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## Land dispute goes to appeals court

**Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

The Michigan Court of Appeals will soon weigh in on a dispute over 190 acres of former prison land in Plymouth Township.

A three-judge appeals panel on Tuesday heard oral arguments in *City of Detroit vs. Charter Township of Plymouth*, which stems from the township's 2011 purchase of 323 acres that made up part of the

Detroit House of Corrections, a prison run by the city from the 1920s until the mid-1980s.

Plymouth Township bought the acreage, west of Ridge and south of Five Mile, from Wayne County for about \$606,000 in a tax foreclosure, but Detroit took the county and the township to court in 2013, contending the city still owned 190 acres at the site and that the foreclosure had been improper.

The city had sold the other 133 acres to a development

company for just over \$3 million in 2006 and the company was behind on its taxes, according to public records. A lot split, however, to divide the other 190 acres wasn't recorded until 2008 and was apparently overlooked by the county in the foreclosure, although a county official said Detroit had been notified of the tax situation.

A Circuit Court judge set aside the foreclosure last February, in essence returning the

190 acres to Detroit, but the township appealed.

Mike Cox, the former Michigan attorney general, represented the township Tuesday, telling judges the property should be given to the township as "the good-faith purchaser."

However, Charles Raimi, representing the city, cited a state tax commission rule that prohibits the forfeiture of municipally owned property.

"This parcel was never properly in the foreclosure

process to begin with," said Raimi, calling the foreclosure illegal. "The issue here has been decided."

**Notice disputed**

Raimi also objected to the delivery of tax delinquency notices to the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, saying the city's law department was at a different location and suggesting the notices should

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The Plymouth-Canton bass drums make their way down the parade route.

KRISTAN RODWELL

## P-CEP MARCHING BAND SHINES IN ROSE PARADE

**Chris Zygmunt**  
Contributing Writer

Under the bright California sunshine on New Year's morning, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band proudly represented the Plymouth and Canton communities by marching in the 127th annual Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena.

Participation in the parade was the culmination of over a year of planning and fundraising. The marching band was one of only 13 high school bands from around the world selected from nearly 100 applicants to march in this year's parade. Plymouth-Canton last performed in the Rose Parade 43 years ago in 1973.

The 175-member band traveled to California on Dec. 27 and spent the first day visiting the Hollywood Farmer's Market and a tour of familiar Los Angeles icons, such as the Sunset Strip, the Hollywood Bowl and Rodeo Drive.

After the very long first day, the band got down to the business on its second day with a morning rehearsal at Long Beach City College. Jon Thomann, associate director of bands at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park has been very pleased with the band's preparation and



KRISTAN RODWELL

See ROSES, Page A6 The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band in the Tournament of Roses Parade on California Boulevard.

## New year, new goals for Plymouth officials

**Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

The Plymouth City Commission moved Monday toward adopting goals for the new year, and City Hall succession planning, boosting the fledgling Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex and resolving legacy cost issues arising from a now-dissolved joint fire department were at the top of the list.

But with Commissioner Mike Wright absent due to illness, the commission withheld final approval of goals for 2016 until he can be present to vote.

The commission has adopted a list of goals at the beginning of each year for several years, with each commissioner voting for several favorites

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## Your guide for smooth Ice Fest visit

**Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Ice Festival, which annually brings thousands of visitors and hundreds of ice sculptures downtown — along with winter sports, entertainment and refreshments — officially opens at 3 p.m. Friday.

The three-day festival, at Kellogg Park and surrounding downtown streets, is a major winter attraction in Michigan, offering carving competitions and demonstrations, interactive sculptures, a chance to try cross-country skiing and more.

Here are some of the major ice festival features and events:

» Opening ceremony: City officials will cut the ribbon for the 2016 festival at 7 p.m. Friday. The festival's Ice Garden, featuring carvings that glow with color, will be lighted up at the same time.

» Ice playground: Children (and cameras) can be brought

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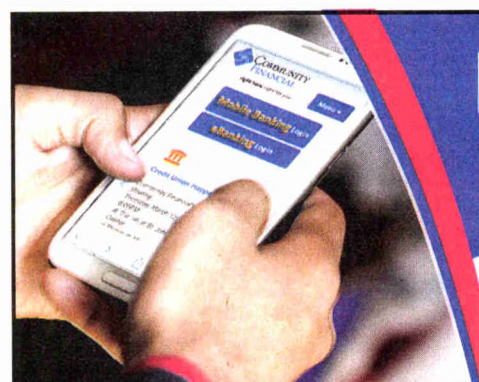
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## GOALS

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following debate, and the five or six goals with the most votes being formally approved.

On Monday, all six commissioners present favored the proposed goals of resolving Plymouth Community Fire Department legacy costs, and planning for filling key administrative jobs when they become vacant. Promoting PARC — the nonprofit arts and sports complex at the former Central Middle School — as a public benefit for Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents received five votes.

Mayor Dan Dwyer noted the commission's annual goals are meant to be a general guide rather than a template.

"This is just our guiding group of goals at the beginning of the year," he said. "There's nothing



FILE PHOTO

Addressing legacy costs related to the Plymouth Community Fire Department, which served Plymouth and Plymouth Township from 1995 through 2011, is on the list of possible Plymouth City Commission goals for 2016.

so hard and fast about them that we can't mold them as the year goes on."

Succession planning was suggested by City Manager Paul Sincock, who noted he has 38 years with the city and that some in other leadership positions have been with the city even longer. In addition, he said, the City Hall work force has been getting smaller in recent years.

"At some point we're going to have to bring somebody in," Sincock said.

### Multi-year projects

Resolving the legacy cost issue — Plymouth Township officials say the city owes more than \$3.7 million in retiree pension and health insurance costs related to the PCFD — has been a commission goal for several years. The communities

shared the fire department from early 1995 through 2011, when the city left the arrangement to partner with the city of Northville for fire-fighting and emergency medical service.

Dwyer said steps toward a resolution have been quickening lately.

"I am optimistically thinking that this will not be a goal again in 2017," he said.

The PARC has also

been a previous commission goal, but the nonprofit moved into the former Central after it closed as a school in June and has been leasing space to a number of community arts and athletic organizations. Proponents want to see PARC become a joint city-township taxing authority that would renovate parts of the building and demolish others, adding features like an auditorium and a new swimming pool.

Other possible goals discussed Monday included:

» Creating a public arts commission to look at possible public art projects and at incorporating public art into other projects the city undertakes.

"I don't have anything specific in mind," said Commissioner Dan Dalton, who made the proposal. "Let's do something unique and be intentional about it."

» Updating the city's

ordinances to eliminate outdated and unnecessary language and bring them in line with officials' long-term vision for the city.

» Plan, with the Downtown Development Authority and other city leaders, for marking the 150th anniversary of Plymouth's incorporation as a village, which is next year. Plans are to include a new Kellogg Park fountain and improvements to the park.

» Find a long-term source of funding for capital improvements. The proposed goal was suggested by Sincock, who said the capital improvement has been limited in recent years.

"Capital improvement is very critical to the quality of life in your community," he said.

The commission is expected to complete the goal-setting for 2016 during its Monday, Jan. 18, meeting.

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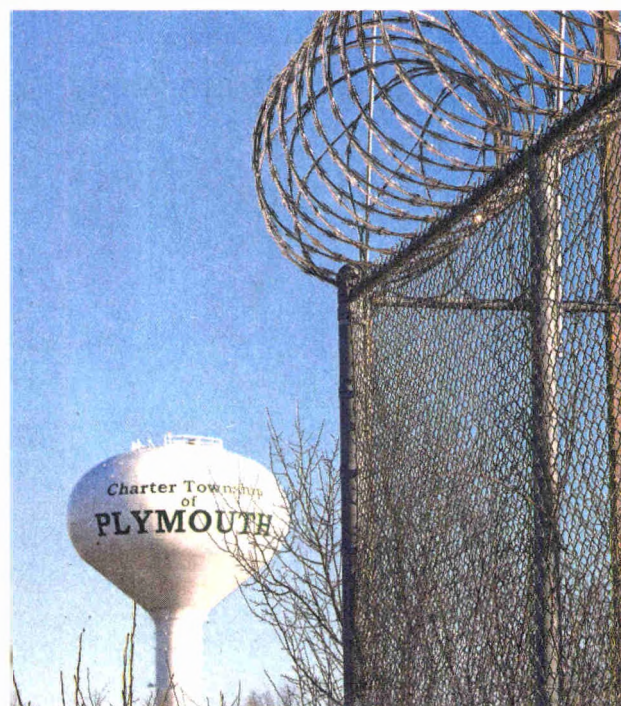
Cox, in a rebuttal, referred to a clause in Michigan's general property tax act that says that land owned by a community shall not be taxed only when it is used for a public purpose.

"They weren't acting as a city, running a park, a jail, a city hall," he said. "When they acted as a market actor, they didn't pay taxes. They're subject to foreclosure."

Cox also cited documents noting 2 Woodward Avenue — the Coleman Young (formerly City-County) building — as the city's address of record.

The arguments were made before Judges Michael Talbot, Mark Cavanaugh and Kirsten Kelly at the appeals court's Detroit branch at Cadillac Place.

Talbot, the chief judge, told the attorneys the



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Part of the former Detroit House of Corrections. Some 190 acres of the former prison, part of a 2011 tax foreclosure purchase by Plymouth Township, are claimed by the city, and state appeals judges heard arguments in the case Tuesday.

panel would issue a response "as fast as we

can."

The 323 acres are part

of what officials envision as the Michigan International Technology Center, an advanced-technology business park along the Five Mile corridor in Plymouth and Northville townships. The plan for the MITC, made up of about 800 acres west of Beck, includes high-tech firms in the automotive and life sciences sectors, service businesses — like restaurants, supermarkets and day care — that would cater to workers at those firms, plus recreational space.

Other parts of what was the Detroit House of Corrections, dubbed DeHoCo, became state correctional facilities, which are also now closed.

Detroit has a separate action against Wayne County, over the tax foreclosure, in the Michigan Court of Claims.

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CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mayce Kosak, 11, and Bella Sills, 4, paint on a Canton library wall before the children's section was closed off for repairs.



CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Canton Library Director Eva Davis (at right) watches as patrons rip up carpet during a demolition party.

## Patrons demolish children's area of Canton library

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Scores of Canton Public Library patrons simply trashed the children's area, wielding hammers, ripping up carpet and defacing walls with paint.

And library employees encouraged it.

The library hosted a demolition party for patrons before real work crews ushered in a new year by closing off the children's area for a 12-week, \$848,300 makeover.

Laurie Golden, the library's community relations department head, said about 60 patrons — some donning plastic construction hard hats and work gloves — wreaked havoc on the room.

They used hammers to demolish an old computer area. They ripped up carpeting. They played four square and other ball games. They played in water and glitter. And they created art, sort of, by painting on walls.

"It was a fun time," Golden said.

The children's library, which last year circulated 663,863 materials, has closed the 10,569-square-foot section for the third in a series of facility improvements.

Prior to the demolition party, parent Michelle Badea said she is eager for the renovations to be completed.

"I think that will be good," she said, accompanied by daughter Julia, 3.

The latest makeover marks the third phase of renovations that already have led to nearly \$900,000 in improvements to a facility that first opened its doors in 1988.

The library moved some of its children's collection to other areas of the facility before the latest makeover began. Patrons who can't find children's materials they

need in Canton also may use libraries in other communities such as Plymouth, Westland, Livonia, Wayne and Novi, among others, Golden has said.

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## Canton to celebrate Dr. King's legacy

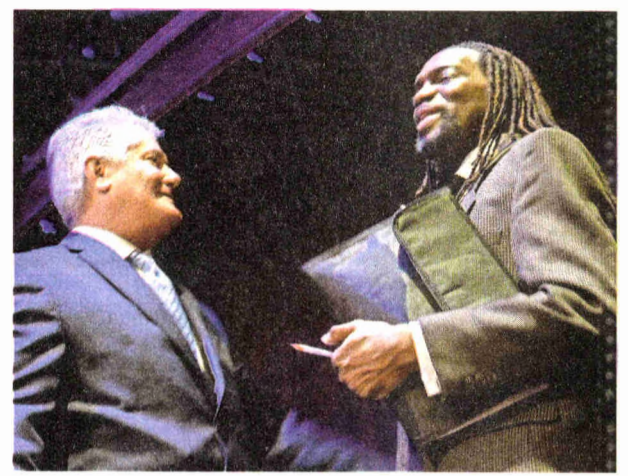
Canton Township will once again honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a special tribute, "Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

A display of artworks by area students and a punch-and-cookie reception will begin at the Village Theater at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, followed by the main program at 6:30 p.m. This annual event is presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage, members of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Subcommittee, and Canton Township. Admission is \$2 and reserved seats can be purchased online at [www.cantonvillage-theater.org](http://www.cantonvillage-theater.org).

This year will feature a panel discussion by interfaith speakers, including the Rev. David Washington Jr., the founding and senior pastor of Canton Christian Fellowship Church

in Canton; Bill Secret, a Zen Buddhist who recently retired as director of the Henry Ford College religious studies program; Chandru Acharya, president of the South Asian American Voices For Impact, board member of Canton Interfaith Community Outreach and teacher at Canton Hindu Temple's Balgokulam; Saleem Khalid, consultant to the Muslim Enrichment Project, who gives khutbahs and leads prayers throughout metropolitan Detroit; and Paul Talwar, a member of Canton Interfaith Community Outreach team and teacher at Singh Sabha of Michigan, a Sikh gurdwara or place of worship.

These speakers will be asked to share the impact Dr. King has had on their lives and the lives of their faith communities. In addition, panelists will be asked to comment on the civil rights movement and its similarities to today, as well as their strategies



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Keynote speaker the Rev. William Reese Jr. (right) spoke with township Trustee Pat Williams as Canton celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy last year.

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The program will also feature music by the Workman Elementary School Choir under the direction of Keri L. Mueller, and dance by Kelsey Rose and Detroit Tap Repertory.

Those donating to scholarships and award money for winners of

the art and essay contests are Canton Township board members John Anthony, Terry Bennett, Phil LaJoy, Melissa McLaughlin, Steven Sneedman and Pat Williams.

The reception is sponsored annually by Darian and Ralynda Moore of Keller Williams Realty of Plymouth.

## Enjoy it while you can



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Beginning in spring 2016, this will be a rare sight on I-275 through the Northville, Novi, Livonia and Farmington areas: smooth and fast-moving traffic. MDOT will commence an \$80 million renovation of the highway between Five Mile and I-696, which will close one direction to traffic at a time, per drivers' requests. The work should wrap up within a year of its start.

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## PLYMOUTH POLICE BRIEFS

A 25-year-old man was arrested after failing to obey police commands during the drunken-driving arrest of his female companion early on New Year's Day.

The arrests took place shortly after 1 a.m. Friday on I-275 near Joy Road, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

A township officer, providing backup to an officer who had stopped a Buick sport-utility vehicle on the suspicion that its driver was drunk, asked the man, a passenger, for his license, and he refused to hand it over, the report said. The passenger smelled of alcohol, his speech was slurred and had a half-full bottle of cognac, police said, that he let fall from his grasp

onto the floor of the vehicle.

The passenger then reached for the Buick's keys, police said, ignoring the officer's command to stop. He took the keys from the ignition, attempting to put them into a pocket of a jacket he was holding, police said, and the officer grabbed his arm and pulled him out of the vehicle.

He was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and having open intoxicants in a vehicle, and registered a blood-alcohol content of .11 on a preliminary breath test, police said.

On the floor of the Buick's front passenger seat, police found two partially full bottles of cognac, and poured them out, the report said. Two emp-

ty cognac bottles were also found.

**Reckless driving**

Police early on Dec. 20 stopped an 89-year-old man who had reportedly been driving recklessly on Lilley Road: swerving, hitting a road sign and driving in the dark without headlights. Police had been alerted to the situation by a phone call.

A township officer spotted the man, in a Dodge Caravan, shortly before 3 a.m. on southbound Lilley near Ann Arbor Road, where the driver got into the left-turn lane but then went through the intersection, a police report said. The officer pulled the driver over at a gas station.

The man said he had not

been drinking — and police saw no evidence otherwise — and was not on medication, the police report said. He said he remembered a “bump,” but that he hadn't driven into a sign or a ditch, as had been reported (police found that a sign in the city of Plymouth had been struck). He said he didn't know why the Caravan's headlights weren't on.

Police called the man's daughter, and she arrived on the scene to take her father home. Police said a request for an evaluation of the driver would be filed with the secretary of state's office.

**Package thefts**

Packages were reported stolen from the front porches of two houses on Lighthouse

Court, in the area of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail, a few days before Christmas.

The reported thefts took place on the afternoon of Dec. 18. In one, a new man's bathrobe, recently delivered by United Parcel Service, was reported stolen, and in the other, a package of Christmas presents that had been ordered online was stolen, police reports said.

In the latter incident, the complainant walked out her front door to see a man taking the package, a police report said. She apparently startled him, she told police, and he left quickly in a vehicle, driving over the lawn as he backed out of the driveway.

By Matt Jachman

## CANTON POLICE BRIEFS

A swift response by Canton police and paramedics appears to have saved a 25-year-old Canton man's life from an apparent drug overdose.

Police went to a home in the 42400 block of Saltz after receiving a call at about 7:10 a.m. Dec. 30 that a man was unconscious and barely breathing as he lay on a bedroom floor, a report said. Police arrived and soon noticed the man had quit breathing altogether and his pulse had stopped.

Police began chest compressions and the man began to breathe again, just as Canton firefighter paramedics arrived and began treatment to further revive him.

Police found a syringe in an ashtray, an indication of possible drug use. Police also learned the man had been upset over legal issues involving the mother of his children.

**Drunken customer**

Police say a drunken woman went to the Target store on Ford Road in Canton to buy a half-gallon of vodka, even though she already was stumbling and falling, a report said.

Police went to the store at about 7:15 p.m. New Year's Eve after an employee called to

report the 51-year-old woman's drunken behavior. Officers found her in the cafeteria area and noticed swelling on the side of her head — an injury she received after she fell inside the store, the report said.

An employee refunded the cost of the vodka to the woman, and police advised a manager of the potential liability of selling liquor to a customer who was already visibly drunk, the report said.

The drunken woman told police she may have had an interaction because she drank alcohol and also had taken prescription medications. Canton firefighter paramedics arrived on the scene and took the woman to St. Mary Mercy Hospital for treatment.

**More coyotes**

Coyote sightings have occurred in Canton in recent years. Now, they may have been spotted near a couple's home on Denton, north of Geddes. A man told police he and his wife have lived there for 13 years and said this is the first time they have noticed coyotes near their home.

The man told police two coyotes had been spotted on

two recent occasions. He also said he and his wife have heard howling at night.

**Destructive daughter**

A Canton man notified police to report that his 18-year-old daughter tried to set fire to laundry, broke household items and kicked doors inside a residence on Terrell Court, near Lilley and Saltz, during an incident that occurred shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday.

The father told police he wanted to document the behavior because he was seeking an attorney's advice on evicting his daughter. He told police he recorded a 15-minute video of the teen's behavior.

**Credit fraud**

A 34-year-old Canton man notified police after his debit card number apparently was stolen and used to make three purchases totaling more than \$450 at two retail stores and a grocery store in Massachusetts.

The man already had canceled the card but filed a police report for documentation.

— By Darrell Clem

## Fire destroys second Hawthorne Valley home

LeAnne Rogers

Staff Writer

A second vacant home on the former Hawthorne Valley property was destroyed by fire early Wednesday.

Wayne-Westland firefighters responded at about 3:30 a.m. to the former golf course and banquet center property on the east side of Merriman north of Warren Road.

“This time it was the front house on the property. It's a total loss — the fire was through the roof when we arrived,” Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy said. “It is certainly a suspicious fire. It's very similar to the last one.”

That fire in October destroyed a second home deeper on the property and not visible from Merriman. It was believed that homeless people, who had been staying in that home, started a fire that spread.

The cause of Wednesday's fire hasn't yet been determined, Reddy said, but will be

investigated further.

“There is no gas or electric to the home. I don't want to speculate but most likely the fire was from squatters. It was very cold,” Reddy said. “It could have been a fire that got out of control or it could have been set.”

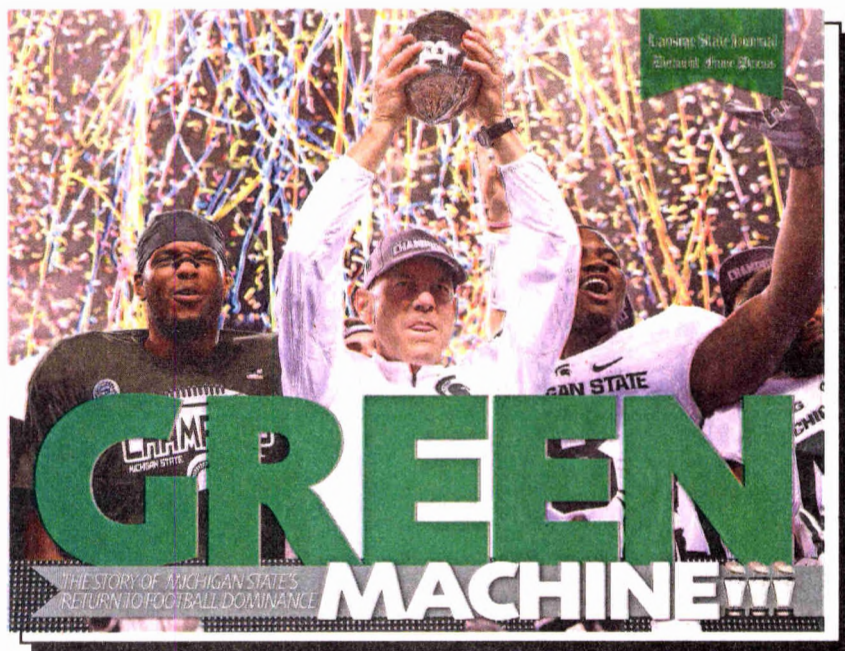
Westland acquired 14.7 acres of the Hawthorne Valley property from a tax sale after the former banquet center/restaurant and nine-hole golf course went into foreclosure. The city owns the restaurant building and the Merriman Road frontage, along with the vacant homes destroyed by fire.

Firefighters have also responded to four or five fires in the main building, Reddy said. That doesn't count visits by ordinance enforcement and calls to board up the building after trespassers have broken in.

The city's property disposition committee is getting cost estimates for demolishing the buildings before making a recommendation to council.

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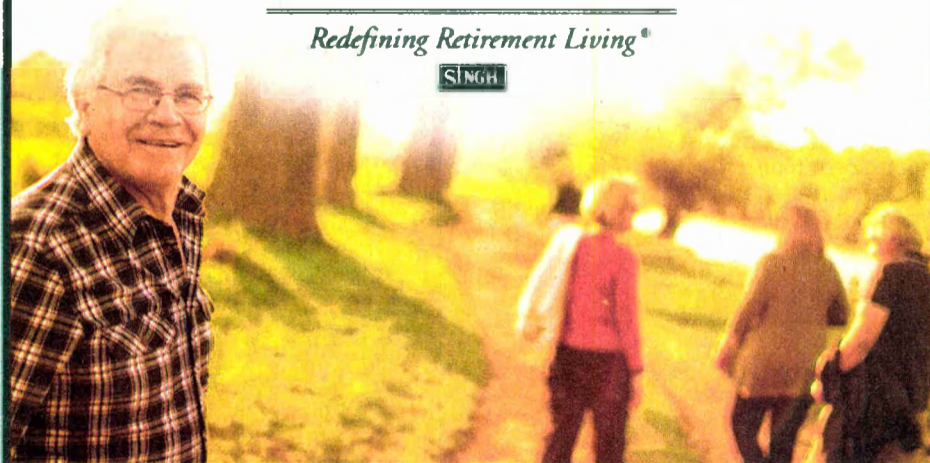
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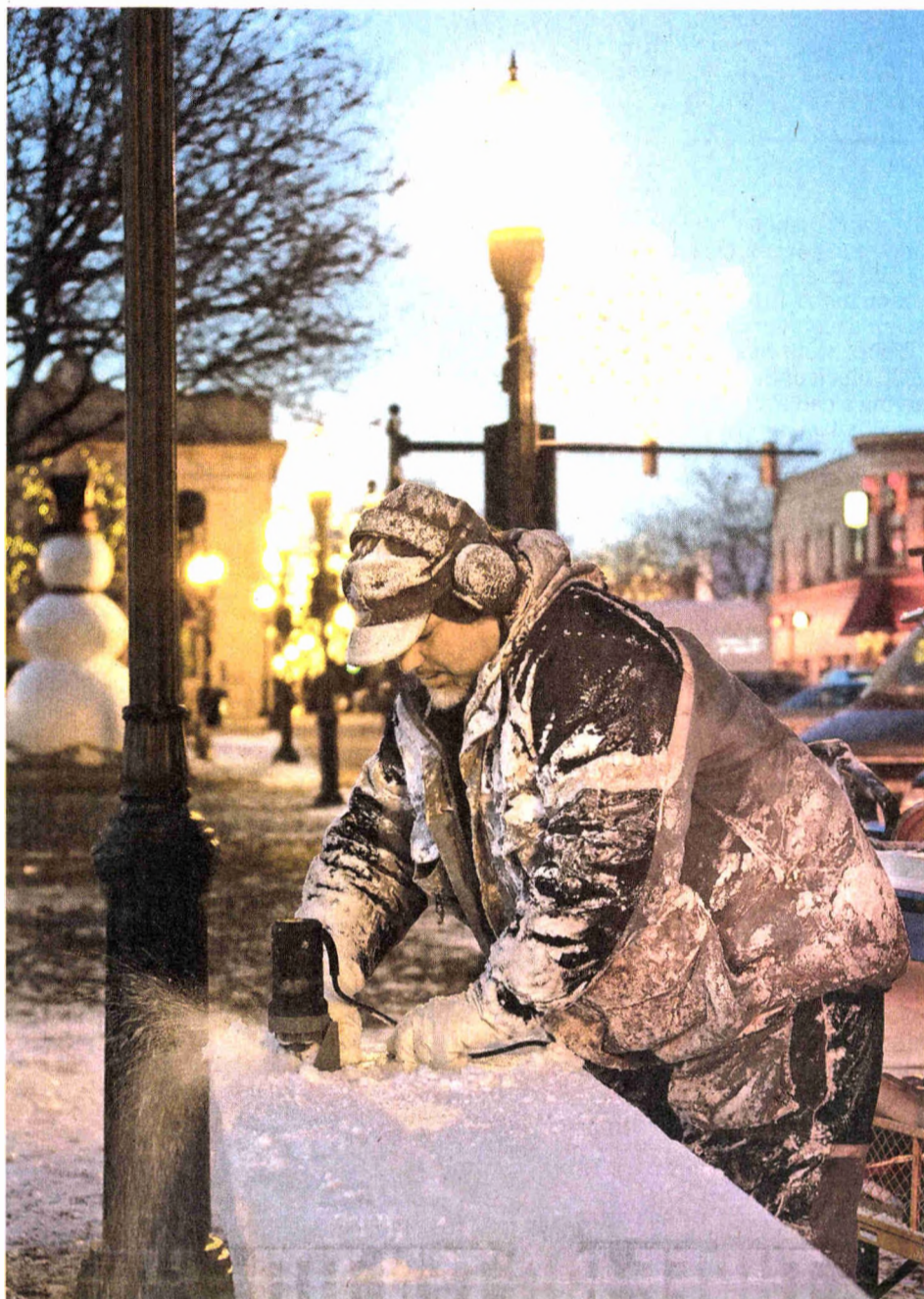
Local carvers Tajana Raukar and Ted Wakar wrestle ice blocks into position as they begin work on a display for Ford.



Tajana Raukar roughs up the side of an ice block. Ted Wakar will stack another block on top of this one. Water will help the two blocks freeze together.



Tajana Raukar and Ted Wakar will use many blocks of ice before the sculpture is complete.



Aaron Costic, a carver from Cleveland, Ohio, begins work on a game for kids. It's interactive ice.

# ICE FEST

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to this new attraction at the park, a playscape with nine different interactive features.

» **Clothing drive:** Festival organizers and the Plymouth Community United Way are teaming up to collect winter wear for those in need. New or hand-made hats, gloves and scarves will be accepted, along with new coats, blankets and socks, at the PCUW booth on Penniman and distributed to homeless and low-income people.

» **Warm up at PARC:** The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, at Church and Main, will be a warming station from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

» **Hot Spot:** The official ice festival warming station, at The Gathering across Penniman from Kellogg Park, it will be open during all festival hours and will feature local vendors, business information and product demonstration.

» **Carving competition:** Area college students will compete, individually from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday and in teams from 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday. Awards will be at 1 p.m. both days.

» **Run or walk:** A three-mile family run/walk will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday at Kellogg Park. Gather at 7:45 a.m., at the corner of the park at Main and Ann Arbor Trail, for a group portrait. The course circles back to the park, and Sun & Snow Sports will have an open house, with music, hot chocolate and coffee, during the

event.  
» **Zumba and more:** A Zumba dance part is planned for noon Saturday on the main stage at the park. The stage will also be the site for presentation, awards ceremonies and other live entertainment.  
» **Fire and Ice:** Ice sculptures will be set ablaze in the park at approximately 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and will burn for approximately two hours.

» **Dueling chain-saws:** Carvers are given 15 minutes and a block of ice to create a sculpture with their chain-saws in this competi-

tion, 7 p.m. Saturday.

» **Library events:** The Plymouth District Library will host the Great American Songbook, a free concert celebrating the country's greatest songwriters, at 3 p.m. Saturday. Soprano Maria Cimarelli, baritone Mark Vondrak and keyboardist Amanda Sabelhaus will be performing.

On Sunday, the library will offer winter activities for children ages 5-12 plus hot chocolate between 1-4 p.m. Library hours during the festival are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat-

urday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

» **Cross country:** A cross-country skiing trail, a festival favorite, will be open near the Ann Arbor Trail side of the park from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

» **Party lot:** Live music, an "ice bar" and live music at E.G. Nick's on Forest Avenue. Hours are 7 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday.

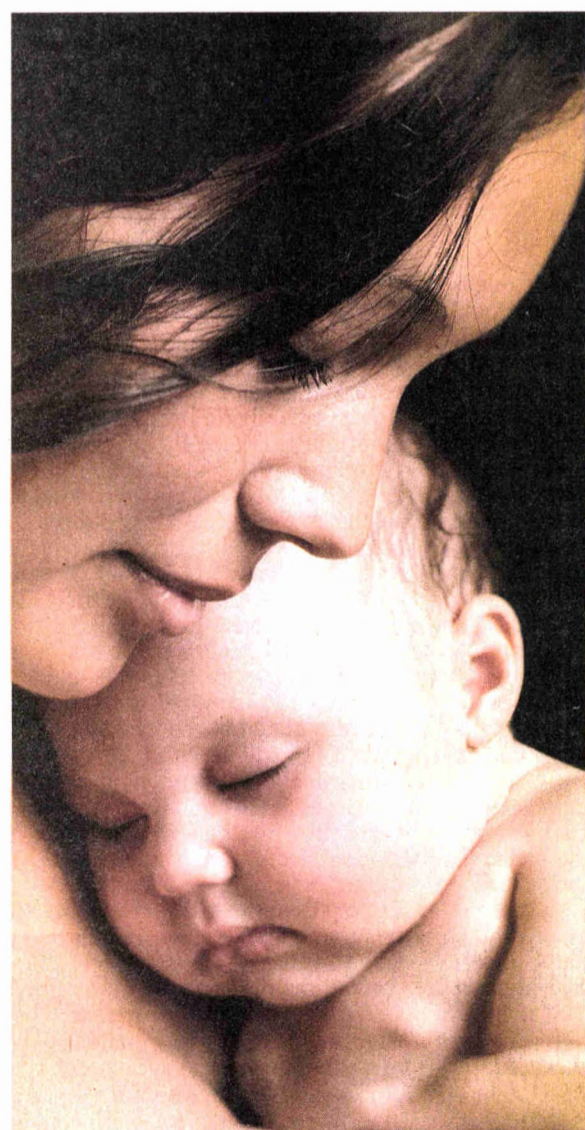
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The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band at the Rose Bowl Stadium.

## ROSES

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success throughout the season.

"Every step along our journey was memorable, and meaningful. We had great student leadership this year, which started with our seniors and trickled down. I am going to miss this group of seniors a great deal," Thomann said.

After a morning of hard work, the students had a chance to unwind at the Santa Monica Pier. The entire band made the trip down to the beach for a group picture in front of the famous pier and the Pacific Ocean. For many in the band, the trip included a lot of firsts, such as the first time seeing an ocean, the first time in California, and even the first time flying for some.

The third day of the trip marked the band's first of three public performances while in California. The kids spent the morning enjoying Disneyland and then marched through the streets of Disney's California Adventure that afternoon. The kids received a warm reception from the thousands of park visitors.

On Wednesday, the band gave its second performance at Bandfest, a two-day festival in Robinson Stadium at Pasadena City College showcasing all of the bands marching in the parade. Under another bright, sunny sky and spectacular views of the San Gabriel Mountains, the band took the field and performed their competitive show titled, E.X.O.

Bandfest is attended by thousands of music enthusiasts and visitors. Also in attendance at the festival were many Tournament of Roses officials, including President Mike Matthiessen and his wife Ann.

According to junior trumpet Tyler Steele, "It's amazing how supportive the community was in Pasadena towards our band. With the crowds cheering us on, it was reassuring to know that people appreciate all of our hard work."

After a quick lunch, the students moved on to Hollywood Boulevard to take in the sites at famous locations, such as the Dolby Theater, home of the Academy Awards, the Hollywood Walk of Fame and the iconic TCL Chinese Theater.

Traveling with the 175 students to southern California was a dedicated team of staff and chaperons. Debbie Luttermoser, lead chaperon, said of the experience, "Our kids amaze me with their dedication and hard work. It was an honor to share in this experience with them. I had a blast. I just love them and am so proud of each and every one."

On their final day before the parade, the students traveled to Universal Studios Hollywood to spend the day unwinding before the big march. The park featured attractions such as the Jurassic Park Ride, downtown Springfield featuring the Simpsons, The Mummy Ride, and the famous Universal Studios Tour.

For New Year's Eve, the kids celebrated in the hotel ballroom with dinner and party favors. Because of early report



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Not easy to carry the tubas around their shoulders for the five-mile parade, but these kids were up for it.



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Drum majors Alex Farrell, Jenny Juterbock, Jessica Sivic and Savannah Reibert under California's blue skies.



KRISTAN RODWELL

The Tournament of Roses comes to an end.

time for the parade, midnight was celebrated on east coast time by watching the ball drop in New York's Times Square. After a quick New Year's toast of sparkling apple juice, the kids were off to bed to rest for the big day that followed.

New Year's Day was an early rise for the students, with some having to wake up as early as 3 a.m. to allow additional time for the intricate makeup and costumes. Chaperones were taken separately to the parade route to view from the grandstands while the students and staff reported to the parade staging area along Orange Grove Boulevard.

The morning was crisp by Pasadena standards, around 45 degrees at the 8 a.m. parade start time. But the kids' spirits were high and they quickly warmed up under the sunny skies. Junior percussionist Nathan Rodwell said, "I had never been to California before and to go with my best friends in band and then march in the famous Rose Bowl Parade is something I'm never going to forget."

The Rose Parade is a grueling 5½ miles long, starting on Orange Grove Boulevard before making a 105-degree right turn onto Colorado Boulevard. The turn is known as the "TV Turn" because of the massive amount of television coverage at that point of the route.

The Plymouth-Canton band received Plymouth-Canton coverage, including ABC,

Home and Garden Television, the Hallmark Channel and local Los Angeles station KTLA. "When I turned the corner onto Colorado Boulevard, I realized that the band was on TV so I made sure to really focus on what I was doing," freshman trumpet Jacob Yankee said.

In honor of the Rose Parade's theme of "Find Your Adventure," the band performed the theme from *Back to the Future* before the television audience and the enthusiastic crowds in the grandstands. Along the route, they also played *America the Beautiful* and *Journey's Don't Stop Believing*, which garnered great reactions from spectators.

The parade route was lined with over 700,000 spectators, including about 150 proud parents, family and friends who made the trip to Pasadena. The parade was broadcast to millions of viewers around the globe and participating bands traveled from all over the world, including Hawaii, Mexico and Japan.

Despite the long parade route, every Plymouth-Canton member finished the parade with the help of near-perfect weather conditions. As the band neared the end of the parade, many students were amused by spectators holding up signs stating, "You're half-way there!"

After the parade, Thomann said, "Their performance in

the parade was inspiring. Every student in the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band finished what they started. No one quit in the middle of the parade, which may not seem like a challenging act. But if you consider the sousaphone section that is carrying a 35-pound instrument on their shoulders, and some of our drummers carrying a 35-pound drum over 5.5 miles, and performing while keeping their feet in time without any water, that speaks volumes about their character."

As is tradition after the parade, the Tournament of Roses organization provided all of the participants a lunch featuring west coast staple In-N-Out Burger. This provided the students the opportunity to mingle with other bands and trade pins and souvenirs.

"All of the kids from different bands were high-fiving and congratulating each other for finishing the parade. It was an amazing atmosphere. And the burgers tasted like heaven after such a long parade," senior Jacob Zygmunt said.

After some much needed rest following the parade, the students celebrated with a dinner cruise out of Newport Beach. Despite still recovering from an active week, the kids filled the dance floor and danced the night away.

On the final day before the flight home, the senior band members gathered in the hotel parking lot for the "senior

block." During this traditional ceremony, the departing senior members took their final symbolic steps as a Plymouth-Canton Marching Band member.

Tears flowed among the students and parents as Thomann addressed the senior class, "You dedicated yourself to a belief that was bigger than anything, and greater than anything you ever could have done by yourself. May your last eight steps be fantastic, knowing that it was the journey, not one single moment. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for the hard work. We will miss you a lot."

The band flew home that evening arriving back at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in the early hours of the morning. In reflection of the historic trip, David Armbruster, director of bands at P-CEP, stated, "We cannot thank the community enough for the help and support they gave us throughout this journey. Whether it was the district administration, our sponsors, or just individuals in the community, we could not have done it without them. The students and staff are very proud to have represented our community and show the world some of the great things happening here."

Christopher Zygmunt is president of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band Boosters Club.



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Recipients of Catholic Vantage Financial 2015 scholarships are, from left, front row, Aiden Vance and Evan Torley; second row, Matthew McClintock, Kelly Solak, Rachel Smith, Anna Schubert, Taylor Graham, Allyson Hill, Collin Caid, and Andrew Budd; congratulated by scholarship presenters. In the back row, from left are Michael Hammond, CFV Board Chairman; Superintendent Brian Dougherty, Catholic Schools Archdiocese of Detroit, and Greg Masel, CVF Board Director.

## Catholic Financial opens scholarship applications

Catholic Vantage Financial, 8817 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, recently announced student scholarship applications will be available online at [www.mycvf.org](http://www.mycvf.org), beginning Jan. 15. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 1.

The credit union will award a total of 10 scholarships to members in 2016.

Six scholarships of 500 dollars each will be awarded to help cover tuition for students who attend Catholic schools. Two scholarships will be awarded to students in kindergarten through

eight grade, and four scholarships to students who attend a Catholic high school. Scholarship recipients will be selected by random drawing and notified in writing by March 11, 2016.

Four college scholarships of \$1,000 each will also be awarded to 2016 high school graduating seniors of private or public high schools, who will attend an accredited college, university or trade school. In addition to completing the online application, students are required to write and submit a 500 word essay. Scholarship

recipients will be selected based on the information submitted.

"Awarding these scholarships to help students further their education is a highlight of our year," said Emma Teller, vice president of marketing and business development for Catholic Vantage Financial. "We look forward to recognizing the students and their families at our annual meeting for members."

More details about the scholarships are available online at [www.mycvf.org](http://www.mycvf.org).

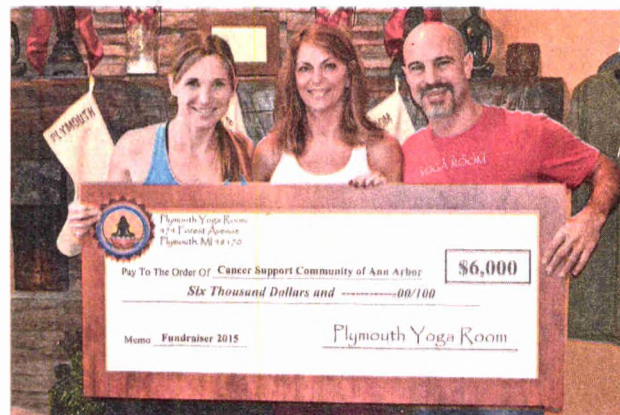
## Yoga Room raises money, awareness for cancer

Brent and Sheri Rieli, founders and owners of the Plymouth Yoga Room, sponsored a Thanksgiving fundraiser for Cancer Support Community of Ann Arbor.

The \$6,000 proceeds from the fundraiser, which included a donation-only classes and a silent auction, were recently presented to Bonnie Dockham, executive director of the Cancer Support Community of Ann Arbor.

The fundraiser was created to honor a friend of the Rielis who lost her battle with cancer last March.

The proceeds will be used to offer emotional and educational support



Bonnie Dockham of Cancer Support Community of Ann Arbor, receives a check from Yoga Room owners Sheri and Brent Riehl

to patients and families associated with the cancer organization. For

more information, go to [www.cancersupportann Arbor.org](http://www.cancersupportann Arbor.org).



Eric Konopka opened a Michigan Fireworks Co. storefront for the Independence Day holiday season in Lyon Township last year. Anyone interested in selling consumer-grade fireworks must apply with the state first.

## Send in apps now to sell fireworks this year

Philip Allmen  
Staff Writer

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the Bureau of Fire Services is now accepting applications for those interested in selling fireworks in 2016.

Most communities have seen an influx of tents, shipping containers and brick and mortar stores opening ever since the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act was signed by Gov. Rick Snyder in 2011. For the most part, at least locally, those businesses open in late spring and stick around through the July 4 holiday, traditionally the most popular time for Michigan residents to launch the explosions of red, white and blue.

Historically, Michigan has banned anything that's loud or launches into the air. The 2011 law changed that, giving the OK to formerly prohibited type of fireworks capable of flying high in the air and exploding with a loud bang: bottle rockets, reloadable shell devices, missile-type rockets, roman candles, firecrackers, single tube

devices with report and more.

Jeff Cunmulaj was among those who took advantage of the new law. He opened Jeff's Fireworks in Howell, and last year a second location in Highland Township. He said 90 percent of what he sold falls under the new consumer law. Eric Konopka, a financial adviser, was another to take advantage of the new law. Last year he sold fireworks in Lyon Township, Plymouth and Canton.

"No one stands up and claps when I finish a round of golf," he said. "They all stand up and clap and cheer at the end of my fireworks shows."

Selling fireworks, however, isn't as simple as just setting up shop. The state requires people be licensed to do so and have various reporting requirements.

All consumer fireworks applications and required plans must be submitted by midnight, April 1. Low-impact registrations can be submitted at any time but must be completed at least 10 days prior to sales. For permanent structures, like a store-

front, the application fee is \$1,000. For temporary facilities, like tents, it's \$600 to apply.

State officials said the application process is similar to last year with minor updates.

The 2016 applicants will continue to have the ability to report their monthly sales and submit their safety fees online. However, applications will be denied for any applicants who have unpaid safety fees or are missing reports (all zero sales must be reported for the 2015 certificate fireworks season).

When submitting documents for 2016 applications, applicants MUST submit all of the required documents at the time of application or the application will be denied. Also, each document submitted must include the 2016 Certificate number that was issued during the application process.

Call 517-241-8847 or 517-373-7441, or email [fireworks@michigan.gov](mailto:fireworks@michigan.gov) for more information.

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## Madonna business students lead nation

Madonna University's business students lead the nation in knowledge and real-world applications, and they now have the test scores to prove it.

Madonna business students scored well above the national average on the Educational Testing Service Major Field Test for the Bachelor's Degree in Business. The 16 students in the Business Capstone class, required of all accounting and business majors their last year at Madonna, earned a mean score of 164.625 on the test. The national average for both students and institutions is 152.

This ranked them in the 82nd percentile as a class, against the 64,000 students who have taken the test over the past three years, and in the 98th percentile against 563 colleges and universities across the nation who administer the test.

"Madonna University can go on record as a leading provider of undergraduate business



The Madonna business students who scored in the 98th percentile on the Educational Testing Service Major Field Test for bachelor's degree in business are Sharon Freeman, Charles Kee, Eric Hill, Keith Daniels, Nikki Pampreen, Dave Edwardson, Nick Peper, Melissa Sidor, Nicholi LaRocca, Dale Ripley, Taylor Mikels, Marcel Schmid, Maria Lupher, Jeffrey Bugeja, Crystal Parke and Mo Yang.

education in the United States," said Cleamon Moorer, Jr., D.B.A., dean of the School of Business. "This cohort's performance validates and confirms the quality of Madonna University business education. We are preparing our business students to help rebuild Metropolitan Detroit and contribute to society by providing them a world-class learning experience rooted in ethics and excellence."

Moorer explained that students take the test for

School of Business accreditation purposes and to ensure students are fulfilling learning goal No. 1, an interdisciplinary knowledge of business.

Madonna University students scored above the national average in all areas of the test: Accounting, Economics, Management, Quantitative Business Analytics, Finance, Marketing, Legal and Social Environment, Information Systems, and International Issues.



## OUR VIEWS

# How cool it is! Congrats, P-CEP Marching Band

Not many teens can say they marched and performed in the famed Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day. But members of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band can – the first time since the 1970s. And from all accounts it was an experience that won't soon be forgotten.

What a great experience for the 176 members of the award-winning band who trekked the five-mile parade route to the theme, "Find Your Adventure," which they did. And yes, they had a great time in California. Good for them.

The marching band has worked hard and earnestly won its awards and recognition. The trip to California and the band's performances during the parade and band festival there was the icing on the cake.

Parents, members of the band boosters and staff equally deserve accolades for their hard work, direction and commitment to the kids and their performances. That's not to mention the months upon months of fundraising to defray the \$500,000 cost of the whole shebang. When all was said and done, the boosters managed to raise about \$100,000. That's nothing to sneeze about. And that's true for the \$2,200 per person that came out of parents' pockets to get their musical children there and back. The school district did not contribute to the Pasadena effort.

This marching band has completed amazing things, not only performing in the Tournament of Roses Parade, but its performance of "E.X.O.," which earned the musicians top scores as Flight I state



The P-CEP Marching Band gathers at Universal Studios in California.

KRISTAN RODWELL

champions at the Michigan Competing Band Association competition at Ford Field in Detroit. With a score of 94.975, the band also swept the special awards: Outstanding Musical Performance, Outstanding Visual Performance and Outstanding General Effect.

The band has earned numerous accolades and won

national attention with its performance in the Rose Bowl procession. But let's give these kids their due of hometown attention and continued local support. When you run into a band member, parent or band staffer, congratulate them and make a big deal of their accomplishments. They deserve it.

## LETTERS

### Lack of respect

Don't count on Canton leadership and businesses to continue to respect and value racial, cultural and religious diversity. Just this past year a Canton strip mall owner rented out space to a new restaurant on Ford Road.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce opened its arms to welcome this restaurant to our community. Canton leadership

looked the other way and did nothing to give residents a voice about this new restaurant, the Tilted Kilt. Why is this restaurant so out of place here in Canton? The lack of respect for the Scottish people and its most well-known symbol, the kilt, tops the list of so many reasons why the Tilted Kilt does not belong here. Canton would never allow a business to degrade the noble Sikh dastar, the modest hijab,

or the graceful sari. We are Canton, not some white-trash community with no knowledge or appreciation of diversity.

Clare Barwick  
Canton

I recently read an editorial in *The Times Herald* regarding The Center for Public Integrity. It said in its annual November report card, that Michigan has the worst state government in the nation in terms of ethics, lobbying, political financing, transparency and accountability.

Here is what it said our legislators have been up to.

"In just the past few weeks, they've made it more difficult to obtain an absentee ballot, they've stripped away straight-ticket voting, and they've enshrined

the dark-money abuses of Citizens United into state law. And they've used a mean-spirited legislative trick to deny citizens and voters an opportunity to call a referendum on any of those."

But it wasn't until the last day of the session that the Michigan Legislature truly displayed its contempt for democracy.

In a middle-of-the-night affront to Michigan citizens, partisans in the Legislature made it easier for wealthy corporations and secret PACs to engage in no-holds-barred campaign spending while making it more difficult for member-financed groups such as unions.

But the real slap is a provision that makes voter education illegal.

If he still believes in democracy, Gov. Rick Snyder must veto this bill.

In a bill that reeks of partisan advantage, the most foul, fetid section makes it illegal for local governments and school districts to explain to voters what is on an upcoming ballot.

For example, some of area school districts may have tax requests on the ballot soon. If they do, this measure would prevent them from telling you, in the weeks leading up to the vote, anything about those taxes.

We're not saying they would be barred from advocating for those requests. That's already illegal.

They would be prohibited from sharing the basic facts. They could

not say how much the tax would cost. They could say how the money would be used.

A city could not tell voters something as basic as names of city council candidates.

Libraries have a long tradition of sharing election information. That information has come from neutral third parties, such as the League of Women Voters. This bill would prohibit libraries from providing neutral, factual information to help and enlighten voters.

Here is what you can do about it:

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Colleen Crossey  
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**Canton foundation continues scholarship tradition**

By Brad Kadish

When Canton Community Foundation announced its 2015 annual report, it highlighted the success of its scholarship program. The foundation, which has been operating since 1974, has awarded over \$1 million in scholarships to students in the Canton area.

The foundation's scholarship program is one of its most successful initiatives. It provides financial assistance to students who are pursuing higher education in the Canton area. The program has a long history and has helped many students achieve their dreams.

The foundation's scholarship program is a testament to the community's commitment to education. It provides a way for students to gain the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the workforce. The foundation's scholarship program is a source of pride for the community and a way to ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed.

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The list includes students from Canton High School, Canton Middle School, and other schools in the area. These students have achieved high grades and participated in various extracurricular activities.

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BOWLING PREVIEW - PART 2

## 'Cats eager to get on roll

New season brings plenty of optimism for Plymouth bowling teams

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Led by a bright talent fittingly named Nick Ray, sunny days loom for the Plymouth Wildcats' boys bowling team.

Ray is senior captain for the 2015-16 Wildcats and he will be driven to help lift his team into contention after the squad went 7-8 overall and 5-7 in the KLAA Central Division last season.

"Nick is a true student of the game and great listener," Plymouth head coach Scott Kapke said. "He has worked his tail off

and turned himself from a 150-160 bowler into a 190-average bowler."

But Ray is far from the only strong performer for Plymouth, according to Kapke.

He described junior anchorman Justin O'Shaughnessy as being a "two-handed powerhouse," while sophomore Mike Koski "is a talented, hard worker who cracked the varsity lineup last season as a freshman."

O'Shaughnessy shot up the charts over the summer in the Strike Force League hosted by Super Bowl Lanes in Canton (the home alley for all P-CEP teams). He registered his first 300 game along with scores of 268, 248 and 218.

Youth will be served again

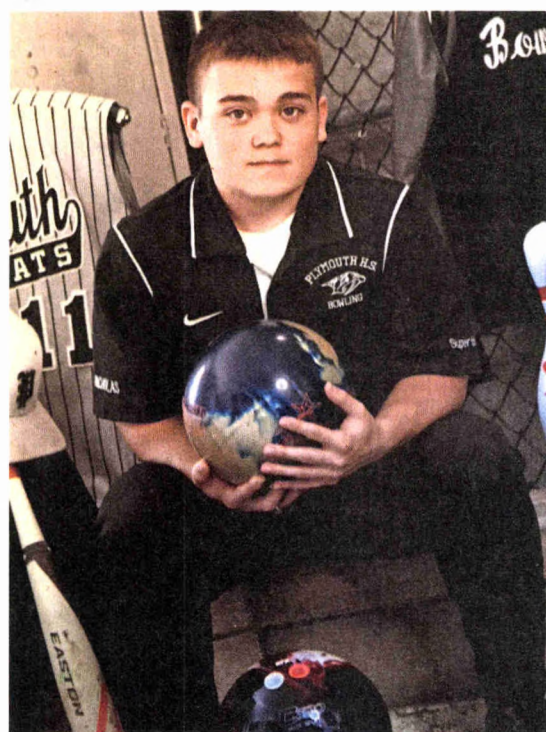
this year, thanks to the arrival of freshman Alan Brown.

"Alan joins our ranks and has quickly moved into a sport as a varsity stalwart," Kapke noted, "having already proven himself as a pressure bowler who is at his best when the heat is on."

Others expected to knock down plenty of pins at Super Bowl include seniors Nathan Stoeckle, Luke Meiers and junior Bryce Smith.

And don't count out junior "no-thumber" Kevin Shimko and junior "smooth-stroking southpaw" Vinny Convertino, who also figure to get plenty of time at the varsity level, Kapke said.

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PLYMOUTH BOWLING  
Plymouth's Nick Ray is captain of the Wildcats' varsity boys bowling team.

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY



PCS player Gabriella Godre (No. 00) and Grosse Pointe South's Alyssa Czech are immersed in a puck battle along the boards.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# DEVILS PUT CHILL ON PENGUINS

Plymouth-Canton-Salem unable to climb out of early hole against Grosse Pointe South

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Figuring they'd be in for a tough game Tuesday night against defending Division 1 champion Grosse Pointe South, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins put in some extra practice time refining their zone defense.

But although Penguins head coach Jenna Donnelly was fine with how her team played, the Lady Blue Devils got out to a quick lead and won 4-1 at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton.

"We respect them as a strong D1 team, they were the D1 champions last year," Donnelly said. "I felt we had a good game, we played with them. I was very, very proud. We can only go up from there."

PCS (5-3-1 overall, 4-2 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League) fell behind 2-0 after one period and trailed by three goals before junior defenseman Brianna Waggoner scored with 3:49 to go in the second period.

Chipping a pass off the boards



Brianna Waggoner (No. 2) of PCS celebrates her goal with teammates Piper Keranen (No. 26), Michelle Cirino (No. 18), Rachel Lanzilotti (No. 6) and Brooke Gauthier (No. 19).

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

through the neutral zone was sophomore blueliner Morgan Gagnon, and Waggoner took the puck in stride into the Lady Blue Devils' end.

Waggoner then skated in on South netminder Isabelle Strickler before slipping the puck home.

"We were hoping for it, that goal

definitely was a momentum changer for us," said Penguins senior forward and captain Megan Brace, about how the Waggoner goal might have jump-started a rally. "Big plays get the whole team excited."

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PREP BASKETBALL

## Lasha Petree keys Salem's comeback win

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

What can the Salem Rocks do for an encore after such a sensational 2014-15?

So far, so good for head coach Lindsay Klemmer and her girls basketball team.

On Tuesday against visiting Brighton, the Rocks rallied for a 42-36 victory to improve to 5-1 overall with KLAA Central Division rival Novi lurking for Friday night's mammoth encounter (7 p.m. at Salem).

Playing a major role in the victory was sophomore guard Lasha Petree, who registered her first varsity triple-double with 14 points, 13 rebounds and 15 blocks — the latter perhaps a school record.

"Lasha is beginning to peak and everyone is finally getting a taste of the all-around game she has to offer," Klemmer said. "She is so much more than just a pure shooter."

"Her basketball IQ is standout for her age and she uses that, her length and athleticism to her advantage."

When Petree has an open shot, she takes care of it. She is just as proficient elsewhere on the floor.

"Defensively, she is great at reading the offense and jumping passes with her length at speed," Klemmer continued. "When guarding bigger players, she knows exactly how to use her body and length to block players from behind, all without leaving her feet to do it."

Klemmer, however, emphasized that the win wasn't just about Lasha Petree.

The other two Petree sisters also were stel-

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USA HOCKEY

## Four-goal game from Hughes lifts NTDP

U17s rally behind defenseman's offensive surge, win 7-4

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Entering the Dec. 30 matinee, Quinn Hughes had scored just two goals all season for the USA Hockey NTDP Under-17 team.

The defenseman tripled that output, registering four goals to spark the U17s to a comeback-behind 7-4 victory over Muskegon before just over 1,000 fans at USA Hockey Arena.

"I'd be surprised if there was another defenseman in the history of the program that had four goals in a game," said Don Granato, head coach of the Under-17 team. "Impressive, impressive, and he did it without sweating. He's as smooth as silk."

The 16-year-old Hughes downplayed his performance, even though it was the first four-goal game of his life.

"It's definitely a great accomplishment for me, it's exciting, it's fun," said the 5-8, 157-pound Floridian. "But I'm just happy we got the win. ... I think it was the hot hand, I don't know."

The hot hand

Hughes credited his teammates for finding him open in prime scoring areas.

"Yeah I think it was the hot hand, I don't know," Hughes noted. "A lot of those goals were lucky. My teammates put me in great situations."

With the game tied 4-4 early in the final period, Hughes notched his third of the game

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PREP WRESTLING

# CC invite brings out state's best

Lowell earns team crown; Shamrocks finish 10th

**Brad Emmons**  
Staff Writer

Many of the state's elite wrestlers collided during Saturday's annual Detroit Catholic Central Invitational wrestling tournament, with two-time defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Lowell emerging with the team title.

The Red Arrows scored 138.5 points to earn the crown, while Brighton (111.5) and Macomb Dakota (111) placed second and third.

Rounding out the top 10 were Hudson (106.5), Westland John Glenn (105.5), Grand Rapids Catholic Central (101), Grandville (95.5), Oxford (94), New Baltimore Anchor Bay (92.5) and the host Shamrocks (77).

"This is the toughest tourney in the state, bar none," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "I thought our guys fought hard and wrestled to win. We have to learn how to overcome obstacles and stay focused during difficult matches and we learned that this weekend."

Freshman Kevon Davenport was CC's top individual finisher, earning second place at 119 pounds as Grand Rapids CC's Devin Schroeder took the

title with a 6-0 decision.

Other placers for the Shamrocks included junior Tyler Morland, third (171); and senior Nick Jenkins (285) and freshman Cam Amine (130), fourth.

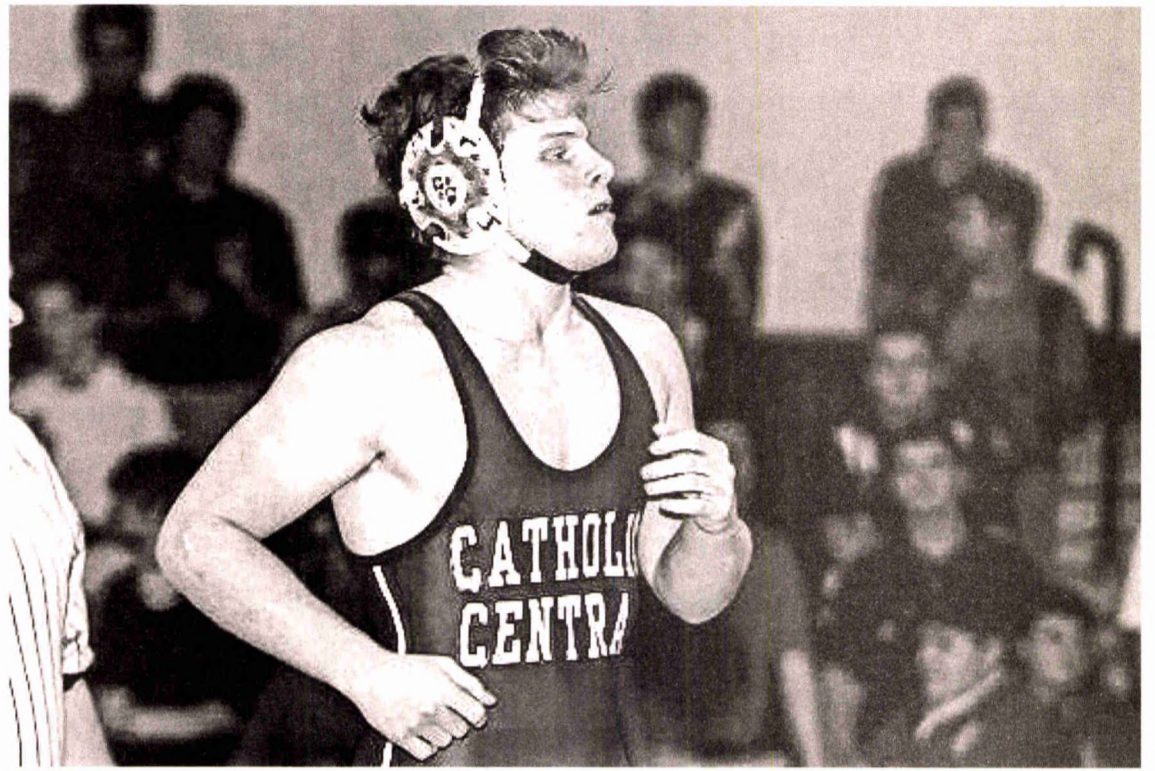
"Our schedule doesn't get any easier the next few weeks, so we have to get back to work immediately," Hancock said. "We don't have time to feel sorry for ourselves. We get what we earn."

Other individual champions included Kole Krauss (Grand Rapids CC), 135; Layne Malczewski (Dakota), 140; Owen Donovan (Utica Eisenhower), 145; Kameron Bush (Grandville), 152; Foster Karmon (Grand Rapids CC), 160; Jelani Embree (Warren Lincoln), 171; Max Dean (Lowell), 189; Lucas Ready (Brighton), 215; Dan Perry (Lapeer), 285; Tucker Sholl (Hudson), 103; Elijah Weaver (Warren Woods Tower), 112; Jackson Renicker (Brighton), 125; and Tyler Sanders (Dakota), 130.

### Medina tourney

On Dec. 27-28, Morland finished 5-0 and came away with an individual title at 182 pounds in the 30-school Medina (Ohio) Invitational.

One of his five victories came in the finals against the fourth-ranked wrestler in Ohio, Lancaster's Eric Deluse,



SCOTT CONFER

Tyler Morland placed third at the Catholic Central Invitational and won the Medina (Ohio) Invitational.

7-4. New Brunswick (Ohio) captured the team title with 174.5 points, while Olmsted Falls (157) and Wadsworth (154.5), both from Ohio, placed second and third.

Catholic Central was 12th with 105 points. Davenport finished fifth at 120 pounds with a 6-2 record, while Amine (126) and Jenkins (285) both finished 4-2 to earn seventh place.

"I thought our guys did a nice job of mentally preparing for this tournament," Hancock said. "Ty Morland put together

a solid tournament and looked really aggressive and composed. Nick Jenkins bounced back nicely and finished in seventh. Our two freshmen, Cam Amine and Kevon Davenport, looked confident and competed hard. They are both getting better each time they step on the mat."

### Elks champions

The Catholic Central White team exited 2015 in dominating fashion Dec. 30 by winning the Plymouth Salem Elks Varsity Wrestling tournament with 150 points, while Greenville placed

second with 142.5. Rounding out the top five were Livonia Franklin (109.5), Livonia Churchill (103.5) and the host Rocks (100).

The Shamrocks were led by freshman Joe Urso and junior Kale Kazzyk, who both won their weight class with a 4-0 record.

Urso edged Ann Arbor Pioneer's Bobby Sanford in the finals, 9-8, while Kazzyk pinned Greenville's Matt Jefefer in the finals in 0:42.

Dan Flynn was runner-up, while Devon Johnsen was third.



RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

NTDP Under-17 defenseman Quinn Hughes (foreground) celebrates one of his four goals Wednesday.

## NTDP

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to give Team USA its first lead of the afternoon. Then with 6:04 remaining, he added a key insurance goal, on the power play.

"I think (forward Scott) Reedy took a shot and it just bounced out to me," said Hughes, describing his fourth marker. "I took a little bit of a fake shot and went around the guy and I just found net."

"It's huge for your confidence (to score goals in bunches), there's nothing greater than scoring goals, that feeling."

Hughes nearly had company in the hat trick department.

Reedy scored twice (and chalked up three assists for a five-point game) and also had crack at the empty Lumberjacks goal in the final moments, only to miss the cage.

Also scoring for the U17s (11-11-1 in United States Hockey League play) was left wing Grant Mismash, who formed a dominant line with Reedy and center Evan Barratt.

"Barrett, Mismash and Reedy were great," Granato said. "We were down to less than three healthy lines. We had four guys come in and join us for today's game, the eight forwards that are our regular guys really had to pick it up and play well for us. They all did."

"They all played exception-



RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY  
NTDP's Scott Reedy (left) battles Muskegon's Trevor Hamilton.

saves). Before the stanza ended, Team USA drew even at 4-all thanks to goals by Hughes and Reedy.

The equalizer came at 19:17. Barratt's shot was blocked — but not controlled — by Cooley and the puck slithered free to Reedy for the slam dunk.

After Hughes scored his third and fourth goals of the day, to put the U17s ahead to stay, an empty netter by Mismash with one minute left closed out the comeback victory.

The way the game began, some spectators might have thought they were about to watch a lopsided loss.

But Granato and his coaching staff incorporated some tweaks to the penalty kill after the first period.

"We did plenty of things well in the first period, other than the penalty kill," Granato said. "So we made an adjustment there, and that was just calming down."

"I thought we were over-aggressive, we didn't control our energy on the penalty kill and we get running around as a result. So that was an easy change."

"We have the luxury at home of showing them some video of the errors we made in the first period. Our penalty kill was obviously great the rest of the way."

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ally well and that line has really developed some chemistry."

### Chipping away

After giving up three goals in the first period, including two Muskegon power-play markers (one by Livonia's Max Humitz), U17 goalie and Northville native Dylan St. Cyr shut the door, giving up just one goal in the final 40 minutes. St. Cyr stopped 30 of 34 shots directed his way.

The U17s started coming back on Reedy's goal at 3:12 of the second period, making it a 3-1 contest. Forward Jacob Tortora centered the puck in front to Reedy, who drove it into the top-right corner.

Muskegon (12-10-2-1) got it back just 1:39 later when Rem Pitlick beat St. Cyr, but the U17s answered at 6:04 on Hughes first tally (from Reedy and Tommy Miller). The defenseman swooped in to knock a rebound past Lumberjacks netminder Devin Cooley (31

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Friday, Jan. 8  
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Salem at Novi, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Friday, Jan. 8  
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Novi at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
**HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY**  
Thursday, Jan. 7  
Salem at Northville, 7:45 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 8  
Plymouth at Alpena, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 9

Plymouth at Sault Area H.S., 3 p.m.  
Ulrica at Canton, 6 p.m.  
**HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING**  
Saturday, Jan. 9  
Southgate Invite, 8 a.m.  
Garden City Novice, 9:30 a.m.  
Warren Tower Woods Tower Clash, TBA  
Warren Lincoln Invitational, TBA  
Adrian Invite, TBA  
**BOYS SWIMMING**  
Saturday, Jan. 9  
Rock Kilgore Invite, TBA.  
Northville Quad, TBA.  
**HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS**  
Thursday, Jan. 7  
Salem at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 9**  
Canton at Lowell Invite, 10 a.m.  
Salem Invite, noon  
**PREP BOWLING**  
Saturday, Jan. 9  
PCEP Tournament, 1 p.m.  
at Super Bowl in Canton.  
**COLLEGE HOCKEY (CLUB)**  
Saturday, Jan. 9  
LSSC vs. Schoolcraft, 4:20 p.m.  
at Redford Arena.  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Jan. 9  
Schoolcraft (Women) at Oakland, 1 p.m.  
Schoolcraft (Men) at Oakland, 3 p.m.

## LIVE LIKE MAX FUNDRAISER

# Teaming up to strike down heart disease

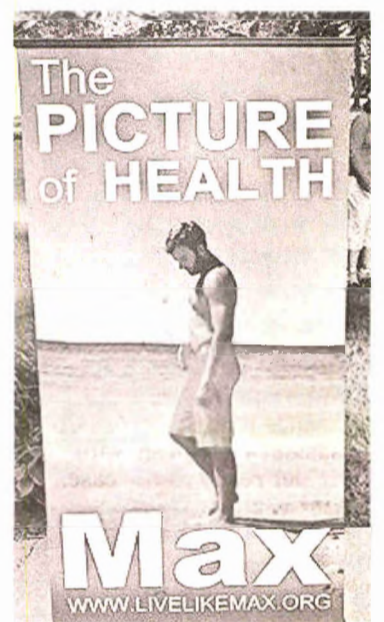
**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

The Live Like Max Foundation, founded by the Pardington family after the sudden death of their son, Max, in 2014, announced there will be another fundraiser this month to help raise money for healthy heart checks.

On Saturday, Jan. 16 at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton, there will be a bowling fundraiser co-hosted by the Live Like Max Foundation and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' National Honor Society.

Check-in will be at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 16 with bowling taking place from 8-10 p.m. with all money going toward "providing the necessary heart checks for high school athletes to prevent this from happening to any other family."

Max Pardington was just 20 years old, an elite athlete and the picture of health when he passed suddenly from an enlarged heart.



COURTESY PARDINGTON FAMILY

Max Pardington indeed was 'The Picture of Health,' but he died suddenly in 2014 from an undetected enlarged heart.

Cost is \$20 per person, which includes shoes, pizza, pop and bowling.

There also will be baskets to be raffled off (\$1 for one ticket; \$2 for two tickets; \$5 for eight tickets), provided by area businesses Yogurt Padooza, Imagine Theaters, Kilwins and others.

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## BOWLERS

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Kapke, meanwhile, is confident that he has a substantial group of talented bowlers on the junior varsity who will be ready to step up as needed.

In that group are sophomore Boyd Crane and freshmen Brett Caldwell, Kyle Russell and Erik Bunge.

"We have an incredible group of underclassmen and incoming freshmen who want so badly to succeed," Kapke added. "A coach cannot ask for anything more. If we do not achieve great success in the near future with this passionate, hardworking bunch, that is all on me."

### Plymouth girls preview

Last season was a struggle in the standings for Plymouth's varsity girls squad. The Wildcats finished 2-13 overall and 1-11 in the KLAA Central.

But for Kapke, who teams up with Rich Nicholson and Carl Harden to coach the bowling program, there is reason to believe 2015-16 will be much more successful.

"All the girls are hard workers and are very driven to succeed for each other," Kapke said.

A nucleus of top returnees includes senior captain Jessica Joppich, senior Ashley Bressler, junior Elizabeth Nicholson and sophomore Madison Sharp.



PLYMOUTH BOWLING

Jessica Joppich is captain of Plymouth's varsity bowling team.

Bressler and Nicholson already are excelling, each earning Plymouth Student-Athlete of the Week honors with game scores in the 180s.

Joining the squad are talented freshman Maddie Harden (Carl's granddaughter) and senior Lizzie Martin.

"The 'Maddie Twins' will lead this team in coming years," said Kapke, about Sharp and Harden. "They are both talented and incredibly competitive. I cannot ask for more passion for Plymouth and for bowling, and cannot wait to see where they take us."

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GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# Marlins pull ahead down the stretch for victory

**Dan O'Meara**  
Staff Writer

After watching a big first-half lead disappear, Farmington Hills Mercy managed to bear down and refocus its effort at the end of the basketball game Tuesday.

And that made it a happy ending for the Marlins, who scored the last four points to defeat visiting Harper Woods Chandler Park, 39-35.

The Eagles overcame a 16-point deficit late in the first half to tie the score at 35-35 with just over two minutes to play in the game.

Mercy forced three consecutive turnovers, and senior Katie Bryce made the play of the game after the second turnover. She stole the ball at midcourt and went in for the go-ahead layup.

While the Eagles missed three three-point attempts in the final 1 1/2 minutes, Mercy seniors Jackie Bauer and Jordyn Schluter each made the first of two free throws to clinch the win.

"We got more aggressive defensively again," Marlins coach Gary Morris said. "We

were playing on our heels. We had given up some threes, and I think we were tentative at closing out.

"For the most part, we played pretty well defensively. They only scored 35 points. In the last minute and a half, we did a nice job taking care of the basketball and ran a lot of clock. We did enough to win."

Mercy made a 10-0 run midway in the first quarter to get the lead and was ahead 26-10 late in the first half after baskets by Morgan Brietzke and Jenna Schluter.

Chandler Park's Mykquel Williams nailed a three and made a deuce at the buzzer to cut the margin to 11 points at halftime.

"We were very pleased with the first half," Morris said. "I thought it was our best half of the season in terms of both ends of the floor.

"What we kept addressing with our kids in the second half was we got tentative. We were very aggressive in the first half, and then we started to play tentatively. We told the kids: 'Win or lose, let's play aggressively.'"

"We wanted to win the first



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Mercy senior Katie Bryce tries to drive the lane for a shot at the basket.

four minutes of the third quarter and, obviously, we didn't do that. From then on, it was a tight game the rest of the way."

Naja Farrell made back-to-back treys early in the fourth quarter and cut a seven-point Mercy lead to one, 31-30.

The Marlins (3-3) scored the

next four — all at the foul line — before Chandler Park's Jamila Tone sank a three and Dakata Toney a pair of free throws to tie the score.

"We played them last year and jumped on them early," Morris said. "We had a big lead at the half. It was very similar. They played us more aggres-

sively and tougher in the second half.

"(Eagles coach) Dave Mann has been around a long time, going back to the Bishop Borgess days. I've done battle with a lot of his teams, and they're going to play to the final horn."

Bauer and junior Katie Coe scored eight points apiece to lead the Marlins. Lauryn Hauncher had seven and Jordyn Schluter six.

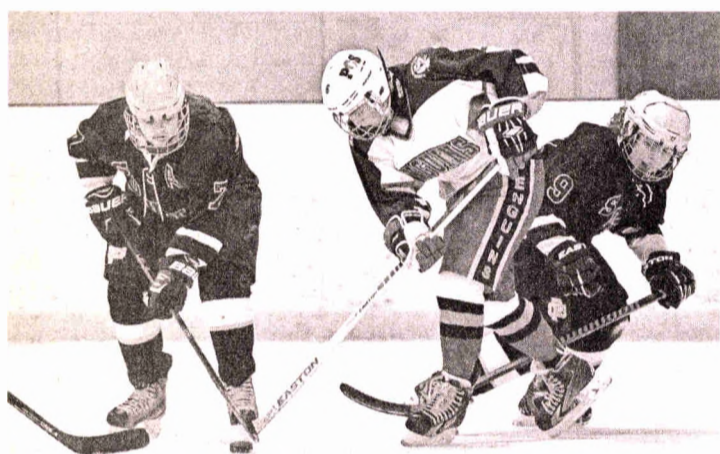
Williams led all scorers with 14. Toney and Farrell finished with six apiece for the Eagles (2-4).

Neither team shot free throws well. Mercy made 35 percent (7-of-20) and Chandler Park 23 percent (3-of-13).

"I'm sure they would echo this sentiment," Morris said. "It would have been a lot easier if we had made more free throws. That's the worst we've shot this year."

He added the Marlins have been a better practice team lately.

"Our effort in games has been really good," Morris added. "We've practiced a lot harder in the last few practices, and that's going to help us in games."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rachel Lanzilotti of the PCS Penguins (No. 6) vies for the puck against Grosse Pointe South players Lauren Kramer (No. 7) and Addy Hamel.

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But the Blue Devils (5-1, 3-1) made it difficult for PCS to sustain a late push, with Strickler ready just in case.

At the other end of the rink, Penguins' senior netminder Natalie Nowicki was solid and a key reason why the Blue Devils did not have a wider margin of victory. Nowicki made 25 saves, stopping 12 of 13 shots in the second period.

"Natalie is that rock to the team, her and Megan (Brace) and Wags (Waggoner)," Donnelly said. "Nat, we can lean on her for games like this because she doesn't let pressure affect her. She comes up big every game."

### Too much to overcome

South did regain a three-goal cushion with 7:49 to play when forward Maria Di Cresce jammed in the third shot of a flurry around Nowicki. The goalie stopped Lauren Kramer's breakaway, but could not cover up the rebound.

The Penguins' best chance to get to within two goals came with about 5:30 remaining. Waggoner centered a pass to sophomore forward Michelle Cirino, but her one-timer was turned aside by Strickler (14 saves).

"They had a lot of chances, we gave up two or three

breakaways," Lady Blue Devils head coach Joe Provenzano said. "Our goalie did a really good job staying square to the puck, she played really well tonight so that helped too."

Things got off to a slow start for PCS. It took South just 1:05 to score. A sharp-angle shot by Emma Frame was redirected over Nowicki and into the net.

An odd-man rush led to another goal at 12:14, as Dennis sent a pass from the right wing in front to Kramer.

Padding the lead to 3-0 was Solano Bryson at 5:12. Erin Brannagan's shot from the right corner was stopped, but Bryson then poked the loose rebound into the PCS net.

"They isolated our speed and they have speed," Donnelly said. "... It's just making sure we move the puck into the right spaces to counteract that, unfortunately we couldn't do that."

Donnelly, meanwhile, said the game was a good one to gauge how the Penguins — a D2 team last season — match up against D1 opponents. For 2015-16, all 15 teams in the league are grouped together (last year, there were two divisions).

At the end of the regular season, the top eight teams will be classified D1 for the playoffs, with the bottom seven D2.

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Salem's Marisa Martin dribbles past a Brighton player during Tuesday night's KLAA girls basketball game.

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lar. Sophomore Jala Petree (10 points) and freshman Mahrianna Petree (nine points) helped the cause; adding nine points was senior Marisa Martin.

"To be clear though, tonight was also a huge team effort," Klemmer said. "Everyone contributed in some way, shape or form, and it was our best all-around game."

Brighton (3-3) made things tough on the Rocks, however, bolting to an 8-2 lead in the first quarter. The Bulldogs continued pounding the ball inside and carried a 25-18 edge at halftime, with senior center Beth Dziekan (nine points, seven rebounds) the main culprit.

Klemmer switched things up in the second half, going to a 2-3 zone to slow the Bulldogs while helping keep her players out of foul trouble.

Salem still trailed 30-27 entering the fourth, but had momentum thanks to buckets by Martin and each of the Petree sisters late in the third.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Looking to drive to the basket Tuesday against a Brighton player is Salem's Leah Moss.

The Rocks kept fighting and finally took the lead with 3:45 left when Lasha Petree drained a trey in transition.

**DEXTER 41, PLYMOUTH 28:** Alexa Ebeling hit two triples, leading the Wildcats with eight points, but Dexter's half-court defensive pressure stymied Plymouth in a Tuesday night contest.

**OUR LADY OF LAKES 52, PCA 25:** On Tuesday night, Plymouth Christian Academy fell to Waterford Our Lady of Lakes.

Senior Paige Perkey was a bright spot for the 3-3 Eagles, with 12 points and nine rebounds. Lydia Chapel scored seven points and pulled down four boards.

**(BOYS) SALEM 55, PLYMOUTH 32:** Kenny Topolovec scored 13 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as the visiting Rocks led wire-to-wire against the campus rival Wildcats.

Chipping in with 10 points for the Rocks (4-2) was Jeremy Armstead as Salem controlled play thanks to 17 assists and a 34-17 edge in rebounding.

"We shared the ball very well," Salem assistant coach Ryan Nimmerguth said. "Seventeen assists on 23 field goals made, we did a great job sharing the basketball and finding the open player which is great to see."

Salem started strong, leading 15-3 after one quarter. It was a 29-12 halftime advantage and the Rocks never wavered.

For Plymouth (2-4), Brent Davis scored 18 points.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Pucks for books at USA Hockey Arena

When the USA Hockey National Team Development Program starts a busy three-games-in-four-days weekend on Jan. 15-18 at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, teachers and education will be the focus.

The NTDP U17s host Muskegon on Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. during the NTDP's first Teacher Appreciation Day.

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The game is also a \$5 Friday Value. Sections 105-110 at USA Hockey Arena are offered for specific Friday home games for \$5. Advance purchase is recommended.

### Schoolcraft cagers romp

The MCCA portion of the schedule for Schoolcraft College's basketball teams opened Monday to rousing success.

Sparked by Wayne Memorial product Ashley Bland's 18-point effort, the Lady Ocelots rolled to a 69-37 win over host Alpena to improve to 13-1 overall and 1-0 in the conference.

In the men's contest, the Ocelots prevailed 107-71. Tallying a double-double was Canton alum Davon Taylor (10

points, 12 rebounds).

Four other players tallied at least 10 points for Schoolcraft (6-8 overall, due to losing several December wins via forfeiture; 1-0 in the conference). Those included Tyron Hamby (16 points), Ja'Christian Biles (12 points), Westland John Glenn's Dre Black (10 points) and Dwayne Chastain (10 points).

### Salem assistant coach sought

The 2016 Salem Girls Cross Country program is in need of an assistant coach starting with the 2016 season. This is a paid position through Schedule B of the school district. The posting can be seen at <http://www.pccsk12.com/departments/human-resources/view-open-coaching-jobs>. Interested applicants must fill out the application on the posting and may contact the Salem Athletic

Department at (734) 416-7774 for further information.

The program is also in need of one or two student managers. These are unpaid positions but will have several perks through out the season. Interested parties can contact Salem cross country head coach Dave Gerlach at (734) 416-7708 or [David.Gerlach@pccsk12.com](mailto:David.Gerlach@pccsk12.com).

### Battle of Wildcats

The Novi boys and girls bowling teams were swept Monday by Plymouth in a KLAA Central Division match at Super Bowl in Canton. Plymouth improved to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the division.

On the girls side, Plymouth (1-4, 0-2) rolled to a 23-7 victory, taking both regular games, 751-713 and 630-575. Novi took the second Baker set, 121-111, after losing the first, 140-121.

### USA scores bronze

Forwards Anders Bjork, Ryan Donato and Matthew Tkachuk each scored two goals to help lead the United States to an 8-3 victory against Sweden in Tuesday's bronze-medal game of the 2016 IIHF World Junior Championship at Hartwall Arena in Helsinki, Finland.

Host Finland won gold by defeating Russia 4-3 in overtime. Russia defeated the United States and Finland defeated Sweden in the semifinals Monday, each by 2-1 scores.

Former Plymouth Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic made 35 saves for the USA squad and finished the tourney with a 1.66 goals-against average and .943 save percentage. "This means a lot because this game was all about playing for pride and playing for yourself and your team and trying to come away with something," he said.



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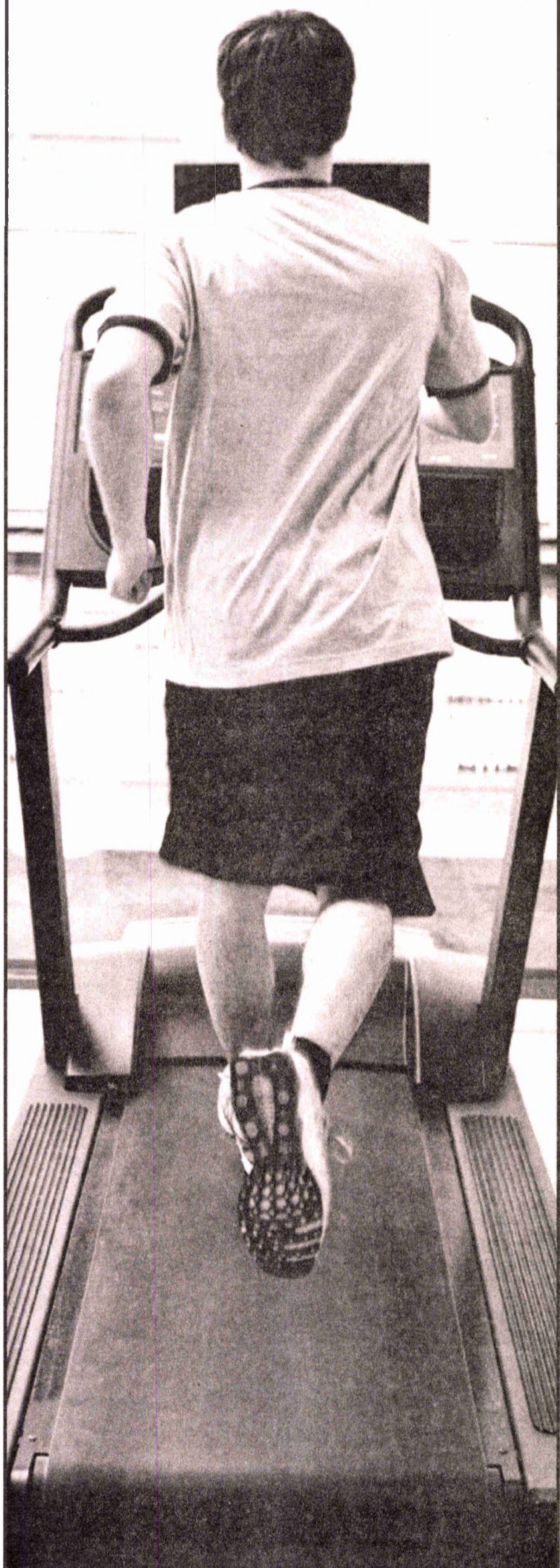
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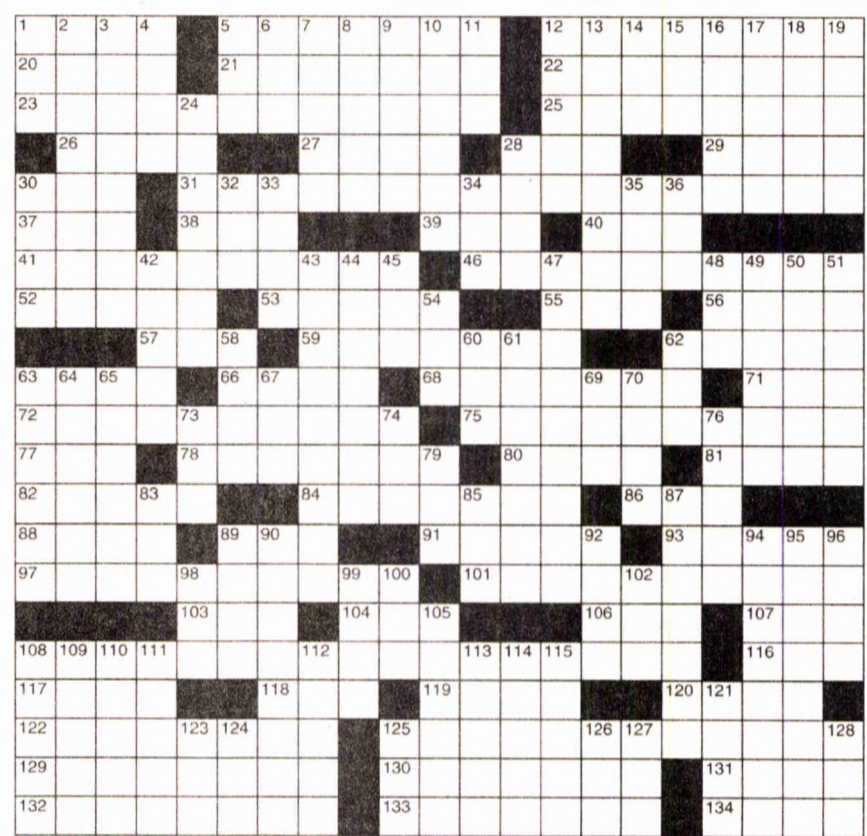
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Tuna salad ingredient
  - 5 Remove by vaporizing, as impurities
  - 12 Tough guy's display
  - 20 Holiday preludes
  - 21 One heralding a new era, say
  - 22 Refusing to face reality
  - 23 Game with sticks and wheeled skates [#17]
  - 25 Differs in opinion
  - 26 Choke up
  - 27 Settled up
  - 28 Suffix with minimal
  - 29 Flatten
  - 30 See 16-Down
  - 31 Public sale of seized property, maybe [#19]
  - 37 Bother
  - 38 Le dernier —
  - 39 Rock music genre
  - 40 Communist Mac — lung
  - 41 Keyword that helps people find an online video [#2]
  - 46 Economic divides [#24]
  - 52 Bar, legally
  - 53 Parcels
  - 55 Foe of Frodo
  - 56 Tahiti, e.g.
  - 57 Free TV ad, for short
  - 59 Bills or Jets
  - 62 Started the poker pot
  - 63 Largest city in Yemen
  - 66 La — Jackson
  - 68 What G-rated films are suitable for
  - 71 Old cloth
  - 72 What awards may be laid out on [#6]
  - 75 Last stage [#1]
  - 77 Despite this
  - 78 Sommeliers' bottles
  - 80 Partakes of
  - 81 Ogles
  - 82 Self-help book
  - 84 Shrewish
  - 86 Pitcher's stat
  - 88 Potpourri
  - 89 Old flier over the Atl.
  - 91 K.P. veggie
  - 93 Efface
  - 97 Antiterrorism legislation of 2001 [#9]
  - 101 Combat vehicles in a hobby shop [#4]
  - 103 Felony hated by MADD
  - 104 Road service gp.
  - 106 Neither here — there
  - 107 In-favor vote
  - 108 Bell Labs, for one [#22]
  - 116 Gen. Pershing's conflict
  - 117 Trebek of TV
  - 118 Wahl of TV
  - 119 Fuentes of baseball
  - 120 Arthur of tennis
  - 122 Atomic group
  - 125 Things hidden in nine answers in this puzzle
  - 129 Did surgery
  - 130 Gruel base
  - 131 Cookie often taken apart
  - 132 Cuddled-up couples
  - 133 Flourish
  - 134 Couples up
- DOWN**
- 1 French sea
  - 2 Fatty fruits
  - 3 Shouts
  - 4 Nobel city
  - 5 Rough husk
  - 6 —Kosh
  - 7 "God willing!"
  - 8 Old Renault
  - 9 Terminus rival
  - 10 "I need grub!"
  - 11 Cook in fat
  - 12 Center
  - 13 Cartoonist
  - 14 PC inserts
  - 15 "— So Fine"
  - 16 With 30-Across, neon or xenon
  - 17 Exodus peak
  - 18 Seder staple
  - 19 NFL Hall of Famer
  - 24 Holders used during breakfast
  - 28 Privy to
  - 30 Soul's Marvin
  - 32 Bard's eye
  - 33 Jostled (for)
  - 34 British music co.
  - 35 Pyle's org.
  - 36 So-so grade
  - 42 November gem
  - 43 "Taxi" cabbie played by Danza
  - 44 Forage crop
  - 45 Styling goop
  - 47 Oversaw jointly
  - 48 Gimlet liquor
  - 49 Errant
  - 50 Make glad
  - 51 Fen plants
  - 54 RR stop
  - 58 "— boy!"
  - 60 Goblin, e.g.
  - 61 Unknown by
  - 62 Nile reptile
  - 63 Whale's half-rise out of the water
  - 64 Iris ring
  - 65 Bonehead
  - 67 Sculling item
  - 69 Gang gun
  - 70 Different
  - 73 Lead-in to friendly
  - 74 Brain test, for short
  - 76 "— pin drop"
  - 79 NCO in the 35-Down
  - 83 Rocky top
  - 85 "— so sorry"
  - 87 Sanctuary
  - 89 Acerbic
  - 90 Unyieldingly insistent type
  - 92 Big name in lens care
  - 94 In whatever location
  - 95 Like kebabs
  - 96 Morales in movies
  - 98 Ore — jointly
  - 99 Son of Adam
  - 100 Ecru or fawn
  - 102 Slow
  - 105 Stellar
  - 108 Navarro of "Ben-Hur"
  - 109 Split to hitch
  - 110 Monica of tennis
  - 111 Apply
  - 112 Listens to
  - 113 Link up with
  - 114 Agenda bits
  - 115 Puffs
  - 121 Tuck away
  - 123 Ripken of baseball
  - 124 Pickup's kin
  - 125 Soft lump
  - 126 Northern Thai
  - 127 Stately tree
  - 128 Distress call



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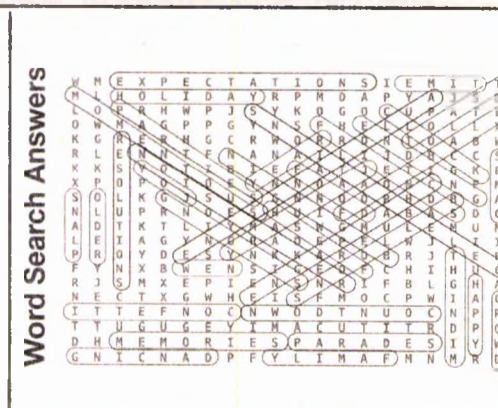
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**Crossword Answers**

MAYO	BOILLOFF	MACHISMO
EYES	USHERER	INDENIAL
ROLLER	HOCKEY	DISSENTS
GALLOP	GOVERNMENT	AUCTION
ADD	CRI	EMO
YOU	TUB	BETAG
ESTOP	DOLLE	SORC
PSA	NFL	TEAM
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## Pure Michigan beer: Metro Detroit micro-maltery opens

Robert Allen  
Michigan.com

The malted barley at the heart of your favorite locally brewed craft beer probably didn't come from Michigan.

The grain could have been farmed in Idaho or North Dakota, then malted by a big company such as Cargill. Or it may have been imported from Canada or one of several European countries.

Less than 0.2% of the barley produced for beer in the U.S. is grown in the Great Lakes State, according to the American Malting Barley Association. But recently, metro Detroit's first micro-maltery house (at least, in the post-Prohibition era) started cranking out exclusively Michigan-grown and malted barley, say the owners of MotorCity Malt House.

"We started looking into it and realizing there's a market; people want to buy local, they just don't want a commodity coming from some factory in Calgary," MotorCity cofounder Tom Laboda said. "We started talking and said, 'Hey, let's bite the bullet.'"

Home brewers are really enjoying the local option, as it's outselling other new products, said Andy Moore, owner of Cap 'n' Cork Home Brewing Supplies in Macomb Township.

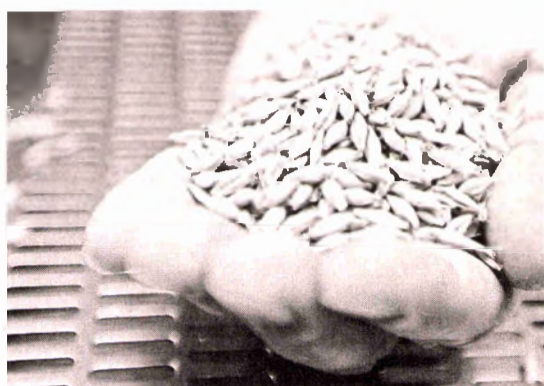
"I've brewed with it quite a few times. It's a great product," he said. "We're almost to the point now where you can use 100% all Michigan-based beer (ingredients)."

Nestled among a landscaping company, a body shop and a cabinet builder in a Shelby Township light-industrial area is the 1,200-square-foot maltery. A couple lifelong friends who like to home-brew saw an opportunity, and the company got its license in September. It already has found clients in two microbrewers and two home-brew stores.

Using food-grade plastic pitchforks, Laboda, 53, and his partner Dan Bailey, 54, turned grain in large metal tanks when the Free Press visited the operation Dec. 21. The twice-daily activity keeps the grains from sticking together as they begin to germinate. The men don't have any employees, but sometimes their wives help with the business.

An August 2014 feasibility study from Michigan State University indicates there's legitimate potential with what they're doing — whether small- or large-scale, as there are "very few maltsters in Michigan," so locally-brewed beer is made with outsourced ingredients.

"Overall a malt house is



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Tom Laboda who started MotorCity MaltHouse with Dan Bailey holds some single source malting barley at their facilities in Shelby Township.

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Bailey turns the malt in a tank at the facilities. Whereas the malting process is more mechanized at a large factory, the MotorCity operation involves plastic pitchforks and elbow grease.



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Tom Laboda, left and Dan Bailey, engineers and founders of MotorCity MaltHouse, sort malt at their facilities in Shelby Township on Dec. 21.

feasible with a relatively high chance of success. There is clearly a market for locally produced malt, and the craft beer and distilling industry in the state continues to grow," according to the report.

Laboda still has a day job as an engineer for Waltonen, an engineering company that works with automotive and government clients. But he and his partner, Bailey, also an engineer, are optimistic for their new business after finding farmers in regional areas such as Lapeer and Crosswell to grow the barley. They plan to produce 200,000

to 300,000 pounds of malted barley per year, an amount large-scale competitors might turn in a single batch, Laboda said.

"We sell a single variety of barley from a single farm," he said, adding that the farm and variety is printed on each 50-pound bag. Laboda said that "almost like wine," the farm where the barley is grown affects the flavor characteristics.

Grizzly Peak Brewing in Ann Arbor has used MotorCity's malts, and head brewer Duncan Williams said "there's a sense of pride" in supporting a local malt

house, which also supports the local economy.

He said he blended MotorCity malts and others from Pilot Malt House outside Grand Rapids to make Three Ships Trippel, a seasonal which, as of late last month, was still available at the brewery. He describes the locally-sourced malts as "decent," but not yet at the level of what he orders from larger companies.

"Given enough time and support, the quality will definitely get better," he said, adding he hopes to one day start putting Michigan malts in the brewery's flagship

beers.

With Michigan-grown hops available from nearby areas such as Top Hops Farms in Goodrich, only locally cultivated yeasts remain elusive to home brewers, Moore said.

There are only about three malt houses in Michigan, and Williams said the local industry is about where hops farming was 10 years ago. This year, Michigan's production of malted barley is estimated at 6,000 acres harvested — very small compared with states like Montana (850,000 acres), North Dakota (1 million), or even Minnesota (60,000), according to a report from the American Malting Barley Association.

Williams said temperatures for brewers grains must be cooler than the ones Michigan often sees. The MSU report describes the Upper Peninsula as the "major producing region" for barley in the state.

As for what Laboda said about terroir, or, the influence a local farm, climate, soil and terrain has on malted barley's flavor profile:

"The concept of terroir is an accepted fact in wine production but is a source of debate in beer circles. Some brewers do believe in terroir and this attribute could be used to market locally produced malt from locally produced barley," according to the MSU report.

Williams said it does have an influence. And he said the Synergy malt variety he had from MotorCity was a good one.

Another important factor to brewers is price. Laboda said their malts cost about 36% more per pound than the mass-produced version. He said to think of it as "the jam at Kroger versus the farmer's market jam."

Whereas the malting process is more mechanized at a large factory, the MotorCity operation involves plastic pitchforks and elbow grease. The tubs used to germinate the grains were repurposed from bulk milk tanks. The oven, used to dry and cure the malts, previously was used for painting auto parts. Bailey said everything has been made food-safe.

The two entrepreneurs used their engineering know-how to hand-make an operation that's clean, modest and perhaps the next level in Michigan's craft beer evolution.

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## 'Powerful' DIA exhibition on display through Jan. 18

Bold, edgy, dynamic and provocative, the "30 Americans" exhibition of contemporary art by many of the most important African American artists of the last three decades will end its run at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Monday, Jan. 18. The exhibition explores issues of racial, gender, political and historical identity and features 55 paintings, sculptures, installations, photographs and videos drawn from the Rubell Family Collection, Miami. Artists include Kerry James Marshall, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Kara Walker, Nick Cave, Kehinde Wiley, Carrie Mae Weems, Robert Colescott, Glenn Ligon and Lorna Simpson, just to name a few.

Southfield public Library Outreach Docent Kelly Rembert called the exhibition, "powerful."

"Some of the pieces you get their meaning right away and some of them you have to sit back and think about them," she said. "The one that struck me a lot was Duck, Duck, Noose. It had (stools) sitting in a circle with KKK masks on them and then a noose hanging in the center. It's like taking the children's game and putting a horrible twist on it."

The display by New York artist Gary Simmons is made out of wood, oil, metal and hemp. Noir, an oil and acrylic life-sized portrait by Connecticut artist Barkley L. Hendricks, depicts a 1970's African American man dressed in a

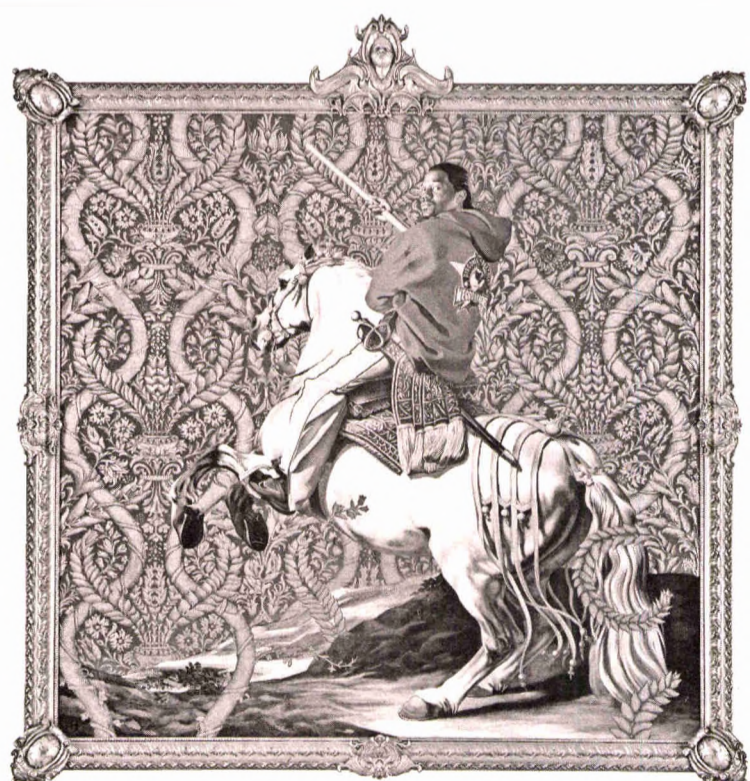


Diana Wing  
AROUND TOWN

three piece suit and a vivid blue shirt — a style of the times that can only be described as "cool." The subject conveys strength, self-assurance and a laid-back attitude.

A colorful and textured Soundsuit by Chicago fabric sculptor, dancer and performance artist Nick Cave offers a multisensory experience including movement and sound when performed. The fun, eye-popping floral suit is made of fabric, sequins, fiberglass and metal. It's hard to miss the three large oil paintings by Brooklyn artist Kehinde Wiley who melds Western European portraiture with contemporary hip hop culture. In the painting, Equestrian Portrait of the Count Duke Olivares, Wiley places a young, black male subject on a galloping horse and fitted with weapons, in a similar pose and setting as Spanish artist Diego Velazquez's 1634 painting of the same title. The background is a rich, decorative floral pattern.

The exhibition "30 Americans" runs through Monday, Jan. 18 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Admission to the exhibition is free on closing day. For information about museum admission and exhibition pricing and hours visit [dia.org](http://dia.org) or call (313) 833-4005. The DIA is



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30 Americans Kehinde Wiley Equestrian Portrait: "Brooklyn" artist Kehinde Wiley melds Western European portraiture with contemporary hip hop culture in his paintings.

located at 5200 Woodward Avenue.

### Toy Show

The did Santa forget to leave the vintage Han Solo and Luke Skywalker figurines you were hoping for? Well, head over to the Toy Show, Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Royal Oak Farmers

Market where you'll likely find Star Wars collectables among the huge variety of unique, fun and rare toys from the 1880's to the 1990's. Collector and promoter Larry Barnett, a 40-year resident of Southfield, stages the show with his business partner Eric Olbrich.

"There is a subculture of

people who love toys and nostalgic collectibles," he said.


"We have about 40 or so dealers. It's cool to see how interested people are collecting, buying, trading and selling. People bring their collections in and have them evaluated."

Barnett noted that more men than women tend to collect toys. Families and grandparents who bring grandchildren also like to come to the show and search for childhood games, dolls, cars and trucks, Detroit-related items, action figures and other memorabilia.

"When people come in they'll see things they haven't seen in years," said Barnett who likes to collect books, sports-related figures and baseball bats. "1968 was the greatest year of my life as a kid because the Tigers won, so I still have a bunch of stuff that I've kept like baseball cards. Anything related to the Tigers in the sixties I collect because that's what was important to me. I had tons of toys, but what stayed in my heart was the baseball stuff, and I'll add to that if I see something."

The Toy Show runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 16. Admission is \$5/ages 12-plus. Kids are free with an adult. The Royal Oak Farmers Market is located at 316 E 11 Mile Road at Troy Street. Call (248) 246-3276.

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# A little taste of Florida sun

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Warm up, freshen your winter breakfast with grapefruit

**D**uring the cold and dark winter months, it's important to stay warm and well-nourished. Using in-season ingredients and produce is a simple way to brighten your winter blues and introduce authentic vitamin-rich flavor to your meals. "Florida grapefruit reaches its best taste during the heart of winter, making it a great source of fresh, nutrient-rich fruit at a time when many others are not available," said Emily Richards, cookbook author. "I like to add Florida grapefruit and its juice to salads, savory dishes and snacks."

Add Florida sunshine and a boost of energy to your blustery mornings with grapefruit. Quinoa Grapefruit Blueberry Breakfast combines hot quinoa with Florida Grapefruit and blueberries for a new twist on breakfast.

To learn more about Florida grapefruit and find more recipes, visit [GoFloridaGrapefruit.com](http://GoFloridaGrapefruit.com).

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### QUINOA GRAPEFRUIT BLUEBERRY BREAKFAST

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes  
Serves: 4

**¼ cup Florida Grapefruit Juice**  
**½ cup water**  
**¼ cup quinoa, rinsed**  
**2 tablespoons liquid honey or maple syrup**  
**2 Florida Ruby Red Grapefruit, segmented**  
**1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries**  
**1 cup vanilla or plain yogurt**  
**fresh mint leaves**

In small saucepan, combine grapefruit juice, water, quinoa and honey. Bring to boil; cover and simmer for about 15 minutes, or until liquid is absorbed. Stir in grapefruit and blueberries; divide into shallow bowls and top with yogurt. Garnish with mint to serve.



### GRAPEFRUIT FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE WITH SWEET N CITRUS SALSA

Makes: 6 servings

**For Casserole:**  
**8 cups cubed challah bread (about 8 thick slices)**  
**½ cup spreadable cream cheese at room temperature**  
**1 cup milk**  
**½ cup Florida grapefruit juice**  
**4 large eggs**  
**2 teaspoons vanilla**  
**1 teaspoon cinnamon**  
**Pinch of salt**  
**¼ cup packed brown sugar**  
**¼ cup maple syrup**  
**icing sugar**

**For Salsa:**  
**1 tablespoon grated Florida grapefruit rind**  
**1 tablespoon grated orange rind**  
**2 Florida grapefruit**  
**2 Florida oranges**  
**3 tablespoons packed brown sugar**  
**2 tablespoons granulated sugar**  
**Pinch of cinnamon**  
**Maple syrup**  
**Icing sugar**

To prepare casserole, place bread in greased 11-by-7-inch (2.5L) baking dish. Using an electric mixer, beat cream cheese until softened. Beat in milk in steady drizzle, then grapefruit juice. Whisk in eggs, vanilla, cinnamon and salt until combined. Pour over bread, pressing down to soak bread evenly. Sprinkle brown sugar and drizzle maple syrup over top. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or overnight.

Meanwhile, to prepare salsa grate rind from grapefruit and oranges. Cut peel and pith from grapefruit and oranges. With small sharp knife, cut grapefruit and orange sections away from membrane; cut each section in half crosswise. Place in serving bowl; sprinkle with grapefruit and orange rinds, brown sugar, granulated sugar and cinnamon (if using). Refrigerate for up to 1 hour. Stir together gently just before serving. Bake casserole in center of 350 degree oven for 35-45 minutes or until golden brown and liquid is completely set. Let stand on rack 5 minutes. Serve with salsa, additional maple syrup and a sprinkle of icing sugar.



### PETITE GRAPEFRUIT OATMEAL SCONES

Makes: 12 servings

**Scones:**  
**1 Florida grapefruit**  
**1½ cups all-purpose flour**  
**½ cup quick cooking oatmeal**  
**3 tablespoons sugar**  
**2 ½ teaspoons baking powder**  
**½ teaspoon salt**  
**6 tablespoons butter, well chilled, finely diced**  
**2 eggs, beaten**  
**6 tablespoons half and half**  
**Grapefruit Glaze:**  
**1 cup powdered sugar**  
**2 to 3 tablespoons grapefruit juice**  
**1 tablespoon grapefruit zest**

Preheat oven to 400°F. Remove zest from grapefruit with zester; reserve. Peel grapefruit, segment and dice. Line a plate with a double layer of paper towels; place diced grapefruit on paper towels and drain well. Blot grapefruit dry with additional paper towels; reserve. In medium bowl, combine flour, oatmeal, sugar, baking powder, salt and reserved grapefruit zest. Cut in butter with a pastry blender or fork until mixture until mixture is crumbly. Whisk together eggs and half and half; pour half of egg mixture into flour mixture; stir just until combined. Add 2 more tablespoons of egg mixture to flour mixture; reserve remaining egg mixture. Stir dough until mixture forms a ball. Add diced grapefruit; mix in lightly. Turn dough onto a floured work surface; form dough into a ball. Knead dough lightly 3 times, adding a small amount of flour if dough is too sticky. Pat dough into 2 (6-inch) circles. Cut each circle into 6 wedges. Place scones on ungreased cookie sheet; brush with reserved egg mixture. Bake for 7 to 10 minutes or until light golden brown. Transfer scones to wire rack and cool completely. Drizzle with Grapefruit Glaze, if desired. To make glaze: Combine all ingredients; mix well.



### NUTTY GRAPEFRUIT WAFFLES WITH CRANBERRY GRAPEFRUIT COMPOTE

Makes: 4 servings

**1 cup Florida grapefruit juice**  
**1 cup (8 ounces) nonfat plain Greek yogurt**  
**¼ cup sliced almonds or flax seeds**  
**2 large eggs, beaten**  
**2 tablespoons honey**  
**1 cup all-purpose flour**  
**½ cup whole wheat flour**  
**1 tablespoon baking powder**  
**1 teaspoon salt**  
**Canola oil**

In a large bowl, combine grapefruit juice, yogurt, almonds, eggs and honey; set aside. Sift or stir together all-purpose flour, whole wheat flour, baking powder and salt. Using a large spoon, gently stir flour mixture into grapefruit juice mixture just until combined, being careful not to over mix. Brush waffle maker with oil and cook waffles according to waffle maker's directions, using about ½ cup batter per waffle. Brush waffle maker with oil before each batch of waffles. Serving immediately topped with Cranberry Grapefruit Compote.

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