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Commissioners blast 'gag order' law

Legislators vow to make changes to controversial bill

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth City Commission members last week criticized what's being called a "gag order" for public officials when it comes to talking about local ballot proposals, but area legislators who voted for the

measure say clarifications are in the works.

The commission, during its meeting Monday, unanimously approved a resolution calling for the repeal of language in Senate Bill 571 that appears to bar local officials from using public resources to provide information about a local bal-

lot question within 60 days of the election during which the question will be decided. The measure was approved by the Michigan Legislature in December, signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder and is now Public Act 269 of 2015.

Supporters say the wording was intended to prevent taxpayer dollars from being used to advocate for proposals that

would raise taxes, but detractors say such guidelines were already in place and that the new measure would prevent them from providing even the simplest factual information, such as sample ballots.

"I have to sit there like a dummy" if a constituent asks a question about a local ballot proposal within 60 days of the election, Mayor Dan Dwyer

said. "That is just ludicrous to me."

Local elected officials must be able to provide factual information about ballot questions, Dwyer said.

Dwyer said the issue was discussed at a recent Conference of Western Wane meeting. "I've never seen such

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Wilson McMillan, Mike Sears, Michael Kuczynski and Maks Jurasek edit their video project.

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Police probe two city home break-ins

Investigators believe crimes are related

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Police are investigating two daytime home break-ins that occurred Monday on Plymouth's north side. A television set and a laptop computer were reported stolen from each location.

Two home break-in attempts that occurred Monday in Plymouth were also reported.

The burglaries were at a house on Sheldon near Penniman and at an apartment on Karmada between Farmer and Junction, said Lt. Jamie Grabowski, supervisor of the Plymouth Police Department detective bureau. No one was at home at either place at the time it was broken into, he said.

Police found signs of forced entry at both places, he said.

The attempted break-ins occurred at a second apartment on Karmada and at a house on Maple in the area of Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail, Grabowski said. In the latter incident, a barking dog apparently scared away the would-be burglar or burglars between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. Monday, but the attempt was not reported for a few days, after damage to the front door was discovered, he said.

Police are investigating the break-ins using several avenues, Grabowski said, including evidence found at each scene and tips from the public. Police believe the incidents were related, he said; the burglarized homes on Karmada and Sheldon are about a half-mile from each other.

Grabowski said residents need to be vigilant, watch out for their neighbors and report any unusual activity in their neighborhoods to police.

"Don't hesitate to call if you see something in your neighborhood that you think is suspicious," he said. Police would rather be dispatched to an incident that turns out to be

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New charter high school called 'a leap of faith'

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

It took three years of planning and a "leap of faith," but a new charter high school in Plymouth Township has introduced itself to the community.

The students and staff at New School High, which opened in September for freshmen and sophomores, held a formal ribbon-cutting Thursday morning, showing off their school as well as projects, including websites and documentary films, that students are preparing for a National History Day competition in March.

The school, with an enrollment of 34, was founded by veteran local educators who wanted to try an approach based on the results of research on how adolescents learn best. Its philosophy stresses experiential and project-based learning,

individual attention, teacher and student leadership and community engagement.

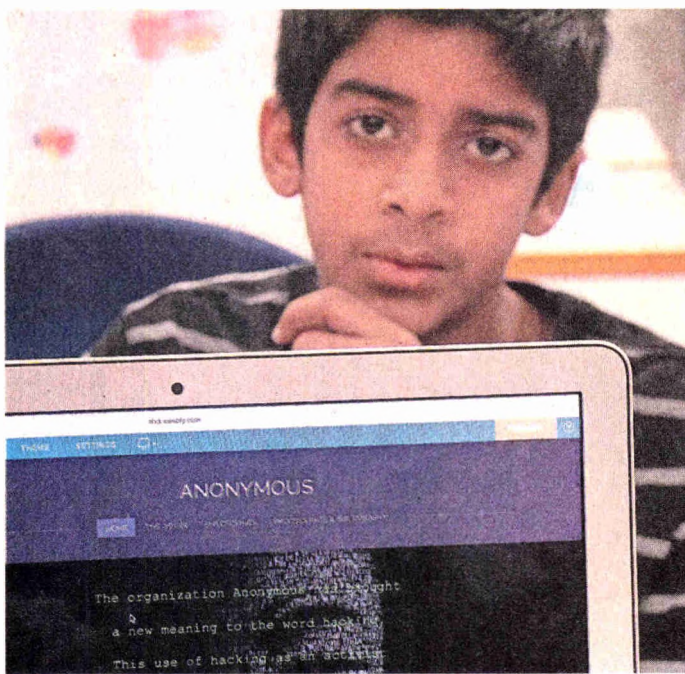
New School is a non-religious public school chartered by Central Michigan University, with a school board of local residents, and is funded by state and federal public school funding as well as donations.

"It's hard to start a school. It's a different thing. It takes a leap of faith," Cynthia Burnstein, the school leader, said Thursday as she thanked parents for their support. "We are doing our best to live up to that trust."

'I'm so grateful'

"No one has helped me grow and learn and conquer as New School High has," said Emily McMillan, a 10th-grader. Emily and her family moved last year to Can-

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Freshman Salik Aslam is part of a group of students building a website about the online "hactivist" group Anonymous. The site will be an entry in a National History Day competition in March.

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Two local chambers strengthen ties to manufacturers, industries

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

In a move to bolster the Plymouth-Canton area economy, business leaders say they are forging new ties to support the manufacturing and industrial sectors.

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce already has a roundtable initiative to identify what companies need and to find solutions by bringing in experts and resources. Chamber president Wes Graff said the topics range from attracting a talented workforce to developing a benefits package to retain employees.

His Canton counterpart, Thomas Paden, said Wednesday during his State of the Chamber address that Canton is poised to forge a joint venture with Plymouth.

"We have some room for improvement by reaching out to the manufacturing and industrial sectors of our community," he said.

Paden announced plans to tour manufacturing and industrial companies, such as those along the Hagerty and Koppernick corridors, amid hopes of getting them more involved in chamber initiatives to help them thrive and grow. He said those sectors have consistently been underrepresented

among chamber ranks.

"We're really excited about this new partnership," Paden said.

Graff said the effort also can help companies — and other entities, such as school districts — learn ways to strive for better marketing.

Paden, meanwhile, covered a broad range of topics Wednesday as he addressed about 100 people during his State of the Chamber address at Summit on the Park. Among the highlights:

» He announced the Canton chamber, for \$50 a month, will handle social media activity

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Canton Chamber of Commerce president Thomas Paden has rolled out the chamber's plan for this year.

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mundane than have something go unreported that is later found to be a crime, he said.

Anyone with information about Monday's break-ins or break-in attempts can contact Grabowski or Officer

Josh Carroll, a detective, at 734-453-1234.

Anyone who arrives home to find what looks like a break-in should go to a safe place, without touching anything, and call police, Grabowski said.

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Holocaust Center debuts new exhibit

The Holocaust Memorial Center will host an opening program for its newest exhibit, *A la Mémoire des Enfants Déportés*, Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. The exhibition, which includes calligraphic artwork honoring the 11,400 French Jewish children deported and, for many, murdered from 1942 to 1944, will be open through Sun-

day, May 15.

The exhibit, which is free with museum admission, is sponsored by Janice and Chris Billmeyer, Pamela and Kenneth Bloom, Rozanne and Bernard Friedman, Sue and Nelson Hersh, Michael Liebowitz and Anita and Kenneth Volk.

Call 248-553-2400 for additional information or questions.

Amazing Woman Foundation scholarship applications available

An Amazing Woman Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for spring and summer programming. Young women ages 10-18 who demonstrate a passion for their art form and a desire to seek additional education and experience in the arts are encouraged to apply. Application requirements are available at www.AnAmazingWomanFoundation.org.

Scholarship applications are due Feb. 15. Funds can be used for art classes, materials, experiences, instrument and/or space rental, general assistance and much more. AAWF is an inclusive organization, embracing art in its many and diverse forms.

In its first round of scholarship awards in fall 2015, AAWF awarded scholarships to three young women pursuing

arts education and experience. "We are very excited about our second round of scholarship applications and awards," said Sandy Garbovan, president of AAWF. "We are committed to ensuring that the next generation of women are equipped with the courage, inner strength, confidence and positive attitude necessary to enrich their lives and transform their commu-

nities and the world in amazing ways."

An Amazing Woman Foundation was started in 2014 to develop confidence and character in young women through arts education and experience. Currently, the organization is active in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Wash-tenaw and Wayne counties.

Wayne Memorial High School seeks distinguished alumni for annual award

This year's commencement ceremony for Wayne Memorial High School will continue the tradition of awarding a Distinguished Alumni medal to a former graduate.

"We have had many outstanding people graduate from Wayne Memorial," said Kevin Weber, Wayne principal. "Many have contributed significantly to the betterment of society on a local,

state, national or international level. The Distinguished Alumni Award is our way of honoring an outstanding graduate on an annual basis."

Each winner is awarded a medal inscribed with the official school seal.

"This is an opportunity for our current graduating class to hear firsthand from a former alumnus who has made his/her mark on society,"

Weber said.

The most difficult task is to locate the many alumni who have distinguished themselves since their graduation. For that reason, Wayne Memorial is asking the community to help in its search. If any member of the community wishes to nominate a Wayne Memorial graduate, contact Mrs. Rawson, secretary to the principal, at Wayne Memorial High School,

3001 Fourth Street, Wayne, MI 48184. Rawson can also be reached by calling 734-419-2206.

A Distinguished Alumni committee has been established at Wayne Memorial to decide on the recipient for 2016. An announcement of the winner will be made in mid-May and the recipient will then be honored June 4 at commencement. Nominations are due by Feb. 26.

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spirited debate," he said.

Commissioners said they were upset that the measure applies to local officials, like city councils and school board members, but not state officials and that the new restrictions were introduced at the 11th hour as the state Legislature's year was coming to a close.

"We could add a few

expletives to the resolution," Commissioner Mike Wright said.

Change in works

But Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, and Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton Township, both said Friday that changes are likely.

"We have to strike a balance between two very strong competing interests," said Heise, who serves on the House Judiciary, Elections and Ethics Committee, which has had a hearing on a "trailer bill" intended to clarify the new law.

Heise said he understands that local officials

need to provide factual information, but that taxpayers might not want to have their money used to advocate for proposals that would raise their taxes.

"I think we have to get back to maybe a better way of preventing that abuse without punishing everybody else," Heise said. One change might involve shortening the 60-day time frame for communications about ballot questions, he said.

"We are going to clarify that people can send out sample ballots, for example. That's not a violation," Colbeck said. Colbeck said the mea-

sure is "not really a gag order" and that he doesn't consider it a stifling of speech because, in the course of getting a proposal placed on the ballot, there would've been public discussion about it and a public record of that discussion.

"The bottom line is we want to protect the voice of everyone. We just want to make sure we are not using taxpayer funds to advocate for an increase in taxes," Colbeck said.

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Canton police seek help identifying assault suspect

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton police are seeking the public's help identifying a suspect accused of breaking into a 32-year-old woman's car and assaulting her when she confronted him, Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said.

Police have released a composite sketch of the suspect.

Traylor said the man broke into the woman's car in a retail area near Cherry Hill and Lilley roads about 11:25 a.m. Dec. 15 and apparently tried to take her wallet.

"Upon confronting him, she was assaulted and he left the scene," Traylor said.

The woman wasn't seriously injured.

Traylor said the suspect didn't get away with any of the woman's belongings.

The accused assailant is described as 140 pounds, 5 feet, 5 inches to 5 feet, 7 inches tall and wearing a black hoodie and black jeans. He fled in what was described as an older, dark-colored, two-door car.

Anyone who has information that could lead to identifying the suspect is asked to call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

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CANTON POLICE
Police need help identifying this assault suspect.



Maura Doyle is Ariel in "The Little Mermaid," produced by Forever After Productions.

'The Little Mermaid' musical will debut at Plymouth's PARC

Forever After Productions will stage Disney's *The Little Mermaid* from Jan. 29 to Feb. 7 at the PARC in Plymouth.

Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, *The Little Mermaid* is a love story for the ages. With music by eight-time Academy Award winner Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater and a compelling book by Doug Wright, this fishy fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs, including *Under the Sea*, *Kiss the Girl* and *Part of Your World*.

Ariel, King Triton's youngest daughter, wishes to pursue the human Prince Eric in the world above and bargains with the evil sea witch, Ursula, to trade her tail for legs. But the bargain is not what it seems and Ariel needs the help of her colorful friends Flounder the fish, Scuttle the seagull and Sebastian the crab to restore order under the sea.

"How often do you get to see the Broadway version of a classic tale on a stage near you for just \$10 each?" said director Briana Bower, formerly of the Eastern Michigan University theater program.

The production staff for this show are all EMU students. "We love being able to take our knowledge we gain from EMU and apply it directly to our jobs here at Forever After Productions," said stage manager and choreographer

Reilly Conlon, who is in the education program at Eastern.

"Being a student myself, I am more equipped to teach and connect with our students because I am still growing as a staff member. My work is never stagnant as I gain new knowledge every day that I can use," said Brandon Waldenmayer, producer and music director, who is in his senior year at EMU as a children's literature and public administration major.

Forever After Productions is a community theater company based in Plymouth. Since 2009, members have produced more than 25 full-stage musical and dramatic productions throughout metro Detroit, including the Power Center in Ann Arbor, The Berman Center in West Bloomfield and The Village Theater in Canton.

General admission tickets are \$10 and are currently on sale for all eight public performances. Show times are 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets can be purchased at www.iheartforeverafter.com or by calling Forever After Productions at 734-547-5156.

The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex is the re-purposed Central Middle School located in Plymouth between downtown and Old Village at 650 Church St.

For more information, go to www.iheartforeverafter.com.

Food collected from closed Max & Erma's



JULIE BROWN

The announcement that eight Max & Erma's Michigan locations would close took staffers and communities by surprise this past week. Restaurants in Plymouth Township, Canton, Westland and Livonia were closed. Friday morning, a Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division truck was at the Livonia Laurel Park Place location to pick up food, to be distributed among area nonprofits.

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W-W opens window for schools of choice program

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Parents who want to move their children between schools have until March 2 to apply for Wayne-Westland's in-district schools of choice program. Students in the eastern portion of Canton attend Wayne-Westland.

The program offers district residents a chance to move their children to a building other than the "home" school designated by district boundaries. This year, some 300 students took advantage of the program.

John Albrecht, Wayne-Westland's assistant superintendent for educational services, said the program allows the district to better serve its families.

"It's about convenience for families," Albrecht said. "Our primary function is being customer-friendly to our families."

The in-district schools of choice program pro-



Harmala

vides parents the opportunity to move their child from one school to another within the boundaries of the school district, provided there is room available in the chosen school.

Transportation to and from the school of choice must be provided by the parent or legal guardian.

School district residents who want to move their child have to submit a 2016-17 schools of choice application, which will be available in every district school by this week.

Applications will be accepted in the Pupil

Accounting Office at the Board of Education, 36745 Marquette, in Westland, between Jan. 28 and March 2. Applications received according to these time lines will permit, if space is available, selected students to begin the 2016-17 year in their school of choice.

The deadline gives the district an opportunity to plan its staffing levels, Albrecht said.

The early window "helps inform the staffing process," he said.

If more students apply for a grade or building than there are openings, a random selection process will be used. The names of students who aren't chosen will be placed on a waiting list for the 2016-17 year.

Current schools of choice students must reapply to remain eligible for the program next year.

While the in-district window closes in March, the out-of-district schools of choice window will open in April and remain

open through the middle of August.

Wayne-Westland has declared itself open for unlimited numbers of students from around Wayne County who wish to attend the district. This year, more than 650 of the approximately 11,600 students in Wayne-Westland come from outside the district's borders.

While acknowledging the SOC program brought some \$4.8 million of foundation allowance revenue into the district, Superintendent Dr. Michele Harmala said the more important aspect of the open enrollment is providing families with choices.

"It provides a source for families seeking choices for a good education," Harmala said. "We have a skilled staff that can serve a wide array of student needs. People will get a good education."

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Trine University

Catherine Porter of Canton, who is a junior studying criminal justice, made the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester.

Michigan Technological University

The following Canton residents were named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester: Matthew Pahl, chemical engineering, Plymouth High School; Kyle Schwiebert, chemical engineering, Canton High School; Marcus Stojcevic, computer science, Canton High School; and Traven Thai, mechanical engineering, Salem High School.

The following Plymouth residents were named to the dean's list

for the fall 2015 semester: Bridget Alaniva, wildlife ecology and management, Canton High School; Andrew Finch, mechanical engineering, Plymouth High School; Anna Marchesano, chemical engineering, Canton High School; and Christopher Wilson, mechanical engineering, Detroit Catholic Central High School.

Wilmington College

Sophomore Megan A. Wieloch of Canton has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester. She is majoring in athletic training.

University of Dayton

Alexander Hayes of Canton has been named to the fall 2015 semester dean's list.

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John Glenn DECA students win 30 medals at EMU

Students in the DECA program at Westland John Glenn High School recently won 30 medals at the District Conference held at Eastern Michigan University.

Fifteen students will advance to the DECA, or Distributive Education Clubs of America, state conference in March.

The students are: Brooke Arcuragi, Katelyn Blevins, Hailey Doyle, Sydney Lockhart, Sydney Lowery, Mark Markaj, Kyle McCarthy,

Grace Mortson, Adaeze Ogbuaku, Cory Routen, Jalen Sims, Justin Stepchuk, Jakob Tuttle, Valerie Vuljaj and Caleb Woodard.

DECA students learn and practice leadership skills such as goal setting, consensus building and project management that help prepare them for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, management and entrepreneurship.

There are more than 3,500 DECA chapters in



Students from the Westland John Glenn High School DECA chapter won 30 medals at a recent competition held at Eastern Michigan University.

the United States. DECA students participate in community service projects, competitive events, educational conferences,

leadership positions, networking and social media. DECA was founded in 1946.



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OBJECTIVES:

- To provide benefits to senior citizens.
- To provide benefits directly to persons of low/moderate income and/or areas in which at least 51% of the residents are of low/moderate income.
- To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG funded programs

PROPOSED YEAR 2016-2017 PROJECTS:
The City anticipates receiving approximately \$49,754.64 in CDBG funds for the contract year 2016-17, and has identified the following potential projects and corresponding estimated allocations for use of these funds:

1. ADA and/or Public Facility Improvements	\$32,849.60
2. Public Services- Senior Transportation	\$11,929.58
3. Administration/Planning	\$ 4,975.46
TOTAL	\$49,754.64

PUBLIC HEARING:
Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed projects listed above, and to suggest other projects. All projects must meet one of the Federal CDBG objectives. A public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed uses of 2016-2017 CDBG funds, and additional suggestions for use of said funds, will be held at the Plymouth City Commission Meeting on Monday, February 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Commission Chambers at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St.

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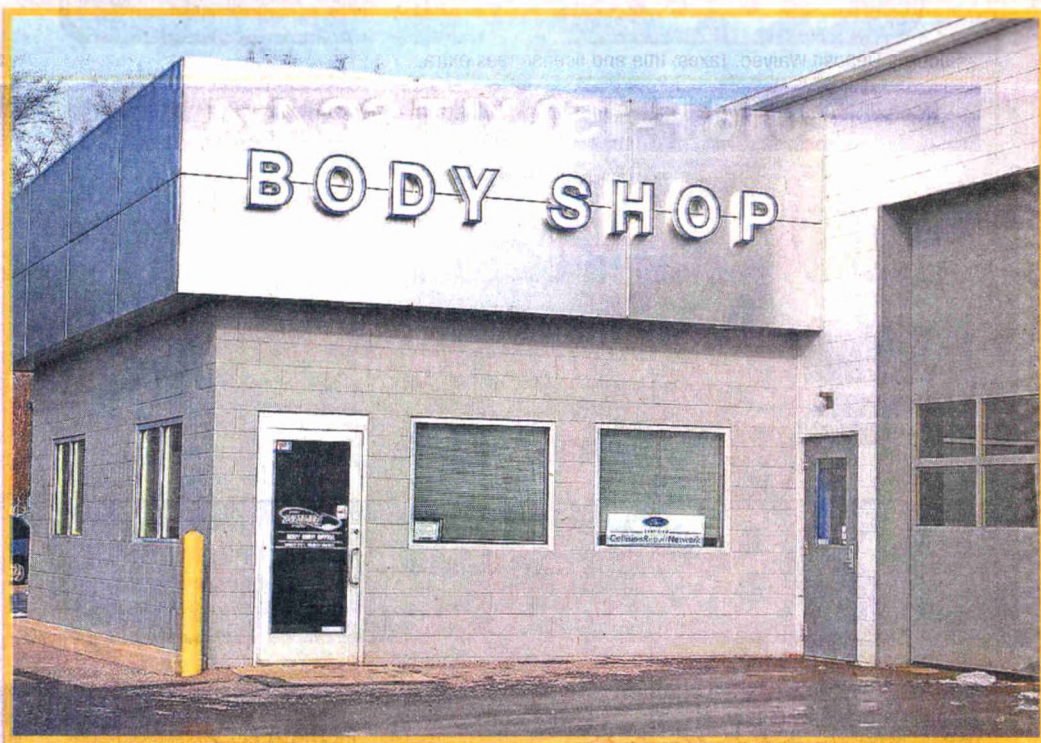
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ton Township from Albuquerque, N.M., and Emily said she was worried about where she would go to school.

"Today I look back and I'm so grateful that I came here," she said. Her brother Wilson is a New School freshman.

New School High is leasing space on the campus of Risen Christ Church, at Ann Arbor Road and McLumpha. The school will add a junior class at the start of the next school year and the plan is to have all four high school grades there by fall 2017.

The curriculum includes the subjects — like mathematics, science, English and history — required by state law, but classes sizes are small, students can progress at their own pace and they have two hours flex time, two days a week, to work on projects. Students also have physical education every day at all grade levels.

Freshmen Dante Colarossi of Redford Township and Salik Aslam and Michael Minor of Canton Township and sophomore Caleb Smith of Westland talked about their school Thursday as they showed off the website they're building about the "hacktivist" group Anonymous.

"Classes are smaller and you can go ahead if you want to," Salik said.

"It's very interactive and student-based," Dante said. "I feel like the teachers are more open to change."

Teaching life skills

Other National History Day projects in the

making include a documentary about the British Invasion in the popular music scene of the 1960s, a traditional stand-up display about the history of bowling and another display on graffiti.

The projects require students to learn and apply knowledge in several subject areas — history, language and computers, for example — but, Burnstein said, completing them also develops skills like organization, project management and working in small groups.

"That part of it is important, to teach the process," said Burnstein, a retired Salem High School English teacher with a master's degree in educational leadership.

Aaron McMillan, the father of Emily and Wilson, said the school was a good choice for his children.

"Both of them have connected with the teachers, connected with the students," he said.

The school's emphasis on individual attention means "no student falls through the cracks," he said.

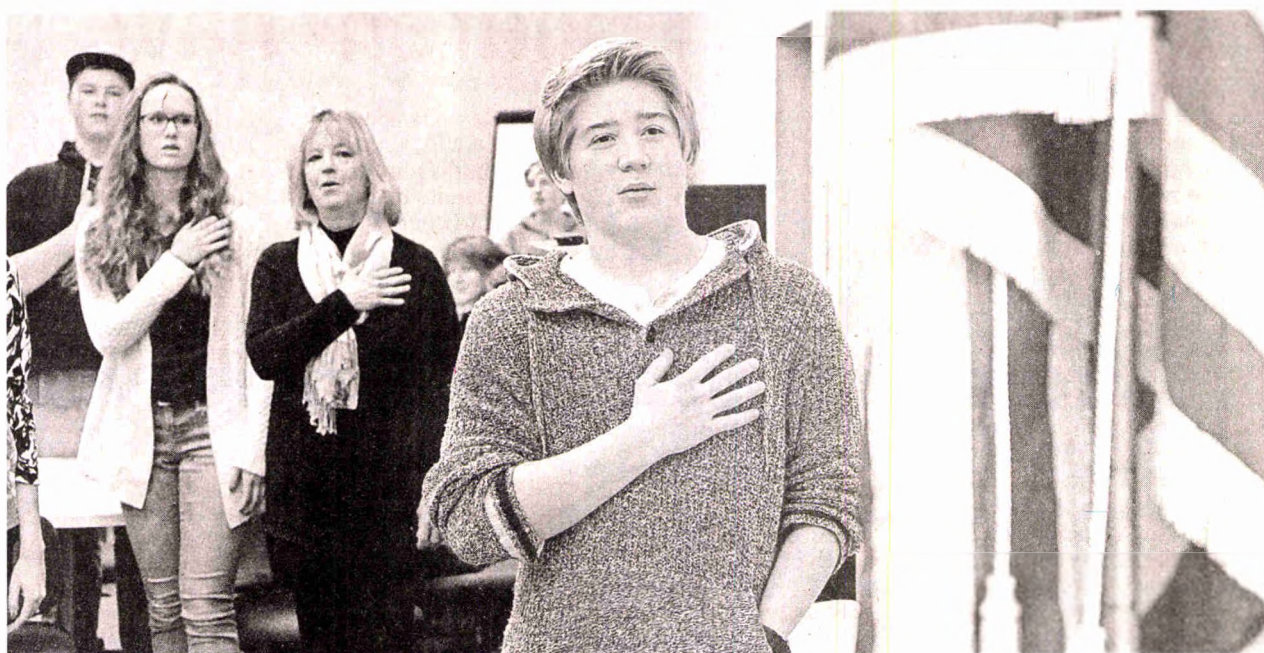
"Everybody finds a place here," he said.

New School High is at 46250 Ann Arbor Road; the website is newschoolhigh.org. Interested families can meet teachers and tour the school and learn more about it during two upcoming open houses: 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, and 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25.

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Cynthia Burnstein, a longtime Salem High School English teacher, is school leader at New School High.



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Jake Schnorberger leads the group Thursday in the Pledge of Allegiance at New School High.



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Emily McMillan and her family moved to Canton last summer from New Mexico. She speaks about her experience at New School High.



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It's ribbon-cutting time at New School High.

Jokes, stories shared by comedian during Livonia Town Hall

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia Town Hall attendees were treated to an hour of standup comedy Wednesday morning.

Comedian Jan McInnis took the stage at St. Mary's Cultural Center with a bottle of water and a microphone to share jokes with the crowd.

She covered a variety of topics in her routine, including growing up, work, family and day-to-day life. She told the story of how her father isn't as technology-savvy as others are, sharing stories of how he believes common machines operate in his mind, but not the real world.

"My dad thinks the cover sheet on the fax is what makes the fax go," she said. "I wish I was making this up."

McInnis, who has been recognized nationwide for her clean comedy, began working as a marketing director for a large company. After several years, she decided to go into comedy and has sold material to several late-night shows and performs at corporate events, as well as doing the Baby Boomer Comedy Show.

"I've been doing this



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Comedian Jan McInnis took the stage Wednesday at St. Mary's Cultural Center with a bottle of water and a microphone to share jokes with the crowd.

about 20 years and I travel around the country and I get to see all sorts of different groups and talk to people," she said.

She even shared a personal connection with the local crowd, telling them about her mother growing up in Ithaca, located near Alma in the middle of the Lower

Peninsula, where she'd go back and visit family as a child.

"It was a great place to grow up," she said. "My grandparents and cousins are all from there."

One of her segments became interactive, asking audience members the weirdest and worst

jobs they ever had. One attendee, Caron Kott of Farmington Hills, shared her story of working as a cashier and having to clean toilets after her shift was complete.

For her story, McInnis gave her one of her special packs of playing cards that have some of her jokes written on them.

"It was a true story," Kott said. "I worked retail and, after my shift was over, I had to clean the bathrooms."

Susan Temple, who lives in Commerce Township, said she appreciated McInnis's approach to comedy, especially keeping bad language out of her routine but still being funny.

"She managed to make everybody laugh and didn't manage to use a foul word or the f-word," she said.

Livonia Town Hall wraps up its season March 16 with Robert Scanlan, the former assistant chief florist at the White House.

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CHAMBERS

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for local companies. He called it Get Social With Us.

"The chamber is partnering with the Small Business Development Center to link local businesses to specialists who can help them develop growth strategies.

"The chamber is rolling out a new program, Lead and Feed, designed to pool members for lunchtime gatherings, similar to those already occurring during after work hours.

"Ending a years-long absence, the chamber will once again become involved in efforts to raise money for Relay for Life, a May 14 event in Heritage Park dedicated to fighting cancer.

"The chamber is embarking on a plan to become accredited through the U.S. Chamber of Commerce — an achievement Paden said would place Canton among an elite group. He said only 213 chambers out of 7,000 in the United States are ac-



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credited for their program development, finances, human resources, technology and communication efforts, among others.

"Mike Gerou, 35th District Court judge, conducted a swearing-in ceremony for new chamber board members. The new board includes chair Amy Miller, chair-elect Sharon Ragland-Keys, past chair Tammy Brown, treasurer Mary Jane Fallot and members Sally Bailey, Terry Goehmann, Bonnie Heckard, Greg Sears, Felicia Koski and Linda Daly.

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An appreciative crowd was happy to hear Jan McInnis keep her comedy clean.

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The City of Plymouth has scheduled and will be conducting the Accuracy Testing of the Optical Scan Voting Equipment, as well as the Hearing Impaired Equipment, for the Presidential Primary Election, to be held on TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016. The testing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1st, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

This is an open testing session and any interested person is encouraged to attend. The testing company will be Election Source and they will assure that the voting equipment has been programmed appropriately.

If there are any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234. The Plymouth Cultural Center is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

Linda Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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'Forgotten children' have rights to inherit

Q: I have an estate planning issue that hopefully you can help me with. My situation is I am in my early 60s and on my third marriage. I have three kids from my first two marriages and my current wife has two children from a previous marriage. My current wife and I probably should have had a prenuptial agreement, but we don't. My question is twofold. First, with my legal responsibilities to my first two children. I have estranged relationships with both of them and at this point in time, if something happened to me, I would not want them getting anything. I would prefer every-



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

thing going to my current wife. My second question is, do I have any legal liabilities to my current wife's children? Even though they live with us, I would prefer to leave them out.

A: Let's first talk about the situation with your wife's children. Since you never legally adopted those children, they are not yours and you have no legal obligation to leave them anything. You can totally ignore them in your will.

In fact, even if you died without a will, your wife's children would have no rights to anything from your estate. Just because they are the children of your wife is relatively meaningless. It is different with your children.

With regard to the children from your previous marriage, you once again have no legal obligation to leave them anything. However, it is important that you mention them in the will. Under our laws, there is a presumption that if a child is not mentioned in the will, they are considered a forgotten child and a forgotten child does have rights to inherit through the estate.

If your goal is to make sure your children inherit nothing, it is important that you specifically mention their names in the will and that you have chosen to disinherit them. You don't necessarily have to say the reasons why you are disinheriting them, but it is important that you mention them so they do not have rights as a forgotten child. In drafting your will, you can choose to ignore your current wife's children, but it is important that you mention your other children by name and indicate you are disinheriting them.

Many people disinherit children, not because of lack of love and affection, but because they

feel their child — for whatever reason — does not need their money. In those situations, as opposed to just saying that you are disinheriting the child and leaving that as is, I like to put something in the will that says that you are not disinheriting them for lack of love and affection, but for financial reasons. Even though you don't legally have to leave an explanation, it may help in preserving the relationship between the other children.

The main reason you do an estate plan is not to avoid probate or to save on taxes, but because you love your family and you want to make things as easy as you can for them upon your death. I be-

lieve when you disinherit a child other than for lack of love and affection, for something like financial reasons, it does make sense to leave an explanation. Anything that will help promote family unity should be important to everyone.

One last note: For those of you who don't have an estate plan, this would be a great time to start the process. Remember, in times of a family crisis, it is your family who will be paying the cost.

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

Peters to headline chamber's Forecast Series

U.S. Sen. Gary Peters headlines a list of distinguished panelists as the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber kicks off its annual Forecast Series.

Peters, an Oakland County native, won his seat in November 2014, replacing Carl Levin as one of Michigan's two U.S. senators. Prior to that, he had served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives since being elected in 2008.

Peters will keynote the chamber's Government Forecast, scheduled for 8-9:30 a.m. Monday, March 7, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, which will play host to all three breakfast programs.

First up in the three-part annual Forecast Series is the chamber's Economic Forecast, scheduled for 8-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2. Sched-



Peters

uled speakers are Tony Vernaci, vice president, Global Business Development for the Michigan Economic Development Corp.; and Paul Traub, business economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Detroit Branch. The session will be moderated by real estate attorney Linda Watson of the Clark Hill law firm.

The series will wrap up Tuesday, April 5, with the Real Estate Forecast featuring a keynote address by Dan Elsea, president of brokerage services for the Real Estate One Family of Companies.

Tickets for each of the sessions are \$40 members for chamber members and \$50 for guests.

Corporate tables of eight are available for \$290 and attendees can save \$20 by registering for all three events. Register online at <http://www.bbcc.com> or call 248-430-7688.

Forecast series major sponsors include the Bank of Birmingham, Clark Hill PLC, Comcast, Fenner, Melstrom and Dooling PLC, Greenleaf Trust and the Birmingham Principal Shopping District. Additional sponsorship opportunities and display tables are available by calling the chamber offices at 248-644-1700.

The Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber is dedicated to promoting economic development in Beverly Hills, Birmingham Farms, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township and Franklin. For more information, go to www.bbcc.com.

AAA offers tips on winter driving safety

As Michiganders face winter, AAA is sending out a statewide alert reminding motorists that when it comes to driving in winter weather conditions, the most important is safety.

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

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

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

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

» Take extra care

with seniors who may face other driving challenges.

AAA's top 10 tips

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

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

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

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

5. Always drive at a speed that matches the prevailing visibility, traffic and road conditions — even if that

means driving below the posted speed limit.

6. Compensate for reduced traction by increasing your following distances (normally three to four seconds) to eight to 10 seconds.

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

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

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

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

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A view of the auto show, taken from a smart phone

Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

My journey to the 2016 North American International Auto Show started with a ride on the Detroit People Mover, from the Greektown casino to Cobo Center.

It was brutally cold, which made perfect sense since I was sharing the ride with three journalists from San Diego. They didn't look too thrilled about the weather, but it's all part of the Midwestern landscape in January. Bundle up and you'll do fine.

The show itself is a spectacle of metal and muscle, style and elegance. It's a chance to celebrate the latest technology in the automotive

world, plus it's an opportunity to interview some of the top execs in the industry.

It's no secret the auto companies enjoyed a record year in sales last year. The trick, of course, is how to keep the momentum going into 2016.

For the public, the show is the perfect place to check out new products and compare some of the vehicles you might want to purchase.

It's serious business, but it's also a lot of fun to attend. Here are some photos of the show taken from my smart phone on the first day — enjoy!

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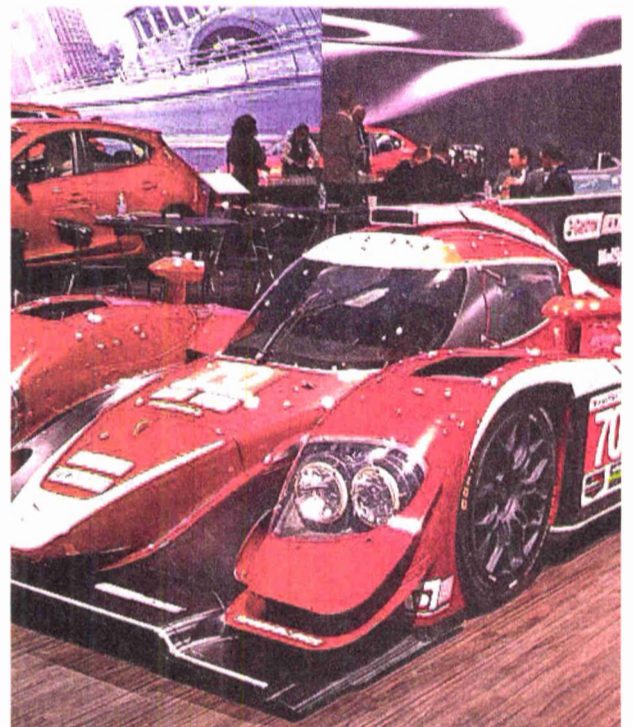
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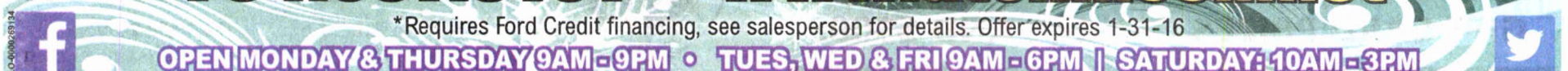
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PCAC open for entries for seventh annual juried show

The Plymouth Community Arts Council announces a call for entries for its seventh annual Open Juried Art Exhibit, showing in the Main and Front Wall Galleries in April.

Artists 18 and older are invited to submit two-dimensional works (or hangable 3D art) in any media. While the organization encourages PCAC membership for all artists, non-members

from any community are invited to submit work for consideration in this exhibit.

The theme is "One Word," a concept that will challenge artists to depict the meaning of a single word or concept in their art. For example: peace, companion, true.

Each piece should have a one word title and include a sentence telling why this word perfectly describes the

artwork.

A \$100 People's Choice Award will be presented at the end of the exhibit. Patrons may submit a ballot, available on-site, listing their three favorite pieces. Three Director's Choice awards (and written critiques) will be given to artists who best exemplify the theme.

Entry fee for up to two pieces will be \$25 per artist. Entry forms

will be available on the PCAC website, www.plymoutharts.com, after March 15, at the PCAC during office hours and on drop-off days. The office is at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth.

Art must be of a reasonable size and non-fragile. Two-dimensional art must be framed and ready to hang (sawtooth or wire) or be a finished edge canvas (with hang-

ing wire). Art will be juried and may be rejected for any reason, including excessive size or inadequate presentation. Art that is not selected for the show must be picked up between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday, April 4.

A reception for family and friends will be held 6:30-8 p.m., Friday, April 8, at the PCAC. Refreshments will be served. The event is free and

open to the public.

Drop-off days are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 31, 9 a.m. to noon Friday April 1, or by prior appointment. Email lisa@plymoutharts.com.

Exhibit take-down and art pickup will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, May 2, or by prior appointment.

If artists prefer to submit art in advance of the deadline though jpeg email format, contact lisa@plymoutharts.com.

Livonia City Council approves noise waiver for I-275 construction

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Crews working on I-275 in Livonia will be able to be at it for 24 hours a day later this year after the city council approved a noise ordinance waiver.

The council voted 5-2 during its regular meeting Wednesday to allow workers for the Michigan Department of Transportation to work into the night on the \$82 million project, which will run from Five Mile in Livonia through Farmington Hills and wrap up at the I-696/I-96/M-5 interchange in Novi.

Council Vice President Brandon Kritzman and council member Maureen Miller Brosnan cast the "no" votes. Voting yes were council President Kathleen McIntyre and council members Kathy White, Brian Meakin, Scott Bahr and Jim Jolly.

The issue of noise was discussed heavily by the city council and residents who live near the freeway in recent weeks, including a committee meeting that took place the night before the council's last regular meeting. Several members of the public wanted MDOT to do something about the residual noise coming from the freeway.

MDOT has said the project does not qualify for noise abatement work and a structure, such as a concrete wall, built strictly for keeping noise levels at a minimum could not be built under current federal and state policies pertaining to construction.

Meakin said because of the funding the state has from the federal government on the project, it was important the city vote to keep the project moving at a reasonable pace.

"By us voting 'no,' it doesn't stop the program from moving forward," he said. "Every other community is probably in

the same boat as we are. We're just voting first on this. Delaying is not a good option at this time."

MDOT has said if the noise waiver was not authorized, the project would take two construction seasons and increase costs by about 40 percent. Some preliminary work is expected to begin in March and closures are expected to begin the next month.

While the agency said they could not do much in the way of noise abatement, it said it would try to make efforts, including conducting a noise study before and after the project to determine noise levels, as well as

work to include more berms and landscaping to try and alleviate noise.

A motion to deny the noise ordinance waiver was originally offered by Brosnan, but was turned down by a 5-2 vote. The city councils in Farmington Hills and Novi are

expected to vote on MDOT's noise waiver request sometime in the next week.

McIntyre said she wants the issue of noise abatement to remain in committee and perhaps be brought up again in several months. Denying

the waiver request, she said, would not result in any action that would improve noise issues for those who live along the freeway.

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The American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood and platelet donations to prevent a shortage this winter.

Busy holiday schedules in November and December contributed to about 1,700 fewer blood drives held across the country compared to the two previous months, which has resulted in about 50,000 fewer donations and reduced the blood supply. Donation appointments can be scheduled by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, going to redcrossblood.org or calling 800-RED CROSS.

"A decline in the blood supply after the winter holidays is not uncommon, but it can be replenished when generous volunteers roll up their sleeves to help save lives," said Todd Kulman, external communications manager for the Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. "We encourage our generous donors who are eligible, as well as new donors, to make an

appointment to give blood or platelets and help ensure blood products continue to be available for patients. Every two seconds a patient in the U.S. needs blood."

January is National Blood Donor Month, which has been observed since 1970 with the goal of increasing blood donations during the winter — one of the most difficult times of year to collect enough blood and platelet donations to meet patient needs. In addition to winter bringing busy holiday schedules for many regular donors, severe winter weather can cancel blood drives, and seasonal illnesses, like the flu, may cause donors to be temporarily unable to give.

Upcoming donation opportunities

- » Jan. 24, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., St Mary Our Lady of the Snows, 1851 E Commerce Road, Milford
- » Jan. 24, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Our Lady of



Many blood drives are scheduled in the coming weeks around the community.

Victory Social Hall, 133 Orchard Drive, Northville
 » Jan. 27, 2-7:45 p.m., Sports Club of Novi,

42500 Arena Drive, Novi
 » Jan. 27, 2:30-8:15 p.m., Orchard Hills Elementary, 41900 Quince Drive, Novi

» Jan. 31, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville

How to donate blood

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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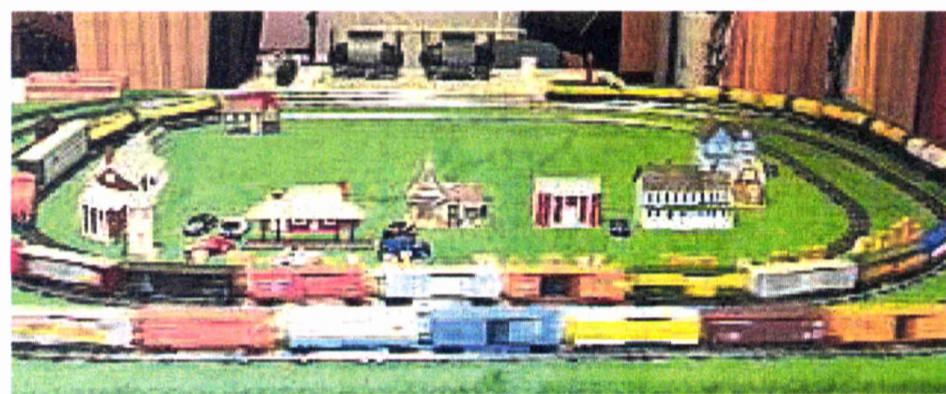
St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club to host annual train show

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club will hold its 30th annual Ole Toy and Train Show from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at the church in Redford.

Organizers say the 2016 show will be "significantly bigger and better" than it has been in many years for several reasons, including the notoriety of past shows, the efforts of many volunteers and the fact several new operating displays have been added.

Organizers are expecting more than 230



FILE PHOTO

This year's show will feature train collectors from multiple states, with train and toy items to buy and swap plus more than 200 dealer tables. There will be door prizes given away every hour.

dealer tables and at least six operating displays this year, including the

very popular LEGO display that fills an entire room by itself. As al-

ways, attendees will be able to have their trains tested by the Lincoln Park Train Club and will see trains in operation on

the multiple layouts. "We are actually quite excited about the show this year," co-chair Jim Vote said.

The train shows were originally started by the late Ray Nicholai, a local resident who had a great passion for trains and wanted to raise money for worthy charities.

"We have continued the show after Ray suddenly died a few years ago, both in honor of Ray and because it is a popular show," Vote said. "It raises money for good causes and Ray would have wanted it to continue."

The show will feature train collectors from four states, with items to buy and swap, plus more

than 200 tables. Door prizes will be awarded every hour and a new Lionel train set will be raffled off at the end of the show.

For everyone's convenience, the kitchen is staffed by the Ladies of SRB, which will be selling food and beverages.

Admission is \$3 per person or \$6 per family. Proceeds help fund student athletics at SRB. St. Robert Bellarmine School is on the corner of West Chicago Road and Inkster Road, two miles west of Telegraph Road, in Redford.

For more information, contact the St. Robert's rectory at 313-937-1500 or John Avey at 313-937-1670.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NEW HOLOCAUST EXHIBIT

Time/Date: Opening program, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27; Exhibit through Sunday, May 15
Location: 28123 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: The Holocaust Memorial Center will host an opening program for its newest exhibit, *À la Mémoire des Enfants Déportés*, Wednesday, Jan. 27. The exhibition includes calligraphic artwork honoring the 11,400 French Jewish children deported and, for many, murdered from 1942-44. The opening event will begin with a wine and dessert reception with the exhibit's artist, Eleanor Winters, followed by an artist talk and presentation at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by PNC Wealth Management, the evening's music will be provided by Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings.

Cost: The opening event is free to members and \$10 for non-members.

Contact: 248-553-2400

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 5-6

Location: Summit on The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
Details: Dads and daughters are invited to the Butterfly Ball where they put on their dancing shoes and step out together to enjoy a few hours of bonding time. Guests will make plenty of sweet memories that are sure to last a lifetime as they enjoy dancing to age-appropriate music, refreshments, a special butterfly souvenir, and the always dazzling balloon drop that caps off the festivities. Keepsake photos and face painting are available for an additional cost.

Tickets: Due to limited space, advance ticket purchase is required for all ages and walk-ins will not be accepted. Tickets are \$10.25 per Canton resident and \$13.25 per non-resident. All dads and daughters will require a ticket, regardless of age. No tickets will be sold after the sale deadline of Feb. 1, without exceptions.

Contact: Summit on the Park front desk at 734-394-5460 or go to www.cantonfun.org

MASQUERADE CHARITY BALL

Time/Date: 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 6

Details: Kyyba Kidz Foundation, dedicated to improving the lives and education of orphans and underprivileged individuals, will host its 2016 Charity Fundraiser



Canton will again host the annual Daddy-Daughter Dance Feb. 5-6.

Gala Dinner at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi (46100 Grand River). Evening features a silent auction and raffle, dinner and dancing. All are welcome to bring their own masks or purchase them on-site by making a donation. Open to those 18 years and older, individual tickets are \$150 each and a table of 10 is \$1,000. The deadline for pre-registration, which is mandatory in order to attend, is Friday, Jan. 22, and can be completed at www.kyybakidz-foundation.org.

"From gowns and gararas to suits and sherwanis, we encourage all to put on their most festive formal wear for a night of fun, mystery and giving back," said Tel Ganesan, president of the Kyyba Kidz Foundation's Board of Trustees. Farmington Hills-based Kyyba Inc. is a technology and staffing services company.

EVANS VISITS CANTON

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25

Location: Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach will host Wayne County Executive Warren Evans for what is billed as a community conversation with area residents.

Contact: Questions should be submitted by email in advance to plymouthcantonico@yahoo.com.

ESSAY CONTEST

Time/Date: Applications due April 1

Details: The Beloved Communi-



Evans

ty, partnering with the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, has announced the second annual Dr. Martin Luther King Essay Contest. The contest is open to all sixth- through 12th-grade students in Plymouth and Canton, including those children who attend traditional public, charter and private schools or who are home-schooled. Participation in the essay contest is intended to foster a deeper understanding of the importance of diversity and inclusion and further the goals of education, deep reflection and reconciliation on topics critical to racial justice in the Plymouth-Canton community.

Contact: Inquiries about the application process may be directed to Loren Khogali at lorenkhogali@gmail.com or Sommer Foster at sommer.foster@gmail.com.

RELAY KICKOFF

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road, Canton

Details: Relay for Life of Canton organizers hope to raise \$170,000 this year to fight cancer, while also increasing the number of teams participating this year. The kickoff party helps volunteers understand how the community has benefited from money raised. It also honors cancer survivors and caregivers, while serving as a pep rally of sorts for volunteers and team leaders who will become crucial to this year's success. Volunteers and teams will be able to register for this year's event during the kickoff party

Contact: Go to www.relayforlife.org/CantonMI to learn more or contact Schaper at 248-663-3417 or by email at Megan.Schaper@cancer.org

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Men's Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Contact Dick at 313-534-0399.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first and third Monday of each month.

Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Ladies Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Connor's Restaurant, Haggerty/Five Mile Road, Northville. To save a seat, contact Carol at 313-562-3080.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first Thursday of each month.

Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting Co-Ed Breakfast at Richard's Restaurant, on Plymouth Road at Eckles Road. Contact Jerry at 734-455-2651.

ART ON DISPLAY

Time/Date: Exhibit through Jan. 30.

Details: The Northville Art House presents an exhibition of textiles and mixed media by Barbara Bushey and Susan Moran, two established fiber artists whose work develops from close observation of the Michigan landscape. Art House hours, 215 W. Cady Street, Northville, run noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Reach Northville Art House at 248-344-0497 or www.northvillearthouse.org.

SENIOR PROGRAMMING

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday

Location: Friendship Station Senior Center, 42375 Schoolcraft, Plymouth Township

Details: The Plymouth Community Council on Aging announces new programs for senior community from the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Upcoming programs and events will include Chair Exercise, Free Wii Bowling, Knitting & Crocheting Class, Craft Classes, Free Drop in Game Day, Senior Cardio Fitness and Senior Yoga. In addition to the new programs, the center will offer free monthly bingo beginning Feb. 16. Presently, the Community Senior Transportation is at the Friendship Station. The center will offer Focus Hope distribution and a newly created food pantry.

Contact: For more information and a calendar of dates and times and information on membership, call 734-354-3222. For transportation information, call 734-459-8888.

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26

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

Details: The Elks will provide entertainment by Dave Bennett, clarinetist extraordinaire, who is among a great class of musicians under 30 years old who can bridge the Swing Era to modern jazz to rock-a-billy. He has gained success for his Benny Goodman style and is booked nationally at major jazz festivals and symphony orchestras for his Goodman program. Performing along with Bennett will be Cliff Monear on piano, drummer Doug Cobb and Jeff Pedraz on bass.

Cost: A \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: 734-453-1780, go to www.plymouthannarborelks325.com or email jazzat-theelks@gmail.com

AAUW PLAY

Time/Date: Thursday, Feb. 4, is a 7 p.m. showtime, with a Scout presentation at 6:15 p.m. Other show times are 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5; 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 (a family show time with a 10:15 a.m. presentation before the show); and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

Location: Garden City High School O'Leary Auditorium on Middlebelt, north of Ford Road,

Garden City

Details: This year, *Alice in Wonderland* will be staged by the Plymouth-Canton branch of the AAUW will stage Alice in Wonderland

Tickets: Purchase at www.PlymouthCanton-mi.aauw.net. The price is \$6 online and \$7 at the door.

Contact: 734-716-1833.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

The Dorothy & Peter Brown Adult Day Care Program holds free monthly family caregiver support group meetings at two locations. Respite care may be available during the daytime meetings; if interested, inquire when you RSVP.

JVS (29699 Southfield Road, Southfield):

» 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, for family caregivers of older adults with memory loss

» 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, for family caregivers of all older adults

For information or to RSVP for either meeting, contact Dorothy Moon at 248-233-4392 or dmoon@jvsdet.org.

Jewish Senior Life, Fleishman Residence/Blumberg Plaza (6710 W Maple Road, West Bloomfield):

» 1:30-3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, for family caregivers of older adults with memory loss

» Call for information re the evening support group meeting for family caregivers of all older adults

For information or to RSVP for meeting, contact Fran Cook at 248-592-5032 or francook@jlsmi.org.

STORYTIME

Location: Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville

The Wonderful Things You Will Be Storytime

When: 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23

Details: From brave and bold to creative and clever, this rhyming picture book expresses all the amazing things children can grow up to be. With beautiful and sometimes humorous illustrations, this is a book grown-ups will love reading over and over to kids. Activities to follow.

Groundhog's Dilemma & Groundhog's Day Off Storytime

When: 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30

Details: This special Storytime celebrates Groundhog Day with two feature titles: *Groundhog's Dilemma* and *Groundhog's Day Off*. Fun activities occur after the Storytime.



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PREP SPOTLIGHT



Natalie Nowicki volunteered to become goalie for the PCS Penguins last season and she's glad she did — despite needing to wear oversized equipment. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

STANDING TALL

Nowicki enjoying unexpected stint as PCS Penguins goaltender

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Natalie Nowicki's goalie equipment engulfs her 5-foot-2 body, but she's coming up huge in many ways for her high school girls hockey team.

Almost by default, the petite Nowicki is playing in net for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins.

Nowicki volunteered to fill the then-empty spot before the 2014-15 season, never having played the position before in her life. And now, her steady and calm approach between the pipes is helping keep PCS afloat in game after game.

"I thought I was going to hate it," Nowicki said following a recent prac-

tice at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton. "I had no idea, because I've never played goalie before in any sport. I've always been an offensive, midfield type of player."

"I was kind of scared, because I don't like things coming at me."

All that's coming her way now are accolades because of her team-first approach, selflessness and, of course, goaltending ability, which still can be a bit rough around the edges with virtually no previous training.

"Nat, we can lean on her because she doesn't let pressure affect her," Penguins head coach Jenna Donnelly said. "She comes up big every game."

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THE NOWICKI FILE

Who: Natalie Nowicki, 17, senior at Plymouth High School.

Multi-sport: She is in her second season as goalie for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins varsity girls hockey team and also is a midfielder for Plymouth's varsity girls lacrosse team.

Family: A Plymouth resident, her parents are Vicky Graves and Ken Nowicki. She also has a younger brother Blake, who is a high school freshman.

Miscellaneous: Nowicki holds a 3.5 grade-point average and is a member of her high school's student council and Link Crew, a program designed to help ninth-graders make the transition from middle school.

College: She is slated to go to Ursuline University in Ohio, where she will play Division II women's lacrosse and study to become a pharmacist.

PARK SHOWDOWN

Canton's fast start powers victory

Chiefs keep rolling with victory over Wildcats

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Logan Ryan said he thought there were the most people he ever saw sitting in the gymnasium stands at Canton High School Friday night, so it the right time to "put on a show."

From the opening tip, Ryan's Canton Chiefs and the campus rival Plymouth Wildcats did just that. A fast and furious start keyed the Chiefs to a 61-45 KLA South Division varsity boys basketball victory, to lift Canton's record to 11-0 overall and 5-0 in the division.

"There's a lot of passion in this. I mean, we've never had this many people out here, so it's exciting," said Ryan, a senior forward who scored 11 of his 14 points in the tell-tale first half. "It's always fun when you get to play an inter-Park game."

Here's how fast things started rolling in the second half of a basketball doubleheader (Canton's and Plymouth's girls teams squared off earlier in the evening): Canton senior forward Jalen Cochran went straight to the Plymouth rack for a quick basket, but Wildcats senior Brent Davis (20 points) responded with a trey just seconds later.

Then Ryan and freshman

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Canton's Hamoudy Turfe (left) goes up for a layup Friday against Plymouth.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Wildcats top Chiefs in campus clash, keep pace in division race

Plymouth rides momentum from key wins at 130 and 135 to get past Canton

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

In a season of discovery for Plymouth's varsity wrestling team, more was uncovered about the team's grit and determination with Wednesday's 42-29 victory over Canton.

The Wildcats continue to evolve, yet remain in contention in the KLA South Division. Plymouth is 6-3 overall and 2-1 in the division, tied for second with Livonia Franklin.

"It's always good to beat Canton," Plymouth head coach Quinn Guernsey said. "This win keeps us on pace for competing with (Livonia) Franklin, to try and finish second in the division."

"If we ended up second in the division I'd be pretty happy, John Glenn's an elite team."

Helping host Plymouth hold off the young Chiefs were a pair of key victories by Collin Reed and Josh Banks at 130 and 135, respectively.

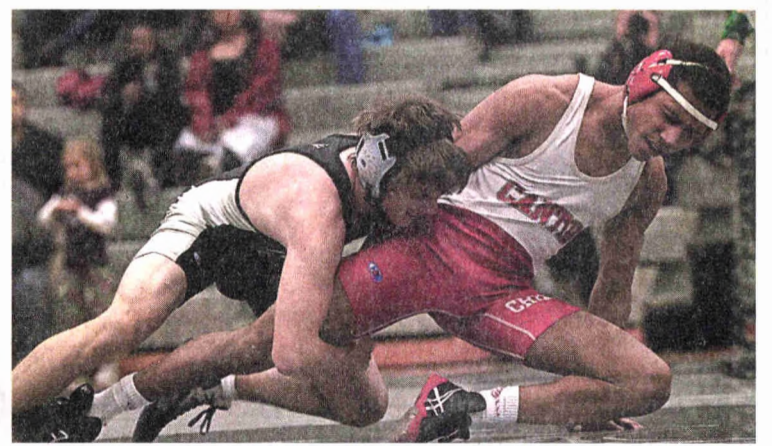
Reed posted a 3-0 win over Justin Winnie, then — perhaps the one bout that swung the match Plymouth's way — came a 9-7 overtime win by Banks, overtaking Walter Beavers.

Those wins turned a somewhat close campus match-up into a comfortable lead of 30-11 for the Wildcats, Guernsey said: "That (the Banks victory) really put a lot of pressure on them (Chiefs) to try and make the comeback."

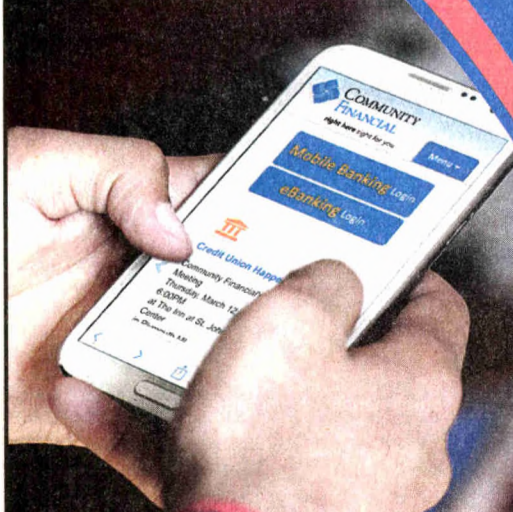
Among others victorious for Plymouth were 215-pounder Zach Lohrmann, who took down Canton's Jonathon Suplessa in 1:32, Tyler Campbell at 103 (a 36-second pin against Collin Mueller) and Jezaan Sukhaida at 119 (a 1:14 pin of Alex Nesovski).

Nourdeen Hussini pinned Abdelhadi Shuaib at 152, needing 1:24 to do so. Also scoring a

See WILDCATS, Page B4




MICHAEL VASILNEK
Perhaps the turning point of Wednesday's KLA South match was this 9-7 overtime win by Plymouth's Josh Banks (left) against Canton's Walter Beavers in the 135-pound bout.



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Rocks fall into early deficit and cannot rally against Bulldogs in Central Division game

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Yes, Salem entered Wednesday's crucial Kensington Conference varsity boys hockey contest against Brighton with an injury-depleted roster.

But no, the Rocks' 4-2 loss to the Bulldogs was not because of being shorthanded yet another key player, what with the knee injury suffered Jan. 16 by senior forward Zach Goleniak in overtime of a 5-5 tie with Canton. The severity of the injury won't be known until results are in from an MRI.

"The reason we lost this game tonight had nothing to do with the number of players we have," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said following the contest at Plymouth Cultural Center. "It had to do with the performance."

Salem also is without top players such as senior forward Miles Dougherty, senior defenseman Bailey Thompson and junior forward Robbie Hermes; Ossenmacher's lineup against Brighton included eight forwards and five defensemen.

"I've seen teams win state titles playing six forwards and four (defensemen)," Ossenmacher said. "So eight and five is not a crutch that we need to lean on."

Salem dropped to 8-5-2 overall and 5-2-2-1 in the combined South Division/Kensington Conference standings, according to the KLAAs website. Brighton has 15 total points in the Central

Division and conference (7-1-0-0).

Scoring two goals for the Rocks was senior forward Evan Newel, with junior forward Joey Driscoll assisting each time. The other Salem assist was collected by senior forward Nick Callegari.

Brighton outshot Salem 32-17, with Rocks junior goalie Tristan Rehling making some big stops in the final two periods to keep the home team in the game.

Earning the win for the Bulldogs was junior Neaton Logan.

According to Brighton head coach Paul Moggach, his team did not come out with extra juice just to avenge a loss against the Rocks during last year's regional. Instead, his team merely is trying to keep pace with Livonia Stevenson at the top of the Central standings. Salem remains in first in the KLAAs South.

"We play them one game at a time," Moggach said. "Salem's a good team, we know they always are. ... It was just one more on our schedule."

"We're in a situation we've got to win out and it's good to get a win on the road here."

Early struggles

Brighton set the tone with a goal by senior forward Joey Clifford just 3:10 into the contest, with junior forward Jake Crespi picking up the assist.

It was a 2-0 game at 10:17 when senior forward Brad Halonen snapped the puck past



Salem senior forward Zach Goleniak (right) is shown taking a check from Plymouth's Joe Fontana during a December game. Goleniak is one of several key players out with an injury for the Rocks.

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Rehling right off a face-off.

That early deficit was something Ossenmacher was hoping his team would avoid, largely because of Brighton's ability to skate and push the attack.

"You put yourself in a hole against a team that is offensively pretty good, you're going to have a hard time coming back," Ossenmacher said. "You know you got to keep them off the board while putting pucks in the net and that's a tall task against them."

Salem did get a late spark on Newel's goal with just 26 seconds remaining in the opening period.

But instead of using that as a launching pad, the Bulldogs regained a

two-goal edge when junior forward Keith Wikman swung low to swipe in the rebound of a shot by senior defenseman Nick Foran at 1:10 of the second.

"You score a goal that cuts it to a one-goal game, from that standpoint you're feeling pretty good about yourself," Ossenmacher said. "But again, that's what happens when you dig yourself a two-goal hole against a team you know (is) going to score goals."

The Bulldogs opened up a 4-1 advantage at 10:51 of the third period, when sophomore forward Drew Daavettila ripped a shot home from the slot.

Knockout punch

The Rocks then cut the deficit to 4-2 with

4:30 remaining. Newel carried the puck out from the right side of the net, curled in front and slipped a low shot past Logan.

About one minute later, the Brighton goalie helped himself by diving to poke the puck away from the onrushing Callegari. That kept Salem from potentially getting to within 4-3.

Ossenmacher called a timeout with 1:35 left and subsequently pulled Rehling for an extra attacker, but the Bulldogs did not permit Salem players a chance to set up for any quality chances.

"They (Rocks) were in it all the way; they fought hard," Moggach said. "I know they were light on some players, but great coaching down at that

end and they always play hard on us."

The loss, the first by Salem in more than a month, "pretty much takes us out of contention for the conference, but Saturday's game has a lot of stipulations for the division as well as the Lash Cup," Ossenmacher said.

Whoever prevailed in Saturday's scheduled Salem-Plymouth matchup at Arctic Edge Arena will be named Park champions for 2015-16. The Lash Cup is presented to the P-CEP team (Canton, Salem, Plymouth) with the best overall record against campus opponents. Results were not available as of press time.

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GOALIE

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In gear

And that's even though Nowicki, a senior at Plymouth High School who also is a standout midfielder on the Wildcats varsity girls lacrosse team, wears what she called a "mix-match" of equipment.

She culled some of it from Play it Again Sports in Canton. Other items were borrowed from the friend of assistant coach Lindsay Godsey, plus she completed her equipment checklist anywhere else she could find it.

"Well, I bought my skates," Nowicki said, smiling. "Hockey is a lot of money and I have three other siblings, so me going and playing a sport that's a few thousand dollars a year is just really hard. And me knowing I'm going to only play for two years, I didn't need super-good gear."

"I have a pair of pants from Lindsay's boyfriend, I have a helmet from Lindsay's boyfriend. My chest protector was my old goalie coach's."

To say she's wearing it well is putting it mildly. As of Friday, she had a 2.19 goals-against average, among the leaders in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

Help wanted

How she wound up tending goal for the Penguins is something Nowicki laughs about. In spring 2014, she was



Staying tall between the pipes for the PCS Penguins during a recent game is 5-foot-2 goalie Natalie Nowicki (right). At left is teammate Gabriella Godre.

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encouraged by a friend to go out for the girls hockey team, which combines players from all three high schools at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"She (Michelle Cirino, now a Penguins teammate) said, 'I'm going to try out for the hockey team, come try out with me,'" Nowicki said. "I was like, 'OK.'"

"I started going to the summer camp and I was really nervous, because I (hadn't) skated in a few years."

She did some skating drills one day and fell. "I thought, 'Oh my gosh, this is a disaster,'" she said. "But I kept going and I liked it."

When the Penguins convened that fall for preseason workouts, the 114-pounder still planned on playing on a forward line, perhaps even with Cirino.

But then, there weren't any goalies on the ice.

"We had some skates before the season and they were like, 'Yeah, we don't have a goalie,'" said Nowicki, an intense competitor on the ice, but low-key and friendly off it. "There was a girl that was supposed to come out but never did. So I was just like, 'I'll try it.'"

"Because, what I was thinking in my head was all these girls have been playing for a long time

and I'm just starting. And to make one of those girls go and play goalie when this is *their* sport. ... I know in lacrosse if I was (forced to) play goalie I'd be terrified and I'd be sad."

She did not see the point of forcing another player to "go and change what they've been doing for probably their whole life. For me, it didn't matter."

More than a year later, the decision has been a win-win for Nowicki — who by the way, will play women's lacrosse at Ursuline University in Ohio — and the team.

"I have such an amazing team," she said. "I've never been on a team

that we've had this kind of connection."

In the blood

Although Nowicki arrived on the Penguins' scene out of the blue, it isn't as though she'd never heard of hockey before 2014.

Her brother Blake played the sport when he was younger and the family has a pond in the backyard to skate on. Still, she only played hockey for a month or two in fifth grade, as a forward for a house team at Suburban Ice Farmington Hills.

"I was on the blue team, I think the Chill, skating out," Nowicki said. "I loved it, I was like, 'Dad, I want to keep going, I want to try out for the travel team once I get better.' But he said we couldn't afford it."

"It was spring and I kind of jumped in late. I don't even know how I got started with that. My brother played hockey and I wanted to try."

She liked the experience and wanted to keep playing, but ultimately she zeroed in on lacrosse, a sport she began playing in seventh grade. In lacrosse, she is an offensive dynamo who wreaks havoc on opposing goalies.

The fact Nowicki became a goalie, albeit in a different sport, is something that intrigues her.

"I started playing goalie last year (2014-15)," she said, "and then when I went to lacrosse the following spring and I would score goals, I would be like, 'I kind of feel bad,' because I know how it feels when you get

a goal scored on you."

New perspective

Although Nowicki thought she would prefer being at the opposite end of the rink, trying to score goals, her perspective has changed. Sliding from post to post to deny an opponent brings a smile to her face, for example.

"Before I played goalie, I was terrified of the position," she said. "I never, ever, ever thought I'd be a goalie."

"And mentally it's really hard, letting goals in, knowing you're the last line of defense. But now, playing it? I kind of like knowing I can win the game."

Nowicki won't play hockey at Ursuline and might not lace up the skates after this season for several years.

But through her two-year goalie experience, she is intrigued by how far she can expand her horizons as a student-athlete and beyond.

"I like how it's out of my comfort zone," Nowicki said. "It's made me want to try new things; this is something I never would have done."

"And it made me a harder worker. Knowing I am the last line of defense, I can't let the puck in. It's made me want to work harder in lacrosse, work harder in school. It's given me that extra drive."

Don't let her smallish build and quiet demeanor fool you. Natalie Nowicki plans on accomplishing some pretty big things in life.

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PREP HOCKEY

Three-goal third period lifts Canton into 5-5 tie against Salem

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A three-goal surge in the third period Jan. 16 enabled host Canton to earn a 5-5 tie with Salem at Arctic Edge Arena.

The Rocks had built a commanding 3-1 lead after one period and maintained a 4-2 edge

entering the third before the Chiefs' attack started to take hold.

Helping the Canton cause with 31 saves was senior goaltender Isaac Salinas. His Salem counterpart, Austin Goleniak, made 11 stops.

Joe Powers led the Chiefs (1-9-1, 0-7-1) with two goals.

Also scoring for Canton were Erik Wafer (who also drew an assist), Marcus Cook and Jake McClune.

Setting up two Canton goals was James Tucker, with Brian Oldani and Emerson Taylor each tallying an assist.

The Chiefs' rally somewhat spoiled a big

game by Salem forward Matt Schaumburger, who registered three goals an assist.

Other Salem goals were collected by Zach Goleniak and Colin Goleniak, who also chalked up three assists for a four-point night.

Girls hockey

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins split a pair of games last weekend, falling 4-1 Jan. 16 to Walled Lake and following up Jan. 17 with a 4-1 win over Port Huron at McMorran Place.

Against the Wild, Michelle Cirino scored the

lone Penguins goal, assisted by Brooke Gauthier.

PCS bounced back against Port Huron behind goals by Bryanna Lanzliotti (from Catherine VandenBosch), Brianna Waggoner (from Cirino), Serena Eadeh (from Gabby Godre) and Godre (from Gauthier).

GIRLS BASKETBALL ALL

Canton 'D' puts stranglehold on 'Cats

Chiefs earn 31-19 win over Plymouth

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Points indeed were at a premium during Friday's varsity girls basketball game between Plymouth and host Canton.

The Chiefs stifled their Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals from start to finish, giving up just two points in the opening quarter and going on to win, 31-19.

It was the opening half of a basketball double-header between the schools, with the boys cagers taking the floor shortly after the opener concluded.

"Our team absolutely loves it," Canton head coach Rob Heitmeyer said. "We got a great relationship with the boys program, always have here at Canton. ... And this kind of helps bring it together, nights like this. It's an electric atmosphere here to-night."

Although the Chiefs (9-2, 5-0 in the KLAS South Division) really never wavered, there remained a sliver of hope for Plymouth (3-8, 2-4) until Canton junior guard Brianna Finn got red hot.

Breathing room

Finn buried a triple from the right corner about one minute into the

fourth quarter to give Canton a 21-12 edge. Dishing the ball for a nice assist was junior forward Erin Hult.

Some 30 seconds later, Finn came through again from beyond the 3-point arc, this time from the opposite corner.

It quickly was a 24-12 advantage, too much of a deficit for the hard-charging Wildcats to make up — especially on a night when they only made 5-of-37 from the floor (13 percent).

"My shot was off in the first half and, in the second half, I was just trying to get into my rhythm," said Finn, who led all players with 13 points. "All of a sudden, it just sparked."

"I'm glad I could hit those two shots and give us a bigger lead to kind of put them away."

Chipping in seven points and a game-leading 10 rebounds was junior forward Madison Wolfbauer, while Hult (six points) and senior defensive whiz Natalie Winters (six rebounds) also made important contributions.

Tough going

For the Wildcats, senior guard Hannah Badger led the way with nine points. She also hit her team's lone field goal of the second half, a trey from beyond the top of the key with about one minute to go in the contest.

"Canton's defense is really good," Plymouth head coach Ryan Ballard said. "They get after you in the half-court man, they pressure up on you. We got to make some better plays."

"Right now, details matter for this group. We're growing and we're building for March. Right now, we're just going to keep getting better every day."

It was a struggle for Plymouth from the get-go, as the Wildcats trailed 7-2 after the first quarter.

Things marginally improved in the second quarter, with Plymouth being outscored just 8-7 to trail 15-9 at halftime. The Chiefs didn't light the world on fire either, but they didn't need to.

With about six minutes to go in the third, Hult sank a jumper to put the Chiefs up, 17-9. Canton did not hit a field goal the rest of the quarter, but still led 18-12 going into the fourth.

That's when Finn put to rest any hopes the Wildcats might have had for a rally.

Still, Ballard had no qualms about his team's effort. "We didn't give up, we played until the horn," he said.

Badger was the top Plymouth rebounder, with five. Tallying four boards each were sophomore Addisyn Lewis and her older sister, senior Cassidy Lewis.



Vying for a rebound during Friday night's KLAS South Division girls basketball game are Canton's Madison Wolfbauer (left) and Plymouth's Addisyn Lewis.

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CHIEFS

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guard B. Artis White (nine points) connected on back-to-back triples, both from the left wing, to quickly put the Chiefs up 11-3. By the time Plymouth (5-6, 3-2) knew what happened, it was a 15-3 contest.

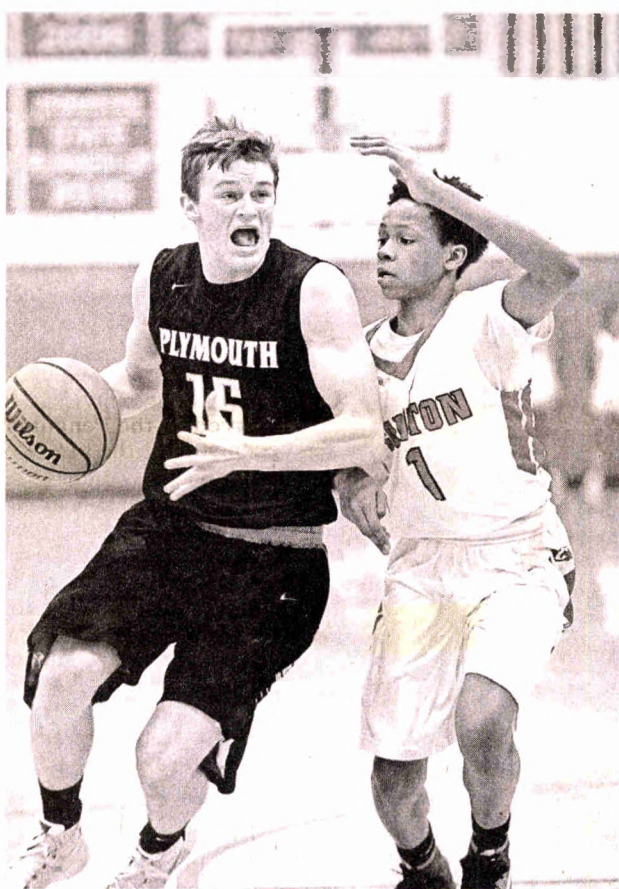
"We tried to speed the game up early ... maybe get some deflections, steals and create some early offense, which we did," Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy said. "And we were shooting it well early, too."

According to Plymouth counterpart Mike Soukup, "(the Chiefs) are a very talented team as far as shooting the basketball and part of it had to do with we played very little defense to start. In the second half, things kind of evened out."

Davis pinned the loss on "not being prepared on our defense. We can score, we're a really good team on offense, but it just comes down to defense. Defense wins games and we didn't have it tonight."

Canton built a 40-24 halftime advantage, with seven treys doing much of the damage. White, who plays with the poise of a senior, drained three of those.

"He's a player; it's awesome, it's nice," Ryan said about White. "He can handle the ball, he runs this offense like a



Plymouth's Pete Carravallah (left) tries to elude the defense of Canton freshman guard B. Artis White Friday night.

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champ."

Reddy also praised the 5-6 White, who doesn't get rattled when teams invariably try to ramp up the physical play.

"He's a pretty fearless kid. I can't imagine being a freshman and playing in this game," Reddy said. "I know when I was a 10th-grader, playing in the Canton-Salem game, just ... I didn't have that kind of moxie."

White said his already seasoned game has been helped by playing in the Amateur Athletic Union against "top players in the country."

And if somebody tries to bump him, White merely responds by hitting another jumper. "Yeah, just score, help my team to score," he said.

Another thorn in Plymouth's collective side

was not being able to get over the hump. For instance, the Wildcats — who trailed 23-13 after the first quarter — got to within nine points midway through the second thanks to a triple by senior Julian LeDoux.

But a minute or so later, the Chiefs had a 33-20 lead following sophomore guard Colin Troup's trey.

"It's tough when you climb up a whole mountain and you slide back down," said Soukup, whose team made 17-of-46 (36 percent) of its shots from the floor.

In the second half, with Plymouth putting the clamps on Ryan (he scored only one bucket after the intermission), the Wildcats chipped away to trail 44-34 with 4:30 left in the third.

But then senior guard Obi Okoli (eight points) came through for the Chiefs with a put-back and senior guard Hamoudy Turfe (nine points) followed with a layup to make it a 48-34 game.

Before long, the Chiefs were up 53-38 going into the fourth.

SALEM 71, STEVENSON 56: The host Rocks gutted out a hard-fought KLAS Central Division win Friday over Livonia Stevenson.

Calin Crawford led Salem (8-3, 3-1) with 17 points, with other contributions from Jeremy Armstead (11 points) and Matt White and Kyle Winfrey (10 points each). Salem trailed 18-15 after the first quarter, but took over in the second, taking a 36-30 halftime lead. But the Spartans hung around until the Rocks were able to close it out with 14 free throws in the fourth.

"They continued to press the whole game, very relentless pressure," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "We still turned it over 23 times against the pressure, but for the most part we took care of (the ball)."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Relentless Chiefs keep mowing down rivals

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Call the Canton Chiefs relentless, call them ready to pounce, call them victorious.

On Tuesday, the host Chiefs jumped all over Livonia Churchill in the first quarter of a KLAS South Division varsity girls basketball contest. By halftime, it was all but over at 33-12.

Canton went on to earn a 49-34 win to improve to 8-2 overall and 4-0 in the division. The Chargers dropped to 3-6 and 2-2.

"We came out with some real punch in the first quarter. We scored 16 points, made four of our first five shots," Canton head coach Rob Heitmeyer said. "We continued that in the second quarter with 17 points."

Heitmeyer said his team matched strong offense with "great defensive intensity."

Both characteristics were evident from the opening tip. Madison Wolfbauer (six points, six rebounds) pulled down an offensive rebound to keep a possession alive, then Brianna Finn drained a trey.

"And to add to that, Erin Hult proceeded to score six points in the first quarter," Heitmeyer said.

The Chiefs were menacing on the glass, particularly at the offensive end. Canton enjoyed a 12-4 edge in offensive rebounds.

Other contributors included Madison Archibald (a game-leading nine points), Hult and Marissa Templeton (eight points each).

"Madison Archibald, for the second game in a row, provided us a real spark," Heitmeyer said. "Not only did she lead the team with nine points, but she had two steals and brought the kind of defensive intensity that really turned the tide tonight."

PLYMOUTH 47, JOHN GLENN 35: The visiting Wildcats improved to

3-7 overall and 2-2 in the KLAS South with Tuesday's hard-working victory.

The game was tied 19-19 at halftime, but Plymouth "came out in the second half and really got after it. I loved how we got relentless. That's something we preach every day, playing harder than the other team, if possible," coach Ryan Ballard said.

Leading the Wildcats with 14 points was Alexa Ebeling, who connected on four triples.

Also solid with eight points and 10 rebounds was Elise Wehmer.

"It was a great team effort," Ballard said. "I was really proud of how we played coming out to start the third quarter."

Next up for Plymouth is a big match-up at 6 p.m. Friday against host Canton. The game will be followed by the Plymouth-Canton boys contest at about 7:30 p.m.

SALEM 51, SOUTH LYON 32: On Tuesday night at South Lyon, Salem posted a comfortable KLAS Central win to improve to 7-3 overall and 2-2 in the division.

FRANKLIN ROAD 43, PCA 35: Despite a balanced attack led by guards Robin Albert and Jordan Reed (eight points each), Plymouth Christian Academy fell short in a MIAC Blue Division game.

Contributing seven points was Kennedy Horne, while other PCA contributors were junior Aliyah Pries (six rebounds, three steals) and Lydia Chapel (six points, eight boards).

PCA led 22-19 at halftime, but the offensive wheels fell off in the third quarter as the Warriors took control with a 11-2 edge.

Senior Hannah Rayburn scored 27 points for Franklin Road Christian.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Salem holds on against late Spartans rally

Stevenson pulls to within two, but can't get over hump as Rocks post 49-42 win

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Livonia Stevenson's girls basketball team followed an all-too-familiar script Friday night against visiting Salem: fall into an early hole, battle back late to make it a game, before getting nosed out at the wire.

In the final game of the first go-around in the KLAS Central Division for both teams, the Rocks built an early 16-8 first-quarter lead before repelling a valiant comeback bid by the Spartans

to win 49-42.

Sparked by a pair of clutch fourth-quarter buckets by Amanda Schultz, Stevenson closed a once daunting gap two just two points with two minutes to play, but the Rocks buried a series of game-clinching free throws — Salem netted eight of 11 freebies in the fourth quarter alone — to record the win.

The result left Salem at 8-3 overall and 3-2 in the division. Stevenson slipped to 5-6 and 1-4, respectively, heading into next Friday night's home game against South Lyon East.

"We dug ourselves another early hole, but the girls played extremely well and worked hard to come back and make a

game of it," said Stevenson head coach Tim Newman. "Salem did a nice job of driving and dishing on us. We need to do a better job keeping them in front of us."

"Offensively, we did some nice things. We scored 26 points in the post, which is a season-high for us. We were getting good shots tonight. We're right on the cusp of doing some really good things, but we have to learn to finish."

Led by the talented Petree sisters, Salem constructed a 34-25 halftime lead before Stevenson started chiseling away at its deficit in the second half. The hosts trailed 39-32 after three quarters, but could never quite get over the hump.

Stevenson's scoring

ledger was as balanced as a counter top. Three players (Schultz, Grace Lamerson and Kelly Newman) led the way with eight points each while Audrey Stahrr poured in six.

Lasha Petree led the winners with 15 points. Jala Petree contributed 12 while Jayla Lenders scored eight.

"Salem earned the win tonight; we didn't give them anything," said Newman. "When you play in a division as good as the one we play in, you can't get behind early all the time because it's too tough to come back."

Salem made 16 of 25 free-throw attempts while the Spartans made five of 14 from the stripe.

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PREP GYMNASTICS

Chiefs picking up momentum

Canton's depth and versatility yield big win over Livonia Blue

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Coming off a first-place finish at the Jeanne Caruss Invitational, the Canton varsity gymnastics team kept rolling Wednesday against Livonia Blue.

Featuring a lineup of many contributors per event, the Chiefs improved to 8-1 overall with a 140.05-138.425 victory over their KLAAs Kensington Division opponent.

Canton is first in the division with a 3-0 mark, while Livonia Blue dropped to third.

"Any team who uses seven girls on each event and only has two scores in the sevens total has had a good night," veteran Chiefs head coach John Cunningham said. "Very proud of these girls. They are starting to show their real potential."

Cunningham said his team prevailed in a "very close meet," leading only by 0.05 after uneven parallel bars.

But then the Chiefs "won the battle of falls" on balance beam, with six of the top seven scorers. In first was Maddie Toal (9.0), followed by Katie Dickson (third, 8.975) and Hailey Hodgson (fourth, 8.825).

Canton closed out the meet on a strong note, with four nines on floor exercise.

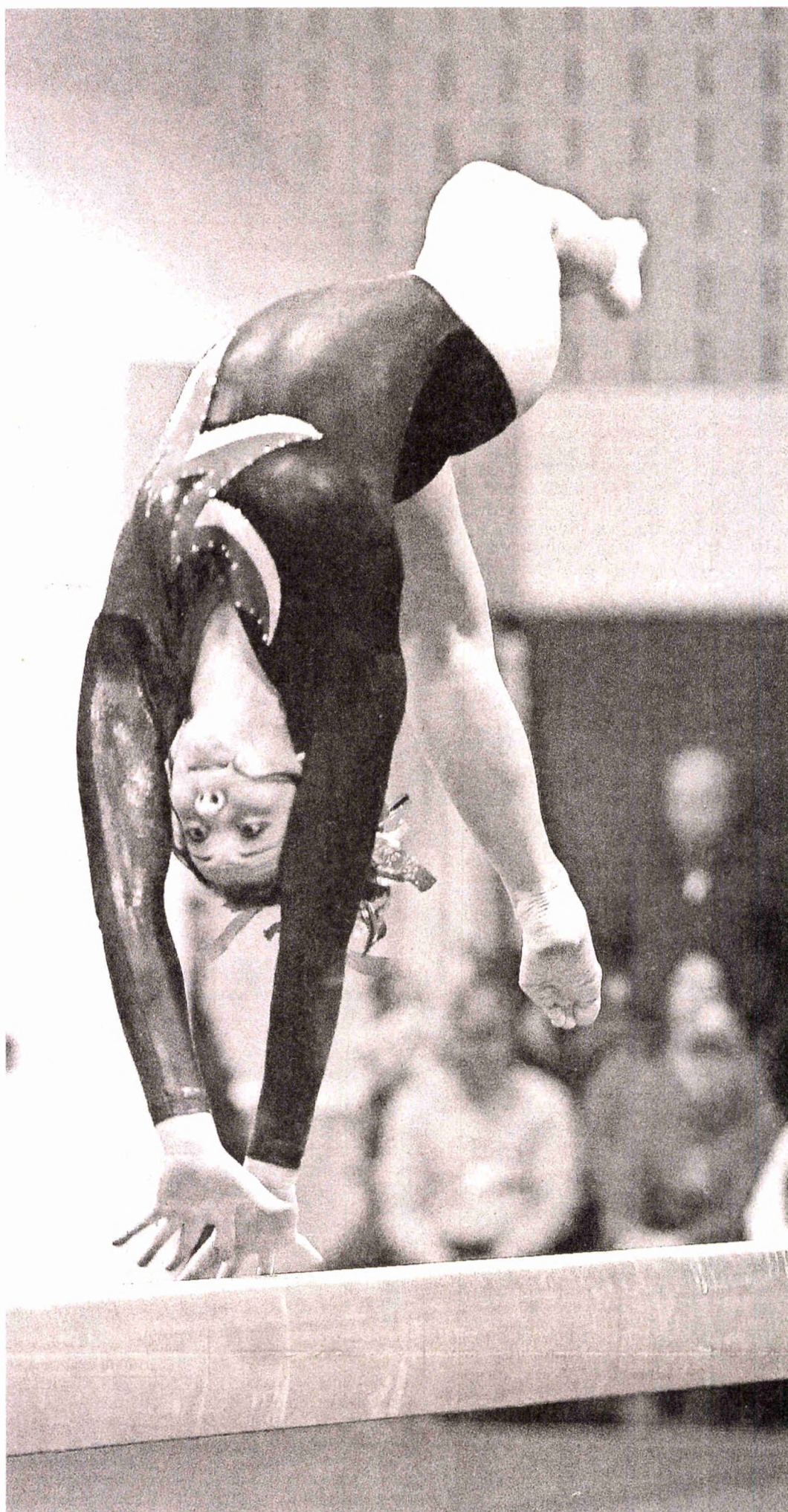
In first was Toal (9.275), with other Chiefs including Jana Hilditch (third, 9.175), Kelsea Kernosek (fourth, 9.125) and Dickson (sixth, 9.025).

Livonia Blue's Bri Rhoad and Jess Weak finished second and fifth, respectively, with scores of 9.225 and 9.05.

Also prevailing for the Chiefs in other events were Hilditch on vault (9.0) and Hodgson in the all-around (35.425).

Other solid showings for the Chiefs included Dickson's second-place finish of 8.75 on bars, Hodgson and Rachel Vault tying for fourth on vault (8.7), Kernosek tallying 8.625 both on bars and beam and Hodgson notching 8.825 on beam.

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Performing her winning routine on balance beam Wednesday is Canton's Maddie Toal.

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PREP WRESTLING

Salem closes in on division crown

Rocks rout Livonia Stevenson, within reach of second title in three years

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem is almost back to where it was two seasons ago.

Following Wednesday's convincing 63-18 victory over host Livonia Stevenson, the Rocks' varsity wrestling team is on the cusp of winning the KLAAs Central Division championship.

If the Rocks take care of South Lyon and South Lyon East in a division quad Wednesday, Jan. 27, at East, the "blue crew" will make it two titles in three years — having dropped to second place in 2014-15.

"Our guys took care of business tonight," Salem coach Jeremy Henderson said. "We are very determined to win the division back this year, as well as repeat as district champs. The guys showed that tonight."

Henderson cited Cullen Stroscheim (152) and DaQuan Baker (112) as just two of many standouts against the Spartans.

"Our guys look in shape and we just need to grind away like we do at practice and I think we will end up on top most matches," said Henderson, whose team upped its record to 13-2 overall and 3-0 in the KLAAs Central.

Salem pretty much ran the table, with victories by Stroscheim, Baker, Nate Gaubatz (103), Akash Rai (119), Cam Shaughnessy (125), Max Hirvela (130), Drew Lindsay (135), Bruce Haslitt (145), Seth Dunn (160), Demetrius Fields (171) and Roy Foster (215).

Tourney success

On Jan. 16, Salem finished third at the tough Williamston Invitational with 148 points, trailing Holt (183) and Eaton Rapids (155.50).

Henderson noted nine of 10 wrestlers taken to the tourney placed, with seven finishing in fourth place or higher.

"It was just an awesome effort by this team," he said. "Demetrius Fields (171) had to beat a returning state qualifier who's ranked seventh to get to the (tourney) finals. That was probably the best match of the day."

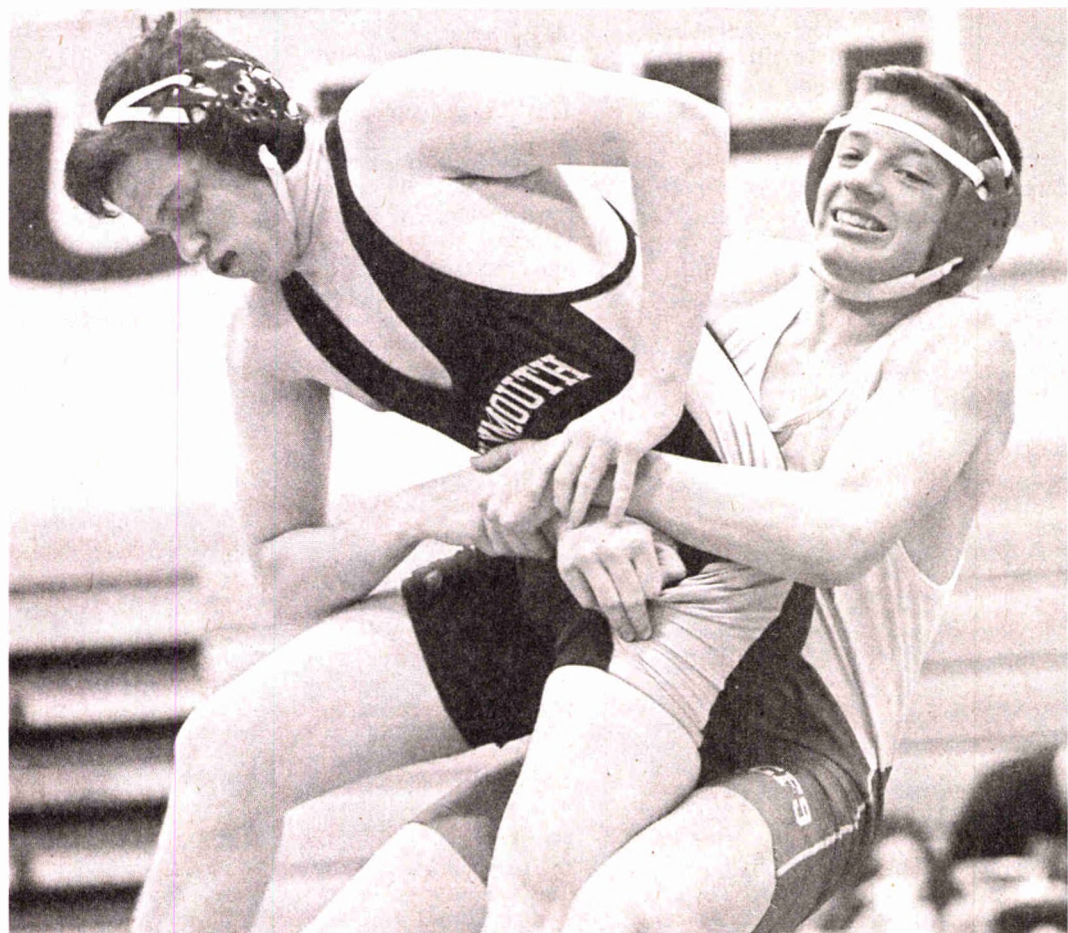
"Roy Foster (189) also had a good day, losing to a tough Mason kid in the finals. Cam Shaughnessy (125) lost to the runner-up in the state last year, 3-1 in overtime."

Russell Gaubatz (135) took down a state qualifier twice before ultimately falling short.

"I could almost point out every kid. That's just how good the effort was," Henderson said.

Fields, Foster, 140-pounder Haslitt and 130-pounder Lindsay each went 3-1 for the day. Also posting three victories was Akash Rai at 119, but he had two defeats.

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Canton freshman Noah VanBerkel battles against Plymouth's Charlie Shaver at 171 pounds.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

pound weight class.

Compounding the departure of Jordan was a knee injury that his would-be successor sustained during football season.

"Michael told me before he told everyone else that he was thinking about going and that was fine," Guernsey said. "I wasn't too concerned about losing him, because we had a really nice junior, Ricky Burke, who has been stuck behind Michael."

"I was expecting big things out of Ricky this year, but then he twisted his knee in football and tore his ACL. So he's missing all of wrestling season this year."

Lohrmann has helped out at heavyweight when needed, while other wrestlers have been bumped up a weight to help plug lineup holes.

"We bump around, we do what we can with Zach Lohrmann, who is our 215," Guernsey said. "He's bumped up to heavyweight a lot. And when we need him to, he's done admirable in that position."

Plymouth and Canton will next face Franklin and Livonia Churchill in a KLAAs South quad meet Wednesday, Jan. 27, at Churchill.

BOYS WRESTLING

DUAL MEET RESULTS

Plymouth 42, Canton 29

Jan. 20 at Plymouth

215 pounds: Zach Lohrmann (P) pinned Jonathon Suppliss, 1:32; **285:** Terrille Crutchfield (C) p. Anthony Moore, 2:48; **103:** Tyler Campbell (P) p. Collin Mueller, 0:36; **112:** Isiah Berry (P) won by void; **119:** Jezan Sukhaida (P) p. Alex Nesovski, 1:14; **125:** Harrison Samoy (C) p. Zach Lundberg, 3:42; **130:** Collin Reed (P) won by 27-12 decision over Justin Winnie; **135:** Josh Banks (P) dec. Walter Beavers, 9-7 in overtime; **140:** Jeremy VanBerkel (C) dec. Darwin Filey, 11-8; **145:** Chris Little (C) p. Lucas Harden, 4:31; **152:** Nourdeen Hussini (P) p. Abdelhadi Shuaib, 1:24; **160:** Armando Chacon (C) dec. Jake Griffith, 7-5 in overtime; **171:** Noah VanBerkel (C) p. Charlie Shaver, 1:09; **189:** Ethan Shulaw (P) Jonathon Valchiner, 0:43

Team records: Plymouth (6-3, 2-1 in the KLAAs South), Canton (2-2, 1-2).

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

K of C free throw contest Sunday

Boys and girls ages 9-14 invited to compete in Canton

All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2016 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.

The local competition will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road in Canton.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district and state competition.

International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls ages 9-14 are eligible to participate and will compete in respective age divisions. Last year, nearly 219,000 sharpshooters participated in 3,497 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

For additional information, contact David Lengel at 734-516-4930. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, with competition following at 2 p.m. There is no cost to enter.

WILDCATS

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fall was 189-pounder Ethan Shulaw, finishing his bout with Jonathon Valchiner in just 43 seconds.

Picking up a victory via the void route was Isiah Berry at 112.

Canton wins were turned in by Harrison Samoy (125), Jeremy VanBerkel (140), Chris Little (145), Armando Chacon (160) and Noah VanBerkel (171).

Chacon edged Jake Grif-

fith 7-5 in overtime. Samoy brought down Zach Lundberg in 3:42, while Little's pin against Lucas Harden took a bit longer (4:31).

Jeremy VanBerkel won a close 11-8 decision against Darwin Filey; Noah VanBerkel earned a pin in 1:09 against Charlie Shaver.

Plugging holes

Still, Plymouth remains a team impacted by injury, such as one currently sidelining senior 145-pounder Dylan Dwyer, or the unexpected — namely senior heavyweight Michael Jordan

deciding he was leaving Plymouth in December to begin his college football career at Ohio State University.

"We're doing all right; we've had trouble staying healthy," Guernsey said. "But we're at a good place. We're kind of who we thought we were."

"We got some very experienced, good kids who are having a lot of success. And we got some kids who are learning."

Meanwhile, Guernsey continues to look for someone he can slot into the 285-

Charity Preview, AutoGlow benefit children's charities



Julie Yolles
SOCIAL SCENE

An unprecedented \$5.2 million was raised for southeastern Michigan children's charities Friday, Jan. 15, at Charity

Preview, the kickoff to the 2016 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS).

Since Charity Preview's inception in 1976, the Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) has raised more than \$105.2 million. More than 13,000 people were puttin' on the glitz. The 25th Anniversary

of AutoGlow at Ford Field, followed Charity Preview. Presented by Ford Motor Company since its inception, AutoGlow netted \$300,000 on Jan. 15 for The Children's Center in Detroit.

Contact Julie Yolles at socialscenejulie@gmail.com or leave a message at 248-642-9465.



JULIE YOLLES

Ford Motor Company employees Omar Odeh of South Lyon, Ryan Cashman of Ann Arbor, Cristina Aquino of Farmington Hills and Matt Zuehlk of Northville attend the 25th Anniversary of AutoGlow at Ford Field.



JULIE YOLLES

Farmington Hills residents Ken and Chris Lewis have a festive time at AutoGlow, a benefit for The Children's Center.



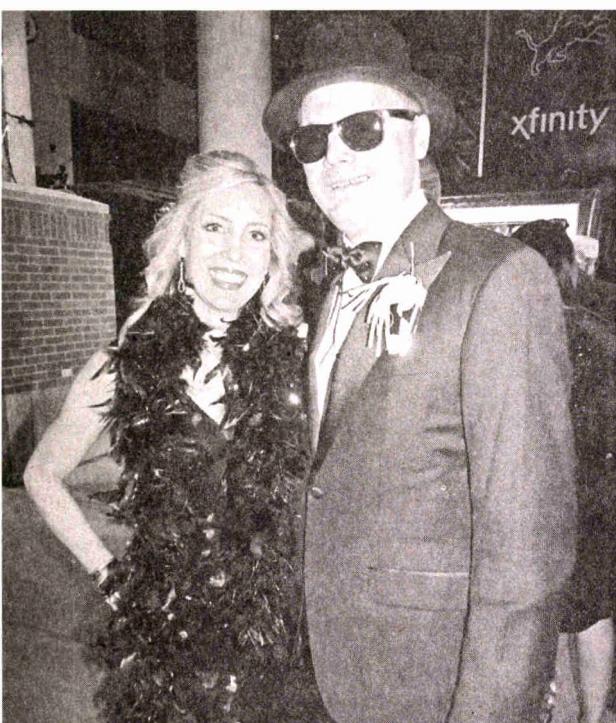
JULIE YOLLES

Canton residents Teresa Madden and Jim Vella, president of Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services, attend the Ford-sponsored 25th Anniversary AutoGlow.



JULIE YOLLES

Dawn and Scott LaRiche, past-chairman of the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS), attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Charity Preview. Scott LaRiche, executive manager and vice president of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township, was recently nominated for the 2016 Time Dealer of the Year.



JULIE YOLLES

Ford Corporate Alliance Manager and AutoGlow Committee member Renee Godfrey and her husband, Brian Godfrey, live in Plymouth.

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BARRETT, ROSEMARY ALICE

Age 87 of Newnan, Georgia, went home to be with her Lord on December 27, 2015. Rosemary was born on August 25, 1928 in Detroit, Michigan to the late George and Alice Louise Campbell Pascoe. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Jane Barbara, Joan Cotter and Robert (everybody's Uncle Bob) Pascoe. At the age of 16 she was salutatorian of her 1945 Detroit Eastern High School graduating class. She went on to earn an associates degree in Business Administration from the Detroit Institute of Technology where she met the love of her life and favorite dancing partner, Don Barrett. Rosemary and Don celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary this past February. Rosemary was an exceptionally kind, loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother, affectionately known as Nanny. She served in numerous volunteer positions while raising her four children in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. She was a spelling whiz, a gifted seamstress, an eternal optimist and an animal lover; accepting every pet her kids brought home. She enjoyed gardening and headed the Alter Guild at her family church in Michigan, Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, before moving to Douglasville in 1983 when Don bought Douglas County Chrysler - Dodge. In Douglasville, she and Don attended worship at First United Methodist Church of Douglasville. Rosemary served as President of the Douglasville Garden Club and volunteered as a Pink Lady at Douglasville General Hospital. Rosemary is survived by her devoted husband of 65 years, Donald John Barrett of Newnan, daughters and sons-in-law, Jane Hershman of Palatine, IL, Patricia and John Gordy III of Bloomfield Hills, MI and Laurie and Christopher Morgan of Carrollton, GA; son and daughter-in-law, Rolland "Rollie" and Diane Barrett II of Winston Salem, NC.; grandchildren, Sara and Chris Bellis, Melissa Hershman, Elizabeth Barrett, Rolland J. "R.J." Barrett III, Erica and Andrew Dunlap, John Gordy IV, Katherine and Hunter Wilson and Madeline Morgan and great-granddaughter, Lillie Buchanan. A Memorial Service was held Saturday, January 2, 2016 at the Auditorium at Wesley Woods - Newnan with Chaplain Sharon Edgar officiating. The eulogy was given by her son Rolland Barrett, II. The family received friends at a reception immediately following the service at Wesley Woods where they celebrated Rosemary's wonderful life. The family deeply appreciates the tender loving care Rosemary received for the six years she was in residence at Wesley Woods. Inurnment will follow at a later time at Kirk in the Hills Columbarium in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Sympathies may be sent to the family at www.miller-funeralhome.com. Miller Funeral Home, Tallapoosa, GA



BREEN, MARY

Of Plymouth, 82, passed away December 27, 2015. Beloved wife of Maurice. Mother of Melinda Hale, Maurice II and Moira (Thomas) Haas. Nana of Patrick aka PJ (Lindsey) Sullivan, Matthew Sullivan, Samantha, Jeffrey and Sabrina Hale. Great-Nana of Keira, Shane, Fiona, and Brady Sullivan. Memorial service will be held at Schoolcraft College, VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, DiPonio Room VT500, Livonia, Saturday, February 6 at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made with checks payable to "The Schoolcraft College Foundation," memo: "Mary Breen Award of Excellence" mailed to: The Schoolcraft College Foundation, Attn: Mary Breen Award of Excellence, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI 48152.



HARRIS, DOLORES (McTAGGART)

January 21, 2016. Age 92 of Livonia. Born March 12, 1923 in Dearborn to the late William and Irene McTaggart. Beloved wife of the late George. Loving sister of Aileen (Stefan) Maga, and the late Shirley and Lawrence. Loving mother of Irene (Paul) Bellfy, Gerald (Susan), Richard (Donette), Cynthia (Habib), Janet (Michael) Natzel, Michael (Carol), Robert (Natalie), Nancy, and Carolyn (Larry) Mulka. Loving grandmother of 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Dolores resided in Livonia since 1949. She retired from the City of Livonia Water Department in 1991. Dolores was an original member of St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church which opened in 1953 and was very active in the church and Seniors Club. She was loved deeply and will be missed by her family and friends. Resting at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Rd. (at Ann Arbor Trl.) Sunday from 2-9 p.m. In state Monday, 10:30 a.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27101 W. Chicago Rd. (E of Inkster) until time of Mass at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com



HUMBLE, NORMA JANE

Age 87, of Dearborn, formerly of Farmington and Grand Haven, passed away Sunday, January 17, 2016 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. She was born July 15, 1928 in Lansing to Vernon and Helen (Smith) Hooper. On June 29, 1949 she married Harold Humble in Middleville, Michigan. Jane was a member of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes in Grand Haven where she sang in the choir, was active in United Methodist Women, and was a former Methodist District Chair. She was a talented artist and musician and was a member of the Lighthouse Quilt Guild. She played the xylophone, drums, organ and piano and received many awards for her quilts and paintings. She earned an Education Degree from Western Michigan, a Bachelor's Degree from Wayne State and a Master's degree from The University of Michigan. She began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse and retired as a media specialist from the Grand Haven Public Schools. She also assisted at a mission school in Kodaiakanal, India, and volunteered for many charitable organizations while living there. She is lovingly remembered by her husband Harold; four children: Susan (Sridhar) Sridharan, John (Janet) Humble, Jeffrey (Janell) Humble, and Steven (Carolyn) Humble; seven grandchildren; sister Jean Ness and brother Jack Hooper; and a niece and nephew. A memorial open house will take place Saturday, January 30 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Edison Room at Henry Ford Village Retirement Community, 15101 Ford Road, Dearborn, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be given to local food banks. You are invited to share your memories with the family at their online guestbook at www.vbkfuneralhome.com. The family is being served by VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home of Grand Haven, MI

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



DOLIN, LYLE W.

Age 82, of Redford, MI, went Home to claim his eternal reward on December 8, 2015. Beloved Husband of Janet (Brodersen) for 55 years and devoted father of four sons: David (Kelly) of Augusta, GA, Glenn (Janice), Greg, and Jeffrey (Mary) of Redford; eight Grandsons: Steven, Tyler, Kevin, Mark, Jake, Tim, Kolbe, John, one beautiful Granddaughter, Ainsley Elizabeth; two Great-Grandsons, Blake and Bradley. He is pre-deceased by his sister Marie Alice McCollom, of W. Bloomfield, MI; and brother, Owen E. Dolin [USN WWII - Battleship "Terror" (Maxine), of LaGrange, KY. Born in Julian, W.V. Lyle made Detroit his home in 1951. He enlisted in the USMC during the Korean Conflict and served in the Second Marine Air Wing (1953-1956) out of Cherry Point, NC, and obtained the rank of Staff Sgt. He was an avid reader, mostly of science and history, and enjoyed being a member of the Yankee Air Force at Willow Run. In retirement he also enjoyed membership with the Michigan Treasure Hunters in Livonia. Lyle and Janet pledged their vows at St. Rose of Lima Church in Detroit in 1960. During their marriage of 55 years they were members of St. Agatha Parish in Redford for more than 40 yrs and also attended Gesu, St. Valentine, St. Alexander, and Our Lady of the Rosary Churches. He was blessed with a "faith-filled" life - full of purpose, integrity and generosity. Upon discharge from USMC, Lyle attended Detroit Institute of Technology & WSU in Detroit. Most of his career years were spent in electronics and engineering pursuits at several companies. He retired as an International Sales Administrator in 2001 and enjoyed his status as baby bouncer/soother - "gentleman farmer" and "fisherman extraordinaire" in the years since. Scripture Service and Memorial sharing were held at Step Funeral Home, with Mass of the Resurrection at St. Valentine Church with Fr. Tom Belczak presiding. Final interment with Military Honors was conducted at Great Lakes Memorial Cemetery in Holly, MI. Please submit on-line remembrances at: charlesstepfuneralhome.com

HITCHCOCK, TED RAYMOND

87 years old, died January 20, 2016 at home with his wife and immediate family present. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lois Marie Blair Hitchcock, and their children: Lynne Hitchcock, Ph.D., Derek (Esther) Hitchcock, Cheryl Hitchcock, and Kent (Janice) Hitchcock. He also leaves five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, four nieces, six nephews and their children and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and five siblings: William (Ann) Hitchcock, John Hitchcock, James Hitchcock, Evelyn (James) McGregor-Reed, and Richard Hitchcock. Ted started work at the A&P store when he was 16. During high school he was involved with the naval reserve and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1949. After serving on the front lines, he became the supplies and claims officer at the American base in Japan. Corporal T.R. Hitchcock returned home and married Lois in 1952. Ted was the first and only member of his family to attend college receiving a BS in accounting from Wayne State University. He joined the supervisory staff at Hudson's (downtown) after finishing his degree. He became the receiving and supplies manager at Detroit Receiving Hospital in 1962. In 1965, he started with the Transportation and Land Use Study (TALUS) as financial officer. When the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) succeeded TALUS, he became their Finance Director until his retirement in 1992. Ted (and Lois) have been active members of Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church since 1958. He has served as Board chair, church treasurer and with the Constitution and By-Laws committee during various times of his 55 year membership. He helped start the Memorial Garden and the Endowment committee and also was involved in many Gold Plate fund raising dinners. A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, February 14, 2016 at 2 P.M. at Northwest Unitarian-Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway in Southfield, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Northwest Unitarian-Universalist Church Memorial Fund.

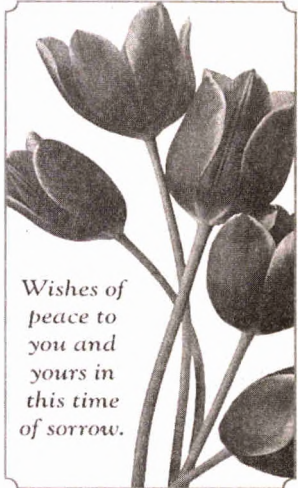
May you find comfort in family and friends



SLADE, RUTH

92, of Seminole, Florida, formerly of Stuart, FL and Farmington Hills, MI, passed away Thursday, December 23 at home with her family. She is survived by three daughters, Sandi Banks (Ken) of Seminole, Pam Gustafson (Andy) of Waterford, MI and Peggy Sowers (Greg) of West Chester, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband, Ralph. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Suncoast Hospice.

May the memory of your loved one... bring you peace.



Wishes of peace to you and yours in this time of sorrow.

Let Dr. Lori appraise your attic treasures at Novi show

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Oh, the treasures Lori Verderame has seen.

During her appearances at more than 150 home improvement shows every year, Verderame, the antiques appraiser known as "Dr. Lori" from Discovery channel's *Auction Kings*, has appraised thousands of items from the public, including:

- » A \$250,000 Calder sculpture
- » A \$500,000 Tiffany lamp
- » A \$2.5 million good luck charm once owned by Napoleon

- » An Apollo 13 moon boot
- » Queen Elizabeth II's coronation shoes



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Verderame

"Fabulous, big numbers, interesting objects. I could go on for years talking about this. So many objects ... Thomas Jefferson's writing desk ... Abraham Lincoln's campaign pin ... George Washington's wallet. The wallet was found at a show, just like the show I'm going to do in Novi."

She'll bring her "Dr. Lori's Antiques Appraisal Comedy Show" to the Novi Home Improvement Show, Friday-Sunday, Jan. 29-31, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi. During her appearances, which will run 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Friday, 1-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 2 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. Sunday, visitors can get one free appraisal. Additional appraisals are \$25 each. A photograph can be substituted for items that are too big to bring to the show.

"I'm the appraiser who will tell you the truth about your object so you can learn the value and sell it for your own gain," she said, during a phone interview this week. "Bring in what you want so I can teach you — here's where you can sell it, here's what it is worth, here's how you can identify it properly."

Verderame said she'll entertain and appraise at the same time while looking at a collection of items from audience members at the Novi show. Everyone who brings an item



Lori "Dr. Lori" Verderame talks about art, antiques and collectibles during one of her appraisal shows.

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NOVI HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOW

When: 2-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 30-31
Where: Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi
What: Home improvement vendors, displays, presentations
Admission: \$10 adults, ages 13 and up; \$9 senior citizens; free for children, 12 and under
Contact: novihomeshow.com; facebook.com/HBAHomeImprovementandGardenShows

will receive an appraisal. She'll also offer advice on preservation, sale negotiation, exhibiting items and more.

"It's nothing like you've ever seen in terms of appraisals. It's fun and you're not waiting in line. Everyone hears everything — 'You have a \$250,000 piece. That's a piece of junk. This is a reproduction.' That's what I do throughout the show. People will sit at my events and enjoy them for

else's objects. I want you to love history and love objects the way I do, because you know what? It's a hell of a lot of fun."

Academic background

Verderame, who was raised in Connecticut and now lives in Pennsylvania, regularly appears on Fox Business Network's *Strange Inheritance*, writes a syndicated column, blogs, has authored more than 30 books and maintains a web-

site and social media presence, including a YouTube channel.

She graduated in 1987 with an undergraduate degree in history from the University of Michigan and earned a Ph.D. in art history from The Pennsylvania State University. Verderame has taught at universities and colleges, and worked at several galleries and museums, including Yale University Art Gallery.

Through the years she has collected bird houses, American art and occasionally crystal, and stresses that she never buys items from her own shows.

"Most pieces I find are from my 93-year-old mother and her sisters," she said, with a laugh.

Verderame advises against selling items at home yard sales and claims that Americans are "giving away the

farm on the front lawn."

"They don't know what they have. They don't know what they're worth," she said. "The \$425,000 painting that was sold in California at a yard sale for \$18 now hangs in the Houston Art Museum. The person at the yard sale wouldn't have taken \$18 if they knew what they had."

"I'll tell you what it is. You've got the stuff. It's in your house. You want someone to tell the truth about it, I'm your girl."

Visit Verderame's website at drloriv.com. See a complete list of Novi Home Improvement Show presentations, displays and vendors at novihomeshow.com.

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Vet's new book helps dog owners recognize canine pain

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

You notice that your dog has stopped using stairs and suddenly doesn't like being petted.

He doesn't run and jump like he used to and tends to stand up front legs first.

He avoids slippery floors, and has stopped initiating play. In fact, he suddenly has started growling at his canine friends and housemates.

Is your dog just slowing down as he ages, or could he be in pain?

Michael Petty, D.M.V., hopes his new book, *Dr. Petty's Pain Relief for Dogs*, will give dog owners the information they need to recognize physical and behavioral signs of pain and to understand the kinds of treatment available and where to find it.

"There are certain breeds that are tough and they put up with pain well. In golden retrievers, sometimes pain is advanced before the owner notices," said Petty, adding that animals tend to hide their pain. "Not every dog shows every sign of pain. Some people just think their dogs are just getting lazy or old."

Pain can result from osteoarthritis, surgery, neurological problems and diseases. Most dogs don't yelp when they're in chronic discomfort, but they express the pain through a combination of physical and behavioral signs.

See your vet

Petty, who owns the Arbor Pointe Veterinary Hospital and Arbor Pointe Animal Pain Center in Canton, says a veterinary checkup may be in order if a dog shows some of the pain symptoms described in his



Mike Petty, a Canton veterinarian who specializes in pain management, is the author of a new book about pain in dogs.

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book. Early diagnosis of pain and its source gives veterinarians a better chance of changing or slowing progression of a disease.

"That's when we do the most treatment," he said. "The number one dog I see is the arthritic dog. Unfortunately, they often come to me at a state when they're hard to treat. Not every dog, but 60 percent of dogs over 6 have some degree of arthritis," he said.

"My patients are lucky in that we discuss it earlier. They're always asking me about it."

The second most common pain problem he sees in dogs is acute pain from a back issue, such as a slipped disc.

Some owners bring their

dogs for diagnosis after they've developed a limp.

"We do a thorough physical exam to look for neurological issues. The second thing we need to do is to take them to the x-ray machine," Petty said. "We have to know if it is arthritis and nothing else. Recently we had a case where the owner thought the dog had arthritis and it turned out to be a bone tumor."

Lessening pain

Petty tailors pain treatment to the dog and its owner. He might try acupuncture, for example, but also prescribe weight loss if the dog is carrying too many pounds. Laser therapy can reduce inflammation, but he generally uses it in

Dr. Michael Petty

DR. PETTY'S PAIN RELIEF FOR DOGS

The Complete Medical and
Integrative Guide to Treating Pain



Mike Petty's new book discusses signs of pain in dogs, treatment options and finding a veterinarian with pain management expertise.

conjunction with another treatment, such as rehabilitation therapy, massage or medications. Even simple treatment, like icing after surgery, can go a long way toward mitigating pain.

"Another thing in the book that is useful is I spend an entire chapter on what you can do if your dog is in pain and you don't have money for high-end treatment," he said. "I discuss what kinds of things can be done as alternatives." A dog owner might try massage or rehab therapy — with some professional guidance — on their own. Some pharmaceutical companies also may help subsidize the cost of pain medications.

Petty said he wrote *Dr. Petty's Pain Relief for Dogs* because he wants dog owners to know "what's real and not pop medicine," when they seek

pain treatment for their pets.

Married and the father of two grown daughters, Petty owns two Portuguese water dogs and lives in Superior Township. He received his D.M.V. degree from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine in 1980. After graduation he studied pain management and became certified as a veterinary pain practitioner and a canine rehabilitation therapist, and in medical veterinary acupuncture. He also became a diplomate of the American Academy of Pain Management.

Dr. Petty's Pain Relief for Dogs, available at Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com, also stresses the responsibilities that comes with pet ownership.

"I sometimes see people buy pets and the minute they get old and smelly they become an inconvenience. I wish they came with warning labels saying they will require love throughout their lives, and that they will get old and require medical care."

Petty will be on hand at a book launch set for 3 p.m. Feb. 7 at Nicola's Books, in the Westgate Shopping Center, 2513 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor. The event also will benefit the Humane Society of Huron Valley's Bountiful Bowls program. Visitors are asked to donate pet food to the program, which supplies free dog and cat food to financially-strapped pet owners. For more information, call Nicola's Books at 734-662-0600.

Petty includes book excerpts on his website, arborpointe.com

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Columnist faces her toughest parenting challenge when baby is hospitalized

Sarah Davies
Guest Columnist

Holidays last month were fun-filled and busy, and went by so fast. Following Christmas, my sweet little pea started to catch a cold. We've been through this before, sitting-up all night with the humidifier on high and baby girl coughing all night long.

We spent New Year's Eve curled up together with runny noses and barking coughs. But come the New Year, my little girl just didn't seem to be getting much better. After a trip to the doctor, I was informed my little girl may have the croup, and the nurse administered a steroid in hopes of minimizing the symptoms. But low and behold, the following morning, there were no signs of improvement, and in fact, my daughter's illness was getting worse. So we took our first trip to the

emergency room.

After a breathing treatment or two, my daughter's oxygen levels still were lower than the doctors had hoped, and they admitted her to Mott Children's Hospital. She didn't have respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), which was great, but she wasn't well enough to go home. I spent the next three days with her, lying in a hospital bed while she was hooked to oxygen. There were a few instances when the nurses had to do some pretty miserable things to my sweetie, but she was a trooper and handled everything as best as she probably could.

Parenting challenge

Having a child in the hospital has so far been the scariest part of parenthood for me. I felt helpless as she didn't understand what was happening, and although I tried to explain it and comfort her, I

could tell she was scared. My heart felt so heavy; I wanted so badly to just rock my sweet baby to sleep and have her wake up feeling great. It was painful to watch her scream when the nurses had to work on her, but I knew that being at Mott's we were in the best place for her. The doctors and nurses took such great care of her, and we left there a few days later feeling much better.

Once we got home, my daughter wanted nothing more than to be held and snuggled. It was heartwarming, but also made me feel bad. I knew she wanted to be held so much because of her recent trauma of being in the hospital. I wish she could understand more that our medical trip was necessary and that without it she wouldn't feel good, but of course a 1-year-old doesn't have the mental ability to grasp that concept.

Now that my sweet pea is feeling better, things of course have started to fall back into normality. She is laughing and clapping, and even walking around, although she still prefers to crawl (I think she is trying to become a professional crawler.) My daughter is learning to communicate well, with oohs and ahhs and garble that she uses when she tries to repeat what you have said. She is full of energy and back to herself, brightening up every room she enters.

My favorite part of my sweetie being healthy again is her desire to want to give me kisses throughout the day. There is nothing more precious than an open-mouthed, wet, sloppy kiss right on the lips from your baby.

Sarah Davies of Livonia writes about the ups and downs of single parenthood. Email her at sarahmari Davies@gmail.com.



Sarah Davies and her daughter, Grace

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Livonia Garden Club

Keith Berven will present "Growing Beautiful Dahlias" at 7 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Civic Park Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road, in Livonia. Berven is a professor in the biology department at Oakland University and co-president of the Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society. For more information, email lgcpresident@yahoo.com or visit livoniagardenclub.org.

Holiday Nature Preserve

Naturalist-led hikes through the preserve are



Make a fairy garden Feb. 6, at English Gardens stores.

set for 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 6, starting at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

The hike on Jan. 30 is

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for participants age 6 and older and will focus on animals that are active in the winter. Hikers also will look for plant seed capsules and enjoy a bonfire after the walk. Cost is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult for county residents and \$7 per child and \$3 per adult for non-Wayne County residents.

The hike in February is for adults and will focus on identifying native floodplain trees and shrubs. Cost is \$3 per person for Wayne County residents and \$4 per person for non-residents.

Buy tickets for the events at the Wayne County Parks office at

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. Or call 734-261-1990.

Stoneflies

The Friends of the Rouge is looking for volunteers to search for stoneflies Saturday, Feb. 13. Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and then carpool to Rouge streams located in metro Detroit. Winter stoneflies hatch from streams in winter and are sensitive to pollution, making them good indicators of water quality. Sign-up by Jan. 29 at therouge.org or call 313-792-9621.

English Gardens

» See a fresh flower arranging demonstration at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30. Make and take home an arrangement in a vase for \$29.99 at 2:30 p.m. Register at EnglishGardens.com for the workshop. The demonstration is free.

» Learn about fairy and miniature gardens during a free presentation at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. Make a fairy garden for \$24.99 at 2:30 p.m. Sign up for the "Make It & Take It Workshop" online.

» Get tips on attracting birds to your yard

during a free presentation at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. Kids can make a bird treat for \$5 at 2:30 p.m. Sign up online for the kid's workshop.

» Orchid experts will offer an overview of orchids and tips on repotting them during a free presentation from 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20. Make an orchid garden for \$24.99 at 2:30 p.m.. Sign up online.

Local stores are 22650 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 248-851-7506.

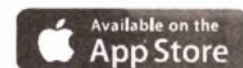


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Slow cooker, freezing leftovers can help busy cooks serve healthful meals

It's been a long day at work and your busy night is just starting. You have errands to run, kids to transport and homework to help with. Suddenly your stomach starts to rumble and it reminds you dinner is another item you need to add to the to-do list. Looks like it is going to be another fast food dinner, right? Wrong! Being busy doesn't have to mean sacrificing eating well.

The best thing you can do is prepare all of your ingredients for the week in advance. This means cutting vegetables, trimming the meat and measuring spices, then packaging them together and putting them in the refrigerator. With the prep work out of the way, you can throw everything together in a snap and dinner is ready in no time.

Not a big fan of kitchen prep? There are several services that will deliver healthy,



Kristine Godbold
GUEST COLUMNIST

measured ingredients to your door. All you have to do is follow the recipe provided. How simple is that!

Simple, balanced

Home cooked healthy meals don't have to be complex or gourmet — just balanced. When planning meals keep the USDA's Choose My Plate guidelines in mind and pick meal components from the food groups: protein, grains, fruits, vegetables and dairy. Remember the key to balanced, healthy eating is portion size. Portions aren't universal for children and adults because they have different nutritional requirements. To gain more information about por-

tion sizes and recommended servings, visit choosemyplate.gov.

Make cooking a family activity. Have the kids help with setting the table, preparing the vegetables or even choosing the menu. Visit whatscooking.fns.usda.gov for tools such as a menu builder that helps create a shopping list. There are also recipes, tips on budget friendly meals and sample menus.

Use leftovers

Have a pot of soup bubbling away on the stove? Don't throw the extras away! Freeze and save for another day. You also can double other recipes throughout the week and freeze half to have later in the month.

Set it and forget it — that's how easy food preparation with a slow cooker can be. In the morning, place your measured and prepared ingredi-

ents into the slow cooker, turn it on and go to work. When you return, you'll be hit by the wonderful smell of a healthy dinner and have a delicious, ready-to-eat meal waiting for you to set the table.

Eating out

Even if you are following these tips, there will still be nights when you just can't swing eating at home. Don't fret. Eating out can still mean eating healthy. Besides the obvious tips like avoiding fried foods consider the following:

» Skip the fancy drinks. You already know soda isn't the best, but those drinks made from mixes on the menu like piña colodas, margaritas and even the smoothies, sometimes are full of sugar. Don't drink your calories. Water is always best choice.

» Ask for dressing and sauces on the side. Instead of covering your meal with a

sauce, dip your fork in it and then pick up your morsel. You'll still get the flavor but with fewer calories.

» Are there fries with that? Ask to substitute sides with little nutritional value for steamed vegetables, a side salad or fruit.

» Order a box when you order your meal. Restaurant portions are oversized. When your meal arrives, put half of it in the box. You'll not only have lunch for the next day but you will also avoid the pitfall of picking at your plate after you're already full just because the food is there.

Kristine Godbold is a registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator at St. Mary Mercy Livonia. She has more than 15 years of experience providing nutrition therapy to adults. Her philosophy is good nutrition is the cornerstone to good health.

Upcoming events focus on mental health



L. J. McCulloch
GUEST COLUMNIST

Some lesser known and popular events related to mental health are scheduled for the upcoming weeks as we push on through our Michigan winter. Here's a sampling:

Feb. 12 — Dance

The second annual Tim Tebow Foundation's Night to Shine Prom and Dinner Dance runs from 6-9 p.m. at 242 Church Community Center, 7526 Grand River Ave., Brighton.

The evening of special events includes a formal attire dinner dance designed by volunteers for people with special needs. There will be a grand red carpet entrance to the prom, music, dancing and a dinner.

The event is open and free to the public for individuals 16 years and older who have any kind of special needs, including those with developmental disabilities, mental illness, stroke and traumatic brain injuries.

For more information, visit www.242community.com/nighttoshine or call Brighton's 242 Center at 810-231-0190.

March 2 — Choir concert

Next on deck is the 18th annual Therapy Choirs of Michigan's Capitol Concert, which will be held in the beautiful rotunda/atrium of Michigan's Capitol building in Lansing.

The event will recognize the first week of March as Choir-therapy Awareness Week in Michigan. Therapy Choirs of Michigan is a nonprofit organization comprised of individuals with special needs and volunteer voices from the community.

Performances carry on the



Len McCulloch, director of The Therapy Choirs of Michigan, sings along with its youngest member, Nicholas Johnson, at the Carnival of Care. This year's carnival will be held in April in Sterling Heights.

tradition of professionals and volunteers helping people with special needs through the medium of the performing art of choir therapy. TCM, which has received a proclamation of success by the U.S. Senate, was created and is co-directed by psychotherapist Len McCulloch and businesswoman Sherry Cantrell.

TCM will perform from noon to 1 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

March 19 — Fundraiser

The National Association of Mental Illness-Metro (NAMI-Metro) will hold its annual fundraiser and dinner with entertainment at the Livonia Marriott Hotel.

NAMI-Metro represents

individuals with special needs from Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties. This agency provides important resources of mental health advocacy and treatment services for members of our community with various forms of mental illness.

Tickets are \$40 for members and \$70 for non-members. The entertainment will include a performance by the Therapychoir of Michigan and a magician performing feats on a mental health theme. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell will share her story of growing up in a family that included individuals with mental illness. The live auction/fundraiser will be hosted by Dan Leach (The voice of 97.1 The Ticket).

For more information and to buy tickets, visit www.nami-metro.org, or call the event coordinator at 248-348-7197.

April 3 — Carnival of Care

The annual Carnival of Care will be held in Sterling Heights this year. This event has been a remarkable success in our communities for several years. It celebrates members of our society who have special needs, their caregivers, their families and their service providers, many of whom are part of Michigan's unique auto-no-fault insurance program.

The carnival-like atmosphere will include games, lunch, entertainment and numerous raffled door prizes.

The program is free and open to the public. The Therapy Choir of Michigan will once again perform at center stage, at noon, giving a demonstration of their "Tour of Hope." Contact www.carnivalofcare.org for more information.

Hopefully, there are many readers of this column who can plan who can plan ahead and schedule attendance at one or more of the above events in the spirit of decreasing stigma and raising awareness of those in need of help and hope.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Celiac support

The Tri County Celiac Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 8, at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Criscia Pemberton, a clinical psychologist, will talk about living with celiac disease. Admission is free for members; non-members pay \$10. tccsg.net

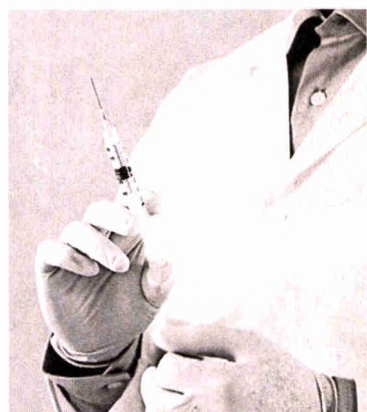
Hearing loss support

Michael Seidman, an otolaryngologist, will present a question-and-answer session on "common ear problems and their solutions" from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information, call Tony at 734-664-3297 or email afcrack@comcast.net.

Ongoing

Ab-Anon

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders



Attend a support group, health screening or educational session.

such as anorexia, bulimia and exercise compulsion is held from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An Ab-Anon meeting group is available for families and loved ones from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

Amputee support

The Amputee Support Group meets from 2-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month in Classroom #1 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. For more information, call 734-655-2837.

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and from 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. For more information, visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets from 6-7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is

accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. Meetings open to families. For directions, call Nancy at 734-536-3457.

Breast cancer support

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. For more information, call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Choir therapy

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. For more information, call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit www.therapychoirs.org.

CPAP/BIPAP

The Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free

CPAP/BIPAP mask fitting clinic from 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Most insurances cover new supplies. No appointment needed. For more information, call 734-458-7251.

Eating disorders

A support group for individuals with anorexia, bulimia and compulsive and binge eating disorders meets at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building, on the Garden City Hospital campus, 6255 Inkster Road, Garden City; For more information, call 734-324-3089.

Lung cancer support

Thoracic surgeon David Sternberg, M.D. leads a support group for anyone living with cancer and their loved ones from 6-7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month, at Beaumont Cancer Center - Farmington Hills, 27900 Grand River Ave., Suite 230, Farmington Hills; 248-473-4828.

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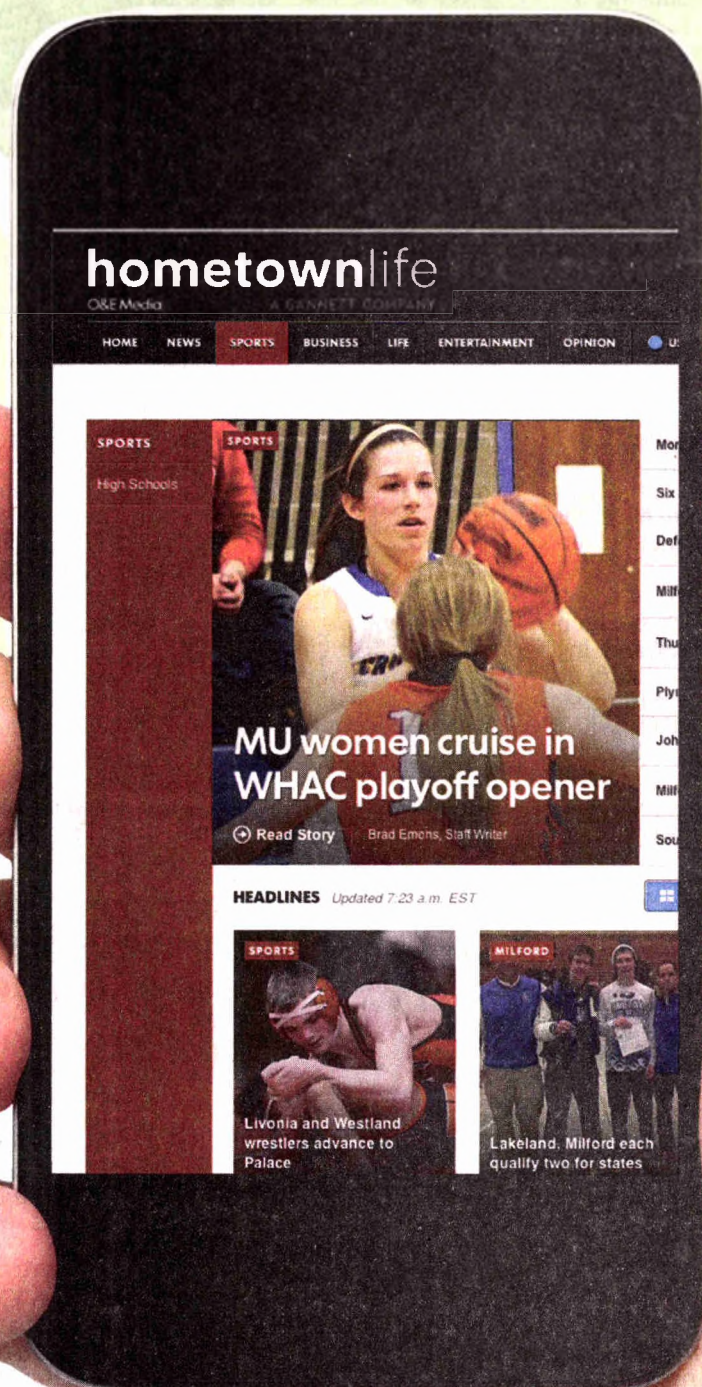
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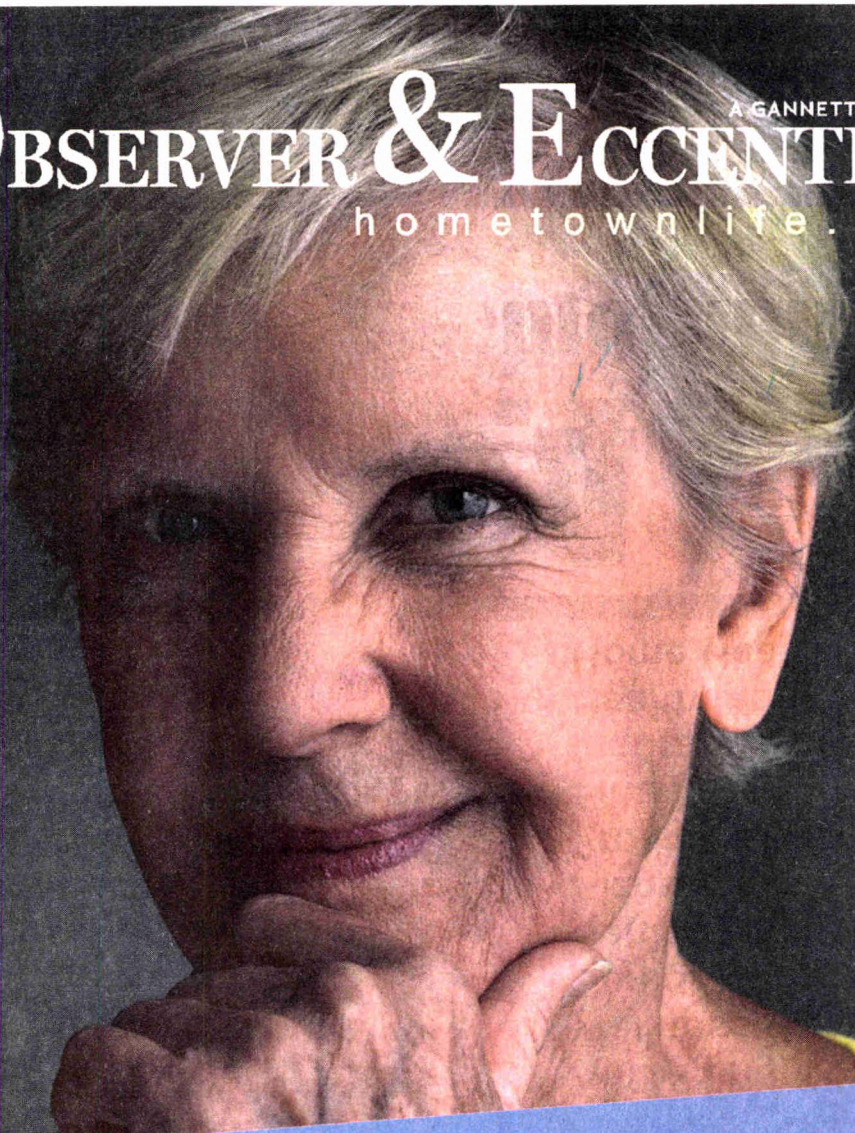
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2016 jobs forecast looks surprisingly bright

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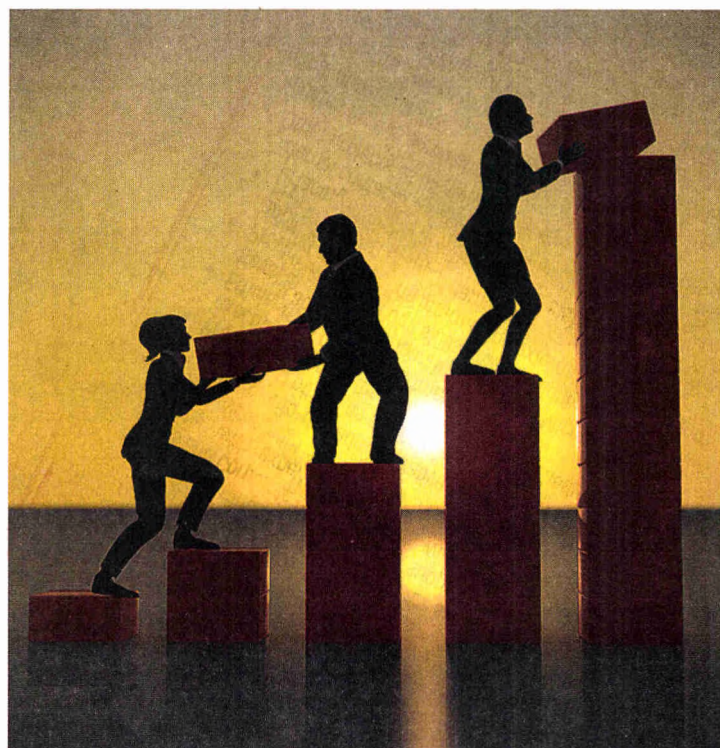
As the new year begins, many job seekers are ramping up their searches in the hopes that 2016 will prove fruitful. The economy has experienced steady improvement, with the U.S. adding 200,000 jobs on average each month during the past two years. This uptick in jobs is expected to continue in 2016 with similar, if not better, results.

Employers will face increased competition for the best workers, giving candidates the upper hand when it comes to finding and securing new opportunities.

This move toward a more candidate-centric job market is reflected in CareerBuilder's annual job forecast, which found that 36 percent of employers plan to add full-time, permanent workers this year. The forecast also identified several employment trends for 2016 tied to higher competition for talent and expanded opportunities for job seekers of all backgrounds.

1. Temporary and contract hiring continue to heat up.

While the economy has improved during the past several years, it remains fragile, causing many employers to favor



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temporary or contract hiring as a means for fulfilling staffing needs. This lets them dial up or dial down staff more easily based on market conditions. Employers will continue to rely on short-term employment, with 47 percent reporting that they will add temporary or contract workers in 2016, up slightly from 46 percent last year. However, 58 percent of those employers expect to transition some temporary or contract workers into perma-

nent roles, giving job seekers an opportunity to turn their temporary positions into full-time careers before year's end.

2. Employers cast wider nets to fill high-skill jobs.

The skills gap — or the lack of qualified workers to fill high-skill jobs — is a problem that will continue to plague employers in the new year. Sixty-three percent of employers say they are concerned by a growing

skills gap, and 48 percent report extended vacancies within their organizations. To solve this problem, employers are taking matters into their own hands through reskilling efforts. Thirty-three percent of employers plan to hire low-skill workers and invest in training them for high-skill jobs in 2016, meaning that workers who may not have the full set of skills needed for more advanced roles now have a better chance of being recognized for their potential.

3. Businesses invest in the next generation of talent.

The high-skill jobs that employers are struggling to fill tend to be in STEM-related fields (science, technology, engineering and math). Perhaps as another solution to narrow the skills gap, employers are turning to the next generation of workers by encouraging them to pursue STEM and other in-demand careers. Twenty-five percent of employers plan to hire high school students as interns during the next 12 months, helping to ensure that they'll have workers with the right skills to fill future positions.

4. Wages increase at all levels.

The job market is also showing signs of broader

wage pressure. While employers have been more willing to pay a premium for high-skill labor, they're now having to pay more competitive wages for entry-level jobs. Eighty-three percent plan to increase compensation for existing employees, while 66 percent will offer higher starting salaries for new employees, giving workers more leverage to negotiate.

5. Companies push for more diversity in management.

Workplace diversity remains a hot-button issue, especially when it comes to wages and leadership positions. While there is still much that needs to be done to diversify the workforce, companies expect to broaden their leadership demographics in the coming year. Fifty-five percent of employers plan to hire or promote more women for management roles, and 53 percent plan to do the same for diverse workers.

While no one can truly predict what will happen to the economy in the coming year, signs point to a healthier job market and rising wages, setting the stage for a more successful job search in 2016.

Matt Ferguson is the CEO of CareerBuilder and co-author of "The Talent Equation" (thetalentequationbook.com).

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Car Report

NAIAS Stages More than 50 Automotive World Premieres, Keeping Consumer Electronics Show At Bay



By Dale Buss

Over the past few years, the International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) has come up on the North American International Auto Show

(NAIAS) in an outside lane, like a fast-charging racer.

But the leadership of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA), which stages NAIAS, believes the burgeoning consumer technology exhibition in Las Vegas isn't actually much of a threat.

"CES has its place," Rod Alberts, executive director of the Troy-based association, told me. "But it's never going to take the place of the love of cars we have here."

Over the past decade, CES has grown as the most important global, business-to-business stage for sharing advances in consumer digital technology. At first that meant the latest in flat-screen TVs, then the latest in smartphones, then wearables.

But when digital connectivity in automobiles became one of the main drivers of the car business recently, CES rather suddenly became a hugely important platform for auto brands to demonstrate their technological chops.

And when automated driving became the latest rage a couple of years ago, car-makers began not just appearing at CES but also making important product and technology news there. Last year at CES, for instance, Mercedes-Benz introduced its F 015 self-driving concept car, which helped launch the German luxury automaker into a perceived top tier of all companies that are working on automated driving.

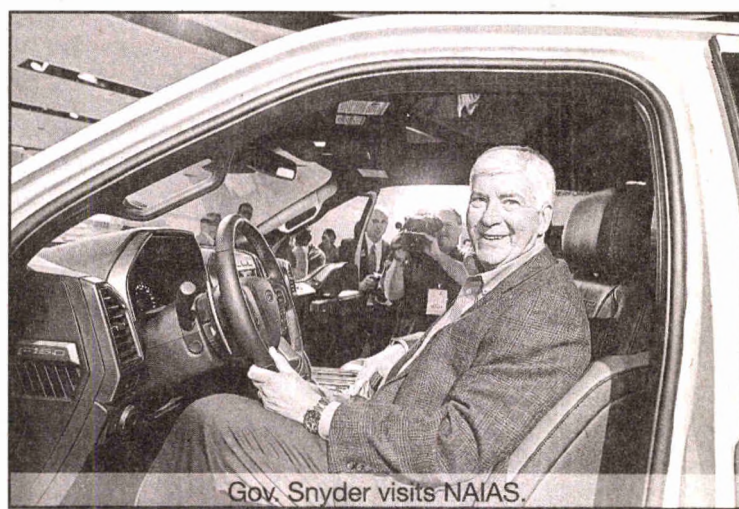
Thus already this year, some of the most interesting product and feature "reveals" in the auto industry have occurred not, as is traditional, at NAIAS in Detroit, but at CES in Las Vegas. Scores of auto-related companies converged there this year, and the CES decision to take up significantly more floor space in the city was driven in large part by the marketing needs of the makers of two-ton machines, not by the exhibit demands of smartwatch manufacturers.

Such a trend is beginning to cast a larger shadow over the Detroit auto show, particularly because CES occurs in its sunny Nevada clime just a week before the traditional NAIAS show in the second week of January, which typically — even during this previously mild winter — is snowy and chilly here.

In fact, remarkably, CES nabbed the unveiling of the production version of the Chevrolet Bolt all-electric vehicle, conducted by no less than General Motors CEO Mary Barra. Detroit's home-town Chevrolet brand only followed up with a formal introduction of Bolt at NAIAS press days on January 11.

But DADA's Alberts noted that GM's reveal of the original Bolt as a concept car occurred a year ago at NAIAS. And he said that actually only a few autos were revealed at CES this year, "and Faraday Future was one of those. But that car is way out there in the future."

By contrast, Alberts said, the Detroit show just continues to grow



Gov. Snyder visits NAIAS.

as the continent's most important stage for automotive progress and as one of the three most important in the world, which also include the biennial Tokyo Motor Show and the alternating exhibitions each year in Paris and Frankfurt.

Since the industry nadir of 2008, at the beginning of the Great Recession and amid government bailouts of GM and Chrysler, DADA has worked hard to elevate NAIAS inarguably into this top tier of global auto shows, with steps such as cooperating with a massive renovation of Detroit's once-outdated Cobo convention center. NAIAS also built and maintained an extensive electric-vehicle "test track" on the lowest floor of the hall, each year for several years, just as exhibitor and consumer interest in EVs was booming.

And Alberts and DADA built The Gallery into a huge kickoff event for NAIAS each year by inviting ultra-luxury auto buyers for a day of browsing through a

\$7-million collection of cars at Motor City Casino and eating a dinner served by Wolfgang Puck.

This year, NAIAS was the forum for more than 50 global or North American premieres of new production models, concept vehicles, new features and suppliers' new systems and components, most of them announced by the companies' top executives, ranging from Toyota Motor CEO Akio Toyoda to Pete Sella, chairman and president of Michelin North America. To chronicle them, NAIAS hosted more than 5,000 automotive journalists and other cognoscenti from 60 countries.

Those sorts of credentials continue to keep NAIAS elevated way above CES as an automotive forum. What's more, Alberts noted, his show is getting some detractors from CES — such as an awards presentation by the Autoblog web site — as well as the other way around.

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11. The owner of the property is seeking approval for Permission Requests and Dimensional Variance Requests for 1750 Saxon Dr. for the Birmingham Country Club, for accessory structures, fencing, light poles, signage, and expanding a nonconforming use of land.
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