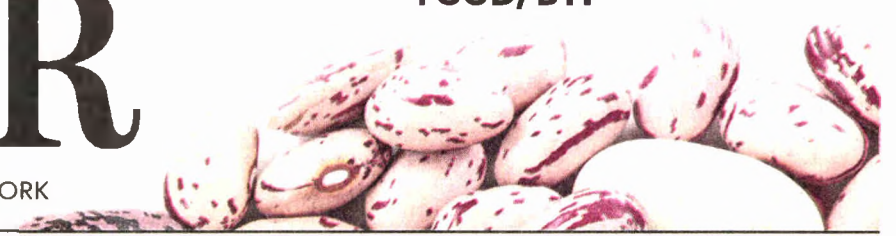


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## Heise fires back after group attacks him over bill to spur prison reform

**Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, is speaking out against a group with a website and a Facebook page that attack him over prison-reform legislation he sponsored in the Michigan House of Representatives.

The Facebook page and the site blast Heise for his "presumptive parole" bill, HB 4138, which would allow the state to release well-behaved convicts who have served their minimum sentences, except when the parole board has evidence indicating a prisoner should not be released.

The page and the site are sponsored by Citizens for Accountable Govern-

ment, with an address at a United Parcel Service mailbox in Canton Township.

Heise said his bill would allow judges and prosecutors to come up with sentences that better fit the nature of each crime, rather than following rigid guidelines, plus save on the Department of Corrections budget (which totals more than \$2 billion a year) and provide an incentive for prisoners to behave well and seek rehabilitation.

"I think every rational person agrees Michigan has too many people in prison and we're spending more than our sur-



Heise



Price

rounding states," Heise said.

The measure would not apply to people currently incarcerated, Heise noted. It would replace the state's mandatory sentencing guidelines, which were struck down by the Michigan Supreme Court last summer as unconstitutional.

The bill passed the House by a 67-39 vote Oct. 1 and was sent to the Senate.

Detractors say the bill would endanger the public by letting violent offenders out of prison early. It is opposed by Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, who said he will lobby for

amending it in the Senate.

"This is putting people in harm's way in order to cut the corrections budget," Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price said.

### Race for supervisor

Heise, who is in his third and final term in the House, is running for supervisor in this summer's township primary. He appeared before the Board of Trustees earlier this month to ask Price, who will likely also run but has not announced his plans, to sever ties with people Heise says are behind Citizens for Accountable Government.

"For people to demagogue this issue

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New Morning kids learn about salmon in the Great Lakes.

## Gone fishin'

Students' project helps Great Lakes ecosystem

**Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

A Michigan conservation legend stopped by New Morning School last week to boost students' hands-on efforts to help the Great Lakes ecosystem.

Howard Tanner, a fisheries expert, former college professor and former director of what is now the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, told students at the Plymouth Township school Jan. 21 to get informed, get involved and take action to preserve the lakes for the next generation.

"Michigan is a very, very special place. There is no other place like it," said Tanner, who explained that the Great Lakes contain 20 percent of the world's fresh water and that 41 percent of the lakes' water lies within Michigan's borders.

When it comes to water conservation, "Michigan is going to be the leader," Tanner added.

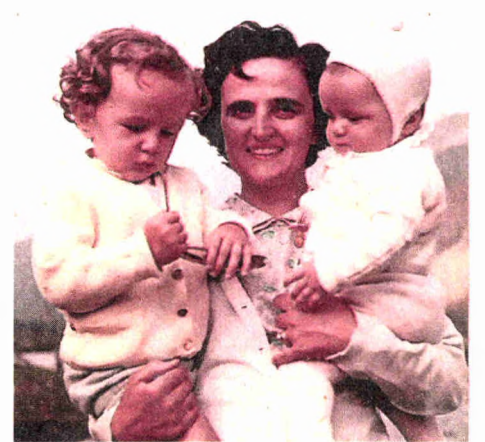
Tanner's visit was part of the school's involvement in Project FISH, or Friends Involved in Sport Fishing Heritage, which promotes lake stewardship and sport-fishing education. Through Project FISH and the DNR, New Morning is one of about 200 schools across the state in which

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Former Michigan Department of Conservation director Howard Tanner offers life lessons to students at New Morning School, as well as information about the introduction of Pacific salmon to the Great Lakes.



Gianna Beretta Molla with two of her children. An Italian doctor and pediatric specialist who died in 1962, she was canonized as a saint in 2004. A daughter, Gianna Emanuela Molla, who is also a doctor, will speak Monday about her mother's life at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

## Saint's daughter plans local appearance

**Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

It's not often that one has the opportunity to see a living connection to a saint.

But people will have that chance Monday, when the daughter of St. Gianna Beretta Molla, a 20th century Italian physician who is celebrated as a pro-life witness, speaks at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

Gianna Emanuela Molla, who followed in her mother's footsteps and also became a doctor, will speak at the church at 7 p.m. Monday about her mother's life and faith.

Gianna Beretta Molla was a 39-year-old pediatrician who already had three children when, in 1961, she underwent a delicate operation to remove a tumor from her uterus.

She was two months pregnant with Gianna Emanuela at the time and had insisted that the fetus be protected at all costs, according to an online biography sponsored by the Society of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla.

She could have chosen either to abort the pregnancy, while having the

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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](http://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 hanging 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](mailto: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](mailto:lisa@plymoutharts.com).

## Pet owners find furr-ever friends at Humane Society

Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Ryan McTigue's home has five dogs — and a 9-month-old baby. "We've got a busy household," said McTigue, spokesman for the Michigan Humane Society. "Luckily, our dogs are older. We run the gamut of breeds." The family has two labs, the other dogs mixes, plus a couple of cats who now stay with other family elsewhere. McTigue is among many animal-loving staffers and volunteers at the Michigan Humane Society, which has shelters in Westland, Detroit and Rochester Hills. He talked recently about what it takes to be a good pet owner.

"Having compassion for animals. I think that sets you off on the right foot," he said. "You certainly want to be aware of your time commitment." Puppies and kittens take more time and care. McTigue noted veterinary care costs such as yearly vaccinations. "Things sneak up on you and that's going to be a financial consideration," said McTigue, a Royal Oak resident who's been with the MHS three years said. MHS adoption counselors cover what you'll need to know and offer handouts on such topics as what to do while you're away at work in the day. "We want to make sure people leave very



JULIE BROWN  
Moo, 2, a female pit bull mix, greets Ryan McTigue of the Michigan Humane Society.

comfortable with the pet they're bringing home," he said. A couch potato

pet owner, for example, would be best with a dog rated by the MHS as "easygoing green." That five-point system for dogs goes up to "high-octane purple." "Sometimes once you get them home, it ends up being a perfect fit," he said. The MHS has a 60-day adoption guarantee in which you can get your fee back or another, more suitable pet. "We want to make sure we're making perfect matches," he said. Some pet owners feel bad returning an animal within the 60 days; McTigue noted they shouldn't and that that gives the MHS more information for adopting out the pet elsewhere. The color coding for energy levels in cats is

being tried now in Rochester Hills only. He noted cats behave differently in a shelter: "If they're in a home environment, you get a better idea of what they're like." He and others at the Michigan Humane Society see the impact of the local economy on pet owners. "When times are tough, people make a tough decision," he said, and may need to give up a pet. The MHS helps with a free pet food bank for low-income pet owners, as well as low-cost vaccinations and micro-chipping assistance. Free straw is available for doghouses. The MHS doesn't recommend pets be outdoors in winter, but aims to help those who are.

All MHS cats adopted out come micro-chipped, with a discount offered for dog micro-chipping. When animals are turned in to the MHS as missing or strays, a chip check is done immediately to try to find the owner. "People seem to be more focused on adoptions these days. We're very thankful for that," McTigue said. In the lobby of the adoption part of the Westland shelter is a large cutout of Detroit Lions player Golden Tate on an indoor window. Tate and his fiancée foster MHS dogs and are among area athletes who support the organization, McTigue said.

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is really disingenuous," Heise said Friday. "This has got a lot of support in both chambers." Heise called the committee's material misleading and a racist smear campaign. One image, on the Facebook page, shows Heise's face alongside a photo of a black man behind bars. The bill has "plenty of

safeguards," Heise said, and would not apply to the most violent offenders, who would automatically be "scored" so that "presumptive parole" would be out of their reach. It would be administered, he said, by the Department of Corrections and "their first interest is to make sure bad guys stay in jail." Heise said he expects such attacks to be part of Price's campaign for supervisor. "This is what his cam-

paign is going to be based on," he said. "It's going to be based on attacking his opponent." Citizens for Accountable Government is registered as a nonprofit corporation, with Deborah Whyman, a lawyer and former state representative from Canton Township, listed as its agent. Its purpose, as stated on organizational papers, is "To facilitate awareness and public education about issues that impact Michigan

residents." Whyman said Tuesday that she stands behind the material. "We don't believe that violent prisoners should be let out of prison early," she said. "The burden shifts from the prisoner to the prosecutor and the prosecutor doesn't need that extra burden." **Statewide issue** Whyman said Heise's legislation is a statewide issue and that she is not

involved in the contest for Plymouth Township supervisor. Price said the attacks on Heise are not off-base and pointed to law enforcement officials and prosecutors who oppose the bill. "We pride ourselves in Plymouth Township on being one of the safest, best communities to live in," he said. Anything that threatens that status, he added, "I'm going to oppose vehemently." Price said he can't

control what others do on the Web. "I have a lot of friends in politics and if people want to oppose Kurt Heise's pro-crime, soft-on-crime legislation, then they have a First Amendment right to do that," Price said. Kathleen Gray of the Detroit Free Press contributed to this story. [mjachman@hometownlife.com](mailto:mjachman@hometownlife.com) 734-678-8432 Twitter: @mattjachman

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herself at greater risk, said David Carignan, a deacon at Good Counsel who is coordinating the visit. "This is where the rubber hits the road in the faith," Carignan said. "She made it crystal clear that she would

have the operation, that nothing was to be done to harm the child." The tumor was removed and Gianna Beretta carried the child to term, but died in April 1962, a week after Gianna Emanuela was born. Carignan said Gianna Beretta's actions are a testament to the sanctity of life. She was canonized in 2004. "Our faith calls us to glorify God by how we value and protect and celebrate life," Carignan said. Gianna Emanuela Molla's appearance is sponsored by Good Counsel's Christian service commission. The talk is free, but donations will be accepted. Refreshments will be served. Good Counsel is at 47650 North Territorial, just west of Beck. [mjachman@hometownlife.com](mailto:mjachman@hometownlife.com) 734-678-8432 Twitter: @mattjachman

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Students surround the cases of water they collected at last week's basketball game between Canton and Plymouth. The water will be sent to Flint.

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students are raising Chinook salmon, from eggs, for release later this year in the rivers that feed the Great Lakes.

Tanner, 92, was head of the fisheries division of the Department of Conservation (now the DNR) in 1966, when he introduced Pacific salmon into the lakes.

The sea lamprey, an invasive species, had devastated the lakes' population of lake trout, which had fed on alewives, another invasive species. Thus, the population of alewives grew to enormous levels, to the point that beaches had to be closed when dead alewives washed up and mounds of them gathered on the sand, said Mark Stephens, director of Project FISH.

Introducing salmon had positive effects for the lakes, Stephens noted: It reduced the population of alewives and provided a fish for Great Lakes anglers, leading to a boom in the sport-fishing industry.

"A problem is just a well-designed opportunity to make things better," Tanner told students.

### Call to learn, lead

He urged students to learn about the lakes and the issues affecting them — such as the pipelines through the lakes that carry things like crude oil — and get involved. When governments make changes that better the environment, he said, it's because people pushed for those changes.

"States don't lead;

people of the states lead," he said.

Tanner defined conservation as preserving something for the greatest good — and the greatest number of people — for the longest time.

"It's your responsibility to take care of that resource and pass it on to the next generation," he said.

New Morning's salmon-raising program is for middle school students, said Nicole Pulick, a school parent who is coordinating the effort, but students at all levels are involved. Students feed the fish, clean the 75-gallon tank, test the water quality and maintain it at a proper pH level, she said. The fish are to be released into the Red Cedar River, she said, from where some of them will make their way to Lake Michigan. Schools around the state will be doing similar work.

"We're so hoping it's a great opportunity for students to understand everything that's involved," Pulick said.

New Morning had trouble with an initial batch of some 200 salmon hatched from eggs, Pulick said, with all but four dying off during the holiday break. The eggs had apparently lacked a specific nutrient, she said, which led to the fishes' premature death.

The DNR, however, restocked the school's salmon supply, allowing the project to continue.

"The DNR really wants us to be successful," Pulick said.

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## P-CEP students collect for Flint

The Canton Congress at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, with the help from some other clubs, including the Muslim Student Association and the Plymouth Congress, collected more than 120 cases of water and about \$500 in donations for the Flint water crisis. Students collected the cases of water at last week's basketball game between Canton and Plymouth.



Canton Congress board members Nathan Ewell, president, and Samantha McGrath, public relations officer.



Detroit Red Wings General Manager Ken Holland is the featured speaker at a chamber of commerce event Feb. 9 at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center.

### Holland to speak at joint chamber event

Detroit Red Wings General Manager Ken Holland will speak at a breakfast gathering Tuesday, Feb. 9, for the Livonia, Greater Farmington Area and Westland chambers of commerce.

The program — sponsored by Bright House Business Solutions, PNC Bank, Lis, McCallion, Raymor and Co. and St. Mary Mercy Hospital — will run 8-9:30 a.m. at the Schoolcraft College Vis-TaTech Center.

Holland is in his 19th season as the team's GM. During that time, the Wings have won three Stanley Cup championships. He previously held roles as a scout and assistant general manager during his 32 years with the organization. He played professional hockey until 1985, primarily in the American Hockey League, as a goaltender.

The Red Wings are in contention for their 25th consecutive berth in the Stanley Cup playoffs, which would maintain the current longest such streak among all professional sports teams.

Holland will talk about the team, the competitiveness of the National Hockey League, answer audience questions and sign autographs at the event. Admission is \$35 per person, or \$25 for members of either chamber.

For more details, call the Livonia chamber at 734-427-2122, the Westland chamber at 734-326-7222 or the Greater Farmington chamber at 248-919-6917.

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## Trial set for man accused of sex with girl under 13

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

A jury trial has been set for a 41-year-old man accused of having sex in Canton with a girl who was younger than 13 years old.

Joseph A. Apato of Sterling Heights was scheduled for trial March 17 as he appeared Friday for a pretrial hearing in Wayne County Circuit Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway's courtroom.

A Wayne County Jail deputy said Wednesday the defendant remained in jail.

Canton police say Apato was accused of meeting the victim on a social media website and arranging to meet her for sex. He could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted of two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct; two counts of second-degree CSC; one count of child sexually abusive activity; one



Apato

count of using a computer and the Internet to commit a crime; and one count of accosting children for immoral purposes.

Apato, if convicted, would face a minimum of 25 years in prison because of the girl's age, authorities have said.

Canton police led an investigation that began with reports of a missing minor. Authorities haven't disclosed other details of the case.

The case prompted Canton police to remind parents to talk with their children about meeting strangers on the Internet. Authorities also urged parents to monitor their children's social media activity.

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## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

### License-less driver's freeway ruse fails

An apparent ruse by a 21-year-old woman with a suspended driver's license failed early Friday.

The woman was arrested on the charge, police say, after getting out of her car on the freeway, just ahead of being stopped by an officer, then claiming she had not been driving. The incident occurred on eastbound M-14, near Sheldon Road, at about 3 a.m. Friday.

According to a Plymouth Township Police Department report, an officer on the freeway noticed an expired license

plate on the woman's Ford Focus and saw her driving it. The Focus slowed, the report said, and the officer slowed the patrol car in order to get behind the Focus for a traffic stop. But the Focus continued slowing, the report said, and pulled to the right shoulder. The officer pulled to the left shoulder, then backed up and crossed the freeway to get behind the Focus.

Meanwhile, the driver of the Focus and her passenger, a 20-year-old woman, got out of the car, police said. The driver got a jack and a spare tire from the trunk; asked what she was

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## CANTON CRIME WATCH

### Canton man accused of pointing gun at man, baby

A 51-year-old Canton man was accused of brandishing a semiautomatic handgun and threatening his stepdaughter's boyfriend, who was holding a 2-month-old child, a police report said.

The domestic dispute erupted shortly after 2 p.m. Jan. 20 in the 4300 block of Sherwood Circle, near Michigan Avenue and Beck. No shots were fired and no one was injured.

Police received a call that the suspect became upset after his stepdaughter's boyfriend, 29, showed up for a visit. The boyfriend and the stepdaughter, 25, have a child together, and police say he had gone to the house for a visit and to help care for the baby.

The suspect was accused of pointing a handgun at the boyfriend and the child, threatening to "do both of you," before he fled the scene with his wife in a pickup truck, according to a police report.

Police remained on the scene until the suspect and his wife returned — and both of them told police they wanted the child's father out of their home and that he had refused to leave.

Police retrieved a handgun and ammunition from the suspect's truck. The suspect denied allegations he had earlier pointed the gun and made threats during the domestic dispute.

The police report indicated the suspect was temporarily taken into custody and that Child Protective Services was being contacted. However, a police official said Tuesday that the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has denied charges in the incident.

### Overdose victim saved

Canton paramedics may have saved the life of a 31-year-old woman who apparently had overdosed on an unknown drug, a police report said.

The incident unfolded about 3 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Academy/West Point mobile home park on Old Michigan, near Michigan Avenue and Haggerty.

A friend called police to report she had found the victim unconscious on a bedroom floor. She had a bluish color and appeared to be struggling to breathe. The friend had dragged her to a bathroom and tried to awaken her by turning on the shower.

Canton police arrived and carried the woman to a living room, where paramedics could provide aid. Paramedics gave the woman a dose of Narcan, used as treatment for a narcotics overdose. She quickly became con-

scious, but she refused to reveal what drug she had taken.

She was taken to a hospital for treatment.

### Fugitive nabbed

A 23-year-old man, wanted in Georgia for a probation violation that arose from a domestic violence situation, was taken into custody by Canton police about 7 p.m. Jan. 19.

Police initially had gone to the Sam's Club store on Ford Road amid reports of a possible domestic altercation. According to a police report, officers found no altercation but, in questioning a suspect, learned he was wanted by Georgia authorities.

The suspect was taken into custody to await extradition to Georgia.

### School fight

A dispute between two 16-year-old girls over a mutual boyfriend led to a fight shortly before noon Jan. 21 at Plymouth High School, a report said.

One girl had a swollen eye and told police she had gotten into a fight with another girl, who is dating her ex-boyfriend. She said the other girl had been bad-mouthing her on Twitter.

The two girls met in a hallway and apparently agreed at first to walk away from the situation. However, the situation took a turn for the worse and led to a fight, with one girl being punched in the eye, the report said.

Police ticketed both girls for disorderly conduct and turned them over to their parents.

### Intruder scare

A 37-year-old woman called police for help and said a woman she knew was pounding on the door of her home, calling her names and trying to break in, a report said.

The alleged victim said the suspect had been calling for her husband before going to the home in the Sherwood Village mobile home park on Old Michigan. The incident unfolded about 9:45 p.m. Jan. 22.

A police report said the alleged victim was hysterical and crying when she called for help. She said the suspect, 49, also had been pounding on a bedroom window and was accompanied by a second woman.

A neighbor confirmed she had seen two women outside the house. Police issued the suspect a citation for trespassing and ordered her not to return to the home.

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# Canton police seeking credit card fraud suspect

The Canton Police Department has released a surveillance photo of a man suspected of credit card fraud at a local retailer.

Police said the fraud occurred last month at an undisclosed retail store.

Anyone with information that may lead to the identity of the suspect is asked to contact police at 734-394-5400.



CANTON POLICE  
Canton police are asking for help identifying this suspect.

# Syrian refugee resolution tabled after intense debate

**Kathleen Gray**  
Michigan.com

A debate Tuesday over whether to allow Syrian refugees into Michigan began as a discussion of protecting the safety of the state's citizens, but ended with charges of racism in the state Senate.

The non-binding resolution, sponsored by Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, urged Gov. Rick Snyder to continue his position of resettling Syrian refugees fleeing their country into Michigan.

"As the frequency and severity of ISIS attacks increase, measures are needed to protect the citizens of Michigan and the United States," Colbeck's resolution read. "The Syrian community has made many admirable contributions to our communities and state. However, without adequate screening and measures in place to distinguish true refugees from those who seek to do harm, the most responsible course of action is to proceed with extreme caution before permitting additional individuals from locating in Michigan."

Colbeck told members of the Senate Government Operations Committee that it was appropriate to target Syrian refugees because "it's the center of gravity for ISIS."

"America will always be a nation of immigrants, who have loved America and were not seeking to fundamentally transform America," he said. "But we do not have sufficient information to tell the good guys from the bad guys."

Gary Kubiak, president of the Southeast Michigan 912 Tea Party,



Colbeck

said Michigan has accepted more "unvettable" refugees per capita than any other state.

"And they're changing Michigan dramatically," he said in his remarks supporting the resolution. "This is dramatically changing the look of the state."

The opposition to the resolution was fierce. Dawud Walid, from the Council on American-Islamic Relations, noted that none of the terrorists involved in the attacks on Paris and San Bernardino, Calif., were Syrian.

"I don't see the harm that the 400 orphans we were planning to welcome (would cause). These are children who fled the violence of ISIS," he said. "I'm bewildered about what threat some poor 9-year-old or 12-year-old poses."

Muna Jondy, government relations liaison for United for a Free Syria, said the U.S. has the most vigorous vetting procedures in the world.

"Nobody uses the term 'unvettable,'" she said. "The Syrian immigrant story is that they flee persecution. They're not coming here because they have an option. They're running for their lives."

And Sen. Morris Hood, D-Detroit, said the resolution was simply racist.

"What I see here is racism," he said. "This resolution is an insult to America, an insult to our heritage. When it points out Syrian refugees and not anyone else, we've got problems. You don't talk about the movie theater in Aurora, Colo., Paris or San Bernardino. All of those things were terrorism. But are we

addressing it here? No we're not."

Colbeck bristled at the characterization.

"I normally have a lot of respect for you, but I'm very insulted that you're equating this to racism," Colbeck said to Hood. "ISIS has its center of gravity in Syria and to go off and take it down this path instead of talking about public safety is an insult."

The debate pretty much ended with that and Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof, R-West Olive, adjourned the committee without a vote on the resolution. He agreed to a hearing, he said, because of a promise he gave to Colbeck.

"I don't have any plans to take it up again," he said. "I think Sen. Colbeck and Sen. Hood have some issues they need to discuss and how they wish to speak to each other in the future."

Snyder was one of the first governors in the nation to back off of a program to resettle Syrian refugees in the state after the terrorist attacks in Paris. He said he wanted the state to thoroughly review how the refugees were vetted before resuming the settlement program. A couple of dozen Republican governors followed suit and GOP presidential hopeful Donald Trump followed it up with talk of at least temporarily banning Muslims from entering the country.

There have been no changes in policy for Snyder, his spokesman Dave Murray said: "We are working with the federal government on safety and security."

The position came after President Barack Obama said he wanted the country to accept 10,000 more Syrian refugees this year.



BRAD KADRICH

Ann Tonissen, currently principal at St. Genevieve in Livonia, will head the new regional school in Garden City.

# Regional building to replace four western Wayne Catholic schools

**Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

With enrollment declining and the financial picture fading, Ann Tonissen knew changes would be coming to the Archdiocese of Detroit Catholic schools serving western Wayne County.

She was right. The archdiocese will close four schools in the area — St. Genevieve in Livonia, St. Robert Bellarmine in Redford, St. Raphael in Garden City and St. Damian in Westland — and combine them into one regional K-8 school, beginning in August for the 2016-17 school year.

Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Regional School opens its doors on the campus of the current St. Raphael, near Merriman and Ford in Garden City. Tonissen, currently principal at St. Genevieve, will be principal at Divine Mercy.

To prepare, Divine Mercy has scheduled an open house from noon to 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31, on the grounds of St. Raphael, 3500 Beechwood, in Garden City. "We knew in advance this decision was coming," said Tonissen, in her fifth year at St. Genevieve. "In order to make it a stronger school, (the archdiocese) decided to make it a regional school."

As it has been at most public schools, enrollment in the Catholic schools has been declining in recent years. Tonissen said when she started at St. Genevieve five years ago, the school had some 175 students. Enrollment there now hovers around 100.

Students from those



BRAD KADRICH

Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Regional School opens in August on the grounds of the current St. Raphael in Garden City.

## OPENING DOORS

**What:** Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Regional School open house

**When:** Noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31

**Where:** On the grounds of the current St. Raphael, 3500 Beechwood, in Garden City

**Who:** Any parents/students interested in learning more about the school, which replaces St. Genevieve in Livonia, St. Damian in Westland, St. Raphael in Garden City and St. Robert Bellarmine in Redford

**Details:** For more information, call 734-425-9771

four parishes will now make up the student body of Divine Mercy, Tonissen said, though students from outside those areas will certainly be welcome. She said the school has a top goal of about 250 students; she'll be happy if it opens with about 200.

Tonissen was one of seven candidates to interview with the panel, which included pastors from the three churches and a couple of representatives from the archdiocese. She said she wanted the job because it provided an opportunity to start a building from the

ground up. "It's very exciting to open a new school," she said. "I've had the unfortunate experience of being at a couple of schools that have been closed. It's exciting to be there to open a new entity."

Divine Mercy will retain the same tenets of Catholic school teachings that happen at the four schools now — "It'll be the same rigorous and challenging curriculum," she said — and will look to add some "enrichment" courses — maybe a Space Camp, a LEGO camp, etc. — during the summer, something that isn't offered now.

Still, she said it's "sad" to think St. Genevieve, which started some five decades ago, will no longer be part of the educational community. Teachers at the school will try to make its final year a special one.

"There's a sadness anytime you see a school have to close," Tonissen said. "The goal is to make this year extra special, so when they leave, they know they had fun."

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## CRIME

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doing, she told the officer a wheel on the Focus felt like it was going to fall off. The car had no flat tires, police said.

The officer asked for her license and she said she had no license, showing a Michigan identification card and saying the passenger had been driving, police said. The passenger denied it, however, showing the officer her own identification.

The driver later admitted to having a suspended license, police said.

### Drunken driving

A 26-year-old man was arrested on a drunken driving charge Friday evening after admitting he had fled a property-damage accident.

The accident had occurred in Northville Township, a police report said, and police in the area were told to watch for a blue car, heading south on Haggerty, with heavy damage to the passenger side.

A Plymouth officer stopped the driver of a blue Pontiac Grand Prix, with damage to it, at Haggerty and Plymouth Road, the report said. The driver admitted he had been in a crash and said he had had five beers, police said.

He performed poorly on field sobriety tests

and, at the police station, had a blood-alcohol content of 0.20 percent as measured by a Datamaster, a type of breath-analysis device. That's more than twice the level at which one can be charged with driving while intoxicated.

### Hit and run

Someone early Jan. 19 drove a vehicle into a parked car, sending it into its owner's house and disrupting items inside.

The incident occurred on South Drive about 3:30 a.m. Police noticed damage to the parked car, a Honda, and a corner of the house, a police report said.

The complainant told police his car had been moved and that items

inside his house had shifted; police said the items were either out of place or knocked over.

Officers informed the man that his car, followed by his house, had been struck.

At a neighboring house, police said, a mailbox and a lamppost had both been run over, apparently by the same

hit-and-run vehicle.

### Identify theft

A township man tried to open an account with Comcast, the cable television, telephone and Internet company, earlier this month only to find he already had two accounts in his name — both delinquent.

The man reported the

identity theft to police after being told by Comcast's fraud department that his name and Social Security number had been used on two accounts in Ecorse; those accounts were past due, a police report said. The man told police he had never been to Ecorse.

— By Matt Jachman

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Luke Ehricht of Toledo grooms Peter, his shih-tzu, at the Jan. 22 Michigan Dog Show at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. The three-day event featured dogs from all over the Midwest and was sponsored by the Livonia and Oakland County Kennel Clubs.

# Dog show judge follows passion for canines across the country

**Susan Bromley**  
Staff Writer

Last weekend, Alan Dorfman was celebrating Novi going to the dogs as chairman of the Michigan Winter Dog Classic.

The Oakland County Kennel Club president loves the sport of showing dogs, in which he has been involved for 19 years, and hopes it doesn't go the way of horse racing, a sport whose popularity he said has declined dramatically.

"This can be a very interesting place to hang out," Dorfman said as dogs of all kinds walked by or were carried in the arms of owners and handlers and barks periodically rang out at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. "I've seen a lot of good and bad things, but overall, it's a great hobby and a great business."

Dorfman, like most of his human counterparts at the show where more than 8,500 dogs were expected to appear, loves canines and has a special affinity for boxers and standard poodles. He has five at home and two more in Florida.

Unlike most dog owners, however, he took his affection for the animals to the next level by entering the dog show world after retiring as a podiatrist in 1996. He moved to Florida and found the weather was too hot and the people too old. He was bored.

"I've got to keep busy," said Dorfman, 67, a West Bloomfield resident who now works as a paramedic in the emergency room of McLaren-Oakland. "I got tired of looking at feet; paws are a lot cuter."

After his pet died, he went to a local boxer breeder and picked out a puppy. When the dog, named T-Bone, was 5 months old, the breeder seemed to have regrets about letting him go. She asked Dorfman if he would consider showing his dog, because it was becoming clear he was the best she had ever bred.

T-Bone would go on to top 20 competition and was ranked 10th in the nation for boxers. He got into the ring the way most purebreds who show promise through both their physical stature and temperament do — by taking classes.

Dorfman does not put

his dogs in obedience class, though, as they do not ever sit in the confirmation ring.

"They learn how to go around the ring and you try to give them some brains," Dorfman said, laughing. "Boxers don't get brains until they're 5... show training gives them confidence. And they have to want to win. When they come back from the down and back, they need to look at the judge and say, 'Hey, you better pick me.'"

## Show quality

Breeders can tell a dog's owner whether their pet is show quality and dogs can get in the ring as early as 6 months. Last Friday, Dorfman, who added dog show judge to his resume in December, awarded a schipperke named Alexie, age 6 months, with a first-place ribbon for best puppy.

Alexie's competition included a Dalmatian, Chinese sharpei, French bulldog, Boston terrier and a Lhasa Apso, all of which Dorfman judged to the standard for each breed, feeling their musculature, watching their gait as they trotted around the ring with their handlers and checking their temperament.

He admits it's a subjective art, but each judge tries to come as close as they can to determining which dog best represents its breed standard, in physical appearance and temperament. To become a judge, applicants must choose which breed they want, then take that breed's anatomy exam, a procedure exam on how to judge and then pass an interview as well. After three provisional assignments, judges can apply for status as a judge for that breed, then apply for other breeds if they wish.

Dorfman will judge numerous events across the country this year, one of the most enjoyable aspects of being involved with dog shows.

"Showing dogs has taken me to places I would have never gone," he said, adding that in the last year he went to 125 shows and put 100,000 miles on a leased vehicle. "I would never imagine I would want to go to Mobile, Ala. It's so nice down there. I had never been to Pennsylvania and seen areas of the Civil War and now I have. I never knew how many



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Bill Webb (left) and Blue, his Bouvier deFlanders, await their turn in front of a judge.



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A border collie owner puts her dog through the stages of the ring at the Michigan Dog Show at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace.

different kinds of corn there are in Iowa. Now I do."

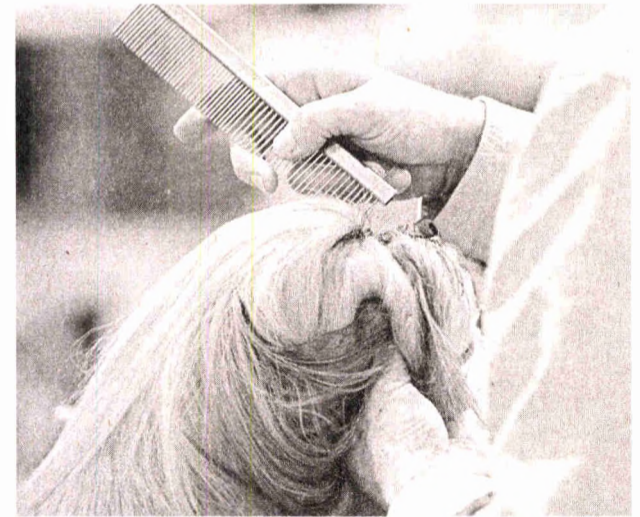
He has met a lot of people in the world of dog shows and said they are a great group that takes care of each other.

## His own champions

Over the years, Dorfman has had 20 champi-

ons and three generations of best-in-show boxers. Only purebreds can compete in confirmation shows, in which they can score points for placement. A dog must have 15 points, which is typically earned over several shows, to become an AKC champion.

He has previously



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Robert Alexander grooms Gideon, his Lhasa Apso, Jan. 22 inside Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace.

taken three of his boxers — T-Bone, Smarty and Splash — to the most famous show in the country, the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, to be held at Madison Square Garden in New York City next month and the nation's second oldest continuous sporting event (the first is the Kentucky Derby).

While Westminster is well-attended, Dorfman notes that American Kennel Club registrations are down and attendance at many other dog shows across the country has also decreased.

"People aren't breeding as much; it's expensive," he said. "I don't want to see what happened to horse racing happen to dog shows."

While other shows decline, Dorfman has

found a way to keep local shows like the Michigan Winter Dog Classic successful — by hosting events that draw families and inviting attendees to bring their own pets, including mixed breeds, for activities like dock diving and agility courses.

"Without dog shows, we'd lose breeding lines and those are important to keeping a breed healthy and according to its standards," Dorfman said. "We would also lose a place to exhibit dogs to the public and other people in the fancy."

For more information on the Oakland Kennel Club, go to [oaklandcountykennelclub.com](http://oaklandcountykennelclub.com).

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Wine tasting

Jack Demmer Ford will present, with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Holiday Market, a wine tasting 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill, 42600 Cherry Hill, Canton.

Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. You must be 21 years old to attend.

Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to the Live Like Max Foundation, which was created to develop awareness of healthy heart checks.

For more information, contact the chamber at 734-453-4040.

### Appointed to IATA

Two global aviation industry organizations want to improve passengers' travel experience and they're turning to leadership at Detroit Metropolitan Airport for help. The International Air Transport Association and Airports Council International have an-

nounced Peter Gargiulo will serve as vice chair of the IATA Passenger Facilitation Working Group.



Gargiulo

Gargiulo is director of strategy management for the Airport Authority, which operates Detroit Metropolitan and Willow Run airports. During his two-year term, Gargiulo will collaborate with representatives from airlines, airports and governments around the globe. Only one other airport representative — from Copenhagen — currently holds a seat on an IATA working group. The Passenger Facilitation group will work to improve passengers' international journeys from the time they make their reservation until they clear customs and arrive at their final destination.

"Through his industry

work and research, Peter has learned what our international customers prefer and need when they travel. His ability to forge strong relationships with our industry partners has led to real-world process improvements that are benefiting our Detroit travelers every day. We congratulate Peter and are honored to share his talents and expertise with the broader aviation and regulatory community," Airport Authority CEO Thomas Naughton said.

"The primary goal of the IATA Passenger Facilitation Working Group is to make the passenger process more secure, seamless and efficient," IATA Passenger Facilitation project manager Lisa Angiolli-Meyer said. "Peter will use his expertise to assist us with integrating operations among airlines, airports and governments."

Gargiulo's term officially began Jan. 13.

## Down market may be good time to convert to Roth IRA

There's no doubt that markets have recently taken a retreat. How long markets will stay low is anyone's guess. As I've mentioned in the past, when markets are volatile, investors need to be cautious. That being said, investors should also look for opportunities when markets temporarily head south. One of the opportunities investors should explore is a Roth conversion.

There are two basic types of IRAs: a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA. The main difference is how they are taxed. In a traditional IRA, money grows on a tax-deferred basis; when money is withdrawn, it is subject to ordinary income tax. In addition, in a traditional IRA, once you turn 70½, you must begin taking required minimum distributions. In a Roth IRA, the tax consequences are totally different. First, money in a Roth IRA grows tax-free; when money is withdrawn, there are no taxes owed. In addition, Roth IRAs are not subject to required minimum distributions. You can let a Roth IRA grow tax-free for as long as you choose.

For those who have money in a traditional IRA, a conversion is where you take money from the traditional and move it into a Roth. The advantage is that you've converted tax-deferred money into tax-free money and you're not subject to the 70½ rule. Doing a Roth conversion not only makes sense



Rick Bloom  
MONEY MATTERS

economically, but also from a tax standpoint. When markets are down, it allows you to convert more shares from a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA.

Let's say you owned a stock that a few months ago was selling for \$15 a share, but it is now selling for \$10 a share. If you owned 100 shares of that stock and you converted it when it was \$15 a share, you would have a \$1,500 tax consequence. If you did it at \$10 a share, the tax consequence would only be \$1,000. Because markets are temporarily low, it creates opportunities for more and more people to take advantage of a Roth IRA conversion.

My general rules for doing a Roth IRA conversion are 1) You have to have the money to pay the tax on the amount converted without touching any of the converted funds; 2) Paying the tax on the conversion would not throw you into a higher tax bracket and 3) You can leave the money in the Roth IRA for at least five years. If you meet those requirements, converting into a Roth IRA can make sense.

I am a big fan of Roth IRAs and I encourage more and more people to look into them. My reasoning is twofold. Money growing tax-deferred is not worth nearly as much as money growing

tax-free. Also, I believe they give you greater flexibility than a traditional IRA. There are many people who, once they turn 70½, don't need the money and would prefer to let it in the traditional IRA, growing on a tax-deferred basis. You can't do this because of required minimum distributions. In a Roth IRA, you have flexibility because you can let it grow tax-free for as long as you choose.

Many people who consider a Roth IRA conversion generally wait until the end of the year. Why wait? If you're thinking about doing a Roth conversion, the down market creates an excellent opportunity for you.

Like everything else in the financial world, Roth IRA conversions are not for everyone. If you meet the three criteria that I've outlined above, a Roth IRA conversion can provide an excellent opportunity for you.

You and I cannot control the market, but we can look for opportunities to take advantage of it. The key is, don't procrastinate or try to time the market. Since the market has taken a significant downturn, now is a great opportunity to take advantage of a Roth conversion.

Good luck!

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## Legislators seek change in law governing state's historic districts

Michigan property owners would have more influence in the formation and administration of the state's historic districts under legislation introduced Tuesday in the state Legislature to modernize Michigan's Historic Districts Act.

Currently, new historic districts are determined by commissions at the state level with little input from communities, which may negatively impact property owners. "Our bill to modernize a law written 45 years ago strikes the right balance between protecting private property owners' rights and historic preservation," said Rep. Chris Afendoulis, R-Grand Rapids Township. "This will help many communities maintain their historic identity, while ensuring private property owners have a greater voice."

House Bill 5232 and Senate Bill 720, sponsored by Afendoulis and Sen. Peter MacGregor, R-Rockford, respectively, would revise the Historic Districts Act to allow more local input by:

» Requiring new districts to receive the support of at least two-thirds of property owners within a proposed district.

» Expanding local review of proposed projects.

» Allowing property owners to appeal to city councils or township boards about historic districts.

Written in 1970, the current law leaves historic district creation in the hands of "study commissions" that are composed solely of preservation activists. As a result, private property rights are not considered. Additionally, exact boundaries of a proposed historic district can be changed without notice or input from affected property owners through decisions made in Lansing, not local communities.

"It is important that historic districts have the support of our communities before they are enacted," MacGregor said. "This common sense legislation, therefore, ensures private property owners and construction experts are represented when considering the state's historic districts."

The legislators said modernizing the Historic Districts Act will allow local communities to decide whether they want to embrace new high-tech construction materials and new technology like energy-effi-

cient windows.

"Modern construction practices and cutting-edge building materials and windows now allow private property owners to improve and reinvest in ways that are cost-effective and environmentally sound, while maintaining historical integrity and consistency," said Rep. Jason Sheppard, R-Temperance. "This legislation provides much-needed updates, allowing for flexibility at the local level, and has the potential to incentivize — as opposed to discourage — reinvestment, improvements and upgrades to aging properties."

"As someone who has seen the building and construction industry undergo major changes since the 1960s, I understand firsthand how our outdated Historic Districts Act hampers renovation and investment," said Terry Kleiman, founder of Lasting Details, a Lansing company that makes historically accurate building details, using computers and cellular PVC. "Building materials have changed, technology has changed, methods have changed. Policies about historic districts must modernize, too."



The Community Choice Foundation Scholarship Program awarded 20 metro Detroit high school students a total of \$100,000 in scholarships in 2015 for pledging to attend college in Michigan and committing to give back to the state by building their careers here.

## Community Choice accepting applicants for college scholarships

Community Choice Credit Union is accepting applications for its annual scholarship program, which awards \$100,000 in scholarships to graduating high school students who pledge to attend college in Michigan and commit to giving back to the state by building their careers here.

Now in its eighth year, the Community Choice Scholarship Program is one of the largest scholarship programs in the credit union industry both in Michigan and nationally. It has awarded more than \$700,000 in scholarships to 140 students in the Detroit area

since 2009.

"The Community Choice Scholarship Program was created at the height of the Great Recession as a way to entice Michigan's young talent to stay in-state," Robert Bava, president and CEO of Community Choice Credit Union, stated in a release.

New this year, Community Choice announced that the scholarship program is opening eligibility to all high school seniors in the state.

Scholarships of up to \$5,000 each will be awarded to those who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement,

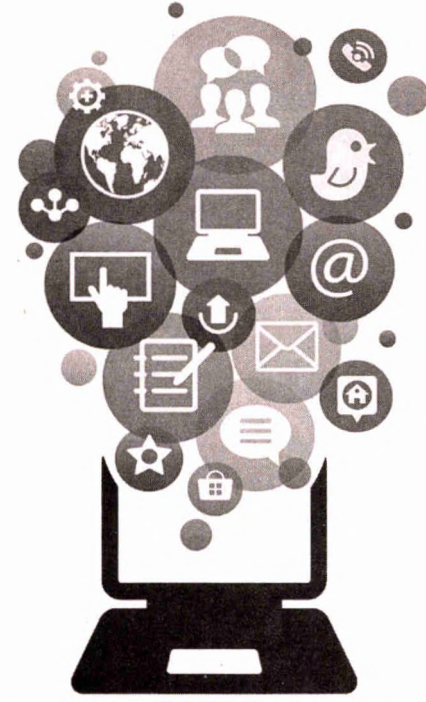
involvement in extracurricular activities and dedication to community service.

Eligible applicants must plan on attending a Michigan college or university and must pledge to stay in Michigan after college. Applicants will be evaluated based on grade-point average, dedication to serving their community and a written essay.

Applications are being accepted online at [communitychoicefoundation.com](http://communitychoicefoundation.com) through Feb. 15.

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## OUR VIEW

### State law limiting officials' right to speak a mistake

Free speech issues arise often in our country. They can be thorny for courts to resolve in many cases, in which competing and often valid interests and viewpoints must be balanced.

Newspapers, which have a particular interest in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, often rally to the cause not merely for self-interest, but for the larger principles involved.

Public officials, such as township board members, city council members, school superintendents and library directors, also have their free speech rights under the U.S. Constitution. A new law signed by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder has many of them concerned about their speaking as it relates to millage and bond votes.

Derek Fisher, superintendent of the Garden City Public Schools, said, "The sad irony is the spirit of the initial legislation started out solid" with election reform. "In my estimation, it makes it incredibly

difficult" to inform voters on millage renewals and bond issues.

"We're about transparency, we're about educating the public," said Fisher, citing the Garden City Schools millage renewal about a year and a half ago when he was Garden City High School principal. Voters wanted to know how money was to be spent, and educators explained purposes such as the high school parking lot and elementary school boilers."

Other public officials have spoken out against the new law. On the millage and bond measure, state Rep. Julie Plawewski, D-Dearborn Heights, said, "We (legislators) were given 10 minutes. I never even saw the bill. School districts are very upset, which I do not blame them. I personally think there are going to be a lot of lawsuits."

The law limits discussions on the millage and bond measures 60 days out before an election. Certainly, it's inappropriate for officials to use their

platform to strong-arm voters into voting a certain way.

Civic leaders have every right, we believe, to share their views and make their case before voters.

An informed electorate is the best electorate and voters can make informed decisions only with facts. Professional organizations for school administrators, the Michigan Library Association and others are now mulling their options on this law.

We're glad to see new legislation proposed that would strike out the language prohibiting public officials from sharing their views on upcoming ballot issues. But the law, as approved, does much more, including effectively increasing the donation limits from special interest groups.

We believe in this case the law should be repealed and basic First Amendment rights restored to those who serve in a public capacity.

## LETTERS

### Back at work?

Now that our part-time (full-time pay) law-makers are back for a couple of weeks, I understand that they are going to pass a law forbidding left-hand turns in Michigan. Also I wonder how fast the state would have acted if lead had been found in the water in Grand Rapids or Lansing.

Clement Skiba  
Canton

### End fireworks

In July 2015, I had numerous issues with neighbors using fireworks. My dog is traumatized. My home, the brick, windows, roof and yard have been hit by

debris. I have heard and seen the hits on my windows. My brick has white marks on it and my roof had remnants of rockets and shell devices.

I spent a lot of time cleaning my yard. I spent a lot of time trying to comfort my dog and determine the best time to take the dog out to do his business. I spent a lot of time not sleeping as the fireworks went on and on, past the "legal" time. This is all minor compared to the trauma that military veterans with PTSD must have experienced. It is also minor compared to those who may have lost their lives or have been injured due to fireworks. Is the state's revenue

of a few million dollars worth the trauma, potential harm to property and individuals and loss of life? No.

There are House Bills 4725 and 4726 and Senate Bills 450 and 451 that will repeal the 2011 Michigan Fireworks (non) Safety Act.

I encourage all constituents to write their senators and state representatives to pass these important bills. If there is action, perhaps the 2011 Michigan Fireworks (non) Safety Act can be repealed before the Fourth of July!

Karen Curtsinger  
Canton

### How can Flint water problem be fixed?

I'll admit, I take my clean Northville water for granted. I never think twice about quaffing a (filtered) glass of it straight from the tap, nor standing under a soul-satisfying hot stream of it at the end of a long, tiring day.

My appreciation for this underrated commod-

ity gets nudged upward every time I hear about denizens of third world countries having to lug buckets of water from communal wells or becoming sickened by contaminated sources. But these are places far removed from the sphere of American water infrastructure norms. We might expect to see such trouble spots championed on the cover of a national news weekly like *Time*, but certainly not from Flint. Yet Flint's water woes are precisely what the feature article, "The Poisoning Of An American City" in the Feb. 1, 2016, issue of *Time* focuses on.

While I confidently sip hot tea brewed from Northville municipal water, kids in Flint are having their health perhaps irrevocably compromised by the lead-tainted water their families pay to have pumped into their homes. Why? Isn't America better than this? Better than prioritizing money over health? Better than pro-

ceeding half-cocked without all due caution and prudent risk assessment? Better than inadvertently positioning itself in the media glare as its own, incompetent and short-sighted worst enemy?

To call this debacle a travesty would be an understatement. The question is, how does such an egregious, large-scale wrong ever get righted? The federal money promised by Obama will fix Flint's lead-leaching pipes, but is that any consolation to parents whose children will retain the legacy of this regrettably avoidable disaster long after it has been rectified?

Ken Kilpatrick  
Northville

### The right move

Getting rid of the straight-ticket voting was the right move. It is the only reason that some dismal performing candidates are able to continually get re-elected. To maintain integrity in our voting system, we should

have a few expectations: 1. That anyone voting should have appropriate identification; 2. That we should have the right to vote for the best candidate for the job regardless of political party; 3. That the ballot proposals be written in clear and concise language at an appropriate age level for the population.

If these few expectations cause problems, then change the process. Suggestions: improve the methodologies for getting identification, allow more absentee voting, increase the time allotment for voting (for example, allow voting to start the day prior at 6 p.m. and continue throughout Tuesday, thereby allowing a full 24-hour time window).

Disallowing public education on any issue 60 days prior to an election makes no sense. The public should be well-educated on any issue. Where is the logic on this?

Gloria Kulpa  
Plymouth

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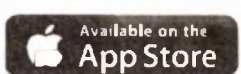


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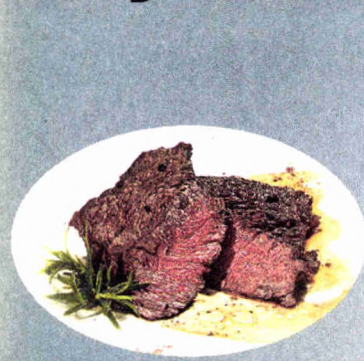


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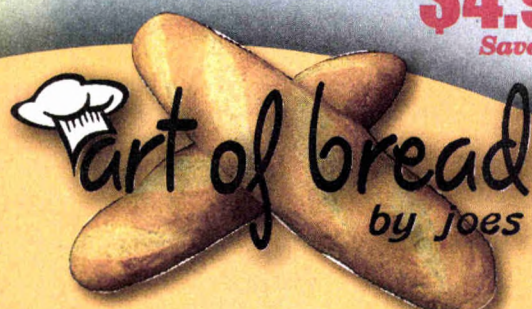
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Plymouth goalie Trevor McManus tracks the puck while Salem players Joey Driscoll (left) and Shawn Weldon try to make good on the scoring chance. MICHAEL VASILNEK

MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Ocelots starting to click

Triple-double by Black, big game by Biles, key Schoolcraft's 94-65 win

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The disappointment of forfeiting six early-season wins is long gone as far as Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team is concerned.

Saturday's 94-65 victory over visiting Delta Community College merely provided the Ocelots another opportunity to move back up in the conference standings and keep pushing toward what they hope is another crack at a national title.

"It's on us; we definitely have it in us," Schoolcraft head coach Abe Mashhour said about whether his team could turn the page from the forfeits. "It's just a matter of getting everybody to buy into their role and give everything they have for the team and not look for their own stuff, which sometimes we fell into the trap of doing in some of our games earlier."

Sparked by the first triple-double in the Schoolcraft career of sophomore guard Dre Black (Westland John Glenn), the Ocelots were in full-on share-the-ball mode against the Pioneers.

Eleven of 12 Schoolcraft players registered at least one point in the victory, which upped Schoolcraft's forfeit-

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO  
Battling for a rebound Saturday are Delta's Allante Wheeler (left) and Schoolcraft's Davon Taylor. Wheeler and Taylor faced each other during their high school careers, with Salem and Canton, respectively.

# 'CATS KEEP THE CUP

Plymouth roars back from early deficit to defeat Salem, 6-2

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The Lash Cup is Plymouth's for another season following Saturday's 6-2 boys hockey victory over Salem at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton.

After spotting Salem a quick 1-0 lead just under four minutes into the KLAASouth Division contest, the Wildcats struck for three unanswered goals to go up 3-1 after one period.

From there, Plymouth (8-7-1 overall) kept the cylinders clicking in full force and — backed by excellent goalkeeping by Trevor McManus — was able to keep the Rocks at bay.

"Winning the Lash Cup is one of the goals we set at the beginning of the year and winning it back to back is even more special," Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento said. "We know we have more work to do and,

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Plymouth's Jake Silvester (right) closes in on Salem puck carrier Evan Newel during Saturday night's game at Arctic Edge Arena. MICHAEL VASILNEK

OBSERVERLAND TOURNEY PREVIEW

## Rocks ready to roll at Observerland

Salem coach still sees value in tradition-packed wrestling tournament

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Ask Jeremy Henderson about the Observerland Wrestling Tournament and he'll answer that it remains a benchmark event steeped in tradition.

Beginning 9 a.m. Saturday at Livonia Churchill High School, the 25th annual tour-

ney won't feature as many squads as in previous years. But that's no matter to Henderson, Salem's coach, who while in high school competed at the Observerland and now is taking his 'A' team to the tourney.

"Observerland is tradition to Salem," Henderson wrote in an email. "A tournament a lot of our kids look forward to. It might not be as tough as what it once was, but still some decent teams there."

"I think it's still an opportunity to get better and there's still some good competition."

Salem had success at the 2015 event, placing sixth out of 16 teams and featuring two individual champions — Roy Foster at 189 pounds and 2015 grad Mitchell Gross at 215.

Gross was named upperweights Most Valuable Wrestler, with Farmington Harrison's Mike Volvanyuk the top performer for the lower weights.

One familiar rival not making the trek to Churchill is Plymouth, which last year took only a couple of varsity

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LISA BUSHAW  
Salem's Roy Foster (right) is shown competing during last year's Observerland tournament at Livonia Churchill. He and his teammates will be back for Saturday's event.

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE CLUB HOCKEY

# STILL NEW, BUT IMPROVED

Addition of Observerland-area players helps Ocelots notch second victory of season

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Just a few days after Nick Borg found out Schoolcraft College had a men's hockey team, he was standing on the Redford Arena ice tending goal for the Ocelots.

And Borg — a Canton High School alum who often was bombarded with shots during his career with the Chiefs — was right at home Saturday afternoon against Ferris State University.

Borg was pelted with plenty of rubber, particularly from the second period on. But he was able to hang in there and ultimately backstop Schoolcraft to a 6-5 shootout victory. In the shootout, he denied Shawn Miele and Alex Terarkian.

And Schoolcraft got it done at the other end, with Vince Glenn (a Livonia Stevenson product and another recent addition to the Ocelots' club squad lineup) and Derek Klisz beating Bulldogs goalie Ryan Running.

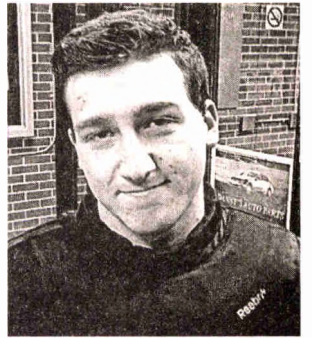
"I decided to come out last Wednesday," said Borg, who didn't even have a proper Schoolcraft jersey for the game. "A couple guys I knew asked me to come play. They just asked me."

"I don't mind taking the shots. If they keep them out wide, I can get them most of the time. Defense moved the puck



Brandon Buckenberger of Schoolcraft College's men's hockey team digs for a loose puck in front of the Ferris State goal last weekend at Redford Arena.

RENA LAVERTY



Goalie and Canton alum Nick Borg recently joined Schoolcraft's club team. He earned Saturday's win against Ferris State.

well, they got it out of the zone. The guys broke out well and played their game, came up big."

Schoolcraft coach Rob Lindsay also praised the work of his new goalie.

"(Borg) was superb; he was top-notch tonight," Lindsay said. "He made some big saves. What I liked most of anything, he was getting the puck on his stick and making nice passes out to our wings, who were regrouping, coming back into the zone."

**Needed to upgrade**

Lindsay said he brought Borg into the fold along with several other Observerland players, such as defenseman Glenn and forward Alex DeFlorio (one goal each against Ferris State), in

order to up the level of talent. Saturday's win improved Schoolcraft's record to 2-5.

"We had to step it up and get it to the college level," Lindsay said. "We had a few guys that didn't even have travel experience that were on the team."

"We just stepped it up, because we can't keep losing games. We had to win some games and tonight was the night. I think we're going to be OK the rest of the way."

He emphasized that none of the players on his original roster were cut, although co-captain Brendan Barger did leave the team to attend flight school in another state.

One of the original players still making an

impact is forward Andrew Lindsay, who scored a key goal in the third period.

"It's always good getting the monkey off your back. It's been a couple games since I scored," Andrew Lindsay said. "I waited back behind (Brandon) Buckenberger, the puck came my way and I buried it five-hole."

"We really needed this win. There's going to be a lot more jump to the season, I can tell you that."

His goal made gave Schoolcraft a 5-3 lead with 9:31 remaining in the third; the Ocelots had broken a 3-3 tie in the first minute of the period, when DeFlorio skated down the right wing and blasted a high shot from the circle.

But the Bulldogs forced overtime on two goals in the final 5:30, including the equalizer with 4:49 to go (on a rebound goal by Lance McLean).

Both goalies were tested during the five-minute extra session, forcing the teams to decide the non-conference tilt in a shootout.

The Ocelots got off to a quick start when Sheldon Varhol (from Brock Bacher and Klisz) and Andrew Nowak (from Mike Lesko) scored in the first period.

Glenn then one-timed a laser from the right face-off dot that Running had no chance on, making it 3-0 at 3:26 of the middle period.

Ferris State roared back to tie the game 3-3

entering the third but, on this day, the Ocelots were not to be denied — even if it required OT and a shootout.

"They're a great team. We won the first period, they won the second, but we came together between the second and third. We came out with a fire under us," Andrew Lindsay said. "We wanted to beat these guys. They beat us the first three times but, for the most part, you got to give credit where it's due."

"Everybody worked together and I'm really proud of the guys."

**CHANGES TO ROSTER, SKED:** Meanwhile, the team will look to keep positive momentum rolling, thanks to the additions of Borg, Glenn, DeFlorio and others.

Rob Lindsay said the remaining influx of new players includes: Livonia Churchill's Justin Reinholtz and Justin O'Brien; Stevenson's Cole Christie; Trenton's Mike Lesko; and Carleton Airport's Tucker Senne.

Some changes to the schedule also were announced. Remaining home games (all at Redford Arena, on Beech Daly south of I-96) are: Friday, Feb. 5, 8:50 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 6, 4:20 p.m. vs. LSSU; Sunday, Feb. 7, 2 p.m. vs. Adrian College; Friday, Feb. 19, 10 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 20, vs. Ferris State; Friday, Feb. 26, 9 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 27, 6:50 p.m. vs. Washburn.

For more information, go to Schoolcraft College Hockey Club's Facebook page (SCHockeyClub).

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STAR WARS NIGHT

## The 'Force' ready to take over USA Hockey Arena for a good cause

NTDP U18s wearing 'Star Wars' jerseys Saturday evening

USA Hockey's National Team Development Program recently unveiled its specialty jersey design for Star Wars Night, scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday at USA Hockey Arena.

The game will pit the U.S. National Under-18 Team against the Green Bay Gamblers of the United States Hockey League.

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USA Hockey NTDP players will wear this Star Wars-themed jersey Saturday night. Jerseys will be auctioned online following the game.

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Among the festivities planned for Star Wars Night are appearances by characters from the beloved film franchise and extended universe,

as well as a ceremonial puck drop.

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USA Hockey is also

offering special tickets that, when purchased, a portion goes directly back to the hospital.

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BOYS HOCKEY



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

There's a scrum for the puck between Novi and Northville players during Saturday's Baseline Classic at Clark Park.

## Northville freezes rival Novi in Baseline Outdoor Classic

**Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

With the lights shining on top of the Ambassador Bridge as a back-drop, the recent Baseline Outdoor Classic at Clark Park in southwest Detroit between the Northville and Novi boys hockey teams certainly lived up to its billing.

The late afternoon conditions Jan. 16 even proved favorable to the fans as well, as temperatures hovered near 30 degrees with just a slight wind.

Dann scored the game's first two goals, at 11:54 of the opening period and midway through the second.

Things got a little more interesting in the third period, when dusk settled and the lights had to be turned on.

Unable to generate any offense through the first two periods, the Wildcats made a game of it just 45 seconds into the third on Zach Perpich's power-play goal off a quick feed in front from Brennan Martin.

Novi continued to apply pressure on a late power play, but took an untimely elbow penalty with 3:21 remaining.

That led to a Northville power-play goal just 1:18 later, when Anthony Solack snuck the puck past Novi goalie Josh Richardson.

LASH

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while we are proud of winning the Lash Cup, we don't base our season on it."

Every season, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park team with the best record in head-to-head match-ups against the other two campus rivals (Plymouth, Canton, Salem) is awarded the prestigious trophy.

Nick Callegari was the bright spot for the Rocks (8-6-2), scoring both of the team's goals. His first was unassisted at 3:44 of the opening period.

The Wildcats responded with goals by Jack



MICHAEL VASILNEK  
Plymouth's Nick Yankee (right) mixes it up with Salem's Marty Mills during Saturday night's game.

Chumley, James Baldwin and Ricky Covault — the latter two just 15 seconds apart.

Plymouth padded the lead to 5-1 on goals in the

middle period by Alex Chartrand and Ryan Radwan.

Salem then cut the deficit to 5-2 with 5:36 left in the second on

Callegari's power-play goal from Marty Mills and Shawn Weldon).

That was the only success the Rocks had with the extra man in

seven attempts. Closing out the scoring at 4:13 of the third was Plymouth senior defenseman and captain Kyle Kozler (one goal, two assists), on the power play.

Setting up the goal were Zack Wiener (three assists) and Covault.

Vento pointed to the strong work between the pipes by McManus (21 saves), as well as the fact there were many contributors on offense.

"Trevor was solid in net and made the big saves when we needed them," Vento said. "We had six different scorers tonight and it is that type of balance we are going to need to be successful. Tonight was a solid team win with everyone

playing a part in it."

Saturday also was the canned food drive co-hosted by the Wildcats and Plymouth United Way. Vento said it was successful again, although he did not have details.

**CHURCHILL 4, PLYMOUTH 3:** On Friday at Arctic Edge, Plymouth fell behind 4-0 and nearly rallied in the third behind goals by Josh Weber, Zack Wiener and Derek Szczepanik.

**(GIRLS HOCKEY) PCS PENGUINS 2, BLOOMFIELD HILLS 1:** The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins edged Bloomfield Hills in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League contest Friday.

The Penguins (6-3) were held off the scoreboard until the third period, when Michelle Cirino and Brianna Waggoner scored unassisted goals that swung the game PCS' way. Earning the victory in goal was Natalie Nowicki.

Bloomfield Hills dropped to 4-5 with the defeat.

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PREP WRESTLING

# After big week, Shamrocks sitting at No. 1

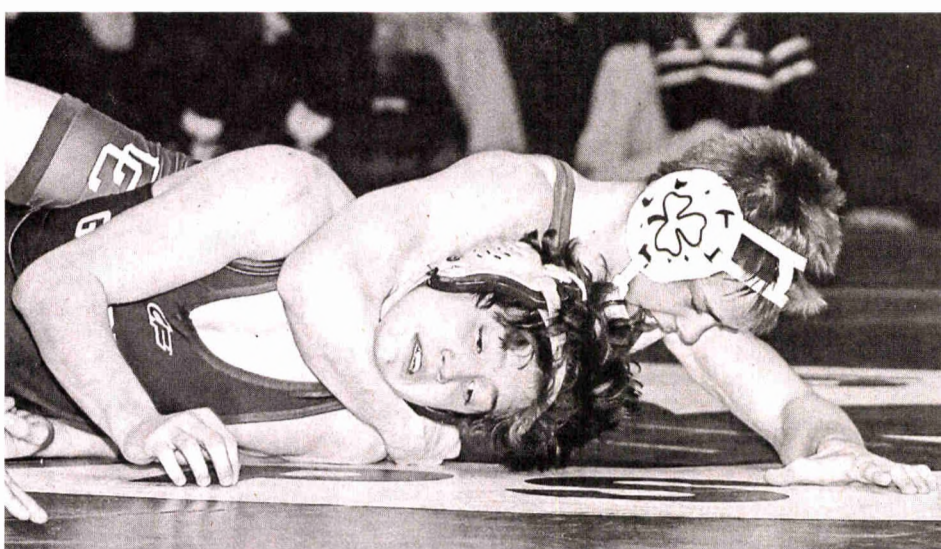
CC pins Goodrich on senior night

**Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

For the first time in 16 months, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling team has the target on its back after earning the top spot in the Division 1 state rankings by MichiganGrappler.com.

The Shamrocks earned the top billing after defeating three of the state's top 10-ranked teams in Division 1, including host Brighton (Jan. 15) along with Hartland and Grandville (Jan. 16) at Central Michigan University's McGuirk Arena (site of this year's team state finals Feb. 26-27).

On Jan. 20, the Shamrocks continued to roll with a convincing 50-12 senior night triumph over



SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central's Stone Moscovic (top) decisioned Goodrich's Dominic Edwards, 4-2, at 119 pounds.

Goodrich, the No. 3-ranked team in Division 2.

CC won 12 of 14 matches while scoring bonus points in seven.

"That's a testament to our seniors and the work they've put into getting this team back to the top," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "That's a really good

team (Goodrich). Those guys beat Clarkston and Eaton Rapids and lost a tight dual to Brighton earlier in the year. Our guys performed really

well and did a nice job in picking up bonus points."

Aaron Rehfeldt (135 pounds) scored a pin, while Ben Kamali (112) making his varsity debut, and Tyler Morland (171) both won by a technical fall for the Shamrocks.

Earning a major decision for CC were Kevon Davenport (125), Cameron Amine (130), Aiden Waugh (145) and Nick Jenkins (285).

"I thought our guys were very aggressive tonight," said Hancock, whose team improved to 10-5 overall. "We scored 39 take-downs to their six. We have to continue building on this and continue to improve."

Other wins came from Rhett Newton (103), Stone Moscovic (119), Conor Cox (160) and Conner Curnutte (189), while Jackson Ross (215) won by forfeit.

Meanwhile, Kamali,

Amine and Morland all defeated top 10-ranked wrestlers.

"I was worried about their legs, seeing that haven't had a day off in over a week," Hancock said. "They looked great tonight as I think they were very motivated to send the seniors out the right way."

**DUAL MATCH RESULT**  
**DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 50**  
**GOODRICH 12**

**103 pounds:** Rhett Newton (CC) decisioned Tristin Katulski, 7-2; **112:** Ben Kamali (CC) won by technical fall over Caleb Teague, 21-6; **119:** Stone Moscovic (CC) dec. Dominic Edwards, 4-2; **125:** Kevon Davenport (CC) won by major dec. over Carson Turnbow, 19-8; **130:** Cameron Amine (CC) won by major dec. over James Penfold, 17-6; **135:** Aaron Rehfeldt (CC) pinned Cody Orcutt, 3:53; **140:** Nathan Ellis (Goodrich) p. Joe McGrath, 2:39; **145:** Aiden Waugh (CC) won by major dec. over Sebastian Foglio, 10-1; **152:** Honour Kline (Goodrich) p. Tyler Johnson, 2:33; **160:** Conor Cox (CC) dec. Nick Foglio, 3-2; **171:** Tyler Morland (CC) won by tech. fall over John Penfold, 24-9; **189:** Conner Curnutte (CC) dec. Alex Van Fletteren, 4-1; **215:** Jackson Ross (CC) won by void; **285:** Nick Jenkins (CC) won by major dec. over Blake Coffell, 11-3.  
**CC's dual match record:** 10-5 overall.

## TOURNEY

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starters as well as some junior varsity performers and finished 13th out of 16 teams. Canton has not participated in several years.

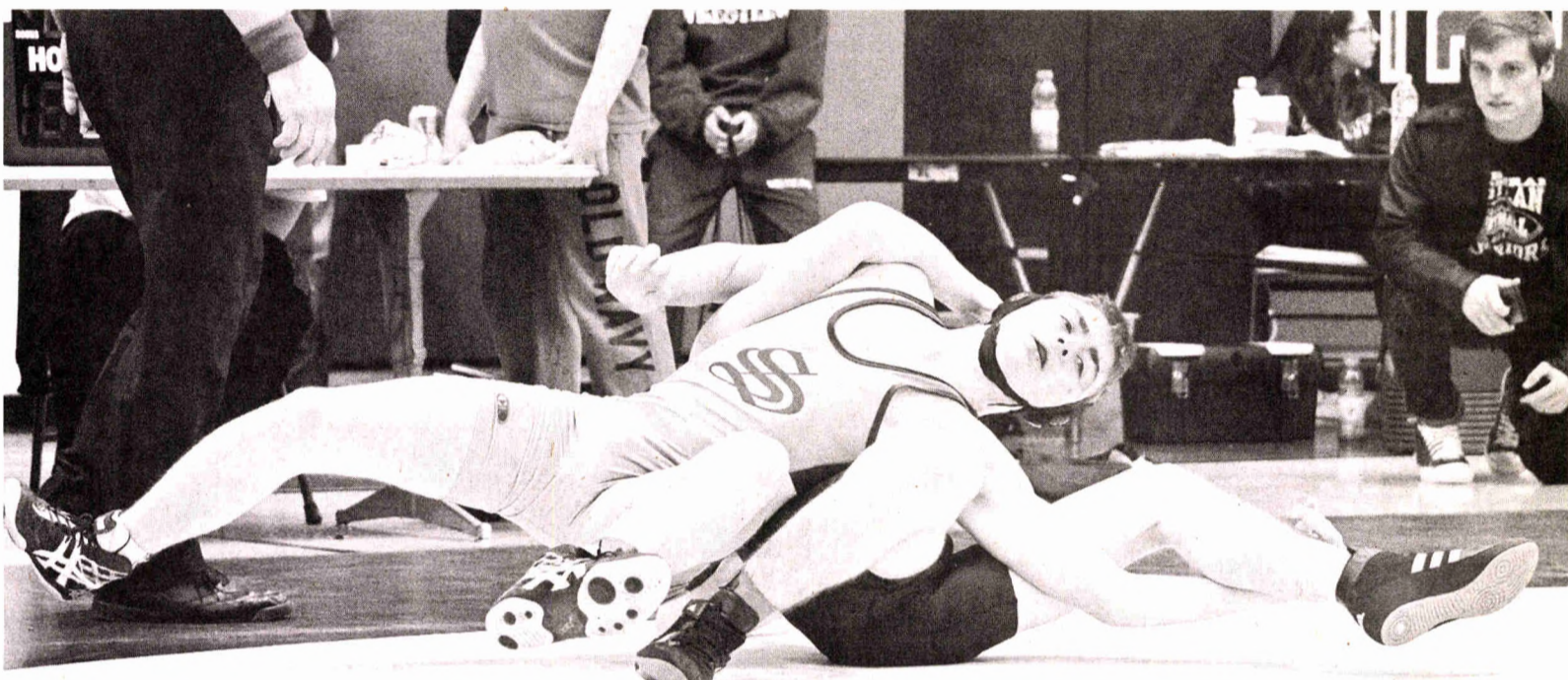
According to Wildcats head coach Quinn Guernsey, a logjam of high-stakes competition — often against the same opponents — is one reason he decided not to participate this year.

Another reason is giving his wrestlers a chance to nurse various bumps and bruises.

"I was going to send some backups, but (the Wildcats are) so beat up right now, I don't have very many," Guernsey wrote in a text message.

On Wednesday, for example, Plymouth was scheduled to square off against top KLAA South Division rivals Churchill and Livonia Franklin in a key quad meet. Salem also is wrestling in a division quad Wednesday, however.

Guernsey might consider returning to Observerland in the future, but only if the level of competition ramped up, perhaps with some new entrants to spice things up.



LISA BUSHAW

Competing during a match at last year's Observerland is Salem's Bruce Haslitt.

### OBSERVERLAND PRIMER

The 25th annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament will begin 9 a.m. Saturday at Livonia Churchill, with the finals slated for 5:30 p.m.

Admission is \$5 and brackets will be available at the door. Concessions will be on hand throughout the day.

"If some teams got more competitive," Guernsey explained. "The Farmington area,

for example, or if we brought in like one or two teams from outside the area.

"The teams that are competitive we see already at (the) Wayne County (Invite) or we wrestle duals against them."

Henderson, meanwhile, said he understands why some coaches either are sending 'B' teams or scratching Observerland off their schedule altogether.

He just would like to see it return to the way it used to be.

"I do wish we could do something and get this tournament back to what it was," Henderson noted. "But I understand why teams are pulling out at the same time."

Despite the loss of some high schools from the tournament, Hen-

derson listed others that would still be good for his wrestlers to face, including "the Farmingtons, Redford Union, Clarenceville, Lutheran Westland, teams we don't get to see."

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PREP GYMNASTICS

# Plymouth eclipses 140 mark behind seniors Metz, Simu

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Staff Writer

Plymouth's varsity gymnastics team held its own Tuesday night against two KLAA opponents who likely will be in the mix for a state title.

In a double dual at Plymouth, the Wildcats finally broke the 140-point plateau with a stellar 142.5 — falling just short of unbeaten Howell (143.7), while edging Brighton (141.85).

The Bulldogs entered the night undefeated.

"Today was our season high," Wildcats head coach Pam Yockey said. "The kids hit their routines.

"There have been days where half of the team has hit and half of the team hasn't. Today everybody hit, so it was a really good meet."

Leading the charge for Plymouth (3-3 overall) were senior co-captains Haley Metz and Rebeca Simu.

Metz, who last season set a school record on uneven parallel bars with 9.425, shattered her own mark with a 9.55 score.

"I'm just really proud of myself for working really hard at practice to get my new skills on bars and it really paid off," Metz said. "It's just individual skills working and then, at the end, you have to put them all together." Metz tallied a 36.4



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Plymouth's Haley Metz performs on beam Tuesday. She broke her own school record on bars during the meet.

all-around and also had 9.35 on floor exercise.

Meanwhile, Simu nearly matched Metz with an all-around of 36.35 — including the top score of 9.5 on floor, along with 9.1 on bars. Both were personal bests.

"I actually enjoy beam the most, but floor's definitely a close second," Simu said. "I like that you can show it off and give it all you got. All the attention's on you and I love it."

Other standouts against Howell and Brighton included senior Sam Fontana (8.95 on vault to tie Metz for the

team's top spot) and Tori Silvester (8.9 on balance beam).

The top all-arounder was Brighton's Margo Mekjian, with 37.35, followed by Howell's Kirsten Phifer (37.05).

"They're absolutely phenomenal," Yockey said about Metz and Simu. "They are very strong performers; they always concentrate and show good team sportsmanship. They're always there for the team."

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CHUCK BEZZINA  
Detroit Catholic Central's Jonathan Lee took second in the 100-yard breaststroke.

BOYS SWIMMING

## Shamrocks triumph at EGR Invite

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Staff Writer

Senior Matt Loniewski and sophomore Jonathan Lee were the top point scorers as Novi Detroit Catholic Central won the recent East Grand Rapids Invitational boys swim meet.

The Shamrocks, who scored 502 points, held off a late charge from Birmingham Groves (451), ranked No. 3 in Division 2, to earn the title.

Host East Grand Rapids, No. 2 in Division 3, finished third with 451, followed by Byron Center (311), Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (230), Spring Lake (198) and Hudsonville (189).

Loniewski, who scored 36 points, was CC's lone individual winner with a state cut time of 54.57 in the 100-yard backstroke. He was also third in the 200 individual medley with a Division 1 qualifying time of 2:01.93.

Lee, who tallied 32

points, was runner-up in the 200 IM (1:59.6) and 100 breaststroke (1:00.4).

The foursome of Loniewski, Lee, Kyle Tschannen and Tommy Wiaduck took second in the 200-yard medley relay (1:39.98), while Tschannen, Wiaduck, Lee and Loniewski were also runners-up in the 400 freestyle relay (3:19.66).

Catholic Central freshman David DeBaacker established a new school record for 11 dives with a total of 361 points, while teammates Robert Vance (fourth, 340.75) and Brendan Connelly (sixth, 334.80) also set personal bests.

Also earning Oakland County Meet cuts for CC were junior Chris Barron, third, 100 backstroke (57.19); Wiaduck, seventh, 200 freestyle (1:51.37); and senior Ethan Bezzina, 10th, 200 freestyle (1:53.64).

Catholic Central, 502 points; 2. Birmingham Groves, 451; 3. East Grand Rapids, 444; 4. Byron Center, 311; 5. Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 230; 6. Spring Lake, 198; 7. Hudsonville, 189.

**FINAL RESULTS**

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. East Grand Rapids (Joe Murray, Christian Bart, Nathan Hein, Nicholas Hein), 1:39.03; 2. Detroit CC (Matt Loniewski, Jonathan Lee, Kyle Tschannen, Tommy Wiaduck), 1:39.98.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Cal Cerny (Groves), 1:45.24; 2. Dan Vela (Detroit CC), 1:51.23; 7. Wiaduck (Detroit CC), 1:51.37; 8. Tschannen (Detroit CC), 1:51.38.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Bart (EGR), 1:55.34; 2. Lee (Detroit CC), 1:59.6; 3. Loniewski (Detroit CC), 2:01.93; 5. Charlie Walsh (Detroit CC), 2:05.75.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Nathan Hein (EGR), 2:14.7.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Grant Williams (EGR), 419.70 points; 2. David DeBaacker (Detroit CC), 361.5; 4. Robert Vance (Detroit CC), 340.75; 6. Brendan Connelly (Detroit CC), 361.15.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Nathan Hein (EGR), 51.9; 2. Tschannen (Detroit CC), 53.41; 4. Walsh (Detroit CC), 56.4.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Cerny (Groves), 48.02; 2. Wiaduck (Detroit CC), 50.37.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Andy MacGregor (EGR), 4:51.23; 5. Vela (Detroit CC), 5:00.85; 6. Ethan Bezzina (Detroit CC), 5:02.18.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. East Grand Rapids (Cade Vrugink, Bart, Nathan Hein, MacGregor), 1:26.35; 6. Detroit CC (Andrew Campbell, Logan Mills, Jimmy Connor, Vela), 1:35.86.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Loniewski (Detroit CC), 54.57; 3. Chris Barron (Detroit CC), 57.19; 6. Connor (Detroit CC), 1:00.42.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Bart (EGR), 58.36; 2. Lee (Detroit CC), 1:00.4.

**EAST GRAND RAPIDS INVITATIONAL MEET**  
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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Full speed ahead for Lady Ocelots

Schoolcraft women continue to roll despite losing Wilson

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

A lot of teams might have been derailed after losing one of its top players.

Not Schoolcraft College's women's basketball squad, now 6-0 since finding out freshman guard and Salem product Jamyra Wilson was ruled academically ineligible for the rest of the 2015-16 season.

Saturday afternoon's game against visiting Delta Community College was the Lady Ocelots' sixth since Wilson left and the outcome never was in doubt.

Schoolcraft led 16-5 after one quarter and went on to post a 60-39 victory, improving to 18-1 overall and 6-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Conference.

"(Wilson) was very, very important in our defensive scheme every single game," School-

craft head coach Kara Kinzer said. "So other girls just need to pick it up defensively.

"We have the ability to do it, it's just how bad they really want to win. So far, it looks like they want to win bad."

At the top of the list of such players is guard/forward Rikki Scherdt, who came up two missed free throws shy of another double-double performance.

Scherdt, the catalyst during the current winning streak, collected eight points and 10 rebounds against the Pioneers (11-8, 4-3).

"Rikki is the heart of our team. She gives us whatever we need that game," said Kinzer, whose team is ranked No. 5 in the NJCAA Division II poll.

The 5-7 sophomore from Ypsilanti Lincoln pointed to work ethic and determination as keys behind her recent success.

"I just got to hustle to get everything, my points, my rebounds," Scherdt said. "I got to work the hardest, because I'm one of the

smaller ones down in the paint."

Other Lady Ocelots to contribute to the victory were guards T'era Nesbitt (23 points, seven rebounds) and Elise Tolbert of Birmingham Seaholm (nine points, 11 boards) and forward Jade Smith (11 points, seven boards).

A 57-45 rebounding edge helped Schoolcraft overcome making just 1-of-12 shots from behind the 3-point line.

Schoolcraft enjoyed a 33-16 halftime lead and took a 46-25 advantage into the fourth.

Observerland-area players to help the cause were sophomore guard Ashley Bland and sophomore forward Stefani Polkowski, of Wayne Memorial and Livonia Churchill, respectively.

Bland chalked up three points and four rebounds, along with seven assists.

Polkowski came off the bench to chip in with three points and three boards.

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Schoolcraft's Rikki Scherdt (middle) puts up a shot against Delta's Jadelynn Abenth.

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## COLLEGE BOWLING



The Schoolcraft College men's bowling team proudly displays the trophy earned for winning the Kirtland Invitational (front row, from left): Sam Berger and Ben Jakes and (back row, from left) Sean McKinney, Andrew Gury, Kacey Brezovsky, Eric Deyonker and Jason Bley.

*SCHOOLCRAFT BOWLING*

## Ocelots knock 'em down at tourney

Schoolcraft men's kglers prevail at Kirkland Invite

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

With every spare, strike and tournament victory, Schoolcraft College's bowling program is trumpeting its arrival as one to be reckoned with.

Some major noise, to that end, took place Friday at the Kirtland Community College Invitational. Schoolcraft won on the men's side with 4,778 pins, well ahead of runner-up Kirtland's 4,391.

On the women's side, the Lady Ocelots came in third with 3,257 pins (Mid-Michigan won with 3,849).

"Our goal is to get better each and every week, so it's a huge step in that direction," Schoolcraft bowling coach Patrick Yelsik said. "We can't let up. We have another big tournament next weekend and

after that is our home tournament, which we want to perform good at."

The Schoolcraft invite is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Merri-Bowl (Five Mile and Merriman in Livonia).

Yelsik noted top individual performances from Ben Jakes (235-213-210-658) and Sean McKinney (193-248-216-657), who finished second and third, respectively, in the men's tournament.

"We had the number two individual overall, Ben Jakes, who posted a 658 three-game series," Yelsik said. "Right behind him was Sean McKinney with a 657. Very happy and satisfied to see their hard work pay off."

Jakes and McKinney weren't the only Schoolcraft bowlers to do well.

On the men's side, all six bowlers placed 12th or higher. In fifth with a 633 series was Livonia Stevenson alum Eric Deyonker (featuring 208 and 247 games). Garden City product Kacey Bre-

*"Our goal is to get better each and every week, so it's a huge step in that direction."*

**PATRICK YELSIK**  
Schoolcraft coach

zovsky came in seventh with a 191-204-223-618 series, while Sam Berger finished eighth (203-199-212-614).

In 12th was Andrew Gury, with a 553 series.

In the women's tourney, Livonia Franklin alum Ashley Schou was stellar. She finished fourth overall with a 159-189-155-503 series.

Other Lady Ocelots were Salem product Rachel Boucha (11th, 458), Chelsea Dzielan (14th, 386), Ashley Matia (16th, 372), Cierra Cox (18th, 368) and Kaylin Janiczek (20th, 341).

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## OCELOTS

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adjusted record to 9-10 overall and 4-2 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. Schoolcraft led 47-33 at halftime and never had less than a 14-point edge the rest of the way.

Delta dropped to 3-16 overall and 3-4 in the conference.

"Dre was very good and that's exactly how we need him to be," Mashhour said. "I think some games, he was looking to score a little too much. When he's moving the ball, when he's passing the ball, we're much, much better offensively as a group and that's the most important thing."

Black registered 12 points along with 10 rebounds and 11 assists.

"This was my first one (triple-double); it feels great," Black said.

He didn't hesitate when asked which of the three categories (points, rebounds, assists) he felt best about succeeding in.

"Probably assists, because that means I'm just getting my teammates the ball at the right time to make a play," Black said. "We always try to get everybody in, that's part of our game plan, make sure the ball's moving at all times, no over-dribbling. You see good things happen."

## On a tear

Schoolcraft also rode the hot hand of sophomore guard Ja'Christian Biles, who has committed to play Division I men's basketball next year at University of Detroit Mercy.

Biles led all players with 25 points, connecting on 5-of-8 trey attempts — including four in a row during a torrid two-minute span in the second half.

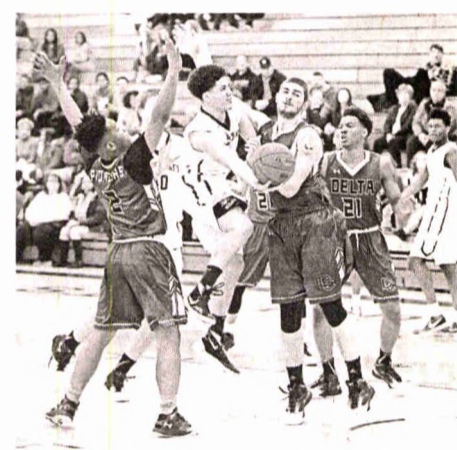
"It was nice to see him get going again," Mashhour said. "It's been a while since he's been playing in good rhythm. Today, he got his rhythm a little bit."

After Biles drained his first triple of the streak, Schoolcraft was up 60-41 with 14:50 remaining. His fourth consecutive 3-pointer padded that lead to 69-41 with 12:45 to go.

Meanwhile, strong work on the glass by sophomore forward and Canton alum Davon Taylor (11 rebounds, five points and three steals) and sophomore forward Anthony Wartley Fritz (13 points, nine boards) helped keep the Pioneers down and out.

Schoolcraft enjoyed a 46-31 rebounding edge, including 19 on the offensive end.

For Delta, it was a homecoming of sorts for freshmen Johnathan Swift and Allante Wheeler (both Salem grads). Swift scored 21 points and



Schoolcraft's Dre Black works his way through traffic en route to the basket Saturday. Among Delta defenders are Salem alums Johnathan Swift (left) and Allante Wheeler (right).

*JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO*

pulled down eight rebounds, while Wheeler scored six.

Mashhour said Taylor was pumped up during the week about facing two of his former Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals.

"(Taylor) was talking with me yesterday about that (facing the ex-Salem players)," Mashhour said with a slight chuckle. "He's excited; we're all excited to get back after it."

## Don't look back

And that also means focusing on the rest of the regular season, not dwelling on the unfortunate loss of six non-conference victories from November and December.

Schoolcraft athletic director Sid Fox is optimistic about the Ocelots having no problem doing just that.

The National Junior College Athletic Association slapped the penalty on Schoolcraft following an eligibility audit, during which it was discovered that there was a clerical error involving a player who had transferred from an out-of-state college.

Although that Dec. 23 decision hurt the Ocelots' chances of being at the top of the NJCAA Division II rankings, the forfeits do not impact Schoolcraft's spot in the conference because MCCA games began in January.

"No one even discusses it anymore, because at this point, we're looking forward to the state tournament, hopefully, and then the district tournament," Fox said prior to the Schoolcraft-Delta game. "Hopefully we'll go back to nationals. We're not deprived. ... Everyone's eligible for conference play. It's up to us to show what we can do."

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Both Madonna University basketball teams post wins over Concordia

One game removed from a thrilling upset over reigning national champion Cornerstone, head coach Noel Emehiser and the Madonna men's basketball team kept momentum on their side in a convincing 78-61 victory Jan. 20 at Concordia-Ann Arbor.

The Crusaders (9-12, 6-7 WHAC) continued their climb in the conference standings, moving to within a half-game of the Cardinals (10-10, 7-7 WHAC).

The bench played a huge role in the victory, outscoring the Cardinals'

reserves 37-10, including a 15-0 advantage in the first half to pace the Crusaders to a 42-21 halftime lead.

The Cardinals shot just 18 percent in the first half, compared to the Crusaders' 47 percent.

A 26-8 points-in-the-paint advantage for the Crusaders also helped create space between the teams after 20 minutes of play, led by Dan Hall's nine points on 4-of-6 shooting. Hall (Wyan-dotte/Trenton High School) pulled down six rebounds while leading

the interior defense with three blocks in 12 first-half minutes.

Khalil Malone (Pontiac/Waterford Kettering High School) equaled Hall with nine points in the first half, while Clarke Lamb (East China/St. Clair High School) and Tyler Stewart (Canton/Salem High School) chipped in six points each.

The Cardinals clawed back into the game in the second half, cutting a 21-point Crusaders lead to 54-47 with 11:10 remaining. However, a balanced cast of Crusad-

ers connected on timely shots down the stretch.

Malone, the hero in an upset win Jan. 16, continued his strong play with 17 points, six assists and five rebounds in 34 minutes. Zel Williams (Detroit/Schoolcraft College) added 11 points.

Hall led the Crusaders on the glass with eight rebounds, recording all nine of his points in the first half, while Lewis ripped down seven boards.

The Cardinals' Alec Turner recorded a game-high 20 points on 6-of-16 shooting.

## Crusaders women earn close win

Madonna women's basketball picked up a narrow 74-72 road victory Jan. 20 over Concordia-Ann Arbor, earning a season split with the Cardinals while running their winning streak to a campaign-best six games. With the win, the Crusaders move above .500 for the first time all season at 9-8 overall (9-4 WHAC).

The conference mark keeps the Crusaders in a third-place tie with Cornerstone and Indiana

Tech. The host Cardinals dropped to 10-9 overall and 5-8 in the WHAC.

Shara Long (Plymouth/Salem) paced a balanced Crusaders effort with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Long, a freshman forward, recorded the lone double-double of the night for the Crusaders, despite battling foul trouble for the second consecutive game.

The freshman was followed by Kacy Robinson with 15 points, while sophomore guard Lindsey Hernden went 9-of-10 from the foul line to post 14 points.







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## Dried peas, beans, lentils make hearty comfort meals

Craving winter comfort food? Dried peas, beans and lentils are nutritious, protein-packed ingredients that can take on starring roles in hearty dishes when they're paired with spices and herbs.

McCormick's annual "Flavor Forecast" identified legumes like pigeon peas, cranberry beans and black beluga lentils, all known as "pulses," as featured ingredients this year.

"The United Nations named 2016 the 'International Year of Pulses,' and we couldn't agree more," said Chef Kevan Vetter of the McCormick Kitchens. "High in protein and fiber and low in fat, they act as a blank canvas for flavor."

### Meet the Pulses

Discover the possibilities of pulses brought to life with delicious flavors:

» Pigeon Peas (6 grams of protein per ½ cup cooked), are small legumes that range from green to brown in color. When split, they are called Toor Dal and are yellow with a slightly sweet, nutty flavor. Available dried or

canned and common in soups, stews, rice dishes and salads, pigeon peas are traditionally paired with cumin and coconut in Latin and Southern

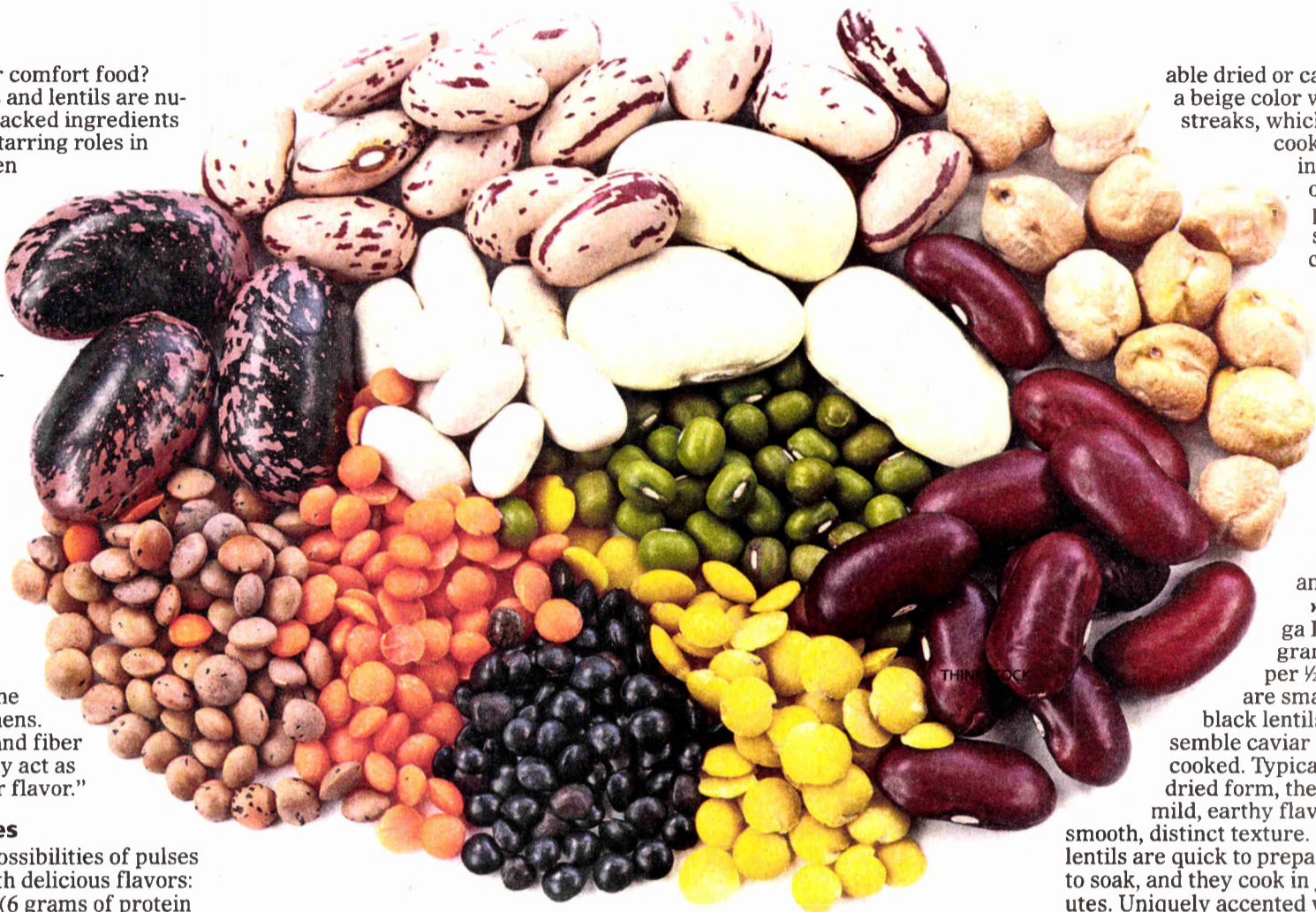
Indian cuisines.

» Cranberry Beans (8 grams of protein per ½ cup cooked), also known as Borlotti or Roman beans, are avail-

able dried or canned and are a beige color with red streaks, which fade during cooking. Popular in Italian and other European cuisines, their creamy texture and mild chestnut-like flavor make them an ideal substitute for pinto or cannellini beans in pasta, soups and chili.

» Black Beluga Lentils (9 grams of protein per ½ cup cooked), are small, shiny black lentils that resemble caviar when cooked. Typically found in dried form, they have a mild, earthy flavor and smooth, distinct texture. Black beluga lentils are quick to prepare — no need to soak, and they cook in just 25 minutes. Uniquely accented with peach and mustard, black beluga lentils enrich salads, chili and appetizers or can be enjoyed simply braised.

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### CARIBBEAN COCONUT AND PIGEON PEAS RICE

Serves: 8  
Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 40 minutes

2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
½ pound sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into ¼-inch cubes (about 2 cups)  
½ cup chopped red bell pepper  
¼ cup chopped onion  
¼ cup finely chopped fresh cilantro, divided  
¼ cup finely chopped pimento-stuffed green olives, divided  
1 tablespoon finely chopped Scotch bonnet chilies or habanero chilies, divided  
2 teaspoons McCormick Gourmet Cumin, Ground  
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Garlic Powder, California  
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Oregano, Mediterranean  
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Sicilian Sea Salt  
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Paprika, Smoked  
1 cup medium grain white rice  
1 can (15 to 16 ounces) pigeon peas, drained and rinsed  
1 can (13.66 ounces) Thai Kitchen Coconut Milk  
1 ½ cups water  
¼ cup tomato sauce  
½ cup toasted flaked coconut

Heat oil in 4-quart Dutch oven on medium-high heat. Add sweet potatoes, bell pepper, onion and 1 tablespoon each of the cilantro and olives, and 1 teaspoon of the chilies; cook and stir 3 to 5 minutes or until bell pepper and onion are softened and sweet potatoes are lightly browned. Add rice, cumin, garlic powder, oregano, smoked paprika and sea salt; cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes or until rice begins to look translucent.

Stir in pigeon peas, coconut milk, water and tomato sauce. Bring to boil on medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 20 minutes or until rice is tender and liquid has been absorbed. Remove from heat. Let stand, covered, 5 minutes. Uncover and let stand another 5 minutes. Fluff rice with a fork.

Mix toasted coconut, the remaining cilantro, olives and chilies in small bowl. Serve rice with coconut mixture.

Tip: To substitute dried pigeon peas for the canned peas, rinse, soak and cook a heaping ½ cup of dried pigeon peas according to package directions until tender. Drain peas. Prepare recipe as directed using the pre-cooked pigeon peas.



### TACOS AL PASTOR WITH COCONUT LIME SLAW

Serves: 6; serving size is 2 tacos  
Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 6 minutes

Coconut Lime Slaw:  
2 tablespoons lime juice  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 teaspoon honey  
2 cups shredded cabbage  
¼ cup flaked coconut  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro  
Pigeon Pea Tacos al Pastor:  
2 teaspoons olive oil  
2 plum tomatoes, chopped  
1 cup finely chopped pineapple  
1 can (15 to 16 ounces) brown pigeon peas, rinsed and drained  
2 teaspoons ground oregano  
1 ½ teaspoons garlic powder  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
1 teaspoon smoked paprika  
12 taco shells, warmed

For the Slaw, mix lime juice, olive oil and honey in medium bowl until well blended. Add cabbage, coconut and cilantro; toss to coat. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

For the Tacos, heat oil in large skillet on medium heat. Add tomatoes and pineapple; cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes or until softened. Add pigeon peas and seasonings; cook and stir until heated through. Serve pigeon pea mixture in warm taco shells topped with Coconut Lime Slaw.



### CRANBERRY BEAN, SAGE AND ORZO SOUP

Serves: 7; serving size is 1 cup  
Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 50 minutes

1 cup coarsely chopped pancetta  
1 cup chopped onion  
1 cup chopped carrots  
½ cup chopped celery  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
1 cup Albariño wine or another dry, white wine  
4 cups (1 quart) Kitchen Basics Original Chicken Stock  
1 can (14.28 ounces) cranberry beans, (also called borlotti beans), drained  
½ cup orzo pasta, uncooked  
2 thick strips lemon peel  
2 teaspoons paprika  
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Sage, Dalmatian  
½ teaspoon coarse ground black pepper  
¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper  
½ teaspoon sea salt  
2 cups chopped kale

Cook and stir pancetta in 5-quart saucepot or Dutch oven on medium heat 4 minutes or until browned. Add onion, carrots, celery and garlic; cook and stir 6 to 8 minutes or until vegetables soften.

Stir in remaining ingredients, except the kale. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 20 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally.

Remove lemon peel; discard. With center part of cover removed to let steam escape, puree 1 cup of the soup in blender on high speed until smooth. Return pureed mixture to pot. Stir kale into soup. Simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes or until kale is tender and soup is slightly thickened, stirring occasionally. To serve, ladle into soup bowls. Garnish with thin twists of lemon peel, grated Asiago cheese and Asiago Crostini (recipe follows), if desired.

Tip: Asiago Crostini: Place thinly sliced baguette in single layer on baking sheet. Brush lightly on both sides with olive oil. Bake in preheated 350°F oven 5 minutes or until golden brown. Sprinkle with grated Asiago cheese. Bake 2 minutes longer or just until cheese is melted.

Tip: To substitute dried cranberry beans for the canned beans, rinse, soak and cook ½ cup dried cranberry beans according to package directions until tender. Drain beans. Prepare recipe as directed using the pre-cooked beans.



### VEGETARIAN BOLOGNESE WITH BORLOTTI BEANS

Serves: 5; serving size 1 cup  
Prep time: 25 minutes  
Cook time: 45 minutes

2 cans (14.28 ounces) cranberry beans, (also called borlotti beans), drained and divided  
2 tablespoons olive oil, divided  
1 cup finely chopped onion  
1 cup finely chopped carrots  
½ cup finely chopped celery  
1 cup Albariño wine or one cup of another dry, white wine  
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) petite diced tomatoes  
1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce  
¼ cup water  
2 bay leaves  
2 teaspoons McCormick Gourmet Sage, Dalmatian  
1 teaspoon plus ¼ teaspoon garlic powder, divided  
1 teaspoon paprika  
½ teaspoon plus ¼ teaspoon black pepper, coarse ground, divided  
½ teaspoon plus ¼ teaspoon sea salt, divided  
¼ teaspoon red pepper, crushed  
2 pounds summer squash, such as yellow squash or zucchini

For the Bolognese, mash 1 can of the drained beans with potato masher. Set aside. Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in large nonstick skillet on medium heat. Add onion, carrots and celery; cook and stir 6 to 8 minutes or until vegetables just soften. Add wine and mashed beans; cook and stir 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in remaining beans, tomatoes, tomato sauce, water, bay leaves, sage, 1 teaspoon of the garlic powder, paprika, ½ teaspoon each of the pepper and salt, and red pepper. Reduce heat to low; simmer, uncovered, 25 to 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, for the Squash Spaghetti, trim squash ends. Cut squash into spaghetti-shaped strands using a julienne peeler or spiralizer until you reach the seeds. Discard squash core. It should yield about 1 pound of "spaghetti." Drizzle remaining 1 tablespoon oil over "spaghetti" in large bowl; toss gently to coat. Season with remaining ¼ teaspoon each salt, pepper and garlic. Heat large nonstick skillet on high heat. Add "spaghetti," and cook and stir gently about 30 seconds or just until heated through.

To serve, place "spaghetti" in large serving bowl or individual serving bowls and top with Borlotti Bean Bolognese. Sprinkle with shaved Parmesan cheese and chopped fresh parsley, if desired.



### PICKLED PEACH AND BLACK BELUGA LENTIL TOASTS

Serves: 12, 2 toasts each  
Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 30 minutes

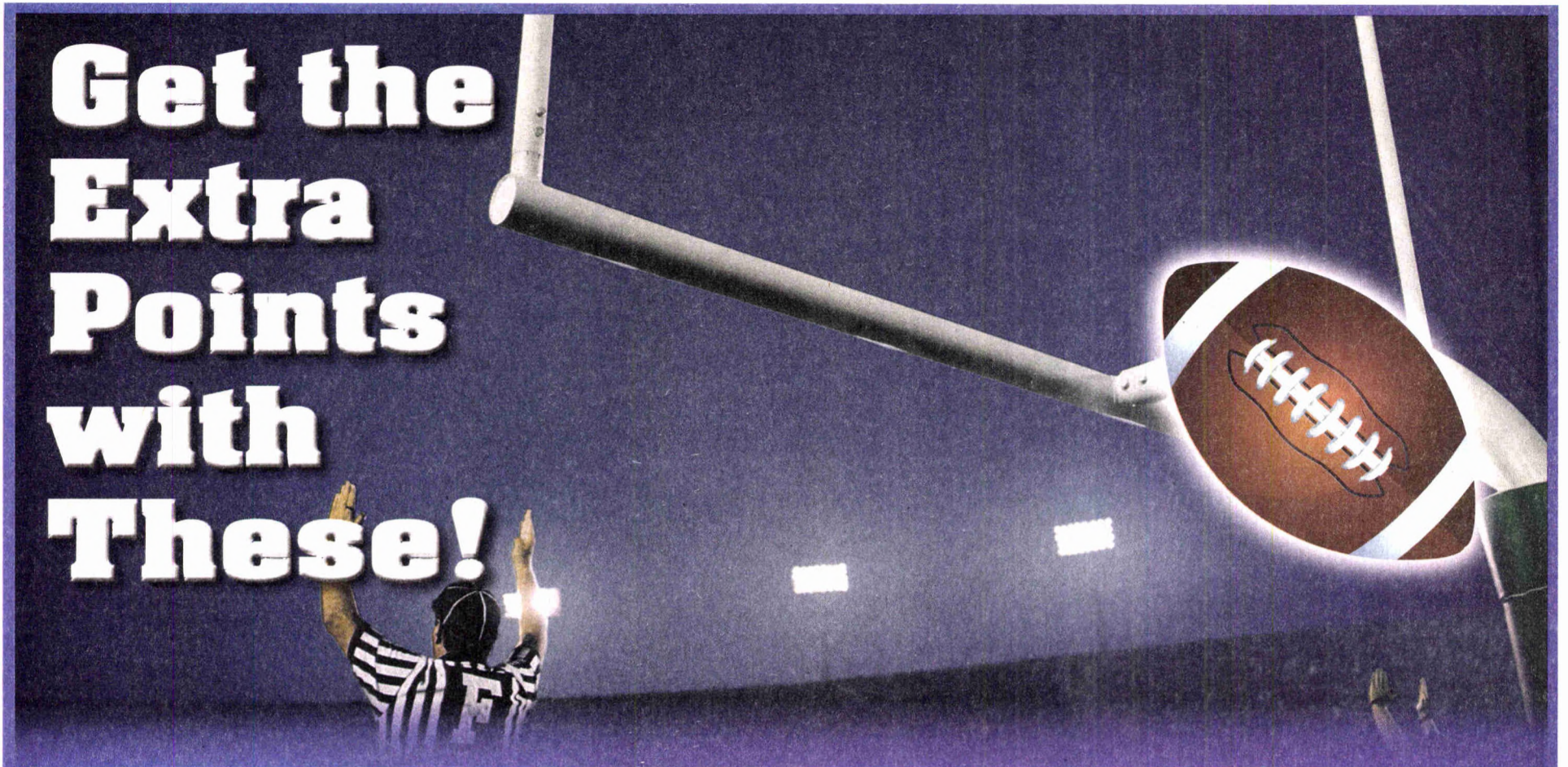
Pickled Peach:  
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar  
2 teaspoons sugar  
1 teaspoon yellow mustard seed  
1 ripe peach, pitted and finely chopped  
Black Beluga Lentil Toasts:  
½ cup dried black beluga lentils  
1 ½ cups water  
1 teaspoon sea salt  
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil  
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh chives, divided  
½ teaspoon thyme  
½ cup crème fraîche  
24 thin baguette slices, toasted

For the Pickled Peach, bring vinegar, sugar and mustard seed to simmer in small saucepan on medium heat. Reduce heat to low; cook 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Let stand 5 minutes to cool. Pour over chopped peach in small bowl; toss gently to coat. Refrigerate 1 hour or until chilled.

Meanwhile, for the Lentil Toasts, rinse and drain lentils. Place lentils, water and sea salt in small saucepan. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 20 minutes or until tender. Remove from heat and uncover. Cool to room temperature in remaining liquid. Drain.

Mix drained lentils, oil, 1 tablespoon of the chives and thyme in medium bowl until blended. To serve, spread about 1 teaspoon crème fraîche on toasted baguette slice. Top with about 1 tablespoon lentil mixture and 1 teaspoon Pickled Peach. Garnish with remaining chives.

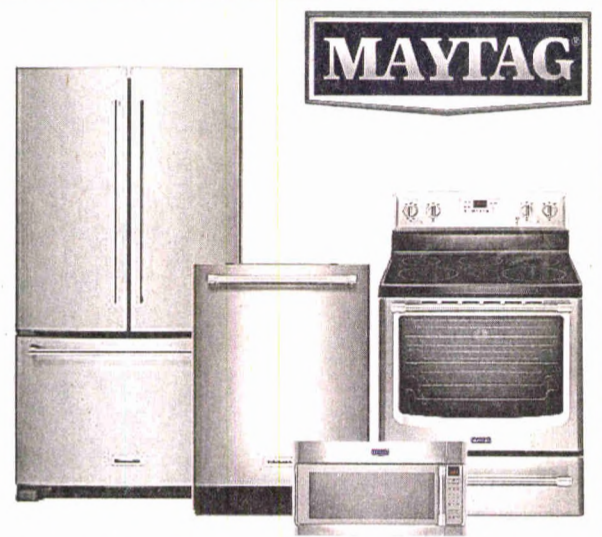
Tip: To substitute frozen peaches for the fresh peach, thaw 1 ½ cups frozen sliced peaches; pat dry and finely chop. Use as directed in the recipe.



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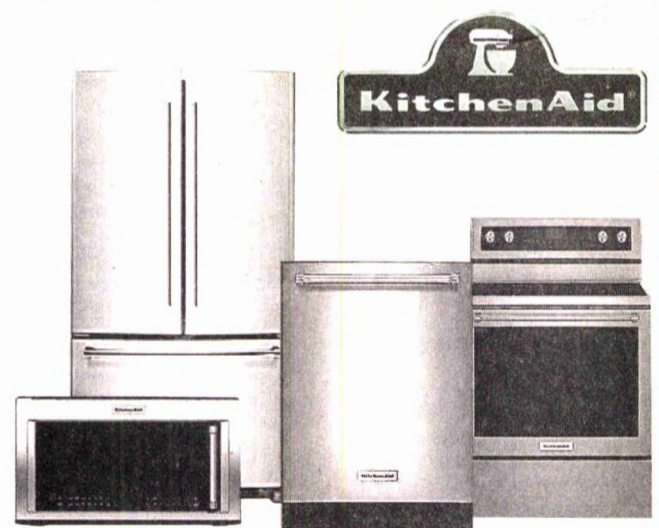
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