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Canton winter market returns Sunday to the Summit

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Hundreds of patrons are expected Sunday as the Canton Farmers Market rolls out the second round of its winter-season goods.

Market manager Tina Lloyd said the first winter market in February drew 650 people.

"That was a huge turnout," she said Tuesday. "I think

people are ready to get outside. It's winter and it has been a terrible one, but the farmers market gives you hope for spring."

Lloyd said another large crowd is expected as 20 vendors sell their goods from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, in the banquet lobby of the Summit on the Park community center, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Canton Farmers Market organizers, because of wintry weather, have started moving the winter-season market to the Summit from the summer-time location at the Cady-Boyer Barn, in Preservation Park on Canton's west side.

Canton Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Paden said the market has economic benefits for the community.

"I think it's a good idea to do this. It continues to ensure that we support our local entrepreneurs and our local farmers even in the off-season," he said. "Anything we can do to bring commerce to the area is a good idea."

The market Sunday is accepting donations of boxes of pasta or cash to support Canton's Open Door Ministry, a food pantry that helps more

than 450 area families every week. The market collected about 530 boxes of pasta in February.

The last winter-season market, technically in spring, happens April 19, Lloyd said. She said the market not only allows area residents to find goods they want, but it puts money into the local economy

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Edee Joppich is sharing gallery wall space with son Dan Joppich this month at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

ARTIST, SON SHARE GALLERY SPACE IN NEW EXHIBIT

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Multimedia works by a Detroit-area artist and photographs by her son complement each other in a new show at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

"In Focus," the PCAC's March exhibit, puts collages and paintings by Edee Joppich together with photos by son Dan Joppich in what is the first public showing of his work.

Dan Joppich of Canton Township is a certified public accountant for whom photography became more than a hobby, while his mother, who lives in West Bloomfield, is a longtime multimedia and experimental artist and art instructor with her own gallery and about 50 exhibits to her credit.

Her contributions to "In Focus" center on the shapes, textures and repeating patterns, some found in nature and some in the man-made environment, to which she is drawn.

The collages combine painting, photographs, handmade paper and "found" objects, from newspaper clippings to metal bits to barn shingles, that suit her compositional vision. Some of the smaller collages are built around encaustic painting, a technique that uses hot colored wax.

Joppich describes her approach to collage as going beyond a palette of paint.

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Defendant charged with stabbing his sister

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton man has been charged following allegations he stabbed his younger sister after an argument escalated inside a mobile home in Sherwood Village, a neighborhood on Canton's south-east side, police said.



McCauley

Michael Wayne McCauley, 48, was arrested after police say he was accused of wounding his 43-year-old sister during a dispute that occurred Saturday, leading to a 9-1-1 call for help.

"Her hand was slashed," Canton Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said.

Canton paramedics rushed the victim to a hospital for treatment.

Police hadn't disclosed the reason for the dispute that led to McCauley being arraigned

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Police warn against bogus IRS calls

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton police say scam artists posing as Internal Revenue Service agents are phoning residents and threatening to have them arrested unless they pay money that they supposedly owe to the federal government.

Special Services Lt. Craig Wilsher said other tricksters are trying to defraud victims by claiming to represent the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Don't fall for it. Some swindlers are de-

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Church fights hunger with St. Patrick's celebration

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton church has a message that St. Patrick's Day isn't just a time to drink green beer and party, but an opportunity to show compassion.

St. Thomas a'Becket Church, remembering Irish ancestors who died in a mid-1800s famine and those who escaped to America, will fight hunger by hosting a St. Patrick's celebration to help a Detroit-based food pantry.

The church has assembled a lineup including the Kish Celtic Band playing traditional Irish music and leading a sing-along, the O'Hare Irish Dancers, an Irish trivia contest and, to capture the camaraderie, a selfie photo station.

The annual event comes three days before the official St. Patrick's Day and starts at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the church, 555 S. Lilley,

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The Kish Celtic Band is among the entertainment at a Canton church's St. Patrick's fundraiser to help the homeless.



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and supports Michigan farmers and other vendors.

Sunday's market features a variety of local goods for sale, children's crafts and activities and a cooking demonstration by Chef Paul Penney.

Vendors this Sunday are expected to include Agricola, Bobilin Honey, Cakes by Penny, Cellar Door Soap Co., Classique Gifts & Bakes, Crunch Granola, Farmington Soap Works, Good Times Kettle Corn, Grace Savory & Sweet, Jar Head Salsa, Jen's Gourmet Dressings, Joe Sansonetti's Kitchen, Kapnick Orchards, Lula Bre's Sweet Eats, Pawla's Pantry, Prochaska Farm with Four Corners Creamery, Sarah's

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For more on the Canton Farmers Market, go to www.cantonfun.org and look under the Programs tab or contact Lloyd at cantonfarmersmarket@cantonmi.org.

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The O'Hare Irish Dancers will perform at the St. Patrick's celebration.

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south of Cherry Hill. It benefits the St. Patrick Food Pantry in Detroit, which feeds more than 600 families and individuals every month in Detroit's Cass Corridor.

It is sponsored by two Irish fraternal charity organizations, the Ancient Order of Hibernians Patrick Ryan Division and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Elizabeth Fagan Division.

"The Hibernians are trying to change the (St. Patrick's Day) image," said Barb Weir, event coordinator and past president of the women's AOH group. "Our heritage means more to us than the partying that goes on that day."

To that end, Mike Riley, past president of the AOH Patrick Ryan Division, said St. Thomas



A crowd attends a St. Patrick's celebration at St. Thomas a'Becket Church in Canton.

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a'Becket, in its eighth year hosting a St. Patrick's celebration, hopes to raise thousands of dollars.

"We'd like to raise \$3,000 or more," Riley said. "That's usually about what we raise. It's one of the bigger contributions the food pantry gets every year."

Weir said the hope is to shine a spotlight on charity rather than St. Patrick's Day celebrations solely centered on drinking.

The Canton church and St. Patrick Catholic Church in Detroit have strong ties, both having been led by their former pastor, the Rev. Patrick Casey, who serves as chaplain of the AOH Patrick Ryan Division.

St. Thomas a'Becket's celebration includes a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner, beer, wine, desserts and soft drinks – all to raise money to fight hunger.

"It's a way of living our faith," Weir said.

"This comes at a time when the world is in a lot of chaos and we're the ones who are going to have to change it. Helping each other is what we're really here to do."

Tickets to the St. Patrick's celebration are \$25 each and may be purchased at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, by calling 734-981-1333 or at the door.

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STABBING

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Monday in 35th District Court on felony charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm (less than murder) and assault with a dangerous weapon.

McCauley also has a

misdemeanor charge of domestic violence arising from the same incident.

If convicted as charged, he could face penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison. A not-guilty plea has been placed in his court file.

McCauley was jailed Monday on a \$50,000 bond during his arraignment by 35th District Judge James Plakas. He is expected back in court March 27 for a preliminary examination that will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

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CALLS

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manding money by prodding victims to wire it to them, transfer money from bank accounts or buy a prepaid card and reveal by phone the pertinent information on it.

"They are threatening that they need a certain amount of money or (the victim) will be arrested," Wilsher said. "They continue to bully their way through the conversation."

Sadly, the ongoing scams have sometimes worked. In one incident, a 66-year-old Canton woman last year lost \$4,900 after a fake IRS caller said she had been audited and faced arrest unless she paid \$4,900.

She paid it. She even went to a store and bought a prepaid PayPal MoneyPak card while the caller waited on the line.

"This has been going on for a while," Wilsher

said. "It dies down for a little while and then pops back up."

At least one local woman last year received a call from someone posing as Canton Deputy Police Chief Scott Hilden, threatening an arrest unless money was paid for taxes.

"She was smart enough not to fall for it," Hilden said.

Some Canton residents also are finding when they try to file their income tax returns that swindlers already have collected money using their name and personal information. Local authorities warn residents to protect their information such as Social Security numbers, bank accounts and credit card numbers.

Wilsher said no employee from the IRS or any other government agency is going to call and immediately demand money over the phone. He said potential victims who receive such calls

should "end the call if someone is demanding money."

Anyone who believes that a call from a government agency may be legitimate should hang up and call back to the agency, bank or other entity – using a credible phone number.

Moreover, police urge residents to beware of calls demanding money even if the caller identification on the phone indicates it is the IRS, a bank or other institution. Some swindlers have become savvy enough to program false caller ID information.

Anyone who has been the victim of a phone scam should call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400. Anyone who has had a fraudulent income tax return filed in their name should call the IRS at 800-829-1040.

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Canton fire chief says smoke detectors can help save lives

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

The last time Canton firefighters pulled the charred remains of a woman from a mobile home fire, they learned the residence had no working smoke detectors.



Meier

The woman's death at the Wagon Wheel mobile home community on Canton's west side occurred Jan. 28, mere weeks after Fire Chief Joshua Meier, as the new year dawned,

warned residents and businesses to check their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

And while it's impossible to know if the woman could have escaped if smoke detectors had been working, one statistic from the National Fire Protection Association seems pertinent: Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths occurred in residences without working smoke alarms.

After clocks sprung forward at 2 a.m. Sunday for daylight saving time, Meier repeated his warning for residents and businesses to check their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

Meier has said smoke and carbon monoxide, or CO, alarms can give residents time to escape a fire or poisoning incident, but only if batteries are working. He said they should be replaced at least once a year.

Across the United States, an estimated 2,500 deaths, on average, occur each year. With that as a backdrop, Meier this week recommended the following:

» Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms every month to make sure they are working.

» Install smoke alarms on every level of the home and inside each bedroom.

» Install carbon monoxide alarms should on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area.

» Replace alarms that are older than seven years.

Walmart reports robbery

A Walmart customer accused of emptying a \$2.98 bottle of pain reliever into her purse fled, along with a male companion, after a confrontation unfolded inside the store on Michigan Avenue, west of Belleville Road, a police report said.

Canton police went to Walmart amid reports of a strong-arm robbery happening shortly before 7 p.m. Friday. Employees had been conducting surveillance by store video and saw the female suspect select a bottle of pain reliever, empty the contents into her purse and leave the packaging behind, the report said.

The woman and her male companion started to leave the store when employees confronted them. The police report said the woman admitted putting the pills in her purse.

A loss prevention employee convinced the pair to step into an office, then grabbed the woman as she tried to flee. Her male companion then separated them as the woman escaped and ran to the parking lot and toward Michigan Avenue, the report said.

The male suspect stayed behind to talk with the employee, then also fled after he realized that police were being called to the scene. He, too, escaped.

Worrisome texts

A 30-year-old Canton man told police he received a text message from a woman – the mother of his

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children – claiming she was being held against her will by another man – her husband – inside a Roseville hotel.

The Canton man told police the woman is married, but had been living with him. He said she sent a text to him shortly before 1 p.m. Sunday saying her husband refused to let her leave the Roseville hotel room and had threatened to take her clothes from her.

The Canton man notified police to report he was concerned for her safety. Canton police notified Roseville authorities, who went to the hotel to check on the woman's well-being and were told there wasn't a problem.

Police advised the Canton man to stay away from the hotel where the woman and her husband were staying to avoid any escalation of the incident.

Driving while drugged

Police arrested a 49-year-old Canton woman who was ticketed for operating a vehicle while under the influence of drugs, a police report said.

Police stopped the woman as she drove a black Chrysler 300 eastbound on Michigan Avenue, near Canton Center. She was pulled over after police say she was seen weaving across lanes before she finally struck a snow bank alongside the road.

The incident happened shortly after 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Police indicated the woman, after she got out of her car, was unsteady on her feet and failed some of the field sobriety tests administered to her.

The woman's husband made it to the scene and told police the suspect had recently gotten out of a hospital and shouldn't have been driving. He said she takes prescription medication such as Oxycodone, Xanax and Cymbalta.

Police learned the woman had no driver's license; she was placed under arrest for driving while taking drugs. The vehicle was turned over to her husband.

Theft reported

A Canton man who lives in the Village Squire apartments near Ford and Lotz roads told police he believes his ex-girlfriend stole \$400 from him, along with his Social Security information and his W-2 employee wage statement.

He reported asking the 30-year-old woman to leave his apartment because of her drug abuse and instability, a police report said. He said he had lived with the woman off and on since last May. He also has another roommate.

The man told police his ex-girlfriend had moved out Saturday, then he noticed the money missing from a Bible in his bedroom dresser. He said the suspect is the only other person who knew he kept money there.

Police advised the man to check on his credit status and to contact a Social Security office to report his information had been stolen.

– By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

and handed it over, along with a pipe and a marijuana grinder, police said.

She was later ticketed for possession of marijuana and released. The substance, weighed at six ounces, tested positive for marijuana.

An earlier incident occurred just after 11 p.m. Feb. 28 in the area of Lilley and Joy Road. An officer spotted a GMC Envoy with its license plate light out and pulled over the driver, a 39-year-old woman, police said. Her husband, 46, was a passenger.

The officer noticed the smell of marijuana upon speaking with the woman and asked the couple whether they had any, police said. The man replied that he did and handed over a plastic bag of it, saying it belonged to him, police said.

The marijuana weighed in at just over five ounces and tested positive, police said. Both the man and the woman were later ticketed and released.

Stolen identity

A township woman reported a case of identity theft to police March 4, saying someone had used her husband's name and Social Security number to file a 2014 income tax return.

The woman said they were informed of the fraud by a letter from the Internal Revenue Service and told to contact police, a credit reporting agency and the Federal Trade Commission. The couple had yet to file their return, police said.

– By Matt Jachman

Traffic stops, pot busts

Traffic stops in Plymouth Township led to marijuana-possession charges against three people in recent weeks, police report.

The most recent incident was just before 10 p.m. March 3 in the area of Ann Arbor Road and Ridge. According to a Plymouth Township Police Department report, an officer patrolling in the area spotted a Dodge Dakota with a malfunctioning brake light and stopped the driver, an 18-year-old woman.

Upon speaking to the woman, the report said, the officer noticed the odor of marijuana and asked her where the marijuana was. She took a plastic bag of suspected marijuana from the center console of the Dakota

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Retired Plymouth Township woman gives back to community in many ways

By Pamela A. Zinkosky
Correspondent

Debbie Cortellini, 63, was born to teach and read.

"I lined my dolls up and pretended to be giving them lessons," she said. "I was an avid reader and I read in my closet, under my bed, anywhere I could read. Reading was an avenue to everything; you can go anywhere, be anyone, imagine anything, while reading a book. I earned a scholarship and was the first one in my family to go to college and I owe it all to reading."

Cortellini retired after teaching for 13 years in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and many more before that in Indianapolis. And what is she doing with her time now? Well, among other things, she's reading and teaching.

As president of the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council, a local nonprofit that promotes literacy among adults reading below a ninth-grade level, Cortellini leads a weekly conversational group for adults learning English as a second language.

As many as 40 or 50 people show up each Friday morning at the Canton Public Library to speak English and absorb all the knowledge they can from Cortellini.

Often, Cortellini finds herself teaching grammar, much like she did as a fifth-grade teacher. For example, she recently taught the group the difference between "advice," a noun and "advise," a verb.

She loves this word work and so do the group members. "They're like sponges," she said. "They write everything down."

Beyond the joy of teaching, Cortellini has found many friendships in the group, as have the group members. "These people are now friends," she said.

They also foster one another's learning, she said. "If they can't think of a word, between all of them they can come up with the word."

In the classroom

Cortellini originally hails from Indiana, where she did her undergraduate work at Ball State University and received her master's degree with a major in reading from Indiana University. In 1991, she moved to Plymouth because her husband transferred jobs, then started selling Discovery Toys from her home.

Since then, Cortellini said, Plymouth Township has been home to her.

When her youngest son was in sixth grade, she wanted to get back into the classroom, so she started substitute teaching in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

"Allen Elementary always seemed like home to me when I was subbing there and I was thrilled to be given an interview and hired by Marcia Moore, the principal, in July of 2000," she said. "I loved every day teaching at Allen. The students, parents and staff at Allen are special. It was my home away from home and I thought long and hard about retiring in 2013. My knee was giving me trouble and, when my sister and step-father became ill, I knew it was time to walk away from the classroom."

Retirement

Cortellini had a knee replacement in January and says she's "almost back." But based on her many activities in the community, she never really left.

In addition to keeping in touch with former students - she has a pool in her backyard and



Debbie Cortellini (center) with former students (from left) Bridget and Nolan Kerwin and Sarah and Megan Trapp.



The Literacy Council's conversational group meets each Friday at the Canton Library.

likes to have them over in the summertime - Cortellini has a heavy hand in four local charities. She's president of the local Literacy Council, is an emeritus board member for Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle and is involved with Chicks 4 Charity and Delta Kappa Gamma.

Giving Hope helps fund the needs of women and children in the Plymouth and Canton areas. The organization's upcoming Give the Kids a Bed event 6:30-9 p.m. April 1 at Canton's Summit on the Park will raise money for beds at First Step Temporary Emergency Housing, which provides short-term housing for victims of domestic or sexual violence and their children. The event is a night out with food, shopping and silent auction items and costs \$35 per ticket. Register at www.cantonfoundation.org.

Chicks 4 Charity is a local Women's Life Insurance Society that conducts fundraising and service projects in the community. The group hosts monthly charity events. Cortellini recently chaired a Trivia Night, which raised \$2,890 for the Literacy Council.

Cortellini is also involved with Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society for women educators. She's the recruiter for the organization's October craft show at West Middle School in Plymouth, which raises money for students studying education. So far, the organization has raised \$100,000 in scholarships for educational degrees.

Cortellini has also started a free book exchange in front of her house.

"I loved reading with my kids," she said. "I made my husband promise when I retired that he'd help put up a free library."

People can give or take a book from the weather-proofed box - built by Cortellini's husband Doug - that sits in front of her house. It's one of many free book exchanges encouraged by the Little Free Library, a national nonprofit organization. Cortellini encourages those interested to go to www.littlefreelibrary.org.

The retiree is also looking toward creating a book club in her neighborhood and putting her new golden retriever, Gracie, into a therapy dog program.

LITERACY COUNCIL PROVIDES VALUABLE SERVICES

The Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council started in 1985 with the goal of improving literacy among adults. Originally, the Literacy Council hoped to reach illiterate English-speaking adults, but from the start, the nonprofit organization found itself teaching those learning English as a second language. Cortellini says it's difficult to find and advertise services to illiterate adults in the community, whereas immigrants are often active in the school district and learn about the Literacy Council there.

Today, the Literacy Council provides free tutoring, conversation groups, a book club, writing workshops and assistance for those interested in becoming U.S. citizens. More than 80 volunteer tutors provide a variety of educational services. Many of them tutor adults taking English as a second language courses at Starkweather Alternative High School. Others provide one-on-one tutoring in basic reading, writing and speech or lead one of two conversational groups at the Canton Public Library. Each volunteer receives comprehensive 12-hour instruction before tutoring students.

The Literacy Council has one paid employee that performs all administrative tasks and evaluates students to determine what level of tutoring they need. All board members and tutors are volunteers and the Literacy Council is always looking for more community members to help. Currently, the demand for tutors outpaces the need.

The Literacy Council hosts two annual spelling bees that serve as fundraisers for the organization. The youth spelling bee features competing students from local elementary schools, while the adult spelling bee - to be held at 7 p.m. March 25 at Discovery Middle School in Canton - features teams of competing adults. Local businesses sponsor the event and donate raffle prizes. Last year's events raised more than \$5,000.

To become a tutor, volunteer at the spelling bee or for more information, go to www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org or call 734-589-0011.

The gift of time

It may sound like Cortellini has no time to relax, but that's not true, she said. She may have commitments, but her schedule is more flexible: "It's such a gift to be in my PJ's at 10 a.m. I love it. I really was concerned when I retired that I would be bored. I'm not one to sit. I knew I wouldn't be."

"I truly do not want to come off as someone special. I'm not. I have been blessed and feel very lucky to have such wonderful sons and husband and I just want to make a difference. We are not given an unlimited time here and I want

to make what time I have matter. I want to give back and help, in any way I can, for as long as I am able."

One of the ways she's giving back is by expanding the Literacy Council. Cortellini hopes to partner with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to launch a conversational group for parents learning English as a second language, since there are so many immigrants in the area.

Cortellini envisions the Literacy Council advertising its services at school open houses and she hopes the district will offer free

transportation to the library, as many immigrants do not have the use of a car during the work day.

In her spare time, Cortellini enjoys spending time with family and going to sporting events like University of Michigan football games and Tigers games.

She has three grown sons who visit her Plymouth home often. "We have a pool and a man cave," she said.

And even though, as Cortellini puts it, "there are kids over all the time," she hopes to one day have grandkids who'll visit often.



Canton's Jaeda Estell is getting ready to compete for the title of Miss Jr. Pre-Teen Detroit.

Resident to compete for Miss Jr. Pre-Teen Detroit Title

Jaeda Estell of Canton was recently selected to participate April 12 in the 2015 Miss Jr. Pre-Teen Detroit pageant.

Jaeda is to compete in the Miss Jr. Pre-Teen division, one of four divisions. Girls ages 7-19 compete in modeling routines and interviewing skills. According to organizers, personality is most important during all phases of competition.

The winner goes on to represent the Detroit area at the national competition that will take place in Orlando, Fla. More than \$30,000 in prizes and awards will be presented at the national competition, while each regional winner enjoys a paid trip of five nights and six days to Orlando.

Contestants train and rehearse for the big pageant and Jaeda wanted to thank her sponsors, Bravo Graphix Design and Printing, St. Mary's Cement, P&P Management, Gloss Cosmetics and 1917 American Bistro, for helping her become a well-prepared contestant.

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Board declares Liberty at new middle school

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

The new school going up at Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads in Canton Township now has a name: Liberty Middle School.

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education voted unanimously Tuesday to adopt the name Liberty for the 134,500-square-foot school being built to replace the aging Central Middle School in Plymouth.

The name is in keeping with the district's policy of naming middle schools after either a philosophy (like Pioneer or Discovery) or a direction (East, Central).

"I think 'Liberty' captures an open and dynamic new school," school board President John Barrett said in a press release. "Like Discovery and Pioneer, the name focuses on the spirit that this community and the country are all about."

Superintendent Michael Meissen said construction at Liberty is on track and the school should open with the arrival of the new school year late this summer. The school's price tag of about \$29.2 million is



An artist's rendering of the new Plymouth-Canton Community Schools middle school that's under construction at Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads. The school board voted unanimously Tuesday to name the school Liberty.

being funded through a bond issue voters approved in 2013.

'On schedule'

"We're on schedule to accept students and there is a high level of

excitement," Meissen said. "To have Liberty as a guiding principle reflects the values of this community, its current students, and generations to come."

District spokesman

Nick Brandon said construction at Liberty is on time and under budget at this point and that the school should be ready for staff to move into during the month of August. The district has a

24-hour webcam that can be used to view the progress at Liberty, available at www.truelook.com/clients/mccarthysmith-webcam/.

Other names suggest-

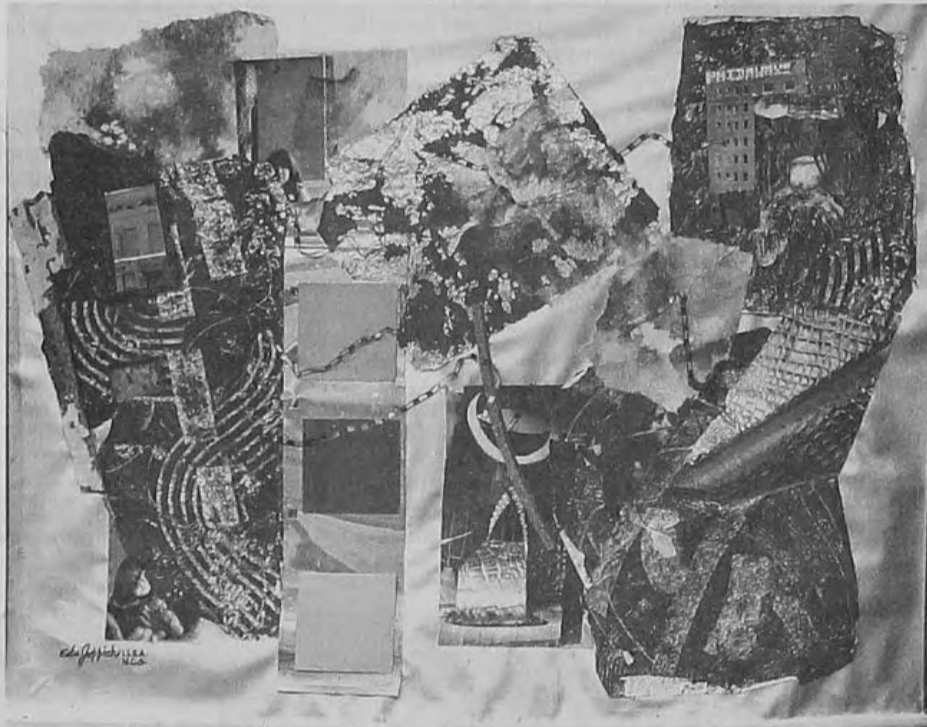
ed for the new middle school included Freedom, Voyager, Renaissance, Centennial and Odyssey.

A mascot name for the new Liberty Middle School has yet to be chosen. Suggestions from staff members have included Huskies, Vikings, Phoenix, Knights, Stallions and Falcons, plus the current nickname at Central, Chargers.

Central, the former Plymouth High School, will close as a school at the end of the current term. The site is being purchased by Plymouth resident Mark Malcolm for about \$3.2 million on behalf of a group called Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, which plans to remodel parts of it into a community center for the many groups that already use Central for athletic and educational purposes, plus others groups that would become part of such a center.

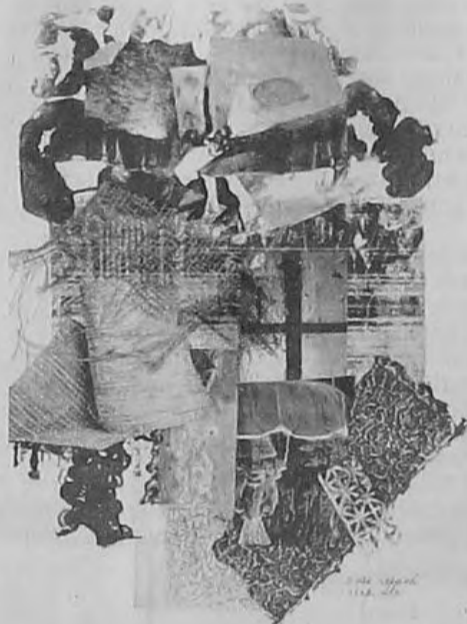
PARC organizers are working to create a local taxing authority that would raise money for restoring and refurbishing Central and run a community center.

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"Silver Screen" is a collage by Edee Joppich.

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A side-by-side comparison of a collage by Edee Joppich (left) and a photograph by her son Dan shows similarities in composition and the shapes depicted.

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'A lot of discovery'

"There's a lot of discovery in this kind of work," she said, referring to the small details that she includes. "People find things. It's not instant gratification all the time."

She likes using objects that other might overlook. "You see the possibilities in just all kinds of ordinary things," she said Monday during a tour of the show.

The subjects of Dan Joppich's photographs are mostly heavy machinery, like century-old locomotives, in close-up; birds in their environment; and Detroit scenes that are way off the beaten path.

Dan Joppich is intrigued by the complex lines of the machines, their size and weight and the work that went into making them.

"It's the weight of these things and all the parts," he said. "It's just amazing, the craftsmanship and everything that pops out at you."

He likes to highlight details in his industrial works, he said, instead of shooting, for example, an entire locomotive.

Composition is key

His industrial photographs, like "Heavy Machinery," a detail from a locomotive at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry, and his urban photographs, like lone house in a field of tall grass, most



"Old Number Seven 2" is by Dan Joppich.

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closely echo his mother's collages in composition and the shapes depicted.

But his bird photos can also resemble the watercolor-painting components in his mother's works, in the wash of colors - leaves, grass, sky - in their backgrounds. Dan Joppich said he starts by looking for the background when photographing birds.

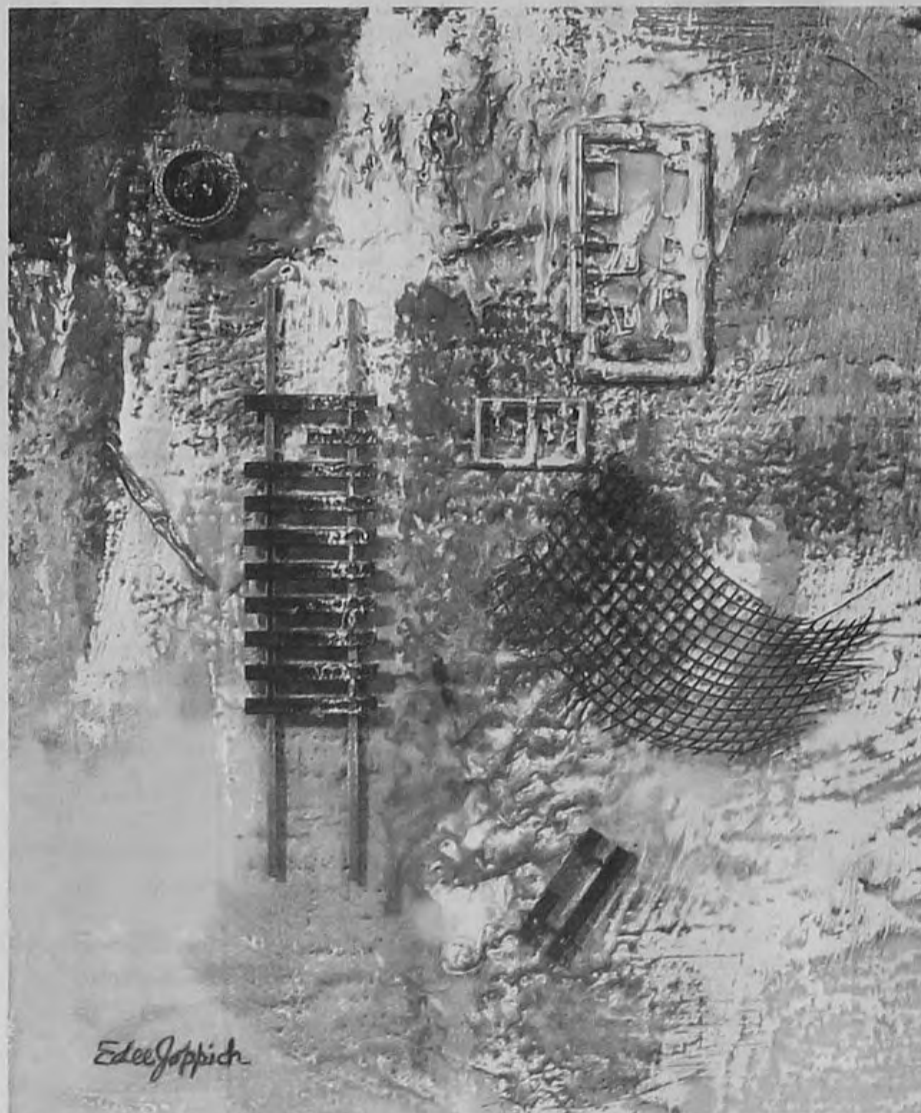
Unlike many photographers of Detroit, Dan Joppich isn't just depicting ruined buildings.

"I'm not trying to show the decay of Detroit, I'm trying to show the beauty of it," he said.

Composition is what the collages are about for

Edee Joppich, who earned a bachelor's degree in fine art at Marygrove College and did graduate work at Wayne State University. "It isn't just a random happening that makes it art," she said.

In graduate school, Edee Joppich said, she concentrated on figurative watercolor painting, but afterward found herself influenced by painters like Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns and the conceptual artist Louise Nevelson. Some of her collages are tributes to those influences and several are included in the current show.



"On Track II" is by Edee Joppich.

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Edee Joppich teaches art at locations around the state and has a gallery in Northport, on the Leelanau Peninsula, that she opened in 1980.

Artistic hobby

Dan Joppich started getting serious about photography on the sidelines at his daughters' soccer games, taking pictures of the players in action. When they

stopped playing, he said, he turned to his current subjects.

For his bird and animal photos, he often heads to the Howell Nature Center - and even to the back yard of his home in Canton.

"It was time to share what he does in a more public way," his mother said.

"In Focus" is at the PCAC's Joanne Winkle-

man Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon (at Junction), Plymouth, through Saturday, March 28. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, during public events and by appointment. The website is www.plymoutharts.com.

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Home Expo a sure sign of spring, sprucing up

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Susie and Rick Pidosny of Canton were glad to get out of the house Saturday. The occasion was the Canton Home Improvement Expo at the Summit on the Park.

"Nice day," Susie Pidosny said of their attendance. "Looking for some landscaping ideas and insulation."

The couple's Canton home is 38 years old. "We've pretty much done everything that needs to be done," she said. "Just want to freshen up the landscaping."

Also attending were Renee and Corey Hill of Canton, who brought kids Kayla, 8, and Cameron, 11, to the Summit. "We bought a house almost two years ago," Renee Hill said. "We need some ideas on things."

Their Canton home is about 20 years old; the Hills got a couple of quotes on jobs Saturday. "Absolutely. Very convenient," she said of the nearby expo. The kids weren't super-enthusiased, but liked the treats once they got there.

"It keeps them interested," she said, noting the Home Depot workshops for children. "They're happy now."

Rob Creamer, Canton's building official, was pleased Saturday afternoon. "It's going good so far," Creamer said of his first expo. He's relocating to Canton after starting his township job last May.

There were about 90 vendors at the expo, sponsored by Canton Township, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and O&E Media. Some 120 vendors were in the show last year, Creamer said, adding changes were made to accommodate Summit recreational users and other visitors. "The vendors that are



JULIE BROWN
Susie Pidosny of Canton was glad to find ideas at the Canton Home Improvement Expo.

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Home, landscape ideas abound at expo, B5.

here are very happy," Creamer said. "We're always looking to improve."

This is the 15th year for the expo and, of vendors, Creamer said, "They really want to have it next year." The show will be analyzed and visitor comments studied for improvements.

"It's been a long couple of winters," said Creamer, who like many expo visitors has been eager to do work around the house.

He said about 10 years ago Canton had a big building spike and those homes now need some renovation. "White is back in the kitchens," Creamer said of model homes he's seen. "And there's always new technology coming out."

A hallway booth for Canton Newcomers & Neighbors was popular, with Kristina Wittner of Canton, a co-vice president, noting the group has been around for more than 40 years with around 125 people involved, mostly women.

"We're a social and charitable organization," said Wittner, who also works for the Canton



JULIE BROWN
Representing the Canton Newcomers & Neighbors at the expo were (from left) Beth Marshall of Canton, Kristy Wilson of Livonia and Kristina Wittner of Canton.

Chamber of Commerce. The Newcomers & Neighbors have supported Camp A.B.L.E. for disabled kids and helped with a recent benefit for WSDP-FM (88.1), the student radio station at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"I just recently joined," Beth Marshall said. "I've been in Canton 10 years. I just discovered it. I love it, it's a ball."

Also at their booth was member Kristy Wilson of Livonia, who works in Canton and noted Canton residency isn't required to join.

"We usually get a number of members after this event," Wittner said of the expo. Canton Newcomers & Neighbors is online at CantonWomen.com.

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Make Internet safety a priority at all times

The Internet seems to routinely turn valuable resources into cause for concern. Email, for instance, brought us a quicker, easier way to communicate, but also brought us the risk of hacks, spam and viruses.

Online banking became mainstream, saving consumers countless trips to the bank, but added the burden of data breaches and financial scams.

The worst offender may be social media. It's transformed the way we interact, keep in touch with family, plan events and document our lives. But ease at which we can share our private information has left us vulnerable for data thieves who are waiting for consumers to make a mistake.

Facebook, the largest social network, has a built-in event application. It's a seamless way to invite Facebookers to your next get-together. The security settings also defaults to showing profile visitors what upcoming events you are attending. If you don't make your settings private, all of your "friends" can see upcoming events you plan on attending.

I use the term "friends" loosely, as everyone knows Facebook has grown from a place where friends connect to a place where everyone you have ever come in contact with tries to "friend" you.

I don't know about you, but I prefer to not tell large groups of strangers on the Internet my social plans or



Jon Gunnells
TECH SAVVY

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when my home will be empty

Another tactic to prevent people knowing when you aren't home is to block friends from "tagging you" at locations when you are together. You can also make your profiles private on Instagram and Twitter to prevent the public from seeing your geo-located photos or tweets.

While Facebook's privacy settings can be easily changed to prevent the spread of personal life details, the same can't be said for networks that exist for the purpose of telling people who you are.

One of the most popular social networks is

the six-year-old mobile-based app named Foursquare. It does nothing besides allow you to "check in" to places that aren't home, thus telling all your connections you aren't home.

Not using Foursquare is a no-brainer. But what about sites that aren't so obviously dangerous? Take theknot.com, for instance, where tens of thousands of engaged couples flock each year to create custom wedding websites. Often times, those sites sell your personal information to vendors so they can send you information on tuxedo discounts and limousine rentals. The real danger, however, lies in the wedding site creation where couples post their wedding dates and honeymoon plans.

Unless a website is password protected, anyone can find it, even if they don't have the URL, as the site will come up in search engine results.

Additionally, more seasoned Internet users could just scour wedding sites for local weddings.

There is good news. By making profiles private, checking security settings regularly and not offering up personal information like vacation plans or where your hide-a-key is located, predators may focus on taking advantage of someone else who isn't so careful.

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When perception 'is' reality, problems begin

What did you see? Clearly, the colors are white and gold. How could anyone see even a tinge of black or blue? I'm referring, of course, to a photo posted on social media last week by a young woman in Scotland asking the world, quite literally, to identify the color of a dress worn by a guest at a wedding. The question – and ensuing answers – elicited such passion and consternation that a war of words broke out online before the scientists explained how two people, looking at the same image, may perceive color differently depending on our interpretation of ambient light cues. To those who saw white and gold, the dress is, in fact, black and blue – though no explanation will suffice. What they perceive is absolute.

A silly Internet moment, perhaps, but for business owners it's a lesson in marketing: perception, like it or not, is reality.

Even isolated incidents hurt

A friend of a friend had his car stolen recently in one of Detroit's hip neighborhoods. His was one of five vehicles missing when their owners returned from dinner. Is there a more surreal sight than seeing that empty parking space? Bar and restaurant owners, as well as city officials, talk about safety and isolated incidents and how they'll address this problem. Duly noted, but my friend shared with me a few days ago that he's taking a pass on downtown excursions for the short term.

An "incident" like that



Ed Nakfoor
GUEST COLUMNIST

can bedevil even the most successful entertainment or retail venue. "Incident," by the way, is public relations-speak for a crime, the news of which can be hard to contain, what with word of what happened, along with photos – cellphone cameras captured every detail – trending online before the police arrive.

Close behind an "incident" in terms of PR fires to extinguish are filing bankruptcy, losing a major tenant or being the victim of a boycott. Once the smoke clears, though, it's time to assess the damage. What is difficult to put a price tag on, though, is the psychological cost such events have to the reputation of a business. The matter at hand includes soothing the jitters of now-wary customers and employees that it's safe to visit and that a bankruptcy doesn't necessarily mean a business will soon go bust.

The power to change perception, then, is solely in the hands of a business.

Changing the conversation

"Business owners have an obligation to shape how their businesses and products are perceived, as well as the perceptions of where they're located," said Daniel Cherrin, a crisis communication expert and partner in Birmingham-based M10 Integrated Marketing and Communications.

He added, "If you

aren't defining the perception you want (customers) to have, then (the customers) are defining you based on their perception ... even if they're wrong, they're still right."

If the perception is defined by crime, for example, Cherrin suggested any message should focus on how people can be safe: "Determine if it was an isolated incident, was it unrelated to the business ... crime does happen ... look at how it happened and then say what steps you're taking to prevent it from happening in future."

Businesses can do this on their own via social media, Cherrin said, but a more productive approach is to create a larger campaign by partnering with neighboring merchants or business associations.

Finally, Cherrin recommended tapping into a social capital account to draw patrons. That is, the investment of time and money a business has given to the community.

"Proactively investing in goodwill means people get to know you as a person and not only an owner," he said. "And if something does happen to your business, people will be more bothered that it happened to you ... and they'll be supportive and want to continue doing supporting you."

The fight to change perception might leave some black and blue marks, but it's one too important to ignore.

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Briarwood Mall to once again host visits with the Easter Bunny

Briarwood Mall is proud to invite pet lovers and their furry friends to enjoy a special visit with the Easter Bunny. Pets are welcome to take part in the Bunny Photo Experience 6-7 p.m. Sunday, March 15, 22 and 29, sponsored locally by Germain Automotive.

Guests are asked to enter the mall near the H&M entrance near Pole 21, between Sears and Von Maur. Dogs must remain on their leashes at all times.

The Easter Bunny is available for visits with his human friends daily from through April 4. To avoid the line and reserve your spot with the bunny, go to <http://www.simon.com/mall/briarwood-mall/stream/photos-with-the-bunny-3127784>

Briarwood Mall's Caring Bunny™ event 9-10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 29, will offer families that have children with special needs a subdued environment to

participate in the Bunny Photo Experience. During this event, in-mall music will be turned off and lights will be dimmed in order to provide a soothing environment for attendees. The event also uses a special numbering system that allows children to avoid waiting in line. To reserve your family's spot with the Easter Bunny during the special Caring Bunny event, go to <http://briarwoodmall.eventbrite.com>.

Detroit Tigers marketing executive to speak at Madonna University

Ellen Hill Zeringue, vice president of marketing for the Detroit Tigers, will be the guest speaker at Madonna University's Sport Management Night at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, in Kresge Hall.

The event, which is free and open to the public, provides the opportunity to learn about sport-related careers from Madonna faculty, students and alumni of the program. Admissions staff will be on hand to take applications and discuss the transfer process. Guests also can participate in a sports trivia game and photo booth.

A member of the Tigers organization for the past 15 years, Zeringue is responsible for all functions of the club's marketing and promotions departments.

She will discuss the successful "Who's Your Tiger?" campaign, as well as her role as man-



Ellen Hill Zeringue will speak at Madonna University.

ager of the team's branding strategy.

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Don't be a victim and fall prey to IRS tax scams

Every year during tax season, the IRS comes up with its dirty dozen tax scams. It is important to be aware of these scams because, if you are subject to one, it could be costly.

One of the scams listed by the IRS includes taking advantage of tax credits to which you are not entitled. You will be denied the credit, have to repay the money with interest and be subject to severe penalties.

We are responsible for our own tax returns and, therefore, it is important that we be aware of the scams that are out there. Although I would love to discuss all of the tax scams, space doesn't allow. Therefore, I will highlight a few tax scams



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

that affect many in southeast Michigan.

The first scam – and one that is claiming more and more victims – is where someone calls you and tells you he or she is from the Internal Revenue Service. These scam artists are targeting vulnerable people such as the elderly and threatening them with arrest and other action unless money is paid.

These scam artists sound official and are even able to alter caller ID numbers to appear that they are the IRS. As

I've said many times in the past, the IRS does not call taxpayers demanding immediate payment. In addition, the IRS does not threaten arrest by local police or other law enforcement groups. If you receive a call or text from someone claiming to be with the IRS, hang up.

What happens to all that information that identity thieves steal? Sometimes these scam artists use that information to file false tax returns on your behalf, claiming a refund. Although there is very little you can do to protect yourself from this, the key is to protect your Social Security number as much as possible. Just because someone asks

for your Social Security number doesn't mean you have to give it to them. Protect your personal information at all times.

Another scam that is growing is bogus charities. Following a natural disaster, scam artists come out in droves. Taxpayers should be wary of charities with names similar to nationally known organizations.

One thing I do to make sure of when it comes to charities is to go to websites like www.charitynavigator.org to check out the charity before I give money. In addition, don't give sensitive information over the phone to charities soliciting contributions. I don't respond to any phone

solicitation by a charity. Dishonest tax preparers also have made the IRS dirty dozen list. Taxpayers must be cautious as to who prepares their returns. If you are hiring someone, make sure they have an IRS preparer tax identification number. Also, look at their qualifications.

It is also important that if you are receiving a refund that the money is directly deposited into your account, not the tax preparer's account. In addition, never sign your blank tax return. And before you sign, review the return and ask questions about anything that is not clear.

Lastly, the IRS does not send out unsolicited emails. Numerous tax-

payers have received unsolicited emails that they've clicked on that have allowed identity thieves to steal their valuable personal and financial information. If you receive an email that looks like it's from the IRS and looks official, delete it.

Tax scam artists are out in force. It is up to us to protect ourselves. If you get caught up in a tax scam, the worst thing you can do is to ignore it. Good luck.

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

Vigil held for Westland woman killed in Wayne Road pedestrian accident

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A candlelight vigil to remember Marcia Japowicz, who was killed crossing Wayne Road, was held Tuesday at the Westland Taco Bell where she worked.

Japowicz, 53, had worked at the Taco Bell on Wayne Road, south of Palmer, for about nine years and more than 20 years for different locations of the fast food chain. She was walking to work Monday night from her home on Schley when she was hit by what police report was likely multiple vehicles.

"She was a little on the delayed side. She was very sweet, she never missed work or was late – usually she was early," her niece Stephanie Lon-

don said. "She always had a smile on her face. She was always happy."

Single without children, Japowicz had lived with another niece, Phyllis McLeod, for nearly 10 years. They shared a home on Schley directly across Wayne Road from the Taco Bell where Japowicz worked.

"She was always so dependable. We just finally got her to take a vacation," London said. "We went up to Tip Up Town (in Houghton Lake). I'm so grateful that we went."

Westland Police are continuing to investigate, but report that Japowicz was crossing Wayne Road about 8:15 p.m. when she stopped in the left turn lane. An 83-year-old woman, heading for the Kentucky Fried

Chicken immediately south of Taco Bell, pulled into the turn lane, knocking Japowicz into oncoming traffic in the northbound lanes.

Noting this was the fourth pedestrian fatality in Westland during the past year – all crossing at night, not using crosswalks and wearing dark clothing – Westland Police urged residents to follow traffic laws and use the crosswalks.

"The nearest crosswalk is either at Palmer or Glenwood, so that's why she wasn't using one. I know people have asked," London said.

The 83-year-old woman stopped at the accident scene, but Westland Police are looking for information on the drivers of northbound vehicles that struck Japowicz.

"How do you not know you hit someone? It's not that they could have done anything to not hit her," London said. "But how do you not stop? That's what makes us angry. It wasn't their fault, there was no reason not to stop, but they could have some human dignity."

London has organized a Go Fund Me page to help pay for funeral and other expenses for her aunt. Arrangements are still pending. For more information, go to www.gofundme.com/oerlx8.

Anyone with information about the accident is asked to call the Westland Police Traffic Bureau at 734-722-9600.

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A candlelight vigil was held Tuesday to remember Marcia Japowicz, who was killed Monday night while crossing Wayne Road.



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Brother releases heartfelt music to benefit cancer research

By Robin D'Angelo
Correspondent

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." — Mother Teresa

One year ago, 17-year-old Salem High School senior Sidarth Raghunathan wasn't aware of the lack of funding for certain types of cancers nor the impact of the disease when it strikes a young person unexpectedly. That is, until his 23-year-old brother Rohit was diagnosed with stage 3 testicular cancer.

"He was having back pain, but none of us expected it was cancer because it is so uncommon for his age," Raghunathan said. "As a result, he didn't get diagnosed until it was very advanced."

A Seattle resident at the time, Rohit moved back to Michigan with his family and quickly began chemotherapy at the University of Michigan.

"He lived with us for a few months and it really made me more aware of the struggles he was facing," Raghunathan said. "As I became more involved, I also became aware of how underfunded some aspects of cancer research are."

A flutist since the sixth grade, Raghunathan was already volunteering his musical talent at the same hospital, so when his brother began treatment, he decided to take it a step further and raise money for cancer research by recording a CD of his music.

"Rohit actually used to

play flute a long time ago, so he thought it was a very interesting endeavor. He helped me pick out my music," Raghunathan said.

Musician and flute teacher Lauren Erickson said she was introduced to Raghunathan when he came looking for flute lessons in eighth grade and has been teaching him ever since.

"What's been really cool is I've been able to watch him grow from an unsure young boy into a very confident young man," she said. "He's committed — when he makes a decision to do something, he sees it through and he really cares about people a great deal."

"Was I surprised that he wanted to use his gift of flute to benefit others after his brother got cancer? Not one bit. That is Sidarth. I was more than happy to work with him and see the project through to completion."

Creating the CD was both challenging and time-consuming, Erickson said, but Raghunathan was entirely committed.

"First he had to learn the music and some of his song choices were challenging for him, so it took him a while to get some of the songs under his fingers," she said.

"Secondly, we had to get together and rehearse with other musicians. Along with me, he also had a pianist and a harpist that were involved. We not only had to rehearse, but schedule an actual recording session. So he was coor-

inating with all of us and a recording engineer and we had to contact two of the composers to get their permission for their music to be on his CD."

Raghunathan's *Flute Journey* consists of 11 songs and includes Bach's *Siciliano* and *Polonoise*, Debussy's *Deuxieme Arabesque*, as well as *Danse de la Chevre*, *Istanbul Capriccio*.

"The CD represents a lot of different time periods and different styles, some Baroque, some classical, some modern. I like all of them in different ways," he said.

The CDs are \$10 each, tax-deductible, and all proceeds to go benefit Indiana University Cancer Research, where

Rohit underwent several operations.

Raghunathan said his brother had his final surgery several months ago and is now back at work in Seattle, where he plans to enter graduate school for a degree in biostatistics.

Raghunathan has collected more than \$500 in sales so far, through his high school, his mother's pediatric office and Erickson's music studio.

"I don't know that I have a monetary goal right now. I just want to raise as much money and awareness as I can," he said. "There are many surgical operations that are underfunded and underdeveloped and this is going to fund the re-

search of very specific developments in testicular cancer, so it certainly has a focus."

According to the American Cancer Society, about 8,430 new cases of testicular cancer will be diagnosed in 2015 and approximately 380 men will die of the disease. The cancer is rare — one in 263 men will develop testicular cancer in his life. The average age at diagnosis is 33.

Raghunathan said while he's not sure if he plans to record additional CDs, he would like to participate in more charity concerts and recitals to continue to raise awareness for cancer research.

"This CD was a year-

long endeavor and I don't know if I'll have time to do another one, but we'll see," he said.

Erickson said when she received the final cut of the CD, she wept for joy.

"Sidarth surprised me by showing up to his flute lesson with the final product and I just gave him a big high-five. We were all giggles," she said.

In addition to benefiting cancer research, Erickson said, she has noticed a growing trend among those who have purchased the CDs at her studio.

"I had a flute student's mom tell me she would like to purchase a CD to donate to a cancer patient, and that concept is beginning to take hold. I've already had three more orders from my friends who are ordering for themselves as well as additional copies to donate to cancer patients, so we can certainly make that happen if people would like to donate the music to someone with cancer," she said.

Erickson added that she is incredibly proud of Sidarth for taking the lead on his project from the very beginning.

"I see Sidarth making significant contributions in whatever endeavors he chooses," she said.

"He's a fabulous young man with high aspirations."

To purchase a copy of Sidarth Raghunathan's "Flute Journeys", emailsidarth515@yahoo.com or lauren@ericksonflute.com.



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Legally blind in one eye, WWII vet still served country


World War II veteran Bruno Douglas "Doug" Williams of Novi was honored as the March "Veteran of the Month" by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Williams served in the Army from 1942-46. He was drafted in 1942 at 21 year, but a childhood injury left him legally blind in his right eye so he was assigned to the U.S. Army Special Forces.

Williams is a member

of the American Legion Post 32-Livonia and VFW Post 6695, Plymouth. His current passion is singing karaoke, and he can be seen every Friday night at either the American Legion or the VFW enjoying a song or two. He was interviewed by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month committee at his home in Novi, and a video was made of the interview.

A 94th birthday party was held Feb. 22 at the American Legion Hall in Livonia by his seven children and was attended by a multitude of family and friends. S.A.L. members were in attendance to present his plaque, show the video and introduce him as the March "Veteran of the Month."



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Lessons learned from Mr. Spock can apply to anyone

I'm a Trekkie and proud of it. Even as a judge, author and informal educator, I continue to learn from Mr. Spock. In the wake of actor Leonard Nimoy's untimely demise, I feel compelled – however emotional it might be – to share that wisdom. Logical, is it not?



Michael Warren
GUEST COLUMNIST

he acted. He evaluated the situation, examined the options and determined the course of conduct most likely to succeed. Sometimes the heat of the moment will provoke words, actions or omissions that we later regret. I know I have been there. This is a tough lesson to learn, but tougher to ignore. Taking time to survey the context, reflect on others' viewpoints and perspectives and evaluate the circumstances creates the best oppor-

tunity for positive outcomes.

3. Loyalty is key: Although not always associated with logic, Mr. Spock was intensely loyal – to his family, his friends, his federation. Even when he disagreed with the illogical actions of his captain or doctor, he remained doggedly loyal. No span of space, time or dimension could stop his assistance. Loyalty, scarce today, is a key trait that we should embrace.

4. A nerve pinch comes in handy: Spock was an idealist, but knew when – and how – to fight. In battle, there was no one Capt. Kirk would rather have on his side. When the chips

are down, sometimes we (individually or as a nation) must engage in physical force to protect our friends, ship, civilization and planet. Indeed, we fought our revolution and many subsequent wars to defend the first principles of the rule of law, unalienable rights, limited government, the social compact, equality and the right to alter or abolish an oppressive government.

5. Diversity is king: The federation is perhaps the most diverse union ever. With more than 150 species, including Andorians, Telarites, Ithenites, Denobulans, Rigelians, Coridanites, humans

and Vulcans, the federation's combination of intellect, technology and resources is unparalleled. Spock himself was the son of a Vulcan father and human mother. On the bridge of the U.S.S. Enterprise, he served with an American, Scot, Japanese, African and Russian. They were unbeatable because they drew on their strengths. America is the federation of today. We would do well to emulate it.

6. Mind melding is power: Spock's ability to meld minds was a powerful technique to gain invaluable insight and make crucial decisions. Although we humans lack this uncanny

power, we can put our heads together to obtain new and broader perspectives that lead to better decision-making.

We have lost an irreplaceable actor with the passing of Nimoy, but Mr. Spock's lessons can guide for our lives and the next generations. Live long and prosper.

Hon. Michael Warren is an Oakland County Circuit Court judge and co-founder, with his daughter Leah, of Patriot Week (www.patriotweek.org). He is also the author of America's Survival Guide (www.AmericasSurvivalGuide.com) and a former member of the state Board of Education. He can be reached at mwarren@patriotweek.org or 248-961-1776.

Survey asks for citizen views on funding state's transportation system

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, and its partner organization MAC, the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition, have launched a survey to gather residents' perceptions and attitudes on current road conditions and the May 5, 2015 special election, which will

primarily increase funding for Michigan's roads.

Citizens are asked to take a quick survey to provide their view on road conditions and the ballot proposal.

"Funding for Michigan roads is a very important issue," said Kathleen Lomako, SEMCOG executive director and

MAC president. "We are interested to see the results of this survey."

Residents can go to SEMCOG's website at www.semco.org for more information related to road funding and the May 5 election.

This survey is powered by Cobalt Community Research, a Michigan-

based 501(c)3 nonprofit research coalition with a mission to provide research and educational tools that help schools, local governments and other nonprofit member organizations thrive as changes emerge in the economic, demographic and social landscape. SEMCOG is the only

organization in southeast Michigan that brings together all governments to solve regional challenges and enhance the quality of life for the region.

The Metropolitan Affairs Coalition, a nonprofit public/private partnership, is the only group that brings busi-

ness, labor, government and education leaders together to build consensus and seek solutions to regional issues. It promotes regional cooperation and dialogue, and it advances policies and programs that enhance Southeast Michigan's economic vitality and quality of life.

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It is important that you – our readers – understand that we hold ourselves to a very high standard. We are accurate journalists and caring citizens of the communities we serve. Here are the principles in depth that we are committed to:

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Coffee drinkers have new reason to rejoice

The folks promoting March as Caffeine Awareness Month are doing so in the hopes that millions of Americans will forgo a cup of Joe for something more healthy, like a fruit smoothie.

The timing couldn't be worse.

According to The Department of Health and Human Services report on dietary

guidelines for 2015, caffeine as dispensed in coffee is good for you. And were not talking good in moderation – like an apple a day keeps the doctor away – we're talking three to five cups per day, according to the website health.gov.

The average American now drinks one or two cups per day, but scientists say upping the intake could reduce the risk of

cardiovascular disease and Type 2 diabetes while increasing the "protective association between coffee/caffeine intake and risk of Parkinson's disease."

The report indicated that adding extras like cream and sugar is not recommended and that pregnant women should drink less coffee than other adults. Other than that, gov-

ernment scientists urged us all to drink up, early and often.

It must be said that dietary guidelines change often and the average person has a hard time keeping up.

Are we supposed to eat eggs these days? Are the kind you get at the grocery store good enough or will only free-range do?

Is margarine the killer – or

was it butter?

For the time being, coffee drinkers should rejoice, head to a local shop and down a few cups. Naysayers will have to find something else to worry about. Overly processed foods, hormones added to meat, we all know that stuff is big trouble – at least until the 2016 dietary guidelines are published.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fix our roads

Last summer, as I drove along Warren Road between Canton Center and Beck, I noticed the roads' lines had been repainted. Immediately, I knew that we Canton/Sunflower Subdivision residents would be dealing with this washboard, potholed-infested road for another winter.

Tonda Elementary is located within this stretch of Warren, so it is particularly dangerous to residents and teachers, not to mention the hundreds of students driven to school each day. Merely painting the lines on this stretch of Warren truly brought to mind the phrase "lipstick on a pig."

I realize this is only one of hundreds, maybe thousands, of similar dilapidated road situations throughout our crumbling state. Surely, something more than "lipstick" paint must be available. Otherwise, save the paint money.

Joe Violi
Canton

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Now conservatives are trying to kill the Affordable Care Act in the Supreme Court on a technicality. The ACA has resulted in 7 million Americans having health insurance who could not afford it before. The conservatives have no alternative plan to offer. Please support our president in defending the Affordable Care Act.

Thomas M. Hartnett
Canton

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Convert all lights to LED

"Livonia receives grant for new LED lights along Five Mile." Livonia could get into a program to convert all street lights and municipal building lights by self-financing through savings in electrical charges.

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Neil Karl
Livonia

Why not join SMART?

Why doesn't Livonia join other metro Detroit communities and have SMART bus service? Wouldn't it be convenient and inexpensive to be able to take a bus downtown to the DIA, Tigers or Lions games, the Fox, Cobo Center, etc.? Driving around metro Detroit is tedious and expensive. Wouldn't it even be nice to take a bus to Livonia's Civic Center attractions – the library and senior center? Why do Livonians have to drive everywhere? Livonia City Council stated that by not being a part of

SMART, Livonians are saving tax dollars – but driving and parking a car in the metro area is also expensive for an individual. Just driving to a few downtown events can cost more than \$100 in parking and fuel. Plus, there's wear and tear on one's car (remember, metro Detroit is the pothole capital of the USA). Finally, having a decent bus system may allow one to only own one car!

What was the actual motivation that caused Livonia City Council opted out of SMART? Saving money for Livonians doesn't seem to be a real reason.

Robert J. Duda
Livonia

School food dictator not needed

Everyone knew that the first lady got involved in school lunches, even disapproving of some dishes served. But I didn't know that she could dictate to the schools as to what would be allowed in bake sales. Am I oversimplifying the fact that schools can no longer decide what can be sold? If it isn't on the federally approved "smart snack" list, it will not be in a bake sale.

In discussing this with a few younger mothers – I'm 80 years old with no children in school – I was told that children brown bagging their lunches sometimes have items removed from them not on the approved list.

This is outrageous. Why have we let this happen? A dictator of school food is not needed. Thank you, state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, for bringing this to our attention. Good luck with Senate Bill 139 and House Bill 4202.

Who is watching the first family to make sure they are abiding by the law set down by Mrs. Obama?

Loretta Stringer
Livonia

Letter writers right on

The three letters written by Ann Abdoo, A. Allie and Alfred Brock – headlined "Save our children," "Award is positive" and "Public transportation" – are on subjects we must face and need attention now by our city council members and lawmakers.

It seems that you have become a forgotten citizen in

Livonia when you can no longer drive due to poor eyesight or aging, but we still need to get to the stores for food, clothing, medications, etc. There is a small bus that is available if you have to go to the doctor, etc. but you have to telephone two days before your appointment. Taxis do not want to do short drives – they want riders who are going to the airport or Detroit. When you can no longer drive, you are really in a bad predicament. Hurray for Alfred Brock and his letter.

The letter by Ann Abdoo is well written and so truthful about what happens to so many young boys. We need to really educate young girls so that they are not having babies. These girls don't usually know who the father is and have no plans. These babies are brought up in terrible conditions often by a grandmother if they are lucky but usually by a too-young and often absentee mother. The children are often beaten and starved by their so-called caregivers so they grow up to steal food, cars and things to sell to get money for drugs.

I know this to be true as I did voluntary work for 20 years at Interim House, run by the YMCA of Detroit. It is a shelter for abused women and their children.

These children do not grow up to know how to live, learn, eat reasonably well and end up beaten or worse. Schools are either too busy or too afraid to report suspected cases of abuse or report to the authorities when children don't turn up for school. Rarely does someone follow up these cases as they did many years ago. We keep hearing there is no money but money is spent wrongly on things that are wasteful.

On the letter by A. Allie: If many people in the United States were not so pious and believe that if you are not white and Christian that you are a lower class and not acceptable, there would not be so many stories spun that are utter untruths about the Quran and their beliefs, etc. I do believe that when someone comes to the United States to live permanently they should do their best to merge in and perhaps dress more like Americans.

We should accept our neigh-

bors, workmates, etc. as good people. There is good and bad in every nationality, religion and family, but if you don't like someone, just accept them as they are. You don't have to be friends with everyone.

The TV does report more about the incredibly wicked, evil people who will always be with us. That makes "breaking news."

Helen Ann Ermete
Livonia

Protect endangered rufa

After reading the recently released Fermi 3 Supplemental Biological Assessment (February 2015) done by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who had notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that an endangered species, the rufa red knot, was known to use the shoreline as a stop-over resting, feeding spot on their 19,000-mile migration, DTE first said none had been spotted since 1973, then changed that stating a rufa was seen on the property in 2000.

According to a citizens' bird watchers group (www.eBird.org) multiple sightings were reported in 2014 at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, which borders Fermi on the north, and at Sterling State Park, which borders on the south. Sightings have also been reported from Estral Beach, bordering the Fermi site on the east.

The Atlantic seacoast is the main route for many migrating birds, likely because of more abundant food supply. However, a lot of birds take the less traveled inland route, and the Great Lakes are on the flight plan for these.

After flying a few thousand miles, the rufas rest on the western basin of Lake Erie, and feed for a couple of weeks. Then they resume their long journey, doing so twice a year. Many other species of birds do this same migration pattern, but the rufa is the endangered one – this year at least.

Wouldn't it be a terrible thing for their stop-over to be further destroyed by building another nuclear reactor? People, don't let this happen. Now is the time to speak out against it, instead of lamenting that the rufa has become extinct.

Jessie Pauline Collins
Redford

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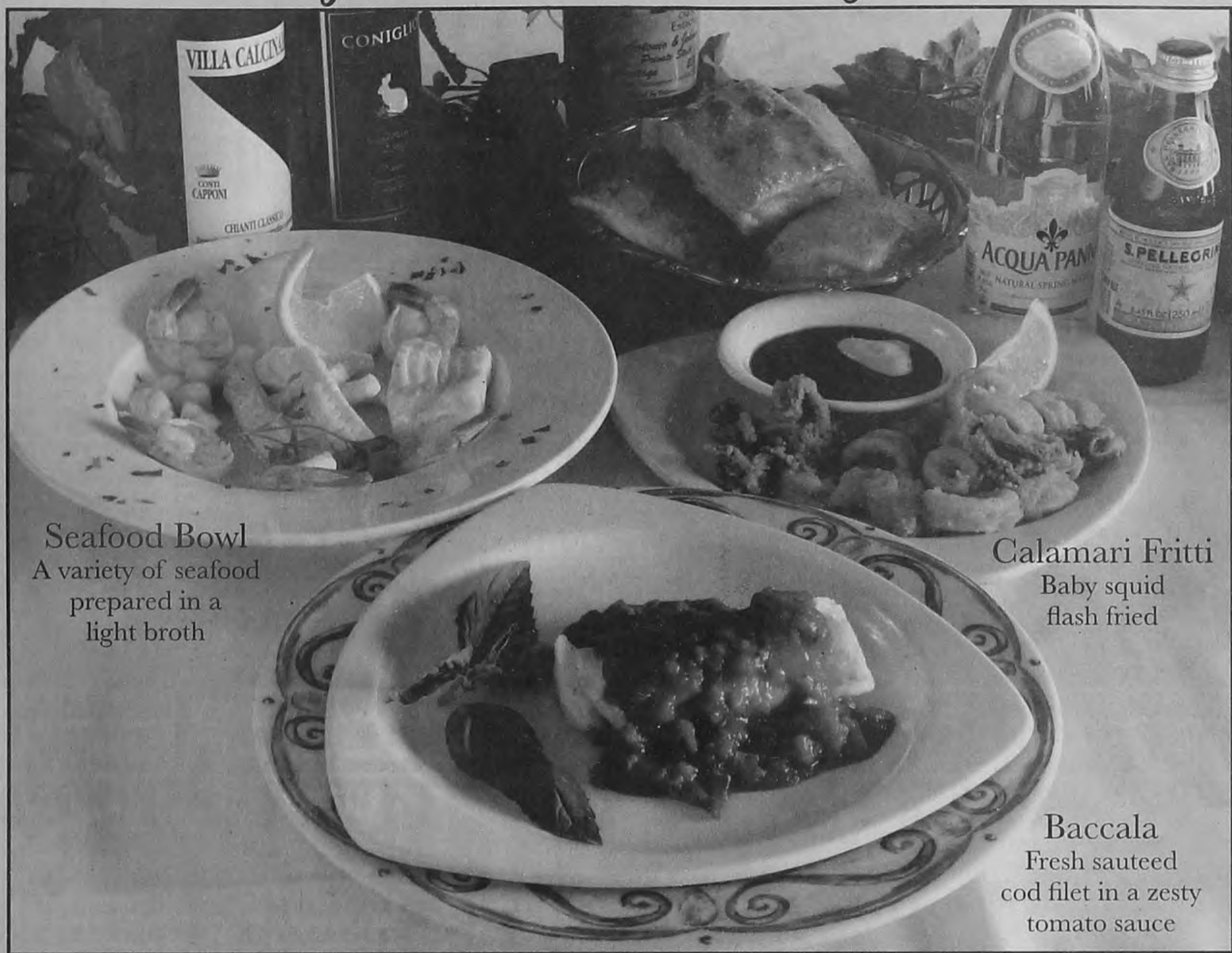
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BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT

Better late than never for Canton boys cagers

Williams sparks Chiefs' rally, 60-57 triumph

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Novi found out the hard way Monday night that it's tough to keep Greg Williams and Canton down for a full 32 minutes.

Fueled by a 28-point third quarter — with senior guard Williams accounting for half of those points — the Chiefs roared back from a 27-15 halftime deficit to claim a 60-57 win in a boys basketball Class A district match-up at Novi.

"We came in at halftime and obviously we weren't doing the right things," Williams said. "We weren't sprinting back on (defense), we were letting them get easy buckets. We weren't executing on offense. So we kept preaching, 'Keep playing, keep fighting, shots will fall, but we definitely got to get back on (defense) and play a lot harder.'"

Canton coach Jimmy Reddy recalled a halftime chat with Williams, who had only managed two points in the first 16 minutes.

"He wasn't great in the first half and I told him at halftime

"It's go time, buddy," Reddy said. "He responded to the challenge just like the other nine guys did."

The Chiefs improved to 16-5 were scheduled Wednesday to play a district semifinal against host Plymouth.

On the flip side, the Wildcats (12-9) let a potential upset victory slip away, to the dismay of coach Brandon Sinawi.

"We executed our game plan really, really well (early), but I told the guys they're going to make a run, they always do," he said. "They're a great team,



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Canton's Logan Ryan (left) grabs a rebound in front of Novi's Jay Duarte during Monday's boys basketball Class A district contest.

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The Canton Chiefs happily pose with their trophy after winning Saturday's MHSAA team regional at Plymouth High School.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONAL

Salem takes another step

Rocks defeat Fenton in semifinals, now just one victory from elite eight

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Whenever the Salem Rocks needed a little extra oomph to overtake Fenton in Tuesday's girls basketball Class A regional semifinal, it wasn't Shara Long coming up huge.

It wasn't Jamyra Wilson, either. But not to worry.

Although Long and Wilson dealt with early foul trouble against the host Tigers, the Rocks still had clutch shooters such as seniors Hayley Rogers, Katie Latack and freshman Lasha Petree, who knocked down plenty of their chances.

And the Rocks (20-4) overcame an early bump in the road (leading just 10-8 after the first quarter) to ultimately cruise to a 50-33 victory. Salem now moves on to the regional final against Hartland at 7 p.m. Thursday (today).

"They kind of just moved the ball. I was open," said Petree, who led the Rocks with 17 points. "They passed and I just shot."

With a smile, she added that it's "amazing" to be a freshman playing on the floor with four outstanding seniors such as Long, Wilson, Rogers and Latack — not to mention Maranda

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Lofting a shot Tuesday is Salem senior Jamyra Wilson (right), who is being guarded by Fenton's Katie Conroy.

GYMNASTICS REGIONAL

THE CREAM RISES

Defending champ Chiefs win regional, ready for chance to repeat

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It's been an injury-filled season for defending state champion Canton, but the Chiefs demonstrated again Saturday that nothing seems to deter them.

Canton won the MHSAA regional gymnastics team championship at Plymouth High School with a 146.5 score and look to make it two state titles Friday in Rockford.

Also qualifying with a school-record total of 143.5 was the Wildcats, who finished third. In second with 144.375 points was Grosse Pointe United. Just missing the cut despite a 141.2 tally was fourth-place Livonia Blue.

"It was just a tremendous team effort. We had to pull together," veteran Canton

head coach John Cunningham said. "We were shooting for 147 and (just) missed it."

In order to win states, the Chiefs will need to clean up some of the falls and mishaps that kept them from reaching that 147 mark.

"Friday night, we got a shot," Cunningham said. "We're up at the 146, 147, 148 range and that was not our best score that we could have had. We counted falls."

"And so we can get better. We'll need it to beat Rockford/Sparta."

Canton easily topped the field on balance beam (36.775) and floor exercise (37.1) and held off Grosse Pointe United to win uneven parallel bars by a 35.975 to 35.475 score.

Only on vault did the Chiefs not prevail, finishing second with 36.650.

Talented influx

"To say the least," Cunningham said, jokingly, when asked about whether his 2015 team had plenty of adversity to deal with. "Before the season, I had Ellie Bachman leave for soccer and practically the first meet we had a broken leg from poor Jocelyn (Moraw)."

The Chiefs also felt the loss of standouts Erica Lucas and Melissa Green to graduation.

But there were reinforcements, led by senior newcomer Allison Kunz, who joined the Chiefs from Eurostars Gymnastics in Plymouth, where she was a Level 10 gymnast.

In Saturday's individual results, Kunz was the first-place finisher in Division 1 on

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Demonstrating poise and grace during her floor exercise routine Saturday is Canton senior Allison Kunz.

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RACE FOR OHL PLAYOFFS

Whalers can't thwart Oshawa attack

Great effort by Plymouth goalie Nedeljkovic still not enough

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Compuware Arena resembled a shooting gallery Saturday night, as the Oshawa Generals kept firing pucks at Plymouth Whalers goalie Alec Nedeljkovic.

In the first period alone, the Ontario Hockey League Eastern Conference leaders sent 28 shots at Nedeljkovic and the Carolina Hurricanes prospect turned aside all of them.

Eventually, however, Oshawa would find a way to get a few pucks past Nedeljkovic in a 3-0 victory before nearly 3,000 fans at Compuware. The Plymouth goaltender stopped 57 of the Generals' 60 shots and was the game's No. 1 star despite the loss.

"You just saw one of the top two or three teams in all of junior hockey and you could see why," Plymouth head coach Don Elland said. "From one through 12 up front and one through six on the back end, they're as good a team as you're going to find."

"Ned was great to keep it at the score it was, but I thought we played hard. That's a good team, we didn't quit. Yeah, we were overmatched, yeah, we're fighting injuries again. But we played hard and I was proud of how hard the guys fought."

Nedeljkovic wasn't sure if the 28 shots in the first was the highest shot total he'd ever



RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

Plymouth netminder Alec Nedeljkovic makes one of his 57 stops Saturday against Oshawa. At right for the Whalers is defenseman Mitch Jones.

faced in a period. Ottawa held a 28-4 edge after the first and finished the night with a 60-29 advantage.

"But we did a pretty good job of keeping most of those shots on the perimeter," Nedeljkovic said. "It was 28 shots, but a lot of them were from the outside, so it was a pretty good defensive effort."

Constant pressure

He added that the only way to game plan for such a high-octane team as the Generals (47-9-2-3, 99 points) is to be "prepared for anything. You know they've got three No. 1 lines ... they're just going to come after you wave after wave after wave."

In the final minute of the first, Oshawa winger Michael McCarron's one-timer was

kicked out by Nedeljkovic. He then blocked and covered a blast by former Whaler Matt Mistele from the left circle.

Plymouth went on the offensive during the first part of the second period, testing Oshawa goalie Ken Appleby with the first 10 shots of the period. Defenseman Sean Callaghan's stretch pass found center Mathew Campagna, who barreled in on Appleby, only to be denied.

The Generals, however, cracked the code with 5:49 to play in the second when forward Tobias Lindberg — one of seven 20-goal scorers on the team — blocked a shot at the Oshawa blue line and broke in on Nedeljkovic. Lindberg slipped a low backhander between the goalie's pads for the goal.

Right off the ensuing face-

off, the Whalers made a bid for the equalizer. Forward Connor Sills' drive hit the left post, however.

"We struggle scoring goals; that's our big thing and that shows," Elland said. "They score and we come right back 10 seconds later and hit the post. If we score there, it's 1-1 and we're energized and the crowd's into it."

"But we just have a hard time scoring right now."

Mistele strikes

And with the way this season has gone for Plymouth, it wouldn't be long before it was a two-goal deficit.

Mistele, traded in January by the Whalers, stuffed a wrap-around past Nedeljkovic at the right post for his 34th goal of the season (and 10th in 19

games with Oshawa).

"I'm buddies with (Nedeljkovic) and obviously he wants to stop me from scoring and I want to score on him for a little competition," Mistele said. "But, yeah, he's a great goalie and he played a great game."

He added that the Generals weren't discouraged about not getting any of those 28 first-period shots past Nedeljkovic. "Just keep getting pucks on net," said Mistele, drafted last June by the Los Angeles Kings. "You get that many shots, a few are going to go in. Again, he played great, but we figured it out."

About Mistele getting one past him, Nedeljkovic shrugged it off.

"He's a good player, he's a great goal scorer," Nedeljkovic said. "It's hard to keep a lot of those guys off the score sheet. "Good for him coming back here and putting one in. It wasn't the prettiest of goals that I've seen him score, but he found a way to get one in."

The lone goal of the third came with 16:08 remaining, when forward Joe Manchurek deflected a shot into the Whalers' net.

Despite the loss, Plymouth remains in the hunt for the eighth and final playoff spot in the OHL Western Conference. Eighth-place Saginaw (53 points) also lost Saturday.

"We're two points back, we play (Saginaw) twice," Elland said. "Windsor's in the mix, too. We're watching what they're doing just like they're watching what we're doing."

"But if we have the effort the last remaining games like we had tonight, we'll be fine."

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BOYS HOCKEY REGIONAL

Shamrocks icers continue mastery over St. Mary's

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Four meetings this season, four surprising blowouts.

That was the verdict Saturday as defending Division 1 state champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central routed Orchard Lake St. Mary's at Compuware Arena, 8-0.

CC, which had won the three previous meetings with the Eaglets by scores of 9-5, 5-1 and 7-1, ended the game with 8:32 left in the final period on Ryan Burnett's goal.

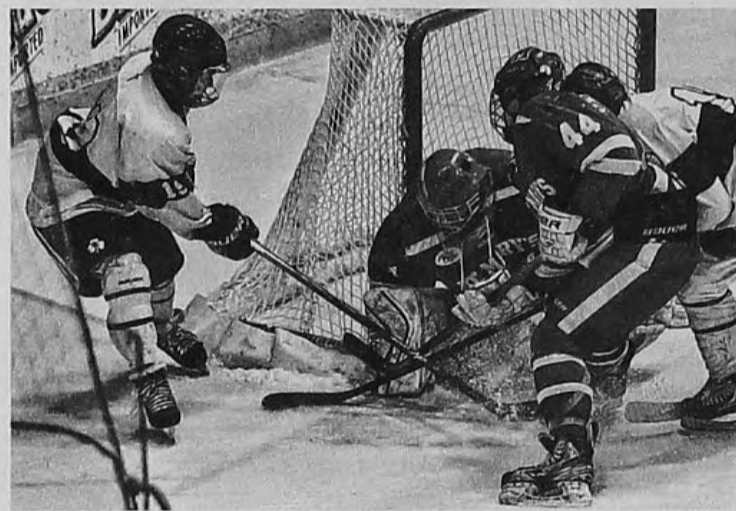
The Shamrocks (21-5-1) were scheduled to play Troy in a quarterfinal game Wednesday.

"In all the years I've been in this program, it's never been like this," CC interim coach Danny Veri said. "It's a good program, a lot of pride down there. Never would have expected it."

"What's really ironic is most teams, when they play us, bring their 'A' game. With this group, every time we've played them, we've brought our best."

"With the state tournament involvement, I think that's what it was."

In the first period, the Shamrocks buzzed around St. Mary's goaltender Brendan Earls like vultures with a 14-6 shot advantage as CC put two on the board with a pair of power-play goals.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Catholic Central's JoJo Mancinelli (left) tallies his second goal on the power play in Saturday's 8-0 win over St. Mary Prep.

Alex Kreuzter scored the first on tip-in at 8:34 from Andrew Lane and Evan Rochowiak, followed by JoJo Mancinelli's goal from Burnett and Kreuzter at 15:09.

With 8:08 left in the second period, the Shamrocks had a goal waved off, but still made it 3-0 with 7:02 left on Mancinelli's unassisted goal.

"He's just got really great speed, really good hockey sense," Veri said. "It would be great if he was 6-foot, but he uses what he has really well."

Kreuzter popped home a rebound assist from Mitch Ossowski and Andrew Spiegel for a 4-0 cushion. Lane, Luc Krasicky and Brian Kearns scored the other goals.

The Shamrocks outshot the Eaglets, 29-8; senior goalie Spencer Wright got the shut-out.

"They're a good team; they know how to get the puck in the zone, and they know how to work on it," Eaglets coach Brian Klanow said. "They

outworked us every shift that we played them this year."

St. Mary's, a perennial state contender, ended the season an uncharacteristic 9-14.

"This season has been a struggle for us," Klanow said. "Right from the get-go, we had a lot of injuries and just never seemed to recover from it."

Meanwhile, CC seems to be peaking at the right time.

"This team plays with a lot of enthusiasm and they really like being together," Veri said. "That's a great component right there."

DETROIT CC 3, NORTH-HARRISON 0: Catholic Central (20-5-1) opened defense of its state title March 4 with a victory over North Farmington-Harrison (13-14) in a pre-regional at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Shamrocks peppered 45 shots at Flyers goaltender Brendan Dilloway and came up with three goals.

Owen Kipke opened the scoring at 11:40 of the first period on a power-play goal from Evan Rochowiak and Blake Veri.

The Shamrocks added a pair of even-strength goals during the second period, with Andrew Spiegel making it 2-0 at 1:31 off assists from Luc Krasicky and JoJo Mancinelli, followed by Mancinelli's goal at 4:16 from Mitch Ossowski.

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well-coached and they got a couple players that can really fill it up.

"We didn't have an answer for Logan (Ryan) and he took advantage of his frame and made it very difficult for us to defend."

Both Williams and Ryan led the Chiefs with 20 points.

Freshman guard Noah Brown also made a big contribution with 12 points.

For the Wildcats, senior guard Max Yanke tallied 18 points, while junior guard Nick Hankerson and junior forward Kam Hankerson, who are cousins, added 13 apiece.

Yet even with the Canton explosion in the third, there were some tense moments on the Chiefs' sideline as Novi regained the lead 53-49 after enjoying a 9-0 run in the fourth.

Canton got it back at 55-53, however, following a layup by Brown and a trey from the right corner with two minutes left by junior forward Ryan, who grabbed 11 rebounds along with his 20 points.

A baseline floater by Yanke sliced the Chiefs' tenuous lead to 57-55 with 1:09 remaining.

The drama ensued. It was a 60-57 game with 14 seconds left when Novi got the ball with one more chance to at least force overtime.

Instead of a potential game-tying attempt, however, the Novi player threw the ball down low and it was stolen to seal the victory for Canton.

Sinawi said that crucial sequence did not go according to plan.

"We talked about being down three and needing a three, setting up screens," Sinawi said. "Create a shot if



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Canton's Obi Okoli (left) tries to deny Novi's Nick Hankerson during Monday's game.

you need to, but we need a three. ... And he threw it inside.

"Down late in the game, we needed a three and we passed it up."

Closing out the first half strong, Yanke scooped and scored and tacked on a foul shot with 3.8 seconds left in the second quarter, opening up a 27-15 lead.

Novi then scored the first field goal of the second half for a 14-point edge.

But the Chiefs made a big comeback, taking a 43-39 lead going into the fourth.

The Wildcats responded with a 9-0 surge, capped off by a Yanke layup, to regain the lead at 53-49.

Unfortunately for Novi, it wouldn't be long before Williams, Ryan and company took control of the game for good.

"I feel for my seniors, Max and all my guys, that they won't get a chance to play on Wednesday," Sinawi said. "It's a shame, it's a great group of seniors that we've got. But again, Canton earned it tonight and we weren't able to respond."

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BOYS BOWLING FINALS

Canton's championship quest stopped by Zebras

By Tim Smith
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Canton's varsity boys bowling team just ran out of steam at the wrong moment.

The Chiefs walked Friday into Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights full of confidence after winning their first Division 1 team regional the previous Saturday. But Canton couldn't get past Wayne Memorial, losing 1,370 to 1,277 in a quarterfinal match-up.

Wayne then went on to defeat Saginaw Heritage in the

D1 final.

"We lost to them (Zebras) earlier in the season; we won one and they won one," Canton head coach Karl Brubaker said. "They have a good team. ... You got to be on top of things to make it that far."

Canton did prevail in the opening match-up against Macomb L'Anse Creuse North, 1,456 to 1,383.

"It was a great season," Brubaker said. "To win as many tournaments as we did and to get that far, that's a special team just to get there."

With Friday's disappointment behind them, several Canton bowlers still had business to attend to at Saturday's D1 boys and girls individual finals, also at Sunnybrook.

The most successful of any Plymouth-Canton Educational Park bowler was Canton sophomore Meghan Macunovich, who entered afternoon match play in 15th place following the morning qualifying block (where she tallied 1,184 pins).

Macunovich, in her second trip to the girls individual finals in two years, bested

three opponents to make it all the way to the final before losing 512-470 to Ann Arbor Huron senior Allison Morris. "Meghan qualified 15th, so to be able to get through the field that was a good thing," Brubaker said.

There were four Park participants in the boys individual final, but only Canton senior Jacob Peltz made it through the qualifying block into the final 16.

Peltz rolled 248 and 242 games during the six-game qualifying block Friday morn-

ing, placing fourth (1,331).

"He won his first match (406-377 over Walled Lake Central's Philip Bugelli) and got to the round of eight," Brubaker said. "And he then eventually lost to a kid from L'Anse Creuse North (Kyle Hayes)."

Canton senior co-captain Aaron Madsen totaled 1,185 (27th place) and failed to qualify for afternoon match play.

Also competing but not qualifying were Canton senior Josh Criscenti and Salem sophomore Mitchell Rusinek.

D1 WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL FINALS

TOUGH FINISH AT THE PALACE

Fifth place is best Park wrestlers can muster at ultra-competitive Division 1 state finals

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Three of the six wrestlers from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park got to stand on the podium Saturday at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

And the other three made gallant efforts to join them during the three-day MHSAA Division 1 individual finals.

Both Canton senior Ty Jasman and Plymouth junior Dylan Dwyer won bouts for fifth place in the 140- and 135-pound divisions to garner all-state honors.

Also an all-stater with his seventh-place showing at 189 was Salem senior Mitchell Gross (44-11).

Salem junior 189-pounder Roy Foster (45-14) finished one point away from joining Gross on the podium, while Plymouth seniors Hussein Youssef and Brandon Harris were unable to shake off early struggles at 189 and 119, respectively.

"The finals didn't go exactly as planned, but 189 pounds was a very tough weight class," Salem co-coach Jeremy Henderson said. "Roy Foster came within one point of placing on the podium. He won 45 matches this year and will be a force next year as a senior."

Henderson said Gross was very disappointed not to close out his stellar prep career as an individual champion, but it was still a noteworthy achievement for him to finish seventh.

"It was not in the cards for him," Henderson said. "He lost early in the tournament and had to fight his way back just to place."

"It (seventh) was not what Mitchell wanted, but it was still a very successful career for Mitchell. He has close to 130 wins and is on our wall of champs three times, which is

almost unheard of." Jasman also was looking to cap his prep career with a state title, but was unable to get on a Palace hot streak. Still, Chiefs head coach Cory Mancuso labeled Jasman's all-state finish as a "great accomplishment."

In the match for fifth, Jasman knocked off Monroe's Logan DiCarlo, 10-1, to finish at 39-8.

"Ty had a remarkable career as a Canton Chief wrestler," Mancuso said. "The gains he made from when he started to where he ended as an all-state wrestler is a compliment to his work ethic."

Plymouth brought the largest Park contingent to the finals, but only Dwyer (52-5) placed. After winning in the blood round, Dwyer defeated quality opponents Saturday before dropping a close 4-2 match to Wyandotte's Collin Vargo. Dwyer went on to edge Anchor Bay's Joey Dombrowski, 5-4, to place fifth.

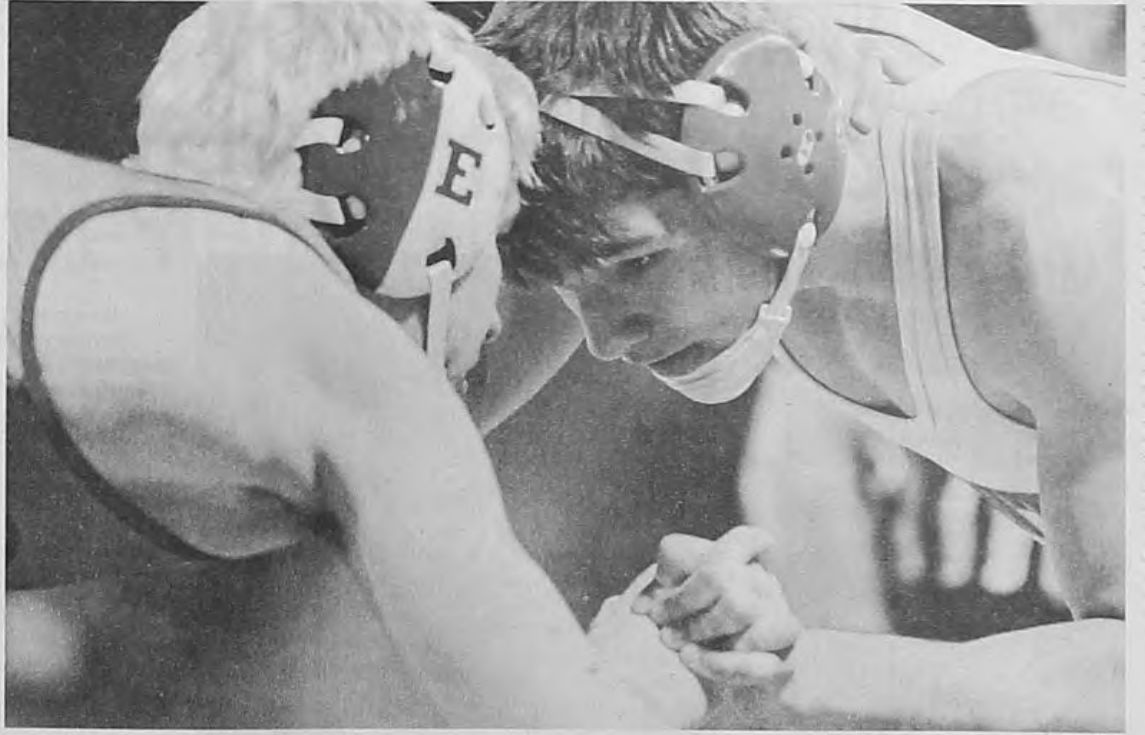
"Dylan wrestled very well all weekend," Plymouth head coach Quinn Guernsey said. "Even in his losses, he was competitive and wrestled with poise beyond his experience."

Youssef (43-11) "got caught" in his opening match against Davison's Turner and could not climb back into the podium picture.

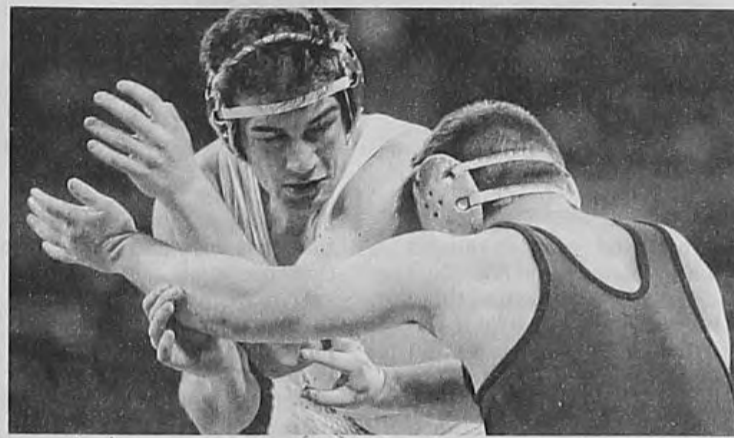
"He also had a great career and has a lot to be proud of from his time as a Plymouth wrestler," Guernsey said.

Harris (34-7) came in "dinged up" from the regional and wasn't at 100 percent, which was trouble in a deep and balanced weight class.

Still, Guernsey said, Harris "had a great career at Plymouth and it was unfortunate to see him fall short of his goal of being a two-time all-stater."



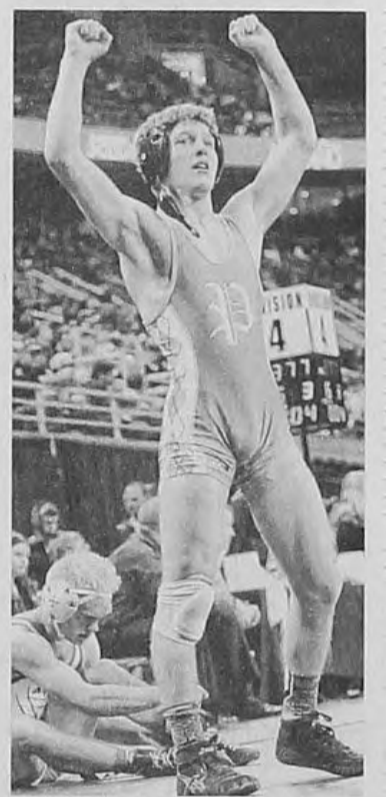
Going head to head in a 140-pound consolation bout Saturday are Canton's Ty Jasman (right) and Utica Eisenhower's Connor McDill.



Salem's Mitchell Gross (left) vies for position against Davison's Tanner Thomas in the 189-pound match-up for seventh place.



LISA BUSHAW
Pictured here at D1 individual regionals, Salem's Roy Foster (top) came within a point of having a spot on The Palace podium at 189.



Plymouth's Dylan Dwyer is triumphant at The Palace after winning his fifth-place bout at 135 over Joey Dombrowski of Anchor Bay.

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Armstead. "They all play a huge role in our program," Petree said. "They help us learn more about the game and they're amazing. I'm going to miss them next year."

Petree, who also grabbed seven rebounds, is described by Salem head coach Lindsay Klemmer as a "pure baller" and that was on display at Fenton High School.

"She doesn't care how big the games are, she's just out there having fun," Klemmer said. "And that's the blessing when you're young. You're not nervous, you're excited. She's always been very calm."

Another key performer Tuesday was Rogers, who hit a couple of important triples to help push Salem's lead to double digits in the third quarter.

According to Rogers, it was essential that the Rocks were on target from the perimeter to counter strong inside defenders for the Tigers.

"We knew they have two really good post players and we knew we had to make our shots today," Rogers said. "We moved the ball around a lot, which helped make those shots open."

Latack also was in double figures with 10 points, helping pick up the slack on a night when Wilson and Long tallied four and two points, respectively.

Early in the second quarter, with Fenton trailing just 10-8, Latack connected on a jumper. On the next play, she stole the ball.

Latack was in the middle of things during Salem's 9-0 surge that opened the third quarter, helping the Rocks take a 31-18 lead.

After Armstead opened the third with a hard-earned put-back, Rogers earned a trey from the left wing (off a sweet pass from Wilson). Latack then buried a jumper from the corner and followed with a deft finger roll.

"She gives us everything



Dribble driving Tuesday for Salem is freshman Lasha Petree (left), who scored 17 points in the regional game against Fenton.

she's got. Her intensity never goes down," Klemmer said about Latack. "She's a communicator; she's a leader on the floor."

"She hits shots when she needs to, she can get to the basket and she takes care of the ball."

Rogers, meanwhile, said Klemmer and the rest of the Salem coaching staff deserved a big assist for the victory, the Rocks' 20th in a row.

"They're always saying, 'Come on, you can do it, you still have more in you, you can get to that next energy level,'" Rogers said. "It's really them that's pushing us forward in these games."

And now, the Rocks are

just one victory away from reaching the state quarterfinals. Rogers said she isn't looking past the Hartland game.

"It's going to be another tough grind," Rogers said. "We're going to have to make our shots, we're going to get inside. But we're ready for it."

Klemmer said Hartland is a tough, physical team, but she is confident the Rocks will be fine.

"I think we match up real well with them," she said. "It's going to be a battle. It's going to be one of those games where every possession counts."

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BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT

Rocks capture opening game against Shamrocks

By Brad Emons
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The Salem boys basketball team may have forgotten for a half that daylight saving time had already gone into effect in Monday's Class A district opener.

But the host Rocks were able to fast forward their internal clocks during the third and fourth quarters and rallied from a 28-25 halftime deficit to eliminate Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 60-51.

Salem, which moved into Wednesday's district semifinal at Plymouth against Northville, improved to 16-5.

The Rocks began to assert themselves on the boards and took advantage of CC foul trouble to outscore the Shamrocks 17-11 in the third quarter.

The pivotal play came with 2:11 remaining in the quarter, when 6-foot-1 senior point guard Jon Swift made a step-back move and got fouled while draining an off-balance 3-pointer as he crashed to the floor.

Swift, who finished with 10 points, made the subsequent free throw for the four-point play, pushing the Salem advantage from 36-35 to 40-35.

CC (10-10) never got closer than three the rest of the way as Salem, despite 19-of-28 free-throw shooting (67.8 percent), made six in a row during the final 1:25 to ice the victory.

"That helped and we were kind of on a run right there," Salem coach Bob Brodie said of the four-point swing. "(Swift) came off a steal and knocked that three down, got fouled and made the shot. That's momentum. It's a game of momentum like that and we took advantage of it and held on."

Salem senior forward Allante Wheeler led all scorers with 15 points, while Swift and senior forward Jakob Lenders added 11 apiece.

Kenny Topolovec, a 6-6 junior, also contributed 10 points, but more importantly grabbed 15 rebounds as the Rocks enjoyed a commanding 39-19 margin on the

glass. "We upped our defensive intensity a little bit, put more pressure on them - number one," Brodie said. "And then number two, we rebounded the basketball very well. It was like two different halves. The first half was a very slow pace; we weren't playing very good defense whatsoever. They were doing whatever they had to do, controlling the whole tempo the first half. I told the kids at halftime, 'It's our house, we've got to control the tempo. We've got to control the game. We've got to step up the pressure the next half.'"

The Shamrocks had chances to extend their three-point halftime lead, but made only 7-of-20 first-quarter shots and 5-of-12 in the second (37.5 percent for the half).

"First half was great," CC coach Bill Dyer said. "We were up three and we shot the ball terribly. We missed every open shot it seemed like and we were still up three. I thought if we put a couple of jump shots down, fine, but we continued to miss free throws and shots tonight. And they were rough misses. They were one-and-one misses down four, misses down three, two shot fouls. Split pairs of two shot fouls. Same thing that happened to us last year in the tournament."

After Champ Kozlowski made a layup with 3:27 left in the final quarter to cut the deficit to 51-48, senior center Ike Marchie fouled out.

At one point during the third quarter, the Shamrocks had racked up eight fouls to Salem's two. The Rocks got into the double bonus early in the fourth.

"We haven't been in foul trouble like that the entire year where we put somebody at the foul line like that in the third quarter," Dyer said.

Junior guard Tyler Laurentius paced CC with 13 points, while sophomore forward C.J. Baird and Kozlowski, a senior guard, chipped in 11 and nine, respectively.

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GYMNASTICS REGIONAL

Wildcats enjoy record-setting day

Plymouth finishes third to qualify for team finals, sets team marks in the process

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Spearheaded by the determined Molly McSween, Plymouth's varsity gymnastics team enjoyed a record-smashing day Saturday at the Division 1 regional.

The Wildcats qualified for Friday's team finals in Rockford by finishing third with a team-record all-around total of 143.5 and also established a team mark on uneven parallel bars (35.375).

Integral to that success was McSween, a fourth-year senior who has made impressive strides since ninth grade.

She won the Division 2 championship on uneven parallel bars with a 9.150 score and was one of 14 Wildcats competing in the event (including Division 1 performers), demonstrating Plymouth's incredible depth.

"Molly McSween started out, she didn't even qualify for Division 3 her first year," Wildcats head coach Pam Yockey said. "Barely could do a bar routine. She took first place (Saturday) in Division 2 on bars, actually blew everyone away."

"She's worked really hard for four years to get there. ... She has just been amazing."

Among other Wildcats who were outstanding Saturday at Plymouth High School were juniors Rebeca Simu and Haley Metz, who both qualified for individual states (which take place Saturday in Rockford) in all Division 1 categories.

To qualify for the individual final, gymnasts must finish in the top eight in vault, bars, beam and floor; the top six in all-around qualify.

Simu tied for second in D1 on balance beam (9.3) and placed third on vault (9.2) and seventh on bars (8.8) and floor exercise (9.075). She came in fifth in the all-around, with a total of 36.375.

"Rebeca has been through a lot of setbacks this year," Yockey said, listing a knee injury and infected wisdom tooth. "She has come back completely."

Metz was Plymouth's top finisher in D1 all-around with a third-place tally of 36.95. She also took second on bars (9.425), fifth on vault (9.1) and beam



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Molly McSween, a fourth-year gymnast for Plymouth, competes during Saturday's regional on floor exercise. She won on D2 parallel bars.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Canton junior Hailey Hodgson was outstanding in all events during Saturday's regional at Plymouth High School.

(9.25) and sixth on floor (9.175).

"Haley is our strongest all-arounder and she's so consistent, we can always guarantee what score she's going to get," Yockey said. "Her smile, attitude and work ethic is so strong. She is just so reliable with whatever she does."

Yockey emphasized that the team success has a lot to do with unwavering work ethic and determination.

"There's 14 all-arounders and equal competition time for each gymnast," she said. "They got a lot of competition time and we were able to qualify quite a number of kids."

Other Plymouth individual state qualifiers included Samantha Fontana (seventh, D1 vault, 9.0), Lindsay Badger and Kayla Janevski (tied for seventh, D2 vault, 9.1) and Emily Welch (sixth, D2 beam, 8.625).

According to Simu, team camaraderie and support continues to pay off at such major events as the regional.

"I'm really proud of our team for making it to states for the third time (in her three years on varsity)," Simu said. "I feel like we're really close and everyone's motivating each other."

Also thrilled about the accomplishment is sophomore Natalie Janke.

"I am very, very excited for team states," Janke said. "We worked really hard this year. We had some rough patches, but that's OK. We made it and that's all that counts."

Climbing Rocks
Meanwhile, although Salem finished ninth out of 10 teams, with 131.850 points, head coach

Mallory Hudak said the regional experience is something her young team can grow from.

"They did very well," Hudak said. "There were some wobbles on beam that we could have done without. But other than that, they had pretty much their best meet."

Two members of Hudak's team qualified for Saturday's individual finals, Jordyn Williams and Camille Burt. Both are freshmen, lending credence to the notion the Rocks have a strong future.

"Having freshmen coming in with such strong backgrounds and then being able to build on it is very good," Hudak said.

Williams was the individual regional champion in D1 floor with 9.7, edging Canton senior Allison Kunz (9.65).

"It's fun. You just go out there and do your best," Williams said about the regional. "I like it a lot. It's competition, but it's good."

Williams also qualified for states on beam, placing eighth (9.0).

Burt will compete in Rockford in two events, namely bars (eighth, 8.725) and floor (8.875).

Hudak, who performed for Canton's varsity gymnastics team before graduating in 2010 — and who has a sister (Janelle Hudak) on the Chiefs' current coaching staff — said the two campus rivals are working together at practices and training sessions better than ever.

That is something the Rocks could definitely benefit from.

"I hope so," Mallory Hudak said, "because we actually work closely with Canton, more now because my sister is the assistant coach on Canton."

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uneven parallel bars (9.625) and posted 37.175 all-around (second place).

She nearly won on floor with 9.65, trailing only Salem freshman Jordyn Williams (9.7).

"Allison is my senior and she carries the team," Cunningham said. "For her to come in as a senior and carry us like this has been fantastic."

According to Kunz, her lone high school season has been a real treat.

"I wanted to help the team out a little bit," Kunz said, smiling. "I was a Level 10 at Eurostars and I was struggling as a Level 10, a lot of head injuries and back injuries."

"So I just thought maybe to take it easy and join the high school team. (My teammates) welcomed me with open arms."

Kunz said "it feels great" to not only be part of a regional champion, but to qualify for individual finals (Saturday in Rockford). The top eight per event qualified, as did the top six in all-around scoring.

"I'm really excited for next weekend," she said. "I want our team to win. We can do it if we have the best day."

"And, hopefully, for individual states, I can take at least one win. I want to be state champion; I'm a senior."

Nearly a sweep

Another gymnast integral to Canton's success Saturday was junior Hailey Hodgson, who captured Division 2 firsts on vault (9.3), beam (9.05), floor (9.2) and all-around (36.0).

"(Hodgson) had a very good day and actually, if Allison (Kunz) would not have

fallen (on her vault landing), she would have run the table, too, but these things happen," Cunningham said. "That gives her a little motivation for state meet, I'm thinking."

"But in general, we had a really good group. (Sophomore) Jana Hilditch missed being one of the top (all-around) qualifiers by .025; that's the kind of thing where all the girls had a pretty decent day."

Hodgson said "it was nice" to finish on top in almost all D2 events.

"I've been going through the seasons just doing my best," Hodgson said, "seeing what I can do and performing what I think I can do at the meets and I've been doing successfully."

"I've been building each year, adding new skills, and it's been paying off."

That the Chiefs have annually been a gymnastics juggernaut with numerous standout performers has helped to soothe any frayed nerves, she added.

"It's easier to work and relax when you have people behind you," Hodgson said. "And you know that you can fall back on them if you mess up something. It's good to have that."

The Chiefs also had a first-place performer in freshman Katie Dickson, whose 9.6 score on beam won the D1 event. Junior Stephanie Cox qualified both on D1 vault (sixth, 9.05) and beam (seventh, 9.05).

"I have a lot of young ones," Cunningham said. "Katie Dickson's a freshman; she qualified all-around. Jana is a sophomore and just missed, but she's in two or three events."

"Kelsea Kernosek's a sophomore and qualified. Hailey's only a junior and kicked butt, qualified in everything."

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SCHOOLCRAFT ATHLETICS
Celebrating after winning the NJCAA District 10 championship Saturday at Delta College is Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team.



SCHOOLCRAFT ATHLETICS
Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team celebrates after winning the NJCAA District H title Saturday.

NJCAA DISTRICT BASKETBALL

Schoolcraft teams both advance to nationals

For second time, men and women squads capture NJCAA district titles in same season

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Two national qualifiers are better than one.

Schoolcraft College, for the first time since 2001, did just that Saturday at Delta College. The men's basketball team — ranked No. 1 in NJCAA Division II — routed the host Pioneers, 79-55, at University Center to win the NJCAA District 10 championship.

Earlier at the same venue, the Lady Ocelots were victorious, 68-58, over St. Clair County Community College to

win the women's District H title.

Schoolcraft's MCCA champion men's cagers (29-3) advanced to the NJCAA Division II national tournament in Danville, Ill. Games begin Tuesday, March 17.

Likewise getting underway in nationals the same day are the Schoolcraft women (21-9), who will compete in Overland Park, Kan.

Seedings and the schedule for both tournaments will be announced this week.

In addition to the district team trophies, Schoolcraft

coaches and athletes came away with some hardware.

For the men, head coach Abe Mashhour was named NJCAA District 10 Coach of the Year, while guard Ronald "Lito" Booth was tourney MVP. In addition, forward Javan Thomas earned a spot on the all-tournament team.

Similarly, Schoolcraft women's coach Kara Kinzer earned NJCAA District H Coach of the Year, guard Ashley Bland (Wayne Memorial) was tourney MVP and guard T'era Nesbitt made the all-tourney squad.

Men's recap

In the men's district final, the Ocelots got off to a big early lead and enjoyed a 48-20

halftime edge.

There was little the Pioneers could do after that to try to thwart Schoolcraft, led by Booth's 26 points.

Also solid with a 10-point, nine-rebound effort was Thomas.

Contributing eight points each were Tyler Johnson (Brighton), Dre Black (Westland John Glenn) and Marcus Williams.

Helping the cause with six points and five rebounds was Anthony Wartley-Fritz, while Canton alum Davon Taylor chipped in with six points.

Women's recap

In the women's district final, Schoolcraft had a bit of a tougher go of it early before

busting things open in the second half.

The Lady Ocelots were up just 25-24 at halftime, but then took control after intermission.

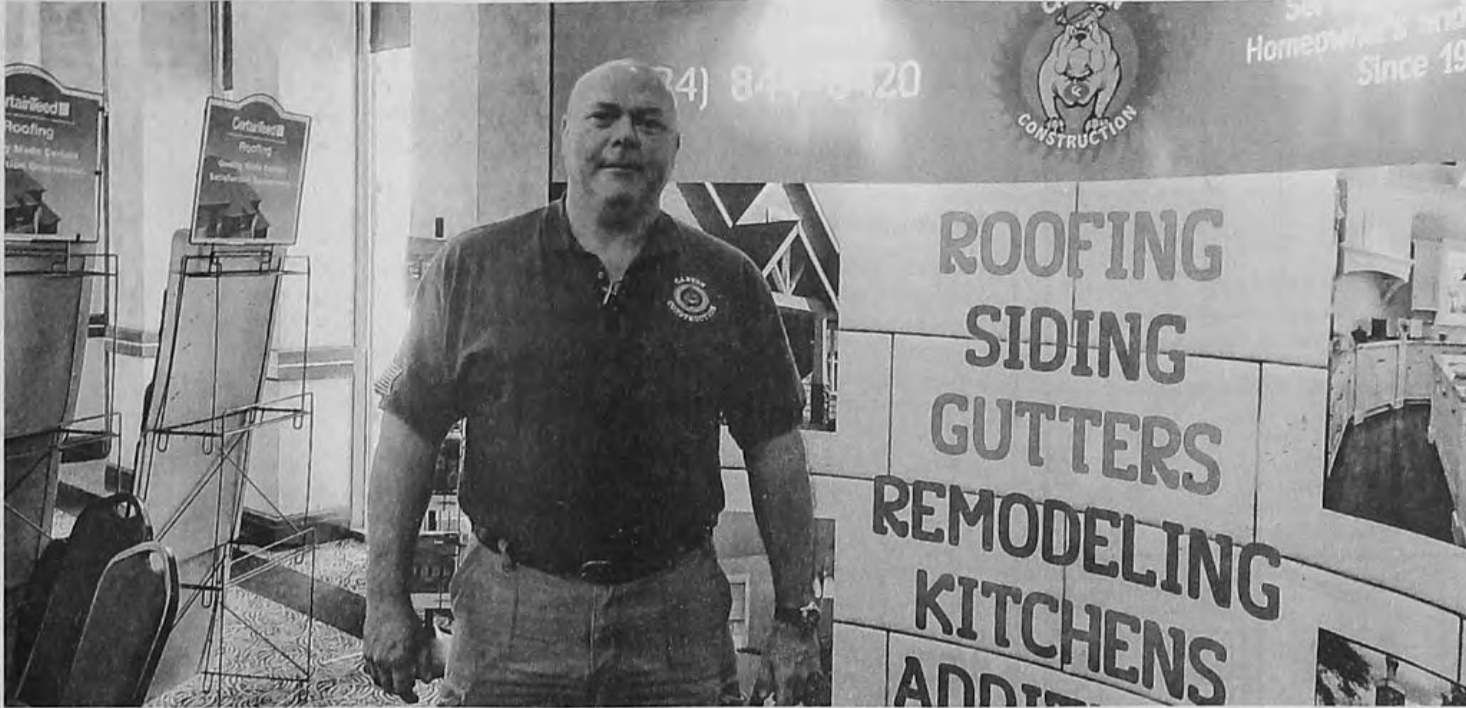
Bland was stellar, registering 19 points and hitting 3-of-7 from behind the 3-point arc. She also grabbed five rebounds.

Schoolcraft's top scorer was Elise Tolbert (Birmingham Seaholm), with 20 points. She also hauled down nine rebounds and blocked three shots.

Meanwhile, Nesbitt tallied 13 points and grabbed six boards.

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Home, landscape ideas abound at Home Improvement Expo



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John Sarnecky of Canton owns Canton Construction with his wife. "And the show's been good to us every year," he said of the Home Improvement Expo, which they've done from its start.

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

There were some 90 vendors at the Canton Home Improvement Expo at the Summit on the Park. Among those at the Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8, show was John Mincher, a Plymouth Township resident who's the landscape design manager for Plymouth Nursery.

"It's going good," Mincher said Saturday afternoon. "It was quite busy this morning. We've gotten a lot of compliments on our display."

Many of the visitors at the show, sponsored by Canton Township, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Observer & Eccentric, were eager to get spring projects started. "Absolutely," said Mincher. "Spring is right around the corner. It's supposed to be in the 50s this week."

"It seems like the economy is getting better," Mincher added of business being on an upswing. "It seems to be the way things are going, the trend."

At Plymouth Nursery, landscape pros handle a variety of jobs, both redo-style and new work. Mincher has some five big jobs already lined up for spring, including patio work.

"It seems a lot of people are wanting to spend more time outside and create more living space outside," he said.

The Expo's being nearby for their business and customers helps. "This is where we like to focus," Mincher said. "We've got a new greenhouse. Our retail store is a lot larger."

Across the room, John Sarnecky, who owns Canton Construction with his wife, was helping a customer. They've been in business 17 years.

"And the show's been good to us every year," said Sarnecky of the 15th annual show, in which they've participated annually.

Canton Construction gets a lot of estimate request forms filled out at the Expo. Sarnecky, a Canton resident, said their work depends on weather.

"This is a real good time for the show," he said of people eager to start sprucing up. Some 60 percent of Canton Construction work is roofing, with the firm also handling kitchens, bathrooms, basements, and siding.

"Fantastic," Sarnecky said of Canton as a community in which to do business. "We couldn't ask for more. The Building Department's A-1."



JULIE BROWN

John Mincher of Plymouth Township, landscape design manager at Plymouth Nursery, was glad to share ideas with Expo visitors.

Downtown San Diego has high living costs

Q: I am considering a move to San Diego in the near future. What can you tell me about the current rental market there?

A: It appears that the rental market is hotter than ever. It is extremely difficult to get a good rental property for a reasonable rental price in downtown San Diego. As a matter of fact, most of the prices of condominiums that were reduced during the recession are now at peak values in terms of sale, which, of course, results in an increase in the rental value, as well, and there are new high rise condominium developments being constructed. You are likely to be better off renting outside of the downtown San Diego area. Those looking for investment property, however, are likely to be able to get a good return on rent from the purchase of a downtown condominium.

Q: A neighbor in my condominium project operates a website that is generally critical of the condominium association. I also have some gripes, should I participate in it?

A: Generally, no. You are usually better served by addressing your concerns in the meetings of the association, if available, or to its management company or to the association's Board of Directors, according to the procedures outlined in the condominium documents, rules and regulations or policies. Websites, especially those critical of the association, may post false and defamatory statements. Once you post a comment on these websites, you cannot retrieve it, and if your comment turns out to be false and defamatory, you could be liable for damages in court even though you may have a qualified privilege under the law.



Robert Meisner

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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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.

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Investors

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.

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RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 13-17, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS		COMMERCETOWNSHIP		LATHRUP VILLAGE		MILFORD		NOVI		SOUTHFIELD		WHITE LAKE	
15837 Birchwood Ave	\$163,000	6117 Birchcrest Ln	\$410,000	3540 Heritage Farms Dr	\$134,000	736 N Main St	\$229,000	30999 Centennial Dr	\$218,000	20254 Rodeo Ct	\$119,000	8680 Brazos Ct	\$223,000
17395 Locherbie Ave	\$441,000	5076 Carinas Way Ct	\$315,000	2733 Maple Rdg	\$368,000	136 Noble St	\$153,000	29315 Douglas Dr	\$213,000	28551 Sutherland St	\$34,000	585 Island Dr	\$253,000
BIRMINGHAM		3132 Chenoa St	\$86,000	3322 Ramada Dr	\$288,000	2274 North St	\$95,000	20909 Dundee Dr	\$525,000	18510 George	\$43,000	10100 Mary Lee	\$285,000
990 Bird Ave	\$525,000	8934 Gittins St	\$300,000	1015 S Park St	\$198,000	30979 Star Trl	\$267,000	26300 Fieldstone Dr	\$315,000	Washington Dr	\$198,000	800 Rachelle St	\$360,000
1407 Bowers St	\$261,000	9685 Vista Ln	\$92,000	LATHRUP VILLAGE	\$262,000	1870 Stonecrest	\$240,000	50708 Glades Ct E	\$100,000	29340 Leemoor Dr	\$198,000	10371 Riverwood Ct	\$47,000
747 Chapin Ave	\$705,000	FARMINGTON		19135 Saratoga Blvd	\$262,000	NORTHVILLE	\$314,000	23545 Hickory Grove Ln	\$310,000	21315 Prescott	\$90,000	9211 Steephollow Dr	\$275,000
1640 Maryland Blvd	\$285,000	31915 Marblehead Rd	\$159,000	MILFORD	\$229,000	486 Morgan Cir	\$469,000	26028 Island Lake Dr	\$538,000	15801 Providence Dr Apt 05e	\$100,000	9515 Steephollow Dr	\$400,000
1379 Pierce St	\$850,000	FARMINGTON HILLS	\$81,000	736 N Main St	\$229,000	43459 Scenic Ln	\$314,000	23869 Lynwood Dr	\$188,000	20254 Rodeo Ct	\$119,000	8113 Sutton Ct	\$190,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit 708	\$410,000	22362 Acadia Way	\$81,000	136 Noble St	\$153,000	NOVI	\$218,000	27158 Maxwell Ct	\$364,000	28551 Sutherland St	\$34,000		
BLOOMFIELD HILLS		31583 Alameda St	\$177,000	2274 North St	\$95,000	30979 Star Trl	\$267,000	22522 Mondavi Dr	\$530,000	18510 George	\$43,000		
5033 Echo Rd	\$295,000	21411 Archwood Cir	\$187,000	30979 Star Trl	\$267,000	1870 Stonecrest	\$240,000	22615 Penton Rise Ct	\$340,000	29340 Leemoor Dr	\$198,000		
1151 Lone Pine Woods Dr	\$785,000	25829 Arden Park Dr	\$249,000	20909 Dundee Dr	\$525,000	NORTHVILLE	\$314,000	43134 Sandstone Dr	\$325,000	21315 Prescott	\$90,000		
1151 Ivyglen Cir	\$400,000	38493 Brandmill	\$136,000	26300 Fieldstone Dr	\$315,000	486 Morgan Cir	\$469,000	28660 Summit Ct	\$340,000	15801 Providence Dr Apt 05e	\$100,000		
1827 Stonycroft Ln	\$185,000	27454 Bridle Hills Ct	\$175,000	50708 Glades Ct E	\$100,000	43459 Scenic Ln	\$314,000	27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000	20254 Rodeo Ct	\$119,000		
4554 Tanbark St	\$430,000	23235 Canfield Ave	\$165,000	23545 Hickory Grove Ln	\$310,000	NOVI	\$218,000	27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000	28551 Sutherland St	\$34,000		
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		36081 Congress Ct	\$363,000	26028 Island Lake Dr	\$538,000	30999 Centennial Dr	\$218,000	27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000	29068 Tiffany Dr E	\$85,000		
4686 Brightmore Rd	\$638,000	25174 Dunham Ct	\$161,000	23869 Lynwood Dr	\$188,000	29315 Douglas Dr	\$213,000	43134 Sandstone Dr	\$325,000	28913 Walnut Grove Ln	\$130,000		
1561 Hemsforth Ct	\$513,000	24871 Glen Orchard Dr	\$249,000	27158 Maxwell Ct	\$364,000	20909 Dundee Dr	\$525,000	28660 Summit Ct	\$340,000	17610 Windflower Dr	\$126,000		
5665 Kolly Rd	\$366,000	32210 Hull Ave	\$159,000	22522 Mondavi Dr	\$530,000	26300 Fieldstone Dr	\$315,000	27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000	WHITE LAKE			
5666 S Adams Way	\$324,000	21711 Jefferson St	\$67,000	22615 Penton Rise Ct	\$340,000	50708 Glades Ct E	\$100,000	27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000	8680 Brazos Ct	\$223,000		
1505 S Hill Blvd	\$151,000	28856 Lake Park Dr	\$248,000	43134 Sandstone Dr	\$325,000	23545 Hickory Grove Ln	\$310,000	27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000	585 Island Dr	\$253,000		
1050 Trailwood Path Apt B	\$163,000	26214 Pillsbury St	\$237,000	28660 Summit Ct	\$340,000	26028 Island Lake Dr	\$538,000	27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000	10100 Mary Lee	\$285,000		
CANTON		30480 Sunderland Dr	\$265,000	27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000	23869 Lynwood Dr	\$188,000	27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000	800 Rachelle St	\$360,000		
46465 Aarons Way	\$238,000	24125 Tana Ct	\$168,000	SOUTH LYON	\$373,000	27158 Maxwell Ct	\$364,000	SOUTH LYON	\$373,000	10371 Riverwood Ct	\$47,000		
6749 Ardsley Dr	\$122,000	36554 W Lyman Rd	\$230,000	26934 Bluegrass Ct	\$373,000	22522 Mondavi Dr	\$530,000	26934 Bluegrass Ct	\$373,000	9211 Steephollow Dr	\$275,000		
45433 Augusta Dr	\$330,000	27267 Wymersset Cir	\$310,000	24858 Carriage Ln	\$73,000	22615 Penton Rise Ct	\$340,000	24858 Carriage Ln	\$73,000	9515 Steephollow Dr	\$400,000		
42981 Barchester Rd	\$220,000	FRANKLIN	\$1,200,000	25003 Carriage Ln	\$82,000	43134 Sandstone Dr	\$325,000	25003 Carriage Ln	\$82,000	8113 Sutton Ct	\$190,000		
43133 Barchester Rd	\$193,000	32222 Scenic Ln	\$1,200,000			28660 Summit Ct	\$340,000						
7015 Becky Dr	\$200,000	27375 Wellington Rd	\$275,000			27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000						
7279 Burgundy St	\$197,000	27375 Wellington Rd	\$310,000			27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000						
459 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$187,000	HIGHLAND	\$85,000			27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000						
7610 Embassy Dr	\$233,000	123 Countryside Ln	\$85,000			27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000						
45605 Graystone Ln	\$118,000	2254 E Highland Rd	\$90,000			27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000						
1754 Ironwood Dr	\$225,000					27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000						
1795 Lanhan Ct	\$294,000					27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000						
1663 McLaine St	\$377,000					27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000						
439 Merion Dr	\$330,000					27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000						
4223 Monarch Ave	\$205,000					27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000						
1998 Morrison Blvd	\$200,000					27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000						
45681 N Stonewood Rd	\$169,000					27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000						
3991 Norwich Dr	\$140,000					27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000						
43924 Palisades Dr	\$200,000					27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000						
4511 Pond Run	\$216,000					27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000						
42502 Proctor Rd	\$160,000					27339 Victoria Rd	\$340,000						

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 3-7, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON		GARDEN CITY		LIVONIA		PLYMOUTH		REDFORD		WAYNE		WESTLAND	
46465 Aarons Way	\$238,000	1734 Deering St	\$70,000	14075 Barbara St	\$165,000	9411 Brookline Ave	\$80,000	12832 Brady	\$66,000	5236 Woodward St	\$63,000	411 Barchester St	\$105,000
6749 Ardsley Dr	\$122,000	6703 Deering St	\$79,000	20422 Beatrice St	\$120,000	44898 Erin Dr	\$140,000	14063 Breakfast Dr	\$159,000	31228 Birchwood St	\$93,000	37435 Barkridge Cir	\$58,000
45433 Augusta Dr	\$330,000	31932 John Hawk St	\$30,000	17391 Bell Creek Ln	\$245,000	1225 Fairground St	\$202,000	12833 Centralia	\$20,000	34215 Florence St	\$103,000	31228 Birchwood St	\$93,000
42981 Barchester Rd	\$220,000	30924 Sheridan St	\$76,000	17311 Brookview Dr	\$263,000	173 N Harvey St	\$475,000	14021 Centralia	\$75,000	32461 Grandview Ave	\$98,000	6826 Moccasin Dr	\$100,000
43133 Barchester Rd	\$193,000	28611 Warren Rd	\$65,000	11369 Cardwell St	\$120,000	1059 Penniman Ave	\$1,175,000	15368 Dixie	\$34,000	31412 Hazelwood St	\$83,000	1857 S Christine	\$12,000
7015 Becky Dr	\$200,000	LIVONIA	\$165,000	8858 Crown St	\$152,000	11707 Sycamore Dr	\$165,000	15437 Dixie	\$33,000	6111 Wilmer St	\$65,000	8454 Terri Dr	\$98,000
7279 Burgundy St	\$197,000	14075 Barbara St	\$165,000	11432 Deering St	\$140,000	11707 Sycamore Dr	\$165,000	18258 Garfield	\$44,000			32144 Warren Rd	\$142,000
459 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$187,000	20422 Beatrice St	\$120,000	19674 Deering St	\$98,000	11707 Sycamore Dr	\$165,000	18617 Garfield	\$14,000				
7610 Embassy Dr	\$233,000	17391 Bell Creek Ln	\$245,000	14920 Ellen Dr	\$143,000	11707 Sycamore Dr	\$165,000	10004 Marion	\$95,000				
45605 Graystone Ln	\$118,000	17311 Brookview Dr	\$263,000	11702 Farmington Rd	\$122,000	11707 Sycamore Dr	\$165,000	18693 Negaunee	\$40,000				
1754 Ironwood Dr	\$225,000	11369 Cardwell St	\$120,000	11702 Farmington Rd	\$122,000	11707 Sycamore Dr	\$165,000	13150 Sioux	\$72,000				
1795 Lanhan Ct	\$294,000	8858 Crown St	\$152,000	15025 Golfview Dr	\$261,000								

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 - 40 Hardships
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CHURCH EGG HUNTS

Send information about your church egg hunt to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

» Faith Community Wesleyan Church — Youngsters, 10 and under, can hunt for eggs, color eggs and play games at this family Easter event, Saturday, March 28, 14560 Merriman, Livonia. Registration for the egg hunt starts at 10:45 a.m. Children are encouraged to bring their own baskets. The Easter story

also will be told. For more information, call Melissa at 734-466-8694.

» First Church of the Nazarene — Children, ages 1-11, will hunt in five separate age groups, for 15,000 eggs at Easter Eggstravaganza, 10:30 a.m. April 4, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. The event will include pictures with the Easter Bunny, games, prizes, a gift for bringing a friend, hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks and entertainment by Cirque Amon-

gus. Egg hunters should bring their own baskets. Register at dcnazarene.org. Registration will close by April 1 or when 600 children sign up. 248-348-7600

» Prince of Peace Lutheran Church — The event, which includes face painting and a picnic snack, runs rain or shine, 1-3 p.m. March 28, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills. Children, 1-5, will hunt for eggs at 1:15 p.m., ages 6-8 at 1:30 p.m., ages 9-10 at 1:45

p.m., and ages 11-13 at 2:15 p.m. Bring your own blanket for the picnic snack. Pre-register by Wednesday, March 25, at 248-553-3380.

» Newburg United Methodist Church — Third Annual Free Easter Fair, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 3, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Crafts, games, Easter hunt with a mission, lunch, the Easter story, prizes. Call 734-422-0149 for more information.



Local churches are gearing up for Easter egg hunts.

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BODDY, JANET KATHRYN

Went into the arms of the Lord September 11, 2014, after a fifty-six day stay at Angela Hospice in Livonia, surrounded by the loving and dedicated staff who cared for her in her final days. Janet was born July 29, 1945, in Yuma, Arizona to William and Lois (Morgan) Boddy, both of whom preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her brother Michael Boddy and nephew James Henri Mailloux. She is survived by her sister, Susan (Boddy) Mailloux of Charlevoix, Michigan, her niece Michelle Mailloux (Gregg Whitley), her nephews Denis Mailloux, Christopher (Traci) Mailloux and her great-nephews and nieces, Connor, Aiden, Clara, Boddy, Kaylyn and Madeleine, all of Charlevoix, Michigan. Janet is also survived by numerous cousins and friends whom she loved dearly. Jan's Memorial Mass will be held on Monday, May 4, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima, 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park. Immediately following the memorial, everyone is invited to attend a luncheon to celebrate Jan's life at Farina's Banquet Center, 2485 Coolidge Hwy., Berkley. Memorial donations may be made to either Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, 48154, or to Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish (Fatima Campus), 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, 48237.



MASSNICK, JEAN VAUPRE

Age 80 years, of Essexville, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at her home with her family by her side. She was born on October 2, 1934 in San Antonio, Texas to the late Louis and Janet (Danser) Vaupre. Jean graduated from the University of Michigan Nursing School and worked as an R.N. for Mercy Hospital, for Dr. Mosher and as a volunteer for the American Red Cross. She was an avid bridge player and enjoyed being a homemaker and raising her children. On June 29, 1957, she married Donald J. Massnick and he survives her. She also leaves three children: Cathy Massnick LaTulip, Bill (Michelle) Massnick and Jim (Cheri) Massnick, six grandchildren: Steven LaTulip, Scott LaTulip, Sam Massnick, Hannah Laughlin, Brandon Massnick and Ted Kraynak, as well as a sister, Sue (Alan) Williams. Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015. Entombment was in Oakwood Mausoleum in Saginaw. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to McLaren Hospice, Midwest Eyebanks, McLaren Bay Medical Foundation or First Presbyterian Church in Bay City, Michigan.

PRICE, ALBERT J. "AL"

Born May 7, 1928 in Hamtramck, MI. Died February 22, 2015 in Clovis, California. Survived by his spouse of 59 years, Colleen; his sister Evelyn; his children and their spouses, Sharyn and Jesse, Catherine and Calvin, Alan and Les, Barbara and Chris, Paul and Barbara, Greg and Kammy, Elizabeth and Amit; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Al was a Korean War veteran, a member of the VFW, and served proudly with the 388th Evacuation Hospital, Army 28th Infantry Division. Among other pursuits, he worked for Unisys (Burroughs Corp.) at various times over the decades and was an electrical engineer by trade. He loved to tinker, and could fix anything from a car, to a TV, to a computer, to a skinned knee. He was always there to help others in need and had the skills to make that possible. Al and Colleen and their family resided in seven states over the years, primarily in Michigan, St. Louis, Missouri, and California, and he became a "native" wherever he lived. He was active in the many parishes he belonged to, and loved the outdoors, fishing, exercising, bowling, politics, watching professional baseball, and other sports, reading, and keeping up on current events. Al was a kind, gentle person, and in his later years happily took on the nickname "Mr. Nice Guy." Those lucky enough to know him will agree that moniker fit him, to a T. He is missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing him. A private memorial is planned. Donations to the Lewy Body Dementia Association in Al's memory are welcomed at "donate.LBDA.org" or by mail to: Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road, S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047.

McERLAIN, CONSTANCE (NEE SMYGEN)

March 8, 2015, age 100 of Canton, MI. Beloved wife of the late Edward J. Loving mother of Pat (Al) Stokes and Jim (Alexis) McErlain. Dear sister of Virginia Lange and the late Anita Lowe and Lora DeVol. Proud grandmother of Candace Carroll, Rebecca Sutherland, Brad McErlain, and Russell Stokes. Great-grandmother of five, and great-great-grandmother of four. Constance was a proud graduate of Cass Technical High School. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Funeral Mass Saturday 10 a.m. at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth. Interment Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Memorials may be made to Season's Hospice. To share memories, please visit: vermeulenh.com

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PROMO, MARIE

Age 94. December 8, 1920 to January 18, 2015. Marie's peaceful Spirit went to be with her Lord on Sunday, January 18th. Her remains were cremated on January 23rd in Traverse City, MI. Marie, Dearest wife of 51 years to Leon, who predeceased her. Loving mother of Christine (Matthew) Schoech, Joyce (Douglas) Allen, James (Anne) Promo, and the late Michael Promo. Sister of Carol (Douglas) Schoech deceased. Grandmother of six, Great-grandmother of eight. Special friend of Jeanette and Robert Finn. Marie had many interests and friends. She loved to square dance, travel, and do volunteer work. The family of Marie will have a Memorial Ceremony at St. Theodore Catholic Church on Wayne Rd in Westland, MI on Friday, March 20 at 12 noon. Tributes may be made to St. Vincent DePaul at St. Theodore's or the Diabetes Association of Michigan.



LYNCH, MARIAN

Age 89, died March 5, 2015. Wife of the late Edward. Beloved mother of Leslie (Fred) Lynch-Wilson, Douglas (Karen), and David. Loving grandmother of Ethan and Hannah. Originally from Pennsylvania, Marian earned a bachelor's degree in Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree in Urban Planning from Wayne State University. She was retired from the City of Livonia where she worked as an Urban Planner. Her early career days were spent as an Architect in store planning and bank design. She was active in the Livonia Historical Society, Greenmead Historical Village, Sauk Trail Questers, Macomb County Historical Society as well as her local garden club. She was also a member of the Macomb County Historical Commission as well as the Preservation Committee for the building restorations at Greenmead Historical Village. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations can be made in Marian's name to the Greenmead Historical Village, 20501 Newburgh Rd, Livonia, MI 48152. www.harrywillfuneralhome.com



May you find peace in your time of sorrow.

RELIGION CALENDAR

MARCH BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 15
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice; cost is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, 2-10

Contact: 734-425-4421

CAREER NIGHT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. March 19
Location: Concordia University, 4090 Geddes, Ann Arbor and 22720 Michigan Ave., Dearborn

Details: Prospective students will have the opportunity to talk with admission counselors to learn more about admission requirements, financial aid, program and degree options. They also can tour the campuses

Contact: cuua.edu/career; 734-995-7300

CHURCH MISSION

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. March 22-25
Location: St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, located at West Chicago Road and Inkster Road, Redford

Details: Sponsored by the clustered parishes of St. Robert Bellarmine and St. John Bosco, topics include "Jesus, How Do We Come To Know You?" March 22; "Come, Follow Me," March 23; "Reconcile and Forgive," March 24; "Become A People of Purpose," March 25. Reconciliation will be offered March 24

Contact: 313-937-1500

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 14
Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: The combined choirs of St. John Neumann and St. Mary's of Wayne will perform *Mass In G* by Schubert. St. Mary's will present the concert at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 15. Free

Contact: 734-455-5910

CONCERT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. March 15
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: "Footprints in the Sand," with words by Joseph Martin and music by Joseph Martin and David Angerman, will be presented by the choirs of Newburg United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church of Garden City, directed by Richard Lenz with Bev Ratcliffe accompanying

Contact: 734 422-0149

CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. March 19-21
Location: Trinity in the Woods, 26880 La Muera, Farmington Hills

Details: "A Call to Peace," with reception to follow. Tickets, \$10

Contact: trinityinthewoods.org

DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS

Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15
Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church, 21915 Beech Street, Dearborn

Details: Requiem for the Living, by Dan Forrest focuses on grace and redemption. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$10 for seniors and students, 12 and over. Children under 12 are admitted free. Buy tickets online at detroitlutheransingers.com or at the door

Upcoming concerts: 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 N.

Venoy, Westland, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at Cana Lutheran Church, 2119 Catalpa, Berkley

Contact: detroitlutheransingers.com

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12
Location: St. Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia

Details: Catherine Lanni, author of *A Call to Trust*, will talk about her life-changing experience, St. Faustina, and the Divine Mercy Centers. Prayer ministers will be available for private prayer and books and religious items will be sold

Contact: 313-255-0455

JEWS FOR JESUS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Alexander Adelson will present "Christ in the Passover"

Contact: 734-459-3333; office@connectingwithGod.org

LENTE SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, through March 25
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne

Contact: 734-728-3315

LENTE SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, through March 25
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Theme is "I Tell You The Truth." Free treats

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

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 15
Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool/Daycare and Summer Camp, 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: All-day preschool offered for 2015-16; ages 2 1/2-12

Contact: 248-474-2488; mkroedel@hotmail.com

VESPERS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, March 15
Location: St. Thomas Orthodox Church, 29159 W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The third of five Vespers services sponsored by The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit. Services conducted by members of the Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit. The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit will sing responses.

Contact: Richard Shebib, at 248-345-9346 or pascha-books@sbcglobal.net

APRIL RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 17
Location: Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Rent a table or space and sell your own stuff; tables are \$20. Proceeds to Older, Wiser and Loving Senior Group

Contact: 734-453-5464, Ext. 22

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

FAITH COMMUNITY WESLEYAN

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

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 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbsm.com

MOMS Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: 734-464-1223

Your Invitation to Worship

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Ooky, kooky 'Addams Family' show features talented local actors at Detroit venue

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The Park Players, billed as Detroit's oldest community theater, has drawn talent from Livonia, Canton, Wayne and Westland for its upcoming production of *The Addams Family*.

About a third of its cast and key crew members live in western Wayne County, even though the theater is located in the North Rosedale Park Community House, in Detroit.

The fact that show co-producers, Richard Holland and Lisa Brawley, live in Livonia and musical director Rich Alder is from Westland, might explain why the theater has drawn interest from local actors, including Len Fisher, who runs his own community troupe, Inspire Theatre, in Westland.

But Holland has another explanation.

"It is such an exciting play. Everyone loves *The Addams Family*. Everyone I talk to, I say *The Addams Family*, and their face just lights up. It's this play, and because Lisa and I are promoting it, but then again, we've promoted every play we've been involved with but not had the same response.

"We grew up on *The Addams Family*. It's nostalgic. I wouldn't be surprised if someday you see *The Munsters* or *The Brady Bunch* on stage some day."

The 1964-66 television show was based on macabre characters created by cartoonist and *The New Yorker* contributor, Charles Addams. Two animated television series, two theatrical films, a made-for-television movie and an updated television show followed. The stage musical, with book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, and music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa, opened on Broadway in April 2010.

Nutty meets normal

In the stage version, Wednesday Addams has grown up and fallen in love with a "normal" man from a respectable family. Wednesday confides in her father, Gomez, but asks him to keep her secret



Lisa Brawley, (left front) of Livonia plays Grandma and co-produces "The Addams Family" at The Park Players in Detroit. Next to her is Mitchell Hardy of Livonia, who plays Pugsley Addams. Morticia Addams is played by Sabrina Hubbard (left second row) of Wayne, Jonathon Jones of Detroit is Gomez Addams and Rachel Ogger of Livonia plays Wednesday Addams. George Evalt (left top row) of Detroit is Lurch and Anthony Petrucci of Canton is Fester Addams.

from Morticia, her mother. Both families eventually meet at a dinner hosted by Wednesday's parents.

Sabrina Hubbard of Wayne plays Morticia in The Park Players' production, which runs March 13, 15, 20-22 and 27-29. It's her first musical and first production with The Park Players.

"I've done a lot of theater work and went to college for theater, but I never thought of myself as a singer. Nothing past karaoke," said Hubbard, who appeared in the Canton One Acts Festival earlier this year at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. She also has appeared in plays at Schoolcraft College.

"I think it's wonderful. Everything is falling into place," Hubbard said. "It's tons of fun, everything from the costume and the horror alone is an entity in itself. I grew up watching the TV shows. But I didn't want to do 100 percent Morticia. I wanted to bring a little something different to the character. I didn't want the

audience to think they were coming to see the TV show."

Hubbard likes the script because it offers a new story about the characters and it spreads the comedy and jokes throughout the entire cast.

"In a lot of shows, usually one person is the comic relief," she said. "Not so with this show. Each character has some good one liners."

Dream role

Playing Uncle Fester is a dream come true for Anthony Petrucci, a Canton resident and Eastern Michigan University graduate student. He worked with The Park Players last year, but performs mostly at EMU where he is working on a master's degree in interpretation and performance studies. He's involved in a children's theater production that tours schools in the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor areas, and plans to pursue a second master's degree in fine arts, with an eye toward teaching theater at a university.

But playing the oddball

Addams family uncle who can make light bulbs glow in his mouth, has been on Petrucci's radar for a long time.

"I have been a very big Addams Family fan for as long as I can remember. I grew up watching the movies and the old cartoon and as I got older I discovered the TV show," he said. "Fester always was my favorite because of how goofy he was. When I got into theater, that became my dream role. Even before the (stage) role was written, I wanted to play Fester in some way. That was the No. 1 thing on my list."

Petrucci developed his character with inspiration from Jackie Coogan's performance in the original television show and Christopher Lloyd's portrayal in the 1991 and 1993 films. He added a twist of "Curly" from the *Three Stooges*, a little vaudeville and his own spin.

"Just with any character I do, I base the character in myself. A part of me is in any character I do."

In addition to Hubbard and



Cousin Itt, played by Reese Malone of Detroit, sports a sheep dog hairdo.

Petrucci, local actors include Debra Holmes of Canton as an Ancestor; Jeannette Steinhauer of Livonia as Alice Beineke; Mark Steinhauer of Livonia as Lurch's understudy; Mitchell Hardy of Livonia as Pugsley Addams; Rachel Ogger of Livonia as Wednesday Addams; and Len Fisher of Wayne as Mal Beineke.

The troupe offers a dinner theater, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13; a benefit show for the North Rosedale Park Civic Association, 8 p.m. Friday, March 20; and a show with beverages and cheese, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21. Other shows are 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15 and 22; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29. Tickets for the dinner show are \$30, \$25 for the Association benefit and beverages with cheese; and \$18 for other shows. Seniors and students under 12 pay \$16 on March 22. The North Rosedale Park Community House is at 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit.

Holland said the admission price is \$10 for guests who bring a nonperishable food donation to the theater. If they purchased their tickets in advance, they'll receive a partial refund at the door. For tickets, call Marcia Closson, 313-835-1103, email parkplayersnrp@gmail.com or visit parkplayers.wordpress.com.



Mick Gavin of Redford will fiddle the night away at Irish Fest, Tuesday, March 17, in Westland.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Irish Fest in Westland

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Mick Gavin will fiddle the night away on Tuesday, March 17, as he has every St. Patrick's Day for 31 years.

The Redford resident and his fellow Irish musicians will perform at Irish Fest, from 3 p.m. to approximately 11 p.m. at the Hellenic Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. Admission is \$10. Children under 12 are admitted free with their parents.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration will include dancers from the Ardan School of Irish Dance, Irish balladeer Eddie McGlinchey, Irish champion harpist Siobhán McKinney, members of Gavin's Crossroads Ceili, and bagpipers.

Corned beef and cabbage dinners, Irish stew, hamburgers and hot dogs, beer and wine will be available for purchase.

"We have a huge line up this year. We do traditional songs, like *Molly Malone*. Since we've got a lot of kids,

we do kids' songs. We do *Lord of the Dance* and *Unicorn* and Marie's Wedding and The Wind that Shakes the Corn. We do a lot of reels and waltzes that seniors can dance to," Gavin said.

"We have a huge dance floor and the kids like to dance around to the music. It's very rewarding to see the little ones."

Gavin promotes the music fest annually as a family-friendly cultural event that draws 600-700 individuals of all ages.

The dancers will perform at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and pipers will take the stage at 6 p.m.

"In between we'll have lots of songs and music and we'll try to take requests," Gavin said. "It's hours of continuous entertainment. Whoever wants to come up and sing a song can do that. If they want to come up and wish someone a happy birthday, that's fine, too."

For more information, call 313-537-3489.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 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
Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS GALLERY@VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public events, through March 31

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: "Narrative Quilts: Works by Pauline Parker," is a solo show of wall hangings and watercolors
Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillage@theater.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through March 28

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "the mystery lesson," paintings by Kate Paul
Contact: 248-344-0497

AUDITIONS BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 16-17

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth
Details: Twelve men and four women needed for *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Prepare a one- or two-minute comic monologue and bring head shot and resume, if available. Auditions also will require cold readings from the script. Show runs May 8-17
Contact: Craig Hane at 734-276-9075

THREE CITIES ART CLUB

Time/Date: Submission deadline is March 21; art show reception is Sunday, April 19

Location: Art will be displayed at Westland Library meeting room, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland
Details: The club seeks original art work, including oils, watercolors, acrylic, pastels, collage, photo art, pottery and more. Submit up to three entries

for \$30; \$5 for each additional piece. Submit photos for judging on CD or flash drive. Download an entry form at threecitiesartclub.org.

Contact: Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939

COMEDY VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 14

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Second City Touring Company; tickets are \$25 per person

Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillage@theater.org

FILM MJR CINEMA

Time/Date: Saturday-Sunday through March

Location: Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne road, Westland

Details: Free children's film festival with *Annie*, March 14-15, *Night at the Museum*, March 21-22, and *Book of Life*, March 28-29. Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Free for children 12 and under; parents pay \$1. Call theater for show times

Contact: 734-298-2657

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, March 13 and Thursday, March 19; 3:50 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 14-15

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: *The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies*; admission \$3

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. March 20, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 21

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

Details: Three Stooges Festival; \$5
Contact: 313-898-1481

HISTORY KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through May 3

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor
Details: "Death Dogs: The Jackal Gods of Ancient Egypt," will explore the mysterious ancient Egyptian jackal-headed gods associated with death and the afterlife. The exhibition features

approximately 40 artifacts, some never before displayed and many coming from University of Michigan excavations in Egypt, along with archival photographs and explanatory graphics.

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: "Creative Hands: Busy Hands" is the new exhibit, which runs through June 14. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show runs 7:30 p.m., third Saturday of the month through May

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

Details: \$5 at the door.

Contact: BfSpresident@aol.com

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

Time/Date: 8 p.m. March 21

Location: Sellgman Center for Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills

Details: The Miro Quartet performs music that spans four centuries. Tickets are \$30-\$60

Contact: 248-855-6070; chambermusic-detroit.org

FARMINGTON PLAYERS BARN

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. March 13-14

Location: 32332 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The group plays a variety of Irish pub songs. Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$17 for seniors and students. Buy them by calling 248-473-1848, visiting the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, or logging onto recreg.fhgov.com

Contact: Rachel Timlin, 248-473-1856

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: The Dave Bennett Quartet performs March 31. \$10 at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

Contact: 734-453-1780



LENTEN DINNER

Add seafood to salad, tacos, pasta

Preparing seafood at home during Lent can be a snap with a little inspiration, from adding new flavors to trying different cooking methods.

Consider grilling. Quick with minimal clean up, grilling seafood that's been rubbed with spices is a perfect Friday night option.

Packets can help lock in flavor and moisture. Wrap pieces of seasoned fish in foil or parchment packets and bake in the oven. For individual servings as beautiful as they are tasty, include colorful chopped vegetables in each packet.

Frying is a quick way to prepare most kinds of white fish. Look for breading and batter mixes to create crispy texture on the outside and a flaky center.

Try herb-crusted fish. Adding a crust to tilapia is a great way to complement its mild flavor. Combine spices like garlic, paprika and black pepper with chopped almonds, bread crumbs and Parmesan cheese for an easy dinner.

Tacos can be a quick and easy way to serve fish. If you're craving tacos but skipping the meat, try substituting your favorite seafood.

Add seafood to pasta dishes to change up a weeknight favorite. Use pantry staples like tomatoes, garlic and crushed red pepper, then simply add shrimp.

Top your favorite salad greens with a flavorful piece of fish. Make an easy fish marinade with some olive oil, vinegar and spices and herbs.

For more seafood recipes and flavor inspiration visit www.McCormick.com.

EASY BAJA FISH TACOS

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves: 8

2 cups prepared coleslaw
¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro
4 teaspoons chili powder
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon garlic powder
1 pound tilapia fillets
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
8 corn tortillas, warmed

1. Mix coleslaw and cilantro in medium bowl. Cover. Refrigerate until ready to serve.
2. Mix cornmeal, chili powder, salt and garlic powder in shallow dish. Coat fish evenly with cornmeal mixture.
3. Heat oil in large nonstick skillet on medium heat. Add fish; cook 3-5 minutes per side or until golden brown and fish flakes easily with a fork. Cut fish into 8 portions. Serve in warmed tortillas topped with coleslaw.

Nutritional information per serving: 231 calories, 7g total fat, 28mg cholesterol, 335 mg sodium, 28g carbohydrate, 3g fiber, 14g protein



SHRIMP PASTA WITH SPICY TOMATO SAUCE

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves: 6

1 can (14½ ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
1 cup water
2 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon basil leaves
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon oregano leaves
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon red pepper, crushed
8 ounces pasta, such as linguine or spaghetti
1 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined

1. Mix tomatoes, tomato paste, water, sugar, basil, garlic powder, oregano, salt and red pepper in large saucepan. Bring to boil on medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low; simmer, uncovered, 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.
2. Meanwhile, cook pasta as directed on package, adding shrimp during last 3 minutes of cooking. Drain. Return pasta and shrimp to pot.
3. Pour tomato sauce over shrimp and pasta. Toss gently to coat well. Serve immediately with shredded Parmesan cheese, if desired.

Nutritional information per serving: 245 calories, 1g total fat, 112mg cholesterol, 482mg sodium, 39g carbohydrate, 3g fiber, 20g protein



SWEET & SPICY CITRUS SALMON

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 12 minutes
Serves: 6

½ cup olive oil
3 tablespoons maple syrup
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
2 teaspoons paprika
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Chile Pepper, Ancho
1 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Cinnamon, Ground Saigon
½ teaspoon salt
6 salmon fillets, about 1½-2 pounds
3 tablespoons orange juice
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 package (5 ounces) baby arugula, about 7 cups
3 seedless oranges, peeled and sectioned
½ cup toasted chopped pecans

1. Mix oil, maple syrup, orange peel, paprika, ancho chile pepper, chili powder, cinnamon and salt in small bowl with wire whisk. Reserve 3 tablespoons of the marinade. Place salmon in large resealable plastic bag or glass dish. Add remaining marinade; turn to coat.
 2. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Remove salmon from marinade; place on greased broiler rack. Discard any remaining marinade.
 3. Broil 8 to 12 minutes or until salmon flakes easily with a fork, turning halfway through broiling.
 4. Meanwhile, stir orange juice and mustard into reserved marinade until well blended. Place arugula in large salad bowl. Add dressing; toss to coat. Divide arugula and oranges among 6 plates. Top with salmon. Sprinkle with pecans.
- Substitution tip:** Use fresh spinach instead of arugula.

Nutritional information per serving: 358 calories, 26g total fat, 57mg cholesterol, 159mg sodium, 9g carbohydrate, 2g fiber, 22g protein

TILAPIA WITH SAVORY HERB BUTTER

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves: 4

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

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Mix butter, garlic powder, Italian seasoning and ground mustard in medium bowl until well blended.
 2. Place fish on foil-lined shallow baking pan. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Spread fish with herb butter mixture.
 3. Bake 10 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork.
- Substitution tip:** Try the recipe using red snapper, striped bass, flounder or sole.

Nutrition information per serving: 226 calories, 14g total fat, 82mg cholesterol, 431mg sodium, 1g carbohydrate, 0g fiber, 24g protein



CITY BITES

Celebrate pi with pie

Plymouth — Grand Traverse Pie Company stores will give away a free slice of its ABC pie — filled with Michigan-grown apples, blueberries and cherries — with any purchase on Saturday, March 14, known annually as National Pi Day, and this year as Epic Pie

Day. Pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. This year's event is epic because the time of 9:26:53 and the date of 3/13/15 will correspond to the first 10 digits in Pi — 3.141592653. Win \$150 worth of pie by posting a video of yourself reciting as many digits of Pi as you can in 15 seconds, on the company's Face-

book page. See gtpie.com for entry details. Find Grand Traverse Pie locally at 41640 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; 734-459-9200.

Helping families

Canton — Through March 31, Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern, which has 17 locations throughout Michigan, is part-

nering with the Troy-based Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLF) to raise funds for more than 4,500 Michigan families affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other related blood disorders. Guests can visit any of the locations to make a donation of at least \$1 in order to receive a paper basketball pinup. The funds

raised will go directly to help the families affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other related blood disorders who need financial assistance and emotional support. Find Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern locally at 2234 N. Canton Center, Canton, 734-404-5085; and at 26054 Novi Road, Novi, 248-374-3289.