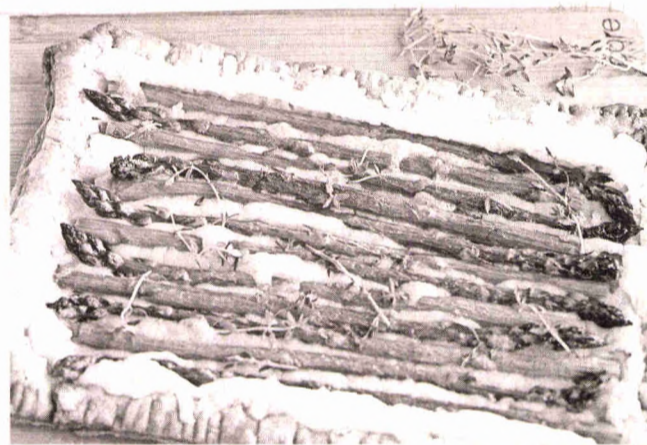
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SENSATIONAL PLATTERS

Platters featuring savory finger foods are a flavorful and easy solution for holiday entertaining. Simply assemble ingredients, such as those listed below, on a large wooden or slate board and serve. Get creative by adding fig spreads, fresh fruit or other nibbles you enjoy, and don't forget the toothpicks and napkins. Be sure to take the cheese out of the refrigerator at least an hour before serving to ensure that it is room temperature to bring out the ideal flavor. Never serve cheese cold.

- » Wedge or cubed Jarlsberg cheese
- » Assortment of whole grain crackers and crusty bread slices
- » Italian Genoa salami, coppa or your favorite charcuterie meats
- » Assorted olives, nuts and dried or fresh fruits

Jarlsberg cheese gives small plates big flavor



ASPARAGUS TART

- 1 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 2 cups Jarlsberg cheese, shredded
- 1 pound asparagus
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
- salt and pepper

Heat oven to 400 F. Prepare baking sheet with parchment paper.

Roll out puff pastry into 16-by-10-inch rectangle, trimming uneven edges. Place on baking sheet. With knife, lightly score pastry dough 1 inch from edges to mark rectangle. Using fork, pierce dough inside markings at ½-inch intervals. Bake until golden, about 15 minutes.

Remove pastry shell from oven and sprinkle with shredded cheese. Trim asparagus spears to fit crosswise inside pastry shell. Arrange in single layer over cheese, alternating ends and tips. Brush with oil, sprinkle thyme leaves and season with salt and pepper. Bake until spears are tender, about 20 minutes.



TOMATO GRATIN

- 8 medium ripe tomatoes
- ¼ cup balsamic vinegar
- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 garlic cloves, sliced
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme (or 4 basil leaves, chopped)
- salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 ounces toasted pine (pignoli) nuts
- ½ pound (8 ounces) grated Jarlsberg cheese

Heat oven to 350 F.

Cut tomatoes in half.

In bowl, whisk together vinegar, olive oil, garlic, thyme, salt and pepper; gently mix in tomatoes. Transfer to ovenproof dish, turning tomatoes cut side up before baking 15 minutes.

When tomatoes are cool enough, remove skins before returning to baking dish. Sprinkle tomatoes with nuts and cheese. Return to oven and bake about 10 minutes, or until cheese turns golden and bubbly.

Serve as bruschetta on sliced, toasted Italian bread or as a side dish to fish and meat.



CHEESY MASHED POTATOES

- 4 large baking potatoes, peeled and cut
- 1 cup Jarlsberg cheese
- 1 cup milk
- 1 container sour cream
- ½ cup butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper

Heat oven to 350 F.

Place potatoes in large pot of salted water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and simmer until tender. Drain and bring potatoes to food processor.

In food processor, add cheese, milk, sour cream, butter, salt and pepper. Process all ingredients with potatoes until smooth. Pour mixture into baking pan and cover with tin foil.

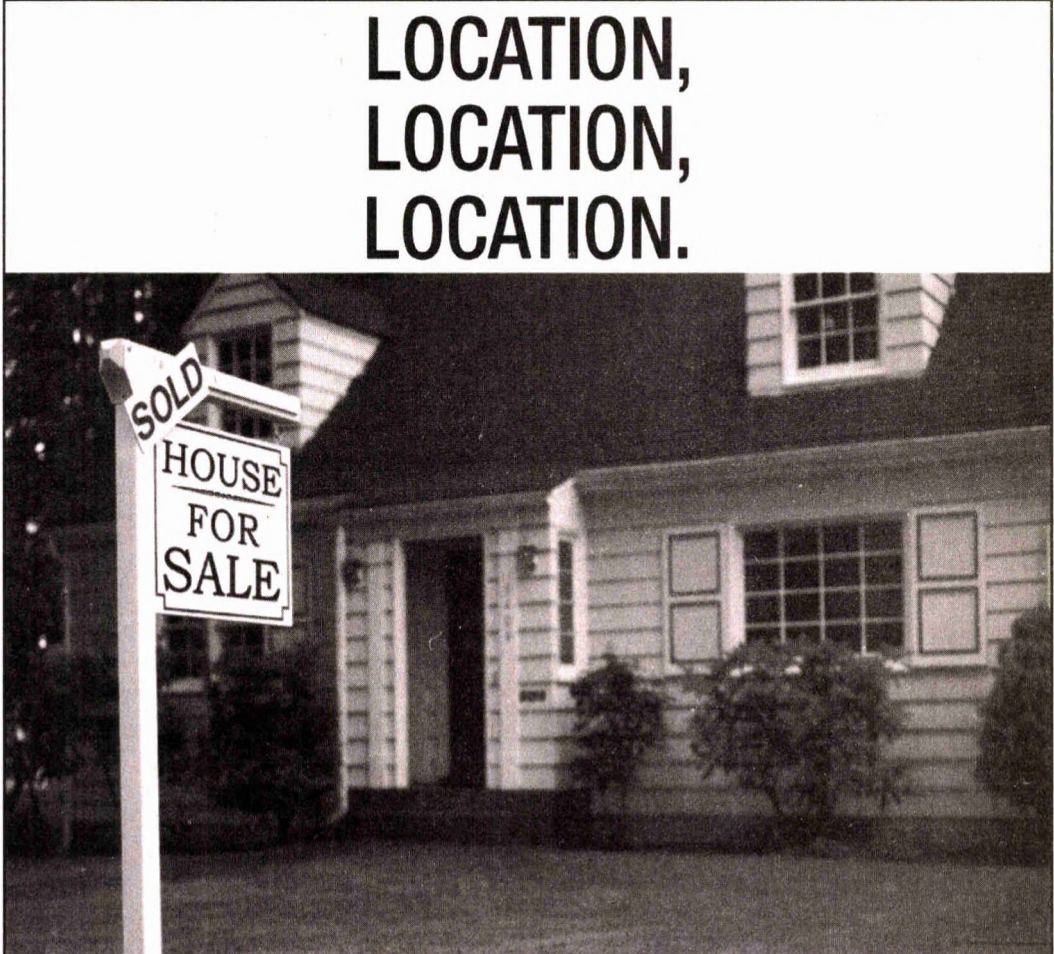
Bake 30 minutes. Uncover potatoes during last 10 minutes to allow browning.

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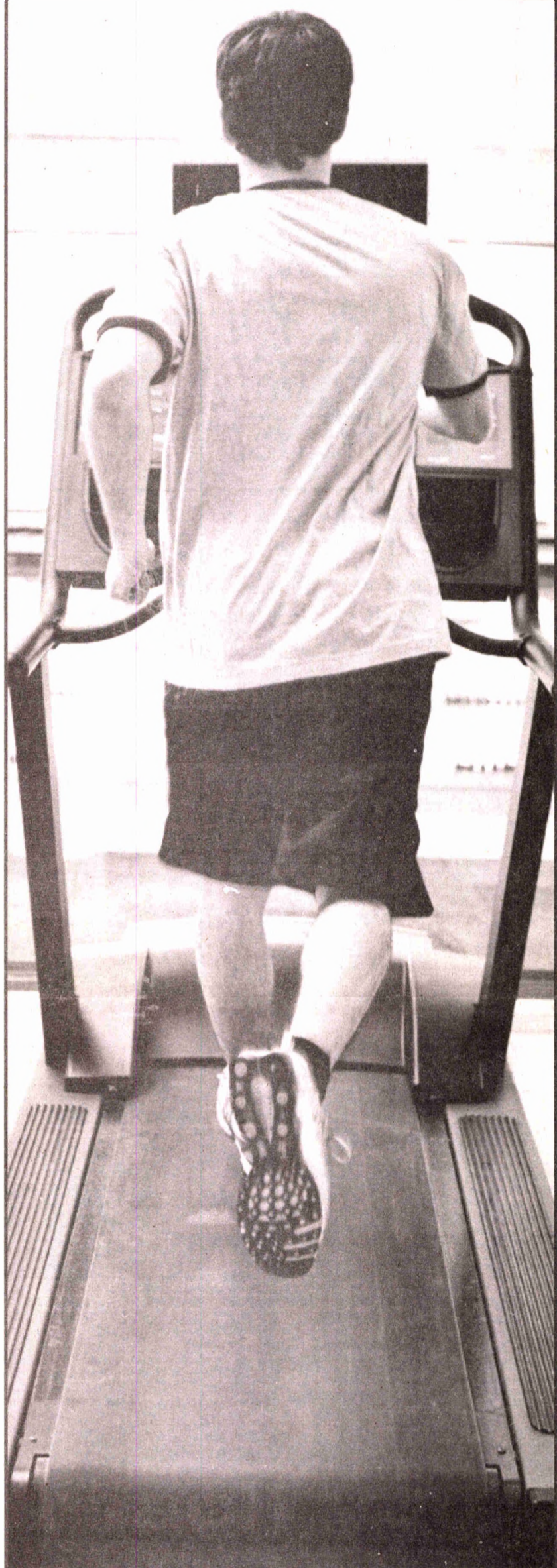
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 - 55 "— Abner"
 - 56 Pro opposite
 - 57 Tidy
 - 58 Printed symphony, e.g.
 - 63 Twistable treat
 - 65 Dol. units
 - 67 Pantheon member
 - 68 Really happy
 - 69 Dunking site
 - 75 The Chiffons' "He's —"
 - 78 Ambience
 - 79 Hither and —
 - 80 Ship pole
 - 84 Jailer
 - 88 Flaky mineral
 - 91 U.S. 66, e.g.
 - 92 Rustic stopover
 - 93 Spam may be in it
 - 94 Plunder
 - 96 Period in history
 - 97 Cowgirl's rope
 - 100 Agenda, informally
 - 103 Concert Steinway, say
 - 105 The West Indies, e.g.
 - 108 Brainpower stats
 - 109 In need of medical care
 - 110 From that place
 - 111 Olds oldies
 - 113 Brain twister
 - 116 Theme of this puzzle
 - 122 Mark-leaving swordsman
 - 125 Utterance of amazement
 - 126 Time of mammoths
 - 127 Trails off
 - 128 Rack up, as debt
 - 129 Sense of self
 - 130 Earth orbits it
 - 131 "Dies —" (Latin hymn)
 - 132 Lions, Tigers and Bears
 - 133 Realty unit
 - 134 Seasonal mall figures
 - 135 Itty-bitty bits
 - 3 Often messing up
 - 4 Lehrer's old PBS partner
 - 5 Arches over
 - 6 Various items: Abbr.
 - 7 Et — (and others)
 - 8 Golf's "Champagne Tony"
 - 9 Plunders
 - 10 Visible
 - 11 Canadian cop
 - 12 Singer Crosby
 - 13 Matty or Felipe of the diamond
 - 14 Makes glum
 - 15 Actress Swit as —
 - 16 Previous to
 - 17 Theta lead-in
 - 18 Hip home
 - 28 Applied to
 - 29 Scull needs
 - 30 Suffix with Wyoming
 - 34 Scheme anew
 - 35 Shoot for, with "to"
 - 36 Fashioned
 - 38 Invasion
 - 39 River through Nebraska
 - 40 Bear's foot
 - 42 Gillette — II razor
 - 43 Scarlett O'Hara's plantation
 - 44 Texas city
 - 45 Bad smell
 - 46 Had grub
 - 47 Gopher Snead
 - 52 Sweetened
 - 54 Chicken cordon —
 - 59 Name for 130-Across
 - 60 In a lazy manner
 - 61 Camera type, for short
 - 62 "Cool" guys
 - 64 Honshu sashes
 - 66 130-Across is one
 - 70 "I'll take that as —"
 - 71 Emailed, e.g.
 - 72 Wish
 - 73 Onetime big name in PCs
 - 74 Hamburger toppings
 - 75 Demon, e.g.
 - 76 Dean of 102-Down books
 - 77 Composition conclusion
 - 81 Middle-school math class
 - 82 Gobs
 - 83 City near Lake Tahoe
 - 85 Ill. neighbor
 - 86 Egyptian symbol of life
 - 87 Minus: Abbr.
 - 89 El — (hero of Spain)
 - 90 Like Swiss mountains
 - 95 — Lankan
 - 98 Chidish fit
 - 99 Affixes firmly
 - 101 Range of hearing
 - 102 Food intake
 - 104 "That pleases me"
 - 106 Agnus — (Mass part)
 - 107 Perfect-game feature
 - 112 Comic actor — Baron Cohen
 - 113 Makes uniform
 - 114 "Oops, sorry"
 - 115 Stubborn animals
 - 117 Caroling tune
 - 118 Full of energy
 - 119 Harry Potter, for one
 - 120 "... why — thou forsaken me?"
 - 121 Water, in Cuba
 - 122 Nose flap
 - 123 Indivisible
 - 124 LG rival

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SUDOKU

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Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

8	6	4	2	1	9	9	8	7
7	6	9	8	3	8	2	4	2
2	8	2	7	3	1	1	1	6
9	4	8	3	2	1	7	5	6
6	9	1	5	1	7	4	8	9
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5	3	6	5	2	8	1	9	3
8	1	2	6	4	7	3	6	5

SNOWY WEATHER WORD SEARCH

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- WORDS**
- ABLATION
 - ACCRETION
 - ACCUMULATION
 - ALBEDO
 - ALPINE
 - ARCTIC
 - AVAILANCHE
 - BIGHT
 - BLIZZARD
 - CLIMATOLOGY
 - CLOUD
 - COLD
 - CRYSTALS
 - DEICING
 - DENSITY
 - DEPTH
 - DRIFTING
 - FREEZING
 - FRONT
 - GLACIER
 - HAIL
 - HAZE
 - HUMMOCK
 - INDEX
 - LEVEL
 - LUMINOUS
 - MESOSPHERE
 - PERMAFROST
 - SATURATION
 - SLEET
 - SLOPE
 - SNOWFLAKE
 - TEMPERATUR
 - THAW
 - THICKNESS
 - VISIBILITY

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

Crossword Answers

TEEM	SMALL	MBA	SLEEP
ABRA	PILEON	OIL	AORTA
MERC	ASTIMOV	UNO	DREAD
PRONUNCIATION	GUIDE		
SITRUS	SEAT	TETRA	
PIE	APP	WRITTEN	TEST
MORT	DATLAS	WRIT	STAPPY
ADO	OTTAWAS	ARB	GLOR
CON	NEAT	MUSICALS	SCORE
OREO	CTS	GOD	ELATED
BASKETBALL	COURT		
SOFTINE	AIR	YON	SPAR
PRISON	WARDEN	MICA	RITE
N	TIN	DE	TIL
ATA	SKED	GR	DIANO
ISLAND	CHAIN	IQS	ILL
THE	ENCE	REOS	ENIGMA
THINGS	THAT	HAVE	KEYS
ZORRO	OOH	ICE	AGE
INCUR	EGO	THE	SUN
TEAMS	LOT	SANTAS	TRADES

Word Search Answers

U	S	Z	M	N	D	A	V	O	V	Y	T	E	F	B	F	Z	D	O	G	
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R	V	S	U	M	U	A	E	A	F	B	H	B	T	I	Z	A	L	U	R	
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