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Canton crime up, rates below U.S.

Police tout efforts to keep community safe

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

The number of serious violent crimes in Canton rose slightly last year, but the township remained one of the safest communities of its size in Michigan, with rates of both violent and property crimes well below the state and na-

tional rates.

Canton's 2013 statistics for the most serious violent and property crimes are found in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reports for the U.S., which were released last month. The numbers show there were 94 reported violent crimes in the township last year, compared

to 88 in 2012, and 1,250 reported property crimes, up from 905.

"This isn't a crime spike," said Todd Mutchler, Canton's public safety director. At the same time, Mutchler said, the Canton Police Department isn't dismissing the higher numbers, and is focused on combating crime, particularly in the categories of larceny and motor vehicle theft, in which there were sharp increases.

"Canton is a very safe community," he said. "There are still areas we can improve upon."

The FBI collects data from more than 18,000 police agencies across the country for its UCR program. The violent crime category includes rape, robbery from a person and aggravated assault, while the property crime category includes burglary (including attempts), larceny and auto

theft.

Robberies down

The number of serious violent crimes in Canton was up over 2012 in the categories of rape and aggravated assault, but dropped in the category of robbery, from 26 in 2012 to 16 last year. There were no murders or nonnegligent manslaughter incidents in either

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Elves Shannon and Carl Watts of Howell (left) and Michele DeVergilo and Shawn Tasker and her daughter, Julia, of Canton Township, are decked out with elf hats, silly glasses and crazy teeth at the second annual Elf Night at the Post Local Bistro in downtown Plymouth. Seventy-some elves later marched over to the Penn Theatre for a showing of "Miracle on 34th Street."

HOLIDAY CHEER

Partying elves back for more fun

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Call it dinner and a movie – North Pole-style.

Santa's helpers, of all ages, returned to Plymouth Sunday for the second annual Elf Night, a decidedly silly Christmas party that nearly doubled in size from its inaugural year.

With more than 70 participants, the "elves" were a big presence downtown as they attended a pre-show party at the Post Local Bistro on Penniman and then walked over to the Penn Theatre for the 7 p.m. showing of *Miracle on 34th Street*.

"It's not every day you see some people wearing the same hats and singing Christmas carols marching up the street," said

Dan Stechow, one of the organizers.

Elf Night was launched in 2013 by Stechow and Lori Cale, a Canton Township couple with the elf names Danta and Mrs. Claus. Sean O'Callaghan's hosted last year's party; the Post, which reserved its front room and had a special menu, was the party site this year.

"They really did some wonderful work with the food, the environment," said Stechow. Menu items were given holiday names, he said, like Chicken a la Claus.

Stechow said Elf Night is a way for friends and neighbors to have fun at the holidays and build a sense of community.

He's planning to make Elf Night a yearly event, and wants

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Decked out in her best elf wear is Flora Chinchilla of Farmington Hills, chatting with and Kristi Barry of Plymouth as they enjoy Elf Night at the Post Local Bistro.

Plymouth goes a-caroling on Sunday

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Following a successful inaugural event last year, and with "a whole new level" of enthusiasm, members of 10 area churches are planning another old-fashioned Christ-

mas carol singalong.

The second annual Community Carol Sing, free and open to the public, is 4 p.m. Sunday in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park. Singers will gather around the park's Nativity scene, song sheets will be passed out, and both tradition-

al hymns and nonreligious seasonal jingles will be sung.

Jerry Smith, music director at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and a retired music instructor, said last year's debut singalong proved a good way to share Christmas – and community –

spirit, as well as a demonstration of the area's growing ecumenical movement. Members at the 10 participating churches are being encouraged to participate, Smith said, but one needn't belong to

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Indeed, residents were still speaking out at Tuesday's board meeting against various aspects of the plan. While the latest plan addresses safety concerns for students in Canton's Sunflower subdivision, it also leaves nearly two dozen students in Fox Run and Fellows Creek going to the new middle school, where parents point out they will only be some 3 percent of the student population.

The majority of their elementary school cohorts will move on to Pioneer Middle School. "There was a lot of discussion about the kids in the Sunflower subdivision," said parent Michelle Merkel, a Fox Run resident. "These kids deserve the same consideration."

While trustees voted 5-2 in

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year. Early 2013, Mutchler said, brought a new emphasis in Canton on making sure all crime gets reported, which was part of the public safety department's move to the CompStat (for Complaint Statistics) management philosophy. "We need to make sure crime is being reported," he said. Increased reporting, Mutchler said, could account for part of the

rise in the number of larcenies. Reported larcenies went from 688 in 2012 to 968 last year. For the police department, Mutchler said, CompStat means using data to quickly deploy resources to where they're needed most, making sure tactics are effective, following up routinely, and holding lieutenants accountable for responding to crime in their sectors. "Ultimately, it's about accountability," Mutchler said. The department is also working with community

organizations and homeowners groups to stress that more residents should lock their homes, garages and parked vehicles, Mutchler said. Those steps alone should result in a drop in larcenies, he said. **Below U.S. rates** With a 2013 population, per the FBI, of 88,958, Canton's 94 violent crimes translates into a violent crime rate of just under 106 per 100,000. That's far below the statewide violent crime rate of 430 and the U.S. rate of 368 per

100,000. The township's property crime rate was 1,405 per 100,000, compared to a Michigan rate of 2,337 and the U.S. rate of 2,730. In 2012, the most recent year for which the FBI provides comparisons, Canton had the lowest rate of property crime and the fifth-lowest rate of violent crime among the 20 communities in Michigan with populations of between 49,999 and 100,000. *mjachman@hometownlife.com | 734-678-8432 Twitter: @mattjachman*

COMMUNITY CRIME STATS

City	Population	Murder/ nonnegligent manslaughter	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny/ Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
Canton Twp.	88,312	0	12	26	50	149	688	68	NA
2013	88,958	0	18	16	60	173	968	109	8
Garden City	27,428	1	8	14	50	177	387	64	2
2013	27,110	2	11	18	49	155	327	59	3
Livonia	96,028	3	19	32	92	323	1,601	200	13
2013	95,220	0	18	34	96	285	1,498	178	11
Plymouth	9,047	0	2	0	9	22	74	4	0
2013	8,949	0	3	2	9	13	75	1	4
Plymouth Twp.	27,342	0	2	1	5	33	189	13	NA
2013	27,076	0	5	3	10	46	231	19	0
Redford Twp.	47,903	5	21	85	131	551	770	343	NA
2013	47,432	1	35	71	137	479	731	328	9
Wayne	17,427	0	18	23	78	141	341	75	9
2013	17,232	2	15	26	78	140	276	63	7
Westland	83,299	1	61	80	196	575	1,925	330	28
2013	82,554	1	66	93	203	564	1,553	282	14

Source: FBI, based on reporting from local police agencies.

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a church in order to show up and sing. **New tradition?** Smith said he hopes the event takes root and rekindles, in a small way, the practice of people gathering informally to sing Christmas tunes.

"The singing of Christmas carols is being lost," Smith, of Livonia, said Tuesday. "You can hear them on the radio, but people aren't doing them." With carols less likely to be sung in schools, he said, children often don't know the religious tunes, like *Silent Night* and *O Come, All Ye Faithful*. For the first singalong last year, Smith said,

about 150 people showed up, and many trooped over to First Presbyterian for hot drinks and fellowship – an afterglow that will be held again this year. "They stayed" to laugh and chat after the singing, Smith said. "So, to me, that was a sign that it was good." Sandra Crenshaw of Canton Township attended last year's singalong. She is a five-year member at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and a member of the church's evangelization committee. "It was a really great experience," she said. "It was fantastic to see all

these people from the different churches participate." The churches are working to increase sing-along attendance, Crenshaw said. **Ecumenical events** In addition to First Presbyterian and Good Counsel, other participating churches are First United Methodist, St. John's Episcopal, Praise Baptist, Ward Evangelical Presbyterian, Calvary Baptist of Canton, Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian, Plymouth Church of the Nazarene and Lake Pointe Bible Church. The churches, Smith said, have an ongoing

ecumenical committee, called Heartbeat of Plymouth, that plans the singalong and two other religious events, one on the National Day of Prayer in May and the other, the Heartbeat Festival, over two days in August. The latter two events both debuted this year, and are planned again for 2015. Smith said there is a palpable enthusiasm for this year's Carol Sing among leaders at the churches. "I think there's a whole new level," he said. Smith taught music at Bentley High School in Livonia for 27 years and directed the choir there,

and, at Christmastime, he often took choir members from door to door on Livonia streets, leading them in caroling. "People were just thrilled to death" to have the carolers show up at their door, he said. Sunday's weather, Smith said, is supposed to be clear, with temperatures in the mid-30s. He's not complaining – though, personally, he'd rather have snow. "It's going to be chilly," he said. "It's December. We're singing Christmas carols."

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favor of the proposal, outgoing board President Judy Mardigian, ending a 16-year run on the board at the end of the year, urged board members and administrators

to look at some sort of "grandfather" clause that would allow Fox Run/Fellows Creek students to stay at Pioneer. Trustees Mike Maloney and Mark Horvath voted against the proposal, as they have done each time, both largely on objections over the process. Horvath said

he's still waiting on data pertaining to transportation time and costs. Maloney repeated what he's been saying all along: Administrators didn't get enough citizens involved. He also called the plan "arbitrary." "I have a lot of questions about the elemen-

tary school plan, which is the foundation for this one," Maloney said. "I've been very concerned about the arbitrariness of the process. There have been questions I've asked that still haven't been answered." *bkadrich@hometownlife.com Twitter: @bkadrich*

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to make fundraising for worthy causes a part of future Elf Nights. "The whole idea is to try to do something grassroots," he said. "We're well on our

way to establishing an annual event that will grow and that people look forward to around the holidays," Stechow added. Each Elf Night participant – tickets were \$25 for adults – was treated to dinner, a drink, an elf hat, a gag gift (googly eyes, a rubber rat, a can

of green beans, for example) and a movie ticket. The party started at 3:30 p.m.; about three hours later, the elves were off to the theater. "It's celebrating the season in a wacky way," Stechow said. "We had a great time." Stechow, a marketing

professional, said downtown Plymouth is "the downtown" in his circles, and that's important to build a sense of community around that idea and support local businesses. "The places that bring people together – that makes a town," he said. *mjachman@hometownlife.com*



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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

BLOOD DRIVES

Dates/Times/Locations:

» Jan. 2, noon to 5:45 p.m., Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road, Canton.
 » Jan. 4, 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton.
 » Jan. 5, 12:30-6:15 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth.

» Jan. 8, 2:30-8:15 p.m., Bird Elementary School, 220 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

» Jan. 11, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth.

Details: The American Red Cross asks eligible blood donors to make a resolution to give blood regularly in 2015, beginning with National Blood Donor Month in January. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with O negative, A negative and B negative.

Contact: To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

NO RECORDS

Date/Time: Friday, Dec. 19, noon to 2 p.m.

Location: Canton Police Department, Canton Township Hall

Details: Canton Public Safety's Records Bureau will be closed.

LIBRARY BAG SALES

Dates: Jan. 23-26; Feb. 20-23; March 27-30

Location: Canton Public Library, 1200 N. Canton Center Road, Canton

Details: The Canton Public Library hosts several Bag Sales to benefit Secondhand Prose, the Friends of the Canton Public Library bookstore. Visitors can shop during the monthly sale and fill a big with books for just \$5.

HOSPICE SUPPORT

Dates/Times: First and third Thursday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman.

Details: Compassionate Coffee Club is an open and ongoing grief support group offering support and socialization for widows and widowers moving beyond the first year of loss. The program is sponsored by Compassionate Care Hospice and is free of charge, although a drink purchase is required for use of the space.

Contact: For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050, or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

BRAIN NEUROBICS

Date/Time: Second and third Thursday, January through May 2015, 11 a.m.

Location: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty

Details: Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology designed the 10 free courses. Keep your brain alert and active with such topics as Memory Tricks, Food for Thought and Magic of Music. Courses taught by Waltonwood Cherry Hill.

Contact: To sign up, call the Plymouth Community Council on Aging at 734-453-1234, Ext. 236.

GIFT CERTIFICATES

Dates: Through Dec. 19

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council

Details: The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering gift certificates for sale. They are available in any denomination and good for all PCAC classes, workshops, camps and programs. PCAC gift certificates can be purchased at the PCAC office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Contact: For more information, call 734-416-4278.

BASELINE FOLK BENEFIT

Date/Time: Saturday, Dec. 20, 7-9:30 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: The BaseLine Folk Society's benefit concert for the Plymouth Goodfellows features The Sorenson Family.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Second term

With his wife, Angie, by his side, state Sen. Patrick Colbeck was sworn in for a second term Dec. 8 by Court of Appeals Judge Kurtis Wilder in a ceremony before district residents. The event was held at the Plymouth Cultural Center and attended by residents from across the new and old 7th Senate District.

The band features Stephanie and Chris Sorenson, with Chris' father Wayne on bass. The host will be Rick Pitts, who will sing a couple of tunes and introduce the performers (there are 10 open mic slots).

Contact: For more information, contact Scott Ludwig, president of BaseLine Folk Society, by email at scludwig@aol.com or call 734-453-0869.

FOOD/WINTER WEAR

Dates: Through Dec. 18

Locations: Nico & Vali, The Sardine Room, Fiamma Grille, Compari's, the

Post Local Bistro, Sean O'Callaghan's, Penn Grill, E.G. Nick's and the Ironwood Grill in downtown Plymouth

Details: Diners at any of the participating restaurants who donate either nonperishable food or winter wear can receive 5 percent off their bills (up to \$50) in a drive to help the Plymouth Salvation Army in a drive being sponsored by the *Metro Times*.

Contact: For more information, call The Salvation Army at 734-453-5464.

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Dec. 30, 7-10 p.m.

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

Details: This event features Judie Cochill with the Ron Kischuk Trio. The group features Judie Cochill on vocals, Ron Kischuk on trombone, Tad Weed on piano and Jeff Halsey on bass. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plymouthannarborelks325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Community Foundation of Plymouth awards grants

In its fall 2014 grant cycle, the Community Foundation of Plymouth awarded \$15,000 in grants to support youth, families, and the arts in the Plymouth area.

Grants went to: Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council Inc - \$2,100 for funding to train additional literacy volunteers to tutor adults in Plymouth, Canton and surrounding

areas whose literacy skills are below a ninth-grade reading level. Many are learning English as a second language.

Michigan Philharmonic - \$2,500 to support the continued growth of the Michigan Philharmonic's youth educational programs, including CLASSICAL Music Outreach Program for third- and fourth-grade students, a partnership with the High

School Arts Academy in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, and the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.

New Morning School - \$3,000 in funding for scholarships to New Morning School's Summer Science, Technology and Engineering Camp for low-income students living in Plymouth. Expanding access for students who, without the

camp, would experience significant summer learning loss.

Plymouth Community YMCA - \$1,500 seed funding for a new leadership training program for teens ages 13-14 during YMCA's 2015 summer day camp.

Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps - \$2,800 in funding to help cover the costs of the 2015 Summer Educational Tour to national

monuments and Revolutionary War historical sites where PFDC youth perform and learn.

Plymouth Historical Society - \$1,900 for electrical systems assessment for code compliance and safety.

Plymouth Oratorio Society - \$1,200 in funding for professional soloists for the Plymouth Oratorio Society's 29th season.

Established in 2005, CFP has awarded more than \$182,000 in grants and scholarships that have made a difference in the lives of residents.

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Home invasion suspects nabbed in Houston

A rash of home invasions that plagued the local area – including an incident in Canton – may have spread to other states including New Jersey, Georgia and Texas.

But they may be over. Canton Police, in a joint statement released with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department and the Ann Arbor Police, said arrests were made earlier this month in the Houston, Texas, area.

The reign of invasions ran through the local area Nov. 24-26, when four armed home invasions were reported, including one in the 45000 block of Lothrop in Canton (the oth-

ers occurred in Ann Arbor Township, Ypsilanti Township and the City of Ann Arbor).

At several of the scenes, a teenaged-appearing subject knocked on the victims' door while two adult males hid nearby. Once the entry door was opened, all three suspects charged into the residence and overwhelmed the occupants.

The armed suspects then restrained the victims and searched for valuables. The group apparently targeted members of the Asian or Indian community.

Local investigators were able to identify additional

incidents of a similar nature that occurred in New Jersey, Georgia and, most recently, in Texas. Once the cases were connected, law enforcement officials said, local investigators helped lead a nationwide search and identification effort of those responsible.

Police believe those suspects were arrested Dec. 3-4. They also pointed out the investigation is still ongoing and additional arrests and charges are anticipated.

The string of home invasions was called "unusual" by a Michigan State Police spokesman shortly after the Canton incident.

"I think home invasions are more a crime of opportunity," MSP Lt. Michael Shaw said. "Most burglars aren't going to want to go into a home that's occupied. It's unusual when that happens."

Canton police have urged residents not to open their doors for strangers and to contact police immediately about suspicious situations.

Shaw, meanwhile, advised residents to take the following precautions:

» Don't put empty boxes for big-screen televisions, iPads and other items at the curb. Rather, he said, cut them up and put them in trash bags or

burn them in a fireplace.

» Keep doors locked. "You'd be surprised how many people don't lock the doors to their homes and vehicles," Shaw said.

» Consider investing in a home alarm system.

» Trim shrubs so they don't offer a shield for intruders near places such as windows.

» Keep the house and porch lit up.

» If on vacation, make sure mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped while away.

» Report any suspicious behavior to police.

POLICE BRIEFS

Embezzlement

Canton police met the loss-prevention officer for the Target store on Michigan Avenue in Canton, after the latter took a former Target employee into custody on suspicion of a series of thefts.

The suspect had been employed by Target for a few months.

The loss-prevention officer told Canton police he'd start investigating the former employee after witnessing the theft of a pair of athletic pants, valued at some \$23, on Nov. 25.

After reviewing the store's security videos, the officer found additional thefts on that allegedly occurred on Nov. 19, Nov. 28 and Nov. 29. The total value of all items stolen was determined to be some \$195.

The suspect's method was to open the packaging, conceal the item and then throw the packaging away. He also allegedly would conceal the entire package and then leave the store without paying.

Retail fraud



The Canton Police Department is asking for assistance from the public with identifying the two males pictured in the attached surveillance photos. The males are suspected of credit card fraud at two retail stores in Canton. Anyone who recognizes these men, or their vehicle, should contact the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

A Canton police officer saw a man leaving the Walmart on Michigan Avenue, pushing a shopping cart full of Red Bull, and noticed he "was acting nervously," according to a police report.

By the time the officer made contact with the suspect, the cart was empty.

When asked if he had a receipt for the Red Bull, the suspect admitted he did not.

The suspect admitted the Red Bull was in the trunk of his car. The store's Asset Management officer put the value of the Red Bull at some \$360.

The suspect told police he'd "never stolen anything before." He said an alleged partner named "Steve" was going to sell the Red Bull. Further investigation produced no one in the store who matched the description of "Steve."

Earphone heist

Police were called to the Walmart on Michigan Avenue where the loss-prevention officer already had two suspects detained.

One suspect admitted to police the pair had planned to steal the items. The loss-prevention officer had seen the men take two pairs of earphones and a battery pack. One took the battery pack out of the package and put it in his pocket. Both men went into a restroom, according to the police report, where one took the earphones out of their packages and

concealed them while the other stood as lookout.

Including a stick of deodorant the pair also allegedly stole, the suspects were found to have attempted to steal \$54 worth of merchandise.

Retail fraud, Part Deux

A Westland woman was detained at the Meijer in Canton after the store's loss-prevention officer found she'd left the store with nearly \$400 worth of items.

The woman, who worked for Elite Marketing, was passing out samples in the pet department. The loss-prevention officer observed the woman select various items and place them in a shopping cart.

He then watched the woman exit through the large U-scan area while another shopper was scanning merchandise. The suspect then was seen returning to the store and placing more items in a tote bag.

When she left again, the loss-prevention officer confronted her and escorted her back into the store, where she was found with the merchandise.

Shift won't change process on strays

Beginning Jan. 1, 2015, the Canton Public Safety Department will be contracting with the Michigan Humane Society in Westland to shelter lost and/or stray animals in the community.

The department will continue to contract its animal control services through a private vendor. Anyone who observes an animal that appears to be lost, stray, injured or otherwise in need of assistance is encouraged to contact the Canton Public Safety Department at 734-394-5400 for help.

Owners who have lost a pet can contact the Canton Public Safety Department at 734-394-5400 to find out if it has been reported as found. The department maintains a list of all animals picked up, in order to assist with quickly uniting pet owners with their lost animals.

The Michigan Humane Society in Westland is open for pet retrieval Monday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extended hours on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Michigan Humane Society is located at 900 N. Newburgh in Westland; 734-721-7300; www.michiganhumane.org.

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Verlanders share message with Canton's Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Canton hosted Richard and Kathy Verlander as guest speakers at the club's recent meeting. The couple, parents of Detroit Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander, were visiting the area and speaking with community groups, but they were not talking baseball – at least, not at first. Their focus was on how to help children follow their dreams, no matter what that dream may be and community involvement.



CANTON KIWANIS CLUB
Richard and Kathy Verlander, parents of Detroit Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander, were recent guest speakers at a Kiwanis Club meeting.

The Verlanders touched base on what Justin does with the veterans and his Wins for Warriors project with the Vets and PTSD. They also spoke about their book *Rocks Across the Pond*, which talks about life and dealing with the opportunities and aspirations of their son.

“Richard and Kathy both shared their thoughts and observa-

tions on how they dealt with the changes in family dynamics and ‘keeping things normal’ even now,” club member Mark Ott said. More than 50 Kiwanians from Howell, Plymouth, Whitmore Lake and Livonia joined the Canton Club members to listen to the program. Also, members of the K-Kids Club of Walker-

Winter Elementary and their parents listened intently to the Verlanders’ message.

Ott said the Verlanders travel frequently sharing their message. After the meeting, they continued the discussion and autographed their book. They also donated one of their books to the Walker-Winter Elementary School library.

Leisure Services gets Civitan donation

Canton Leisure Services has received a \$500 donation for its Therapeutic Recreation programming from the Plymouth-Canton Civitans that will assist in funding Camp A.B.L.E., a summer camp for children ages 8-14 with disabilities.

“We feel so incredibly honored that the Plymouth-Canton Civitans chose to make this very generous donation to the Therapeutic Recreation program,” said Jennifer Provenzano, recreation coordinator. “We can’t begin to express our gratitude to these deeply caring individuals who truly embody charity and good citizenship. We hope that others are as inspired by their acts of

kindness as we are.” The Civitans elected to make the donation after ambassadors from Canton Leisure Services spoke about the Therapeutic Recreation program during a Civitan meeting, and the group has also donated a rocking chair and gift cards for camp use.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Treasurer/Secretary Kathy Turnquist called it a great opportunity to support an “awesome” community service.

Camp A.B.L.E., which stands for Achieve, Believe, Learn and Experience, is one of several activities and services offered by the Therapeutic Recreation program. Camp A.B.L.E. is fund-

ed in part by a Western Wayne County Therapeutic Recreation Grant. However, the need for specialized supplies, transportation and other important programming assistance remains. Donations to the Camp A.B.L.E. fund can be made online at www.cantonfoundation.org or by writing a check to the Canton Community Foundation and earmarking those dollars in the memo line with “Camp A.B.L.E. Fund.”

The Therapeutic Recreation program is also seeking supplies. Those interested can visit the “Giving Tree” in the lobby of Summit on the Park community recreation center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

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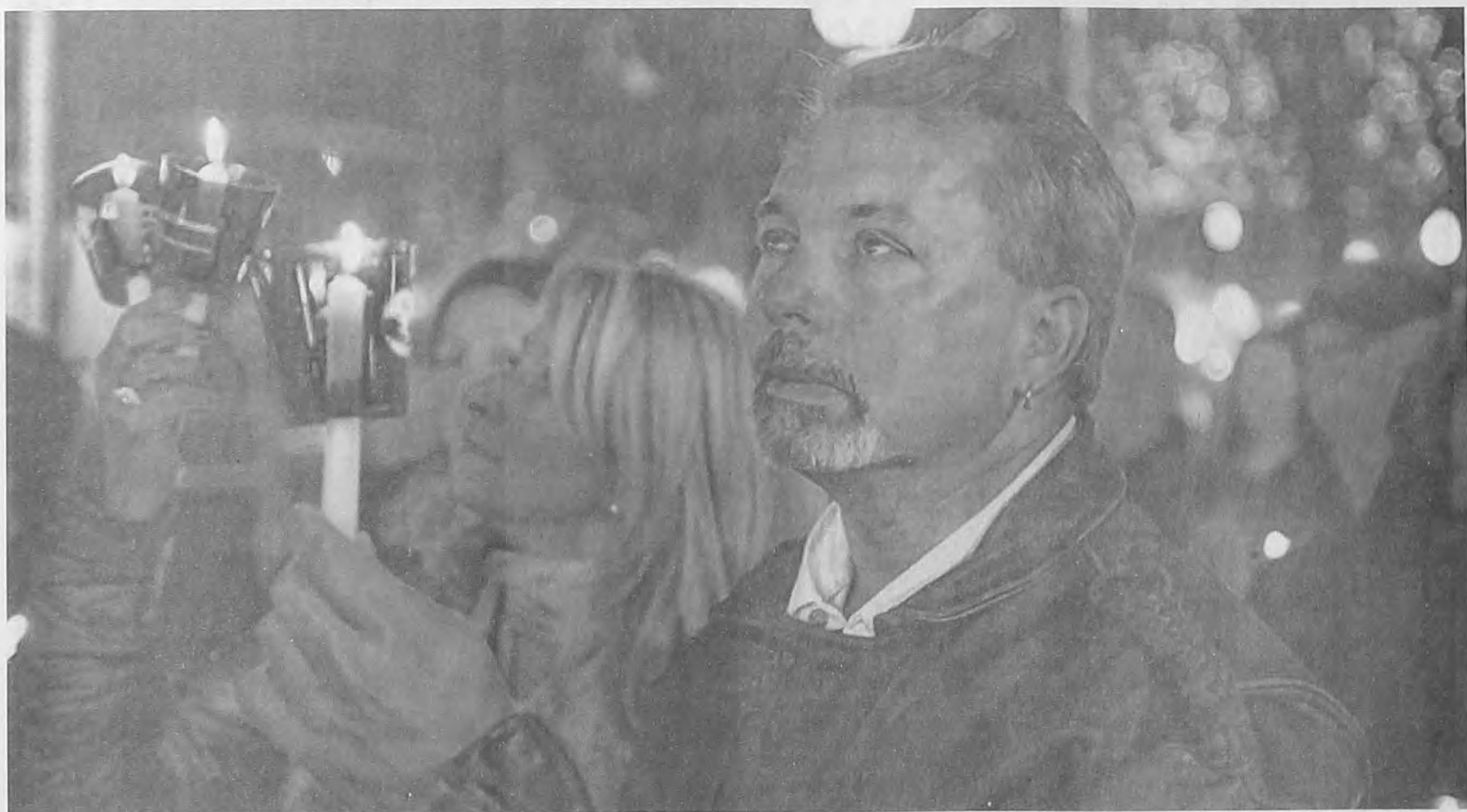
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Rico Morris (front) and his wife Chelsea (Taylor) come out to remember a family member in Kellogg Park in Plymouth on Sunday.

ALWAYS REMEMBERED

Candlelight vigil honors children who died too soon

They came to mourn, to shed tears and to share laughs over those gone too soon. The Compassionate Friends' candlelighting service Sunday evening in Plymouth drew dozens of people to Kellogg Park, where, with poetry, song and a "circle of light" echoed around the world, they remembered relatives and friends who died before their time.

It was the Livonia group's 18th annual worldwide candle lighting and also the 17th event in Plymouth.

The event included the reading of poems, playing of recorded music and a PowerPoint presentation of hundreds of names of the deceased, who were also remembered on ornaments that decorated TCF-sponsored Christmas trees in the park.

There were similar events Sunday, organizers said, at 7 p.m. local

time in every time zone across the globe, adding up to a rotating 24-hour vigil.

Gail Lafferty of Livonia, an event organizer, said reaching out to others who are grieving helps them with their own mourning. Lafferty lost son Max, 18, the day after Christmas in 1995.

"The holidays are hard for us," Lafferty said. "People were there for me. ... This is kind of paying it forward."

Started in the United States in 1997 as a small Internet observance, the event has since swelled in numbers as word has spread throughout the world of the remembrance.

Starting in New Zealand, candles are lit at 7 p.m. local time. As candles burn down in one time zone, they are started in another, creating a virtual 24-hour wave of light.



Aiden Hodges of Canton searches for an ornament of a loved one on one of the many trees in Kellogg Park.



Westland residents Alivia Secord and grandmother Margaret Antio remember Justin Alan Antio.



Vince Orihel of Farmington looks at the many ornaments on the trees of loved ones lost this past Sunday in Plymouth.



Jamie Fidler signs the names of those who have passed away during the reading of the names at the 18th annual worldwide candle lighting held in Plymouth.



Bob and Myrna Payton of Romulus remember their grandson during the 18th annual worldwide candle lighting as names of loved ones are read in Kellogg Park in Plymouth.



Redford residents Jasmine Johnson and Chelsea Carradine come and light candles in memory of family members.

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Liberty Street Brewing to open production facility in city

FILE PHOTO
Deborah Searcy, Leslie Ryder and Paul Bissell, all of Livonia, sample beers at the Liberty Street Brewing Co., in this file photo. The Plymouth brewery was recently approved for a microbrewery license in Livonia, allowing the company to produce products at a new facility.



By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Michigan craft beer is coming to Livonia in 2015.

The Livonia City Council approved a microbrewery license for Plymouth-based Liberty Street Brewing Co., during its meeting Monday night. The approval means the brewery, which operates a taproom at 149 W. Liberty St., in Plymouth, will be able to move forward with its license with the state to open a production facility at 11721 Levan in Livonia.

Mark McAlpine, president of the brewery, said expansion of the production facility was needed after demand for their product increased.

"As we've grown, so has the demand for our beer," he said. "The purpose of this facility is purely production: for bottling and kegging, for production and sale through distribution."

The approval means the microbrewery, which opened in 2008, can soon begin producing beer in Livonia, the first such microbrewery in the city.

"This is sort of the first of its kind for the City of Livonia," said city attorney Don Knapp. "Because it is a new license, council has the limited authority for approval or denial of the license, pursuant to state law."

Beer bottled at the facility would be labeled as coming from Livonia,

a point of pride that council president Maureen Miller Brosnan was happy to see.

"That's very exciting," she said.

McAlpine said the state application still needs to be taken care of, but expects bottling of beers and wines to begin sometime in January. The brewery has already secured a federal brewer's permit for the site.

No tasting room planned

While the microbrewery license through the state would allow for a tasting room and sale of the products brewed and fermented on the premises to the general public, that's something the brewery is not looking to

do, McAlpine said.

"It's in a building that's not proper even for parking for a tasting room," he said. "Our other facility is five minutes away from this location, so we certainly have no intention of doing anything except production at this facility."

McAlpine said when the facility opens, the existing brewers at the Plymouth location will spend time working at the Livonia facility. The future could lead to several part-time positions in the facility, though McAlpine was unsure of a number.

Craft beer is a product that has grown across the state, with more than 140 breweries and brewpubs in Michigan, according to the Michigan Brewers Guilds. Other surrounding communities have seen requests for breweries, including the North Center Brewing Co., in Northville and the ROAK Brewing Co., in Royal Oak in October. The Farmington Brewing Company, located on Grand River in downtown Farmington, opened last month.

McAlpine said while Liberty Street Brewing Co., has no plans to open a brewpub or tasting room in Livonia, he encourages those interested to come to the Plymouth location. It's his hope, he said, to see his brews in several bars across the city and six-packs on the shelves at more local markets.

"I would rather see our beer on tap in Livonia," he said.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS



CANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Cutting the ribbon

A ribbon-cutting was held recently by officials at Bainbridge Park Apartments to announce the grand opening of their newly remodeled apartment complex. Bainbridge Park Apartments is located at 6900 Foxthorn in Canton. Family members, employees, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and residents were all among the attendees.



Whalen

New VP

Process Development Corporation announced the appointment of Bill Whalen as the company's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. He will oversee and direct the company's global finance and business activities, including the implementation of business processes to support strategic global growth strategies.

"We're delighted to recruit someone with Bill's depth of expertise and global experience to our executive leadership team," said Jim Pongracz, PDC's CEO. "He's the right guy at the right time for our company."

Whalen most recently served as the CFO of Nexteer Automotive, a \$2+ billion international Tier 1 automotive supplier; and previously as CFO of Internet Corporation, a \$700M global manufacturing leader. Prior to that, he held senior leadership positions at Magna International and United Technologies Corporation.

Whalen holds a Masters of Business Administration from The University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va., and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Wine tasting

Vintner's Canton Winery is celebrating

"Save Green \$\$\$ on the Reds" through Dec. 23.

The winery, located at 8515 N. Lilley in Canton, will offer free tastes of their award-winning reds to include Amarone, Barolo, Montepulciano, Valpolicella, Chilean Malbec, Lodi Zinfandel and others.

For more information, call the winery at 734-354-9463, visit the website at vintnerscanton.com or Facebook at Vintner's Canton Winery.

Bistro reopens

Bistro 222, 22266 Michigan Ave., in Dearborn, is celebrating its fifth year of operation and announced some menu additions and upcoming changes. The 52-seat, European-style restaurant recently brought back its popular Egg Plant Tower and Filet Mignon due to strong patron demand, and is adding a fireplace and fine wine cellar to add to its ambiance.

Bistro 222 will soon re-open for lunch from Monday to Friday beginning at 11 a.m. until dinner service hours at 5 p.m. The lunch menu will include delicious sandwiches, soups, salads, pizzas and hamburgers, including their trademarked Shrimp Burger, which has always been a big hit with patrons. The restaurant serves beer and wines of all kinds, and has applied for a Class C Liquor permit, which they hope to have sometime in December or January.

Bistro 222 serves dinner from 5-10 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and is open for private parties on Sunday and Monday. Lunch hours will be Monday through Friday 11 a.m. until dinner. For more information about Bistro 222, call 313-792-7500 or visit the bistro at www.bistro222.com, on Facebook, Pintrest, and Instagram.

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Observer: What makes your business unique?

Kona: Hawaiian theme store decor; training classes for beginner or advanced runners.



KONA RUNNING COMPANY

The Kona Running Company has opened at 42743 Ford Road in Canton.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Kona: We're getting busier.

Mojo and the Morning Crew make Christmas brighter for cancer patient

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Robin DeJack and school cook Joanne Janos listen to Mojo and the Morning Crew on the radio. But the connection went even further for DeJack on Monday when she walked in the school music room to find that she was a recipient of the radio personality's "Breaking and Entering Christmas."

DeJack was nominated for the surprise by Jennifer Largent, a third-grade teacher at Schweitzer Elementary School in Westland where DeJack works as a breakfast, lunch and bus supervisor. A Wayne-Westland district employee for 12 years, DeJack has been battling breast cancer for nine years. The disease has spread to her bones and liver. Her cancer isn't curable, but it is treatable, and she was to find out Tuesday if a plan of treatment would hold it at bay.

"I heard about this last year at the end of the season, and when they were talking about it, it came to me that Robin would be so deserving of this," said Largent. "She gives so much to this school and the students. This is something to give back to her."

"She has pain in her legs, neuropathy in her hands and feet. No hair, chemo spots on her face, and is exhausted but she is not ready to give up," Largent said in a letter to Mojo. "The amazing thing about Robin is that she comes to work no matter how physically sick she may feel. She never complains. She never asks for help. In fact, she always offers it. She is constantly doing for others. It's her nature."

An inspiration

"Besides the fact, she doesn't usually wear a wig or sometimes walks with a limp, you wouldn't know how much she



Schweitzer Principal Jennifer Chambers escorts Robin DeJack into the school music room for her surprise courtesy of Mojo in the Morning.

PHOTOS BY SUE MASON

"She's been the most important person to this school for 18 years," said retired secretary Jeanie Gallagher who worked with DeJack for 15 years. "If you ever needed someone to pick up something, if you needed anyone anytime, Robin DeJack was the call-in person."

DeJack had come to the school to help with breakfast and then left only to return a few hours later at the request of Chambers. She didn't know that when she walked into the school's music room she was going to be showered with gifts meant to make her life easier as she battles cancer, although daughter Samantha, 20, said her mother suspected something.

"My mom kept saying I know something is happening on Monday," said Samantha DeJack. "I kept saying, 'Well, have fun.' I heard about it last Thursday and it was hard to keep it a secret. It's wonderful Jennifer Largent could do this for my mom. She does what she can for everybody. To do this for her is wonderful."

Daughter Brittney, 23, and Jack, 16, also were on hand to watch the surprise.

"She pushes through," said Brittney DeJack. "Without the bald head, you wouldn't know she has cancer. It's gotten worse, but she has gotten better."

"I thought it was nice they were doing something for someone, then I thought, it's me for a change," DeJack said. "I appreciate all of this. It's wonderful. Thank you, it's overwhelming."

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suffers. Every day she greets the staff and students with a smile and good morning. She is the most selfless person I know," Largent added. "She is an inspiration for us all."

Principal Jennifer Chambers agrees.

"Last week, when she was so sick, she was so concerned about what needed to be done," she said. "She's an inspiration. We might get up and not want to go to work, but she is here every day, except Tuesday when she has chemo. She comes in, but not for a full day."

"I arrange my appointments so I can come in," DeJack said. "I have to do breakfast, it's too early to call someone in.

I do it for my kids. I don't give up."

Armed with \$25,000 from Chad Johnson of Lady Jane's Haircuts for Men, Mojo and the Morning Crew are making life better for people like DeJack. This is the third year Johnson has worked with Mojo on the Christmas project.

"Every story is a different story; some need groceries or rent," said Johnson of the people selected for the Breaking and Entering Christmas. "It matches my Wickedly Awesome Wishes Foundation. I want to give back to the community and touch lives like Robin's. Rather than giving to charities, I want to

give to the families."

The neuropathy in her feet prevents DeJack from going downstairs to do her laundry, so she goes to a Laundromat. She won't have to thanks to Heather Leone, owner of Epic Cleaning Services, who will provide laundry and cleaning services twice a month for a year. And after talking to her daughters, Leone also will fulfill DeJack's wish for a new front door and paint her living room.

"We always try to find something in the company that we can do to help people," said Leone. "We did this last year. We redid a day care; it was so rewarding."

DeJack also received a new 42-inch flat screen TV, \$1,000 check to help cover bills and medical expenses and an assortment of Kroger, restaurant and gas cards and a \$500 Kohl's gift card to buy a few things for herself.

And Johnson also donated 60 new computers for the school's computer lab, which will be named in DeJack's honor.

'Most important person'



Posing with the sign that will hang in the computer room are Robin DeJack and her children Samantha (from left), Brittney and Jack.

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RIGHT THING TO DO

Plymouth-Canton board right to approve boundary plan

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education did the right thing Tuesday night when they passed the latest iteration of the middle school boundary plan proposed by the district's boundary steering committee.

The board voted 5-2 to pass the plan, with trustees Mike Maloney and Mark Horvath maintaining their steadfast objections to the plan, mostly over the process used to arrive at it.

Passing the plan, even with a few inherent flaws, was the

right thing to do for a board that had grown weary of discussing it.

It was at least the fourth version of the plan presented since October, and the one the board decided to stick with despite the pleas of some rightly disgruntled parents.

With the opening of a new middle school looming, and a decision already made to close two buildings and repurpose a third, the board needed to make this final decision.

After listening for months to residents who objected for a

variety of reasons — most having to do with how the plan affected their children or their school — it was time to stop considering and start acting.

Horvath's objections are largely to do with data he says is missing in terms of transportation time and cost; Maloney believes the process was flawed because there wasn't enough citizen participation.

While we agree there could have been more "civilians" — non-district-affiliated members — on the steering committee, to say there was no citi-

zen participation is a tad misleading.

The board has listened to hundreds of citizens voice their concerns, and acted on many of their complaints. For instance, residents in the Sunflower subdivision — the district's largest — were worried about safety if some of their kids decided to walk to school and try to cross Canton Center Road. The committee fixed that.

Residents in Fox Run and Fellows Creek are worried that some 22 students who've

spent their entire academic careers together would be separated under this new plan. While not changing it directly, board members did urge administration to look at the possibility of "grandfathering" those students to keep them with their friends.

As outgoing Vice President Adrienne Davis said, the committee was never going to come up with a perfect plan that was going to please everyone. At some point, you have to act.

That point is now.

OUR VIEWS

Don't take holiday drinks on the road

We say the same thing every year about this time, and we always hope someone's paying attention: If you celebrate this holiday season with a drink in your hand, don't take it on the road.

We join with voices from organizations like Mothers Against Drunk Driving and local law enforcement agencies — but is anyone listening?

When Mothers Against Drunk Drivers launched their red ribbon campaign in 1984, 897 lives were lost on Michigan roads as a result of crashes involving alcohol (or 59 percent of all traffic fatalities). That number has dropped dramatically over the years, but, as we see it, one alcohol-related death is one death too many.

In Michigan, a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or greater is the level at which a driver is considered legally intoxicated. According to MADD, drunken driving fatalities with a .08 BAC or higher represented 28 percent (259) of all total traffic deaths in Michigan in 2012. There was a total of 5,471 alcohol-related crash injuries and 10,014 alcohol-related crashes in which



The National Highway and Traffic Administration and local law enforcement agencies are asking holiday revelers to "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over."

the BAC was .01 or higher. The taxpayer subsidy of drunken driving fatalities was \$1.3 billion.

Predictably, driving danger is higher than average during holiday periods. The U.S. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism reports that 40 percent of traffic-related deaths during

Christmas and New Year's involve drunk drivers.

This week police agencies around the country have launched the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over." Due to the increase in drunk-driving-related fatalities around the holidays each year, law enforce-

ment agencies will be out in force through Jan. 1 actively searching for drunken drivers.

The facts are grim: in December 2012 nationwide there were 830 people killed in crashes involving at least one driver or motorcycle operator with a BAC of .08 or higher; 26 of those deaths occurred on Christmas Day. On average, a third (31 percent) of all crash fatalities in America involves drunken driving. But on Christmas day 2012, the percentage jumped to 36 percent.

You think it can't happen to you, of course. You know it can't, because you're not a drunk driver. But consider this: there is the same amount of alcohol in one regular beer (12 ounces, 5 percent alcohol), one glass of wine (5 ounces, 12 percent alcohol), one glass of fortified wine (3 ounces, 20 percent alcohol) and one shot of spirits (1.5 ounces, 40 percent alcohol).

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It's the holidays, and we're not saying adults shouldn't drink. By all means celebrate the holidays; those who choose to drink should drink responsibly, and don't drive after you've been drinking.

And we'll keep saying it until we're sure everybody's listening.

LETTERS

Humane choice

Our board of trustees have made a great choice for our community!

The Berman Center is kid-friendly and animal-friendly. Our family had a wonderful experience with the Berman Center's staff. We were able to catch one of three stray cats one winter. This sweet calico girl went to the Berman Center, was immediately advertised online and adopted less than three weeks later. Our 7-year-old daughter checked the online listing each day and was ECSTATIC when the cat was adopted! This organization is able to serve many communities more efficiently because of its location.

Clare Barwick
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Protect retirees

Congress has passed a trillion dollar omnibus spending bill that includes giving trustees of multi-employer pension plans the ability to cut pensions earned by 1.5 million workers and retirees. Many pensions will be cut by up to 50 percent to retirees who are in no position to make up for the monthly shortfalls they will be sorely missing in order to be financially secure.

On behalf of the workers and retirees who read your newspaper, I feel you should publish an editorial telling members of Congress they should hold hearings early in the new Congress to explore

better solutions other than cutting pension benefits.

Reportedly, Congress acted out of concern about the \$42.4 billion that the PBGC says it is short for needed payouts if at-risk multi-employer pension plans failed. Does this remedy open the door for the PBGC and single-employer pension plan sponsors to seek the same relief?

Congress did not stipulate that this change applied to multi-employer plans only. It enacted the law in a way that it changed ERISA to permit the change to some underfunded multi-employer plans but did not add the word "only." Therefore, Congress did not preclude underfunded single-employer plans from being de-risked by allowing plan sponsors to cut retiree pension benefits in the future. Tell Congress it needs to amend the provision to protect single-employer pension plan retirees.

Dennis Koblaitis
Canton

Thanks for editorial

I just want to thank you for your "Our Views" article on "Family caregivers are our unsung heroes" in the Opinion page of the Nov. 20 edition of the *Observer*.

I personally appreciate the recognition as I am a registered nurse by profession and have been a caregiver for most of my adult life as a nurse, mother, daughter and niece and can honestly say I

have experienced the situations discussed in your article.

I am part of the Michigan family caregivers who provide 1.4 billion hours of unpaid care each year. You don't expect payment because what you are doing is out of love and concern, but the reality is that this does take a toll and does cause significant stress and is financially straining on families attempting to maintain the ability of love ones to remain in their own home while providing care and support for their own family.

I am grateful that AARP is attempting to address this issue with the CARE legislation, however, in addition to what they are recommending, more needs to be done both on a state level and national level. Expanding the Family Medical Leave to extend to all employment statuses should be considered or an elder care tax credit. Perhaps this could help lessen the financial strain caused by job loss and salary reduction as we attempt to care for our loved ones. The care we provide helps to keep aging loved ones in their homes and hopefully prevents more costly alternative care which would be more taxing on the already taxed health care industry.

Thank you *Observer* for your kind recognition of the 42 million Americans who are trying to do the right thing for one day we will be in that same situation requiring assistance as we head into old age ourselves.

Donna Ruemenapp
Livonia

To the point

During a recent League of Women Voters candidate forum, I submitted a question that centered on the fact that, every 10 years, after the census, the party in power redraws legislative district lines. Inevitably, lines are re-

drawn to favor the party in power. The result can be seen in the 2012 Michigan election. The Democrats won the popular vote, but the Republicans won more seats in the Legislature. Both parties do it and it needs to stop. It violates the idea of one man, one vote.

At the meeting, if I can paraphrase Laura Cox accurately, she said that the present system seems to be working pretty good so far. It's not likely that any kind of political reform will be coming from this lady. She's not so hot about public education either. Cox bears watching by those who think the words democracy and freedom have meaning.

Al Churchill
Livonia

Safe holiday travel

Before packing up the car to head home for the holidays, make sure your vehicle is ready for the journey. Conducting a thorough vehicle inspection will help avoid the inconvenience and potential safety hazards of breaking down miles away from home.

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The council also recommends that drivers keep important telephone numbers in their cellphone or glove box in case of a breakdown or travel emergency. Vehicles should have a roadside emergency kit that includes items such as a first aid kit, a tire-changing jack, a tire pressure gauge, jumper cables, a flashlight

and a blanket.

Motorists can order a free copy of the recently updated 80-page Car Care Guide for the glove box at www.car-care.org/car-care-guide.

Rich White
executive director
Car Care Council

Constitutional powers

Please call and write your U.S. senators and congressmen and request that they vote to sue and impeach President Obama on grounds of over-reaching his authority as president. Mr. Obama was elected president, not dictator or king. He says that the Constitution gives him power to "go it alone."

I can tell you where the Constitution says the president does not have that power: Article 1, section 8 defines ("enumerates") all of the powers that the federal government, including the president or Congress, has.

The 10th Amendment then says that if a power is not enumerated in Article 1, section 8, the Federal government does not have that power. "Any power not expressly enumerated in the Article 1, section 8 does not belong to the federal government, but is reserved to the States and the people."

"Executive orders," which is what Obama is using to bypass both Congress and the will of the American people, are not an enumerated power granted to the federal government (including the president) by the Constitution. In fact, the term "Executive Order" is not used anywhere in the Constitution.

If the president can pass laws by writing an executive order, then Congress serves no useful purpose.

Gerald N. Wiggins
South Lyon

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Canton able to hold off pesky Novi

Chiefs remain undefeated, thanks to big nights by Williams, Ryan

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Canton's big guns had a little extra firepower Tuesday night than Novi's did and the host Chiefs eked out a 56-50 varsity boys basketball victory.

Leading the way for Canton, off to a 3-0 start, was senior guard Greg Williams, who poured in 26 points. Contributing 20 points was junior forward Logan Ryan.

Novi (1-2) was sparked by 6-6 junior forward Naji Ozeir, who registered 20 points while being a thorn in Canton's collective side throughout the evening of the Kensington Conference crossover.

"I think we found a way to win in the second half," Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy said. "I don't think by any means we played our best basketball. Last week was a big week for us. We talked about giving a great effort and having great concentration. I don't think we had that for 32 minutes tonight."

"But at halftime we challenged them to find a way to win and they did that. They made more plays than Novi down the stretch and any time you win you're happy. The kids should be excited about finding a way to win."

Novi head coach Brandon Sinawi gave kudos to Canton's hard-nosed defensive effort,

noting that his team is still trying to find itself offensively.

"We're struggling offensively, we're trying to get guys going," Sinawi said. "We have a new system, we got a couple new players and just trying to figure each other out."

"I thought we made a couple nice inside plays, we got the ball to the basket with our two bigs (Naji Ozeir, Jay Duarte), but just too many turnovers, too many bad mistakes on our part on the offensive end led to some easy baskets for them."

Duarte and Nick Hankerson tallied eight points each for the Wildcats.

Other than Williams and Ryan, the next players on the scoresheet were Jalen Cochran and Obi Okoli, with three points each.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Vying for a rebound Tuesday night are Canton's Greg Williams (No. 22) and Novi's Naji Ozeir. At left for the Chiefs is Jack Zemanski (No. 12).

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EARLY SEASON SHOWDOWN



MARK HICKS
Northville's Alec Morgan (left) tries to win the face-off against Plymouth's Josh Smith (16) as Mitchell Lopetrone (9) converges on the play.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Defense sparks Wildcats

All three Park teams earn crossover victories

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

By no means was Plymouth's 45-35 win Tuesday night over host South Lyon East a work of art.

But Wildcats varsity head girls basketball coach Nick Brandon embraced the outcome just the same.

Brandon, whose team improved to 2-2, relied on a blue-collar effort from players such as junior wing Cassidy Lewis — who effectively shadowed East wing guard (and Central Michigan University recruit) Gabi Bird.

It was scrappy senior post Patti Begoske who led Plymouth in scoring with 11 points, along with numerous steals. And when the Wildcats were down in the dumps midway through the second quarter, reserve junior point guard Hannah Badger came through with a clutch triple.

"This game really was about defense for us," Brandon said. "That was our game plan going in, to beat them with defense because East is such an explosive offensive team."

"The player that gets a ton of credit for tonight is Cassidy Lewis, who did her homework on Gabi Bird and went out and did a tremendous job guarding her."

Other strong efforts were turned in by senior point guard Paige Slominski, senior wing Kendall Rose and senior point guard Courtney LaVallee, who each scored seven points.

Six of LaVallee's points were in the third quarter, when Plymouth outscored the Cougars 16-14 to go up 31-29 after three.

"I wouldn't consider this our best performance in a number of ways, but we had some people step up," Brandon said. "Courtney LaVallee had an outstanding third quarter, scoring six points. And Patti Begoske made some big steals

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POWERING UP

Plymouth scores three power-play goals to hand Northville first loss

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

During Monday's second intermission at Novi Ice Arena, Plymouth boys hockey coach Gerry Vento told his team to focus on playing a solid third period against Northville and let the chips fall where they may.

The Wildcats — fortunate to still be tied 1-1 after the second thanks to some outstanding goalkeeping by senior Erik VandenBosch — broke the deadlock just four minutes into the final frame.

Then they scored again, again and again to skate off with a 5-1 victory over the No. 4-ranked Mustangs. Three of Plymouth's goals were on the power play, to the chagrin of Northville coach Clint Robert.

"Plymouth's a good, fast, physical team," Robert said. "We expected that.

We just got to stay out of the box."

Plymouth improved to 5-2-0 with the KLAA crossover victory while Northville lost for the first time after opening the season with seven wins.

VandenBosch stopped 24 of 25 shots while senior Andrew Jossey scored twice and set up another. A tip-in by Northville's Kevin O'Connell with 2:32 left in the second was the only puck to get past VandenBosch.

"It's obviously a top-quality team and we knew we were going to have our hands full and for the first two periods we did," Vento said. "They had us on our heels, but Erik kept us in the game. He was fantastic. But him and Jared (Maddock) have been great all year, I got two great goalies."

Robert lamented the penalty trouble that wound up costing his squad. Three

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MARK HICKS
Plymouth defenseman Jake Zaborowski (No. 4) keeps close tabs on Northville's Brendan Hicks during Monday night's game at Novi Ice Arena.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Bertuzzi spearheads Guelph to victory over Whalers

RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS
Recent trade acquisition Sean Callaghan (No. 4) played a solid game on defense for Plymouth in his first home game as a Whaler.



Detroit prospect burns Plymouth with two late goals, assist on winner

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth Whalers fans got their first glimpse of new defenseman Sean Callaghan on Saturday night and he did not disappoint with solid play on the blueline and some booming

slapshots from the point.

But the Compuware Arena faithful saw a little too much what Guelph forward and Detroit Red Wings prospect Tyler Bertuzzi can do — as he scored twice to bring the Storm back from a two-goal deficit in the third and then set up the game-winner in overtime.

Walking out of the right corner with the puck with about a minute to play in the extra frame was defenseman Zac Leslie. He cut in front of

Plymouth netminder Alex Nedeljkovic and slammed home what would be the winner in a 3-2 Ontario Hockey League contest.

Scoring for Plymouth (10-18-2-1) were Sonny Milano and Vincent Scognamiglio.

"I thought we played hard, I thought we played a good game," Whalers head coach Don Elland said. "Not the result we wanted, but played

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PREP GYMNASTICS

Chiefs, 'Cats enjoy early season success

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Canton's long-running show as a high school gymnastics juggernaut is continuing early in the 2014-15 season.

The defending state champion Chiefs prevailed Saturday by a 138.525 to 123.85 tally over Vassar. Also, Canton's 'B' team led by Rachel Socha, Kelsea Kernosek and Sarah Plant also defeated Vassar.

Meanwhile, the Plymouth Wildcats also are off to a nice start, defeating campus rival Salem 138.075 to 125.5 last Thursday.

Canton, now 4-0, was led by Jocelyn Moraw (first on vault, 8.75; parallel bars, 8.85; balance beam, 9.65) while Maddie Toal returned after missing a dual meet due to illness to win floor (9.0) and the all-around (34.55).

Chiefs coach John Cunningham praised his team for getting the job done despite being without key contributors Hailey Hodgson (taking her ACT) and Allison Kunz (wisdom teeth).

"Without a spring floor and full team, the scores were actually quite decent," Cunningham stated. "Katie Dickson and Jana Hilditch showed up with mid to high eights in every event."

"Katie Lawera had a nice



Plymouth's Sam Fontana, shown from last season, helped the Wildcats defeat Salem with a first place finish on beam.



Canton's Maddie Toal, shown from last season, returned from illness to spark the Chiefs.

8.45 beam, Stephanie Cox tumbled to an 8.8 on floor, and

Maddie Toal picked up two of the team's three 9's on beam

(9.0) and floor(9.15). Jocelyn Moraw's 9.65 beam was the

high score in the meet."

Wildcats win

Plymouth defeated Salem, led by Haley Metz (first on bars, 8.95; first on floor, 8.975) and Sam Fontana (first on beam, 8.75; second on vault, 8.8, tying teammate Rebeca Simu).

Molly McSween was a close second on bars (8.9) "nailing her routine," noted Wildcats head coach Pam Yockey.

Another first was scored by Plymouth's Kayla Janevski, who won vault with an 8.85.

Adriana Tao took second on beam. "The team relies on her consistency and ability to stick routines."

Yockey praised the efforts turned in by varsity newcomers Sara Hosmer, Lindsay Badger, Victoria Sylvester and Isis Madyun.

"As new skills develop and are added we should see stellar performances from (the) new team members," Yockey continued. "Their scores are rising with each meet."

Another plus, Yockey added, were "new skills tried with success, (including) Emily Welch with giants and Lindsay Badger with a full-on floor."

Plymouth will compete Thursday against Northville and Waterford.

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Samulski officially AD

After several weeks as interim athletic director at Salem High School, Brian Samulski last week officially was named to the position (actually titled assistant principal of athletics and activities).

Samulski recently stepped down from his longtime position as Canton varsity girls basketball coach and also had to leave a faculty job in the Wayne-Westland district to take over at Salem.

"I would like to thank the interview committee for giving me the opportunity to be

the APAA at Salem," noted Samulski in an e-mail to the Observer. "It's an honor to join this outstanding department."

"I look forward to working with and building relationships with all the great students, advisers, coaches, staff, boosters and parents at Salem as we work towards becoming one of the best programs in the state."

Salem names baseball coach

Also last week, Samulski confirmed that John Wright was named Salem varsity baseball coach, succeeding legendary coach Dale Rum-

SPORTS ROUNDUP

berger (who retired in the spring).

Wright formerly coached in Canton's baseball program.

Canton varsity baseball coach Mark Blomshield congratulated Wright on getting the Rocks' top job.

"I'm really happy for John to have this opportunity," Blomshield said. "We've been coaching together and friends for 14 years while he has been at Canton, so obviously it's a loss to lose a varsity caliber coach from our staff."

"At the same time it's something John has been aspiring to do for a while (varsity coach) and he's deserving of

such an opportunity. Our entire staff wishes him luck as Salem new varsity baseball coach."

Food drive Friday at PCC

On Friday at Plymouth Cultural Center, anybody who brings a donation of canned food goods or non-perishable items will receive \$1 off admission to the varsity boys hockey game between Salem and Plymouth.

The varsity game will begin at 8:30 p.m. and will be preceded by Plymouth-vs.-Salem alumni and prep (junior varsity level) games.

Franklin hoops tourney

A talent-laden field is set to square off in next week's Livonia Franklin Boys Basketball 2014 Holiday Tournament.

In Monday's opener set to tip off at 5:30 p.m. in the Patriots' gymnasium, Redford Thurston will match up with Salem. In the 7 p.m. nightcap, the host Patriots will take on Walled Lake Western.

The winners of Monday's contests will play Tuesday at 7 p.m. for the championship. The losers of Monday's games will play for third place in Tuesday's 5:30 p.m. game.

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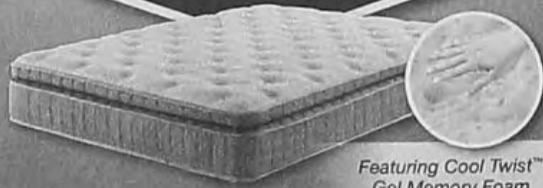
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PREP WRESTLING

Plymouth, Salem strong at tournaments

Wildcats third at Schoenheide Memorial Tournament; Rocks 4-1 at Mott-hosted tourney

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth and Salem's varsity boys wrestling teams each enjoyed success at weekend tournaments.

Coaches for both teams now hope the positive momentum can carry into Saturday's Wayne County Championships at Wyandotte Roosevelt (Plymouth is defending champion).

The Wildcats won the third-place match against Saline 39-31, at the Todd Schoenheide

Memorial Tournament in Northville.

Salem, meanwhile, went 4-1 at the Waterford Mott Dual Meet Tournament, only losing to Livonia Churchill.

"It's always hard to tell where your team is at before the first competition of the year," Plymouth head coach Quinn Guernsey said. "We have stuff we need to work on as a team and you could tell we had a number of first-year starters especially against a very experienced Monroe team."

"But the team rebounded nicely against Saline in the third place match. We've developed a friendly rivalry competing with them at this tournament for the last few years."

The Wildcats went 3-1 in pool play at the Schoenheide tournament, defeating Clarkston's B team (63-12), Dearborn (55-17) and Skyline (72-6) before falling to eventual tournament champion Monroe, 54-21.

Undefeated for Plymouth on the day were Dylan Dwyer, Hussein Youssef and Michael Jordan.

Also performing well were Brandon Harris, Collin Reed, Nourdeen Hussini, Ethan Shulaw and Ricky Burke.

"We have a lot of good leadership on this team and the

guys know what it takes to win," Guernsey added. "We took some good steps today towards accomplishing what we want by the end of the year."

Rocks excel at Mott

Salem also had a promising showing at the Mott tournament.

Co-coach Jeremy Henderson noted that the Rocks received solid performances from freshman Nate Gaubatz (3-2); sophomores Akasheed Rai (3-2), Bruce Haslitt (4-1); juniors Andrew Lindsay (3-2), Roy Foster (4-1), Tyler Moore (4-1); seniors Charlie Woody (4-1), Mitchell Gross (4-1) and Caleb McCabe (5-1).

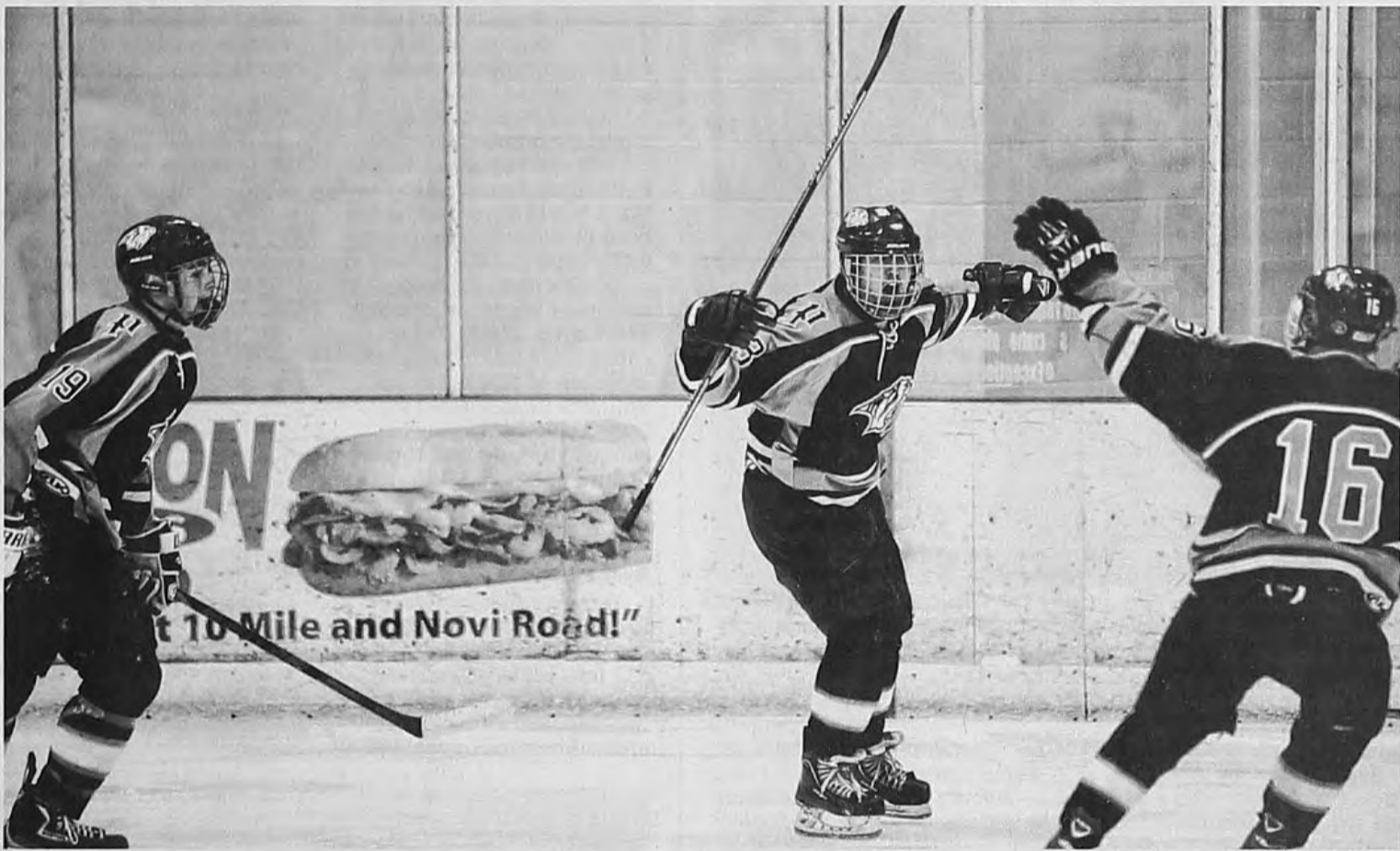
"It was great to see Caleb come through big for us,"

Henderson said. "He was coming off being sick so for him to step up was huge."

"Roy Foster also stepped up, only losing to a very tough Pontiac wrestler. I was also very excited to see good performances from Nate Gaubatz and Charlie Woody. It is guys like those that are going to need to keep stepping up to win important duals and they did."

Henderson added that his team will "have to keep pushing and getting guys in place, but with the right attitude I know this team is capable of anything they want to achieve."

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Plymouth's Simon Nesich (center) celebrates with teammates Andrew Jossey (No. 19) and Josh Smith (No. 16) after scoring Monday night's go-ahead goal against Northville.

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BOYS HOCKEY WRAP

Novi rallies in final period to sink Rocks

Novi proved Saturday afternoon that you keep going until to the final buzzer.

The Wildcats got their first goal with only 15 seconds left in the second period and added three more in the final period to earn a 4-2 KLAA Central Division boys hockey triumph over Salem at the Novi Ice Arena.

Salem took a 1-0 lead in the first period on Liam Walker's goal from Nick Callegari and Dan Sealy and led 2-0 in the second on Matt Schaumberger's goal from Miles Daugherty and Shawn Weldon.

But Novi answered with just 15 seconds left in the second on Brandon Kour's goal from Brendan Wexler and Drake Shepard.

And with just 7:17 left read Hofelich made it 2-all on a power play effort from Nik Tewilliager and Pat Wojtylo followed by Ryan Baxter's game-winner from Brennan Martin and Hofelich with only 1:46 remaining.

"Our special teams play let us down," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "We gave up two power-play goals. Up to this point, our PK had been 100 percent through four games."

The Wildcats added an empty netter by Hofelich from Bryan Fegert and Martin with 33 seconds to go to improve their overall record to 4-4 overall and 2-3 in the KLAA Central.

Novi goaltender Josh Richardson made 11 saves, while Dillon Phillips stopped 42-of-45 shots for Salem (2-2-1, 1-2-1).

"Dillon was a bright spot in net," Ossenmacher said. "He played very well and gave us a chance to win."

FOOD DRIVE FRIDAY: On Friday at Plymouth Cultural Center, anybody who brings a donation of canned food goods or non-perishable items will receive \$1 off admission to Salem's game against Plymouth.

The varsity game begins at 8:30 p.m., to be preceded by Plymouth-vs.-Salem alumni and prep (junior varsity level) games.

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of Plymouth's goals came on the power play, including the tallies less than two minutes apart that turned a 2-1 game into a 4-1 contest.

"It was kind of a weird third period, we didn't see that coming," Robert said. "But you know we've been kind of dancing with the devil as far as taking penalties this year. It finally came back and bit us tonight."

"We've been trying to get that message (to stay out of box) across all year. We've taken way too many penalties. We've been fortunate to only give up two power-play goals up until this game."

The first period ended scoreless, with Northville outshooting Plymouth 7-5. VandenBosch saved his best stop of the frame for the final 10 seconds, moving across his crease to block and cover a one-timer by junior forward Anthony Solack.

Northville enjoyed a pair of power plays early in the second, but again, VandenBosch came up with the goods. He flashed out a leg pad to deny a shot from the right circle by junior forward Kyle Dann.

Plymouth's first power play of the night resulted in Jossey's goal at 7:20, with just seconds remaining on the North-

ville penalty, to make it 1-0.

Jossey snapped a high shot from the top of the left circle into the top-right corner over the catching glove of Northville senior goalie Chance Boutin (11 saves). Setting up the goal was senior defenseman Jake Zaborowski.

"They're a good team," Jossey said. "I just drove the puck hard to the net and got shots. My first one I just shot the puck and it found a hole, the second one I just drove it to the net and it slid under his pad."

Despite outshooting Plymouth again in the second (10-6), the Mustangs could not solve VandenBosch until senior forward O'Connell tipped in a shot taken from the left circle by senior forward Jack Meacham to tie the contest.

Robert was hopeful that O'Connell's goal might lead to better things in the third.

"We had a lot of pressure (the first two periods), we seemed to have a lot of control, a lot of opportunities," Robert noted. "We felt good about popping that one in at the end of the second period because we know they have a nice goaltender."

"Start of the third period we thought we were carrying the play. They had a nice breakout, got one on Chance. We took a couple penalties, couple power-play goals and the next thing you know we're down 4-1."

Just before Plymouth junior forward Alex Bump scored the go-ahead and

game-winning goal at 3:58 of the third, VandenBosch needed to make perhaps his best save of the game.

After a Plymouth player coughed up the puck in his own zone, Meacham unleashed a wrist shot from between the circles that looked headed for the back of the net. Instead, VandenBosch calmly reached out to snag it.

About a minute later, Plymouth junior defenseman Kyle Kozler sent a stretch pass out of his own zone right on the tape of Bump, streaking over Northville's blue line.

Bump, with a Mustang defender draped all over him, managed to cut in on Boutin and slide a backhand home. Also assisting was senior forward Jared Merandi.

Plymouth then went to work on the power play to break the game open.

At 6:16, senior winger Simon Nesich re-directed a point shot by Zaborowski that Boutin had no chance on. Senior forward Josh Smith drew the second assist.

The Wildcats struck again with 7:35 remaining, also on the power play. This time, Jossey walked the puck out of the right corner into the blue paint and jammed it past Boutin.

Capping off the scoring was Merandi at 14:19, finishing off a play started by Jossey.

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WHALERS

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better than we have been. We had lots of energy, we did a lot of good things but enough good things to get the W."

Elland agreed with the assessment that, especially with the avalanche of injuries and suspensions throughout the first half of the season, the Whalers' team confidence seems to noticeably sag at the first sign of trouble late in a contest.

"You could see it when the goal that made it 2-1, you could see just the (team's) whole body language," Elland said. "And as a coach you try to not let that happen, you try to keep them steady."

"... With what's been going on, we haven't been getting results, so once something bad happens naturally it (doubt) starts to creep in. Especially late in a game."

Bertuzzi proved to be the thorn in Plymouth's side as he almost single-handedly turned the game around in Guelph's favor.

Things looked rosy for the Whalers and the 2,014 fans in attendance when Scognami-



Guelph's Tyler Bertuzzi (No. 17) tests Plymouth goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (No. 39) during Saturday's OHL game at Compuware Arena.

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glio one-timed a centering feed from Liam Dunda past Guelph goalie Justin Nichols at 5:23 of the third period, putting the Whalers up 2-0.

Then came Bertuzzi, who snapped a low shot from the right faceoff circle that beat Nedeljkovic through the 5-hole at 9:17.

That gave the Storm (19-10-0-1) life, trailing just 2-1 and starting to heat up offensively.

Tough to stop

Sure enough, Bertuzzi scored again with 6:43 left to

tie the game at 2-2.

Bertuzzi took a pass from Leslie, cut in between the circles, spun and beat Nedeljkovic (32 saves) with another low shot for his 19th of the season.

"He's a good player, no question about it," said Elland, about Bertuzzi (the nephew of former Wing Todd Bertuzzi and a 2013 draft pick of Detroit). "He plays hard, he plays the right way. He's going to be a good pro, you can see it."

"He's got a lot of experience, they've played in a lot of

big games, that team."

Nedeljkovic, who nearly faced as many shots in the third period (15) as he had over the first 40 minutes (17), came up big late in the third to at least get the Whalers to overtime and thus garner a point in the standings.

Luke Cairns cut in on a 2-on-1 rush only to be thwarted by Nedeljkovic's stick save.

For much of overtime, it looked as though a shootout was looming. Of course, Bertuzzi then sent a pass to Leslie along the right half-wall, and the defenseman did the rest for the game-winning marker.

Opening salvo

Plymouth outshot Guelph 15-10 in the first period and cracked the scoreless tie at 9:42 of the middle stanza with a power-play tally.

Victor Crus Rydberg, only in his second game back after a long absence due to injury, threaded the puck over to Milano in the left circle.

The Columbus Blue Jackets prospect then took advantage of a screen set up in front by Connor Sills and roofed a shot over Nichols' right shoulder.

Despite the loss, Plymouth's overall defensive game looked

steadier, and some of the credit for that belonged to Callaghan — who was acquired last week from Saginaw.

"He's a great pickup for us, he's going to really help us," said Elland, about Callaghan. "And once we get Chinner (Gianluca Curcuruto) back that will give us another overage guy and we'll be fine."

"We just got to get through this next little bit, keep playing hard."

According to Callaghan, who tested Nichols a couple times with a heavy slapshot, his first game with the Whalers at home was something to build on.

Steady on D

Callaghan said he intends to be a steadying force for the younger defensemen on the squad, which must be good news to Elland's ears.

"My role here is stay-at-home defenseman, try and help contribute on the offense a little bit if I can," Callaghan added. "But just sort of a physical presence out there and stick up for my guys."

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SCHOOLCRAFT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Defense lifts Lady Ocelots to victory

Schoolcraft dominates Edison with total team effort, 82-38

By Tim Smith
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From Saturday afternoon's opening tip, Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team was in the zone against Edison Community College.

The Lady Ocelots were strong with their zone defense against the Chargers and also figured things out against Edison's version of zone D en route to a convincing 82-38 non-conference win.

Schoolcraft improved to 8-4 overall while the Ohio-based Chargers remained winless at 0-8.

"We played well. I think a lot of it came from our defense right off the bat," Lady Ocelots head coach Kara Kinzer said. "We played good team defense. I'm trying to get them to play more zone defense; I'm happy with the way we played that."

"And we've actually had trouble playing zone offense (against) teams, that's what they were playing us. We actually moved the ball a lot better than we have been."

Schoolcraft, which led 40-15 at halftime, was led by freshman guard and Wayne Memorial alum Ashley Bland, who scored 27 points.

"She really played well, she pushed the ball offensively," said Kinzer, about Bland.

"That's how we got our lead, that's what I was asking her to do. She was getting her hands up and getting tips on the ball defensively."

Also in double figures for the Lady Ocelots were three other freshmen guards — T'era Nesbitt (16 points), Birmingham Seaholm alum Elise Tolbert (10 points) and Iayana Tucker (11 points).

Schoolcraft out-rebounded Edison 53-35 and tallied 16 steals, five by Nesbitt.

With about six minutes left in the second half, sophomore guard Jessica Parry and Tolbert connected on treys to put



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Schoolcraft freshman Elise Tolbert (No. 23), a Birmingham Seaholm alum, is starting to find her stride with the Lady Ocelots — along with many of her young teammates.

Schoolcraft up 71-32.

Then, down the stretch, Tucker took over with a 3-ball and two nifty layups.

All 10 players on the Schoolcraft roster saw action and all but freshman guard/forward Rikki Scherdt got on the scoresheet. But Scherdt still played a key role, leading the team with 10 rebounds (nine on the defensive glass). Tolbert also was strong, with nine boards.

"It's been pretty good, it's been really fun," said Tolbert, asked about making the transition from prep to college basketball. "And it's just more

fast paced, so you just have to work harder."

Tolbert added that the team is starting to jell, with excellent chemistry and work ethic.

That is something that Kinzer is happy to see, especially with the MCCA schedule just around the corner in January.

"I'm excited for what's going to happen in conference play," Kinzer said. "We've played some really good teams (in non-conference action) and I'm excited to see what we can do."

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SCHOOLCRAFT MENS BASKETBALL

Ocelots grind out tough win

Fatigue, injuries put toll on Schoolcraft cagers

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College's primarily freshman roster is learning a thing or two about the grind of junior college basketball, and Saturday's 80-72 win over visiting Edison Community College demonstrated an example why.

According to Ocelots men's basketball coach Abe Mashhour, his squad battled fatigue and injuries against the Chargers — yet still found the resolve to emerge victorious in the non-conference matchup.

"They (Chargers) play hard, they're a very resilient group, they played for 40 minutes," Mashhour said. "We just didn't really have it from the beginning, we didn't have our same energy and focus we've had during the year."

"I don't know if it's the culmination of finals and it just being a long week for them academically, and we had a road game Wednesday. When you only play seven guys in a game the legs start to take a toll."

Schoolcraft (9-2) was without freshman forward and Canton alum Davon Taylor, who sat out with what Mashhour called bursitis of the left knee.

Later in the contest, freshman forward Anthony Wartley-Fritz — who scored 14 of his 16 points in the first half — left with a mild concussion after taking an accidental hand to the face.

Shorthanded

"We're tired and a little beat up too, we have some injuries," Mashhour said. "Obviously we were a little shorthanded today without Davon Taylor."

Perhaps the fatigue factor

resulted in Schoolcraft players throwing up too many ill-advised treys.

They didn't connect on many of those attempts (7-28, 25 percent), but one player who did have long-range success was freshman guard Ja'Christian Biles. He nailed four of nine attempts from beyond the 3-point arc and led the Ocelots with 20 points.

Other Schoolcraft players in double figures included freshman guard Lito Booth (14 points), freshman guard and Howell product Tyler Johnson (11 points) and freshman forward Marcus Williams (10 points).

The Ocelots out-rebounded Edison 40-37, with freshman guard Dre Black (Westland John Glenn), Johnson and Williams each pulling down six boards.

One Edison player the Ocelots could not slow down was forward Malik Thurman, who scored 27 points, including 15 in the second half when the Chargers (4-5) tried to rally from a 46-35 halftime deficit.

A big Schoolcraft run helped put that 11-point halftime lead together.

The Ocelots trailed early, 17-13, and went on an 11-0 surge to go up 24-17 with nine minutes left in the first half.

Putting Schoolcraft up 19-17 was Booth, with a steal and fast-break layup. Following up with a trey from the left wing was Biles and Biles finished an alley-oop pass from Booth for an easy bucket.

Edison hung in there thanks to a pair of triples by sophomore forward Cody May (15 points), which sliced Schoolcraft's lead to 34-27.

Johnson's trey from the left wing and a finger roll by Williams helped Schoolcraft maintain a double-digit advantage at the break.

Holding serve

After the intermission, Johnson's jumper from the free-throw line opened up a 56-39 Schoolcraft edge with about 16 minutes left in regulation.

But that's when Thurman started to dominate around the Ocelots' basket.

Thurman made five field goals over a five-minute span, to help the Chargers remain somewhat close at 64-52 with 11 minutes to play.

Whenever Edison made a run, it seemed as though the Ocelots were able to answer. Williams drained a trey from beyond the top of the 3-point arc to pad Schoolcraft's lead to 69-54 midway through the second half.

Down the stretch, the Chargers took advantage of Schoolcraft's tiring players and got to within six (78-72) with two minutes remaining following a layup-and-one by Thurman.

That's as close as Edison would get. Mashhour said he was hopeful that a lighter schedule the rest of December, coupled with some reinforcements, might give his team the boost it needs as 2015 draws near.

Both Taylor and Wartley-Fritz hopefully won't miss much action; both likely will be out for Wednesday's game at Grand Rapids. And then, after Saturday's home game against Owens, the Ocelots will be idle until Jan. 3.

The team also plans on welcoming back sophomore guard Aveon Simmons and freshman forward Anthony Speights, who haven't played yet this season due to academic reasons.

"It's just a matter of how many minutes their legs can stand at this time," he said. "We've hit a little bit of a rut."

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CHIEFS

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Coming up clutch

It was Williams who directed traffic for the Chiefs, coming up with the big shots and crucial plays that swung the momentum. For example, Novi led 6-3 midway through the first when Williams drained a trey from beyond the top of the arc to knot the game at 6-all.

The Chiefs led 12-11 after one quarter and did not relinquish the advantage until Ozeir connected on a trey with 40 seconds to go in the first half, putting the Wildcats up 23-22 at the intermission.

Doing his thing once again at the start of the third quarter was Williams, with two key jumpers, helping Canton to tie Novi 27-27 with 4:21 remaining in the frame.

"Greg has a great feel for the game, his IQ is high," Reddy said. "He's got a lot of experience which our team as a whole does not. So he knows and senses when he needs to take over."

Layups by Ryan and junior guard Hamoudy Turfe helped Canton open up a 33-29 lead in the final minute of the third, but Ozeir scored at the horn to make it a two-point difference (33-31).

Ozeir's putback in the first minute of the fourth made it 33-33, after which Reddy called a timeout. The Chiefs came out of that break and Williams immediately was fouled on a triple try. He canned all three free throws to put Canton up 36-33 and the Chiefs maintained their lead the rest of the contest.

Key stretch

A big stretch by Ryan helped open up a relatively comfortable lead (43-37) with 5:21 left. He sank a short jumper from the right corner, then blocked a field goal try at the other end by Hanker-

son. Down the floor the teams went, and Ryan buried a 3-ball from the right flank.

The closest Novi would get after that was 49-44 with 1:45 to go, on a trey by Ozeir.

"We kind of came out flat after the big win on Friday (against Detroit Country Day), but we picked it up eventually," Williams said. "They guarded pretty hard and didn't let us catch (the ball) a lot, they were up in our face."

"We just let the game come to us and we finished strong."

Reddy said he isn't concerned about the lack of balanced scoring so far this season.

"It's early and key people are still trying to find their way and their roles on this team," Reddy stressed. "I think Obi can score for us, he had 12 last week against Country Day."

"Obi can step up and score, Jalen can score for us. I think it's not going to be the same guys every night, but obviously Greg and Logan are going to be our offensive horses."

PLYMOUTH 69, S.L. EAST 48: The host Wildcats put on the offensive heat all night long and rolled to this Kensington Conference crossover victory over South Lyon East.

Josh Reynolds (22 points, 11 rebounds), Brent Davis (14 points), Randall Atkins (14 points) and Pete Carravallah (nine points, seven rebounds) had strong games for Plymouth (3-0 overall).

"It was a great all-around effort by our group," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said. "We really got after it, our pressure was very good against them."

South Lyon East dropped to 1-2 with the loss. **SALEM 50, WAYNE 46:** In a Tuesday Kensington Conference crossover, visiting Salem knocked off Wayne Memorial to improve to 1-1 on the season.

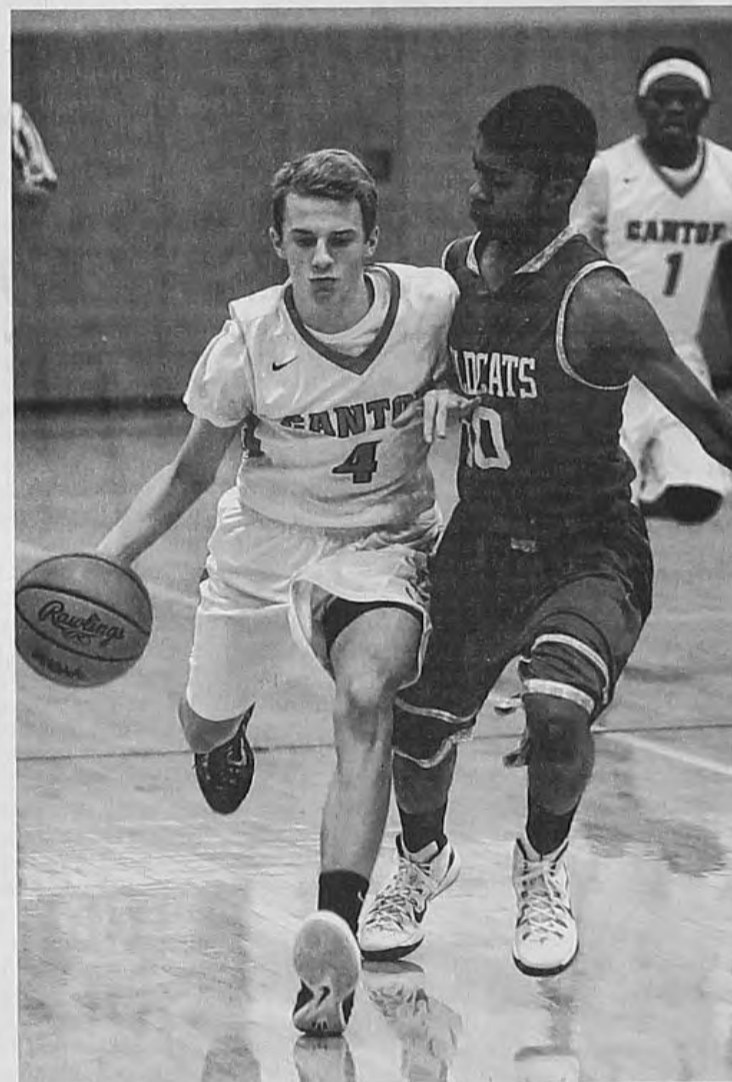
Tyler Brooks (13 points, 10 rebounds), Jakob Lenders (10 points) and Jon Swift (9 points) led the way for the Rocks, who host Westland John Glenn 7 p.m. Thursday.

CANTON 54, COUNTRY DAY 49: The start of the 2014-15 varsity boys basketball season is going about as well as possible for the Chiefs, who visited Detroit Country Day Friday night and prevailed 54-49.

Once again, senior guard Greg Williams was the top gun for Canton (2-0), scoring 21 points. He tallied 26 in the Chiefs' opener, a victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Canton's attack also featured 12 points and seven rebounds from Obi Okoli and 11 points and six boards from Logan Ryan. Canton took a 20-8 lead after the first quarter and maintained a 28-16 edge at halftime.

Country Day (1-1) chipped away to close the gap to 37-30 after three frames, but could not finish off a comeback in the fourth.



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Getting a step on Novi defender Tony Asimadu (No. 10, right) is Canton senior guard Nick Wendel (No. 4).

DEFENSE

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and baskets."

Plymouth iced the victory in the fourth, outscoring East by a 14-6 margin.

Meanwhile, Bird could not bring her team back, she finished with just 11 points.

Brandon said the victory was a bit of a relief, because the Cougars have "always been a tough matchup for us. They put so much pressure on a defense and they have an outstanding player in Gabi Bird, who is the third Division I player we've seen in three games."

Helping to wake Plymouth from a sluggish start was Badger, who made the most of her opportunity to make an impact.

"She (Badger) went into the game in the second quarter because we had a little bit of foul trouble and she hit just a huge three-pointer that got us going offensively," Brandon noted. "It was a big shot and we really needed it and she stepped up and made one."

Plymouth will look to

make it two straight wins Thursday, when the Wildcats host South Lyon.

SALEM 80, WAYNE 5: Freshman Lasha Petree scored 16 points for the visiting Rocks, while Shara Long (13 points), Zoe Talley (11 points) and Leah Moss (10 points) all contributed to the blowout victory Tuesday.

CANTON 39, NOVI 26: Visiting Canton shut down the Wildcats Tuesday night, for new coach Kevin Palmer's first win after two losses.

Scoring 14 points for Canton was Alana Brown, while Erin Hull and Natalie Winters added 13 and eight, respectively.

"The girls played really well, really cleaned up the turnovers on the offensive end," Palmer said. "We had a really strong defensive showing."

PCA 38, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 15: Plymouth Christian Academy opened conference play Monday night with this victory over Southfield Christian.

Leading the way for the Eagles (3-2, 1-0) was sophomore Aliyah Pries, with 11 points and nine rebounds.

Chipping in with eight points and five steals was Robin Albert, while Lydia Chapel scored five and pulled down four boards.

"Our starting guards did a great job of pressuring the ball and stepping into passing lanes," PCA head coach Rod Windle said. "They combined for 18 steals."

Rachel Witkowski tallied eight steals while Raina Postma helped with four points and six assists. Registering four rebounds was Danielle Witkowski.

OUR LADY OF LAKES 50, PCA 20: After trailing 16-8 at half time, Plymouth Christian Academy was unable to withstand the pressure and outside shooting of Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, as the Eagles were routed in a MIAC contest.

Senior Alex Troy and freshman Tiffany Senieris each scored 16 to lead the Lakers (3-2) with Senieris connecting on four of her team's eight treys.

PCA freshman Robin Albert scored six points for the Eagles (2-2). "We threw the ball away far too many times to be competitive against most teams," PCA head girls basketball coach Rod Windle said. "If we want to get back to regional finals we will need to take care of the ball."

Home Builders Association lauds Michigan's top industry leaders



Paul Aragona



Thomas M. Walsh

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (HBA) announced its 2014 Industry Leadership Award honorees. Awards were presented on Dec. 3 at the association's Awards Night and Holiday Celebration held at The Diamond Center at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Nearly 300 members and guests attended the event, a clear indication that the economy has improved for local builders, land developers, remodelers and suppliers to the home construction industry.

"These individuals and companies are pillars of the regional home building industry. Their accomplishments are making a positive impact on our industry and enhancing our communities," said Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the HBA. "It is our honor to acknowledge them."

Award honorees include:
2014 HBA President - Paul Aragona, Aragona Properties
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Builder of the Year - Frank Mocerri, Mocerri Custom Homes

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Developer of the Year - Dominic J. Mocerri, Mocerri Companies

Development of the Year - Pinnacle in Oakland Township by Mocerri

Samuel Kreis Award For Distinguished Service To The Building Industry - Dennis P. Dickstein, Real Estate One

Distinguished Service To The Housing Industry - Arthur Szlitter, in memoriam, Artega Homes

Distinguished Service To Government - U.S. Rep. Candice Miller

Thomas Ricketts Award To The Region's Outstanding Building Official - Thomas M. Walsh, City of Novi

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Recognition Award: Design of a Public Memorial - Michael J. Gordon, RA, Moiseev/Gordon Associates

New Home Sales Professional of the Year - Grace Evola, MJC Companies

New Home Sales Manager of the Year - Frank Munaco, MJC Companies

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (HBA) and the Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) are trade associations representing 800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

Check law, warranties on solar panel installation

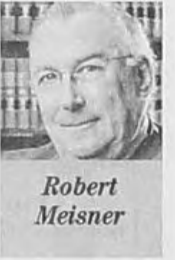
Q: I live in a subdivision and I want to consider setting up solar panels on my property. The subdivision restrictions say that I need to get permission from the association. What do you think I should do for starters?

A: First, you should check your local laws, including your municipal ordinances, regarding the installation of solar panels. Second, you should review your association's architectural guidelines and determine what kind of approval you need to get from the association. Third, you should insure that your property is protected during the installation with adequate warranties given by the installer once you get approval. Fourth, make sure you work with your roofing company to maintain the warranty that may be in place; and, fifth, see if there is any state requirement regarding solar rights. Michigan does not have solar rights provisions and does not specifically discuss these issues in regard to community associations, or, for that matter, individuals.

Q: We have a large community run by our cooperative and there are some social clubs in the community. I am on the board of the cooperative and am somewhat concerned about there being some confusion about potential liability for the social clubs. Do you have any suggestions?

A: It is important to make and record a clear distinction between any social club and the cooperative. You need to be able to show that the clubs in your community are not sponsored by the cooperative or operated by it. The cooperative needs to be able to show a separation of operations and finances. Ideally, to minimize a cooperative's liability, the club should become properly incorporated as its own entity, adopt its own bylaws, maintain separate financial records and add separate bank accounts, and the cooperative should require yearly documentation regarding the independence of that club from that of the cooperative, including the club's legal name, current bylaws, membership lists, insurance, licenses, proposed activities, and an annual certification by the club acknowledging compliance with all legal and tax requirements.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com.



Robert Meisner

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales seminars held locally

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Such sessions are held locally for homeowners.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional

information.

Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update.

Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-II, near Trenton Road.

If you have any questions

or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Seminar held locally each Tuesday, Thursday

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations throughout the metropolitan region.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96 in Livonia. Email Georgia@addedvalue-realty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Send Real Estate Briefs to Julie Brown, presentation editor/Real Estate editor, at jcbrown@hometownlife.com or 29725 Hudson Drive, Novi, MI 48377. Items run on a space available basis on the Real Estate page. Publication is not guaranteed.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 25-29, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

42544 Beechwood Dr	\$199,000
43135 Calais Ct	\$230,000
1588 Centennial Dr	\$470,000
43805 Cherry Grove Ct E	\$182,000
300 Cherry Stone Dr	\$138,000
42745 Colling Dr	\$205,000
382 Constitution St	\$190,000
8165 Endicott Ln	\$640,000
44638 Fair Oaks Dr	\$228,000
4333 Forest Bridge Dr	\$273,000
4407 Forest Bridge Dr	\$236,000
43449 Fredericksburg St	\$162,000
1676 Glenshire Dr	\$218,000
42317 Gloria Dr	\$145,000
47924 Jake Ln	\$427,000
46530 Killarney Cir	\$250,000
47443 Madison Rd	\$390,000
8122 Newbury Ct S	\$640,000
44321 Nowland Dr	\$260,000
47488 Pembroke Dr	\$143,000
41569 Singh Dr	\$345,000
42658 Somerset Dr	\$180,000
3319 Wall St	\$287,000
48578 Wildrose Dr	\$325,000
1232 Wildwood Ln	\$219,000
6350 Winter Dr	\$210,000

GARDEN CITY

225 Arcola St	\$90,000
6724 Elizabeth St	\$110,000
LIVONIA	
15221 Adams Ct	\$167,000
33117 Allen St	\$170,000
9537 Arcola St	\$126,000
9904 Auburndale St	\$160,000
29559 Barkley St	\$141,000
27668 Bennett St	\$155,000
14906 Brookfield St	\$190,000
17590 Dolores St	\$40,000
35810 Dover St	\$166,000
37486 Eagle Dr	\$273,000
28251 Five Mile Rd	\$40,000
11038 Flamingo St	\$131,000
9622 Garden St	\$141,000
28932 Grandon St	\$142,000
9023 Laurel St	\$148,000
15595 Liverpool St	\$224,000
10000 Loveland St	\$163,000
39174 Lyndon St	\$170,000
16545 Middlebelt Rd	\$43,000
9997 Millburn St	\$137,000
17782 Parklane St	\$252,000
29229 Perth St	\$170,000
29602 Ravine Dr	\$166,000
9907 Roseland St	\$58,000
31408 Scone St	\$170,000
29173 Westfield St	\$134,000
NORTHVILLE	
16738 Abby Cir	\$400,000
40477 Beechwood Ct	\$423,000
40687 Delta Dr	\$369,000
39446 Edgewater Dr	\$260,000
17217 Fairfield Ct	\$450,000

19851 Fry Rd	\$225,000
39716 Golfview Dr	\$523,000
39580 Muirfield Ln	\$300,000
16748 Old Bedford Rd	\$380,000
46600 Pinehurst Cir	\$661,000
48740 Running Trout Ln	\$485,000
42653 Savoy Ct	\$125,000
42672 Steepleview St	\$309,000
17405 Victor Dr	\$435,000
16093 Weatherfield Dr	\$339,000
44433 White Pine Cir E	\$635,000
PLYMOUTH	
46260 Barrington Rd	\$286,000
607 Burroughs St	\$374,000
13500 Cambridge Ct	\$323,000
41244 Crestwood Dr	\$220,000
243 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$125,000
40145 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$150,000
40777 Five Mile Rd	\$158,000
49964 Fuller Ct	\$539,000
420 Irvin St	\$389,000
9073 Mayflower Dr	\$246,000
40104 Newport Dr	\$106,000
9095 Northern Ave	\$166,000
42253 Old Pond Cir	\$129,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$60,000
1066 Sutherland St	\$213,000
12403 Woodgate Dr	\$126,000
REDFORD	
15567 Chelsea	\$45,000
9035 Columbia	\$82,000
9647 Columbia	\$25,000
12890 Columbia	\$60,000
18291 Delaware Ave	\$38,000
26242 Elba	\$121,000

15634 Fox	\$68,000
13521 Garfield	\$43,000
18870 Glenmore	\$37,000
19341 Kinloch	\$113,000
19404 Wakenden	\$23,000
12916 Wormer	\$42,000
WAYNE	
34032 Winslow St	\$34,000
WESTLAND	
1116 Abbey Ct	\$160,000
1620 Ackley Ave	\$92,000
1943 Ackley Ave	\$24,000
1627 Ashby St	\$85,000
889 Autumn Ridge Dr	\$173,000
34759 Block	\$143,000
157 Carson Dr	\$105,000
31239 Cooley Blvd	\$127,000
6531 Deerhurst Dr	\$110,000
1155 Easley Dr	\$115,000
36260 Farragut Ave	\$54,000
37548 Lang Ct	\$122,000
8537 N Hubbard St	\$143,000
7668 Ritz Ave	\$129,000
7812 Rivergate Dr	\$85,000
690 Superior Pkwy	\$104,000
35551 Thames St	\$84,000
312 Van Sull St	\$110,000
817 Van Sull St	\$75,000
7881 Whispering Willow	\$130,000
1954 Wilshire St	\$120,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 4-8, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

18604 Devonshire St	\$300,000
22940 Nottingham Dr	\$576,000
18201 Saxon Dr	\$348,000
31829 Sheridan Dr	\$265,000
BIRMINGHAM	
550 Chester St	\$980,000
615 Chester St	\$1,040,000
444 Chester St Unit 7	\$137,000
932 Davis Ave	\$239,000
1225 Derby Rd # 8	\$106,000
2010 Hazel St	\$495,000
713 Maple Hill Ln	\$485,000
727 Maple Hill Ln	\$495,000
757 N Old Woodward Ave	\$217,000
450 Oak Ave # 100	\$152,000
660 Smith Ave	\$575,000
863 Southfield Rd	\$720,000
1823 Southfield Rd	\$180,000
111 Willits St Unit 38	\$750,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1979 Lakewind Dr	\$205,000
7152 Glengrove Dr	\$387,000
534 Hunters Xing	\$765,000
741 Ivy Ln	\$248,000
7029 Lindenmere Dr	\$438,000
1745 Triverton Rd	\$168,000
850 Trailwood Path # D	\$130,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
5731 Burnham Rd	\$238,000

6645 Cathedral Dr	\$300,000
950 Charrington Rd	\$500,000
2447 Devonshire Rd	\$285,000
468 Fox Hills Dr S	\$71,000
4857 Keithdale Ln	\$505,000
1301 Knollcrest Cir	\$218,000
3845 Oakland Dr	\$470,000
6856 Sandalwood Dr	\$255,000
328 Wadsworth Ln	\$358,000
1889 Wingate Rd	\$288,000
275 Yarmouth Rd	\$1,638,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
2293 Brigantine	\$75,000
2989 Gabriel Dr	\$130,000
5450 Huron Hills Dr	\$378,000
530 Muskoka	\$96,000
5690 Pickbourne St	\$42,000
5675 Strawberry Cir	\$60,000
1680 Trace Hollow Dr	\$307,000
421 Whippoorwill Way	\$158,000
FARMINGTON	
36847 Brittany Hill Dr	\$232,000
36996 Brittany Hill Dr	\$252,000
32037 Leelane	\$158,000
22780 Maple Ave	\$100,000
22930 Maple Ave	\$205,000
33254 Tall Oaks Ct	\$190,000
23016 Warner St	\$170,000
23081 Warner St	\$157,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
27920 Berrywood Ln	\$53,000
28021 Brandywine Rd	\$190,000
32425 Dohany Dr	\$280,000
29270 Glen Oaks Blvd W	\$125,000
28401 Green Willow St	\$215,000
32979 Hargrove Ct	\$295,000
23940 Haynes St	\$263,000

32236 Hearthstone Rd	\$155,000
33633 Heirloom Cir	\$70,000
22955 Inkster Rd	\$215,000
21435 Jefferson St	\$92,000
21975 Leyte St	\$170,000
30772 Ramblewood Club Dr	\$240,000
30166 S Stockton Dr	\$130,000
22448 Springbrook Ave	\$111,000
30400 W 11 Mile Rd	\$185,000
29830 W 12 Mile Rd # 305	\$50,000
24152 Watercrest Ct	\$260,000
21702 Wheeler St	\$160,000
27207 Winterset Cir	\$291,000
HIGHLAND	
1181 Charlick Dr	\$200,000
3132 Donna Dr	\$267,000
2940 Giddings Blvd	\$61,000
2791 Golfers Dr	\$115,000
3791 Heritage Farms Dr	\$198,000
4126 Strathcona	\$85,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
17567 Avilla Blvd	\$140,000
17635 Glenwood Blvd	\$129,000
27333 Goldengate Dr W	\$155,000
27410 Lathrup Blvd	\$195,000
18890 San Quentin Dr	\$249,000
MILFORD	
660 Bellevue	\$220,000
1779 Bristol Dr	\$514,000
1795 Brookbury Dr	\$530,000
141 Cottage Ln	\$36,000
1799 N Labadie	\$173,000
1281 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$323,000
NORTHVILLE	
21080 Boulder Cir	\$160,000

38720 Cheshire Dr	\$377,000
38238 Connaught Dr	\$447,000
21330 E Glen Haven Cir	\$132,000
1008 McDonald Dr	\$600,000
NOVI	
50915 Almafai Ct	\$525,000
23783 Argyle St	\$540,000
43304 Ashbury Dr	\$325,000
45215 Bartlett Dr	\$460,000
41399 Beacon Rd	\$343,000
27540 Belgrave Pl	\$284,000
50616 Billena Dr	\$615,000
28071 Carlton Way Dr	\$210,000
28259 Carlton Way Dr	\$193,000
22054 Cascade Dr	\$280,000
22649 Cranbrooke Dr	\$123,000
41609 Cummings Ln	\$335,000
23465 Danberry Ln	\$55,000
51272 E Bourne Ter	\$290,000
51296 E Bourne Ter	\$264,000
23984 Forest Park Dr E	\$236,000
44708 Gwinnett Loop	\$143,000
22444 Havergale St	\$370,000
45751 Irvine Dr	\$415,000
41685 Magnolia Ct	\$190,000
41262 Marks Dr	\$305,000
23109 Meadowbrook Rd	\$283,000
41488 Mitchell Rd	\$215,000
41492 Mitchell Rd	\$203,000
41504 Mitchell Rd	\$209,000
41574 Mitchell Rd	\$243,000
41578 Mitchell Rd	\$227,000
41582 Mitchell Rd	\$226,000
24825 Olde Orchard St	\$78,000
22449 Paddington Ct	\$525,000
42262 Park Ridge Rd	\$230,000
22172 Picadilly Cir	\$437,000

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RELIGION CALENDAR

DECEMBER BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, 2-10. Santa Claus will visit

Contact: 734-425-4421

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 24 and 9:30 a.m. Dec. 25
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Family service on Christmas Eve; free gifts for children and visitors

Contact: 734-968-3523

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, 18200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Holy Land Christmas Concerts includes carols and hymns

Contact: 734-422-0010; saintmarylivonia

LIVING NATIVITY

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 20-21

Location: Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: In addition to the stable scene set up on the church lawn, carolers will sing and refreshments will be served

Contact: 734-464-6722

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 31

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Worship service

Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

JANUARY FITNESS CLASSES

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m., Monday, Jan. 12-March 30
Location: St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: John Mason, a certified personal fitness trainer, teaches this 10-week class that includes yoga-oriented flexibility moves, stretching, strength training and abdominal and back exercises. Cost is \$70, with a portion of proceeds going to the church

Contact: 734-455-5910

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiwawasse, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all who hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidecho-

g.org; or email to adm@firesidehog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: 248-559-7722; www.ooa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.

Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday service

Location: 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills

Contact: pastor Terry Miller at tshelton@mi.rr.com; 248-478-6520

Congregation Bet Chaverim

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month

Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore

Contact: www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

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BRIMHALL, Leland M.

Age 83, of Novi, died December 14, 2014. Leland is the loving father of Susan Suomi, Marilee Cullen, Wanda Brimhall, Angela (Daniel) Clingan, and Jon Brimhall (d. 2007). Beloved grandfather of 13 and several great-grandchildren. Leland will be privately interred at Rozetta Cemetery in Henderson County, Illinois. heeneysundquist.com
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GRAVES, JOANN LUTRINGER

Age 73, died on December 10, 2014 at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital surrounded by her family. She was born in Jamaica, New York, and grew up in New Canaan, Connecticut. She received her master's in math from Marymount College in Tarrytown, N.Y., and spent many years teaching in France. Joann met and later married James Graves in July 12, 1969. They raised their family in Farmington Hills, Michigan, and in June 2013, moved up to Boyne City to enjoy the beauty of Northern Michigan. Joann is survived by her husband, James; daughters, Suzanne (Graves) Millican of Grosse Pointe Woods and Pamela Graves of Boyne City; and three grandchildren, Tony, Kathrine and Elizabeth Millican. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, a donation to the American Cancer Society. A memorial service took place at 9 a.m. on Thursday, December 11, at the First Presbyterian Church in Harbor Springs, with another memorial service planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, December 20, at St. Alexander's Church in Farmington Hills.



HEILMANN, GERHARD MAX

Died peacefully in his sleep on December 11, 2014 surrounded by his family in Gardendale Alabama. Max as he was known to his friends and family was born on January 29, 1914 in Berlin Germany and immigrated to the United States in December 1960 making his home in Livonia MI with his wife Ruth. He enjoyed the outdoors, camping and his beloved garden. Max and Ruth traveled the world after his retirement from Detroit Diesel making trips to Europe, the Panama Canal and the Caribbean. He is survived by his wife, his children Michael (Maureen), Andrew (Annette) and Dorothy Obara. He was very proud of his six grandchildren Lindsay, Dana, Hans, "The Girl" Tori, Grace and Grant who called him "Opa". Max is at rest and his family will have a memorial service in Hollywood, Florida on December 27, 2014. Donations may be made in his honor at the National Parkinson Foundation, www.parkinson.org on his honor page.



JOHNSON, BETTY

December 12, 2014, age 105 (and ¼), of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Bill. Loving mother of Sharlene Finnegan, Pat Rucker, Jim Johnson and the late Ron Johnson. Betty is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson. Betty and Bill moved to Plymouth in 1939, raised their family here and retired to Traverse City in 1971. Bill passed away at the Plymouth Medilodge Nursing Home in 2003. Betty was a very active lady who enjoyed crocheting, sewing, gardening, and spending time with friends and family. She will always be remembered for her kindness and giving spirit. The family will gather with friends to celebrate her life on Thursday, December 18 from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Star Manor Nursing Home-Activity Department, 520 W. Main Northville, MI 48167. To share a memory, please visit Vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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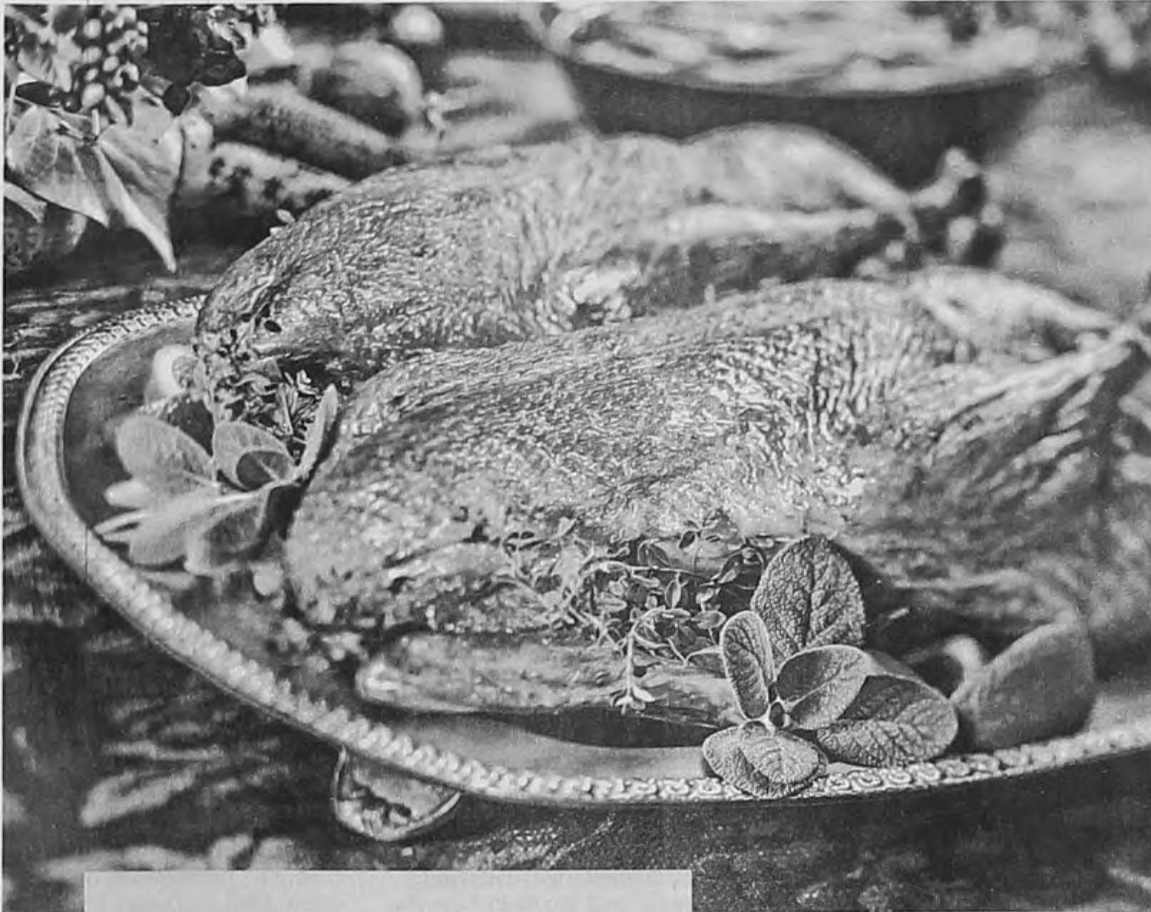
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CRISPY ROAST DUCK WITH GIBLET GRAVY

Servings: 8

2 whole ducks (5 pounds each), thawed if frozen
2 cups chicken broth
1 cup water
1 onion, unpeeled and quartered
2 large carrots, cut into ½-inch chunks
2 small sprigs fresh sage
1 large bay leaf
1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
½ teaspoon black peppercorns
¼ cup dry vermouth or dry white wine
¼ cup all-purpose flour
Salt and pepper, to taste

Remove giblets and orange sauce packets from ducks and reserve for another use. Rinse ducks; pat dry with paper towels. Place breast sides up on rack in large shallow roasting pan. Roast according to package directions. Place remaining duck giblets and necks in large saucepan. Add broth, water, onion, carrots, sage sprigs, bay leaf, thyme and peppercorns. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat; simmer gently uncovered 1 hour. Strain broth; set aside giblets and discard remaining solids. If broth measures less than 2 cups add water to equal 2 cups.

Remove roast ducks from oven and transfer to rack of broiler pan. Preheat broiler. Pour off and reserve drippings from roasting pan. Add vermouth to pan and cook over medium high heat, stirring constantly with wooden spoon, until mixture is reduced by about half, 2–3 minutes.

Spoon off ¼ cup fat from reserved drippings; transfer to medium saucepan. Add flour; cook, stirring constantly, over medium heat 1 minute. Add 2 cups strained duck broth and wine mixture to saucepan. Add drippings to saucepan. Cook, stirring frequently, until gravy thickens. Chop reserved giblets and add to gravy. Simmer 3 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Broil ducks 5–6 inches from heat source until skin is well browned and crispy, 6–8 minutes. Cut each duck into quarters and transfer to serving plates. Pass gravy separately. Garnish with sage sprigs, if desired. For more recipes, visit www.mapleleafarms.com.

BROWN SUGAR PECAN PIE

Prep time: 35 minutes
Chill time: 1 1/2 hours or overnight
Bake time: 15–20 minutes
Cook time: 40–45 minutes
Servings: 8

Crust:
1 cup all-purpose flour
½ cup (2 ounces) ground pecans
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup vegetable shortening, cold
1 egg yolk
3–4 tablespoons ice water, divided
2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice

Filling:
3 eggs
1 cup packed dark brown sugar
½ cup sugar
½ cup butter, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup pecan halves

To make crust, mix flour, nuts and salt in large bowl. Cut in shortening with pastry blender until pieces are size of small peas. Mix egg yolk, 3 tablespoons ice water and lemon juice in small bowl. Add to flour mixture, 1 tablespoon at a time, stirring lightly and tossing with fork until moistened and dough just holds together. Add remaining ice water, if needed. Gather dough and shape into 1-inch-thick disk.

Refrigerate, wrapped in plastic wrap, 1 hour or overnight. Heat oven to 425°F. Roll out dough on lightly floured surface, rolling from center to edge, to form 12-inch circle. Fold into quarters; ease and unfold into 9-inch pie plate. Press pastry gently against bottom and sides of pie plate, easing out any air. Trim edge leaving 1/2-inch overhang. Fold overhang under; flute edge. Refrigerate, covered, at least 30 minutes. Line pie crust with aluminum foil; fill with pie weights. Bake in oven until pastry is set, 8–10 minutes. Remove foil and weights; pierce pastry all over with fork. Bake until pastry is golden brown, 5–7 minutes longer. Cool completely on wire rack.

Heat oven to 350°F. Beat eggs, brown sugar, sugar, butter, vanilla and salt in medium bowl until well blended. Arrange pecan halves evenly in bottom of pie crust. Carefully pour egg mixture over pecans. Bake in center of 350°F oven until knife inserted midway between center and edge of pie comes out clean, 40–45 minutes. Cool on wire rack.

Note: Pastry dough can be made in food processor. Also, ground almonds, walnuts or hazelnuts can be substituted for pecans. For more recipes, visit www.IncredibleEgg.org.

Impress guests with three courses, starting with duck

Memorable holiday dining always comes down to the mouthwatering meals served by the host.

This season, impress family and friends with three traditional courses that many guests have come to expect at a holiday gathering: a juicy bird, a hearty side and a sweet ending. Featuring flavor-packed herbs, spices and the freshest ingredients, these recipes allow you to serve up the very best of the season to those you love.

— Courtesy of Family Features

CREAMY SCALLOPED POTATOES

Prep time: 45 minutes
Servings: 14

2 ½ pounds Yukon gold potatoes, scrubbed
¼ cup butter
¼ cup chopped onion
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 ½ cups 2 percent milk
1 cup Daisy Sour Cream
1 ½ cups shredded Asiago cheese
½ teaspoon paprika

Butter 11-by-7-inch (2 quart) baking dish and set aside. Slice potatoes to ½-inch-thick circles. Place potatoes in large saucepan or Dutch oven; add water to cover by 1 inch. Cook until tender and cool slightly.

Heat oven to 350°F. In 2 ½-quart saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add onion; cook 1 minute. Stir in flour and salt. Cook until mixture bubbles. Gradually stir in milk and cook until mixture boils. Reduce heat to low. Stir in sour cream and cheese. Cook on low until cheese is melted, stirring constantly. Layer half of potatoes in baking dish. Pour half the sauce over potatoes. Repeat with remaining potatoes and sauce. Sprinkle potatoes with paprika. Bake for 30–35 minutes or until bubbly and top starts to brown. For more recipes, visit www.daisybrand.com.

Grinder opens up new world of coffee for the senses

My mission: to quickly enter and leave with only a box of Chemex coffee filters.

I navigated successfully through the sensory minefield at the local Whole Foods store. Past the bakery with loaves of fresh bread, the salad bar and prepared foods — the coffee aisle was in sight. But the beer case located strategically between me and the coffee was my downfall.

The description on the bottle was the bullet that kept me from successfully completing my mission. It started with "Dedicated to Brewers & Roasters." Further into the description were these words: "... Allegro Coffee Porter joins two of the world's best brewed beverages ... " Need I say more? Mission failed.

Before I got into more trouble I left the beer case behind and headed down the aisle to pick up the coffee filters. This time, in my way were two gentlemen standing in front of the Chemex display. The customer was slinging rapid-fire questions at the store employee about the Chemex brewer. The employee, an admitted tea drinker, was struggling. My mission was about to fail on a second front, for this no longer was going to be the quick trip I had envisioned.



Dan Dean

"That is a great way to brew coffee, you will not be disappointed," I said, breaking into the conversation. The store employee, relieved of his struggles, quickly dispatched himself to safer grounds. And my new-found coffee friend and I spent the next few minutes discussing the Chemex.

It is a simple coffee brewer, a glass vessel that uses unique heavy filters (20-30 percent heavier than other filters) in a cone shape. Ground coffee is placed into the filter and hot water is manually poured over the grounds. It is an elegant-looking device — a hand-blown glass version resides in the Museum of Modern Art in New York — and is relatively inexpensive (under \$40) when compared to the single-serve brewers popular today.

I answered his questions, gave suggestions on brewing and we went our separate ways.

Before I got to the checkout counter, I started to have my regrets. Not that I gave him bad information, but about the most important point that I believe I did not stress enough.



The author's trusty 20-year-old grinder. Fifty shakes for an eight-cup Chemex helps give the beans a more consistent grind.

My coffee friend had mentioned that he was at an establishment that had served coffee in the Chemex, and he liked it so much — that was what brought him searching and asking about the Chemex. And while I mentioned that he should purchase a grinder, I am not sure I drove home the importance of freshly-ground coffee.

Buy a grinder

Part of our conversation centered around the type of grind to use, as he mentioned he was purchasing a bag of coffee and had it ground for percolator.

In my view, he would be far better off buying a \$20 blade grinder and brewing his coffee in any

device, than putting pre-ground coffee into a Chemex. Yes, the Chemex is a wonderful way to brew coffee, I use one just about every day. But I would bet that the taste of the coffee that sent him on his journey to find the Chemex had more to do with what went into the Chemex, than the Chemex itself.

For anybody who wants to take their coffee drinking experience to another level, the place to start is with a grinder. Purchase whole bean coffee and grind it just before brewing. Whether you use a \$200 single-serve brewer or any of the many versions of the Mr. Coffee-type automatic brewers, a percolator or French press it



Brewed coffee drips into the bottom portion of the glass Chemex. Before spending money on cool brewing devices, the author suggests purchasing a grinder first.

really does not matter — fresh ground coffee put into any of those devices will make a noticeable difference in taste over preground coffee.

I believe coffee is a journey. For some, their pièce de résistance is a polystyrene cup from Speedway. Others, like the gentleman at Whole Foods, a certain cup of coffee stirred an appetite to further that journey. And while his purchase of the brewer that stirred something in him, is admirable, the key element to further his coffee experience should start with a grinder.

The grinder is the ticket that sets the journey in motion. You will notice an incredible boost in the flavor of whatever coffee you brew, in whatever it is

you use to brew it in. And like thousands of others who have discovered the wonderful variety coffee can offer in the cup, you will soon be searching for more. From there, you might find yourself using fresh filtered water; locating and purchasing fresh-roasted coffee beans, whether from an online source or a local roaster; then moving onto the multitude of manual brewing devices where you can control all the elements of the process.

Grind away and let your journey begin.

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Schoolcraft College dance benefits DAV cause

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Leave it to a college honors society to combine music, dancing, a documentary film, a research exhibit and an online fundraising campaign all into one event — and all for a good cause.

"Swing into Service" will get guests on their feet, dancing to the sounds of the Rhythm Society Orchestra, Friday, Dec. 19, at Schoolcraft College, and at the same time will raise awareness of disabled veterans and the potential use of 3D printing to make prosthetics.

"We're expecting all ages and it's a family-friendly atmosphere," said McKenzie Hayes, a Plymouth resident and president of the Omicron Iota chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Schoolcraft College.

"There will be something for everyone. If you don't like dancing, there will be chairs and tables and beautiful refreshments. And the band is huge ... the crème de la crème of swing bands. They're reminiscent of Glenn Miller. They play 1940s music.

"It's a fun way to spend the night. We hope to see as many people there as possible. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to Disabled American Veterans (DAV)."

Doors will open at 7 p.m. and swing dance lessons will be available from 7:15-8 p.m. when the dancing begins, in the DiPonio Room at the Vis-Tech center on Schoolcraft College's main campus, 18600



The Rhythm Society Orchestra will perform Friday, Dec. 19, at Schoolcraft College.

Haggerty, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Participants will learn an East Coast swing dance and a modern swing dance, according to Hayes. Four swing dance teachers will be on hand throughout the evening.

"I've been swing dancing for six years and some of our officers and members love to do it," Hayes said.

Tickets are \$15 in advance, or \$20 at the door. Attire is semi-formal or vintage. For tickets, call the Schoolcraft College Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.

Exploring 3D printing

The Phi Theta Kappa, an international honors society

for two-year colleges, is raising donations online through GoFundMe in conjunction with the dance. All proceeds from the crowd-funding campaign and Swing into Service will help the DAV buy vans to drive veterans to and from doctor appointments.

The funding campaign and benefit dance both grew out of a research project the Omicron Iota chapter undertook to maintain its five-star standing with the international Phi Theta Kappa. The international group chooses a theme every two years for its member chapters to use as a guide for research into an honors study topic. Chapters that take the



Phi Theta Kappa, an honor society at Schoolcraft College, will donate all proceeds from its Swing into Service dance on Friday, Dec. 19, to the Disabled American Veterans.

challenge are more likely to maintain four- and five-star reputations. The topic this year is "frontiers and the spirit of exploration."

"We chose frontiers in the medical and scientific world. My team and the members did research and narrowed the topic to 3D printed prostheses," said Hayes, who is working toward an associate's degree in science. Part of the challenge includes taking an action based on the research. The Schoolcraft team chose the swing dance and crowd-funding campaign and reached out to the DAV as a beneficiary. An exhibit at the dance will

explain the group's research and a film about 3D printing will screen in the Presentation Room at the Center.

"We've learned that 3D printing, compared to manufactured prostheses, are less expensive and more comfortable and more customized for the best fit," Hayes said, adding that it may be the "wave of the future."

The Omicron Iota chapter has 300 members. All have grade point averages of 3.5 or better and take at least 12 credits per semester.

To donate online, visit GoFundMe.com/SwingIntoService.

Fun and learning: Improv show raises funds for Detroit Creativity Project



Cass Tech High School students perform at the Detroit Improv Festival in August. They studied improvisation through a 10-week class offered by the Detroit Creativity Project. An improv show Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Go! Comedy in Ferndale, with Second City alumni Tim Robinson, Sam Richardson, Marc Evan Jackson and others, will help raise funds for the Project.



Rico Bruce Wade (left) and his students from Bates Academy in Detroit have fun at the Detroit Improv Festival in August. They learned the art of improvisation through the Detroit Creativity Project.

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Marc Evan Jackson spent only three years in Detroit while working with The Second City theater in the late 1990s, but it was enough for him to consider the Motor City as home.

Jackson and his wife, Beth Hagenlocker, a former Farmington Hills resident, now live in southern California, but continue to make an impact on the City's youth through a program that brings free 10-week improvisation courses to Detroit schools.

Jackson and Hagenlocker co-founded The Detroit Creativity Project in 2011 because they were concerned about budget cuts to arts curricula in Detroit schools. The Project, a

nonprofit organization with 501(c)3 status, has trained approximately 800 middle school and high school students since then, teaching them the art of creating unscripted scenes and sketches on the spot.

"We're looking to expand," said Hagenlocker, a veterinarian who recently sold her practice to concentrate on nonprofit organizations. "Our goal for 2015 is to add 200 new students in five new schools. And by the end of 2015, what we'd like to see instead of 300 kids a year, is 600. And the next year after that, 1,000. It's very doable."

Funding the cause

Proceeds from the Holiday Improv Project, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Go! Comedy Improv Theater, 261 E. Nine

Mile, Ferndale, will benefit the Detroit Creativity Project.

Seasoned improvisers Tim Robinson (*Saturday Night Live*, *Late Night With Seth Meyers*), Sam Richardson, (*Veep*, *We're the Millers*), Marc Evan Jackson, (*22 Jump Street*, *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*, *The Thrilling Adventure Hour*), Phred Brown, musical director for Bruno Mars, and Margaret Edwartowski, executive director of Arts and Y Arts in Detroit, will take the stage for an hour of long-form improvisation. They'll take a suggestion from the audience and run with it, creating multiple scenes.

Jackson said the audience can expect a "high-energy, super fun night."

"Two days before Christmas we get together and goof around. It's one of my favorite nights of the year. It's just great friends doing a reunion,

trying to make each other laugh, doing a long-form improv show. I guarantee that it will be funny and weird."

Both Jackson and Hagenlocker hope the audience also sees improvisation as a valuable vehicle for teaching critical thinking and communication skills, building confidence and teamwork.

Arts education

Hagenlocker, who worked in community development in Wayne County before earning her veterinary degree, said the arts have always been important to her. She attended Kingswood School in Bloomfield Hills, which had an "arts and crafts underpinning."

"I've been a weaver and have had a loom since I was 14," she said. "Every place I've lived I've done something in the arts. I'd say for me, the importance is the creative

outlet and the chance to express your ideas and share something you've created with other people."

She added that the Detroit Creativity Project not only gives students an outlet for artistic expression, but also reinforces communication and team-building skills.

Jackson recommends that everyone try improvising. Improv students learn to listen carefully to each other, work as a team, and say yes to each other's ideas.

"Eventually you find yourself saying yes to things, embracing things," he said. "You're more confident and more interesting."

Tickets for the Holiday Improv Project are \$25 at www.gocomedy.net. Visit www.detroitcreativityproject.org for more about the Detroit Creativity Project.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS
DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking
Wildlife art: The Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition — a collection of images from the world's largest and most prestigious wildlife photography competition — runs through March 23, 2015, and is free with zoo admission. It features 100 images from winners of the 2013 competition.
Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS
CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Jan. 9, 2015
Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Michigan Weavers Guild exhibit
Contact: 248-473-1859

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2-31, 2015; opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Jan. 2
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "Between Landscape and Place" is a solo show by painter John Dempsey
Contact: 248-344-0497

COMEDY
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 19-20
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Andy Pitz; \$12 for show only or \$25 with dinner, Thursday; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday-Saturday
Contact: 734-261-0555; catchthefunny.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 18-19, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20
Location: Fourth and Troy streets in downtown Royal Oak
Details: Mike Baldwin; tickets \$18
Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

FILM
PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, and 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19
Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: *Christmas Vacation*, admission \$3
Also playing: *The Polar Express*, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 20-21
Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE



See light sculptures while walking through Wild Lights at the Detroit Zoo. Or drive by sculptures at Wayne County's Lightfest on Hines Drive in Westland.

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Dec. 19 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 20
Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit
Details: *White Christmas*, \$5; Santa visits the theater — bring your camera
Contact: 313-898-1481

HISTORY
DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Dec. 28
Location: Second floor in the Community Gallery at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit
Details: Fourteen stained glass windows that were installed at the original St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, built in 1929 and closed in 2005 in Farmington Hills, are on display. Admission is free
Contact: 313-833-7935

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Dec. 21
Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor
Details: The exhibit, "Pearls of Wisdom: The Arts of Islam at the University of Michigan," consists of 82 artifacts, including ceramics, glass, metal, textiles, paintings, illuminated manuscripts and wood
Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, through Jan. 11, 2015

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas exhibit features scenes from stories and movies, such as *Elf*, *Polar Express* and *A Christmas Carol*. Santa visits every Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17
Contact: 734-455-8940

HOLIDAY LIGHTS LIGHTFEST

Time/Date: Lightfest hours 6-10 p.m. Friday-Sunday, through Dec. 31, excluding Dec. 25
Location: Along four miles of Hines Drive; enter at 7651 Merriman, between Warren Road and Ann Arbor Trail, in Westland
Details: Drive by 55 holiday light displays; admission is \$5 per car.
Contact: 734-261-1990; parks.waynecounty.com

WILD LIGHTS

Time/Date: 5:30-9 p.m. Dec. 18-23 and 26-31
Location: The Detroit Zoo, I-696 service drive at Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak
Details: The event includes photos with Santa Paws, carousel rides, The Polar Express 4-D Experience, ice carving, arts and crafts. Admission for ages 2 and older is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the gate; parking is \$6 per car. Buy tickets online at www.detroitzoo.org/events/wild-lights, at Detroit Zoo main admissions, or Kroger stores
Contact: 248-541-5717

MAGIC
VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Aaron Radatz, a Dearborn native, will present a one-man show of family-friendly magic and comedy with a holiday flavor. Radatz, now based in Las Vegas, Nev., served an apprenticeship with Harry Blackstone Jr., and has toured internationally. Tickets are \$18-\$24
Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillage-theater.org

MUSIC
BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show runs 7-9:30 p.m., third Thursday of the month
Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Ten open mic spots will be available on Saturday, Dec. 20. The featured group is The Sorenson Family. \$5 at the door.
Contact: scludwig@aol.com or 734-453-0869

COMMUNITY SING

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21
Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth
Details: Jerry Smith, director of music ministries at Plymouth's First Presbyterian Church, will lead the singing in this event, sponsored by Heartbeat of Plymouth, a collaboration of churches. Refreshments will served from 5-6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., in downtown Plymouth
Contact: 734-453-6464

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 19-20
Location: Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills
Details: "35 Years of Holiday Cheer" will feature Christmas favorites from the past 35 years. Tickets in advance are \$12; at the door, \$15
Contact: farmingtonchorus.com

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month
Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: On Tuesday, Dec. 30, Judie Cochill will perform with the Ron Kischuk Trio. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres
Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

JAZZ CAFE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Dec. 28
Location: Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit
Details: Phredley Brown, instrumentalist, and Bruno Mars musical director and vocalist, perform along with Alesha Nicole, and longtime friend and drummer, Paul Loos, arranger and director for the drum line at Lake Orion High School. Tickets are \$10
Contact: 313-887-8501; ticketmaster.com

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Jan. 5, 2015
Location: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township
Details: Rehearsals begin for the Society's 29th season. Experienced singers are welcome. The group will perform *Dixit Dominus* by Vivaldi and *Solemn Vespers* by Mozart on May 3, 2015
Contact: 734-455-8353; plymouth-oratoriosociety.org

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Finvarra's Wren annual Winter Solstice Celebration, Dec. 19. Open Stage, Dec. 30 and Jan. 6, 2015; Billy Strings and Don Julin, Jan. 9, 2015. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.
Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

EMERGENCY ARTS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, through Dec. 21
Location: The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington, Ypsilanti
Details: Two holiday one-act plays include *No Room at The Big Sleep Inn* by Tim Henning and *The Office Party* by Paul Bianchi. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 seniors and students with I.D., available at the door by cash or check, or online at www.emergentarts.com
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