



**BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON
SET TO TIP OFF**
SPORTS, B1

PLYMOUTH OBSERVER

SUNDAY 12.04.16 || HOMETOWNLIFE.COM || PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK

**Extended Family Pricing
at Blackwell Ford!**



2017
Ford Escape

BlackwellFord.com



Blackwell Ford, Inc.

*Not all customers will qualify. Offer ends 1/3/17.
See Blackwell Ford for details.

Shoppers like small town, big retail

Darrell Clem
hometownlife.com

When she goes Christmas shopping, Katelyn Suchoval prefers to spend her money at the small, independent shops like those that line the cozy downtown streets of her hometown, Plymouth.

There, she can find gifts that are more personal.

"They might be a little more pricey," Suchoval said, "but it's worth it in the long run."

Dwayne Johnson, a Detroit resident who works in Plymouth, said he prefers the big department store chains like Kohl's, JCPenney and others

that can be found in places such as the Ford Road shopping corridor in Canton.

"I like the big stores, where you have more of a variety — and I like the malls," Johnson said.

With the holiday season revving up, the Observer caught up with shoppers in downtown Plymouth and along the bustling Ford Road shopping district, which has large chain stores that stand out among some of the smaller



Suchoval



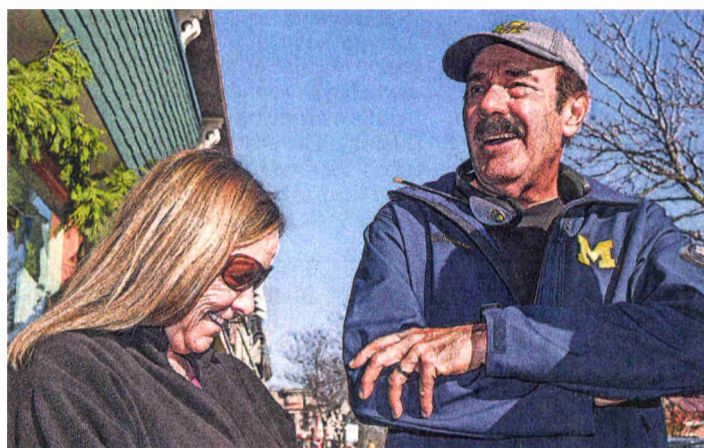
Johnson

shops. Suchoval and her friend Alex McFee, visiting from Chicago, paused to talk in downtown Plymouth. Though McFee lives in a city that has the

Magnificent Mile shopping scene, she is drawn to smaller shops.

"You can find more unique, personal items there," she said.

Outside the Ford Road Kohl's store, Canton resident



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

See SHOPPERS, Page A2 Kathy Rambo and Mike Dalessandro in Plymouth.



Snow plow drivers Annette Lowe and Earl Casey talk about their years behind the wheel. They're ready for what winter brings.

Transition is smooth for township's newly elected leaders

Darrell Clem
hometownlife.com

Plymouth Township's top three elected officials — all new to their full-time positions as supervisor, clerk and treasurer — say their transition has gone smoothly despite a learning curve that comes with any new job.

Supervisor Kurt Heise, who mounted a primary election write-in campaign and beat incumbent Shannon Price, summed up the transition in four words since he took office Nov. 21.



Heise

"It came and went," he said.

Heise came to office with a lengthy list of goals such as tackling a \$20 million price tag for legacy costs tied to health care and pensions, initiating talks to reopen Fire Station No. 2 and creating a new Citizens Advisory Council to identify issues and suggest solutions. Yet, he has made rebuilding relations with the city of Plymouth one of his top priorities.

Though he and Price were political rivals, Heise said they had two meetings before he took office to discuss issues and ease the transition.

New Treasurer Mark Clinton also met with his predecessor, Ron Edwards, but former Clerk Nancy Conzelman did not meet or discuss the transition with new Clerk Jerry Vorva. Voters rejected the re-election bids of Edwards and Conzelman.

Clinton came aboard as the township's tax bills were about to go out from the treasurer's office, but he said he had a solid group of office employees who helped ease his transition.

"There's a lot of learning in a short amount of time," Clinton said, "but the staff really helped out during the transition."

Like Clinton, Vorva said he oversees an office that is staffed by hard-working, knowledgeable employees. Moreover, he chose Sandra Groth as his deputy clerk — a position she held once before, more than a decade ago. She also has worked as an election technician for the city of Plymouth and as an election records clerk in Livonia, so she has accumulated a vast knowledge of overseeing elections.

12
4

WHEN THE SNOWS FALLS, COUNTY SAYS IT'S READY

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

Despite the almost spring-like conditions Wayne County's seen in the past few days, Beverly Watts insists the county would be able to get roads cleared of that fluffy white stuff if it shows up.

"If it snowed right now, we're ready," the Wayne County Department of Public Services director said Wednesday. "We're at the ready even if it were to snow tonight."

Watt was one of several county officials on hand at the county's central maintenance yard in Romulus for the annual media day, which details the county's plans and preparations for the looming winter season.

The county has rotated in 12 new trucks to bring the total to 162. Of these, 46 trucks have an additional nine-foot wing plow on the side, which allows for snow removal on an additional half-lane, primarily on the county's freeways. Those wing blades are helpful to drivers like Todd Strachan, a Livonia resident who has worked for Wayne County for 28 years.

"The side blades are just awesome in the right conditions," he said. "I don't think



Todd Strachan of Livonia drives a snow plow for the county. Charles Garber of Westland spent years driving a plow and now trains drivers.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

See SNOW, Page A3

See LEADERS, Page A2



6 53174 98005 2

PRICE: \$1.50

hometownlife.com

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK

© The Observer & Eccentric
Volume 130 • Number 35

INDEX

Crossword Puzzle B7
Homes B8
Jobs B6
Obituaries B5
Services B8
Sports B1
Wheels B8

Home Delivery: (866) 887-2737 | Return Address: 29725 Hudson Dr., Novi MI 48377

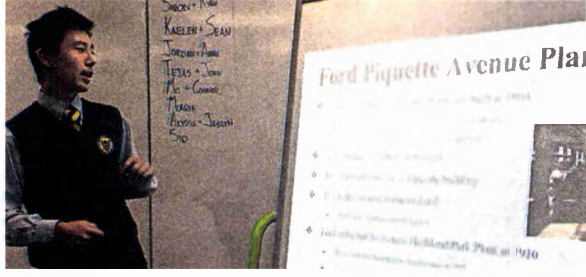
Students bring revolutionary feel to local 'trail' project

Brad Kadrich
hometownlife.com

Eighth-graders from Detroit Country Day Middle School recently returned from a class trip to Boston, where they got to experience the Freedom Trail, a 2.5-mile trail marking important parts of the American Revolution.

Now that they're back in town, the students are making pitches to establish similar paths that mark the revolutionary aspects of the Detroit area.

Kevin DuRoss, history department chair at DCDMS, said the project stems from the trip to the Freedom Trail, which includes 16 historically significant sites, including museums and meeting houses, churches and burial grounds. The trail teaches visitors about the people and events that shaped the American



Sean Li handles his part of the pitch for his trail, "The Making of Detroit."

Revolution.

"They did a project about the Freedom Trail, so then they experienced what it is," DuRoss said. "They walked it and experienced it."

When they got home, the students broke into two-person teams to develop "trails" of their own, built around Detroit's own revolutionary history. The presentations centered around various parts of Detroit's history — art, music, the

auto industry, sports teams, etc.

"We should have some sort of trail focusing on what makes us special," DuRoss said of Detroit. "We aren't the home of the Revolution, but what are we?"

Students tried to answer that question, put-

ting together slide presentations and designing trails of their own, centered around Detroit's history. The trails they designed had to have some sort of "revolutionary" trait and had to include at least six stops.

Students made five-to-six-minute presentations in front of representatives of Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan's office.

The project got kids "to look at things a little differently," DuRoss said.

"It becomes an opportunity for them to experience what it means to be a revolutionary," he said.

Students had to pick their topic, do the research and put together a Google slide presentation.

Eighth-grader Madi-

son Coopes said she found the whole project, including the Freedom Trail in Boston, "totally cool."

"You didn't just learn about the monuments, you got to go in them," said Madison, who acknowledged the project taught her things she didn't know. "I never knew there was a race riot in Detroit. I've been learning about it and how it has changed race relations."

Eighth-grader Olivia Sappington said the experience of the Freedom Trail played well as she began to think about the presentation she was putting together with Coopes.

"I can go deeper into things and show how they

are revolutionary," Olivia said. "Then I can connect it to how Detroit has been revolutionary."

Adrian Tonon, director of customer service in Duggan's office, spent time Thursday listening to a number of presentations from the students. He said he would take what he heard back to the office and talk about the ideas with city planners.

Tonon said the more important part was actually listening to the students.

"It's all about our youth," Tonon said. "A lot of talent comes out of this school. To be here, to hear the ideas they have, is crucial."

bkadrich@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @bkadrich

SHOPPERS

Continued from Page A1

Elaine Schoening said she shops wherever she can find the best deals, which she said tends to be the bigger stores.

"I go wherever the coupons are," she said.

On Wednesday, Schoening had a 20-percent off coupon and a \$10 off coupon ready for her shopping trip.

Heading into the same store, friends Amanda Kouchoukos of Canton and Rebecca Guenther of Saline said they tend to shop at retail chains because they can find better deals. Guenther buys Christmas gifts for 42 people, Kouchoukos for 20.

"I go for the deals," Kouchoukos said. "I tend to find better deals at the bigger stores."

Most shoppers said



Delyne McFarland of Brighton, shopping in Plymouth.

they had finished much of their holiday shopping. Julie Poskie of Canton said she shops both big and small shops, but added, "I do a lot of my shopping online."

Back in Plymouth, Delyne MacFarland of Brighton said she visits small shops to buy items like home decorations, but not so much for Christmas gifts.



Julie Poskie, leaving the Kohl's store in Canton.

"I do most of my shopping at the malls or online," she said, singling out Twelve Oaks mall as a favorite place.

Kathy Rambo and husband Mike Dalesandro of Plymouth said they support small and big stores.

"I have to say I like the big stores like Kohl's," Rambo said, "but I do live in Plymouth, so I want to support Ply-



Longtime Canton resident Elaine Schoening remembers when she had to travel to Plymouth to shop. Not anymore.

mouth." That includes buying candy at Kemnitz, a candy store in business since 1951.

"I buy the chunk chocolate," she said, adding that it makes a good gift.

dclcm@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @CantonObserver
734-972-0919

LEADERS

Continued from Page A1

"What I know is I absolutely love elections

and the elections process," she said.

Heise, Clinton and Vorva now lead a township board that also includes part-time trustees Bob Doroshewitz, Chuck

Curmi, Jack Dempsey and Gary Heitman.

Groth said she believes the changes have positioned Plymouth Township for a brighter future following a period

of political turmoil.

"It's a new day," she said.

dclcm@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @CantonObserver
734-972-0919

PLYMOUTH OBSERVER

Published Sunday and Thursday by Observer & Eccentric Media

Community Office:
29725 Hudson Drive • Novi, MI 48377 • 866-887-2737
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
hometownlife.com

Editor: Joanne Maliszewski
248-396-6620
Email: jmaliszews@hometownlife.com

Sports: Tim Smith
734-469-4128
Email: tsmith@hometownlife.com

Subscription Rates:
Newsstand price: \$1.50 Thursday and \$1.50 Sunday
\$8.25 EZ pay per month
\$52.00 six months
\$104.00 per year
\$91.00 six months mail delivery
\$182.00 per year mail delivery

Home Delivery:
Customer Service: 866-887-2737
Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
After hours, leave voicemail
Email: custserv@hometownlife.com

To Advertise:
Classified Advertising & Obituaries: 800-579-7355
Legal Notice Advertising: 586-826-7082
Fax: 313-496-4968 Email: oeads@hometownlife.com

Print and Digital Advertising:
Julie Jarrett, 248-850-6440
Email: jjarrett@michigan.com

Advertising Policy:
All advertising published in this newspaper is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card, copies of which are available from the advertising department. We reserve the right not to accept an advertiser's order. Our ad-takers have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an ad constitutes acceptance of the advertiser's order.

Your Last Chance to Stock Up on Unique and Exclusive Holiday Gifts from 75 Top Artists!

Handcrafters

TINSEL & TREASURES

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

December 9-11, 2016

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
303 West Main Street • Northville, MI 48167

FRIDAY 9AM - 8PM | SATURDAY 9AM - 5PM | SUNDAY 11AM - 4PM








DON'T MISS OUT!

Ranked #15

IN THE COUNTRY

ADMISSION: \$4.00 * 12 & UNDER: FREE
PAID ADMISSION GIVES YOU ACCESS ALL WEEKEND!

FREE PARKING * HOURLY RAFFLES * GOURMET CAFÉ
STROLLERS WELCOME

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY
MERCANTILE

NOODLES & COMPANY
CAFÉ SPONSOR

ST. JOHN PROVIDENCE
EXCLUSIVE OFFER SPONSOR

HC TINSSEL & TREASURES

HC TinselAndTreasures.com



Primary care. Specialty care.

And welcoming M Premier Care members.



Ashley Schmehl, DO
IHA Internal Medicine & Pediatrics - Plymouth

Join one of the largest and best multi-specialty groups in southeast Michigan.

- Nearly 600 primary and specialty care providers across 33 specialties
- "Save your spot" online at any of our urgent care locations
- Same-day primary care appointments
- Care when and where you need it

U-M Premier Care members can see any IHA provider with no out-of-network fees or additional costs.

To make an appointment or find a provider near you, call us at **844.IHA.DOCS** or visit us online at **IHAcares.com**.

[f](#) [t](#) [@](#) [v](#) [r](#)

SNOW

Continued from Page A1

I'd want a wing plow out on Farmington Road, but out on the freeway, absolutely."

Wayne County maintains more than 5,000 lanes of roadway, which includes freeways such as Interstate 96, I-275 and I-94, as well as some main and mile roads in cities, such as Inkster, Merriman, Farmington, Five Mile, Six Mile, etc. The county is also responsible for all roads in townships, including Northville, Canton and Redford.

In addition to some new trucks, 18 more trucks will be equipped with cameras for residents to get a driver's view of the roads through the Compass mapping application.

Compass, which can be accessed via computers, mobile phones and tablets, allows motorists to view where trucks are in real time to have a better understanding of what roads have been plowed. Twelve of those trucks will have live feed cameras that will show the driver's perspective.

"We wanted to allow for the public to actually see what we're seeing," said Anthony Bellinger, a department manager in the county's roads division. "Oftentimes, we get calls about a particular road not being done. If they go out there and they see one of the 18 trucks in their location, they can actually see what we're seeing. We can see the traffic condition, the weather condition, we can see the surface of the road."

Improvements over the years

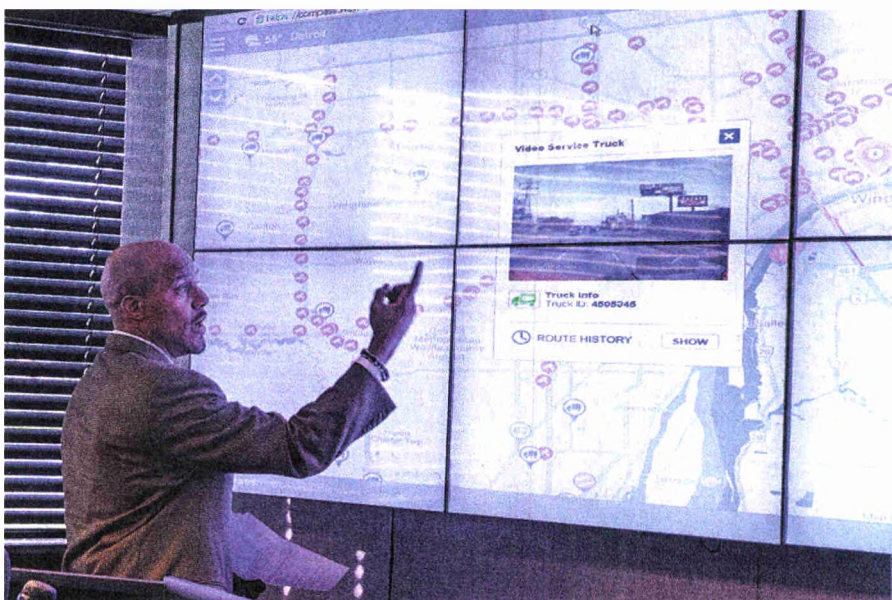
Charles Garber, who trains drivers for the county, said he's seen an improvement in the ways the county clears snow from the roads, especially with the advent of better technology.

"With this new communication system, we



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The command center is where roads are monitored.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tony Bellinger explains the Compass system that allows the public to see the conditions on the roads and where the trucks are that are clearing those roads.

know where people are at all times," the Westland resident said. "It's amazing how far we've come."

The application can be viewed by at compass.waynecounty.com. County Executive

Warren Evans said the county has worked closely to try and improve the snow removal process

and this year is no exception.

"We have over 4,000 lanes that need to be plowed in Wayne County. And we have almost 100 routes that folks have to run," he said. "We're trying to stay up with what's necessary to provide the level service in Wayne County that we think people deserve."

Strachan said his typical route is I-275 between Joy and Eight Mile in Plymouth Township and Livonia. He said he's

looking forward to an easier time cleaning up snow along the freeway, which saw major construction earlier this year north of Five Mile in Livonia.

"I'm ecstatic," he said. "They used to have the little markers that stuck up out of the roadway, the reflectors. It would shred your under blade."

dveselenak@hometownlife.com
734-678-6728
Twitter: @DavidVeselenak

Holiday Toy Sale!
SAVE 15-40%
ON 1000S OF FAVORITES!
Over 30,000 Toys
Games & Activities

Visit DollHospital.com for more information

The Doll Hospital & Toy Soldier Shop Ends 12/31/16
3947 W 12 Mile, Berkley 248.543.3115 Mon-Wed, Sat 10-6, Thurs & Fri 10-8:30, Sun 12-5



MJR® DIGITAL CINEMAS GIFT CARD

FAMILY, FRIENDS & ALL
YOUR ACQUAINTANCES,
**THIS YEAR
ENTERTAIN
THEM!**



Receive a
FREE \$5 BONUS CARD



\$5 BONUS

From Nov 1st until Dec 31st 2016.
For every \$50 you spend on
MJR® Gift Cards, in a
single transaction.

NO EXPIRATION DATES OR FEES! EVER!
Gift Cards are Sold in Increments of \$5 up to \$100
& will also be Honored at Our New Location Opening February 2017

MJR® UNIVERSAL GRAND CINEMA 16

Located on the SE Corner of Dequindre & 12 Mile Rd

With **10 LOCATIONS**
to serve you, there's always a
MJR® DIGITAL CINEMA near YOU!

- ADRIAN DIGITAL CINEMA 10
517.265.3077
- BRIGHTON TOWNE SQUARE DIGITAL CINEMA 20
810.227.6327
- CHESTERFIELD CROSSING DIGITAL CINEMA 16
586.598.2505
- MARKETPLACE DIGITAL CINEMA 20
586.264.1533
- PARTRIDGE CREEK DIGITAL CINEMA 14
586.263.0059
- SOUTHGATE DIGITAL CINEMA 20
734.284.8083
- TROY GRAND DIGITAL CINEMA 16
248.498.2101
- WATERFORD DIGITAL CINEMA 16
248.666.7908
- WESTLAND GRAND DIGITAL CINEMA 16
734.298.2668

PURCHASE YOURS NOW!
at any MJR® Digital Cinema Box Office or Online at

www.MJRTHEATRES.com





**A MICHIGAN
COMPANY**
Owned & Operated Since 1980

Entrepreneurs' spirits high on Plymouth vodka venture

Matt Jachman
hometownlife.com

Air rifle manufacturing by Markham and Daisy may have put the city of Plymouth on the map more than a century ago, but Steven Johnson wants to redraw that map to include a new Plymouth product: vodka.

Johnson, who had a career in electronics sales before advances in technology changed the business and left him unemployed, began shipping his Vökin brand vodka from a distillery on Junction Street in October.

Vökin LLC currently produces two premium 80-proof vodkas: Vökin Vodka, made with Midwestern grain and Great Lakes water, and Vökin One, a potato vodka. A third vodka, the 100-proof Vökin Eban' Midnight, is due out early next year.

The small-batch distillery makes vodka from raw product that comes in as nearly pure alcohol; the alcohol for the grain vodka is from a local manufacturer, while the potato alcohol — 195 proof — is imported from Poland.

"We filter the heck out of it," Johnson said recently at Vökin, describing a process that smooths the liquor and reduces its astringency. The grain vodka, for example, is filtered on-site six different times. "Some folks call that polishing," he said.

The distillery has been in the planning stages for more than a year, as Johnson, whose wife, Sherry Avedissian, works alongside him, has been perfecting distilling methods and jumping through alcohol control boards' hoops. There aren't yet any other employees; a professor who teaches in Michigan

State University's distilling program has signed on as a consultant.

"We're going to work as hard as we can to make it work," Johnson said.

Vökin is available at about 40 stores around the state and Johnson is working on getting it into area bars and restaurants. Vökin has enlisted Republic National Distribution Co. to ship its products, but Johnson so far has done a lot of the sales himself, driving to stores around the state with cases of vodka in his pickup.

"If I'm not working here making stuff, I'm out selling it," he said. "I'm blazing a trail."

He has a plan to make Vökin available across the country by 2018.

The company sprang from a simple assignment — to write a business plan — that Johnson was given during a college business course. "The light went on," he said, describing how he turned the project into a career blueprint.

Johnson, a U.S. Navy veteran, is a big proponent of continuing education, studying at Oakland Community College and, via the Internet, at Plymouth State (N.H.) University. He's a few courses short of a master's in business administration and has used post-graduate studies to find his way out of a sales career in which prospects were dimming.

"It's almost like you have to invent and create a job for yourself," he said.

His wife, who had worked in retail, customer service and medical records, said it was scary to venture out on their own. "I was kind of nervous, like, I guess, anybody would be to take that leap," she said.

Johnson and Avedis-



Steven Johnson and Sherry Avedissian are selling their premium Michigan-made vodka.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

sian want to move Vökin into distilling whiskey (which Johnson personally prefers), but that will require more production time, to allow the liquor to age, and storage

space. Vodka, because it can be quickly distilled, was a good starting product, Johnson said.

Eventually, however, he wants to finish that master's degree and

even move into teaching at the college level.

"Somewhere along the way here, I'm going to get back to school," he said. "I've got a lot of work to do to get this

business off the ground. This is the baby right now."

mjachman@hometownlife.com
734-678-8432
Twitter: @mattjachman

2017 FORD FUSION SE
BUY AS LOW AS **\$20,883**
24 month lease for \$120 per month. Rebates up to \$2,750.

2016 FORD EDGE SE AWD
BUY AS LOW AS **\$26,251**
24 month lease for \$195 per month. Rebates up to \$2,750.

2016 FORD FOCUS SE
BUY AS LOW AS **\$15,264**
24 month lease for \$129 per month. Rebates up to \$3,750.

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE
BUY AS LOW AS **\$21,549**
24 month lease for \$109 per month. Rebates up to \$2,500.

2016 FORD F-150 SUPERCAB XLT 4x4
BUY AS LOW AS **\$32,050**
24 month lease for \$165 per month. Rebates up to \$8,050.

2014 EXPLORER XLT
w/ leather and navigation
USED CAR SPECIAL: \$24,488

9800 Belleville Rd. • Belleville, MI 48111
734.697.9161 | www.atchinson.net
A/Z plan pricing - 10,500 miles per year. Includes renewal rebate. Plus taxes, plates and fees. \$2,000 due at signing. See salesperson for details. Offer Expires 12-31-16.

OPEN MONDAY & THURSDAY 9AM - 9PM
TUES, WED & FRI 9AM - 6PM SATURDAY: 10AM - 3PM

Open 7 Days 10 am - 8 pm

910 Ridge Rd. 48198
(1 blk. North of E. Michigan Ave.)

oleman's Farm Markets
VISA MasterCard **734-483-1783**

10 Varieties of Premium Christmas Trees
From \$19.99

Don't get stuck with a branch or a bush...

Many Wreaths & Roping

New Years Eve

Saturday, December 31, 2016
BUFFET DINNER & SHOW
ELVIS Tribute Starring: **Matt King**
With Live Orchestra

Tickets: \$45.00 - Cash Bar 4pm & 7PM
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
(Inside Knights Columbus Building)
19801 Farmington Rd. (Between 7 & 8 Mile)
Livonia, MI 48152
Box Office: 248-473-7777
Visa-Master cards accepted
www.startributesfromlasvegas.com

Ho-ho-ho! Christmas celebration coming to Plymouth

Darrell Clem
hometownlife.com

It might be the next best thing to visiting the North Pole.

Downtown Plymouth will be decked out in its holiday best for Christmas in Plymouth, a four-hour event intended to create a unique shopping and dining experience.

It all happens 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, in what has become one of downtown Plymouth's most anticipated events.

In its third year, Christmas in Plymouth is expected to draw a big crowd for an event that features holiday shopping and dining specials, shops with unique gifts, horse and carriage tours, live musical entertainment and dance shows, live reindeer and elves, cookie-decorating and, at 8:30 p.m., a community sing-along.

"The idea behind Christmas in Plymouth is to amplify the character and charm of the town and create a true shopping experience," said Heidi Parent, owner of Sun and Snow and one of the event organizers. "You'll feel like you're on the set of a classic holiday movie."

The town will be bathed in the glow of holiday lights, from the trees along Main Street to holiday displays in Kellogg Park to the park's decorated ever-green trees.

"A wonderful night of shopping and dining is the main draw, but with horse-drawn carriages, street performers playing holiday music, live reindeer and more, the downtown businesses have essentially brought the Mackinac Island experience to metro Detroit," Parent said.

The event is intended to celebrate the holiday season while bringing residents together in

"It's an opportunity to come downtown and have some fun and support the local businesses."

TONY BRUSCATO
Downtown Development Authority director

places such as Kellogg Park, which is decked out with decorations.

"Plymouth as a city has many events and I think people have come to expect that. It's what makes us a vibrant community both for the residents and for visitors," Downtown Development Authority director Tony Bruscatto said. "It's an opportunity to come downtown and have some fun and support the local businesses."

Parent said merchants will be ready.

"Participating merchants will be fully stocked and ready for the crowds," she said, adding that they will offer gift specials, product sampling and chances to earn gift cards to downtown stores and restaurants.

The idea behind Christmas in Plymouth is to draw people from the city and beyond to discover Plymouth and share the season's magic in the downtown setting.

Parent said Plymouth offers "a setting you'd be hard-pressed to find anywhere else in metro Detroit" with its festive decor, holiday lights and, as a focal point, Kellogg Park.

"Plymouth offers a chance to step inside a storybook," she added.

dclcm@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @CantonObserver
734-972-0919



Crowds will again sing Christmas carols in downtown Plymouth.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Horse-drawn carriage rides will return with Christmas in Plymouth.

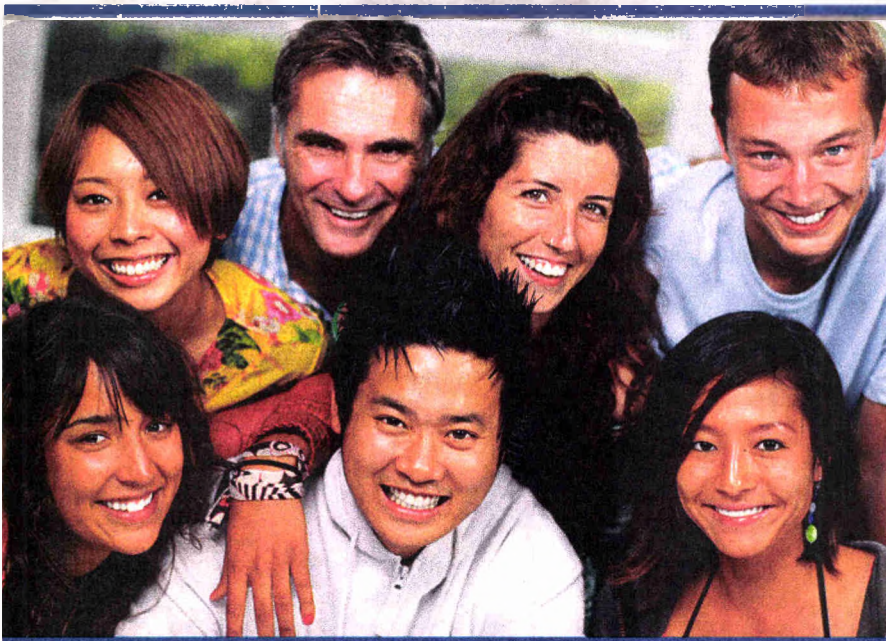
PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Schoolcraft College

Continuing Education AND Professional Development

ENGLISH AS A SECOND OR FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES



- Practice speaking, reading and writing English.
- Take the free placement test today!
- Friendly classroom environment.
- TOEFL test preparation classes.

WINTER CLASSES START IN JANUARY

Continuing Education and Professional Development
| www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd/esl | 734.462.4448 |
JOIN US ON FACEBOOK @ www.facebook.com/schoolcraftcepd

www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd



LC-000209854

SHOPPING · DINING
ENTERTAINMENT

Everything you want.



Everything you need.

Shop & Dine Westland

CITYOFWESTLAND.COM

More than 60 Restaurants & 100 Retail Stores

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WAYNE COUNTY

Three Cities Art Club exhibit

Three Cities Art Club hosts its Call for All Artists exhibition at the Westland Gallery at City Hall, 36300 Warren. Artists have submitted 109 pieces for review. A juror will choose 65 pieces for the exhibit, which features original art and photographs. The exhibit runs through Jan. 31, 2017.

Jingle Bells Batman Smells

Barefoot Productions Theatre brings to the stage author Barbara Parks' character Junie B Jones and the holiday spirit in "Jingle Bells Batman Smells." The show is at 7 p.m. Dec. 9-10 and 2 p.m. Dec. 4 and Dec. 11. The cast is from Livonia, Westland, Canton, Plymouth, Redford and Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at www.justgobarefoot.com or 734-404-6889. Barefoot Productions Theatre is at 240 N. Main St., Plymouth.

Prayer, praise and worship

St. Michael the Archangel Parish invites all area Christians to a monthly meeting of Prayer, Praise and Worship at 7 p.m. the second Friday of each month in the church, 11441 Hubbard Road, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

The service will include Eucharistic Adoration, prayer teams, intercessory prayer, as well as confession and Benediction. The Dec. 9 service will mark the debut of the group's new Praise Band and will be followed by fellowship and refreshments. The service is sponsored by St. Michael's Prayer Angels, a group which regularly prays for the needs of the parish, the country and also accepts individual prayer requests. For further details, contact the parish office at 734-261-1455, ext. 200.

After Work with the Rep

State Rep. Leslie Love, D-Detroit, will host her "After Work with the Rep" to provide people with typical work schedules an opportunity to meet with her and get legislative updates. This is the final legislative update of the year. The event is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, at Michno's Café, 25524 Five Mile Road, Redford Township. Refreshments will be provided.

Special Santa visits

For children and families living with autism, there will be a Special Needs Santa event 9-11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Laurel Park Mall, 37700 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Steve Bockmann, the event organizer, whose son has autism, is available for comment before or during the event. Bockmann has been organizing this event for several years. During this time, children can visit

with Santa in a light-sensitive environment. There will be no mall music and photos will be taken without a camera flash. This is intended to provide a comfortable time for children with special needs to visit Santa.

Livonia tree lighting

The city of Livonia hosts its annual Tree Lighting and Caroling Celebration at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at city hall. Mayor Dennis K. Wright will be joined on the steps of city hall by Santa and Mrs. Claus and the youngsters who won the "December is Special to Me Because..." essay contest as they press the button lighting the colorful holiday display on the lawn of the city campus.

The event kicks off with members of the Livonia Civic Chorus leading the singing of traditional holiday carols in the lobby of city hall. After the ceremony, everyone is invited to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Civic Center Library. There, children of all ages can enjoy hot chocolate, crafts and a performance by Cirque Amongus.

The event is sponsored by the Livonia Rotary Club, Friends of the Barn, Livonia Libraries, Livonia Civic Chorus and Busch's Fresh Food Market. For more information, call 734-466-2900.

P-CCS orchestra concert

The P-CCS orchestras will present their annual holiday concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, in the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. It features performances by more than 400 student musicians in grades 6-12. Four orchestras will take the stage over the course of the evening, performing a wide variety of music along with some holiday favorites. Suggested donation of \$3 per person or \$5 per family at the door. All donations are used to support the P-CCS orchestras. For more information, call the orchestra office at 734-416-2909.

Canton tree lighting

Kick off the holiday season with Canton's annual Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Join in the festivities as Santa and his reindeer make a special stop in Canton. Starting outside at 6 p.m., enjoy holiday carols, watch Santa's arrival and count down with Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams for the official lighting of the tree, sponsored by Toll Brothers, which will be held outside the Summit's Banquet Center Entrance.

Outdoor festivities will also include the Canton Chills Ice Carving Competition, which will be held outside the Summit, where individuals can

vote for their favorites with donations that will benefit designated local charities. Special festive activities will also be held indoors, including additional refreshments and seasonal entertainment. Activity wristbands will be available at the door for \$3 per child for Canton residents and \$4 per child for non-residents and include cookie decorating, arts and crafts, holiday shows and a visit with Santa. For those who would like to get a jumpstart on some holiday shopping, stop by the Holiday Marketplace, located in the Summit Banquet Lobby, where you'll find unique items that will make perfect gifts and stocking stuffers.

For more information about this event or other upcoming holiday events at the Summit on the Park, go to www.cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5460.

Park Players perform

The Park Players Theatre Co. presents "Almost, Maine" by John Cariani at 7 p.m. Dec. 9-10 and Dec. 16-17 in The Allen DuBois Little Theatre at Canton High School. Tickets are \$10 and available at www.tpctc.booktix.com or at the door beginning one hour before each performance.

A Winter's Song

The P-CEP choirs will present their "A Winter's Song" Concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School. Tickets are \$5 at the door. The concert will feature all seven P-CEP choirs singing a variety of holiday and winter songs, including traditional concert-closer with choir alumni, "Carol of the Bells."

Breakfast with Santa

The St. Robert's Men's Club will host Breakfast with Santa from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in the gym, 27101 W. Chicago Road, Redford. The event offers all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast; Santa's Big Raffle (first prize: big sled of toys; second prize: 20-inch bicycle) and \$1 instant pictures with Santa. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$2 for ages 2-12; and free for children under 2. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Wayne County General Hospital reunion

All retired and former employees from Wayne County General Hospital are invited to attend the 32nd annual reunion in the party room at the Hibachi Buffet and Grill, 6539 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The event is set for 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13. Buffet price without drink is \$12.75 and with a drink \$14.59. Reservations are not required.

3D Photography meeting

The December meeting will feature our annual holiday pot-luck dinner, with live music performed by some of our members. There will also be photographic items available. We'll finish with our monthly club 3D image competition. The meeting is 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

We invite everyone to join us for the dinner, music, sale and to see award-winning 3D images. The meetings are free to attend and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

Contact www.Detroit3D.org or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

Holiday decorating contest

"All American Holiday Decorating Contest" is underway and runs until midnight Saturday, Dec. 24. Residents can visit the city of Westland website to nominate themselves or a friend in one or all of the three categories: Best Traditional Display, Most Creative Display and Over the Top Display. Nominees will be asked to enter a picture with their submission.

You can also enter the contest by posting your picture publicly on Twitter or Instagram, tagging @CityofWestland and using the hashtag #westlandholidaypride. Anyone can go onto the website, view the entries and vote for the holiday decorating display they think should win. Voting will close at midnight on Christmas Eve. Winners will be announced and awarded with prizes at the first council meeting of the New Year on Monday, Jan. 9.

Youth Christmas concert

The Livonia Youth Symphony Orchestras of Michigan will host its Christmas Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18 at William F. Weber Performing Arts Center at Thurston High School, 26255 Schoolcraft, Redford. Tickets are \$7 at the door, \$3 senior citizens.

The LYSO is a nonprofit youth organization celebrating its 57th year in Livonia. It is comprised of school-age string players, winds, brass and percussionists, and dedicated parent volunteers.

Art of Giving sale

The Farber Soul Center hosts the "Art of Giving Holiday Sale" at the center, 5586 Drake Road in West Bloomfield, from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8. A "donor preview" runs from 5-6 p.m. with the sale starting at 6 p.m.

Soul Studio's inaugural holiday sale is an art lover's shopping event, featuring amazing art and merchandise for your gift season. The studio will be filled with unique and original works of art, prints, ceramics and

weavings. Get a first look at new works for sale and a sneak preview at current works under construction.

In addition to selected new artworks, you'll find a remarkable assortment of new Soul Studio products and merchandise including prints, posters, greeting cards, tee shirts, water bottles, sketchbooks, tote bags, and more — all featuring the artwork of more than 50 studio artists.

Ladywood 5K fundraiser

Ladywood High School will host a community wide 5K to raise funds for scholarships at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. The 5K includes an exclusive route and beautiful scenery on the grounds behind Ladywood High School in Livonia. Registration cost for the run/walk is \$30 for adults, \$25 for students, \$15 for kids 12 and under, and free for kids 5 and under.

To register online, print a paper registration or learn more about the 5K, visit ladywood.org/campus-life/blade-trail-5k-fun-runwalk/. For business sponsorship opportunities, call Dawn Conn at 734-591-1544 x237.

Mike Modano Ice Arena open

See the new and newly renovated locker rooms and other significant improvements at Mike Modano Ice Arena. Open skates will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-3:20 p.m. The popular glow skate will be held every Friday from 7-9:20 p.m. Timbits can learn to play hockey every Saturday morning from 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. and anyone can receive skating lessons Mondays from 5-5:50 p.m., Fridays from 6-6:50 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30-11:20 a.m. There are adult drop in times every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1-2:50 p.m. Ice is available to rent after 10 p.m. for \$150/hour.

Livonia Towne Club

The Livonia Towne Club, a nonprofit women's organization bringing together women for social interaction meets the fourth Thursday of each month September through May (except in November and December when it's held on the second Thursday).

The club meets for lunch and a program at different restaurants in Livonia and surrounding areas. The program could be an informative speaker, bingo, fashion show, music entertainment and more. The next luncheon is Dec. 2 with entertainment from a local accordion musician. For more information, call Vicki at 734-591-3254.

Franklin High library teen book fair

The high school library will have a book fair Dec. 9-13 at Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty, Northville Township. Teens are encouraged to participate in the Harry

Potter Magical Holiday Ball dressed in a favorite character and dance until they drop. The store and cafe will be open. A percentage of Barnes & Noble sales will benefit the Franklin High School library. If you can't make it and wish to donate, visit bn.com/bookfairs. Enter Bookfair ID12026894 at checkout.

Holiday Harmonies

The Harmonytown Chorus will perform "Holiday Harmonies," its eighth annual Christmas show at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Livonia Public Library Auditorium, on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. This year's show has an alphabetical treatment the chorus celebrates the Christmas season from A to Z.

Tickets are \$6 for adults; \$3 for students 12-18; and free for children 12 and younger. To purchase tickets, visit WeSingBarbershop.com or call 734-743-1764.

Broomstick Pool Tourney fundraiser

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 32 will host a Broomstick Pool Tournament Fundraiser at noon Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Myron H. Beals Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia. The cost is \$10 per entrant, with a light lunch included. Register by calling Jerry "mouse" Lundquist at 248-310-1775. The public is welcome.

Holiday services

Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City, our will have its Blue Christmas Service at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 21. Christmas Eve services will be at 7 p.m., and 11 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 24. The 11 p.m. service is a candlelight service.

Secondhand Prose closes for renovations

Canton Public Library's Secondhand Prose Bookstore will be closed for renovations from Dec. 23 to Feb. 1.

In December hardcover books and children's book will be sold at reduced prices. A special \$6 Fill-a-Bag Book Sale will take place Dec. 16-19. Friends of the Canton Public Library support the library through advocacy and fundraising for resources beyond the scope of the operating budget.

New Year's Eve Party!

Celebrate the New Year at beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 31, at the AM Vets Memorial Hall, 1217 Merriman Road, Westland. The cost is \$30 each or \$50 per couple. The ticket includes dinner, dancing, pizza snack at midnight, and one bottle of champagne per table at midnight.

Tickets are available at AMVETS Post 171. For more information, call 734-765-0716.

Wayne Mercy Animal Hospital
 Providing Responsible and Caring Service
 Full Service Veterinary Hospital
OPEN 7 DAYS • 734.728.6000
 Dr. Avtar Madahar D.V.M.
 35345 Cherry Hill Road
 (Just E. of Wayne Road)
 Westland, MI 48186
 Treating All Exotic and Pocket Animals
 "Quality Service at an Affordable Price"
 M-F 8-9 & SAT-SUN 9-5

FREE! OFFICE VISIT/COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAM <small>Not valid with any other offers. With coupon.</small>	FREE! HEARTWORM TEST with purchase of 12 Month Heartworm Preventative <small>Not valid with any other offers. With coupon.</small>
\$77 VACCINE PACKAGE-Dogs Wellness Exam • Distemper/Parvo Combo Lepto • Bordetella • Fecal Test Heartworm Test • Rabies (1 Year) <small>Not valid with any other offers. With coupon.</small>	\$40 VACCINE PACKAGE Dogs & Cats Wellness Exam • Fecal Test Distemper Combo • Deworming <small>Not valid with any other offers. With coupon.</small>

**SPAY • NEUTER • DENTAL • SPECIAL OFFERS
 BOARDING & GROOMING • REASONABLE RATES**

Hear when you need us.

We are now part of the U-M Premier Care Network.
 Most other insurance coverages accepted.

- Hearing aids and service (all brands, sizes and styles)
- Five years free adjustments of the equipment
- Competitive pricing

For a free online hearing test and a free guide to hearing aids, visit: mosaaudiology.com

(800) 851-6672

M.O.S.A. Hearing Aid Centers & Audiology Services
 a division of Michigan Otolaryngology Surgery Associates

ANN ARBOR	(800) 851-6672 (734) 434-3200
BRIGHTON	(800) 851-6672 (810) 534-2200
CANTON	(800) 851-6672
CHELSEA	(800) 851-6672 (734) 385-5100
SALINE	(800) 851-6672 (734) 316-7622

DISCOVER, VISA, AMERICAN EXPRESS

Consumers Energy dedicates \$18 million Livonia building

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

It was no secret the former Consumers Energy building in Livonia was in rough shape and needed a replacement. Wednesday, the company celebrated that milestone by dedicating the new, \$18 million building.

"It wasn't one of our crown jewels. Today, it is," said Daniel Malone, a senior vice president of energy resources for the Jackson-based energy company. "This place is just fabulous."

Consumers Energy gave a peek Thursday morning inside the new service center located at 11801 Farmington Road in Livonia just north of Plymouth. The company has torn down the old center, which was constructed in 1960, and replaced it with the new building that began construction in 2014. The new facility consists of a 63,000-square-foot office and maintenance facility, as well as an outdoor cold storage building, truck ports and aggregate bins.

The company says the building was constructed using Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, specifications. It joins a few other buildings in Livonia that are LEED-certified, including the Franciscan Center at Madonna University. About 225 people work regularly out of the Livonia office, the only one for the company in western Wayne County. Consumers also operates facilities in Royal Oak, Howell, Groveland Township and Macomb Township, among other Michigan locations.

While the number of employees based out of Livonia isn't expected to change drastically, company officials say they expect to see it get more usage in the coming years for employees not always able to drive to central

"It wasn't one of our crown jewels. Today, it is. This place is just fabulous."

DANIEL MALONE
senior vice president of energy resources

Michigan.

"One of the things that we've always struggled with is getting talent to drive from Detroit to Jackson," said Charles Crews, a vice president of gas operations who works out of Livonia. "People make this their office now. By that virtue, we are increasing the number of employees and talent will pull out of Metro Detroit."

Crews said the company wanted to try and stay at its current location, as that space is known as one Consumers Energy could be found for decades, as well as the easy accessibility to get onto Interstate 96.

The Livonia facility will serve as a hub for much of Consumers Energy's business in southeast Michigan, and houses employees that have jobs such as customer energy specialists, gas service and distribution field workers, meter readers and others. That office oversees the service of about 240,000 gas customers in western Wayne and western Oakland counties.

Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright said he was happy to see the company make such a big investment into the city, and welcomed them to stay for years to come.

"Livonia's been fortunate to have Consumers Energy based here for over six decades. And it looks like you're going to be here for a few more," he said. "And it really looks great."

dveselenak@hometownlife.com



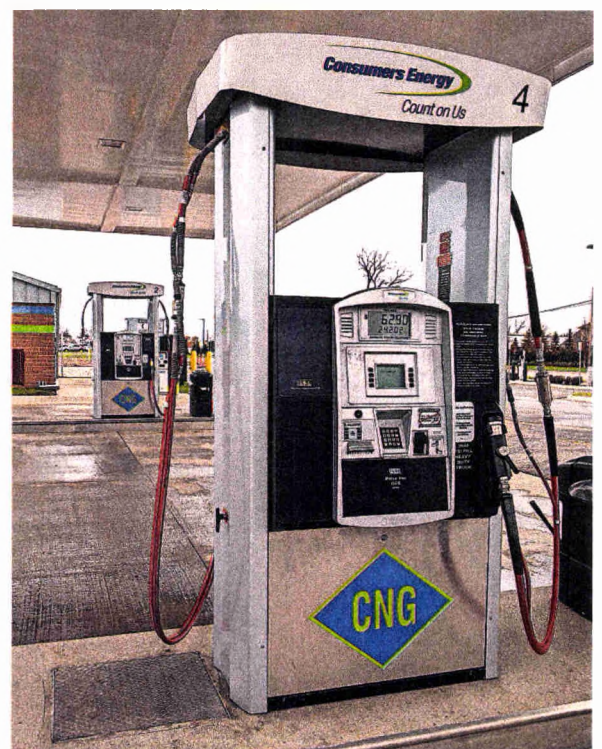
Wall-sized graphics and other art featuring employees decorate the new building.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The Consumers Energy building replaces the old building.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



A fueling station fills the tanks of 60 natural gas-powered vehicles and serves the public who own CNG-powered vehicles..

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

WOODLAND
fresh friendly every day™

STAN'S MARKET

33503 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48154 734.261.6565
www.stansmkt.com

One Day Meat Sale
Thursday, December 8th

<p>USDA Choice Boneless Beef English Roast \$1.99/lb</p>	<p>Ground Beef Sirloin \$2.99/lb 5-7lb Family Pack No Splitting</p>	<p>USDA Choice Boneless Beef Sirloin Steak \$4.99/lb Family Pack</p>
<p>Value Packs (Frozen) Chicken Thighs or Drumsticks 49¢/lb Limited Quantities No Rain Checks</p>	<p>Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast \$1.59/lb 5-7 lb Value Pack</p>	<p>USDA Choice Boneless N.Y Strip Steaks \$5.99/lb Family Pack</p>
<p>Smith Counter Bacon \$2.99/lb Thick Cut 3-4lb package</p>	<p>CenSea Cooked Shrimp \$13.99 Each 31/40 Count Frozen 2lb Bag</p>	<p>Raw Walnut Meats (Great For Baking!) White Supplies Last \$3.99/lb</p>
<p>Dearborn Boneless Pork Tenderloin \$2.49/lb</p>	<p>Dearborn Smoked Kielbasa \$3.49/lb 5-6lb Bag</p>	<p>Dearborn Bone In Classic Ham \$2.49/lb</p>

Two great holiday events on
Saturday, December 10th
from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Holiday Stop and Shop

Join us for a fun and relaxing shopping experience. Vendors will be on site and you can shop while enjoying holiday cookies and cocoa. You can also enter a raffle to win a 42" flat screen TV

Proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association

Seniors Helping Seniors
Pet Adoptions and Donations

We're accepting donations for The Devoted Barn, a pet rescue in Newport, Michigan, and senior pets will be on site hoping to be in their forever home in time for the holidays.



Independent Living, Licensed Assisted Living & Memory Care
42600 Cherry Hill, Canton | (734) 335-1830

www.facebook.com/waltonwoodseniorliving
www.Waltonwood.com | www.SinghJobs.com



Santa visit Sunday for special-needs children

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

Steve Bockmann knows visiting Santa Claus at the mall for children with autism can be a stressful situation, something he realized with his son many years ago.

That's why he began offering a session with Santa designed for children with special needs many years ago. This year, he'll bring Santa to Livonia for another session for area families looking for a more special needs-friendly visit.

The idea came as something he and his ex-wife wanted to do to provide their son, who has since grown up, an opportunity to visit with Kris Kringle.

"He wanted to have the same kind of Santa experience his friends were having," said Brockmann, a Farmington Hills resident.

They began hosting a special needs Santa event, complete with more lighting and quieter atmosphere, at vari-

ous locations, including The Henry Ford and most recently at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. This year, Bockmann's program will take place from 9-11 a.m. Sunday at Laurel Park Place mall, 37700 Six Mile in Livonia. The event is free and will take place before the mall opens.

Bockmann, who has brought this idea to Novi-based Centria Autism Services, said the special-needs Santa event is one many families appreciate having, especially because it could be difficult for certain children to fully enjoy a traditional visit with Santa at the mall.

"Every year, I've got a family that will come up to me and thank me for the opportunity," he said.

He said last year's event at Twelve Oaks Mall had about 60 families attend.

The event is free to attend, and photo packages will be available to purchase.

Dan Irvin, Laurel Park's general manager, said the decision to bring

Bockmann's program to the Livonia mall was a no-brainer. Every child deserves a chance to see Santa, he said.

"Every kid should have the ability to have every opportunity anybody else has," he said.

He said doors to the mall will remain open that morning and mall walkers who are typically there during Sunday morning are still invited to walk, but to respect the event taking place Sunday.

Bockmann said the event is fairly laid-back and allows for children who may need some extra time to warm up to seeing Santa.

"The kids kind of are able to take their time to come up and see Santa," he said. "We've had some families where it takes an hour and a half to have the courage and bravery to walk up and see Santa."

dveselenak@hometownlife.com
734-678-6728
Twitter: @DavidVeselenak



STEVE BOCKMANN
Santa visits with a child at a previous event for special-needs children. The event for children has come to Laurel Park Place in Livonia and will take place Sunday morning.

Meeting focuses on Old M-14 work planned in Livonia

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

It's still several years away, but that's not stopping the Michigan Department of Transportation from sharing information about the proposed reconstruction of Old M-14 in Livonia.

MDOT officials were on hand Thursday afternoon at Livonia City Hall for a public meeting to discuss the proposed project and the environmental impact of the work, which will take place along Plymouth and Ann Arbor roads from Market to Newburgh.

"This is part of our environmental process," MDOT engineer Adam Penzenstadler said. "In addition to the public meeting, it's also a public hearing for our environmental aspect."

One of the reasons the department held the meeting was because of the nature of the work taking place around Hines Park, along with



DAVID VESELENAK
MDOT engineer Adam Penzenstadler speaks Thursday with Livonia city engineer Todd Zilincik at Livonia City Hall.

the Hines Drive bridge and its historic classification. The bridge was one of the first structures built after World

War II in the area. The bridge was completed in 1948, after being delayed because of labor issues and steel shortages from

the war. Several boards with information regarding the project, including potential detours and

overview maps of the work, were shared. Work that will be done includes adding some right-turn lanes to Newburgh; completely replacing the Hines Drive bridge; adding sidewalks along Ann Arbor Road and connecting those new sidewalks to pathways along Hines Drive.

As of now, the work is scheduled to take place in 2019, a delay from the original date. That delay has come because of a lack of funding, MDOT officials said. The project is currently budgeted to cost about \$12.7 million in 2017 dollars.

MDOT maintains several miles of both Plymouth Road and Ann Arbor Road in western Wayne County, dating back to its years as M-14 before the current freeway was built. The stretch of Plymouth Road from Telegraph in Redford Township to the fork with Ann Arbor Road in Livonia is all maintained by the state. That route continues

along Ann Arbor Road until it reaches the Washtenaw/Wayne county line at Napier Road.

Work last took place in this proposed project area back in 2001 when a reconstruction happened from Newburgh to the Middle Rouge River, according to Mike Bellini of MDOT. Before that, some milling and resurfacing took place from the Middle Rouge River to Market back in 1993.

Todd Zilincik, the Livonia city engineer, said he'll be happy to see that area of town receive improved road, sidewalk and lighting.

"It's a project well-needed and it's a project that's been in the works," he said. "We're happy to have MDOT come in and meet the criteria necessary to get this moving forward."

dveselenak@hometownlife.com
734-678-6728
Twitter: @DavidVeselenak

Guide to Employment

Check out these exciting career opportunities!

For even more opportunities see our "award winning" classified section!

To place your ad here contact us at careers@hometownlife.com or call 1-800-579-7355

Careers
Jobs

NOVI MICHIGAN
EOE

FORKLIFT OPERATOR
Able to pass drug test. Must have good attendance record. Able to work independently. Able to lift 50 lbs repetitively.
Apply at:
VICTORY PACKAGING
victorypackaging.com and go to careers

Part of bread by joe

NOW HIRING • OPENING SOON

- Counter help - with barista exp.
- PM Baker (shift 7pm-2am).

Apply in person at Joe's Produce
33152 W. 7 Mile Rd.

OFFICE CLEANERS
Weekly Pay & Benefits. Mon-Fri. 4 hrs/night. Farmington & Novi. \$9-\$11/hr. Apply 248-998-5255
www.sabarbuidingservices.com

Healthcare-Dental

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Full-time for busy internal medical practice in Livonia. Experienced in veno puncture, injections & EKGs a must. X-Ray knowledge helpful. Fax resume to: 313-295-1529

PERSONAL ASSISTANT/DIRECT CARE WORKER
Rewarding positions serving persons with special needs in their homes or in group homes. Must be 18. Paid training. Hiring in: Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti, Brighton, Milford, Novi, South Lyon, Wixom, Northville/Canton areas.

QUEST INC
Resume: bellconey@questserv.org
Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor 734-238-9015
South Lyon: 248-573-5023
Novi/Wixom: 248-946-4425
New Hudson: 248-437-7535

RN, LPN or MA
Dermatology practice in Ann Arbor /Plymouth area is seeking motivated: RN, LPN or MA Dermatology exp'd. preferred. Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefit package including 401K. No Weekends/No Evenings. a2derm@aol.com

Sales-Marketing

REAL ESTATE SALES OPPORTUNITY

Real Estate One

Michigan's #1 REALTOR. Earn High Commission Income. Rapidly Expanding Real Estate Market. Start Earning Commissions Right Away.

- Own Your Own Practice
- Be Your Own Boss
- Work Your Schedule
- You Determine Your Income
- Bonus Programs
- Health/Life/Disability/Retirement
- Full Time Support Staff

PAT RYAN, REALTOR
(734) 591-9200
PatRyan@RealEstateOne.com

WANT TO CLEAN OUT YOUR HOUSE?

Place an ad with Observer & Eccentric Media, and let the Classifieds **DO YOUR WORK!**

800-579-7355

hometownlife.com

O&E MEDIA
A GANNETT COMPANY

Picture it YOURS

You'll love what you find in today's Classifieds.

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA
hometownlife.com
A GANNETT COMPANY

In Print & Online

www.hometownlife.com 800-579-7355

Beaumont opens newly renovated cardiac lab

Lifesaving care for heart patients is now closer for those living or working in and around Farmington Hills since Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills opened its renovated Cardiac Catheterization Lab on Nov. 21.

"With advanced technology and redesigned space in our Cath Lab, our outstanding interventional cardiologists and cardiac care staff stand ready 24/7 to save lives by restoring blood flow in people with heart blockages," said Connie O'Malley, president, Beaumont-Farmington Hills.

The hospital's Cath Lab was taken out of service Oct. 15 to install an advanced imaging system that significantly reduces radiation exposure and to renovate the space for both function and aesthetics. Regulatory agencies, including the city of Farmington Hills fire marshal and



Interventional cardiologist Dr. Maher Rabah leads a highly-trained care team in the newly renovated Cardiac Catheterization Lab at Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills. From left, Deepa Chenian, R.N.; Dr. Rabah; Dr. David Coulter, cardiology fellow; and John Hand, cardiovascular technician.

the Oakland County Health Department, have approved the renovated Cath Lab for safety and effectiveness, allowing the hospital to meet accreditation for Cardiovascular Excellence guidelines.

The Cath Lab team provides emergency percutaneous coronary intervention procedures

for those experiencing heart attacks or angioplasty on an elective basis for those with cardiovascular symptoms. Performing these interventions locally eliminates treatment delays and allows patients to be treated closer to home.

"We are very pleased to have recruited Maher Rabah, D.O., a remark-

able interventional cardiologist to lead our Cath Lab as medical director. Dr. Rabah has 29 years of experience with the heart programs at the Beaumont hospitals in Troy and Royal Oak and has an amazing portfolio of clinical results," said David P. Gowman, D.O., cardiology chief and director of the Cardiol-

ogy Fellowship training program at Beaumont-Farmington Hills. "He has performed thousands of angioplasty and stenting procedures. Now, he is performing those same lifesaving procedures here in Farmington Hills."

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, causing 600,000 deaths annually. PCI is considered one of the most effective, primary treatments for narrowed or blocked heart arteries or heart attacks. Percutaneous means "through the skin." The procedure is done by inserting a thin flexible tube, or catheter, through the skin in the upper thigh or arm that is threaded through a blood vessel to the affected heart artery. A balloon at the top of the catheter is inflated to open the narrowed artery, restoring blood flow to the heart muscle to

help minimize damage to heart function.

According to data from the National Registry of Myocardial Infarction, patients who were transferred to another facility for emergency angioplasty with a door-to-reperfusion time of 2.5-3 hours have a 60-percent increase in risk-adjusted mortality, compared with a door-to-reperfusion time of less than 90 minutes. The program at Beaumont-Farmington Hills allows patients who reside locally the chance to be treated within the 90-minute window of opportunity, greatly increasing their chances of survival.

"Time is muscle and muscle is life," Rabah said.

An angioplasty procedure usually takes about 90 minutes to perform. Most patients stay one night in the hospital.

Short-term investing is a losing strategy for most people

Q: I recently sold my business and I will owe about \$75,000 from the gain. According to my accountant, because of what I paid already in estimates, I won't have to pay the \$75,000 until I file my 2016 tax return. Generally, I file my return at the end of March. My question is, what do you think I should do with the money? Part of me says I should leave the money in the bank, even though it's not paying anything. The other part of me says that it is a waste to put the money in the bank and that I should consider investing the money. If I invested the money, I think I would put the money into the Vanguard S&P 500. My question to you is, what do you think I should do? I should men-



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

tion that I generally consider myself a moderate investor, leaning a little bit toward being aggressive.

A: Without question, I think you should leave the money in the bank and, in fact, even if you said to me you were an aggressive investor, I would still tell you the same thing. The question isn't if I think the market will be higher four months from now or if the Vanguard S&P 500 is a good fund or not. As far as I'm concerned, no one should be invested in the market for a four-month period. Anything and

everything can happen over the short run and you don't want to be in a situation where you're forced to sell at an inopportune time.

As far as I am concerned, anyone who puts money into the market for a four-month period is not investing, they are gambling. One thing we should all know by now is that, over the short run, markets can be very volatile. Just this year alone, we've had our fair share of volatility as the markets tumbled the first couple of months of the year and also retreated immediately after the Brexit vote. On both of those occasions, markets eventually came back. You don't want to be in the position where, when the market is retreating, you have to sell in order

to cover your tax liability.

I recognize that when you invest in CDs and money market accounts, your returns are extraordinarily low. I'm not happy with that, but let's not forget the primary goal, which is in four months you will use this money to pay your taxes. Return is only a secondary consideration. Leaving the money in the bank is the only investment that will accomplish your primary goal and the only smart move is to leave it in a guaranteed account at the bank.

The reality is that interest rates are low and are going to be that way for a while. Even if the Federal Reserve raises interest rates at its December meeting, we are still going to see low rates of return on CDs and money market accounts. Despite the low rate of return, for short-term money and emergency funds, there are no

other realistic alternatives. One thing you can do is to shop around to see if you can receive higher rates. Credit unions and federally insured web-based banks will sometimes be more competitive with rates. The key is to always use a federally insured institution. One of the beauties of the Internet is that it is much easier to shop rates around the country and to transact business with those institutions.

To be successful as an investor, you must remain focused on your goals and objectives. Every time you invest money, you should be asking yourself what your goal is with the money. If your goal is targeted at 20 years down the road, you don't need to be overly concerned about short-term volatility. On the other hand, if your goal is four months down the road, short-term volatility

should be extremely relevant. Investors need to invest based upon their goals and objectives, not what is happening in the market. Letting the market dictate how you invest is sort of like letting the tail wag the dog. As investors, we can't afford to let that happen.

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.

At WindowPRO, we pride ourselves on presenting the best quality replacement windows, patio doors and entry and storm doors.

Privately owned for 5 generations, the WindowPRO team has a combined 200 years of experience in the window and door industry. Our history, expertise and dedication to our customers make us a leader in window and door replacement.

WindowPRO THE WINDOW REPLACEMENT EXPERTS
MARVIN Windows and Doors Built around you.
INFINITY REPLACEMENT WINDOWS Built for life.

\$200 OFF
EACH WINDOW OR DOOR INSTALLED PLUS, NO INTEREST OR PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS

See store for details. Not good with other offers or on previous deals.

877.625.2606

UNABLE TO WORK? DENIED BENEFITS? WE CAN HELP!

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY

BILL GORDON & ASSOCIATES

5 Stars

✓ Applications/Hearings/Appeals
✓ Immediate Access to Experienced Personnel
✓ We Strive For Quick Claim Approval
✓ Free Consultation

Call for an Immediate Evaluation **(800) 470-6732**

Wine Tours in Traverse City
2 for \$99 - The Perfect Gift
Enjoy any of the 4 seasons!

Gift Certificates Valid for one full year. Must purchase by Feb. 1, 2017.

Guests are treated to stunning views as they travel in style to amazing wineries.

231-947-7433 | grandtraversetours@gmail.com
www.grandtraversetours.com

FISHER FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES

MICHAEL J. FISHER
Manager & Owner

TRADITIONAL SERVICE AND BURIAL
includes metal casket, viewing & service
\$3300
Cemetery fees not included

BASIC CREMATION
includes cremation process and county permit
\$695*
*\$795 for Macomb & Washtenaw Counties

TRADITIONAL SERVICE WITH CREMATION
includes casket, viewing & service
\$3200

We can customize a package to meet your needs.

- Insurance assignment accepted
- State assistance (DHS) welcomed

24501 Five Mile Road • Redford
Between Beech Daly and Telegraph

313.535.3030
fisherfuneralhome.net

Achieve Charter Academy
3250 Denton Rd, Canton, MI 48188-2110
734-397-0960 PHONE • 734-397-0968 FAX

Canton Charter Academy
49100 Ford Rd, Canton, MI 48187-5415
734-453-9517 PHONE • 734-453-9551 FAX

Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy
48484 N Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI 48170-2850
734-459-6149 PHONE • 734-864-0341 FAX

South Canton Scholars Charter Academy
3085 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188-2452
734-398-5658 PHONE • 734-547-3077 FAX

South Pointe Scholars Charter Academy
10550 Geddes Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198-9442
734-484-0118 PHONE • 734-864-0353 FAX

OPEN ENROLLMENT NOTICE

Open enrollment for the 2017-2018 academic school year ends on 2/28/2017 at 5 p.m. Applications are available for grades K - 8 and can be obtained at the school, at www.NHAschools.com or by calling 866-NHA-ENROLL. Should the number of applications received during open enrollment exceed available seats, a random-selection drawing will be necessary. The drawing, if needed, will be held at the respective school on the following date:

- Achieve - 3/7/2017 at 4 p.m.
- Canton - 3/8/2017 at 4:30 p.m.
- Plymouth - 3/8/2017 at 4:30 p.m.
- South Canton - 3/8/2017 at 4:30 p.m.
- South Pointe - 3/8/2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Applications received after open enrollment will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis for remaining open seats. Waiting lists will be formed accordingly.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

National Heritage Academies admits students of any race, color, and nationality or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of intellectual or athletic abilities, measures of achievement or aptitude, disability, status as a handicapped person, homeless status, English proficiency, religion, creed, race, sex, color, or national origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies and athletic or other school-administered programs.

Publish: December 4, 2016

Meet an area businessman who collects gnomes

Jay Grossman
hometownlife.com

If you're going to work in a garden all day, you may as well dress up like a gnome occasionally.

Tim Travis, owner of Goldner Walsh Garden & Home in Pontiac, is being recognized Tuesday as the 2016 Business Person of the Year at the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber's annual meeting at the Birmingham Country Club. Tickets for the breakfast are still available by visiting the chamber website (www.bbccc.com) or by calling 248-644-1700.

Goldner Walsh has been around in southeast Michigan since 1953. The nursery has a national reputation for providing top-notch planting material and award-winning landscape design. Travis himself is a community cheerleader, an accomplished pianist, and he has a twin brother.

If that wasn't enough, he keeps goats and chickens on his 12 acres of property off Orchard Lake Road. And then, there's the gnomes:

Q: Tell us about your gnome collection ... how did that get started?

Travis: I was in the process of moving out of my old house in Clarkston and did an eBay stint on selling some things, and I ran across this collection of gnomes and other related items for sale from the Gnome Museum in Germany that was closing and selling off their collection. I have an eclectic taste for art and history and there is a rich history dating back to the 1800's on the production of gnomes for gardens and other mischievous adventures. Totally up my alley.

Q: How many gnomes

do you have in your collection?

Travis: The last census is close to 200. I mostly collect vintage ones from the early 1920s. There were primarily two companies in Germany (Griebel and Heissner) who were the leaders in gnome production. They were originally made in clay and hand-painted. The Heissner Company introduced resin ones that were still hand-painted in the 1940s.

In doing my research on the history and folklore of gnomes, I had an opportunity to communicate to the descendants of both families. The granddaughter of the founder of the Griebel Company was the one that owned the Gnome Museum in Germany with her brother. My most prized gnome is a hand painted ceramic gnome holding music that was signed by both of them.

Q: You've appeared in some films dressed as a gnome. How did that go?

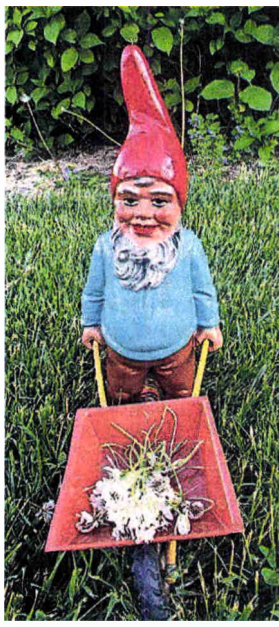
Travis: I restored a 1928 Montgomery Ward house on Sylvan Lake and have had several movies filmed there. I was on the way to a Halloween party dressed as a gnome while my house was used for filming "Ticket to the Circus," and they asked for me to do a stand-in role. My house was also used as a location for another short film two years ago. After they saw my mini tugboat (Tugtanic) and a photo of me dressed as a gnome, they rewrote the script for their seven-minute short film called "Victor." That flick has received 15 awards.

Q: When did you develop a love for horticulture?

Travis: I had one grandmother named



"I've always loved chickens," said Tim Travis, owner of Goldner Walsh Garden & Home. He also houses goats on his property.



Tim Travis and his extensive collection of vintage gnomes are being featured in the January edition of Country Gardens magazine.

Rose and another grandmother named Lily and

they were both fabulous gardeners.

Q: What can you tell us about your business?

Travis: It was founded in 1953 by Alfred H. Goldner, and was originally located near Telegraph and 12 Mile in Southfield on a small piece of property which is now a Popeye's restaurant. He moved his business to the former Pierce Floral greenhouse in 1980, and today we're the longest-running business in Pontiac. I worked my first summer there while still in college in 1980. I started full time as a manager in 1982, and purchased the company in 1988. We are a full-service landscape design and installation company complimented with a full-service florist and event venue. We are now listed as the No. 4 top destination for Romantic Wedding venue in Michigan on Google.

Q: Back to those

gnomes ... how much money would it take for you to part with the whole collection?

Travis: Priceless.

Q: You're also an accomplished pianist. How did that come about?

Travis: I distinctly remembered having a dream when I was 5, and saw two hands playing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat," and woke up and played it on the piano the next morning. I play by ear and have a white key song and a black key song that I always forget how I played it the last time, so I replay a new version of it every time. I have some hybrid version of it that occasionally include both white and black keys. Every once in a while, I get crazy and record a song and post it on Facebook ... usually after midnight when I seem to play better.

Q: You have a twin

brother living in New Hampshire. Does he share your passion for music and gnomes?

Travis: We are identical twins. I always tease him by saying that he is a low grade mutation of me. Mike uses a different set of brain cells in his creativity. He tends to me more two dimensional, which explains his career choice in graphic art and advertising and marketing. I tend to be more three dimensional, which explains my career direction in landscaping, plants and sculptural art.

Q: Do you have any chicken or goat stories?

Travis: I have always been nature-focused in my interests and dreamed of being a gentleman farmer. I love chickens, and Pontiac had an ambiguous code for raising chickens. I decided that while hosting the State of the City Address for Pontiac several years ago, I would carry my favorite chicken (named Q-Tip) in my arms during the whole event. I figured that since all the Pontiac political dignitaries were present that if I didn't get a citation by the end of the evening, I automatically 'grandfathered' them in ... or should I say "grandfeathered" them in.

Pontiac and Oakland County folks were actually very receptive to the idea of my friend, Amy McIntire with City Girls Farm, employing a staff of 10 goats for making goat soap and lotions and "goatscaping" for environmentally sustainable invasive species land clearing. Pontiac actually added language in their Master Plan to include nonconforming businesses.

grossman@hometownlife.com
586-826-7030
Twitter: @BhmEccentric

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

PAYING OUT MILLIONS FOR COINS PRE-1970 & COLLECTIBLES

THE CANTON ROADSHOW

Tuesday December 6th thru Saturday December 10th

WE BUY ALL GOLD & SILVER JEWELRY

EXPERTS ON-SITE BUYING AND EVALUATING YOUR ITEMS! FREE ADMISSION!

INFORMATION

5 DAYS ONLY!!!

What We Are Buying & Evaluating Your Collectables

Where Comfort Suites – Canton

When December 6th thru December 10th
Tuesday thru Friday 10am-6pm
Saturday 10am-3pm

FREE EVENT

Comfort Suites Canton
 5730 Haggerty Road
 Canton, MI 48187
 (Across from Ikea behind Bob Evans)

 KENNEDY HALF DOLLAR PRE-1970 UP TO \$500*	 WHEAT BACK CENT UP TO \$1,500*	 BRAIDED HAIR LARGE CENT UP TO \$3,800*	 BARBER HALF DOLLAR UP TO \$6,750*	 WALKING LIBERTY HALF UP TO \$4,700*	 FRANKLIN HALF DOLLAR UP TO \$1,800*
 BUFFALO NICKEL UP TO \$3,500*	 ROOSEVELT DIME 1964 & OLDER UP TO \$3,600*	 MERCURY DIME UP TO \$3,600*	 MORGAN DOLLAR UP TO \$100,000*	 WASHINGTON QUARTER 1964 & OLDER UP TO \$400*	 GOLD COINS UP TO \$300,000*

Buying and Evaluating These Items and More!!!

STERLING FLATWARE, TEA SETS & SILVER JEWELRY
 UP TO \$15,000*

SILVER DOLLARS
 UP TO \$5,000*

PRE-1934 PAPER CURRENCY
 ALSO FOREIGN COINS AND CURRENCY

GRADED AND COMMEMORATIVE COINS
 UP TO \$150,000*

GOLD COINS

UP TO \$300,000

999 FINE SILVER & GOLD

WRIST & POCKET WATCHES

Rolex, Hamilton, Longines, Waltham, Bulova, Omega, Palek, Phillip, Elgin & more!

PROOF AND MINT SETS

CLASS RINGS

UP TO \$500

ANTIQUE TOYS

Tin toys, Cast Iron Blanks and More!

WE'RE BUYING GUITARS & AMPS

Gibson • Martin • Fender and many others up to \$100,000

ANTIQUE FIREARMS

UP TO \$50,000

WAR MEMORABILIA

UP TO \$50,000

SWORDS, DAGGERS, BAYONETS, HELMETS, FLAGS, MEDALS, UNIFORMS, PATCHES

CLOCKS

ATMOS Clocks, All Lecoultre and Chelsea Clocks, Mantle Clocks

SPORTS CARDS & COLLECTIBLES

STAMPS

PREMIER GOLD, SILVER & COIN ASSOCIATION

Free Home Appointments!

BRING IN YOUR

Broken Gold Chains and Jewelry
 Gold Ring Settings
 Mismatched Earrings
 Dental Gold • Class Rings
 Gold Bracelets
 Mens & Womens Gold Rings
 Sterling Silverware Pieces
 AND MORE!!!

WE ALSO PURCHASE

VINTAGE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
 STERLING SILVER TEA SETS • DIAMONDS
 PLATINUM JEWELRY • ANTIQUE TOYS
 COMIC BOOKS • VINTAGE ADVERTISEMENTS
 DENTAL GOLD • COSTUME JEWELRY
 COCA-COLA MEMORABILIA • POCKET KNIVES
 CANDLESTICK HOLDERS
 AND MORE, MUCH MORE!

WE BUY ESTATES!

For show info or directions call 567-202-6031

TUESDAY DECEMBER 6TH THRU SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH
 TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY 10AM-6PM SATURDAY 10AM-3PM

Comfort Suites
Canton

5730 Haggerty Road
Canton, MI 48187
(Across from Ikea behind Bob Evans)

BOYS HOCKEY

Salem takes it out on Franklin

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

On the surface, Salem entered Wednesday's varsity boys hockey game against host Livonia Franklin sporting a 0-3 record.

But those three losses came at the hands of Trenton, Brighton and Cranbrook — some of Michigan's elite high school teams.

So when the Rocks hit the ice at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia for the teams' KLAA South Division opener, they stormed Franklin in the first period and didn't let up. The outcome was a 7-1 Salem victory.

"Wins are nice any time, but especially after starting the season the way

we did," Salem head coach Ryan Os-senmacher said. "So it was good to get back at it today, after a tough weekend, and get a win in the column.

"The key was were we going to be able to keep up the tempo we played with over the weekend and (Nov. 18) against Trenton. I thought we did that early on."

Salem skated circles around Franklin players, especially in the offensive zone, outshooting the Patriots, 45-10. It took an outstanding game by sophomore goalie Jacob Penny (38 saves) to keep the score from likely reaching double figures.

"Those games they played with

See HOCKEY, Page B2



Salem's Matt Schaumburger (right) gains a step on Livonia Franklin's Jack Ores during Wednesday's contest.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW — PART 1

READY TO REBOOT

Despite key losses to graduation, Canton Chiefs have plenty in the tank

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

It's a new season, with a different roster, but similar expectations for Canton's varsity boys basketball team.

Of course, not even eighth-year head coach Jimmy Reddy intends for the 2016-17 Chiefs to duplicate last year's 20-1 record — a dominant season that included KLAA South Division, Kensington Conference and association titles, only to end abruptly in the Class A district semifinal against Northville.

"When we played them, they were 20-1 and we were 20-0," Reddy said during an interview last week. "Not a great draw. It is what it is."

Reddy added that the new edition of the Chiefs will still focus on defense and rebounding, hallmarks of recent winning seasons.

"The chemistry's good," he said. "So if we can figure it out, I think we can compete again."

The Chiefs are also trying to adjust after losing key players to graduation, center Logan Ryan and forward Jalen Cochran among others.

"Logan did a lot for us at both ends," Reddy said. "The things we'll probably miss the most was his ability to challenge shots and block shots at the rim.

"We don't really have someone like that this year. So we have to do things differently."

Opening tests

That challenge begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Detroit Country Day, followed by a road contest Dec. 9 against the Belleville Tigers.

"(The Tigers) have two juniors that are Division I players on their team," Reddy said. "That's a big first week. It will be a big test for us. We'll get to see where our guys are early and, hopefully, they'll get the feel of where they need to get to."

Although Reddy is still determining who his top-rotation guys will be, there is no shortage of returnees and newcomers with potential.

"Our returnees are competing and so are the new guys," Reddy said. "We got a bunch of new juniors and a sophomore (guard Vinson Sigmon) that's doing really well.

"We can play a lot of guys this year. More than we've played in the last few years, for sure."

Back from last year's amazing season, the best in Plymouth-Canton Educational Park history in boys basketball, is hot-shooting sophomore guard B. Artis White, listed as 5-9 after an apparent growth spurt.



Flying toward the basket last season is Canton guard B. Artis White. He was a strong performer as a freshman and will be counted on for more of the same his sophomore year.

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

"I'm energized. I think this is a group that is into it. We had a great fall. Kids that didn't play fall sports were working hard with strength and conditioning and four-player workouts."

JIMMY REDDY
Canton head coach

Reddy said White will be instrumental in whether the Chiefs can hit the mark on offense.

"He's bigger; he's got to be at least three inches taller than me now, which wasn't the case last year," Reddy said with a chuckle. "He's gotten a little bigger, a little stronger.

"B. Artis started all 21 games for us last year as a ninth-grader. He's pretty much cemented there. The good thing is, we have other people that can handle the ball so he doesn't have to do it

28, 30 minutes a game. And B. is good off the ball, too. He can really shoot it."

Junior guard/forward Colin Troup and junior forward Noah Brown will also be key players for the new-look Chiefs.

Both of those players are strong in several fundamental areas — shooting, passing, defending and rebounding.

See CHIEFS, Page B3

Plymouth goes back to work

Soukup's Wildcats once again will be tough squad to face

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Opportunity abounds for the Plymouth Wildcats as the new varsity boys basketball season opens.

There are individual roles to be determined and defined by eighth-year head coach Mike Soukup, but he knows his 2016-17 squad once again will battle and grind with the best of them.

He'll see for himself at 7 p.m. Monday in a non-conference tilt at Redford Union. Plymouth (8-13 last year) faces the Panthers, Soukup's previous coaching destination.

"(We) are really young. I have two seniors only," Soukup said. "Five total returners from last year and, for the first time ever, I have a freshman up.

"They've enjoyed some success (at the junior varsity level). They're hoping for that success to carry over to this year as well. They'll probably struggle early because they don't yet understand the nuances and the fine-point details that go into playing at this level. But once they do, I think they'll be OK."

Soukup's promising ninth-grader is 6-2 forward Connor Bush, who comes over from Discovery Middle School. "Connor Bush is a freshman with

See HOOPS, Page B3



Putting up a shot for Plymouth during the 2015-16 season is Tariq Woody. He is one of the team's returning players.

FILE PHOTO

Holiday Shopping Made Easier



rates as low as

4.24%

APR*



COMMUNITY FINANCIAL

FCLU.ORG/LOANS | 877.937.2328

*Subject to credit application and approval. Annual Percentage Rate (APR) may vary and is dependent on individual credit history and other factors. Stated rate includes .25% discount with automatic transfer from Community Financial checking account. Maximum loan amount \$3,000. Maximum term is 12 months. Not available for refinance of existing Community Financial loan, offer expires 12/31/16. Federally insured by NCUA. Equal opportunity lender. ©2016 Community Financial

IN REMEMBRANCE

Patriots grieve baseball 'voice' Chinavare

Dedicated volunteer always gave all he had for Franklin, LAL

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Speaking up for the kids in the Livonia Junior Athletic League and Franklin High School always was part of Tom Chinavare's DNA.

For as long as anybody at Livonia Franklin can remember, his reliable voice could be heard at Patriots baseball games — announcing every batter in the lineup.

Sadly, Chinavare's voice has been silenced at age 52. The Westland resident died Nov. 26 and funeral services were held Nov. 30 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Detroit. He recently had been diagnosed with leukemia and suffered from several other health issues.

"The funeral service at Holy Redeemer painted a wonderful picture of what type of man he was," Franklin varsity baseball coach Matt Fournier said. "So many family members, friends and former or current players came out to show their respect for a man that meant so much to them.

"I know when I say this that I speak for many. I know I am a better person because Tom was my friend."

Two of Fournier's players with the Patriots were sons of Tom and Sue Chinavare — including Jack from 2008-11 and Joe from 2013-16.

In the spring, Joe Chinavare celebrated senior day with his parents and received a large replica of a vintage 1965 Topps baseball card, complete with the player's photo.

"He was the type of person that you always looked forward to talking to," Fournier said. "His family, and helping others, were what he was most passion-



Last spring, Livonia Franklin baseball player Joe Chinavare was able to celebrate senior day with his parents, Tom and Sue Chinavare of Westland. Tom Chinavare died Nov. 26 at age 52.

ate about.

"His quick wit and big smile were always on display."

There to help

Fournier and everybody connected with Franklin baseball already know next season will be much emptier around the diamond without Chinavare.

"In the press box is where Tom loved to be on game days," Fournier said, adding that scorekeeper Jim Hopson, booth assistant Bill Binkiewicz and Chinavare "worked so well together.

"When a question came up about the correct scoring on a play, the three of them would spend hours, sometimes even days, researching why they thought their opinion was correct. Sometimes the texts and emails would go on while at work over the next few days."

Fournier said Chinavare, Hopson and Binkiewicz were close family friends who planned on working Franklin games for future seasons, even though each had their youngest child graduate this year.

"I thought we were going to lose them to graduation as well," Fournier said. "However, this past summer, while bouncing from grad party to grad party, they had decided they were going to come back to the press box (for 2017), not just to help, but to hang out with each other and watch baseball. That's how close those three had become."

Chinavare also helped set up team meals, raked the dirt on the infield and even sold hot dogs if needed.

"You name it, he did it," Fournier added.

It wasn't just baseball that China-

"He was the type of person that you always looked forward to talking to. His family, and helping others, were what he was most passionate about."

MATT FOURNIER
Franklin baseball coach

vare helped with at Franklin, particularly through his role as an athletic booster.

Sons Jack and Joe also played basketball for the Patriots, while daughter Kathryn was on the school's girls track and field and volleyball teams.

"Tom helped with every program in one capacity or another," Fournier said.

Former Franklin boys varsity basketball coach Jeremy Rheault echoed the sentiments expressed by Fournier about how much Chinavare meant to the high school's student-athletes.

"Tom was an integral part of our Franklin basketball program for 10 years," Rheault noted in a tweet. "Both Jack and Joe were four-year players. Tom helped build our program through his sacrifice and guidance."

The Livonia Junior Baseball League also owes a debt of gratitude to Chinavare, who was the organization's baseball and softball director for years and helped with its basketball programs.

In addition to his wife and three children, Chinavare is survived by brothers Kevin (Heather), Brian (Colleen) and Karen (Mike) Ling.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to Livonia Junior Athletic League Baseball.

Meanwhile, Fournier said the Franklin baseball program is planning a tribute to Chinavare that will take place after the 2017 season begins.

tsmith@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @TimSmith_Sports

BOYS HOCKEY

Phelps preaches patience

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Dan Phelps promises things are going to get better with Livonia Franklin's varsity boys hockey program.

The former Adrian College men's hockey coach is starting his first season as Patriots head coach (he was a volunteer assistant at Franklin in 2015-16 on the staff of longtime friend Dennis Gagnon, who took the top job at Milford this season).

And Wednesday's 7-1 loss to Salem — the Patriots were outshot 45-10 — was an example of the direction the coach wants his team reversing.

"You're not going to win any game when you give up 45 shots," Phelps said. "On average, we've been doing that (and) that's something we have to get away from.

"Not only do we have to become better defensively in zone as far as our positioning, but we also have to look at our accountability. And some of these things when it comes to playing with accountability ... it gives us something

to work towards."

Phelps praised the performance of sophomore goalie Jacob Penny, who was in the proverbial shooting gallery all night at Eddie Edgar Arena.

"We knew building from the back out that was going to be something we could work from," Phelps said. "At least to give us some foundation on what direction we want to go.

"And yes, both (Penny and sophomore Will Augustine) have been outstanding regardless of their percentages and goals against. They've been tremendous in every single game."

But he emphasized that, although he saw some positives against the Rocks later in the KLAA South Division contest, growing pains will probably continue for a while with his inexperienced team during a season of change.

"We saw some improvements in things that we're looking at and small goals that we're trying to accomplish," Phelps said. "Like we told the guys just now, we understand that the scoreboard for most people is the judgment. That's not going to be the judgment for us



Livonia Franklin players Quentin Smythe (left) and Hunter Musser rush up the ice Wednesday against Salem at Eddie Edgar Arena.

right now.

"We need to keep working at sticking to the plan, sticking to the process and keep moving with the program."

The Patriots (1-3) now will gear up for more tough opponents, including Saturday against Plymouth at Canton Arctic Edge and Monday at Milford.

"I was a volunteer assistant here last year, I watched," Phelps said. "Dennis

and I have been close friends for 30 years. Teammates, business partners. He did a tremendous job of rebranding the program and getting Franklin back to where it should be.

"My goal, it's going to take time to build, but I'd like to take this program to another level."

tsmith@hometownlife.com

HOCKEY

Continued from Page B1

Cranbrook and Brighton, those are high-level teams at the high school level and it gave them some prep," Franklin coach Dan Phelps said. "They played against that brand of competition the last few games. They're used to that pace.

"And they did roll off it. They came in here like they were playing the Brightons, playing the Hartlands or Cranbrooks and they took it to us. I give them credit for that."

Letting it rip

Sparking the Rocks (1-3, 1-0) was senior captain Matt Schaumburger, with two goals and two assists. His motor was in high gear all game and he did not look bothered by a nasty gash on his left palm, suffered in the Trenton game, which required 16 stitches.

"It felt good, especially with the stitches," Schaumburger said, still sporting a wrap on the hand. "I haven't been able to shoot much. To put one in felt pretty good."

With 3:43 to go in the first, Schaumburger buried a high blast from the right face-off circle over Penny's glove to give Salem a power-play goal and 2-0 lead.

Starting the night's scoring was sophomore forward Logan Sowa at 5:49, chipping a centering feed from sophomore forward Colin Goleniak (one goal, one assist) over Penny's blocker.

Several others got in on the act. Collecting three points each were senior forward Shawn Weldon and senior defenseman Marty Mills (each with one goal, two assists).

Others with multiple points included junior defenseman Chase Kee (two assists) and junior forward Tyler German (one goal, one assist). Senior forward Joey Driscoll and junior forward



Salem and Livonia Franklin players rush up the ice Wednesday at Eddie Edgar Arena. Leading the charge for the Rocks are Martino Zaia (No. 25) and Logan Sowa (No. 20).

Martino Zaia both picked up an assist to help the Rocks.

"It's always good to get the first 'W,' especially when your offense is working well," Schaumburger said. "We got a good cycle going and, when you get the pucks in the net, it feels good and helps build the confidence of all the players on the team."

Franklin milestone

Franklin's only goal was scored in the second period by junior Quentin Smythe, his first at the varsity level. Setting up the goal was senior defenseman Kolby Dewhirst.

Smythe cut the Salem lead to 4-1 with 7:52 left in the second period, giving the Pats a brief boost of momentum. He skated into the slot and whipped the puck off the left post past Rocks starting goalie Austin Goleniak (who played the first two periods).

Franklin made a bid to make it 4-2 with about four minutes remaining in the period.

Breaking in from the neutral zone was junior forward Trevor Vanvliet, but his shot hit "Salem" on the goalie's royal blue jersey. Goleniak came out

above the blue paint to perfectly play the angle against Vanvliet.

About one minute later, the Rocks took a 5-1 advantage on Colin Goleniak's goal and capping off the big night in the third were goals by Kee and Mills, the latter on a power play with 1:58 remaining. Mills banged in a rebound after Penny denied Driscoll on an in-close opportunity.

With the game in hand, senior goalie Matt Visel started the third period for the Rocks and was up to the task.

Visel made five stops as Salem needed to kill three successive penalties. He showed poise under pressure, grabbing a hard blast off the rush taken by Dewhirst.

"Both guys played well, (with) limited chances," Ossenmacher said. "But when they had the opportunity to make a save, they did. Matt played well in the third. They had a couple opportunities and he stepped up."

Meanwhile, Mills said his team learned from mistakes made in the opening three games and "I think you saw tonight that it worked out. Especially playing three strong teams, we were used to the quick speed. I thought

we used that and we played well."

He smiled and nodded that the Rocks' seven goals won't hurt the confidence moving forward into Saturday's game against Novi at Western Michigan University, "especially on a good goalie."

Phelps would easily agree about the way Penny battled under a constant barrage of shots, particularly during the first two periods.

"We knew when we started the season with Jake and (sophomore) Will Augustine as well, both our goaltenders are very strong," Phelps said. "I would stack them up against the best goaltenders in the state, to be quite honest with you."

PLYMOUTH 2, NOVI 0: Goalie Brendan Olepa turned away all 21 shots to lead Plymouth (3-0, 2-0 KLAA South) past Novi (3-1, 1-1 KLAA Central) in a Kensington Conference crossover at Canton's Arctic Edge Arena.

Jack Chumley scored Plymouth's first goal just 17 seconds into the opening period, assisted by Tim Baldwin and C.J. Mullinax, while Jack VanDenBuerquary added a short-handed goal, assisted by Nick Yankee, at 5:01 of the second period.

"It was well-played by both teams and at a pretty good pace," Plymouth coach Gerry Vento said. "Neither team was giving up much defensively, but fortunately we were able to capitalize on a few of our chances. It was one of those games that required a total team effort and excellent goaltending, which we got from Olepa."

Novi goalie Manny Legace made 24 saves.

Plymouth went 0-of-6 on the power play, while Novi was 0-of-3.

"I was really happy to see how we responded in the third period by only allowing six shots against while protecting a 2-0 lead," Vento said. "Novi is well-coached and skilled, so to shut them down on the scoreboard is no small task."

BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

New look for Salem squad in '16-17

Veteran coach Brodie looking to offset key graduations, adjust game plan accordingly

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Bob Brodie's 33rd season leading the Salem varsity boys basketball team will be about working puzzles as much as coaching.

For sure, there is plenty of talent on the 2016-17 squad. But due to key graduations such as guards Freddie McGee and Calin Crawford and post player Kenny Topolovec, Brodie will be mixing and matching during the first part of the season to see who fits best in a particular spot on the floor.

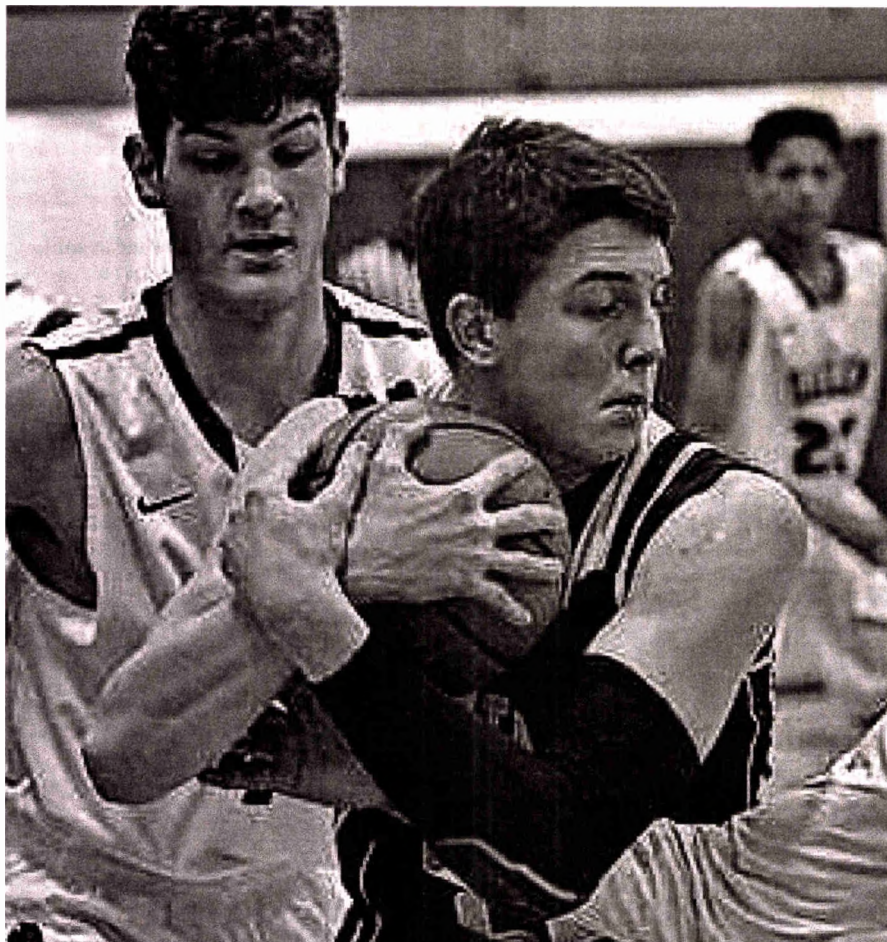
The Rocks open the season Tuesday at Ann Arbor Skyline, which Brodie said should be "a wild test right off the get-go." Salem then plays defending KLAAs champion Canton on Dec. 13.

"We've got some holes to fill," said Brodie, whose team went 12-9 last winter. "But some of the guys we got coming back have seen some game time. So we're optimistic about seeing what we have when we step on the floor against good competition."

Brodie already has a good read on returning players such as senior forward Cameron Grace, junior center Jeremy Armstead and senior guard Camren Barden.

"Jeremy (Armstead) is coming back, he's played two years for us now, so he's seasoned," Brodie said. "He's only a junior. He's shown some improvement and maturity."

"Cameron Grace has been with us for a while. He's got experience under his belt. And Camren Barden played a



One of Salem's top returning players is senior forward Kyle Winfrey (left), shown in a game from last year.

FILE PHOTO

lot for us last year at the guard."

Another inside option is 6-4 senior forward Kyle Winfrey.

Changing it up

The Rocks won't be able to get the ball inside to a player like Topolovec,

who was a double-double menace for KLAAs Central Division opponents during his career.

That means Brodie will need to plug in new pieces to his game plan, too.

"We're going to try to open it up a little more, working our motion game,"

Brodie said. "We got away from that a lot last year. We did a lot of picking on the ball, standing around, a lot of dribble penetration."

"We're going to try to go back to a little more screen and motion game, if we can. We've got athletic ability, even our big guys can run the floor well."

Salem will bank on junior newcomer Jordan Ingram to direct the offense from the point guard position. Ingram played on the junior varsity last year.

"He's very comfortable handling the basketball and he distributes it well," Brodie said. "With his speed and his ball handling — and he can score — he'll be quite a threat for us."

Also a threat will be Barden, who can shoot it from the perimeter.

"You give him some time to shoot the basketball and he'll knock it down," Brodie said. "He's gotten bigger from last season. He's played a lot of AAU ball, so he's gotten himself stronger and a little taller. That will help him with his game."

Good depth

Coming off the bench to spell Ingram and Barden will be junior newcomers Grant Racer and Shawn Srivastava.

Rounding out the roster are junior wing Amit Tiwari, senior forward Jeff Whalen, senior forward Lukas Jira, junior center Thomas Noble and junior forward Matt Jira.

"We've got Thomas Noble and Matt Jira who both started for the JV and they've got size inside and some pretty good moves," Brodie said. "They'll give us some depth from the bench."

"We got Lukas Jira off the bench, gave us some time last year. He's a multi-dimensional player, he'll play on the perimeter, he'll play inside. He's a senior that's coming back."

"And Jeff Whalen played a lot off the bench last year at the (center) position."

PREP ATHLETICS

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

Inquiry put out to join 14-team KLAAs

After the defection of 10 schools earlier this fall, the remaining 14 high schools from the Kensington Lakes Activities Association are open to the idea of adding new members.

Current KLAAs president Keith McDonald, Livonia Churchill High principal, said an effort is underway to explore and possibly increase the number of schools in the KLAAs for the 2018-19 school year.

Applications from interested high schools will be accepted through Dec. 15 by the KLAAs, which was formed in 2008-09 when the Western Lakes Activities Association and Kensington Valley Conference merged.

"I think it makes more sense to have an even number, whatever that number is, but in the end an even number of schools makes scheduling a lot easier with divisions, cross-overs and everything else," McDonald said.

The criteria the KLAAs will consider for potential applicants include enrollment, geography, number of athletic and activity offerings, quality of athletic programs and quality and quantity of facilities.

In 2017-18, the KLAAs will shrink from 24 schools to 14, with the remaining schools being Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Northville, Novi, Brighton, Howell, Hartland and Grand Blanc.



The invitation to join the KLAAs for the 2018-19 school year was put in motion when nine KLAAs members bolted to form their own league, which is expected to be named this month. The schools pulling out were Milford, Lakeland, South Lyon, South Lyon East, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, Waterford Mott and Waterford Kettering.

The 10th school to leave the KLAAs, Pinckney, has been accepted to join the 12-school Southeastern Conference in 2017-18.

"We put it out there," McDonald said. "People talk and I don't know if there's active recruiting of teams. If a team wants to come, they'll come or at least apply. I don't think it's necessarily in our best interest to raid three or four schools from a different league and create a problem for that league. If there are schools that want to come and there are conversations, we'll be happy to have conversations with them."

"If a team wants to come, they'll come or at least apply. I don't think it's necessarily in our best interest to raid three or four schools from a different league and create a problem for that league."

KEITH McDONALD, KLAAs PRESIDENT

McDonald said an ideal number going forward would be 16 schools divided into two divisions of eight.

"Just the set-up of the divisions and the amount of travel, that would change quite drastically for a number of schools," he said. "At this point I don't know if there's a Plan B. We're going to look right now at applications and what interest comes by Dec. 15 and then we'll make a decision from there for 2018-19 and make it a better league than what we have."

Travel concerns, discrepancy in enrollments and strength of certain athletic programs, driven primarily by football, factored in the defection of the 10 KLAAs members and will continue to play a part in any possible expansion going forward in 2018-19.

The KLAAs' largest school, Grand Blanc (enrollment 2,630), is located 55 miles northwest of the association's most southern member, Wayne Memorial (1,717 students).

Two schools rumored to be interested in joining the KLAAs are Saline (1,923 students) of the South-eastern Conference and Belleville (1,678 students) from the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

"I have not received contact from either of those two schools," McDonald said. "At this point, I haven't received any contact from any school. Actually, anybody interested has to notify me by Dec. 15. And then on Dec. 15, any school that has notified us will receive an application packet and that would be due by Jan. 30."

If the KLAAs decides to expand beyond its 14 members, an announcement could be made as early as March 15, 2017, with a confirmation to follow April 15, 2017.

Meanwhile, the remaining 14 KLAAs member schools will be forced to juggle schedules and look at possible divisional realignments for the 2017-18 school year. Currently, the KLAAs has four divisions, with six schools in the South and Central divisions of the Kensington Conference and the West and North divisions of the Lakes Conference.

"We could do something based on your last four years (performance), your enrollment, a strength of schedule, strength of program ... where the most competitive teams are playing against each other," McDonald said. "That's a possibility where we could be in different divisions based on what sport."

bemons@hometownlife.com
bemons1@twitter.com

CHIEFS

Continued from Page B1

Also back are senior guards Jake Cesarz, Jake Donnelly and Omar Ali. Reddy is enthusiastic about varsity newcomers such as Sigmon, junior guard Eian Barker and 6-5 junior forward Chase Meredith.

"Eian Barker can shoot it, Vinson Sigmon can shoot it, Noah Brown can step out and shoot it," he said. "Chase Meredith, a bigger kid, can step outside and shoot it."

"When they're open, they can knock it down. I just hope it's something we don't fall in love with and forget about attacking the rim and trying to get to the free-throw line."

Other players ready to help include

junior forward Danny Lanava (6-4), senior guard Julius Crouch and junior guard Connor Engel.

"I'm energized. I think this is a group that is into it," Reddy said. "We had a great fall. Kids that didn't play fall sports were working hard with strength and conditioning and four-player workouts."

"The consensus (from elsewhere) is people probably don't think we'll be as

good, because we had such a good team last year and lost a lot."

"But I really like this group. There could be some growing pains, because we're so young. But by the time February, March rolls around, I think we'll be a very competitive group."

tsmith@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @TimSmith_Sports

HOOPS

Continued from Page B1

huge upside," Soukup said. "Very athletic, very good motor."

At the other end of the experience spectrum are senior forwards Justin Nicholson and Robert Florence, probably seeing minutes off the bench to open the season.

Bush won't start for a while, either. Soukup will bring him along nicely while he fills his lineup card with the names of junior forward Tariq Woody and junior guards Joey Robb, A.J. Neal and Anthony Crump.

"Tariq Woody, he was our big kid

(in 2015-16)," Soukup said. "And Joey Robb played a lot at the end of the year, A.J. Neal did and Anthony Crump did as well."

"Those are the guys we're pushing forward with, for the most part."

Soukup also is intrigued by junior guard Justin Reynolds, who started last season for the JV squad.

"(Reynolds) has been somebody who has been a pleasant surprise over the summertime and he's bringing really good intensity right now," Soukup said. "He'd be the fifth guy."

Attributes

One of the first players to see action off the bench will be junior Zach Beadle, a player with shooting and

leadership qualities. He played quarterback for the football Wildcats this fall.

"Zach's a very good outside shooter," Soukup said. "He, obviously, brings a lot of leadership and a vocal presence with him."

Providing some size off the bench will be 6-4 junior forward Jeff Davis, described as "real long and athletic."

Also in the mix for playing time is junior backup point guard Chris Chen, a member of last year's junior varsity.

The Wildcats also look for additional depth down the road, when sophomore guard Troy Aikins (who separated a shoulder during football season) is ready to see action.

"He's hurt now, but he'll be part of

the group (likely beginning in late December, January)," Soukup said. "He'd be a big piece, toughness-wise, defensively. What a competitor?"

Gritty squad

As was the case last season, Soukup's squad will play as gritty as anybody in the KLAAs South. Putting the ball into the basket again will be a key challenge.

"Scoring the ball is going to be a huge issue for us," he said. "But this group plays really well together. We'll see what we can make out of that."

tsmith@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @TimSmith_Sports

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Warriors, Eagles ready to take on MIAC

Lutheran Westland looks to build off strong year; Plymouth Christian Academy eyes improvement

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

There could be a "MIAC Red Alert" this season thanks to Lutheran Westland's varsity girls basketball team.

With much of last year's excellent 16-6 squad back for another shot at rivals in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference, a strong regular season and postseason could be in the works for the Warriors.

"We are looking to jell as a team and compete for the conference title again this year, as we finished second last year," Lutheran Westland head coach Sandi Wade said. "We won it in 2014 (first time in 18 years) and would like the title back in our program."

Wade, starting her sixth season at the helm, noted that her group will be bolstered by five returnees from 2015-16, including scoring threats Taylor Jones (5-8 senior guard) and junior Rachel Reddeman (5-10 junior center).

They will help fill the void left by the loss of 2016 graduates Bethany Hoehne and Eleanor Storck.

Also back are 5-8 junior guard Kelli Orme, 5-9 junior guard Emma Johnson

and 5-10 senior forward Makayla Wyly (out until January after suffering an injury during volleyball season).

"The returners each bring two to three years of varsity experience to the floor, which is great for leading the younger sophomores and freshman on the team," Wade said. "I have a great group of girls that play with passion, heart and intensity on both sides of the floor."

Rounding out the roster for the Warriors are several promising newcomers.

Those players include 5-7 sophomore guard Riley Day, 5-6 freshman guard Emilie Fremder, 5-7 sophomore forward/guard Olivia Chote, 5-6 sophomore guard Faith McLeod, 5-8 sophomore forward Yvonne Rilett and 5-6 sophomore guard Breanna Moody.

McLeod is a transfer student who won't be eligible to play until January, Wade noted.

PCA preview

At Plymouth Christian Academy, the 2015-16 season didn't go the way head coach Rod Windle and the Eagles wanted. PCA finished 4-17.

But most of that roster returns intact

(save for the loss of Paige Perkey and Kelly Abraham to graduation) and Windle said many of the games last year were opportunities for youngsters to learn and figure out what it takes to be varsity players.

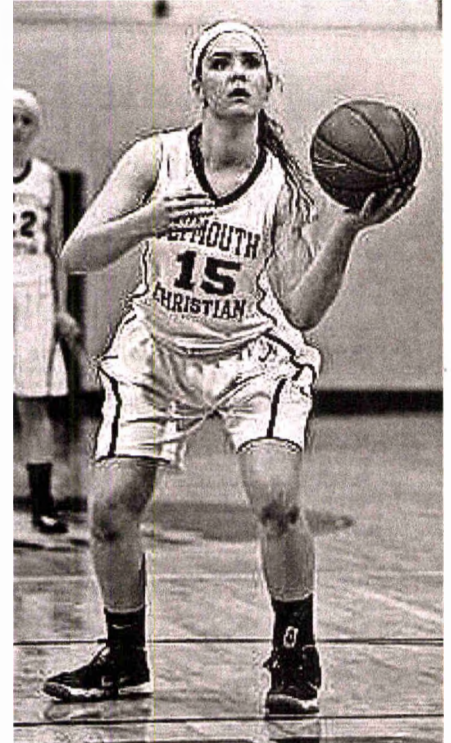
"Last year, our team learned to be competitive every night," Windle said. "This year, our returning upperclassmen are hoping to have a breakout year."

Back from last season are senior forwards Lydia Chapel, Taylor Mistele, Aliyah Pries and Rachel Witkowski; senior guards Kennedy Horne and Jordan Reed; and junior guard Robin Albert.

Joining the squad are senior guard Hannah Schultz, junior Alyssa Powers, junior forward Isabel Nunez and sophomore guards Harlee Collins and Sarah Fernandez.

"We have had a terrific preseason," Windle said. "The new players have energized our team and provided us with some depth at the post and guard positions."

tsmith@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @TimSmith_Sports



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Getting set to take a free throw for Plymouth Christian in this file photo is Lydia Chapel.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Gibraltar Carlson upends Thurston, 51-23

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

Hannah Nagy scored a game-high 15 points Friday night as Gibraltar Carlson pulled away in the second half to beat host Redford Thurston in a non-conference girls basketball game, 51-23.

The teams were tied at 12-12 after one quarter before the Marauders went ahead 22-19 at halftime.

Thurston (1-1) got into foul trouble, with starting center Bryanna Burton (seven points) picking up four first-quarter fouls. She fouled out early in the third quarter and Carlson (1-0) took advantage

by outscoring the Eagles 29-4 in the second half.

The Eagles also lost another starter, Megan Abela, to a first-half injury. She couldn't continue in the second half.

Carlson made 10-of-15 free throws (66.6 percent), while Thurston was only 4-of-14 (28.5 percent).

Thurston returns to action at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Taylor Prep.

C'ville drops opener

On Friday, host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook evened its record at 1-1 with a 46-2 victory to spoil Livonia Clarenceville's season opener.

The Trojans (0-1), who got a free throw each from Desarae Hartfiel and Myla Hoskins-King, couldn't overcome a 23-1 halftime deficit.

Cranbrook was coming off a season-opening 56-18 loss to Madison Heights Lamphere.

Ladywood falls

In a low-scoring game Thursday, the host Trojans (1-0) got six points from Sydney Voss to pull out a 31-28 non-league victory over Livonia Ladywood (0-2).

Trenton led 18-9 at halftime before holding off a Ladywood second-half rally.

Brianne Rogers and Maggie Shirk paced the Blazers with eight and seven points, respectively, while Abbey Reppen chipped in four points and nine rebounds.

RU game canceled

Redford Union's home game Friday with Southfield Bradford Academy was canceled and it will be determined if it will be made up at a later date, according to Panthers varsity coach Scott Purdy.

bemons@hometownlife.com
bemons1@twitter.com

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Spartans show mettle, help Anger to record first victory

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Karen Anger's first game as Livonia Stevenson varsity girls basketball coach got off to a nervous start for her and her players Friday against Farmington Harrison.

But her new team made sure the occasion would be one to remember. Sparked by two players battling injury or illness — senior forward Kelly Newman and junior guard Sarah Tanderys — the Spartans rolled to a 51-32 non-conference victory.

Newman, who is playing despite three torn ligaments in the pinky, tallied 13 points while Tanderys drained a career best five treys en route to 19 points.

"I can feel it, I know when I'm going on a good run," said Tanderys, who also dealt with a "little asthma attack there. I'm fine now."

Newman scored 13 points while senior guard Grace Lamerson chipped in with seven points, four rebounds, four assists and five steals.

"Definitely I had butterflies," Anger said. "But my team had my back just like they have each others backs. They said 'We got it coach.'"

Anger, who was a standout performer during her high school career at Livonia Churchill, said the way New-

man and Tanderys competed underscored that point.

"(Newman's) tapping it up and playing and she was huge for us tonight with the rebounds and the easy put-backs."

Tanderys was held scoreless during the first quarter, which ended with the Hawks up 9-8.

Things started to change in the first minute of the second quarter, however, when Tanderys hit a triple from the right corner to put the Spartans in front.

Following up with a couple buckets in the paint was Newman and Stevenson was off to a 17-point frame (taking a 25-15 halftime lead).

The Hawks, still looking to get first-year head coach Shavon Caldwell her first win, clawed their way to within five points (29-24) midway through the third. Junior Nevada Hargress scored six of her team's seven points to open the stanza.

But Tanderys started to heat up again, just in time for the Spartans. With about a minute remaining in the third, it was time for another try — this one from the left flank.

Tanderys then closed her big game out with an eight-point run.

tsmith@hometownlife.com



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Driving into the lane Friday night is Livonia Stevenson's Kelly Newman (left). Guarding her for Harrison is Nyla Warren.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

North Farmington prevails over Western; Marlins top Rocks

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com

North Farmington's undefeated (2-0) girls basketball team had an easy time on the road Wednesday in a game against Walled Lake Northern, winning 45-15.

The Raiders played outstanding defense by holding Northern to seven points or less in all four quarters, including a fourth-quarter shutout. They

helped themselves with 23 steals.

The Raiders were led by senior Kiera Crockett, who scored a team-high 18 points to go along with four steals. She now has 37 points in her first two games as she scored 19 in the season-opening victory over Lakeland.

Senior Sam Chery and junior Kelly Lusk both contributed eight points in the win. Chery also finished with 10 rebounds and four steals in a fine all-around effort.

MERCY 44, SALEM 32: Host Mercy outscored Salem in all four quarters Wednesday.

The Marlins led 13-10 after the opening quarter and held a 25-18 halftime advantage. Mercy outscored Salem by a 19-14 second-half margin to register the season-opening triumph.

Senior captain Katie Coe led her way with 14 points and two assists and was the only Marlins player to reach double figures in a balanced scoring attack.

Senior captain Jackie Bauer finished with eight points and four steals, while junior guard Jenna Schluter and junior captain Chloe Godbold both mustered seven points. Schluter had two assists and Godbold added two steals. In addition, junior guard Becca Heaman contributed six points.

Salem's leading scorers were Jayna Lenders (13) and Lyniah Wilson (10).

PREP ROUNDUP

Brother Rice trounces Port Huron; Sacred Heart cagers stumble

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com

Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice's hockey team had another balanced scoring effort in its 8-3 victory Thursday over Port Huron.

Seven different players scored goals and 11 different players were credited with assists.

The lone multiple scorer was de-

fenseman Jack Clement, who scored a pair of goals. Will Duncan, Nick Dudley, Mitch Shults, Ethan Nystrom, Jack Reinhart and Blake Tosto were the other Warriors scorers. Reinhart's goal was a short-handed tally.

Matt Kesto had a pair of assists, while Michael McInerney, Ryan Giniel, Michael Boggio, Dominick DiPonio and Alec DeLuca were among others who earned assists.

Brother Rice led 4-0 after the opening period and hiked the advantage to 6-3 after the second. The Warriors outscored the Big Reds 2-0 in the final period.

Ryan Hoffman started and got the win in goal. Joe Valascho received some second-period playing time.

Brother Rice raised its record to 3-1.

Girls basketball

CLARENCEVILLE 29, SACRED HEART 25: Sacred Heart enjoyed a 15-9 halftime lead and had a 21-16 advantage after three quarters. After that, host Clarenceville took over Tuesday with a 13-4 edge in the final quarter.

Sophomore Yana Allen led Clarenceville with 16 points, while teammate Desarae Hartfiel added seven.

CLASSIFIEDS

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

Phone: 800-579-7355
 Fax: 313-496-4968
 Email: oeads@hometownlife.com

Place an ad online 24/7 at
advertise.hometownlife.com

Find a new job or career



JOBS

Discover your new home



HOMES & RENTALS

Turn here for your next vehicle



AUTO

Auctions, pets, services & stuff



STUFF



Deadlines: Friday at 4pm for Sunday
 Tuesday at 3pm for Thursday

classifieds.hometownlife.com

All advertising published in HometownLife/O&E Media newspapers is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card(s). Copies are available from the classified advertising department: 6200 Metropolitan Pkwy, Sterling Heights, MI 48312, or call 800-579-7355. • The Newspaper reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. The Newspaper reserves the right to edit, refuse, reject, classify or cancel and ad at any time. All ads are subject to approval before publication. • Our sales representatives have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order. • Advertisers are responsible for reading their ad(s) the first time it appears & reporting any errors immediately. When more than one insertion of the same advertisement is ordered, only the first incorrect insertion will be credited. The Newspaper shall not be liable for any loss or expense that results from an error or omission of an advertisement. No refunds for early cancellation of an order. **Publishers Notice:** All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which states that it is illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal housing opportunity basis. (FR Doc. 724983 3-31-72). **Equal Housing Opportunity Statement:** We are pledged to the letter & spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity, throughout the nation. We encourage & support an affirmative advertising & marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtain housing because of race, color, religion or national origin.

In partnership with  **JOBS**

In print, online and on the go 

www.careerbuilder.com

EMPLOYERS: To place a recruitment ad in the OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC OR HOMETOWN WEEKLY and on CareerBuilder.com call 888-263-5002 or e-mail MichJobs@gannett.com

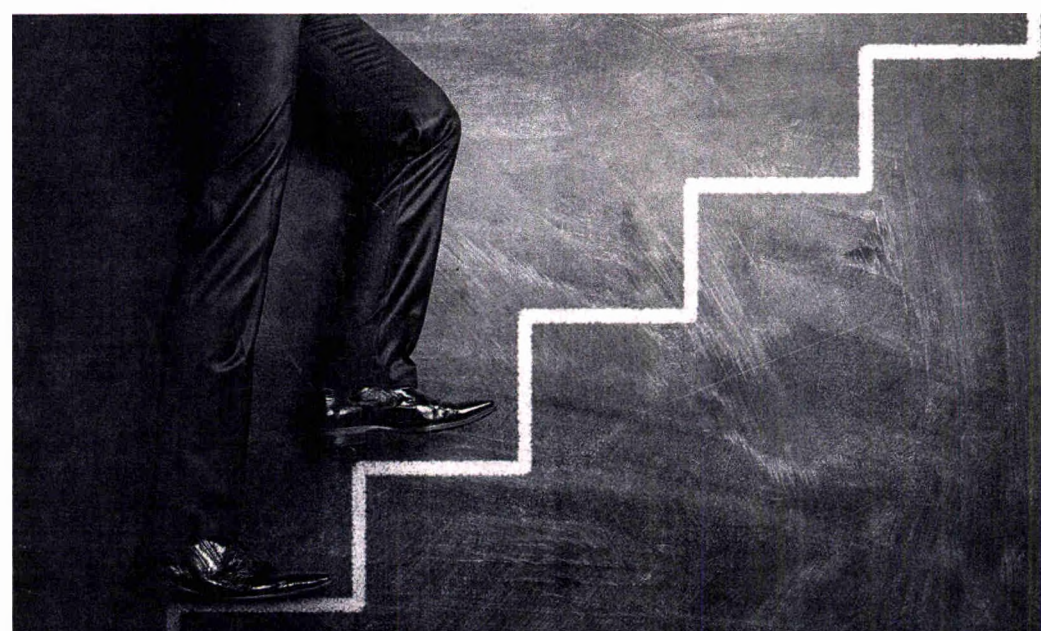
Underemployed? Get back on the right track

BY MARY LORENZ
 CAREERBUILDER

During the Great Recession, many laid-off workers were forced to take positions in low-skill jobs to make ends meet. While the recovery has enabled many Americans to get back to work, others still feel as if they are underemployed.

Perhaps you have a part-time job but want or need a full-time position. Or maybe you have a job, but it does not pay you enough. You might feel stuck in a position where your skills are being underutilized. Whatever your circumstances are, take the following advice to get back on track toward reaching your professional goals.

Own your situation. People who are underemployed tend to blame external factors, such as their boss or the economy. However, that type of thinking "leads to a sense of helplessness, desperation and depression — none of which are good motivators," says Angelique Pivoine, owner of Good Thinking Agency, a career consultancy. Instead, focus on what you can control and have the power to change. For example, if you're underemployed in a 9-to-5 job, Pivoine suggests proposing a new project,



GETTY IMAGES

offering assistance to someone else's project or starting a side business.

Put your goals on paper. "One thing that people who feel underemployed can do to start moving in the right direction is make a vision board, or at least write down all their career goals and aspirations," says Valerie Streif, a senior adviser at the career services company Mentat. "Once (the goals) are down on paper, it's important to start taking the steps they need to achieve them. If they are stuck in a job where they will never accomplish what they want to, it's

time to take drastic action and start searching for opportunities that will help them achieve what will fulfill them."

Learn a new skill. "I think the main focus (if you feel underemployed) should be on developing existing or new skills around the type of work you want to do more of," says John Turner, founder of UsersThink, which helps businesses and individuals improve their websites. Gaining a new skill makes you "more valuable to potential companies looking to hire," he says, and with the vast number of free and inexpensive educational resources

available online, it does not have to be expensive.

Join a professional association. This offers several benefits that can push you ahead in your career, says Mark Anthony Dyson, a career consultant who hosts a podcast called The Voice of Job Seekers. Not only will you get to know others in your field, you will also stay up-to-date on relevant news. "You will learn the latest trends of the industry, you'll meet the people who are creating new ideas and get career tips from them, and you'll be noticed for trying (or being courageous)," Dyson says.

Volunteer. "If you're not happy with your current career path, a well-thought-out volunteer role can give you an opportunity to test the waters for a new role or industry," says Leila Hock, founder of the career advising company Alignment Coaching. Volunteering, she says, "allows you to meet new people and be exposed to new opportunities. If you've chosen a volunteer opportunity that is meaningful to you, then chances are you'll do a great job, and those volunteering with you will notice that and keep you top of mind if they or their team need support."

Build your network. Most career experts agree that building your professional network is one of the best ways to help you get out of a career slump. Your new acquaintances might be able to offer advice and act as mentors, and they could know of opportunities that you wouldn't have heard of otherwise. They may even be willing to put in a good word for you or act as professional references when you're ready to apply.

Mary Lorenz is a writer for the Advice & Resources section on CareerBuilder.com. She researches and writes about job-search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

CONTINUE YOUR SEARCH AT  **GET ALERTS** Set up an email alert to receive recommended jobs each week. **POST RESUME** Encourage employers to contact you by posting your resume online. **FIND ADVICE** Master job search skills with expert advice and career resources. **FOLLOW CAREERBUILDER** 

MICHIGAN AD NETWORK SOLUTIONS CLASSIFIED TO PLACE YOUR AD 1-800-579-7355

CLASS ACTION LITIGATION
 IF YOU USED THE BLOOD THINNER XARELTO and suffered internal bleeding, hemorrhaging, required hospitalization or a loved one died while taking Xarelto between 2011 and the present time, you may be entitled to compensation. Call Attorney Charles H. Johnson 1-800-535-5727 (MICH)

MISCELLANEOUS
 STOP OVERPAYING for your prescriptions! SAVE! Call our licensed Canadian and International pharmacy, compare prices and get \$25.00 OFF your first prescription! CALL 1-800-259-4150 Promo Code CDC201625 (MICH)
 THIS CLASSIFIED SPOT FOR SALE. Advertise your product or recruit an applicant in more than 100 Michigan newspapers at one time! Only \$299/week. Call this newspaper at 800-227-7636 www.cnaads.com (MICH)

SPORTING GOODS
 OUR HUNTERS WILL PAY TOP \$\$\$ to hunt your land. Call for a free Base Camp Leasing info packet and quote. 1-866-309-1507 www.BaseCampLeasing.com (MICH)

STEEL BUILDINGS
 PIONEER POLE BUILDINGS - Free Estimates-Licensed and insured-2x6 Trusses-45 Year Warranty Galvalume Steel-19 Colors-Since 1976-#1 in Michigan Call Today 1-800-292-0679. (MICH)

NOVI MICHIGAN

FORKLIFT OPERATOR
 Able to pass drug test. Must have good attendance record. Able to work independently. Able to lift 50 lbs repetitively. Apply at: victorypackaging.com and go to careers

art of bread by joes
 NOW HIRING • OPENING SOON
 • Counter help - with barista exp.
 • PM Baker (shift 7pm-2am).
 Apply in person at Joe's Produce
 33152 W. 7 Mile Rd.

General
OFFICE CLEANERS
 Weekly Pay & Benefits. Mon-Fri. 4 hrs/night. Farmington & Novi. \$9-\$11/hr. Apply: 248-598-5255 www.saberbuildingservices.com

Healthcare-Dental
MEDICAL ASSISTANT
 Full-Time for busy internal medical practice in Livonia. Experienced in veno puncture, injections & EKGs a must. X-ray knowledge helpful. Fax resume to: 313-295-1529

Medical Receptionist/Assistant
 PT for faith based Livonia office. office@sacredheartmedical.org

RN, LPN or MA
 Dermatology practice in Ann Arbor /Plymouth area is seeking motivated: RN, LPN or MA Dermatology exp. preferred. Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefit package including 401K. No Weekends/No Evenings. azderm@aol.com


Sales-Marketing
REAL ESTATE SALES OPPORTUNITY

Real Estate One
 Michigan's #1 REALTOR. Earn High Commission Income. Rapidly Expanding Real Estate Market Start Earning Commissions Right Away.
 •Own Your Own Practice
 •Be Your Own Boss
 •Work Your Schedule
 •You Determine Your Income
 •Bonus Programs
 •Health/Life/Disability/Retirement
 •Full Time Support Staff
PAT RYAN, REALTOR
 (734) 591-9200
 Pat.Ryan@RealEstateOne.com

Get results. Advertise in CLASSIFIEDS!

Find what you want in CLASSIFIED!

GET COOKING WITH THE EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFIEDS!



Whether you're looking for a job in the food industry or another field, we've got the recipe for success!

- Generous portions of regional listings
- A blend of employers and employment agencies

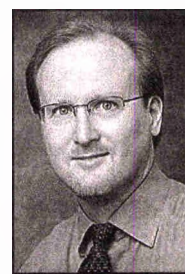
SPICE UP YOUR CAREER — PUT OUR CLASSIFIEDS TO WORK FOR YOU!

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA
 hometownlife.com A GANNETT COMPANY

1-800-579-7355
www.hometownlife.com

Car Report

KIA RIDES DIVERSE LINEUP, QUALITY BLITZKRIEG TO UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH IN SALES AND BRAND EQUITY



By Dale Buss

Kia has come out from the shadows of its larger sibling and has established itself as a leader in the mainstream of the US auto market in areas ranging from product quality to advertising appeal.

Even as overall auto sales were booming in the United States last year, Kia established one of the best growth marks with its best annual sales ever, nearly 626,000 vehicles, good for nearly an 8-percent gain from the previous year. That was merely 135,000 units short of US sales for its longer-established sibling, Hyundai, in 2015.

In 2016, Kia has picked up

where it left off, with sales rising for the year to date through August even as some big general-market rivals, including General Motors and Ford, began showing year-to-year declines.

"Despite signs that industry-wide sales may have peaked in 2015, Kia is up nearly four percent through August on the strength of double-digit year-over-year increases for Rio, Forte, Sportage and Sedona," said Michael Sprague, chief operating officer for Kia Motors America.

Indeed, the diversity of Kia's lineup has been one key for its continued gain in market share, as its small cars have withstood the segment-wide downdraft that has afflicted most other segment nameplates in 2016 and as Kia's Sportage and Sorento SUVs have posted stronger sales as well. Even the Kia Sedona minivan is enjoying a mini-boom.

"So much of this business is about

product, and since 2009 our brand has undergone a complete transformation of every vehicle, and we've introduced new ones," Sprague recently told me.

Another huge factor in Kia's ability to resist the growing headwinds in the US, and continue its growth story, is its stunning rise to the top of the industry in product quality. Not long ago looked down upon along with Hyundai as exemplars of relatively poor quality, Kia in 2016 managed to rank highest in initial



Soul is an important vehicle in the Kia lineup.

quality, and people were writing the brand off," Sprague said. "The company has made a very determined effort since then to fix quality." It helps that "for the millennial generation, we're a completely new brand."

It also helps that, as Sprague put it, "we're raising awareness for the brand and making sure the brand is right." Among other messages emphasizing Kia quality and utility is one about fun.

That was exemplified, for instance, by Kia's decision to advertise a mid-size sedan, Optima, in the most recent Super Bowl even though many Americans now are headed straight for the crossovers and SUVs on the showroom floor. The ad starred Christopher Walken demonstrating the sophistication and refinement of the 2016 version of a car — after a humorous episode in a

man's "Walken" closet.

And later this year, Kia brought back its animatronic hamsters to promote Soul, its fast-growing crossover that the brand introduced in 2009. Its record exemplifies Kia's booming growth: Back then, the brand sold only 35,000 Souls; in 2015, Soul sales in the US were 146,000 units.

Most recently, Kia launched a new campaign starring former pro-football stars Bo Jackson and Brian Bosworth for the Sorento SUV in a Tecmo Bowl-themed campaign. The former nemesis help Kia "play on technology in terms of blending the old video game graphics with the new advancements in the Sorento, illustrat[ing] just how far Kia has come and how advanced this SUV truly is," said Colin Jeffery, chief creative officer for agency David&Goliath.



Brian Bosworth and Bo Jackson star in Kia's new football-themed campaign.

quality of any brand in the important J.D. Power annual awards.

Kia's performance marked the first time in 27 years that a non-premium brand topped Power's rankings. The brand's achievement put it atop not only other envious general-market brands, such as Hyundai, which finished No. 3, and No. 4 Toyota, but also ahead of premium marques that typically lead the field in the J.D. Power evaluation, including No. 2 Porsche and No. 5 BMW.

"In 2001 we were dead last in the US in perceived

Professional Service
all your needs...

Catering
Personal Chef Professional, experienced CIA trained chef seeks part time positions cooking creative, ethical, nutritional meals for individuals or families. (248) 231-9322. ElizabethHill192@gmail.com

Painting
Painting By Robert • Wallpaper Removal • Interior • Exterior • Plaster/Drywall Repair • Staining, 40 yrs exp. Free Est! 248-349-7499 or 734-464-8147

Adopt Me Pets
find a new friend...

Domestic Pets
Chihuahua (purebred), 4 yrs, brown/ tan, Male, neutered, up to date on shots, very loving, CUTE... SOLD!!!

Pet Services
LOW COST VET VACCINE WELLNESS CLINIC TSC - WHITE LAKE 10150 Highland Rd. Sun. Dec. 11th. 4PM-4:30PM. DHP, Lepto CV BD, \$38, 3 year Rabies \$14, Heartworm Test \$15 w/ purchase of 6 months heartworm prevention. MUST BRING AD, Skin, Ear & Eye exams avail. 313-686-9701

Assorted Items
all kinds of things...

Antique Collectibles
NASCAR Diecast Model Cars collection over 200, make offer 313-318-9600

Appliances
REFRIGERATORS \$150 & up! Range, washer/dryer \$125 & up! 90 day warranty/delivery! Call: (734) 794-3472

SNOW PLOWING & SALTING
Residential • Commercial
Over 43 Years in Business
Free Estimates • Licensed • Insured
24-hour - Around the Clock Service!
Call 248-521-8818 or 248-489-5955

Cemetery Lots
Livonia-Glen Eden Park 4 plots \$3,600 for all or \$1000 each. Call 586-808-5233

Machinery & Tools
Scaffold-Andamio 6-6'4" (2m), 2-3' (9m), 6-outriggers, 12-X braces, 1-wagon wheel 125-9" (2.7m) plank. Sold

Wanted to Buy
CASH PAID or CONSIGNMENT for Vintage, Antique & Other Valuable Items. Single items to storage units to entire estates. Professional, courteous, fair, honest, discreet older gentleman. DRIVE TO YOU. Coins, costume & fine jewelry, knick knacks, military, collections, books, toys, stereo, instruments, ephemera, clothing, christmas' much more. Richard, BSE, MBA. 248-793-0262, www.1844wepayyou.com

Real Estate Homes
starting fresh...

Home for Sale - In State
Belleville Country Living 3 bdrm ranch, 2 BA's, Formal LR & Dining rm, oak kitchen w/breakfast nook, all appliances, Farm Rm w/fireplace, Florida rm w/deck off back, CA \$110,000. Century 21 Castell 734-523-7900

GARDEN CITY
Great 3 bdrm ranch, Liv rm w/din eat, Fin bsmt, GA, Close to GC Hospital if you work there. \$77,500. Century 21 Castell 734-523-7900

WESTLAND Great Value
2 bdrm Brick Ranch w/open floor plan, updated oak kitchen, den, CA \$36,000. Price Reduced. Century 21 Castell 734-523-7900

Lots/Acreage/ Farm Land for Sale
Canton Sale or build-to-suit land behind Hertz & Victory Lane on busy Michigan Ave in Canton. Approx. 2.5 acres. Possible auto use or warehouse/storage. \$300,000. Bela Simos 734-669-5813, 734-669-4100, #3212813. Reinhardt Commercial

Turn your dust into dollars by placing a CLASSIFIED ad!

Real Estate Rentals
great place to live...

Homes-Rent
CALL NOW
**FREE RENT until 2/1/2017!
2-4 bed homes starting at \$849/mo.1 Oakland Glens (248) 430-0302 EHO - Offer Expires 12/27/2016

Transportation Wheels
best deal for you...

Autos Wanted
H & W \$\$ for junk vehicles. Free tow. Buying repairables. 734-223-5581

Cars
Excellent Condition
Chevrolet Sonic, 2012 21,400 mi., \$8500.00. 48185 super clean, great gas mileage, loaded, no accidents. Best offer. (734) 722-3446

Vans
Ford 07 Taurus -127K mi. silver pwr wind/locks etc \$3000 734-536-4550

HANDICAP MINI VANS OVER 20 USED LOWERED FLOOR IN STOCK 10 UNDER \$15,000 571 S CEDAR ST LANSING MI CALL RUS 517-230-8865

Get results. Advertise in CLASSIFIEDS!

THE OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MORTGAGE MONITOR

	NMLS#		30 Yr.	Pts.	15 Yr.	Pts.
1st Choice Mortgage Lending	138560	(734) 459-0782	3.875	0	3.125	0
Accurate Mortgage Solutions	164511	(800) 593-1912	3.875	0	3.125	0
AFI Financial	2431	(877) 234-0800	3.875	0	3.125	0
Ameriplus Mortgage Corp.	127931	(248) 740-2323	3.875	0	3.125	0
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	399721	(313) 585-3100	4	0	3.125	0
Fifth Third Bank	403245	(800) 792-8830	4.125	0	3.5	0
Lenderful.com	1326443	lenderful.com	3.875	0.5	3.25	0
Ross Mortgage	107716	(248) 282-1602	4.25	0	3.5	0
Zeal Credit Union	408356	(734) 468-6113	4.125	0.25	3.375	0

Above information available as of 12/2/16 and subject to change at anytime. Rates are based on a \$200,000 loan with 20% down & credit score of 740 or above. Jumbo rates, specific payment calculation & most current rates available Fridays after 2:00 P.M. at www.rmcreport.com. All Lenders are Equal Opportunity Lenders. Lenders to participate call (734) 922-3032 © 2016 Residential Mortgage Consultants, Inc., All Rights Reserved

Need a new place?

FOR SALE
3 / 2 W/LOFT AND 2 CAR GARAGE
NICE UNIT / AWESOME VIEWS

FOR RENT

Find one in the O&E Media classifieds

So Much More Than You Bargained For!

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC
hometownlife.com MEDIA
A GANNETT COMPANY

800-579-7355 www.hometownlife.com

Looking to Buy A New Car?

Need to sell the old one first?
PLACE AN AD WITH O&E MEDIA, AND LET THE CLASSIFIEDS
SELL IT FOR YOU! 800-579-7355