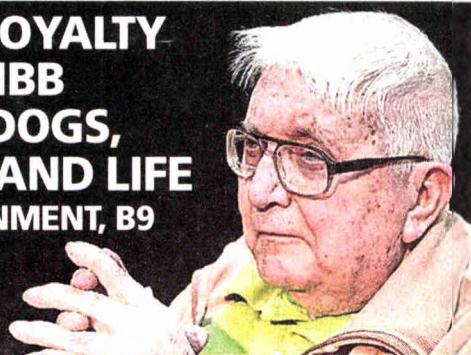


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Two in running to succeed Heise

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Two Republicans have lined up so far for the race to succeed term-limited Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Jeff Noble of Plymouth Township, pastor of Praise Baptist Church, and Chris

Roosen of Northville Township, a former township trustee with more than 25 years' experience in the auto industry, recently announced their candidacies. They are competing in the Tuesday, Aug.



Noble



Roosen

2, state primary. Heise's 20th District includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township and a portion of eastern Canton Township. Heise, who is in the last year of his third two-year term, is running for Plymouth Town-

ship supervisor.

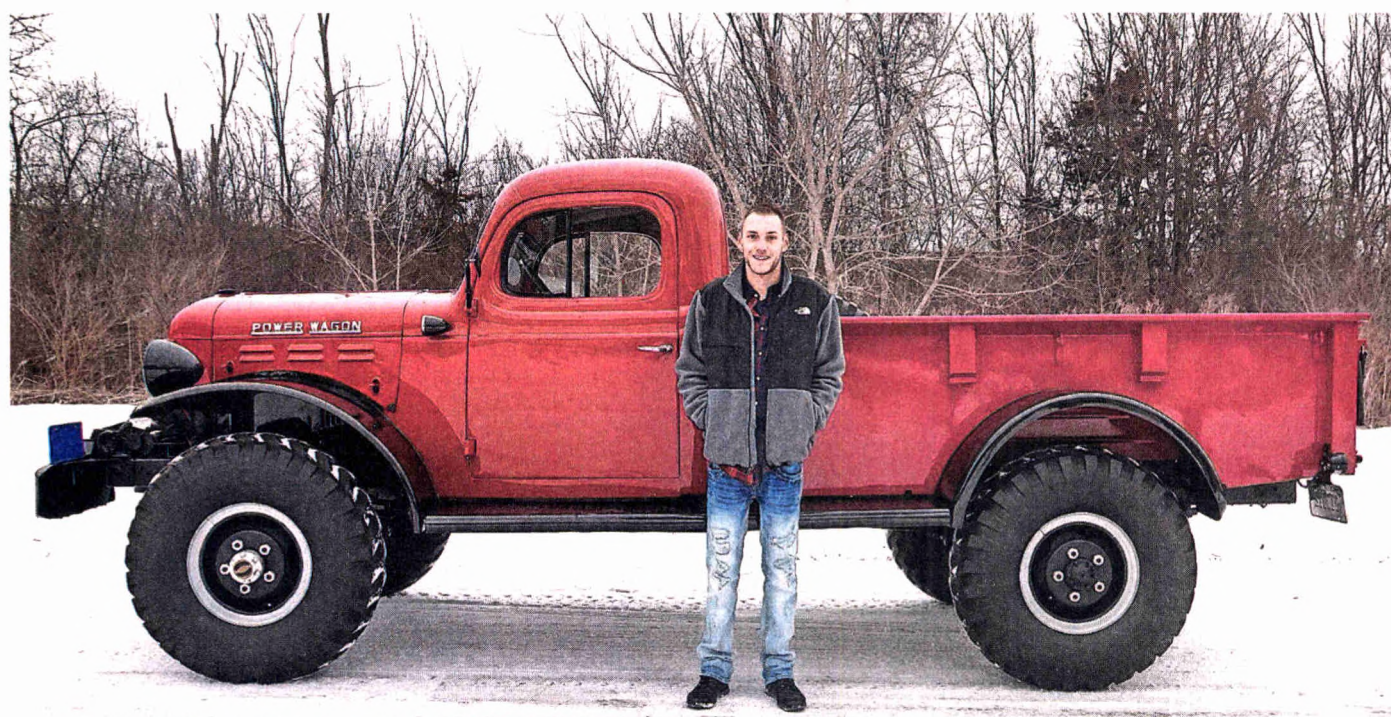
Noble, 54, and Roosen, 49, both style themselves as fiscal conservatives who would be able to work with a diverse House membership and leverage their experience to look out for the district's interests when it comes to issues like roads and public schools.

'Straight shooter'

Noble said he is a "straight shooter" who sees disenchanted and disinterested voters "sitting on the sidelines" whom he hopes to engage in the political process.

"They're just frustrated with people who say one thing

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The 1948 Dodge Power Wagon is much older than its owner, Austin Potter.

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Vintage work truck is local student's dream ride to Autorama

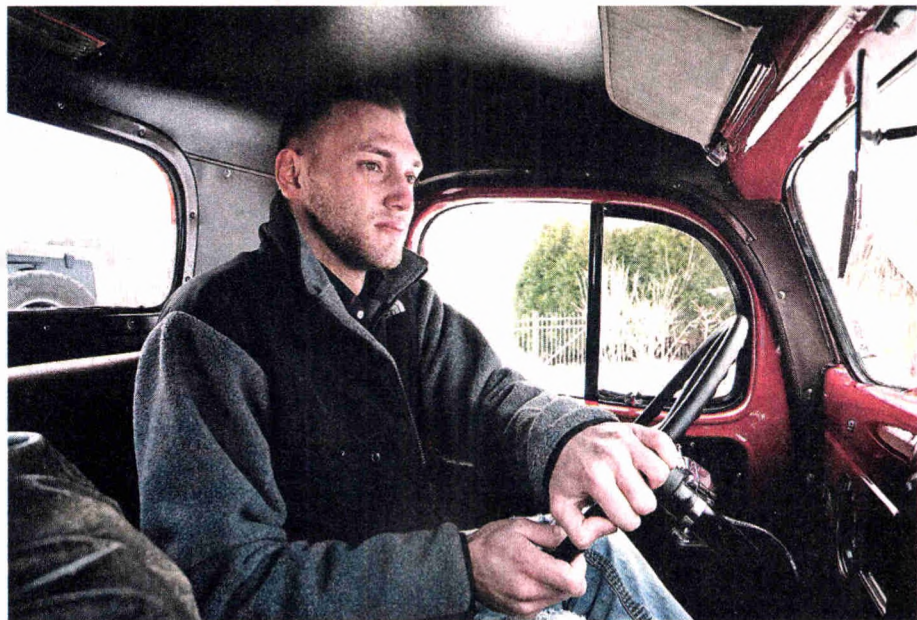
Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A workhorse pickup of the 1940s and '50s is now Austin Potter's dream ride.

Potter, of Plymouth Township, is taking his restored 1948 Dodge Power Wagon to the Detroit Autorama, a show of hot rods, vintage and custom vehicles that opens Friday, Feb. 26, at Cobo Center.

The '48 Power Wagon, derived from military trucks of the World War II era, is a no-frills, four-wheel-drive pickup designed as a work truck for farms and job sites. It's a low-speed, high-torque truck with a six-cylinder, 230-cubic-inch engine and a four-speed manual transmission.

Potter's Power Wagon has a heavy-duty winch mounted on the front; the trucks could be fitted, he said, with any number of attachments for specific jobs.



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See **AUTORAMA**, Page A2 Austin Potter at the wheel of his 1948 Dodge Power Wagon.

Funding rescued for special-needs recreation program

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Dodging a budget ax, a Canton-based therapeutic recreation program that serves Wayne County residents with disabilities has been rescued after a dispute over how to pay for it.

"It's a definite win for our district," said Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone, who represents Canton and Plymouth townships and the city of Plymouth.

County officials sought to pay a big chunk of the recurring \$75,000 price tag by taking money from a \$190,000 pot specifically allocated from the county to Barone's 10th District for local parks and recreation needs.

Barone, however, argued that Canton and the Plymouths already get a low return on what they pay into a county parks millage. Barone also said the \$75,000 — as it has in years past — should continue to come from countywide parks coffers.

Barone, accompanied by Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price, took his fight to county administration officials and ultimately won.

"We fought like tooth and nail to get that (\$75,000) reinserted" back into the countywide parks budget, Barone said. "It's really a great thing."

Jennifer Provenzano, Canton recreation specialist, has said the therapeutic recreation program is based in Canton, but serves a swath of Wayne County, mostly the western suburbs. It offers job-building skills, swimming, holiday dances, movies and numerous other activities for 150 people or more each year.

Canton's Summit on the Park recreation center houses most of the programs, intended to help people with disabilities become more independent while improving their job-hunting and social skills. The program serves a population with a wide range of physical and cognitive disabilities.

Barone called the program vital to serving the needs of people, including children, with disabilities in western Wayne County.

Early on, Barone said the

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Sanford Burr, dedicated to historical museum, dies

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Sanford Burr, a fifth-generation Plymouth-area resident known for his storytelling and his love of local history, died Feb. 11 following a long illness. He was 89.

Mr. Burr, born in Plymouth in 1926, served in the U.S. Army during World War II and

had a career in education, including 26 years at Southfield High School, where he was a teacher, counselor and assistant principal. But he was best known for his dedication to the Plymouth Historical Museum,



Mr. Burr

where he was president of the Plymouth Historical Society three different times.

"He was totally devoted to his work," said Wilma Cleveland, a friend for more than 40 years. "He loved Plymouth. Plymouth was his town."

Liz Kerstens, the museum's executive director, said Mr. Burr was the historical society president when she, then the

archivist, was promoted to director. He had also been serving as interim museum director.

She described him as her mentor and "probably the most gentle spirit you would ever meet," as well as a man who was interested in people.

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AUTORAMA

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"Anything you had to do, this truck could do it," Potter, a Schoolcraft College student, said Tuesday.

He bought the truck, with less than 30,000 miles on it, about two years ago from a man in California, where it had spent many years as a farm work truck.

"This has always just been my dream truck," he said.

'Got the bug' early

His love for Power Wagons dates to his childhood, when his father, Dave Potter of Westland, had two of them. They used to work on them together.

"He's been collecting cars all his life," he said. "Me and my brothers got the bug."

The previous owner had restored the '48 in 2002, Potter said, but it needed some upkeep once he got the truck to Michigan. Potter had it painted from the cab forward, got new foam and covers for the bench seat, put on new door handles, wiring, wipers, tires and more.

"It's real hard to find parts," he said.

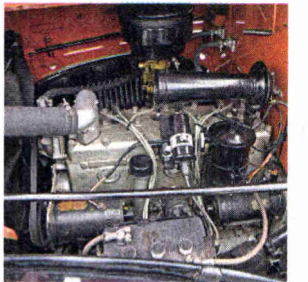
Potter took the truck to the 2015 Autorama, where it won third place in its category. It won the top prize at a Power Wagon rally in California three years in a row with the previous owner, Potter said, and he's picked up some awards at local shows since he's owned



The 1948 Dodge Power Wagon, driven by Austin Potter, heads down the street.



Brake light detail. It's hard to find parts for older Power Wagons, the owner said.



The engine is a six-cylinder flathead.

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CORRECTION

A home on Colony Farm Circle in Plymouth Township was incorrectly listed as sold in the Feb. 4 *Observer*.

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it. He's also taken it to a Power Wagon rally in Iowa.

It's somewhat rare, however, in standard show circles.

"I take it to car shows and I have people tell me they haven't seen one in 40 years," Potter said.

Thumbs up

Last summer, he drove it to Frankenmuth for a show there, keeping to the right lane, as its top speed is only about 50 mph. He got a lot of thumbs up from people cruising by him on that trip, he said.

"In the summer, I'm in this thing as much as I can," he said. "It's much different than driving

any other car."

If he could have another collectible, Potter said, it would also be a Power Wagon. Beyond that, he's partial to the 1969 Dodge Super Bee, a muscle car.

The Detroit Autorama runs noon to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Cobo

Center. Tickets are \$19 each, \$6 for children ages 6-12 and free for children under 6. Discounted tickets are available at O'Reilly Auto Parts stores. The event website is <https://autorama.com/attend/detroit/>.

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BURR

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That interest, she said, contributed to his knack for telling stories about local historical figures and the Plymouth of decades ago.

"He was just so good at telling stories and he knew a lot of stories, because at an early age he was interested in history," Kerstens said.

Kerstens said Mr. Burr knew, as a child, some of Plymouth's most prominent citizens and listened to them tell their stories.

"He would sit and listen to these stories as a child and that was a lot of what he recounted to us," she said.

'Richer perspective'

Mr. Burr, she said, started what has become the historical society's regular cemetery walk in Riverside Cemetery, dressing up as a Native American and leading people through a small cemetery in Old Village, telling stories of the people buried there.

"We've had lots of talks about Plymouth history," she said. "I guess he gave me a richer perspective on Plymouth history than I would've gotten if I just read articles and books and papers."

Even while in declining health, Kerstens said, Mr. Burr continued to organize museum tours; the last such tour went through the museum a

few months ago, she said.

Mr. Burr was born in Plymouth, graduated from Plymouth High School, served under Gen. George Patton during the war and went to Adrian College, said his sister, Margaret Kidston, and her husband, Brian.

After retiring from education, he was a greeter and ambassador at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home for many years. In addition to his museum and historical society duties, he had also served as president of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (now the Michigan Philharmonic) and was a longtime member of Plymouth First United Methodist Church.

In addition to his sis-

ter and brother-in-law, Mr. Burr is survived by two sons, Robert and Charles, two nieces and several grand- and great-grand nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Jane, in 1944, and his wife, Ruth, in 2011.

A funeral was held Tuesday at Plymouth First United Methodist Church and he was laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery.

Memorial contributions made be made to the Plymouth Historical Society's endowment fund, the Heart to Heart Hospice or Plymouth First United Methodist Church.

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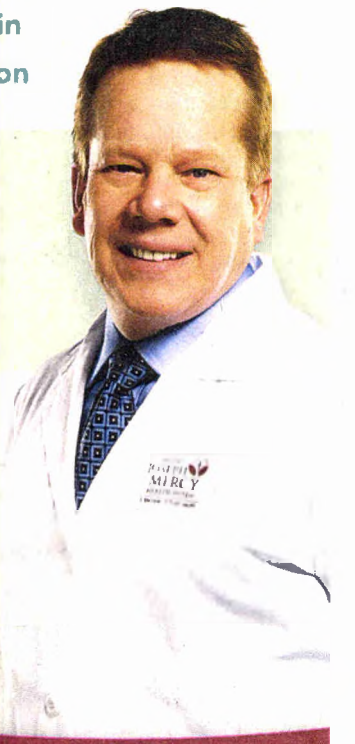
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Canton man is Legion post's February Veteran of the Month

Howard Lappek, a World War II veteran from Canton, was honored as the February 2016 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Lappek served in the Army from 1945-47. Raised in northwest Detroit, Lappek was a teenager at Cooley High School as World War II was coming to an end. He was an only child and had many uncles who were like big brothers to him.

They were all in the military and fighting during the war and Lappek wanted desperately to help them all get home. In fall 1945, at age 17, he convinced his parents to sign for him to allow him to join the Army.

Lappek was inducted in October 1945 and sent to Fort Sheridan, Ill., and then to Fort Bliss, Texas, for basic training. He was assigned to the Quartermasters Corp and also served as an MP. There were many servicemen returning from Europe and the Pacific and the military was struggling to get everyone discharged or placed.

Lappek was sent to Camp Polk, La., to Fort Benning, Ga., and then to Fort Ord, Calif. On the way to Fort Ord, the train stopped in New Mexico at White Sands. The soldiers were all asked to exit the train and count off by threes. All the number ones were sent way off into the desert, the number twos were to go half way out and the number threes were to stay by the train.

They were not told what was going on, but suddenly the ground trembled under their feet and then they were told to get back on the train. "No one knew what just happened and no one asked, we just went out about our business," Lappek said.

"In Fort Ord, we were divided into two groups, Task Force Willowah and Task Force Frigid," Lappek said. "We were told we would be heading north for cold weather training."

In late 1945 relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union worsened and the possibility of armed conflict played an important role in the army's plans to conduct winter operations in the arctic. These operations were to test the endurance of soldiers exposed to harsh winter conditions and also test clothing, weapons, vehicles and other equipment that would be used in combat.

Howard was assigned to Task Force Willowah and sent to the Aleutian Islands. He was put on an LST and sent to the island of Attu, where in 1942 11,000 U.S. troops had battled Japanese forces in two weeks of fighting and drove them from the island. Howard's assignment was to search the island for remains of soldiers from that battle so they could be sent to the Quartermaster Corps-Grave Registration for documentation.

Lappek married in 1950, has two children, four grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, with another on the way. He retired in 1994 from the GM Spring and Bumper Plant in Livonia as a pipefitter after 35 years service. He has been a member of Post 32 for 26 years.

Lappek was interviewed and presented a plaque with his picture and service information by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month Committee. An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule of the American Legion



Howard Lappek, a World War II veteran from Canton, was honored as the February 2016 Veteran of the Month.

Hall.

The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend its monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged and to

nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

Area firefighters practice ice rescues at Madonna

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Jumping into a frigid, cold St. Francis Pond at Madonna University is Karen Sanborn's way of connecting to the university and her family.

Sanborn, the university's director of marketing, donned a yellow suit Friday morning to keep warm before jumping into the pond as a part of a training exercise done by the Livonia Fire Department, an agency she has high respect for.

"I grew up with a grandfather who was a fire chief, an uncle who was a fire chief and a lot of cousins," she said. "I really respect what they do. So part of it was just to get exposure for their training. They're prepared for anything."

Firefighters were at the Livonia university all week preparing to train on saving people who may fall into the area's icy waters, be it in a small pond or Newburgh Lake.

Lt. Matt Ream of the Livonia Fire Department said the work done at Madonna was something the department always does when temperatures dip below freezing. Friday was no exception with the weather, with temperatures leaving a thick sheet of ice over the pond.

"This is our annual ice water rescue training," he said. "It's a refresher that all of our



Karen Sanborn, director of marketing for Madonna University, floats Friday in St. Francis Pond as two Livonia firefighters go out and complete a training exercise designed to teach them how to rescue people stuck in cold water.

personnel go through, except added this year was a new piece of equipment, the MAR-SARS rescue sled."

Firefighters first went out and cut a hole in the middle of the pond where the depth was about six feet. Sanborn was then led out to the middle of the pond before jumping into the water, floating with the help of her water suit. She was helped out of the waters by firefighters and placed on the sled. She was then pulled to safety.

Low frequency, high risk

Sanborn said Paul DeNapoli, the director of the university's fire science, emergency management and OSEH program, was instrumental in getting her out in the pond.

With so few bodies of water in Livonia, Sanborn said the university was pleased to showcase its staff and space to help train the city's firefighters.

"It's about education

and service, which are core values at Madonna. And it's about a great partnership we have with Livonia Fire and Rescue," she said.

"We're happy to be able to offer a place for their training."

The efforts are done to ensure safety for not only areas around Livonia, but across western Wayne County: several firefighters are a part of the Western Wayne County Urban Search and Rescue Team, which is sometimes used in other communities as well if called.

During the training, firefighters always have some sort of security line to be able to bring them back to shore if needed.

"Part of our job is being prepared for these low-frequency, high-risk events," Ream said. "The only way to do that is to try and recreate them in some way."

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Woman alleges man stalked her at home, in hotels

A Canton woman is accusing a former co-worker of stalking her at her home, at a grocery store and at hotels in Eaton Rapids and in Canada, where she had gone for work.

A police report filed by the 43-year-old victim details numerous stalking incidents that she says has occurred for months. She claims the suspect, 54, not only trailed her, but also has phoned her and sent numerous text messages and emails.

The victim notified police this month to report the incidents, saying the suspect in January confronted her in a Canton grocery store and indicated he was "going to get ya." She said she had dated the

suspect, but it didn't work out.

Among the allegations:
» The suspect has parked his vehicle near her residence and kept watch on her home. She said her ex-husband confronted the suspect and he drove away.

» The victim claims the man sent "evil" text messages and emails and then tried to retract what he allegedly had said.

» The suspect is accused of trailing the woman to Canada in late December and was seen in a stairwell of the hotel where she was staying. She said she refused to talk with him and locked herself inside a room.

» The victim told police she began getting phone calls from the suspect, but the caller identification indicated it was her friends and family who were

calling — raising questions about whether he had managed to hack into their phone accounts. One night, she said, he called 50 times.

» The victim said the suspect rang her doorbell earlier this month and later trailed her to a hotel in Eaton Rapids, where he videotaped her while she was having dinner.

» She accused the suspect of saying he was going to text her 12-year-old daughter.

A police report indicated the suspect was arrested for operating a vehicle while impaired in the victim's neighborhood, but more serious charges are pending in 35th District Court.

Fraudulent check

Police say a 21-year-old man used a stolen check to get \$400 from a Canton bank, claiming it was payment he received for

helping another man move furniture.

The suspect, a Canton man, told police he had been hired after he responded to a Craigslist ad.

An investigation revealed the suspect initially went to a bank on Canton Center and tried to cash the check, but was told he didn't have enough money in his account to cover it.

He then went to another bank on Michigan Avenue and managed to get the check cashed, although an employee later realized it was fraudulent, a police report said. The suspect also had tried to cash a second check, but was denied.

The suspect actually went to the Canton police station Saturday to report that a hold had been improperly placed on his bank account. According to

court documents, he is now facing charges of filing a false police report and writing a fraudulent check.

Hit-and-run driver

A 26-year-old Canton woman reported her 2014 Honda Accord was struck by a male driver who fled the scene in a silver minivan.

The incident began about 3:25 p.m. last Thursday, when the woman was turning from eastbound Michigan Avenue onto northbound Beck Road. She said her vehicle was struck from behind. She said she got out of her vehicle and the man apologized.

The woman said she and the man agreed to pull their vehicles off the road to talk, but he fled west on Michigan Avenue.

—By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Massage client's behavior leads to harassment complaint

A masseuse rebuffed a male client's attempt to turn a massage into a sexual encounter, then filed a harassment report with police.

The incident occurred around 1 p.m. Feb. 9 at a massage spa on Haggerty, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

The woman told police the visit started on a wrong note when the client undressed, ignoring her instructions to leave on his underwear and cover his genital area with a towel. She left the room when she saw he was naked, she said, telling him to cover himself with a towel; he did so.

During the massage, the man pulled one of the masseuse's hands toward his buttocks and later told her repeatedly to "apply oil between my legs," she said. At one point, the man said, "I'll pay you very nicely," the report said.

The woman said she cut a massage of the man's legs short because she felt uncom-

fortable, then, after he told her to put oil between his legs three or four times, abruptly told him the massage was finished and that he should dress, pay and leave.

The receptionist reported that the client threw the payment at her and bolted for the door.

Neighbor trouble

Police reported trouble Feb. 8 between neighbors in the area of Ann Arbor Trail and Beck.

A neighbor harassed a 22-year-old man who was clearing snow from a pond, in order to ice skate there with friends, and it was found later that salt had been spread on the pond, ruining it for skating, a police report said.

A day earlier, the report said, the same neighbor drove by and made an obscene gesture to relatives who were visiting.

The complainant told police he wanted the incidents documented in case the trouble escalated.

—By Matt Jachman

Protect your car from theft with these tips

Patrolling along U.S. 23 on a cold wintery day back in 2001, a trooper and his new cub (or probationary trooper) from the Brighton Post observed a broken-down vehicle that had been abandoned on the side of the highway.

The trooper stopped and ran the plate through dispatch. The vehicle returned as stolen. The crafty trooper checked the engine and found it to still be warm. Maybe the person who took the car was still in the area. The exit was only about a mile up the road. The person would want to get inside as it was cold or have someone pick him up, right?

The trooper looked at his cub and said, "Well, where would you go, cub?" as the patrol car pulled from the side of the road and onto the freeway. The probationary trooper looked out the window and thought for a second as they began to exit the freeway. The probationary trooper said, "Sir, if it was me, I would probably head to the pay phone in that parking lot



Sgt. Michael Sura
ASK A TROOPER

right there," and pointed to a man standing at a pay phone making a call. You remember what a pay phone is, right?

The trooper looked at the cub with a smile. The man at the pay phone was the suspect and confessed to stealing the car. Later that night, the trooper looked at his cub and said, "You know what, cub? I guess I can start calling you Mike. Nice job today."

Did you know that a vehicle is stolen every 44 seconds in the United States and, surprisingly, nearly half of those thefts occur because a door was unlocked or the keys were left in the ignition?

In addition to locking your vehicle and taking your keys with you, there are many other precautions you can take to lessen the likelihood you will be a victim of auto theft, including:

» Closing windows when your vehicle is parked, avoiding leaving valuables in your vehicle — especially where they can be seen, not leaving your vehicle running unattended.

» Parking in well-lit areas

» Keeping your vehicle in your garage, if possible.

» Keeping exterior house lights on at night.

» Installing a car alarm or using a theft deterrent device like a steering-wheel lock or gearshift-column lock.

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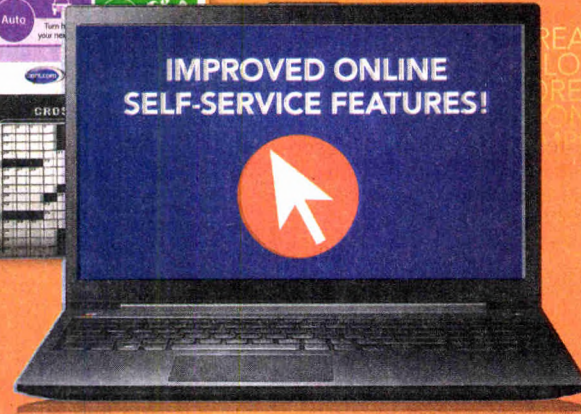
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John Barrett, a school board trustee for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, photographs the candidate as he enters the packed room.

Kasich makes campaign stop in Livonia

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Grant Elementary School student Claire Galatis was excited to see her first presidential candidate Tuesday morning in Livonia.

The third-grader came to the GOP field office with her grandmother, Livonia resident Peggy Schram, to get a look at Republican presidential candidate John Kasich, who stopped in Livonia for a town hall campaign event. She later got a photo with the candidate after the event was over.

"I was learning about presidents in school and thought it would be interesting to come and see someone who was running for president," Claire said.

Kasich, the governor of neighboring Ohio, spoke to about 500 people in the office in the mostly-empty strip mall off Seven Mile, west of Farmington Road.

He touched on many issues, ranging from Iran, North Korea, the Affordable Care Act and many others. He called on those in attendance to try to make difference in areas that matter to them, including school issues.

He said it's best for those upset with the current state of their schools to seek change at the local level, where most of the decisions for education are made.

"You want to fix your schools? Don't spend all of your time talking about faraway issues in Washington," he said. "We give the power of the schools back to you."

Getting a balanced budget amendment added to the U.S. Constitution is another one of the goals he said he wanted to accomplish.

"I've been pushing that since I was 26 years old," Kasich said.

Primary just weeks away

The Livonia stop was the last Michigan stop Kasich made over a two-day period spent doing campaign events in places such as Grand Rapids and Utica the day before. He flew to South Carolina, which holds its primary Saturday, for campaign events later that afternoon.

Kasich, who came in second in the New Hampshire primary, is seeking the Republican nomination



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John Kasich steps off his bus and reacts to members of the press.

for president over the other candidates, who include Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, Ben Carson, Jeb Bush and Marco Rubio. Those running in the Democratic race include Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, who was in Michigan earlier this week, as well.

To keep pushing forward, Kasich said, when his poll numbers were so low in some parts of the country attested to his drive. Now, Kasich said recent results shows voters are looking for someone they can turn to.

"I think what people are searching for is hope and a little bit of a regeneration of our spirit of our country," he said.

It was the second presidential race stump speech given at the field office in Livonia for this cycle. Rubio made a stop back in August at the center and addressed a crowd.

Michigan primary voters will hit the polls in less than three weeks. Both the Republican and Democratic presidential primaries will be conducted March 8 in Michigan.

Schram said she and her other family members who attended came fairly early to secure seats in the office, which was filled to the front doors.

She said while she's heard quite a bit through the multiple televised debates held in recent months, she still wanted to see the candidate up close in person.

"It's just interesting," Schram said. "We wanted to hear what Kasich has to say, even though we probably already know because he's been on TV."

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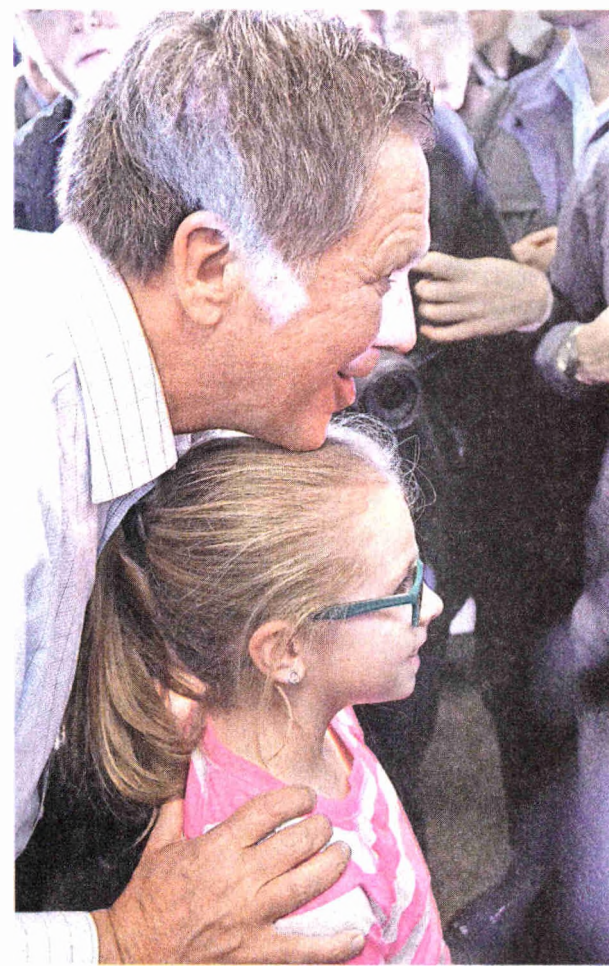
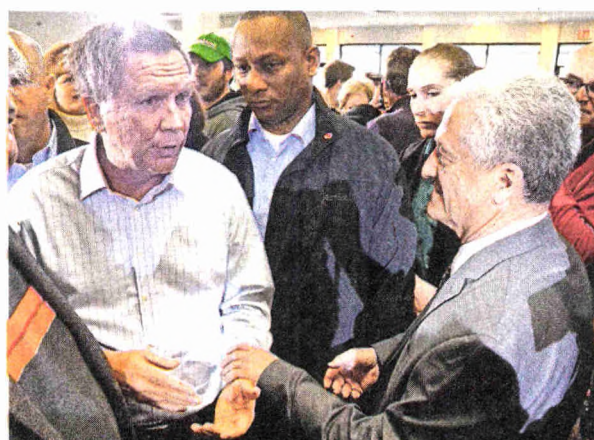
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Presidential hopeful John Kasich works his way through the crowd.



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Ohio Gov. John Kasich, seeking the Republican nomination for president, made a stop Tuesday in Livonia.



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Presidential hopeful John Kasich poses for a photo with 8-year-old Claire Galatis, a third-grader at Livonia's Grant Elementary.

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Gov. John Kasich speaks with Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright.



Ypsilanti students take an interactive lesson in health at St. Joseph Mercy-Canton.

Kids learn health care with visit to Canton's St. Joe's

Second-graders from Holmes Elementary School in Ypsilanti recently participated in the All About Me program at the Health Exploration Station at St. Joseph Mercy-Canton, courtesy of a grant from the Ford Motor Co. Fund.

During this interactive program, students learned how eating healthy food, getting sleep, exercising

and wearing safety gear keeps the body healthy. After the program, students explored the larger-than-life hands-on museum designed like the inside of a human body, in which they walked through a ribcage, crawled through a digestive system and tested their muscle strength.

The museum is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the fourth

Thursday of each month and scholarships are still available from the Ford Motor Co. Fund for schools and community organizations to participate in the program through field trips, school assemblies or parent education classes.

For more information, call 734-398-7518 or go to www.healthexplorationstation.com.

File income tax returns using free software courtesy IRS

It's that time of year again, to start thinking about filing our 2015 tax returns. By now, most of you have gotten the majority of your tax information; the question is, now what? There are a number of ways of completing and filing your tax return. For example, you can buy a software package and do it on your own, you could do it by hand (something I don't recommend for most people) or you can hire a professional.

There is another way and the great benefit of this way is that it's free. Yes, there is a way for most of you to complete and file your return electronically without cost. There are no gimmicks — it is legitimate.

For more than a dozen years, the Internal Revenue Service has partnered with tax software companies to allow you access to their software for free. Many tax software companies, such as TurboTax, H&R Block and TaxSlayer, participate in this program. In order to qualify for the free software, your adjusted gross income must be less than \$62,000. If your income is less than \$62,000, you can take advantage of this program.

Some people may think that because this is



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

a program sponsored by the IRS, there must be some gimmick or some catch. That's wrong. The software is basically the same software these companies sell on the open market. Therefore, you don't have to worry that it's somehow designed to favor the IRS; it's not. In addition, the question and answer format is designed to make sure you are taking all the deductions to which you are entitled. You do not have to be a tax expert to take advantage of the free software.

This year, you have 13 software packages to choose from. The key is that you can't go directly to these companies' websites. You must go through the IRS website. Go to <http://www.irs.gov/freefile>, to begin the process. Although the IRS program does not include state of Michigan tax returns, some of the software companies will also provide you with free state of Michigan tax preparation services.

We all know that taxes have become more complex and it is more ex-

pensive than ever to have your return professionally prepared. According to the IRS, about 70 percent of Americans are eligible to use the free tax software service.

People who have straightforward tax situations — such as income from wages, bank accounts and normal deductions such as mortgage interest, property tax and charitable contributions — should look to take advantage of this program. Those who have complex tax situations may wish to consult a professional. A substantial number of people can save significant money by taking advantage of the IRS program.

My philosophy has always been that money looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else. I encourage you to take advantage of the IRS program. After all, just think how good you will feel knowing that as opposed to paying the IRS, you actually received something worthwhile for free.

Good luck!

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

Get sand between your toes at Cottage & Lakefront Living Show

The ninth annual Cottage & Lakefront Living Show, for property and vacation homeowners or those looking to buy, build or rent, runs Feb. 25-28 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"Our preseason event can help bring about your dream cottage or vacation home this year," said Dawn Baker, show manager of ShowSpan, Inc. "Show-goers will find plenty of exhibits for building or renting a cottage, replacing a dock or seawall and adding cottage furnishings or water toys."

Adults and children are welcome to build sand castles at The Beach, the show's giant sandbox. Everyone can

try walking on water inside a giant inflatable transparent plastic Zorb Globe at the Cran-Hill Family Fun Zone full size pool.

The Log and Timber Frame Showcase will include floor plans, profiles, roof options, log species, cedar siding, full logs, post and beam and do-it-yourself or contractor-built home packages. Scheduled private consultations with builders, remodelers and contractors can be arranged in advance through the show's website.

Cottage Living Stage experts will explain how to set up a cottage family succession plan; guidelines for smart gardening by the lake; what to

watch for when buying lakefront property; advice on finding your dream cottage; fishing tips; information on vacation homes as an investment property; and the opportunity to explore other ways to make it the best season at the cottage yet.

Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River, between Novi and Beck roads. Show hours are 9-11 a.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10, \$4 for children 6-14 and children 5 and younger admitted free.

Go to www.novicottageshow.com for more.

The Big Salad, Madonna University launch business education project

The Big Salad is teaming with Madonna University to introduce a new reality-based learning project for the school's business majors.

"Seal the Deal" is a semester-long project in which teams of students compete to create, design, test and market a new menu product for The Big Salad. According to John Bornoty, The Big Salad founder and CEO, the concept was successfully piloted at Grosse Pointe North High School and is now being introduced at the university level in for-credit courses.

"Seal the Deal" student teams meet in groups, in classroom settings and on-site at The Big Salad Novi location, 43168 Grand River, to develop, test and market their menu creations.

The four teams will have the opportunity to market their proposed menu items during the weeks of March 28 and April 4, with the winning team to be announced at the university April 11.

"We're pleased to have the opportunity to have this partnership with The Big Salad as part of our continuing work to provide our students with more reality-



The Big Salad founder and CEO John Bornoty is excited for the start of the "Seal the Deal" program

based learning experiences," said Cleamon Moorer, dean of Madonna University's School of Business.

Students in the principles of marketing course taught by Nidhal Bouazizi, Madonna University assistant professor, International Business, are participating in the "Seal the Deal" experience.

"Students are showing great enthusiasm for this opportunity to put into practice what they are learning in the classroom about marketing," he said.

The Big Salad can be found in Ann Arbor, Grosse Pointe Woods, Novi, Troy and Charlotte. Learn more at www.thebigsalad.net.

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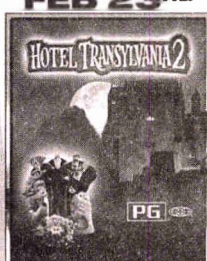


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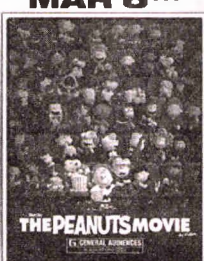
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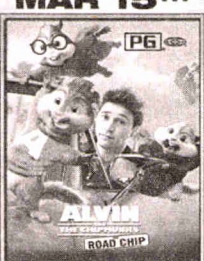
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Farmington man grew up with Seedlings

Jared Stofflett of Farmington grew up reading books from Seedlings Braille Books for Children.

Now he is board president of the Livonia nonprofit he credits for helping to give him the literacy foundation he needs to support himself as a software developer for Compuware.

Stofflett, 30, was born blind. His mother, Lori Stofflett of Farmington Hills, learned about Seedlings from the teacher of the visually impaired assigned to Stofflett through Oakland Schools when he was 7 months old. By the time he was 4, he was already reading braille.

As an elementary student, Stofflett read an estimated 75-100 books from Seedlings. He especially liked the Goosebumps books. His mother said she liked buying Stofflett books from Seedlings because they were affordable.

Seedlings also supplied braille books to the libraries of the schools Stofflett attended so he could check out books to read, just like his classmates.

"As a parent, this was important to us," Lori



Jared Stofflett was elected Seedlings president in January.

Stofflett said. "Seedlings provides an opportunity for literacy in a sighted world."

Seedlings sells half of its books for an average price of \$10 each and gives the other half away for free in an effort to increase literacy among children who are blind and visually impaired.

It is able to do this because of grants, donations and money raised at an annual bowling event. This year's event is Saturday, March 12, at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth. To register or donate, go to <http://www.seedlings.org/events.php> or contact Karen Smith at 734-427-8552, ext. 301, or Seedlink7@ameritech.net.

When Stofflett was in middle school, his teach-

ers insisted he continue reading braille exclusively, even though he could have used audio books for some subjects. He's glad they did. Without knowing how to read and write — skills impossible to learn by just listening to speech — Stofflett said he never would have been able to compose the 10-page papers necessary for earning his degree in telecommunications from Michigan State University.

On the job now, he uses braille to send emails and read and write documents. "I couldn't do my job without it," he said.

His mother, who taught first grade and special education, served on the Seedlings board from 1992-98. That

makes Stofflett a second-generation Seedlings board member.

Lori said she and Jared's father John, who works in information technology, are very proud of their only child. Not only does he support himself, he's an avid skier — both cross country and downhill — and an experienced sailor. He's competed in three Port Huron to Mackinac races. Plus, he's getting married later this year to Beth Hubbard of Farmington, an occupational therapist he met through online dating.

Lori said they have never viewed blindness as a disability. "It's more of a challenge," she said. "And we all have challenges of some sort."

Stofflett, who's serving his first term as president after joining the Seedlings board in 2012, said he enjoys making a difference in the lives of blind and visually impaired children all over the world. "I want to be able to give back to an organization that's helped me," he said.

Seedlings goes bowling for dollars

You can help blind and visually impaired children grow up to be literate, independent adults by raising money for braille books at Seedlings' 29th annual Bowling for Braille Books event Saturday, March 12, at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth.

The Livonia nonprofit hopes to raise \$35,000, enough for 3,500 books. The event is Seedlings' biggest fundraiser of the year.

The minimum pledge amount of \$65 includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, T-shirt, goody bag, lunch and one free raffle ticket.

Not a bowler? You can make a general donation to the event or pledge money for a specific team or bowler.

You may also attend the event just to bid on the silent auction items donated by area businesses. There will also be raffle drawings for many great prizes. Tickets are \$1 each, \$5 for six.

Raffle prizes and auction items include: Red Wings tickets, sports memorabilia, an annual membership to The Hen-

ry Ford, an overnight stay at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth, a VIP car pass for eight to African Safari Wildlife Park, two hours of Molly Maid cleaning service, a Simplicity Deluxe Vacuum from Bank's Vacuum in Livonia, a certificate for a Day at the Spa for Your Vehicle from Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth and much, much more.

To bowl or make a donation, go to <http://www.seedlings.org/events.php>. You may also contact Karen Smith at 734-427-8552, ext. 301, or Seedlink7@ameritech.net. Bowlers are encouraged to sign up by March 1 so lane assignments can be made.

Check-in on the day of the event starts at noon; bowling and silent auction bidding begin at 1 p.m. Plaza Lanes is at 42001 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Dave Rexroth, WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) chief meteorologist, who lost his left eye in a fireworks accident in 2014, will return as the event's celebrity bowler for the second year in a row.

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and then get to Lansing or get to Washington and do something else," Noble said of voters.

Noble said he is dedicated to limited government, low taxes and individual liberty.

Roosen said he has a call to public service and that his professional experience, especially during difficult times, has given him insight into how Michigan, with its heavy reliance on the automobile industry, should be run. Keeping taxes down, cutting regulations, attracting and maintaining businesses would be among his goals, he said.

"I've seen what the recession has done multiple times now in my 25-year career," said Roosen, global sales manager at Woco Tech USA, a supplier of under-the-hood plastic parts. "I don't want that to happen again."

Noble, who moved to Plymouth Township in 1999 and helped create Praise Baptist, which grew from the combination of two local churches, in 2008, said his skills as a pastor would serve him well in the House.

"I dedicate my life to meeting people and listening to where they're at," he said. "I think that's one of those things we've lost in our government. We're just not listening."

Roosen says he's recession-tested

Roosen said he would, as a House member, draw on his eight years as a Northville Township trustee, an office he held

from 2004-12. He said he and other officials there made decisions, such as instituting pay freezes and seeking union concessions, that helped the township weather the recession that began in 2007.

"Real proud of how we got through the recession," Roosen said. "Northville Township was the first community in Wayne County where property values turned upward again."

His township, he said, has benefited from partnering with neighboring communities, for such government functions as public safety dispatch, prisoner lockup, parks and recreation and the 35th District Court. He'd carry that philosophy to Lansing, as well.

Noble and his wife Myra have three adult daughters and a grandson. Roosen and his wife Karen have no children.

Roosen has bachelor's degrees in mathematics and electrical engineering from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, plus a master's in manufacturing systems engineering from the University of Michigan.

Noble has a bachelor's degree in political science from Francis Marion College (now a university) in Florence, S.C., and a master of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.

Each candidate has a website: www.votechrisroosen.com and www.voteJeffNoble.com.

The filing deadline for state House candidates is Tuesday, April 19.

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Dale Edwards enjoys a swim as part of the therapeutic recreation program.



Mary Anne Muldon and Gabby Kreza share smiles at the therapeutic recreation program.

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county proposed using \$40,000 from the 10th District's \$190,000 portion of parks tax dollars to cover the program's \$75,000 cost. During county budget talks, he said, the therapeutic recreation program was competing for funding with events such as weekend music festivals.

Provenzano had worried the program could lose funding, even though she said the number of participants has grown.

It's not the first time 10th District officials have had to fight to keep the funding in place. Price, when he was on the Wayne County Commission, faced the same battle.

Provenzano has said the program serves people 15 and older year-round and, during summer months, expands to include children ages

8-14. She has said the participants "grow and blossom in ways that

many people never thought might be possible."

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OUR VIEW

AAA on-target on speed limit legislation; urge a no vote by your state legislators

This newspaper recently received a letter from AAA Michigan with which we agree wholeheartedly.

AAA has long advocated for traffic safety measures and its AAA Michigan president, Steve Wagner, raises safety issues about current state legislation.

The Michigan House of Representatives will soon be voting on a package of bills aimed to increase the speed limits on Michigan's roadways. AAA Michigan has serious concerns with the legislation, Wagner says.

This proposal could potentially increase the speed limit to 80 mph. Wagner writes, "We recognize the need for a speed limit that keeps all traffic moving at a safe rate, but do we really want large commercial vehicles traveling at speeds of 70 mph and cars driving

at 80 mph? Given the current conditions of our roadways, we question the safety of traveling the current speed limit, let alone driving at increased speeds."

Wagner also cites driver distraction, including cellphones, texting, GPS and other evolving technology. Drivers at 80 mph are a greater safety risk when distracted, AAA notes.

Wagner adds, "Proponents will argue individuals are already driving faster than the posted speed limit and people tend to drive at a speed which they feel comfortable. We are also concerned about the negative effect a speed limit increase will have on newly licensed drivers and senior drivers."

He praises the House Transportation Committee for incorporating the requirement of a safety study

into the bills, an AAA recommendation, but adds there are additional factors to consider including roadway design, vehicle crash data and roadside development.

This newspaper also urges legislators to vote "no" on House Bills 4423, 4424, and 4425. Distracted driving is more prevalent than ever these days and puts all motorists and their passengers at greater risk, including young drivers just learning the rules of the road.

Make your voice heard by letting your representatives in the state Legislature know your views on this measure. "Safety first" is a common refrain, but it applies here and should be heeded by all who share Michigan's roadways.

LETTERS

Wait until he's cold

I found last night's Republican debate to be very outrageous. After a brief moment of silence for the passing of Supreme Court Justice Scalia, the candidates proceeded to emphasize and focus on how they wouldn't allow President Obama to appoint a new justice in the next 11 months!

If Obama didn't take action on ISIS or North Korea for 11 months, they would annihilate him. But America, according to the candidates on stage, don't deserve a new justice for 11 months. OMG, Justice Scalia wasn't even "cold"

yet and the only thing they could comment on was his "replacement." Thank you, candidates, for your warm, compassionate feelings on the death of a great American. You're all beauties.

Tom Kelly
Plymouth

Meet candidates

Mark Clinton has announced his candidacy for Plymouth Township treasurer in 2016. He will be speaking and answering questions at the meeting of Plymouth Concerned Citizens 7-8:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the Plymouth library on Main Street in downtown Plymouth. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mark will be challenging incumbent treasurer, Ron Edwards, in the August primary. The winner of the August primary will run for treasurer on the November ballot. Edwards was part of a recall campaign last year and received more recall signatures than he received votes in the last primary election. The recall was not successful due to the 60-day time constraint imposed by the Michigan Legislature.

Mark Clinton is new on the political scene, but he comes with very strong business and financial credentials. He is a 27-year resident of Plymouth Township and is committed to re-establishing trust and transparency in local government, which has been sorely lacking in the township in recent years.

Plymouth Concerned Citizens will be hosting candidates from all parties to speak at upcoming meetings every month right up to the August

primary. To keep informed of upcoming speakers and events, go to the PCC website at <http://plymouthconcernedcitizens.com/>

Jackie Peters
Plymouth Township

What's Yack doing?

While reading the Feb. 11 *Observer*, I came across a guest column article written by Canton Township Trustee Tom Yack. I was intrigued as to why Yack would interject himself into the discussion that Plymouth Township and the city of Plymouth are having over the fate of the old Central Middle School and a new recreational facility.

To my amazement, Yack's plan is to "poach" any new facility, open it in Canton Township and subject our (Canton) residents to pay more taxes for this scheme. What on Earth would we gain from this? We already have, and pay for, two top-notch venues, Summit On The Park and

The Village Theater. Now Yack wants us to pay for competing facilities?

I would suggest that Yack use his remaining time in office to join former Democratic state Rep. Dian Slavens and current Democratic Rep. Kristy Pagen in demanding that his fellow Republicans in Lansing stop shortchanging our cities and townships.

But, then again, I imagine Yack subscribes to that old "never speak ill of another sitting Republican."

James Huddleston
Canton

Who does school board represent?

I'm very concerned over a pattern seen with this school board. First, they decide to open 200 seats to School of Choice students from other districts. Many residents showed up at a special meeting when word of this became public and at least 80 percent expressed their disagreement. In spite of that

feedback, it was clear, they'd already decided to allow the 200 seats and were going to proceed with that plan regardless of the feedback. To appease us, they promised it would be a one-time request.

One year later, they added additional School of Choice seats. Again, I went to the board meeting to express my disapproval, clearly to closed ears. Outside that meeting room, I asked a member of our school leadership if the board even knew whether residents supported or objected to School of Choice and he suggested they did not. Amazing!

Now we experience a change in superintendent of schools, managed entirely within the board with no transparency to the residents of this community. And Kim Couch responds with, "The board takes full responsibility for the process" and apologized to the

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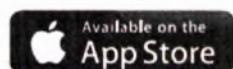


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GUEST COLUMN

Still trying to keep your new year's resolution?

If you are like the estimated 90 million Americans who started out the new year with the best of intentions to initiate positive change in their lives, you've probably made getting healthier part of your new year's resolution.

Unfortunately for many individuals, new year's resolutions are often abandoned within the first month or two of their implementation. So why does it seem such a difficult task to turn our resolutions into reality? If you're struggling and having difficulty staying on track, it's important to get professional, qual-



Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz
GUEST COLUMNIST

ified assistance to keep you progressing toward your goals.

Whether your main new year's resolution is to lose weight, eat healthy, exercise more or reduce stress, Canton Leisure Services offers a wide variety of fitness classes and health and wellness services for every age group and fitness level that can help keep you focused on fitness. Take advantage

of numerous health and wellness classes, as well as a state-of-the-art fitness center, available at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Fitness group sessions provide a safe and effective workout in a fun environment. No matter your age or your current physical condition, anyone can benefit from exercise.

The Summit on the Park also offers one-on-one personal training programs. Working with a personal trainer can be a great way to get back into a fitness routine. A personal trainer will develop an individualized

fitness program specifically for you, all while monitoring your form and ensuring a safe and effective workout that will help get you the results you want.

For the past 20 years, the Summit on the Park has been helping community members lead healthier lives. On Sunday, Feb. 28, the Canton community is invited to join us in celebrating the Summit on the Park's 20th anniversary. Stop by and take part in all the festivities, including fun "Under the Big Top" for children in the gym with carnival games, a magician and more 1:30-4

p.m.; a free open swim 1:30-5:30 p.m.; and the Summit re-dedication ceremony at 4 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. Starting at 4:30 p.m., special entertainment will also be available in the Grand Ballroom, featuring dueling pianos, refreshments, cash bar, raffles (including an annual individual membership) and giveaways. Free entry to the building will be available during these times. With all the festivities planned for our special community celebration, there's sure to be something for everyone.

Make health and wellness a top priority in 2016

by setting realistic goals, having a support system in place and consistently dedicating time to work toward your objectives — you're worth it! By taking these steps, the more likely you'll be able to realize your new year's resolutions and become the best version of yourself.

To find the Summit on the Park class or service that's right for you, go to www.summitonthe-park.org or contact Membership Services at 734-394-5460.

Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz, CPRP, is Canton Leisure Services director.

GUEST COLUMN

It's time to really celebrate Washington — as in George

Let's take a quick, free word association test: George Washington.

If images of wooden teeth, cherry trees, dollar bills and carpet sales popped into your mind, I suspect you would be in very large company.

Do these images accurately reflect his importance to America? Not so much. His contributions to the American experiment in self-government are unparalleled: Virginian legislator and revolutionary; commander-in-chief of the Continental Army; president of the Constitutional Convention; and first president of the United States of America.

He is also great because for what he did not do. After he led the Continental Army to victory, he resigned his commission and returned to Mt. Vernon. James Madison basically berated him into becoming president of the Constitutional Convention. Washington



Michael Warren
GUEST COLUMNIST

never sought a kingship when some urged him to do so. In fact, he angrily denounced such overtures. When most thought he would be president for life, he retired after two terms. His character was unsailable. He believed in, and acted to guard, liberty and the republic. His nemesis, King George III, remarked upon hearing of Washington's retirement from the presidency that made him "the greatest character of the age."

In light of Washington's indispensable role, why do we fail to properly remember him? First, he has become disconnected from his holiday. Born Feb. 22, this year we celebrated his birthday Feb. 15. Although the

holiday is still officially designated for Washington, since the passage of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act in 1971 — tying the holiday to the third Monday of February — it has been popularly recognized as Presidents Day. Instead of focusing on Washington, we celebrate the collage of presidents — good and bad. Well, "celebrate" might be the wrong term — we might take advantage of a discount on a new TV or refrigerator. Undoubtedly, we spend our time on anything other than commemorating Washington.

Second, a quick review of most history and civics curricula will quickly reveal that Washington is introduced a bit in elementary school, then mentioned in passing in high school. In college, assuming a student actually attends an American history course that addresses the founding era, there is a distinct bias to dwell on other

more cerebral Founding Fathers like Thomas Jefferson. When Washington is the focus, it is usually through a condemnation as a slaveholder. A most fair critique. Still, Washington's remarkable manumission of his slaves upon wife Martha's death is usually overlooked, as is his remarkable career.

Third, our culture is tied to the here and now — preferably in 140 characters or less. History, and particularly heroes, are seen as passé, irrelevant and pointless, except perhaps as good fodder for trivia crack. This lackadaisical attitude to our origins is perilous. As Edmund Burke reflected, "Those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it." The last 10 years, we have forgotten much history. If you think American Constitution and dominance are inevitable, tell that to the Roman, Ottoman, Persian, Byzantine, British and Mongol empires.

There are other causes as well. Suffice it to say, Washington's importance has been eclipsed by Lady Gaga, football, *Modern Family* and Kane West.

Time to turn the tide by reinvigorating our civic celebrations — and not just by reviving his own holiday. Washington's legacy should not be relegated to a single day each year, especially when that day is combined with every other president. That's why my then 10-year-old daughter Leah and I included him as a vital part of Patriot Week.

Patriot Week renews America's spirit by celebrating the First Principles, Founding Fathers and other patriots, vital documents and speeches and flags that make America the greatest nation in world history. Anchored by the key dates of Sept. 11 (the anniversary of the terrorists attacks) and Sept. 17 (Constitution Day, the

anniversary of the signing of the Constitution), the schedule for each day has a separate focus. Washington, the congressional resolution forwarding the draft Constitution to the states for ratification and the current U.S. flag are commemorated in connection with their tremendous contributions for the First Principle of the Social Compact.

Washington was the indispensable man who bequeathed us our freedom. Our generation has a responsibility to ensure that Washington's contributions and vision burn in our hearts and minds for generations to come.

Michael Warren is an Oakland County Circuit Court judge and co-founder, with his daughter Leah, of Patriot Week (www.PatriotWeek.org). He is also the author of "America's Survival Guide" (www.AmericasSurvivalGuide.com) and a former member of the state Board of Education.

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teachers and members of the public for their lack of transparency. Sound familiar?

I'm beginning to think our problem is the board does not represent our community. Maybe I'm being a bit naive here, but I thought that was their job. Why do they continue to operate in a vacuum? And why is it the only time I have an opportunity to provide my input is after they've already made a decision?
Richard Bantau
Canton

Weakens voters' rights

We read with interest Rep. Chris Afendoulis' legislative bill to change how local communities determine historical districts. As we understand this proposed legislation, a two-thirds vote of the property owners would be required, as well as approval by the city. The purpose of this legislation is to weaken local control to make

these area available for private development. The Republicans, nationwide, are in cahoots to accomplish this very task by making it very difficult for local communities to decide and maintain their own historical preservation areas.

Afendoulis is quite in error saying he is updating and modernizing a law written 45 years ago. This is the sole purpose of SHPO, the State Historical Preservation Office. Fact is, he is simply making a naked attempt to dilute or eliminate local control and placing such cities at the mercy of moneyed private developers. Designated historical districts would be required to go through a cumbersome process of re-certification every 10 years.

There is nothing meritorious about Afendoulis and the conspiracy of fellow Republicans to eliminate property rights and further weaken voters' rights.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Filth contributor

Like many folks, I drive Five Mile, Napier and Six Mile nearly every day. In addition to the odor from the landfill, the dust and dirt on the roads are inexcusable. In addition to the landfill, the concrete reclaiming facility at the southwest corner of Six Mile and Chubb roads is another filth contributor.

Both of these facilities should be required to have some street sweeping equipment at the ready and clean up these roads several times a day. At times, the dust is so thick that it is difficult to see. In addition, if it is raining, you might as well be driving down a dirt road. If a truck passes you coming in the opposite direction, the spray will blind you. Further, the dust has got to be health hazard, especially for those living in the area or downwind of these facilities.

I think that the conditions in this area have gotten worse over the last couple of years. Some additional oversight by local authorities

is long overdue. Apparently, they've been looking the other way. Hmm!
Conrad Boginski
Northville

It stinks

We live in Northville and our child attends Northville High School on Six Mile Road, just east of the landfill here.

Our local paper reports that the MDEQ has cited the landfill, but I am contacting you (legislators, officials) to encourage all possible haste in fixing the problem.

The stench is unconscionable. It fills the car, as I drive my child to school, with noxious gases. The smell is unbelievable! It is rotting meat packaging, old diapers and fish bones rolled together. How is our child supposed to have a fresh start to his day?

And if I can identify these odors as trash decomposing, what other toxins may be wafting undetectable toward our homes and children at school? Surely, this is not healthful.

I know you (legislators) have other things to deal with in Flint, but surely this must be a priority, as well. Hundreds of people are affected here. And Advance Disposal (what a misnomer) must simply be forced to rectify the situation immediately.

Community activism, including legal action, may be required. If you would like me to organize this for you, let me know.
Susan Greenlee, RN, MPH, CNM
Northville

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

Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Construction Bid Package 7, consisting of:

Site Upgrade Projects at Multiple Buildings

will be received at the office of Ms. Pamela Anstey, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until **11:00 A.M., local time on Thursday, February 25, 2016** at which time they will be opened, read publicly and tabulated.

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

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

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

102: Asphalt Paving / Site Concrete

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

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of ½ size bidding documents beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400.
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.

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

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at the Construction Managers construction trailer located behind Canton High School at 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

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

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

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

END OF SECTION

CITY OF PLYMOUTH 2016 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will be conducting the 2016 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Conference Room, 201 S Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, March 8, 2016 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 9, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 21, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointments only. COMPLETED 2016 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Monday, March 21, 2016.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be received by Monday, March 21, 2016 by 4:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review Meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

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FIVE NATIONS TOURNEY



Klim Kostin (left), who scored the winning goal for Russia, greets Sean Dhooghe of the U.S. team during the traditional post-game handshake line. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

KLAA TOURNEY

Chiefs too much for Rocks

Canton clicks in league tournament opener, 55-35

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

After an early surge by visiting Salem in Tuesday's KLAA tournament opener, Canton varsity girls basketball coach Rob Heitmeyer tweaked his defense.

Then came the tell-tale second quarter — during which Canton outscored its longtime campus rival, 19-3, to build a 31-11 lead at halftime.

From there, the final outcome was all but determined, with the Chiefs winning, 55-35.

"In the second quarter, we played the defense we like to play," said. "They came out and scored seven points early and we made adjustments. We had to stop the dribble-drive.

"Once we did that, they had to kick it back out and rely on some contested outside shots and that was the difference."

Canton (14-3) now will host Plymouth at 7 p.m. Friday in a Kensington Conference semifinal. The Wildcats (7-10) upset Novi (14-3), 45-39.

According to Salem head coach Lindsay Klemmer, the shorthanded Rocks were dealt another blow just two hours before tip-off, when junior forward Jayna Lenders, their all-KLAA player, went home with the flu. The Rocks brought up Maddy Kernahan from the junior varsity for the Canton contest.

So Klemmer needed to switch from man-to-man to zone coverage going into the second quarter in order to preserve energy and keep her team fresh.

That move did not pan out. "In the second, we went to zone to protect our kids from (committing) fouls and to give them a break," Klemmer said. "Eighteen of those 19 (Canton) points were off offensive rebounds; it's tough to box out of a zone. And they're a great offensive rebounding team."

In the second half, the teams pretty much were on even footing. Each team scored nine points in the third quarter and 15 in the fourth.

Among Salem's spark plugs was senior guard Marisa Martin, who scored eight of her 13 points in the fourth — including seven in less than a min-

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HOCKEY HEARTBREAKER

Tourney title eludes U.S. as Russia wins at packed USA Hockey Arena

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

One minute, USA Hockey Arena was rocking louder than it ever has. The U.S. team had just scored twice in a bit over a minute to tie Saturday's Under-17 Five Nations Tournament winner-take-home finale against Russia.

"U-S-A! U-S-A!" chants filled the air as nearly 3,300 spectators wanted nothing better than to see the U.S. NTDP U17s score again and win the title.

"We were just trying to thrive off the energy," U.S. forward Sean Dhooghe said. "It was great; we love hearing the building get loud. We were loud on the bench. The energy was there, it was great. We were just trying to feed off it."

The next minute, however, it got so quiet one could hear a pin drop. That pin — courtesy of Klim Kostin's unassisted goal at 17:15 of the third period — burst Team USA's red-white-and-blue balloon as Rus-



Grant Mismash of the U.S. tries to jam the puck past Russian goalie Maxim Zhukov. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

sia went ahead to stay. An empty-netter in the final seconds closed out the 5-3 decision, which ended with Russian players flinging their sticks into the air and enjoying

a wild on-ice celebration while the Americans and their fans tried to stomach the sight.

"I couldn't even watch," said U.S. defenseman David Farrance, whose one-timer at

14:35 made it a 3-3 game, sending the Beck Road arena into a frenzy not witnessed since the days of the Plymouth Whalers

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D1 WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS

Rocks' Foster at head of Park class

Salem senior is district champion at 189; 14 others from Park qualify for regional

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

On the heels of winning a Division 1 wrestling team district championship, six members of the Salem Rocks qualified for the D1 individual regional competition.

Saturday's D1 individual districts at Canton was dominated by Novi Detroit Catholic Central performers.

But 15 Plymouth-Canton Educational Park wrestlers

made the cut, finishing in the top four of their respective weight class.

That contingent will compete this Saturday at the D1 individual regional hosted by Saline.

Leading the Rocks was senior Roy Foster, the lone Park wrestler to place first. He won by a major decision (13-4) at 189 pounds over Dearborn Heights Crestwood's Joshua Harvis.

"Roy has worked so hard to get where he is," Salem coach Jeremy Henderson said. "For him to win districts and cement his picture on the wall, it's a great feeling. He'll be up with some of the best Salem's ever had."

"He had a great finals

match and really took it to the Crestwood kid. He has over 100 wins and I am truly proud to see where he is at now and he is a great young man, which makes me even more of a proud coach."

Salem also had three runners-up: Cameron Shaughnessy (125), Seth Dunn (152) and Demetrius Fields (171). Also going to Saline will be Bruce Haslitt (third at 140) and Tyler Moore (fourth at 215).

Henderson said Salem's contingent is the program's largest to reach the individual regional since 2005-06.

"This senior class had really stuck together and the suc-

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Salem senior Roy Foster (left) downs Dearborn Heights Crestwood's Joshua Jarvis for the 189-pound district title. Foster won by major decision, 13-4. SCOTT CONFER

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RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

USA Hockey Arena rocked from start to finish as a near-capacity crowd watched Saturday's Five Nations tourney finale between the U.S. and Russia.

USA

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making championship runs in the Ontario Hockey League. Farrance took a centering pass from forward Scott Reedy and drilled a shot past Russian goaltender Maxim Zhukov, who was brilliant all night stopping while making 36 saves.

"Scotty made a great pass to me; he did all the work on that goal," Farrance said. "We had to push and pressure them on the offensive side. So I went to the net, Scotty just made a great pass to me."

That goal closely followed one scored at 13:24 by U.S. defenseman Reilly Walsh, brought in for the tournament along with forward Vanya Lodnia of Novi. Walsh and Lodnia were outstanding all week long as injury replacements.

"They weren't among the 22 originally brought in, but they fit in extremely well and did a great job," U.S. coach Don Granato said. "For Reilly, it was his second event. We took him to Slovakia in December (for a tournament) and he was very good there. That's why we wanted him back."

"And Vanya we've been watching; we've known who he is for quite a while."

What a downer

But just as fans anticipated an overtime session, the left-handed shooting Kostin skated down the right side and whis-



RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

Players from Team Russia's Under-17 team celebrate after defeating the U.S., 5-3, Saturday night in Plymouth.

tled the puck past U.S. goalie Dylan St. Cyr (Northville) for the winner.

"We had four guys back and their best player made one heck of a play," Granato said. "We allowed him to cut back into his forehand shot. We should have kept him on his backhand."

"Mistakes happen. I think that was a mistake late in a shift. There were some tired guys out there and he made us pay."

Granato wanted to pull St. Cyr for an extra attacker, but the coach was able to do so with only about 30 seconds left.

Russia (3-1-0-0, nine points) did not allow the U.S. (2-1-0-1, seven points, third in the tourney) a chance to set up on offense and Ivan Kozlov made the outcome official with an empty-

netter at 19:50.

"Even though it's a bitter pill to swallow, it was a great night for these guys," Granato said. "They'll remember it both positively and, with the loss, there'll be some negative to it. But what a great experience and we're better as a result."

The contest was an up-and-down entertaining one from the opening puck drop. Getting Russia on the board at 13:36 was Kirill Maximov, tipping in Alexey Rarov's slap shot from the left circle.

Answering on the power play with 2:48 left in the first was Walsh, slamming in a cross-crease pass from Brady Tkachuk (with Grant Mismash also assisting).



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Mobbing each other after scoring the tying goal during Saturday's third period are members of the U.S. team.

Getting aggressive

Despite Team USA's 17-7 edge in shots in the second period, the lone goal of the period was scored on a breakaway by Russia's Iaroslav Alekseev.

In the third, a goal by Mikhail Bitsadze at 4:27 opened up a 3-1 lead for the Russians. Bitsadze scored from short range against St. Cyr, who made some big stops despite facing less of a workload than Zhukov. St. Cyr stopped made 18 saves.

But then the U.S. cranked up the offensive urgency, with defensemen such as Walsh and Farrance pinching in more frequently and being rewarded with their goals.

"When you're behind, you're

a little more aggressive," Granato said. "We knew they were going to sit back, which they did, much like the Czechs did against us the other day."

"We wanted our defensemen to skate a bit more and I thought they did a nice job on that."

Despite the way the game ended, having the Five Nations tourney in Plymouth made a favorable impression on the team.

"Bringing it back to your own country, in your own building, it's something really special," said Dhooghe, a 5-2, 136-pound forward who scored twice, in tourney wins Wednesday over Finland and Friday over Sweden. "Even just putting on the jersey every day, representing your country, it's something you can never pass up."

"I wish we could have brought the championship home."

Concurring was Granato, who emphasized that the tournament is part of a "two-year process" in preparation for next year's Under-18 World Junior Championship.

"I told the players after the game, their progress through the course of the year's been outstanding," Granato said. "I wish they would have got it today, because in many respects they deserved a better fate. It didn't happen, we'll be better because of it."

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PCS Penguins senior captain Morgan Brace (right) and Morgan Gagnon were among key contributors in Friday's win over Northville.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Seniors help Penguins crush Northville

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

On Friday's senior night at Arctic Edge Arena, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins were all over Northville in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game, winning 8-0.

In keeping with the night's theme, senior goalie Natalie Nowicki was one of the standouts as she blanked the Mustangs. Her goals-against average for the season is a stellar 1.88 as PCS gears up for the state tournament.

Sparkling the offense for the Penguins (8-5), who scored four times in the second period to break the game wide open, was senior forward and captain Megan Brace, with two goals and two assists.

Another senior contributing on the score sheet was defenseman Gabrielle Godre, with an assist.

Others chipping in included freshman forward Brooke Gauthier (two goals, assist), junior forward Cathryn Vandenberg (goal), freshman forward Marnie Waggoner (goal, two assists), sophomore

forward Michelle Cirino (goal, assist), sophomore defenseman Morgan Gagnon (two assists), freshman forward Rachel Lanzilotti (goal) and junior forward Serina Eadeh (assist).

Cirino and Vandenberg lead PCS with 11 and 10 goals, respectively.

Next on the schedule, according to the league website, is a contest Feb. 23 against Farmington Hills Mercy.

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BOYS HOCKEY

'Cats post pair of wins; Salem's roll continues

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Trevor McManus morphed into a brick wall last weekend as he registered back-to-back shutouts for Plymouth's varsity boys hockey team.

The senior goaltender stopped all 22 shots he faced in a 2-0 victory Feb. 12 at Flint Powers and followed up the next day with a whitewashing of Farmington Unified — a game the Wildcats dominated, 8-0, at Arctic Edge Arena on senior night.

In the victory over Flint Powers, senior forwards James Baldwin and Jake Silvester both scored (the latter on the power play).

Helping nail down the win, in addition to McManus, were the penalty killers, shutting down the opponent on all three power-play tries in the final period.

Against Farmington Unified, the Wildcats (11-10-1) enjoyed a 55-5 edge in shots on goal and easily rolled to the victory.

Baldwin led the way with two goals and two assists, while senior defenseman Zack Wiener contributed three assists.

Senior forwards Silvester, Ryan Radwan, Max Chumley and Ricky Covault each scored a single goal.

Chipping in his first varsity goal was junior forward Jack Balch, while sophomore forward C.J. Mullenax helped the cause with a goal and two assists.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth senior goalie Trevor McManus, shown from earlier this season, chalked up successive shutouts Feb. 12-13.

Rocks on roll

Salem's varsity boys hockey team defeated Rochester United 3-2 in overtime Feb. 12, making it four wins against state-ranked teams in its past five contests.

Scoring in OT was Matt Schaumburger to help the Rocks knock off the No. 8 team in Division 1. Other Salem goal scorers were Evan Newel and Colin Goleniak, both on the power play.

Other teams in Salem's streak included Marquette (No. 5 in Division 2), Grosse Pointe South and Grandville (No. 6 in D1). The lone loss during the five-game stretch was to Romeo (No. 4 in D2).

Salem improved to 12-7-2 entering Friday night's KLAA crossover against Northville.

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INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Giving it all they've got

Salem's Schmitt, Meredith set to flex muscles on national stage

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem seniors Jannik Schmitt and DeAngelo Meredith are on a power trip — in the very best of ways.

Both are crushing it, literally, during the indoor track season, qualifying for state and national competitions.

They will get after it yet again Feb. 26-27 at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids for the indoor track and field state championships.

Then comes the New Balance Indoor National Championships, scheduled for March 11 in New York City.

Schmitt qualified for nationals in the shot put, with a throw of 52 feet, 2½ inches Jan. 16 at the University of Michigan. Since then, he threw the shot 52-8 to reach the No. 5 spot in the state.

Meredith made the national cut in an indoor event called the weight throw, reaching a mark of 48-5½, also Jan. 16 at Michigan. Schmitt also will compete at nationals in the weight throw, having reached the 54-9 mark Feb. 12 at U-M.

"These guys are both examples of the great things that happen with dedication and

hard work," said Steve Aspinall, who coaches both with Salem's varsity boys track and field team. "They push each other to get better every day and will continue to improve as their indoor and subsequent outdoor seasons continue and begin."

Evidence of that is Schmitt's recent throw, which exceeded his 49-8 mark from last spring at the MHSAA Division I state meet.

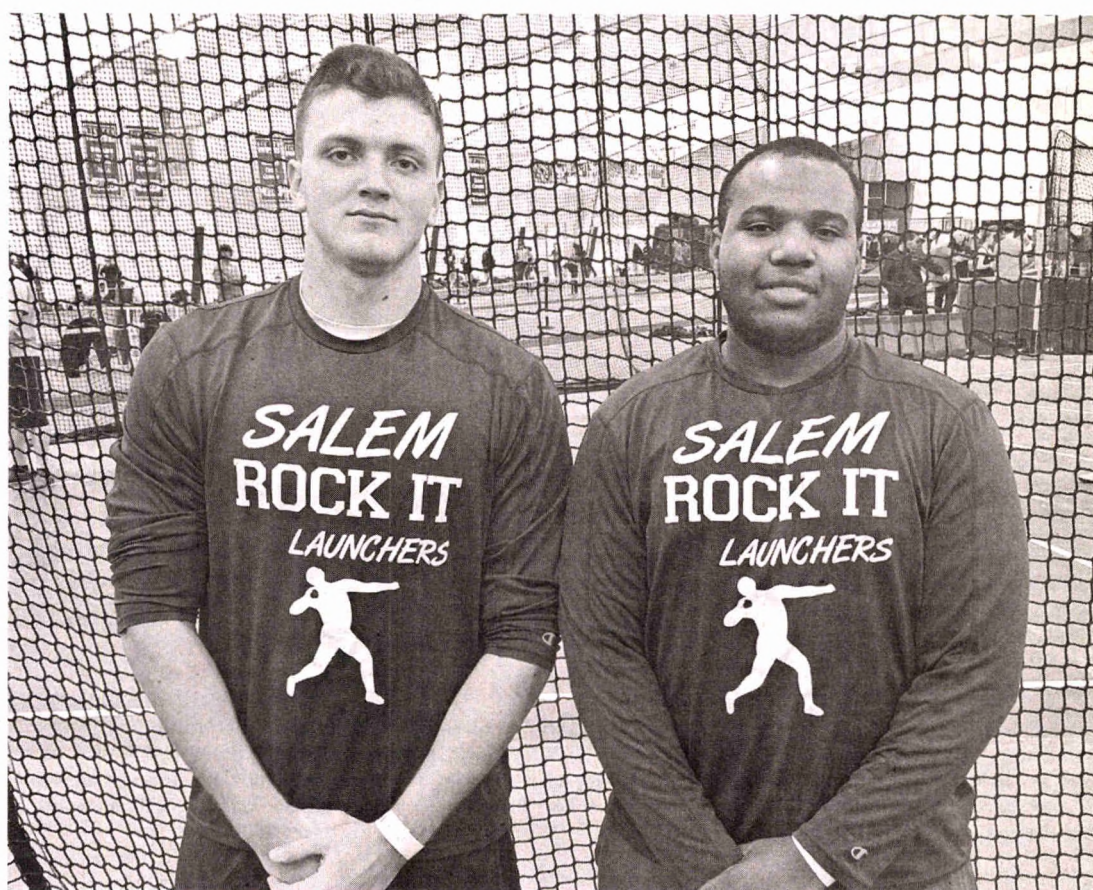
Crunch time

With every trip to the weight room, Schmitt is committed to adding inches to his top performance — enough so that his name will be on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park record board by the time his high school career is over. The current Salem record is 56-2.

"Having a goal is probably the main reason I came this far in the past few months," Schmitt said. "My goal is to break the Salem school record in the shot put and I don't want to graduate without it."

"Every time I bench, squat or work out, I think about it and it gives me motivation."

Aspinall credited Meredith for learning and quickly excelling in an event totally new to



Salem senior throwers Jannik Schmitt (left) and DeAngelo Meredith aren't just gearing up for the spring prep season — they are competing in state and national competitions later this month and in March.

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him. "The weight throw is an indoor event where guys throw a 25-foot ball, in a similar fashion to the hammer throw outdoors," Aspinall said. "DeAngelo's mark of 48-5½ has him currently as the (No. 5) weight thrower in the state."

"He will continue to grow as he learns the event a little better and gets more experience throwing it in meets."

Tireless workers

Salem throws coach Jim Crabill said Schmitt and Meredith are reaping the benefits of their hard work.

"These are two young men that have put the extra amount of work in practices and the weight room," Crabill said. "They both have grown in the last two years as athletes and as young men and it shows greatly when they take the time to help out the younger guys during practice."

"I expect them to do great things this upcoming track

season."

Meanwhile, Schmitt gave credit to Crabill and Meredith for encouraging and pushing him to be the best athlete he can be.

"Both of them showed me how much potential I have and helped me when I was down," Schmitt said. "Having those two guys with me in good times and bad times is still the best motivation."

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CHIEFS

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ute. "We always finish strong," Martin said. "Especially with the adversity we're facing, with six players on the bench and everything."

Scoring 11 points for Salem (10-7) was junior guard Cecelia McIntosh, while junior guard Darby Scott chipped in eight.

For the Chiefs, who outrebounded the Rocks, 39-17, senior guard Natalie Winters led the charge with 12 points.

"In the beginning, we knew they were going to come out tough," Winters said. "We just had to play our game, push the ball up the floor and pressure. That pretty much put us past them."

Heitmeyer said Winters' ability to drive to the basket for points was one of the keys to the team's victory. He also cited that his post players hit on about 50 percent of field-goal tries.

"It was nice to see (Winters) get to the rim," Heitmeyer said. "Tonight, she scored most of her baskets in the paint. That was big for us."

Helping the cause with 11 points and six rebounds was junior forward Shanya Butler.

Getting balanced scoring was important on a night where Salem's defense stifled Canton's top offensive players from throughout the season. Junior forward Erin Hult only scored four points, while junior guard Brianna Finn was held off the score sheet.

Other top Canton contributors included junior forwards Marissa Templeton (nine points, six boards) and Madison Wolfbauer (six points, seven rebounds).

"If we could have scored a little bit more and stopped them a little bit more in the second quarter, it still was a



Taking the ball to the rim Tuesday is Canton's Ashley Criscenti (left), being guarded by Salem's Leah Moss.

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game," Klemmer said. "That's when it got out of hand, because we did fine the first, third and fourth."

"I like this, though, because it's a prep for districts in two weeks."

PLYMOUTH 45, NOVI 39: The Wildcats upset the second seed in the Kensington Conference and will move on to face Canton on Friday night. Plymouth senior Cassidy Lewis scored 16 points for the Wildcats (7-10) while senior Hannah Badger scored 12.

Novi (14-3) had no answer to Plymouth's relentless defensive pressure, falling behind 23-9 at halftime. "This was such a key game," Badger said. "We have worked so hard from the beginning of summer until now and it's finally paying off. We are so excited to get another chance to play Canton."

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Salem's Marisa Martin (left) looks for a teammate to pass the ball too. Providing defense for Canton is Natalie Winters.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Salem put-back edges Stevenson

Win lifts Rocks into second seed for KLAAs tournament

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

In a feat nearly comparable to bowling a 300 game — with an opposing bowler's hand in your face every time you release the ball — Salem big man Kenny Topolovec made all 11 of his shots Friday night, the final (and biggest) coming with just over a second to spare.

With the Rocks' game at Livonia Stevenson deadlocked at 81-81 and the final seconds winding down, the 6-foot-6 Topolovec soared above the masses to secure a missed Cameron Grace float and deposit the ball into the cylinder with just 1.7 ticks on the clock for the difference-making points in Salem's 84-81 boys basketball victory.

Salem's final point came when Grace buried one of two technical foul shots after Stevenson was whistled for calling a timeout it didn't have with a fraction of a second left.

The final KLAAs Central Division game of the season for both teams left Salem with a 10-6 overall mark and 6-4 division record, making it the second seed heading into this week's KLAAs tournament.

Stevenson is now 9-7 and 5-5, respectively, and secured a third-place seed despite the loss.

Seedings were the furthest things from Topolovec's mind when he ascended toward Grace's off-the-mark shot and banked in the put-back to complete a sizable comeback for Salem.

"We knew the game was tied and we had some fouls to give, so my main focus was to crash the glass and get a rebound if there was a missed shot," said Topolovec, who finished with 30 points. "When my teammate put the ball up, I was able to get the rebound and put it in."

Topolovec's perfect shooting night — he also sank 8-of-9 free throws — was extra-impressive given that the lightning-quick pace of the game often leads to fatigued players and short shots.

Energized by a relentless offensive effort from Ian Knoph and Kyle Malkowski

(both of whom finished with 24 points), as well as Devin Dunn (who added 18), the Spartans sprinted to a 65-54 lead with three minutes remaining in the third quarter.

However, the Rocks answered with an 11-0 run, capped by Matt White's inside bucket in the final minute of the third.

Salem eventually built an 81-76 lead with 1:01 to go in the game, when Topolovec scored on a put-back (he finished with 13 rebounds), but the Spartans roared back to knot the score at 81-81 on a Knoph triple with 45.9 seconds left and a Dunn runner in the lane at the 22-second mark.

Following a timeout, Salem worked the clock down to seven seconds, when Grace drove the baseline from the left side and threw up and off-balance six-footer that caromed off the backboard and into the hands of Topolovec.

The first half was played at a crazy-fast tempo and ended with the Spartans owning a 48-47 lead.

"The way the first half went, I thought somebody was going to score 100 points tonight," Salem head coach Bob Brodie said. "We knew Stevenson liked to play fast and pressure the ball. We changed our defense up a little bit at the end to try and slow them down and we worked the clock a little bit more when we had the ball."

Grace was phenomenal from long distance, hitting four of his first five treys (with the only miss rolling out after circling the rim) to finish with 18 points.

Junior guard Camren Barden gave the Rocks a huge lift off the bench in the second quarter, when he scored 11 of his 12 points.

PCA EAGLES PREVAIL: Plymouth Christian Academy defeated conference rival Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 58-53, sparked by big games Friday from Matt Malcolm, Luke Yakuber and Ian Hay.

Malcolm and Yakuber each scored 15 points, while Hay contributed 13 points as the Eagles upped their record to 7-8 overall and 3-7 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Also stellar for PCA was Max Okio, with 12 rebounds and four points. Jayme Fadden (five boards) also was strong on the glass. Yakuber said it was good to avenge a 22-point loss to Liggett earlier this season.

"I think we played better team defense and brought a lot more energy to the floor," Yakuber said. "We communicated well and did the little things right. It all started with mesh at the right time and we are working as a cohesive unit, which is critical come tournament time."

PCA will face Allen Park Inter-City Baptist this week.
Staff writer Tim Smith contributed to this report.

WRESTLING

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cess that they have had is second to none in the last decade of this program," Henderson said.

"I am really proud of the guys and I expect a couple of these guys to make runs to the state tournament."

He cited junior Akash Rai, senior Andrew Lindsay and freshman DaQuan Baker of also being outstanding, missing qualifying for the regional by one match.

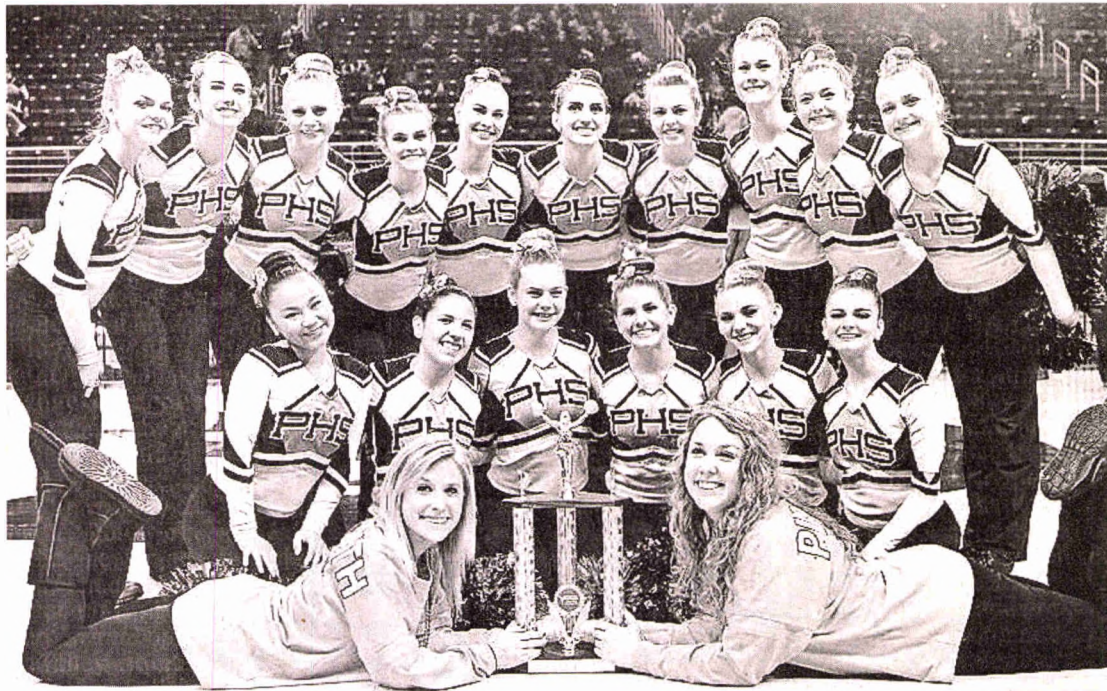
Plymouth will be represented Saturday by five wrestlers, three of whom fell short in the finals at the district. Isiah Berry (103), Collin Reed (130) and Dylan Dwyer (145)

finished second, while other regional qualifiers are Ethan Shulaw (fourth, 189) and Jacob Griffith (fourth, 152).

The host Chiefs will have four wrestlers at the Saline regional: Harrison Samoy (third, 125), Justin Winnie (third, 130), Abdelhadi Shuaib (third, 152) and Walter Beavers (fourth, 135).

MHSAA DIVISION 1-DISTRICT 6 INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING RESULTS Feb. 13 at Canton

(top four advance to regional)
189 pounds: Roy Foster (Salem) won by major decision over Joshua Harvis (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), 13-4; **third place:** Quinn Murphy (Walled Lake Western) pinned Ethan Shulaw (Plymouth), 2:10.
215: Josh Rettig (Livonia Franklin) dec. Jackson Ross (Detroit Catholic Central), 5-1; **third:** Joe Forin (Franklin) dec. Tyler Moore (Salem), 3-1.
285: Ali Wahab (Crestwood) dec. Nick Jenkins (Detroit CC), 3-2; **third:** Nathan Root (Crestwood) dec. Drew Kimmey (U-D Jesuit), 3-1.
103: Ben Kamali (Detroit CC) won by major dec. over Isiah Berry (Plymouth), 13-5; **third:** Mojahid Ahmed (Dearborn Fordson) p. Rhett Newton (Detroit CC), 2:45.
112: Stone Moscovic (Detroit CC) dec. Ethan Englehart (Livonia Churchill), 3-0; **third:** David Rastigue (Detroit CC) dec. Tarik Shalhout (Crestwood), 9-8.
119: Kevon Davenport (Detroit CC) p. Hassan Makled (Dearborn), 0:16; **third:** Josh Mussen (Churchill) dec. Tyler Droste (Livonia Stevenson), 8-4.
125: Cameron Amine (Detroit CC) p. Cameron Shaughnessy (Salem), 1:22; **third:** Harrison Samoy (Canton) won by major dec. over Tanner Bryan (South Lyon), 1:1-2.
130: Aaron Rehfeldt (Detroit CC) dec. Collin Reed (Plymouth), 5-2; **third:** Justin Winnie (Canton) dec. Hassan Al-Husseini (Crestwood), 6-3.
135: Jeremy Nelson (Franklin) dec. Willy Jackson (Novi), 9-3; **third:** Zolifkar Bazzi (Crestwood) p. Walter Beavers (Canton), 3:44.
140: Abe Ajami (Fordson) p. Aiden Wagh (Detroit CC), 3:05; **third:** Bruce Haslitt (Salem) p. Tarik Alcodray (Stevenson), 1:51.
145: Nathan Atienza (Franklin) won by default over Dylan Dwyer (Plymouth); **third:** Youssef Danaoui (Dearborn) p. Tyler Johnson (Detroit CC), 2:39.
152: Chase Gardner (Churchill) p. Seth Dunn (Salem), 3:14; **third:** Abdelhadi Shuaib (Canton) p. Jacob Griffith (Plymouth), 3:14.
160: Kasem Salameh (Crestwood) dec. Conor Cox (Detroit CC), 9-5; **third:** Zack Leck (Churchill) dec. Dawson Moll (South Lyon), 6-2.
171: Tyler Morland (Detroit CC) won by injury default over Demetrius Fields (Salem); **third:** Aldo Bella (Churchill) p. Andrew Garza (Franklin), 0:43.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth High School's junior varsity pom squad captured first place in its division Feb. 7 at Breslin Center in East Lansing. Team members include (back row, from left) Delaney Woodward, Camryn Solomon, Allison Farenger, Olivia Walker, Rachel Vasilnek, Maggie Lloyd, Rachael Stoeckle, Madeline Justice, Kayleigh Belanger and Alexa Maruszewski and (front row, from left) Lian Martin, Celina Winkler, Madison Cashero, Jillian Koviak, Susie Shelton and Lauren Merkel. Coaches Jillian Covault and Taryn Holowicki are on the floor in front.

MID-AMERICAN POM PON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE 'CATS!

Plymouth's junior varsity squad wins state championship at MSU

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Usually, they are the ones trying to help pump up the volume at high school athletic events.

But now, Plymouth's junior varsity pom pon team deserves a proper shoutout.

The JV Wildcats, coached by Jillian Covault and Taryn Holowicki, captured first place Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Mid-American Pom Pon State Championship.

Plymouth topped an eight-team field at Michigan State University's Breslin Center. Other teams included Grand Ledge, Birmingham Groves, Northville, Saginaw Heritage, Midland, Midland Dow and Lakeland.

"To come in first, it's a big deal," Holowicki said.

"They're very excited about it. We had our final performance last night at the (JV) high school basketball game and they were able to showcase their routines."

Members of the team include (listed alphabetically): Kayleigh Belanger, Madison Cashero, Allison Farenger, Madeline Justice, Jillian Koviak, Maggie Lloyd, Lian Martin, Alexa Maruszewski,

Lauren Merkel, Susie Shelton, Camryn Solomon, Rachael Stoeckle, Rachel Vasilnek, Olivia Walker, Celina Winkler and Delaney Woodward. Most are freshmen and sophomores.

They got skills

Holowicki said the Wildcats qualified for the state championship in January, at the Northville-hosted regional.

"They build their skills throughout the year," Holowicki said. "They have to perform very well. They have to have the general skills like high kicks and be able to complete their movements and really stay unified throughout their entire performance."

She added that the championship is a very sweet payoff for hours and hours of hard work perfecting routines, while also making sure to keep grades up to snuff.

"We started practicing in November," Holowicki said. "They practiced countless hours throughout the week, as well as keeping up with their schoolwork, which can be tough sometimes."

The team unity and precision on display at Breslin

also were due to a special work ethic.

"Our girls really do have that this year," Holowicki said. "They work very well and very hard together all the time."

In the Division 1 varsity pom competition at MSU, also Feb. 7, Park teams finished second (Canton) and fourth (Plymouth).

Some of this year's JV Wildcats will advance to varsity for 2016-17, the coach noted.

"We don't have all of them move up every year," she said. "But some of them definitely will."

Meanwhile, Holowicki said there is a distinction between the pom and competitive cheer teams that Plymouth and other schools have.

"Pom does one routine that we do to music ... there's no actual cheering out loud," she said. "The cheerleaders do the out-loud cheering and they do certain type of stunts. There's some stunts allowed in pom."

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BOYS SWIMMING

Park teams make splash at meets

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem's varsity boys swimming and diving team is making waves, with successful showings at the recent Wayne County Championships and MISCA meets.

Probably the highlight of both weekends was Eugene Li's record-breaking performance in the 100 breaststroke at the Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association meet, finishing in 59.93. That shattered a school record that had lasted for 26 years.

"The MISCA meet gives swimmers the unique chance to swim against all the top swimmers in the state, not just in Division 1 like the state meet," Rocks head coach Eric Lynn wrote in an email. "Eugene finished fourth overall, breaking the previous record of 59.96 held by newly inducted Salem Wall of Champions member Ron Orris."

The Rocks finished third at the county tournament, held Feb. 6, with the 200-yard free-style relay team of Phil Collingwood, Nate Budnick, Matthew Croop and Li winning with a state qualifying time of 1:30.71.

Li, Collingwood, Budnick and Nick Landon also qualified in the 200 medley relay, placing second with a mark of 1:41.36.

Also strong at the county tourney was the 400 free relay team of Teddy Dowsnell, Lucas Sheedy, Croop and Colin Urbaczewski (eighth).

Salem swimmers also performed well in individual events at the county meet, with Li placing first in the 200 individual medley (1:58.81) and second in the 100 free (47.67).

Collingwood's time of 4:56.32 in the 500 free was good for second, while Budnick placed fourth in the 100 fly (55.23) and fifth in the 200 IM (2:04.98).

Salem will look to have a third consecutive stellar weekend Saturday at Novi High School, where the KLAA Central Division Championships will take place.

Plymouth excels

Also enjoying success at the Wayne County and MISCA meets was Plymouth, with swimmers shaving time off their season's bests and making state cuts.

At the county meet, the Wildcats finished seventh (along with Canton), with senior captain Garrett Beauprez qualifying for the state meet in the 200 IM with a time of 1:59.46 (third overall). That mark set a new Plymouth varsity record.

Also earning a new record was junior diver Jordan Groves, who tallied 375.70 points in 11 dives (after setting the six-dive record a week earlier in a dual meet).

Logan Kendall excelled at the county meet, shaving seconds off his 200 free and 500 free, earning respective PRs of 1:53.81 and 5:10.71.

Contributing PRs were senior Keegan Kendall (2:13.89 in the 200 IM) and Cameron Zinn (2:01.97 in the 200 free).

Times got even faster for the Wildcats at MISCA, with Beauprez earning his second individual state cut in the 200 free with a time of 1:47.22 (to break his own record from 2014-15) and setting a PR in the 500 free (4:57.68, just missing a state cut).

Head coach Kenn Forbes noted that Keegan Kendall (career best 59.73 in the 100 back), Aniketh Visai (58.10, 100 fly; 1:03.01, 100 breast), Matt Weiner (1:54.93, 200 free) and Bronson Knowles (1:04.61, 100 breast) all saw times drop and earn PRs.

In the 50 free, Mike Wischer's 22.59 was just short of making the state cut. Plymouth relay teams also were within a second of qualifying.

"All in all, it was great to see these swims and time drops as we head into the final stretch of the season," Forbes said. "We have still been working hard and keeping the yards up when the boys swam these."

"I can't wait to see what they will do when they are fully rested."



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Salem's Eugene Li breaks the school's 26-year-old record in the 100 breaststroke Saturday at the MISCA meet. He swam it in 59.93 seconds.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Ocelots take over top spot in conference

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Before Schoolcraft College hosted Mott Community College for Saturday's men's basketball showdown of the top two teams in the MCCA Eastern Conference, there was no special message from Ocelots head coach Abe Mashhour — even though a handle on the conference lead was at stake.

"Coach didn't go out of the normal pregame routine, he just told us to play hard and that's what we did," said sophomore guard Dre Black, a Westland John Glenn product. "One game at a time, one possession at a time, stay within the team and keep moving forward."

Schoolcraft took care of business, rolling to a 80-58 victory to take a two-game lead over Mott with three games remaining. The Ocelots improved to 16-10 overall and 11-2 in the Eastern Conference.

"Our team, it's one game at a time," said guard Tyler Johnson (Howell), who scored 11 Schoolcraft points in a row during the second half and led the squad with 20 for the game. "It's a process. We can't overlook anybody, because we can't stoop down to anybody's level. It's college basketball and everybody can play."

Johnson shrugged off his stretch of hot shooting, which featured two treys and a put-back over a span of 2.15.

"It was good. I know my



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Launching a jumper Saturday for Schoolcraft's men's basketball team is Ja'Christian Biles.

team looks at me to shoot," Johnson said. "I just found a rhythm and got it going."

He then smiled and said he got more enjoyment out of dishing the ball to center R.J. Coil for a trey from the left wing with 7:30 left to break his scoring streak.

"I like that a little more than hitting my own," Johnson said. "Especially R.J., because he's a shooter, too. We start working the pick and pop and he's a big man that can do that."

"When he hits, it's a big up on our bench because everybody's playing good."

Coil was one of the key performers, albeit off the bench, in the victory. In 20 minutes, he registered nine points and led the team with 16 rebounds — 11 on the defensive glass.

Mashhour praised the production his team enjoyed

throughout the lineup, particularly that from Johnson and Coil. Ten players registered at least two points.

"Tyler can get it going," Mashhour said. "He did it last week against OCC; he had six threes in the second half in the first 10 minutes."

About Coil, the coach said it was good to see him rewarded with nearly a double-double against the Bears.

"R.J. works so hard and he's getting better every day and he's getting healthier, which is a big thing for a guy who is 6-9 and 250 pounds," Mashhour said. "He did a great job today, not only with rebounding, but just contesting and changing shots on the defensive end and offensively he was solid."

Also in double figures for the Ocelots were Black (10 points, seven assists) and guard Ja'Christian Biles (13 points).

Helping the cause with eight points and four boards despite being hobbled by an ankle injury was forward Anthony Wartley-Fritz. Canton alum Davon Taylor also had seven boards.

Schoolcraft led, 35-22, after the first half and closed out the win with a 45-36 edge in the second half, hitting 7-of-12 attempts from behind the 3-point line (58.3 percent).

For Mott (16-9, 8-4), Darrin Mayo scored 19 points.

"We control our own destiny and that's exactly the position you want to be in this time of year," Mashhour said.

PREP ROUNDUP

Wildcats vault to top at Coldwater invite

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth's varsity gymnastics team parlayed several outstanding performances into a first-place finish at the Stick It For A Cure invitational in Coldwater.

Seniors Sam Fontana (vault, 9.05), Haley Metz (uneven parallel bars, 8.975; all-around, 36.05) and Rebeca Simu (balance beam, 9.375; floor exercise, 9.15) all placed first to spearhead the Plymouth triumph.

Others helping the Wildcats' cause were senior Emily Welch (seventh in all-around) and sophomore Tori Silvester (a personal best 9.125 on beam).

Freshman Ava Eilola had 8.65 on bars, while junior Adriana Tao, coming off an injury, was solid on beam and bars (sixth and seventh, respectively).

Money generated by the sixth annual event will be forwarded to the Branch County Cancer Center.

"The team was amazing today, working together, supporting each other and cheering (everybody) on," Plymouth head coach Pam Yockey said. "Coldwater can be commended on the thousands of dollars the team raised to support the Branch County Cancer Center and running a truly quality meet enjoyed by all."

Boys bowling

Sparked by freshman Brett Caldwell, who came up from junior varsity to post a 201 game, Plymouth defeated Can-

ton, 17-13, the Wildcats' first win over the Chiefs in several years.

A 269 Baker game keyed the triumph at Super Bowl Lanes, head coach Scott Kapke said.

Junior Justin O'Shaughnessy "continued to destroy pins" with match wins over Canton senior captain Mitch Zelenak (215-193, 237-202).

Plymouth prevailed Sunday at the annual Novi Bowl Valentine's Day Tournament, a format consisting of six team Baker games.

The Wildcats averaged 205 and edged runner-up Salem. Earning a medal with 279 was O'Shaughnessy, who tied with Salem's Jake Kurth for the high game of the tourney and bowled a 651 series.

Also earning a medal was senior captain Nick Ray (651 series), while others chipping in were Caldwell (636 series, including a 245 game), freshman Alan Brown (226 game) and junior Bryce Smith (234 game).

Girls bowling

Despite battling tough, the Plymouth girls bowling team fell, 21-9, to Canton on Tuesday at Super Bowl.

Standout efforts were posted by sophomore Madison Sharp (1,157 series) and freshman Maddie Harden (160 and 212 games).

Next up is the KLAA championship meet, Friday at 300 Bowl in Waterford.

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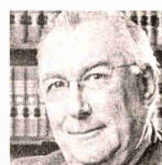
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Nonprofit Corporation Act changes explained, decried

Q: I have heard about changes made to the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act during a lame duck session of the Legislature last year. What are some of the most onerous provisions that you are aware of?

A: It would take a full-time column to advise you of many of the anti-consumer provisions which the Legislature sneaked through during a lame duck session with no public hearings, etc. One of the most egregious provisions is the fact that directors of nonprofits, including community associations, whether they are paid or not, are only liable for gross negligence. This is a legal concept which is extremely hard to establish as it is, in effect, considered an intentionally negligent act. Moreover, the rights of shareholders-members of nonprofits to bring action against the Board of Directors on behalf of the association, i.e., commonly referred to as a derivative action, is greatly restricted. This was a windfall for insurance companies among other heavily funded interest groups.



Robert Meisner

Q: We purchased a property that we thought was 14 acres. We thought there was wood on it and we sold the wood to a timber company and then we sold the land to another party. Our neighbor is now objecting to the timber harvesting asserting that the land is his. A survey revealed that significant change in the legal description contained the chain of title took place 20 years ago. In fact, a neighbor owned the rest of the area where the timber was taken. What is our recourse?

A: While you may try to seek a reformation of the deed, in a recent case out of West Virginia, on similar facts, the trial court ordered rescission of the deed because the deed did not describe the land that the parties had bargained over and the superior title prevented the original land owner from conveying the missing acreage to a third party. The court reasoned that while a court of equity has the power to decree the reformation of a deed executed through a mutual mistake of the parties, to the true intent of the parties, rescission is also appropriate in the same circumstances. The court further stated that where an agreement is rescinded, the general rule is, that it must be rescinded entirely to allow the parties to be placed as near as may be to status quo. But each case must be tried on its own facts.

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Trade group advertising touts Realtor use in buying, selling property

Buying a home isn't as easy as clicking a few buttons and getting the home of your dreams, as the current real estate advertising landscape leads many to believe, according to the National Association of Realtors. The reality is that real estate transactions can be stressful and there are often challenges and obstacles along the way.

To communicate Realtor value in helping consumers succeed in all things real estate, the NAR has launched a new advertising campaign, "Get Realtor®." The campaign targets hyper-connected and emerging generations of home buyers, sellers, owners and investors.

Technology has advanced modern life in many ways and allows people to do more online than ever before, a NAR press release notes. With a few keystrokes or taps on a screen, consumers can shop for a mortgage, learn about the

buying or selling process and browse through photos of homes for sale. But access to information doesn't automatically translate to success when buying or selling a home, the NAR adds. In other words, when it comes to the biggest purchase many people will likely ever make, consumers need to "Get Realtor®."

"When it comes to real estate and the Internet, today's consumers don't always know what they don't know," said NAR President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Fla. "The Get Realtor® campaign demonstrates how Realtors - members of the National Association of Realtors - can help buyers, sellers and investors succeed. We want today's consumers to understand that having a Realtor at their side is their competitive advantage in the real estate transaction."

NAR's consumer advertising campaign began 17 years

ago, and launches in 2016 with a whole new look and feel to help modernize consumer perceptions of Realtors, particularly among millennials, who are currently the largest home buying segment.

"Contemporizing an established brand will take time. To reach new generations, we've created advertising that is dramatically different and bold enough to break through the clutter and get noticed, and help drive consideration of Realtors," said Salomone. "Also, our own research found that consumers have anxiety about reaching out from behind their tech screens for professional assistance, including from a Realtor. With this campaign, consumers will be exposed to a redefined brand in more contemporary channels that demonstrates why consumers need to Get Realtor®."

The Get Realtor® campaign currently includes so-

cial, digital, print, and radio creative; NAR's media mix is shifting significantly from previous campaigns to the social and digital side for greater engagement with tech-savvy consumers who are increasingly going mobile, getting their content on demand, and sharing information across their social networks.

The Get Realtor® campaign is the first created in partnership with advertising agency Arnold Worldwide, which was named NAR's agency of record in 2015 for its strategy, creativity and extensive history of helping clients reinvent their brands, including Volkswagen, Ocean Spray and Progressive.

For additional information about the strategy and research behind the new campaign, and to view current campaign materials, visit www.realtor.org/consumer-advertising-campaign.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 14-18, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
15573 Buckingham Ave	\$245,000
16114 Laurel Dale Ave	\$340,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
23750 Woodlyne Dr	\$1,300,000
BIRMINGHAM	
650 Brookside Ave	\$795,000
2681 Dorchester Rd	\$775,000
1707 E 14 Mile Rd Unit B	\$71,000
1758 Graefield Rd	\$125,000
236 Pleasant Dr	\$278,000
662 Purdy St	\$179,000
734 S Bates St	\$1,796,000
1629 S Eton St	\$292,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit 903	\$320,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1932 Pine Ridge Ct	\$365,000
4045 Fox Lake Dr	\$485,000
2468 Hickory Glen Dr	\$572,000
785 Hickory Heights Dr	\$439,000
4100 Lakeridge Ln	\$559,000
1466 Lenox Rd	\$588,000
7133 Lindenmere Dr	\$375,000
850 N Valley Chase Rd	\$370,000
1132 Timberview Trl	\$275,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
889 Bloomcrest Dr	\$495,000
2770 Colonial Trl	\$175,000
6863 Crestway Dr	\$410,000
2675 Douglas Dr	\$265,000
767 Hawthorne Ct	\$440,000
4016 Hidden Woods Dr	\$340,000
4165 Nearbrook Rd	\$700,000
85 S Berkshire Rd	\$475,000

950 Trailwood Path # B	\$142,000
6807 Vachon Dr	\$350,000
6940 Woodbank Dr	\$295,000
5185 Woodlands Dr	\$295,000
5409 Woodview Dr	\$465,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
4003 Cherry Garden Dr	\$240,000
4675 Ponderosa St	\$159,000
1085 Ridgemont St	\$110,000
5843 Strawberry Cir	\$455,000
8769 War Bonnet Dr	\$240,000
2064 Warbler Ct	\$305,000
FARMINGTON	
35556 Lark Harbor Ct	\$165,000
22750 Manning St	\$193,000
22804 Power Rd	\$165,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29475 Ashford Pkwy	\$220,000
37284 Aspen Dr	\$330,000
23769 Berryfield St	\$175,000
27915 Barrywood Ln Unit 68	\$79,000
25098 Brentwood Cir	\$147,000
37226 Chapelweigh Dr	\$198,000
36755 Chesapeake Rd	\$335,000
23012 Cona Ave	\$129,000
38916 Country Cir	\$129,000
35277 Edythe Dr	\$175,000
39047 Geniva Dr	\$180,000
23965 Glencreek Dr	\$200,000
27832 Kendallwood Dr	\$130,000
31218 Oak Valley Dr	\$270,000
22246 Ontaga St	\$140,000
31490 Orchard Brook Ct	\$161,000
30594 Orchard Lake Rd Unit 43	\$88,000
34660 Princeton St	\$208,000
21164 Susselaer St	\$54,000
30941 Sandstone Ave	\$99,000
21522 Roosevelt Ave	\$184,000
24800 Springbrook Dr	\$175,000
37892 Stablesview Dr	\$297,000
30049 Stockton Ave	\$170,000
35597 Vicksburg St	\$263,000

31740 Wayburn St	\$167,000
29418 Windmill Ct	\$370,000
25440 Witherspoon St	\$359,000
33852 Yorkridge St	\$300,000
FRANKLIN	
30545 Birchwood Dr	\$233,000
30676 Harrington Ct	\$685,000
26431 Wellington Rd	\$700,000
HIGHLAND	
2753 Buena Vista Dr	\$160,000
2581 Davista Dr	\$225,000
3760 Hide Away Ln	\$340,000
5616 Jada Dr	\$258,000
1774 La Salle Blvd	\$157,000
3449 Lido	\$179,000
232 N Milford Rd	\$105,000
336 Prestwick Trl	\$540,000
971 Tierney	\$142,000
1735 White Lake Rd	\$205,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18811 Alhambra Ave	\$230,000
17330 Coral Gables Ave	\$135,000
17625 Coral Gables Ave	\$195,000
17411 San Rosa Blvd	\$120,000
MILFORD	
30545 Birchwood Dr	\$290,000
23877 Bridle Trl	\$159,000
719 E Summit St	\$400,000
3911 Foxthorn Ct	\$419,000
3228 Hancock Dr	\$325,000
2365 Lennox Ln	\$325,000
NORTHVILLE	
1182 Concord Ct	\$205,000
21376 E Glen Haven Cir	\$144,000
21136 Lujon Dr	\$279,000
659 River Park Village Blvd	\$180,000
325 Sherrin Ln	\$215,000
22766 Simcheck	\$415,000
NOVI	
25594 Arcadia Dr	\$567,000
24665 Bashian Dr	\$125,000
47455 Beckenham Blvd	\$560,000
45799 Bristol Cir	\$490,000

42548 Cherry Hill Rd	\$242,000
41554 Cornell Dr	\$195,000
40008 Crosswinds	\$135,000
23755 Greening Ct	\$355,000
40939 Kingsley Ln	\$375,000
23557 Meining Hall Ln	\$105,000
47178 Northumberland St	\$585,000
24525 Olde Orchard St	\$123,000
41696 Sudbury Ct	\$502,000
39825 Village Wood Ln	\$91,000
29276 Weston Dr	\$238,000
23679 Wintergreen Cir	\$525,000
SOUTH LYON	
58202 Belfore Ct	\$345,000
24986 Carriage Ln	\$98,000
61367 Dean Dr	\$151,000
712 E Lake St	\$103,000
235 Eagle Way	\$205,000
61173 Greenwood Dr	\$87,000
985 Heartside St	\$208,000
25754 McCrory Ln	\$319,000
22822 Spy Glass Hill Dr	\$460,000
SOUTHFIELD	
70007 Boardwalk Blvd	\$120,000
21760 Concord St	\$149,000
21115 Constitution St	\$182,000
29760 Fall River Rd	\$155,000
28123 Fontana Dr	\$145,000
29131 Leenuor Dr	\$95,000
17271 Lincoln Dr	\$195,000
15801 Providence Dr # 02d	\$38,000
17570 Roxbury Ave	\$149,000
21538 Stahelin Rd	\$67,000
27645 Sutherland St	\$151,000
19820 W 12 Mile Rd # 25	\$38,000
19170 W 9 Mile Rd	\$170,000
WHITE LAKE	
10320 Degrاند St	\$372,000
9265 Gale Rd	\$165,000
9088 Georgetown St	\$128,000
767 Golden Shrs	\$497,000
870 Pembroke Dr	\$424,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 5-9, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
41557 Bedford Dr	\$118,000
4128 Berkeley Ave	\$130,000
4336 Brookstone Dr	\$276,000
536 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$186,000
308 Cherry Stone Dr	\$143,000
4205 Elizabeth Ave	\$150,000
1513 Elmhurst St	\$107,000
49706 Flushing Ave	\$500,000
45130 Geoddes Rd	\$270,000
40439 Glen Eagle Ln	\$135,000
44350 Harsdale Dr	\$228,000
47833 Hastings Rd	\$408,000
46981 Hidden River Cir N	\$334,000
49713 Lansdowne St	\$385,000
39729 Lynn St	\$150,000
204 Meadowlake Rd	\$168,000
858 Morning Dove Ct	\$300,000
44029 N Umlerland Cir	\$129,000
1471 Oakview Dr	\$172,000
41528 Pineridge Ct	\$155,000
6573 Poppleton Rd	\$480,000
354 Princess Dr	\$210,000
354 Princess Dr	\$214,000
43432 Proctor Rd	\$169,000
45232 Saltz Rd	\$185,000
46526 Scotia Ct	\$377,000

2558 Siever Dr	\$320,000
43701 Stuart Dr	\$180,000
47722 Ten Point Dr	\$450,000
1284 W Crystal Cir	\$260,000
40997 Westfield Cir	\$246,000
1610 Whittier Dr	\$175,000
GARDEN CITY	
6631 Arcadia St	\$115,000
32568 Bridge St	\$164,000
6455 Fairfield St	\$117,000
31720 Hennepin St	\$105,000
351 N Leona Ave	\$60,000
28529 Rosslyn Ave	\$40,000
6624 Sharon St	\$105,000
LIVONIA	
39010 Allen St	\$185,000
9587 Cavell St	\$127,000
36225 Club Dr	\$318,000
15931 Deering St	\$27,000
33751 Elmira Ct	\$223,000
17451 Fairfield St	\$251,000
19456 Fairlane Ct	\$365,000
9007 Fremont St	\$77,000
15630 Green Lane Ave	\$170,000
14751 Harrison St	\$170,000
9928 Hubbard St	\$157,000
36234 Mallory Ct	\$223,000
20410 Mayfield St	\$137,000
31453 Merrimack Park Dr	\$128,000
16001 Oak Dr	\$125,000
28343 Pembroke St	\$128,000
16783 Penn Dr	\$265,000
29514 Pickford St	\$141,000
30531 Puritan Ct	\$170,000
29191 Roycroft St	\$109,000

15029 Susanna St	\$177,000
30206 Vassar St	\$168,000
31110 Westworth St	\$150,000
31110 Westworth St	\$45,000
28653 Westfield St	\$126,000
14277 Westmore St	\$204,000
NORTHVILLE	
46605 7 Mile Rd	\$125,000
44617 Broadmoor Cir N	\$465,000
16691 Highland Ln	\$523,000
16609 Neptune Ct	\$120,000
46625 W Main St	\$400,000
PLYMOUTH	
8821 Brookline Ave	\$269,000
46771 Danbridge St	\$385,000
521 N Harvey St	\$228,000
1032 N Holbrook St	\$210,000
9748 Normandy Dr	\$420,000
13928 Oakwood Ct	\$503,000
13952 Orchard Ct	\$420,000
49131 Plum Tree Dr	\$378,000
51382 Plymouth Heights Ln	\$365,000
49916 River Bend Xing	\$130,000
42955 River Bend Dr	\$290,000
12462 Woodgate Dr	\$212,000
REDFORD	
8989 Brady	\$90,000
17317 Brady	\$29,000
25433 Dover	\$75,000
11767 Farley	\$50,000
25601 Gendrale	\$290,000
26032 Grand River Ave	\$49,000
26038 Grand River Ave	\$67,000
9361 Kinloch	\$105,000
11708 Kinloch	\$60,000

18516 Lennane	\$40,000
19748 Lexington	\$50,000
9045 Riverview	\$80,000
9054 Rockland	\$91,000
17415 Sumner	\$60,000
9624 Winston	\$87,000
WAYNE	
3625 Gloria St	\$6,000
5233 Harding St	\$75,000
4660 Howe St	\$53,000
3462 Pershing St	\$67,000
3351 S John Hix Rd	\$180,000
WESTLAND	
1807 Alberta St	\$40,000
30236 Ann Arbor Trl	\$129,000
32074 Avondale St	\$110,000
2613 Caledonia Ct	\$25,000
31351 Fernwood St	\$60,000
35626 Florane St	\$60,000
6350 Glastonbury St	\$130,000
32664 Judy Dr	\$71,000
33687 Lacrosse St	\$120,000
37606 Laramie St	\$175,000
8221 Liberty Blvd	\$114,000
8773 Liberty Blvd	\$106,000
32409 Muskegon Ct # 48	\$15,000
208 N Bryar St	\$38,000
38495 Northampton St	\$94,000
38725 Northampton St	\$110,000
35286 Pardo St	\$128,000
641 S Willwood St	\$97,000
1409 Shoemaker Dr	\$50,000
2360 Stockmeyer Blvd	\$140,000
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- ACROSS**
- 1 — -Mart (retail giant)
 - 4 Hushed "Hey!"
 - 8 Part of PETA
 - 15 Some snakes
 - 19 Extra refrigerator convenience
 - 21 Pre-euro Greek coin
 - 22 Scrutinize, with "over"
 - 23 Extremely bad weather, e.g.
 - 25 Deep purple
 - 26 Skating great Yamaguchi
 - 27 Canton-born architect I.M.
 - 28 Big cracker brand
 - 30 Drink name suffix
 - 31 Offering at a memorial service
 - 37 Org. for Michelle Wie
 - 40 '60s psychedelic
 - 41 Nero's 1,006
 - 42 Apply an oily liquid to
 - 43 Folding art
 - 46 It glances off the bat and counts as a strike
 - 49 A while ago
 - 50 Prevention of a blaze from spreading
 - 53 Madden
 - 54 "Dracula" director Browning
 - 55 "— doin'!" ("Forget it!")
 - 56 Melt
 - 58 Dunne of movies
 - 60 Slow, tempo-wise
 - 64 Not less than
 - 69 To be, at the Louvre
 - 70 Longtime tech ad slogan (and a hint to this puzzle's theme)
 - 73 Essence
 - 74 Actress Dawson
 - 76 Hip-hop record label
 - 77 "— suggest that ...?"
 - 78 About
 - 80 African land
 - 83 Some vinyl records
 - 84 Philately item
 - 88 Clash between social groups
 - 93 Beseech
 - 94 Husky-toned
 - 95 Ominous
 - 96 "All of Me" director Carl
 - 98 Little hotel
 - 99 Notable time stretch
 - 101 One writing briefs: Abbr.
 - 102 Efforts to protect ecosystems, say
 - 108 Smile middle
 - 109 — avis
 - 110 Existential declaration
 - 111 How very close games are won
 - 115 Mixed breed
 - 117 Calamitous effects
 - 122 Love god
 - 123 Deep green
 - 124 Repeat
 - 125 Desiccated
 - 126 Late-night flights
 - 127 Draws on
 - 128 Here-there linkup
 - 5 Yarn bundle
 - 6 Minute div.
 - 7 Recurring themes
 - 8 Murphy of "48 Hrs."
 - 9 Prefix with glyceride
 - 10 Toque, e.g.
 - 11 Here, in Arles
 - 12 C minor, say
 - 13 Prenatal test, briefly
 - 14 Track racer's windup
 - 15 iPhone extra
 - 16 Comforting in sorrow
 - 17 Discretion
 - 18 College term
 - 20 Text or email
 - 24 Dweeby sort
 - 29 Buddhism school
 - 32 Film director Eastwood
 - 33 "Hurry up!"
 - 34 Half of a zygote
 - 35 Cairo's river
 - 36 When morning ends
 - 37 More exalted
 - 38 In advance of
 - 39 Bridge parts maker
 - 44 Skin ailment
 - 45 Dairy sound
 - 46 Conclusion
 - 47 Blowup stuff
 - 48 "— to Be You"
 - 51 "Imagine —!"
 - 52 Helped
 - 53 Saddlery tool
 - 57 Supped
 - 59 School lobby gp.
 - 61 Many a PC image file
 - 62 Bite, break or bruise
 - 63 "August: — County"
 - 65 Mileage rating gp.
 - 66 Send in via helicopter, maybe
 - 67 Diamond-shaping method
 - 68 Abounding in prickly plants
 - 70 Grafton's "— for Innocent!"
 - 71 Saw edge
 - 72 Apple desktop
 - 75 Hip-hop music
 - 77 Stupid
 - 79 "— Day Will Come"
 - 81 Jack Sprat's dietary rule
 - 82 Genetic cell stuff
 - 84 Family appellations
 - 85 Value highly
 - 86 Rabble-rouser
 - 87 Diner list
 - 89 Beef cut
 - 90 Sunbathes
 - 91 — Reader
 - 92 Tilting
 - 94 One walking
 - 97 Flub up
 - 99 Gabor and Mendes
 - 100 French composer Jean-Philippe
 - 103 Felon's dead
 - 104 Completed in a regatta
 - 105 Fruit coats
 - 106 "— hope so!"
 - 107 Butter substitutes
 - 112 Thom —
 - 113 "Mr. Nobody" star Jared
 - 114 River of Flanders
 - 116 Mao — tung
 - 118 In advance of
 - 119 Low coral reef
 - 120 Bullring shout
 - 121 Victims of NFL sacks

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2	1	5	4	3	8	6	9	7
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

Crossword Answers

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RELIGION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 21
Location: St. Theodore social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, ages 2-10
Contact: 734-425-4421

FAMILY FUN DAY

Time/Date: 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Games, prizes and special activities for kids, including a bounce house. Chair massages, chiropractic screening and a talk on health and wellness for adults. Sponsored by Applied Modern Health Chiropractic
Contact: 734-421-1760

FILM

Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: "A Pattern of Evidence - the Exodus" is a documentary by filmmaker Timothy Mahoney.

Dinner is available and features chicken gyros. Make reservations by Wednesday, Feb. 24
Contact: 248-553-3380
FISH FRY
Time/Date: 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, through March 18
Location: St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: All you can eat, \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for kids, ages 3-13, free for kids under 3, carry outs, \$9 and \$10
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200

GRIEF WORKSHOP
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, through March 16
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" a five week series, is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy, leads the sessions. For more information and registration details visit goodmourningministry.net or call the church
Contact: 734-261-1455, www.livoniaistmichael.org

GUEST SPEAKER
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 21
Location: The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills
Details: Willie W. Payne, historian and author, will present a multi-media lecture on "Underground Railroad Michigan Connection." He will use music and photos of local Underground Railroad stops to narrate stories and describe places used to harbor runaway slaves. He will discuss how slave work songs and spirituals were used to communicate escape plans and how these songs also influenced blues, jazz and other music
Contact: 248-478-7272

LENTEN DISCIPLINES
Time/Date: 10:10-11 a.m. Sunday, through March 20 and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, through March 16
Location: Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Sunday series is held in the refectory; Wednesdays in the St. Andrew's room
Details: Sunday morning series explores the meaning of Lent. Wednesday sessions focus on Richard Foster's Celebration of Discipline
Contact: 248-626-2515, ext. 117

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Feb. 20
Location: St. Michael Lutheran School, 3003 Hannan, Wayne
Details: Take a guided tour of the school, meet with teachers, and learn more about Christian education for preschool-eighth grade. The school offers licensed latchkey, and bus service for resident of Wayne and Westland schools
Contact: 734-728-3315; stmiichael@lutheran.org

SOUP SUPPER, SPEAKERS
Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 and March 18
Location: Resurrection Catholic Parish, 48755 Warren Road, Canton
Details: A meatless meal of soup and bread is followed by a discussion. Crystal Squire, development director of AAA Pregnancy Resource Center in Livonia talks about "Marriage, the Baby and Family," at the February session. In March, Deacon Paul F. Lippard will discuss "Living Lent with Mercy." Stations of the Cross will follow each session at 7 p.m. RSVP to the parish office
Contact: 734-451-0444; resofice@resurrectionparish.net

VENDOR SPACE
Location: St. Mel's Catholic Church, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Road, Dearborn Heights
Details: Vendor and craft tables are \$35 for the 2016 Spring Charity Craft & Vendor Show, which runs 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at the church. Event includes bake sale, raffle, 50/50, with proceeds benefiting veterans and their families. See the Otto Miller JR Auxiliary Unit 396 Garden City, MI Craft & Vendor Shows Facebook page to view the contract
Contact: AmericanLegionAux396craftshow@yahoo.com

VIDEO SERIES
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, through March 10
Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: "Sacred Conversations on Racial Justice"
Contact: 734-721-5023

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY
Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniaistmichael.org
Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbsosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethan Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER
St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING
RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month
Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth
Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPads, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.
Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES
Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE
Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net

SUPPORT
Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday
Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton
Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God
Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church
Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: 248-559-7722; www.aa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.
Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org celebrate

THRIFT STORE
St. James Presbyterian
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church
Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May
Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth
Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.
Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month
Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit
Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.
Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

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ALLEN, HELEN M. CHAIVRE
 95, of Farmington, died February 15, 2016. Helen was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 44 years, John A.; a son, John; and siblings, Louis Chaivre and Rosemary Donohue. She is survived by five children, Michele (Robert Weed) Mooney, Celeste (Jim) Novak, Louis (Miryam), Thomas (Chryse) and Robert; 13 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; God-children, family and friends. Visitation Sunday, Feb. 21, 4-8 pm, with a 5 pm rosary, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. Funeral Mass Monday, Feb. 22, 10:00 am (in state 9:30 am) at Our Lady of Sorrows, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Memorial contributions: Marygrove College or Christ Child Society.

HUTTON, ROBERT DOYLE SR.
 Age 84, died at Gulfcoast Hospice in Zephyrhills, FL on Thursday, February 11, 2016. Born, November 4, 1931 in Vincennes, IN. He lived in Plymouth, MI, prior to settling in Florida. He retired from Walbridge Aldinger in 1986. Survived by his children, Michael Hutton (Jean), Kimberlee Denski (David), Mark Hutton (Lynette), Kari Bradberry (Benjamin) and Robert Hutton, Jr. (Kristin). Brother Joseph Hutton (Joan) and several grandchildren/step grandchildren (Siri, Tyler, Kai, Robbie, Nicholas, Sean, Chaz, Trevor, Dustin, and Jared). Preceded in death by his wife, Joanne and two brothers, William and Dale.

KLOCKE, ANNA R.
 September 12, 1926 - January 19, 2016. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com



MAGRAW, JAMES R.
 Age 73, life long farmer, of Marlette, Michigan died Sunday, February 14, 2016 at St. Mary's of Michigan Medical Center in Saginaw. Mr. Magraw has lived in Marlette Township the past 40 years and was previously from Plymouth, Michigan. He was born April 13, 1942 in Plymouth, Michigan son to the late Russell and Janet (Waldecker) Magraw. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1960 and went on to M.S.U. where he received his Agriculture degree. He married Terry L. Mettetal April 8, 1967 in Plymouth. Mr. Magraw was a member of Pepsi-Cola Collectible Club. James enjoyed collecting Pepsi-Cola memorabilia, going to antique shows and most of all, spending time with family and friends. He is survived by his loving wife Terry of 49 years of marriage, Michelle and Todd Collins (Daughter) of Grand Blanc, Dave and Shellie Magraw (Brother) of Marlette, Rob Magraw (Brother) of Marlette, Grandchildren Dillon, Chase and Page Collins of Grand Blanc. He was preceded in death by his parents Russell and Janet R. Magraw. Cremation has taken place at May Memorial Crematory in Port Huron, Michigan. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations may be given to the family. Arrangements by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette, Mi. (989) 635-3658. www.marshfuneral.com



ALVER, GEORGE BERNARD
 February 14, 2016, age 84 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Patsy Alver. Loving father of Pamela (David) Pedlow and Michael (Diana) Alver. Proud grandfather of Kyle and Kristyn Pedlow and Shelbi, Molly and Harley Alver. Funeral Service Saturday 11 a.m. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. Visitation Friday 2 - 8 p.m. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

HUGHES, OLIVE
 Passed away on February 5, 2016, at the age of 88. She was a kind loving woman with a beautiful voice and contagious smile. Beloved wife of the late Henry Hughes. Dear mother of Jon and Kathy Hughes, Pat and Mark Merlo, Dawn Hughes and Vicky Silva, Trevor and Terence Cruz-Hughes. Proud grandmother of Allison Hughes.

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Church As You Remember It!

Rock royalty Russ Gibb talks about life

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Russ Gibb has always been a member of Detroit's rock royalty.

On Saturday, Feb. 20, The Dick Wagner "Remember the Child" Memorial Concert will make it official.

Gibb, legendary former music promoter and founder of the Grande Ballroom, will receive the concert's first Dick Wagner Rock Royalty Award.

"I'm still trying to think about it. I've been asking everybody what did I do that was so spectacular? I don't think I've earned any awards," Gibb said, adding that friendships are reward enough.

The show starts at 7 p.m. at the Fillmore Detroit, 2115 Woodward Ave., in Detroit, and will feature more than 25 musicians including Brad Whitford of Aerosmith, Peter Keys of Lynyrd Skynyrd, the Frost, and David Winans II, among others. Tickets are \$20-\$50 through ticketmaster.com. Call 888-458-7900 for the \$110 VIP package that includes a meet-and-greet with the artists.

The concert benefits the Children's Miracle Network and area children's hospitals. Wagner was a Michigan guitarist and songwriter who also donated his talent to benefit children's charities.

Like Wagner, Gibb took an interest in both rock music and in helping children over the years.

He devoted his early career to music, attracting local artists such as the Frost and the MCS, and nationally-known bands including The Who, Pink Floyd and Led Zeppelin to the Grande Ballroom, from 1966-72. He also promoted bands at large concert venues, worked as a radio DJ, pioneered the first radio call-in show, and invested in "Creem," a local music magazine.

But teaching was his passion and a constant throughout his career. He taught both junior high and high school and developed the media production curriculum and a state-of-the-art video facility at Dearborn High School.

These days, Gibb would rather talk about his students or his dogs, Maxwell and Blackout 6, than reminisce about the Grande's glory days. Or even listen to rock and roll.

"I don't pay too much attention to it," he said, referring to rock music. "I'd rather read a good book."

Dogs, blogs

He enjoys watching his dogs, two Labrador retrievers that share everything from their food to Gibb's bed. Gibb has loved dogs since childhood and remembers selling his Lionel train set to buy medication for one of his beloved pups that had contracted leptospirosis.

"I had to give it up to buy penicillin for my dog so he could live. I've been in love with dogs ever since. That's a true story."

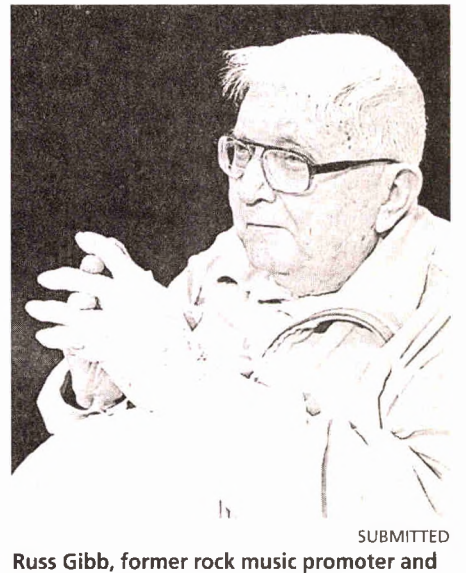
He pens other stories and observations at his website, russgibbatrandom.com. Posts include writings, photos, video clips, and emails from former students.

"I've been blogging 14, 15 years before it was even invented. I was teaching video and the kids were telling me about it. I said, well, I can do this. And I did. I don't think they even had a name for it then."

He considers teaching "a gift from God," that God-given blessings should be shared, and that "love is the great-



Brad Whitford, Robert Wagner and Derek St. Holmes perform at the first annual Dick Wagner "Remember the Child" Memorial Concert.



Russ Gibb, former rock music promoter and founder of the Grande Ballroom, will receive an award for his contributions to the Detroit rock music scene.



Russ Gibb enjoys reading, his dogs and keeping in touch with former students.

est thing you can do in the world."

"I'm not a Bible thumper by any means, but I realize I learned more from my students than I could have ever learned from anywhere else. I learned something from them every day," he said, citing "persistence" as a major lesson.

Staying in touch

The Back Porch Video Reunion brings former students and their teacher together every December, although some former students, like

California-based director, Tom De Cerchio, frequently call, email or stop by Gibb's Dearborn home to visit.

"He's like a member of the family at this point," said De Cerchio, in a phone interview. "I'm very close to him. He's an amazing human being."

De Cerchio took Gibb's mass communications class every semester in the 1970s. Even though that was well before Gibb developed a video curriculum at Dearborn High School, Gibb brought his knowledge of the record business, communication, advertising

and promotion into the classroom, De Cerchio said.

"He was such a character, like no teacher I'd ever met. I hated school and the thing that happened to me and a lot of other students in high school was that we learned to love school. I think that's his greatest achievement."

"He is rock royalty," De Cerchio said, adding, "But I think he wants to be known for his contributions to education."

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DETROIT ZOO

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

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

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

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

HERITAGE PARK STABLES STUDIO

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 13

Location: Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Sue Majewski, a mosaic glass artist, will lead the workshop, which will focus on decorating three-dimensional letters. Participants will design their project, set colorful glass fragments, and will grout. All supplies will be included. Cost for each workshop is \$65 for non-residents and \$55 for residents.

Contact: https://recreg.fhgov.com; 248-473-1856

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through March 19

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: 10th Annual Member Exhibition

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

THREE CITIES ART CLUB

Time/Date: Deadline for submissions is March 4

Location: Download entry form at threecitiesartclub.org

Details: The club seeks artists to submit original fine artwork, both 2-D and 3-D, for its spring art show, April 8-11 at the Westland Public Library. Submit up to three entries for \$30 on CD, flash drive or via email. Each additional piece is \$5. More than \$800 in prizes will be awarded

Contact: Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939; marilynmeredith@wowway.com

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Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Feb. 20-May 29

Location: 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor

Details: First U.S. exhibition of Chinese artist Xu Weixin focuses on portraits of Chinese coal miners and of Chinese historical figures during the Cultural Revolution

Contact: 734-764-0395; umma.umich.edu

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through Feb. 28

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Spirit of Detroit - Portraits by Donita Simpson," a photographic exhibit featuring 38 portraits of Michigan artists taken by Donita Simpson of Royal Oak

Contact: cantonvillagetheater.org



Clivia Dance Group will perform at the Chinese Spring Festival in Canton.

DANCE

BARN DANCE

Time/Date: 7-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26

Location: Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The dance will feature square dancing and line dancing with lessons and professional callers. No experience necessary. Food and refreshments available. Open to adults, 21 and over. Tickets are \$18 by Feb. 19, \$20 after. Get them at recreg.fhgov.com or at the Costick Center

Contact: 248-473-1830

Contact: facebook.com/ComericaCares

FESTIVAL

CHINESE SPRING FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 12

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

Details: Performances by Clivia Dance Group, Ann Arbor Jade Dance School, the Ann Hua Waist Drum Team, Michigan Chinese Choir, the Canton Philharmonic Choir, the March Wind Choir, the AM Choir and the New Century Chinese School youth chorus and more. Event includes Chinese Yo-yo, Tai Chi and a traditional Chinese instrumental performance by the Troy Chinese Classic Music Guzheng Team. Tickets are \$5

Contact: cantonvillagetheater.org

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 and 25; 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 20-21

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: "Spotlight," \$3

Coming up: "Brooklyn," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27;

4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 19, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 20

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

Details: "To Catch a Thief," featuring Cary Grant and Grace Kelly, \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481; redfordtheatre.com

HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through May 15

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: "Leisure and Luxury in the Age of Nero: the Villas of Opontis near Pompeii," explores the lavish lifestyle and economic interests of some of ancient Rome's wealthiest and most powerful citizens. Includes more than 200 items on loan from Italy. Admission is free

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Exhibit: "It's a Downton Abbey Thing," looks at the PBS series "Downton Abbey" in relation to events from 1912-1930 in southeast Michigan and the U.S.

Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17.

Contact: 734-455-8940

Elevate Lenten fish dinner

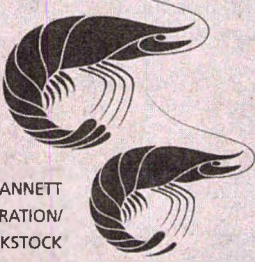
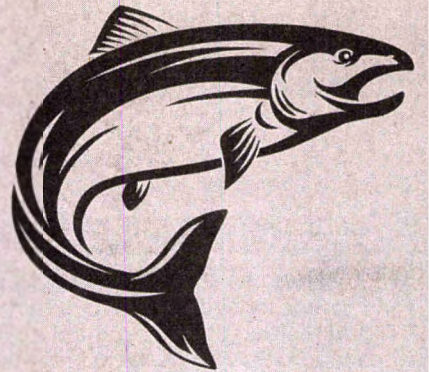
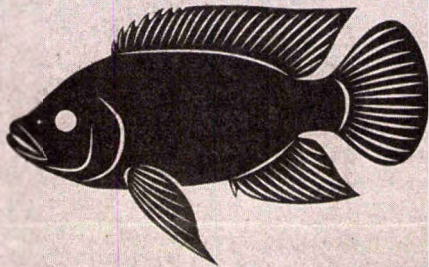
Preparing seafood at home during Lent can be a snap with a little inspiration. Make an easy DIY fish marinade using olive oil, vinegar, spices and herbs for a delicious seafood dinner the whole family will love. Or simply swap meat for seafood in easy meals such as pizza, pasta and burgers.

Chef Kevan Vetter of the McCormick Kitchens says the trick is to “keep it exciting” during Lent. For example, he suggests mixing salmon with Cajun seasoning and bread crumbs to make a patty, and topping it with lime mayo.

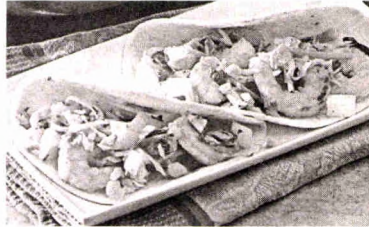
“Seafood is perfect for a relaxed Friday night, because proteins like salmon, tilapia and shrimp don’t take long to cook.”

Find more Lent-inspired recipes at McCormick.com.

Courtesy of Family Features and McCormick



GANNETT ILLUSTRATION/ THINKSTOCK



INDIAN SHRIMP TACOS WITH MANGO COLESLAW

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 8 minutes
Makes: 8 servings

½ cup lime juice
¼ cup olive oil
2 tablespoons honey
2 teaspoons curry powder
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1 teaspoon ginger, ground
1 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined
1 package (14 ounces) shredded coleslaw mix
1 cup chopped, peeled and seeded mango or 1 cup chopped tomatoes
½ cup chopped fresh cilantro, divided
8 flour tortillas, 6 inches
¼ cup chopped cashews

Mix lime juice, oil, honey, curry powder, garlic salt and ginger in small bowl until well blended. Place shrimp in large resealable plastic bag or glass dish. Add ¼ cup of the marinade; turn to coat well. Refrigerate 15 minutes. Meanwhile, for the Mango Coleslaw, place coleslaw mix, mango, ¼ cup of the cilantro and remaining marinade in large bowl; toss to coat. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Remove shrimp from marinade. Discard any remaining marinade. Heat large skillet on medium-high heat. Add shrimp; cook and stir 3 to 4 minutes per side or until shrimp turn pink. Stir in remaining cilantro. Serve shrimp in warmed tortillas topped with Mango Coleslaw and cashews. (Store any remaining coleslaw in refrigerator. Serve on other tacos and sandwiches.)



GREEK TUNA SALAD POCKETS

Prep time: 10 minutes
Makes: 4 servings

2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 ½ teaspoons oregano leaves
½ teaspoon garlic powder
1 pouch (7 ounces) albacore tuna, packed in water
½ cup chopped tomato
½ cup finely chopped red onion
½ cup crumbled reduced fat feta cheese
2 whole wheat pita breads (6 1/2-inch)
1 cup baby spinach leaves

Mix lemon juice, oil, oregano and garlic powder in medium bowl until well blended. Add tuna, tomato, red onion and feta cheese; toss lightly. Cover. Refrigerate at least 1 hour or until ready to serve. Cut pita breads in half. Line with spinach leaves. Spoon tuna mixture into pita pockets.

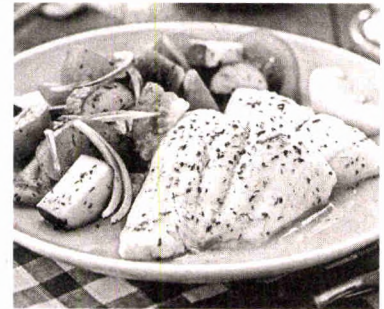
FISH MARINADE

½ cup oil
½ cup vinegar
½ teaspoon sea salt

Mix ingredients and use as marinade.

» Variation: For Balsamic Honey Marinade, add 1 teaspoon ground cumin, 1 teaspoon honey, and a pinch of coarse ground black pepper. Use balsamic vinegar.

» Variation: For Asian Fish Marinade, add 2 tablespoons orange juice, 1 ½ teaspoons ground ginger, 1 teaspoon brown sugar, 1 teaspoon soy sauce, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, and 2 teaspoon sesame seeds toasted. Use rice vinegar.



GARLIC HERB TILAPIA

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Makes: 4 servings

¼ cup (½ stick) butter, softened
½ teaspoon garlic powder
½ teaspoon McCormick Perfect Pinch Italian Seasoning
½ teaspoon mustard, ground
1 pound tilapia fillets
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper, ground

Preheat oven to 400°F. Mix butter, garlic powder, Italian seasoning and ground mustard in medium bowl until well blended.

Place fish on foil-lined shallow baking pan. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Spread fish with herb butter mixture.

Bake 10 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork.

Cooking tip: Try recipe with red snapper, striped bass, flounder or sole. If desired, substitute ¼ teaspoon each basil leaves and thyme leaves for the Italian seasoning.

CITY BITES

New Holland Brewing Co. released two limited release beers and a seasonal pale ale this month.

The company describes the flavor of Night Tripper imperial stout as a “dark chocolate, malty.” Carhartt Woodsman, also a limited release, is a wood-aged pale ale made in collaboration with the Dearborn-based work apparel company, Carhartt.

The brewery’s first seasonal beer of the year is White Hatter blend of “soft malt, fruity tones, hoppy tones, and delicate spicing of a Belgian White.”

According to New Holland’s “online beer finder” Night Tripper and Carhartt Woodsman are available at stores and restaurants throughout southeastern Michigan, although the limited release beers may sell out fast.

Rocky Zebari, owner of Beer Baron in Livonia, had just three bottles of the Night Tripper stout left late last week.

“I taste most of the beers.



Carhartt Woodsman is available this month in limited release from New Holland Brewing Co.

One of my jobs is to educate the customers. Every porter is different. Every stout is different. Night Tripper, it’s very limited. And another thing, the alcohol is 11 and a half percent,” Zebari said, adding that higher alcohol content may explain some of its appeal. “I love stout. This is the kind that

you drink one bottle and after drinking, you better stay away from the wheel.

“Carhartt is popular because of the name. People like it because of the name,” he said.

Beer Baron, which boasts more than 2,000 different beers, doesn’t carry the White Hatter but Zebari said he stocks the Imperial Hatter, Rye Hatter and Mad Hatter.

The brewery beer locator showed the seasonal White Hatter available in Toledo, Almont and Flint and beyond.

For more about New Holland Brewing Co., visit newhollandbrew.com. For more about Beer Baron, visit beerbaronlivonia.com; 248-987-6563.

Here’s a sampling of local beverage and food events:

Whiskey, mac, brews

Royal Oak — Sample your way through scotch, bourbon and whiskey — more than 100 whiskeys from around the world will be available — at “Whiskey Business,” 8-11 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20, at Royal Oak Farmers Market, located at 11 Mile and Troy Street, just east of Main.

Meet brand ambassadors and taste whiskey-inspired appetizers from numerous restaurants. Tickets are \$50 for the general session and includes 10 tasting opportunities. More tastings and food will be available for purchase. The VIP session starts at 7 p.m., costs \$70 and includes 15 tasting opportunities. Visit whiskeybusinessmi.com

Mac N’ Brews will bring more than 20 restaurants and 20 breweries together for a mac n’ cheese, craft brew and comfort food tasting event, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at Royal Oak Farmers Market. Tickets are \$50 general admission and include 10 craft beer samples. VIP entry is at 6:30 p.m., costs \$65 and includes 15 samples. Sample comfort foods, like Chicken Pot Pie Soup from Zoup!, Pulled Bacon Mac N Cheese from Mt. Chalet, and Korean Style Mac N Cheese from Chef Raymore Catering.

Visit macnbrews.com for tickets.

Boogie Woogie Ball

Farmington Hills — Oakland Community College’s Culinary Studies Institute will serve hors d’oeuvres, a five-course meal, and signature 1940s-era beer, cocktails and wines at its 1940s USO Boogie Woogie Ball, 6 p.m. Feb. 25, in Tirrell Hall, 3rd Floor J-Building on the OCC campus, located on Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696. The OCC Community Jazz Band will play sounds of the era. Tickets are \$55. oaklandcc.edu/culinary

Barbecue, beer

Farmington — Barlow’s Gourmet Sauces will serve Slow Apple Smoked Chopped Pork and Smoke House Meatloaf dinners with sides at Farmington Brewing Company’s winter barbecue, 4-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 33336 Grand River Ave. Admission is free to this family-friendly, all ages event. Dinners cost \$10. 248-957-9543.

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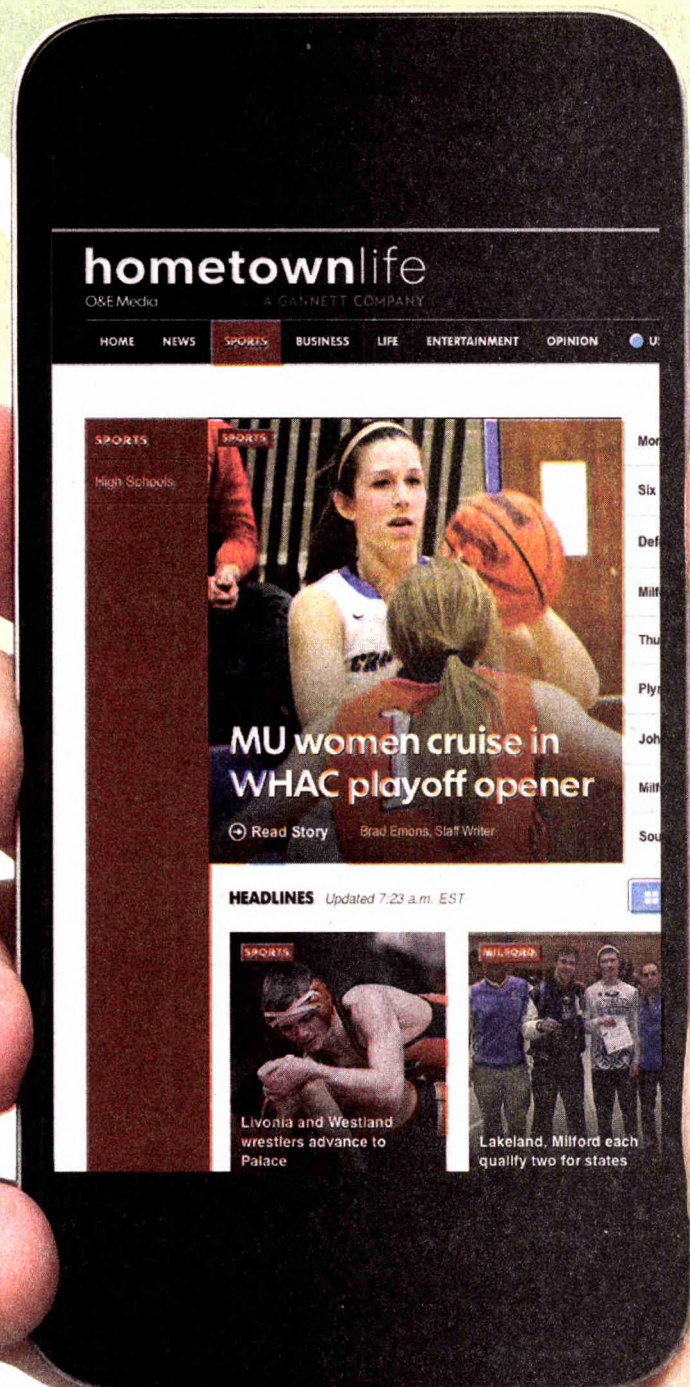
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