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No tolerance for bullying at P-CCS, superintendent says after election

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Bullying comments may have been used as a campaign tool in the recent presidential race, but Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district officials will not tolerate similar behavior and comments in the schools.

"We have had some incidents at all grade levels," Superintendent Monica Merritt said. "Some kids are anxious

and worried. Others are responding to things they have seen (and heard), but have not had the opportunity to process."

Some of the incidents have involved name-calling. Others are asking if they will be allowed to stay in the U.S., Merritt said.

Certainly, Merritt said, incidents in the Plymouth-Canton schools have not been as shocking as those reported in Royal Oak or DeWitt, near

Lansing. But teachers have been asked to implement what they learned in their culturally proficient instruction to ensure that all students feel safe.

"It's an all-inclusive approach to teaching," Merritt said. "Teachers have been reminded to practice what



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they have learned."

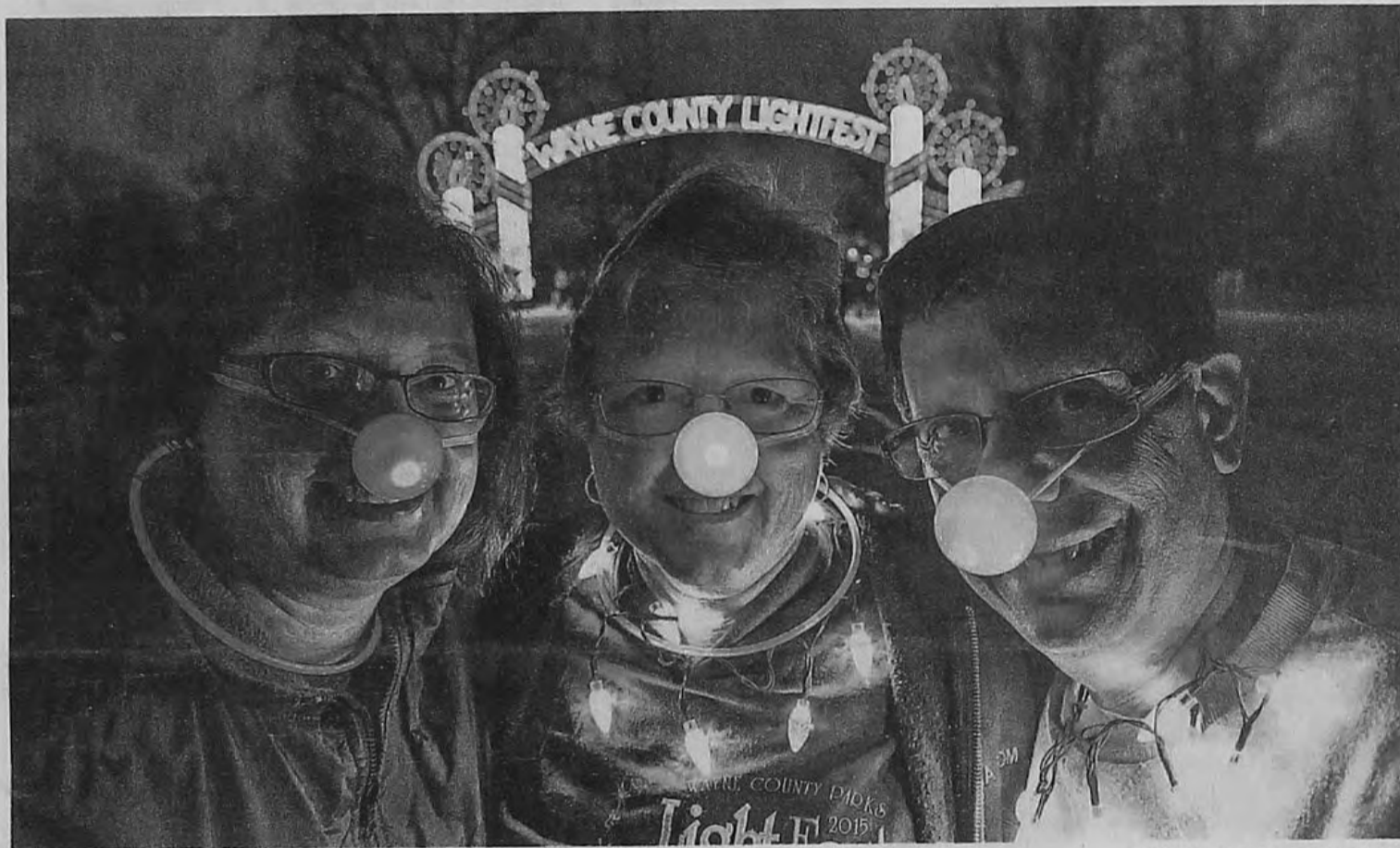
To reiterate her expectations of staff for Plymouth-Canton's diverse student population, Merritt late last week issued a memo that begins, "Some of our schools have reported that students are worried and anxious as a result of our national election results. This has been particularly true of some of our English learners, African American, Hispanic and Muslim students. For example, teachers in some

instances have been asked by some students if, based on the election results, they will be allowed to stay in this country."

Merritt confirmed that police reports were not filed on any reported incidents in the schools. "For us, it has been more proactive than reactive," said Nick Brandon, district spokesman.

But students are reminded

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Alexis Burgess, Cathy Mila and Jose Mila, all from Livonia, won't have any trouble finding their way with their bright noses.

Annual Wayne County Lightfest all set for Thursday opening

Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans and Wayne County Parks invite the public to attend the Lights On ceremony for the Wayne County Lightfest at 6 p.m. Thursday at Merriman Hollow Park located at 7651 Merriman in Westland.

The Lightfest is the largest holiday light show in the Midwest, displaying more than 50 animated themed displays and more than 100,000 lights. Among the attractions planned for the ceremony will be a performance by the Livonia Franklin High School Choir, a fireworks show and an appearance by Santa. The ceremony will conclude with Evans turning on the switch to kick off the first drive of the 23rd annual Lightfest.

"I look forward to Lightfest and the joy and excitement



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See LIGHTFEST, Page A2 Selfie time for Kathy Stegbauer of Southgate, Karen Krolicki of Woodhaven and Allison Krolicki of Woodhaven.

Aide pleads in sex case involving students

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A former teacher's aide at a Plymouth middle school has pleaded no contest to two criminal charges following allegations she had a relationship with two underage boys.

Bridget Diane Caplin, 41, is facing sentencing in January after she pleaded no contest Monday to charges of distributing obscene material to children and using a computer to commit a crime. She could face penalties ranging from probation to four years in prison.



Caplin

Caplin has been fired from her former job at East Middle School. Authorities say Wayne County Circuit Judge Gregory Bill allowed her to plead no contest to the charges amid concerns by Caplin that she should be facing a civil lawsuit. She accepted the plea abruptly Monday during her arraignment in circuit court.

The latest developments came after the most serious charge, third-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a person age 13-15, was dismissed by prosecutors after one of the victims refused to testify during an earlier preliminary hearing in 35th District Court in Plymouth. That charge carries a possible 15-year prison sentence.

"It's not the outcome that we foresaw," Plymouth Police Lt. Jamie Grabowski said. "We didn't see that charge going away, but we can't control what victims do."

Caplin's defense attorney couldn't be reached for comment on the outcome of the case.

Grabowski has said an investigation began in May after police received information from an anonymous online

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tipping service. The investigation, he said, involved search warrants for online data from social media outlets.

Authorities have said both boys were 15 when the incidents occurred.

Caplin was placed on administrative leave from East Middle School in May, but was later fired, Plymouth-

Canton Community Schools district officials have said.

Grabowski said Caplin was arrested Oct. 14 at a home in Monroe County by the sheriff's department there after a warrant was issued by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's office. She was formally arraigned the next day.

Staff writer Matt Jachman contributed to this story.

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LIGHTFEST

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ment that it brings to families during the holiday season," Evans said. "Lightfest has become a cherished and much anticipated tradition for so many people across the region. We are proud to host this community-wide celebration each year."

The Lightfest 8K Run/Walk took place Tuesday night in Merriman Hollow Park.

Lightfest is considered to be one of the most popular and not-to-be missed events in Wayne County. Michelle Kuczmarzski, a Wayne County resident who has attended Lightfest for 17 years, said, "over the years my children have been awestruck by the Lightfest displays and each year gets better with new attractions to enjoy. As a family, we look forward to Lightfest because it is a great time for us to bond during the holiday season. Lightfest really is a beautiful experience."

Returning this year is Santa's Workshop from Friday until Dec. 23 in Warrendale Park. Families have the option of visiting Santa or dropping off a letter in the giant mailbox. Also returning are Toy Nights on Dec. 6, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20, where visitors can donate a new un-



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Jessica Hamrick of East Lansing and her dad Vyto Kaunelis and mom Mary Kaunelis, both of Canton, warm up by the bonfire before the race begins.

wrapped toy in lieu of paying the entrance fee.

Lightfest runs from Thursday through Dec. 31, with a closure on Sunday, Dec. 25. The cost per vehicle is \$5. Visitors enter Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland and exit onto Warren Avenue near Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights.

Wayne County Lightfest Hours of Operation are 7-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6-10 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

During Lightfest, Hines Drive closes to traffic at 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at 5 p.m. on the weekends.



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Tyler Thompson and Rita Thompson have the kids, 8-month-old Alex and 4-year-old Olivia Thompson, bundled up and ready to go in the Lightfest 8K run/walk. The Thompson family is from Livonia.

CLARIFICATION

A story in Sunday's Canton Observer should have said that the Canton Public Library board had three newcomers — Amy Watts, Jasmine Lee and Jane Pandit — rather than two in the Nov. 8 election.

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they are to follow the district's code of conduct, while teachers and staff are reminded that student safety is a priority.

"We have asked teachers to be vigilant," Merritt said.

While incidents are being addressed at the building level and parents contacted, Merritt said parents have shown support.

Staff and teachers

have been asked — based on the district's Culturally Proficient Instruction — to do the following:

» Honor and accept a student's feelings. Help them talk about what it is about the election that worries them.

» Tell them that no matter what happens, their safety is our highest priority.

» Tell them that during an election, many people who want to be elected may say things that are exaggerated.

» Tell them that no matter what one candidate says or promises, in the United States no one person can single-handedly change the laws that already exist to protect everyone's freedoms.

» Remind them that in our schools we value everybody, that we should respect everyone regardless of race, ethnicity or personal beliefs.

» Remind them that at school we will not tolerate any form of bullying, harassment or ethnic intimidation. In keeping in line with the Student Code of Conduct, these types of actions would result in disciplinary consequences.

» Remind students that if they experience anything that makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe or if they are in need of additional support, they should immediately talk with their teacher or any school staff member.

State Superintendent Brian Whiston on Monday also issued a statement: "Since the U.S. presidential election last week, there have been a number of reported incidents in Michigan schools of students harassing, bullying, intimidating and using hateful speech toward other students.

"I realize that certainly at the national level over the past year, we saw the debate go to a new low, and that is impacting the actions, demeanor and mood in some of our schools."

Whiston added: "I ask that educators at all levels, from principals to teachers to parents, help their students understand that bullying and intimidation — in word and action — is unacceptable and will have consequences."

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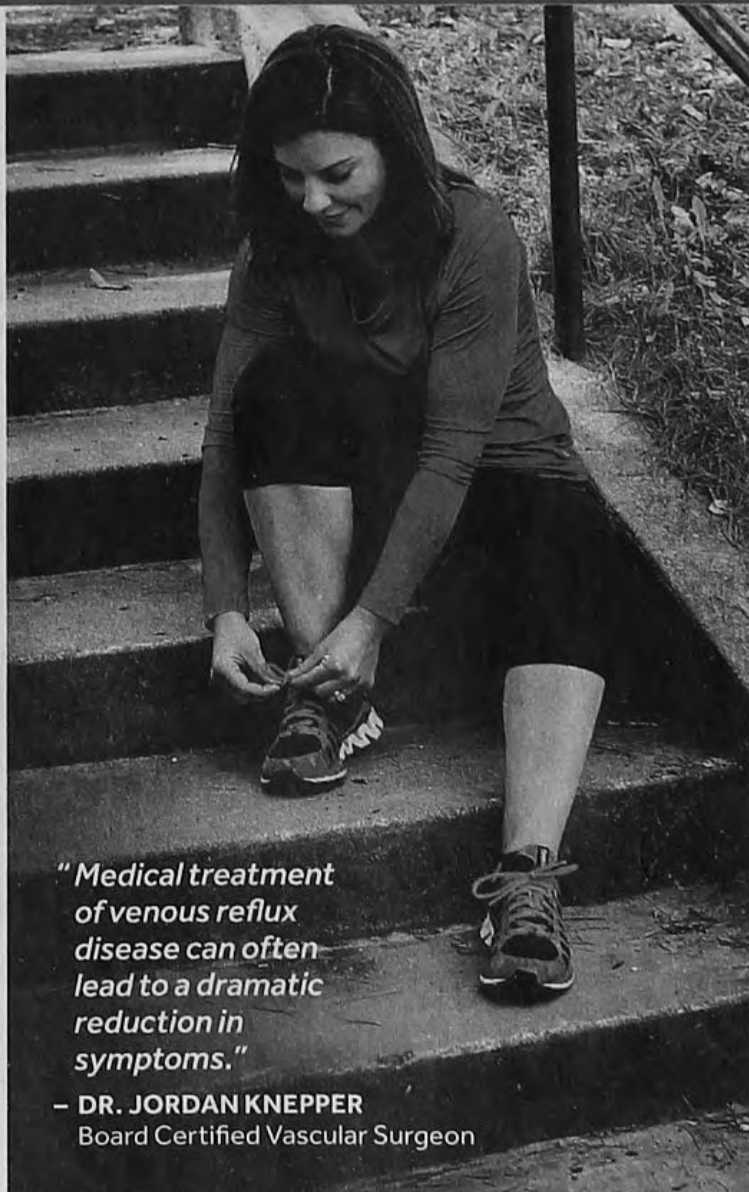
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Area Toys for Tots begins prep for season

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With Halloween in the rear-view mirror, Christmas isn't that far off. And with the season of giving starting, area Toys for Tots coordinators are ramping up their efforts.

The program has coordinators all across the region, and wants those in the local community to know who to contact if they're looking to donate or are in need of some assistance this season.

Kim Felske, a regional coordinator with Toys for Tots, said the group wants to inform residents of who their area coordinator is to help assist them in making sure donations, collections and other information are

going to the right person. "We don't want people missed, (that) is our biggest concern," the Brownstown Township resident said. "We'd like the toys collected in their communities to stay in their communities."

Coordinators for certain parts of the area have changed. For those in Livonia, Wayne and Westland, residents and business owners can contact Nakii Adams at 734-258-2083 or via email at nakii4t@gmail.com. For those in Redford Township and Garden City, the point person is Phil Smith, who can be reached at 313-720-2754 or at psmithtoysfortots@gmail.com. For those living in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Birmingham, Farmington,

Farmington Hills, Novi, South Lyon or Milford, the contact person is Rebecca Yarbrough, who can be reached at 248-331-7433 or t4trebecca@aol.com.

More information can be found at trenton-mi.toysfortots.org, novi-mi.toysfortots.org or detroit-mi.toysfortots.org.

Felske said the organization still sees need all across the region. Some areas tend to be higher for donations than others, though she said the need across Metro Detroit hasn't gone down.

"What we haven't seen is the need going up. But that could be for many different reasons," she said. "We haven't seen a drop in need for many, many years."



A child receives a toy from Toys for Tots at a 2015 event in Livonia.

FILE PHOTO

Main Street Opera to stage 'Amahl and the Night Visitors'

Main Street Opera Theatre will present "Amahl and the Night Visitors," one of the most popular American operas by Gian Carlo Menotti, Nov. 18-19, at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church St., Plymouth.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" is a timeless story of the power of faith and the meaning of love. The one-act opera tells the story of Amahl, a poor crippled boy, who lives with his mother in a village somewhere on the road to Bethlehem. When the Three Kings, following the star in the east, seek shelter for the night, the lives of Amahl and his mother are changed forever.

Commissioned by NBC in 1951 and first performed at Studio 8H at Rockefeller Center, Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" has become an annual holiday tradition enjoyed by children and families around the world.

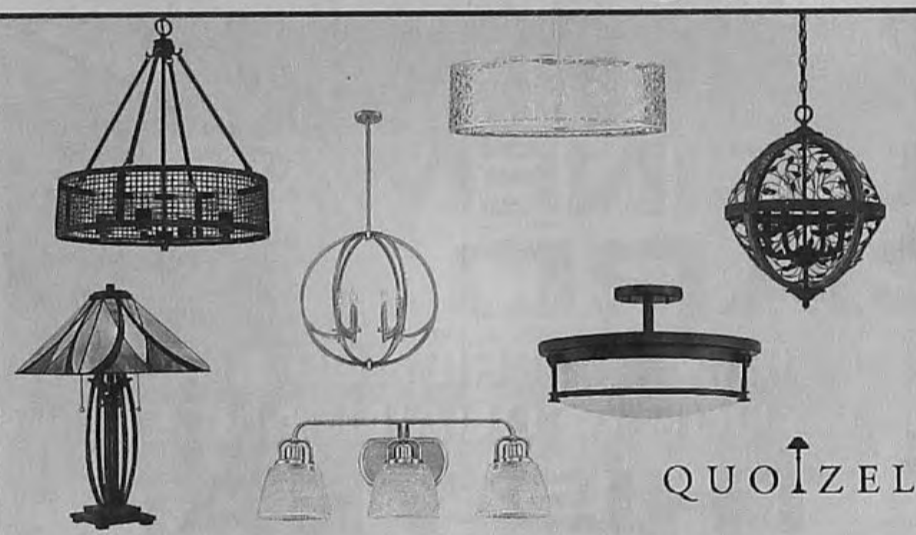
Running time is just under one hour. Children over the age of 5 are encouraged to attend with an adult. The opera is sung in English. Main Street Opera Theatre is based in Plymouth. Tickets are \$16 for students and seniors and \$18 for adults.

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Two area men dead in Canton hit-and-run

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Canton police are investigating a double pedestrian fatality involving three vehicles that occurred while two men were crossing Michigan Avenue at Lotz in Canton.

The accident happened shortly before 6 p.m. Sunday. Police haven't released the names of the men who

were killed, only that they were a 54-year-old Westland resident and a 45-year-old Inkster man.

Police say the two men were walking north across the eastbound lanes of Michigan Avenue at Lotz Road. The 54-year-old pedestrian was struck by what witnesses described as a dark blue or black vehicle, possibly a late-model Dodge Caravan, before the driver fled the scene.

"We're still looking for the driver," police Lt. Pat Sullivan said Monday morning.

The same man was subsequently struck by a Buick Lacrosse whose driver did stop at the scene.

The 45-year-old man, meanwhile, was struck by a Ford Expedition. That driver also stopped at the scene.

The 54-year-old man was pronounced dead at

the scene. The 45-year-old was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where he later died.

No injuries were reported by the drivers or passengers of the vehicles which stopped.

The driver of the Dodge Caravan was described as a Middle Eastern male, approximately 36-40 years old, clean-shaven with short black hair. He was wearing a dark, possibly

black, suit with a red tie. Police say he briefly got out of his vehicle and then left the scene.

Anyone who has information about the driver or who saw the crash is asked call the Canton Township Police Department at 734-394-5400.

Police say the Dodge Caravan or similar type vehicle should have significant front-end damage.

Speed, alcohol and distracted driving do not appear to be factors in the crash with the two drivers who remained at the scene.

The Canton Police Department's Accident Investigation Team was called in to investigate. The crash remains under investigation.

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Plymouth residents must fight for historic preservation

Give up or fight back?

Shock, anger, disgust, resentment, accusations, tears, loss of sleep — just a sampling of the reactions we've heard about in the aftermath of the wanton destruction of a 155-year-old Plymouth landmark (Kellogg House, built by the son of the forefather whose name adorns our iconic downtown park) and the clear-cutting of the lot's majestic walnut trees (which take about 150 years to mature and can live for 250 years, but which take only about that many minutes to eliminate). Understandable reactions, in our opinion. Plymouth has been brutally attacked. That means you and we have been attacked. This is not "just business," it's "personal."

So how could such a terrible thing happen? Ironically, Plymouth's success has made it a target. The collective actions taken over a period of time to build and maintain our community's unique character and charm have led to a vibrant downtown and



Mark Malcolm
GUEST COLUMNIST

soaring property values. Those soaring values motivate some builders to flip properties — tearing down homes and trees to build significantly larger new homes that do not fit the character of our community and subdividing lots to squeeze in multiple homes where one house stood before. These builders are capitalizing on Plymouth's charm while leaving it decidedly less charming with every too-big house and each clear-cut. Kellogg House is far from the only example. It's just the most audacious and egregious defiling thus far experienced.

To be fair, not all builders have misbehaved. And while we consider the behavior of the bad builders to be morally reprehensible, it has not been illegal. So does that mean "it's just the way it is" and we have no choice but to

give up and accept this destructive reality? Absolutely not. Plymouth belongs to us, not to predatory builders or anyone who threatens to negatively alter what we as a community value. It's now clear and proven that our present ordinances and rules are not protecting us against new-found atrocities like Kellogg House. So let's change the rules!

As a start, we are calling on our elected and appointed city officials to exhibit the leadership and courage needed to serve the citizens by immediately making it a priority to develop legally enforceable rules intended to dissuade and ultimately prevent the type of actions that occurred at Kellogg House.

The good news is that attempts to address some of the issues that have been experienced thus far are, in theory, underway in the development of a new Master Plan and a contemplated future tree ordinance. However, until these and/or other related efforts produce a viable plan to effectively ad-

It is incumbent upon each and every one of us who feels violated and fed up to express their feelings and expectations in the clearest possible ways. This is not the time for whining and self-pity. Those who care have to fight back through actions.

dress this burgeoning community crisis, city leadership should quickly develop and enact temporary measures to halt further destruction. Perhaps, for example, a moratorium on demolitions and tree removals. Yes, this may unfortunately also disadvantage innocent and acceptable planned citizen actions, but it would only be temporary and it would be done for the long-term greater good.

It is incumbent upon each and every one of us who feels violated and fed up to express their feelings and expectations in the clearest possible ways. This is not the time for whining and self-pity. Those who care have to fight back through ac-

tions. A few thoughts on how to get involved and make a positive difference: Send emails to Mayor Dan Dwyer (dad@ci.plymouth.mi.us). Attend city commission and planning commission meetings and speak your piece. Volunteer to get directly involved by assisting the commissions if they need help. We have outstanding people serving this community, but this will be a big step and they need to know that we strongly support them taking bold and decisive action.

For ongoing awareness and the potential to assist and influence public policy and private investments aimed at preserving critical elements of our communi-

ty's history, consider joining the Plymouth Preservation Network (www.facebook.com/PlymouthPreservationNetwork).

Also consider organizing community groups to lawfully assemble and visibly picket/protest at the Kellogg House and/or other tear-down sites to send a strong message directly to those builders. It is the pursuit of profit that has attracted the bad actors; therefore, it is the realistic fear of backlash and losses that can help drive the bad actors away.

Kellogg House and those incredible trees are gone forever. Let's make this outrage the tipping point that galvanizes us as a community to fight back and work together with unrelenting resolve to stop the madness right here, right now, and do our part to protect for generations to come the Plymouth that is loved by us and admired by outsiders.

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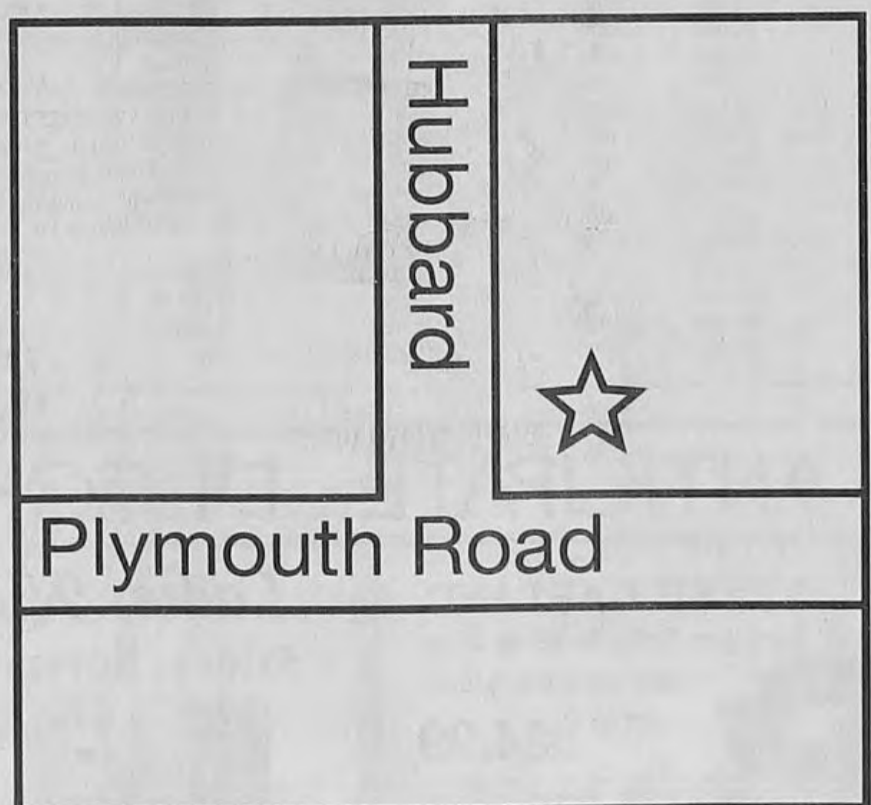
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Veteran's family reunited with soldier's Purple Heart

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Detroit Free Press

The chance discovery in a Jerusalem consignment shop of World War II veteran Robert Mathis' Purple Heart certificate led U.S. Army Lt. Col. Matthew Yandura on a three-year journey to reunite the award with Mathis' family.

It was a quest that involved contacting military agencies, scouring the Internet and reaching out to suspected family members, only to be told he had the wrong Mathis family. "It was maddening," said Yandura, now a military science professor at Loyola University in Chicago.

This summer, with the help of Army Cadet Jay Choi, Yandura tracked down Mathis' family, 72 years after he was killed in action defending the beachfront of Anzio, Italy, in 1944.

On Sunday, several family members and Jewish war veterans were among more than 100 people who attended an hour-long ceremony at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills to reunite Mathis' family with the Purple Heart certificate he earned on that beach in Italy. He is buried at a Jewish cemetery in metro Detroit.

"In reuniting Robert's certificate to his family, we dutifully return a soldier's lost honor," Yandura said Sunday during the ceremony. "We also restore a piece of a family's proud Jewish history and we also remind ourselves of the price of freedom and the cost of war."

Born Reuven Matusevitch in Lithuania, Mathis immigrated to the U.S. around 1939 and changed his name. After a couple of years, Mathis

enlisted in the U.S. Army and was deployed with the 36th Combat Engineers. About the same time, Mathis' wife and child — whom he planned to bring to the U.S. — were killed by Nazis in Lithuania, along with his parents, Mathis' family members said Sunday.

As a combat engineer, Mathis was an infantryman technically versed in all aspects of detonation and explosives. He helped clear routes for combat teams and discarded captured enemies' explosives, said Choi, who met Yandura through Loyola's ROTC program and joined the effort to help find Mathis' family.

In Italy, "Mr. Mathis and his unit held their defensive position for 47 long, cold, grueling, aching days on the line without any relief," Choi said. "This never-quit, bend-but-don't-break attitude helped develop a unit motto — rugged."

Faye Menczer Ascher of West Bloomfield, Mathis' niece, spoke at Sunday's ceremony and recalled memories of her uncle. She remembered going to a toy store in Detroit with Mathis while he was visiting on furlough. She also remembered, as a girl 9 or 10 years old, seeing Mathis' Purple Heart in its box in one of her mother's drawers.

Exactly what happened to the medal and its certificate is unclear. The family believes the Purple Heart certificate eventually was in the possession of Mathis' brother in New York. Later in life, the brother moved to Jerusalem to be near their sister. After they both died, the family thinks there was an estate sale and the certificate came into the hands of an antique map dealer



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Allyse and Evan Denmark present a pair of glass eagle statues to Cadet Jay Choi and Lt. Col. Matthew Yandura as thanks for finding them and returning a Purple Heart Certificate Yandura found, belonging to their predecessor, Tech 5th Grade Robert Mathis, at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills.



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A group of Jewish war veterans thank Cadet Jay Choi for reuniting the family of Tech 5th Grade Robert Mathis with his Purple Heart Certificate during a ceremony at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills.



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Gloria Zeitak of Israel and Faye Menczer Ascher of West Bloomfield, nieces to Tech 5th Grade Robert Mathis, share their stories and memories of him.

whose goods were for sale at the Jerusalem consignment shop where Yandura came upon it in 2013 while he was stationed at the Jerusalem consulate.

"While perusing the maps, my eye caught a small, non-descript gold frame resting on the ground against another map," Yandura said Sunday during the ceremony. "As I knelt down to get a closer look, I immediately recognized that the frame contained not a map, but a Purple Heart certificate."

Yandura said he asked for the certificate so it could be returned to the family. But the map dealer insisted on \$100, Yandura said. He paid for it and pledged to find Mathis' family. The certificate and a new medal were presented to the family Sunday.

The ceremony drew relatives from Israel,

England and across the U.S. Family members said the experience brought them closer together and taught younger generations unfamiliar with Mathis about his service.

The army's contact with his family began over the summer, when a researcher contacted Allyse Denmark, Mathis' great niece who grew up in West Bloomfield and lives in Atlanta.

The U.S. is a nation of immigrants, Denmark, 48, said, and learning about Mathis helped Denmark and her family better understand its history.

"Not everyone understands their immigrant story. But so many people who come to America are either fleeing some place in adversity or they're coming for a better life," she said. "We all have a story. This was our story."

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Two-week investigation expected in Canton police officer's racist Facebook post

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An internal investigation into allegations that a Canton police officer made a racist social media post should be completed by the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, an official confirmed Monday.

Police Deputy Director Chad Baugh reiterated Monday that "behavior like this will not be tolerated" by a department that officials say has worked hard to develop positive relations with all segments of the Canton community.

An officer who has been on the job for one year was suspended with pay Friday, the same day Canton Public Safety Department officials

issued a statement referring to "a racist social media post" the officer allegedly made during a live feed on Facebook of a presidential election protest.

The officer, allegedly referring to African Americans, posted the words "go home monkeys," according to television reports.

Baugh said the police department's command officers are conducting an internal investigation and will issue their findings and will issue their findings to Public Safety Director Joshua Meier, who will decide whether the officer keeps his job or what action is taken.

"It's all up to the director of public safety based on the facts," Baugh said. He said the probe should take no more than

two weeks from last Friday, when police officials first learned of the allegations.

"As a complete department, we are incredibly disappointed," he said.

Canton's top government official, Supervisor Phil LaJoy, said the alleged actions of one officer aren't representative of the entire department.

"It's not reflective of the department," he said, adding later, "It's totally against their beliefs and how they operate, in my opinion. It's sad."

LaJoy said Meier and the department handled the situation appropriately and transparently by issuing a statement on the same day they learned of the allegations.

Baugh said the depart-

ment has policies pertaining to social media and appropriate use of it by police officers.

Local officials haven't disclosed the officer's name, though some media outlets have reported it. Baugh said the department's policy is not to release the name at this time during the internal investigation.

"It's a safety issue for all of our officers, especially those that are working right now," Baugh said.

Officials have said the Canton Police Department has made strides to make all segments of the community feel welcome. One example was the creation years ago of the Canton Response To Hate Crimes Coalition, which pulls together

diverse groups to promote healing and tolerance in the wake of any hate crime.

Meanwhile, Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton has scheduled a community meeting Friday evening to discuss concerns, such as harassment of minority groups, that have been reported since the election of President-elect Donald Trump.

Trump, accused by critics of inciting such behavior, said Sunday on CNN that anyone doing it should "stop it."

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, coordinator of the Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach, said the public is invited to the church meeting to discuss their concerns and fears after

groups such as Muslims, Latinos and African Americans have reported an uptick in harassment and violence.

"We have community members that are really scared and they want to be heard," Graham-Hudak said. "They want to feel safe. They are worried about their families and their neighbors."

The church meeting begins at 6 p.m. Friday with a potluck (anyone attending may bring a dish) and the discussion begins at 7 p.m. She said attendees don't have to be of any particular faith. The church is located at 5835 Sheldon Road in Canton.

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Parkinson's patients fight symptoms by boxing



Len McCulloch
GUEST COLUMNIST

Pugilistic Dementia is a term that refers to the brain impairments caused by the sport of boxing. Parkinson's Disease is a progressive neurological disorder of the brain and is said to affect 1 million people in the United States. Parkinson's is often characterized by shaking tremors throughout the body, impaired gait, poor balance, impaired speech and other associated difficulties.

One doesn't have to go further than Muhammad Ali for an example of the best of boxing and the debilitation of Parkinson's disease.

Recently, I learned of

a relatively new form of exercise that uses boxing in the fight against Parkinson's. My initial naive thought was, "Do people involved in this program have rocks in their head? Don't they know that a sport with the object of damaging your opponent's brain would add to, not remediate the symptoms of Parkinson's disease?"

However, information from our local Sports Club of Novi, which conducts Rock Steady Boxing classes specifically for people with Parkinson's disease, set me straight. You see, they do so in a non-contact way, without striking each other. There are also Rock Steady affiliates in Beverly Hills and Troy and at 50 other sites around the country.

Boxing exercises

The exercises of boxing seem well-suited for targeting symptoms of Parkinson's. Stretching out helps with stiffness, footwork is used for balance and agility, the forced intensity of punching with a large glove can steady tremors, sparring is for coordination and counting, shouting and singing is used for the so-called "short voice syndrome" associated with changes in speech.

The program uses speed bags, heavy bags, medicine balls, even pool noodles — all sorts of equipment — to help fight the many symptoms of Parkinson's. The participants also "spar" with the certified coaches to work on strength, focus, footwork, power, agility and so much more. The

coaches use "mitts" to give the participants a focus point and, at the same time, encouragement.

The website for Rock Steady Boxing headquarters has a marvelous video interview between Lesley Stahl of CBS News and her husband, Aaron Latham. Aaron has Parkinson's disease. On the video, Aaron speaks for other participants who acknowledge improvements in both the physical conditioning and their emotional and mental abilities as a result of this program. They've regained control over the body, an achievement that alleviates depression. The camaraderie of the group, cheering each other on, alleviates the sense of loneliness and isolation often seen in individuals with a neuro-

logical disorder. Participants in Rock Steady can range in age from 45-95.

Research

The program, started in 2006, evolved from research conducted at the University of Indianapolis. Studies comparing participants with Parkinson's who are involved in boxing versus those without the activity seemed to show patterns of improvements in various areas of medical and mental health. There is some suggestion that forced intense exercise may generate renewed growth of brain cells that are neuroprotective and can actually slow the progression of Parkinson's. In some cases, great improvement may occur. Unfortunately, there is no cure. As the "boxers" at Sports Club of Novi Rock Steady

Boxing program show, there is a change in perception of being the victim of such a devastating disease to someone who is "fighting back," "clobbering" and "fighting for" some renewed control against the losses which are the Parkinson's experience.

For more information, go to www.rocksteadyboxing.org or call Suzanne Schulz, certified personal trainer and Rock Steady Boxing coach at 248-735-8850, ext. 217 or email fitnesscoachsuz@gmail.com.

L.J. McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association and holds credentials in mental health, addictions, trauma, social work, and brain injuries. McCulloch is available for a courtesy consultation at 248-474-2763, ext. 222.

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Got kidney stones? Try a roller coaster

R.J. Wolcott
Lansing State Journal

Does your insurance cover amusement parks? Maybe it should.

For years, David Wartinger's patients told him stories of passing kidney stones shortly after riding roller coasters. "Most urologists wouldn't be surprised by this," said



Wartinger

Wartinger, a professor emeritus within Michigan State University's Department of Osteopathic Surgical Specialties. Jarring motions and vibrations often jostle



Kidney stones sit in a jar in the office of Dave Wartinger, an associate professor of osteopathic surgical specialties at Michigan State University.

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stones stuck on the outer area of kidney, enabling them to be passed.

But one patient's story prompted Wartinger to look at roller coasters

more seriously. The patient told Wartinger he rode Big Thunder Mountain Railroad inside Disney World's Magic Kingdom three times in an hour and passed a stone shortly after each ride.

So Wartinger decided to test it himself. Alongside then-urology resident Mark Mitchell, Wartinger visited Disney in 2008.

He and Mitchell rode coasters with a backpack loaded with a 3D model of a kidney between them. Testing nearly 200 stones of different shapes and sizes, the pair found Big Thunder Mountain was particularly effective.

They found nearly 70 percent of stones were primed for passage

when riding in the rear car at Big Thunder Mountain. Other carts on the ride weren't nearly as successful. The pair also tested Space Mountain and Aerosmith's Rock 'n' Roller Coaster, which failed to replicate Big Thunder Mountain's success.

Rough-riding coasters with quick turns are most likely to help stones move along, Wartinger said. Anyone looking to try Wartinger's method should avoid coasters with inverted loops or upside down movement.

The potential cost savings for patients, employers and insurance companies are substantial, Wartinger said.

"We want to offer

people something cheaper than a \$5,000 Lithotripsy," he said, a procedure which breaks up large stones using ultrasound shock waves.

Coasters like Big Thunder Mountain won't work for everyone, Wartinger said. Much like a person's fingerprint, the inside of a person's kidney has a unique pattern. But for patients who know they have a small stone, recently had a larger stone broken-up or women looking to pass a stone before becoming pregnant, roller coasters are a logical proactive measure.

"I can tell you, if insurance companies want to save money, they'd cover visits to amusement parks," he said.

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Seven steal more than \$15K from Livonia Von Maur

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Seven Indiana residents currently face charges after Livonia police say they tried to steal more than \$15,000 in merchandise from a shop in Laurel Park Place.

Police say they were called to Von Maur, 37500 Six Mile, Saturday evening on the report of six women who had fled the store with many pieces of unpaid-for merchandise. Store employees told police they saw the van pull up and put on its hazard lights near the entrance of the store and let the suspects out. They then came into the store, went straight to the men's department and began grabbing "armfuls" of apparel. They then all left the store without paying, store employees said. One pair of jeans was dropped by a suspect and recovered

by the store.

Police say the women got into a vehicle and drove off, heading southbound on Newburgh. An officer in the area located the vehicle and, after confirming its identity, watched it turn onto Lyndon. Police then pulled the vehicle over on Lyndon, near Richfield.

After asking the driver of the van to step out, she was arrested. The other passengers were also asked to leave the car and were also subsequently arrested and detained by several police officers who arrived at the scene. After the suspects were arrested, police searched the vehicle and reportedly found more than \$15,000 worth of merchandise from Von Maur, including: 19 pairs of jeans, 35 North Face jackets, 12 tops, 37 polo shirts, two Victoria's Secret bras, four pairs of

underwear and several Nike-brand items, among others. Some pills, including oxycodone, were found on the driver's person.

The women were all charged with first-degree retail fraud in Livonia's 16th District Court. They are:

- » Alicia McIntyre, 42, of Indianapolis
- » Kaylynn Fields, 19, of Avon, Ind.
- » Coryonna Tinnin, 17, of Indianapolis
- » Kayla Drake, 18, of Indianapolis
- » Alaejcia McIntyre, 18, of Indianapolis
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If convicted, the suspects all face up to five years in prison.

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The Shawn Riley Band entertained.

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Ring the bell for Thayer School

The Friends of Northville Township Historic District Commission hosted its second annual fundraiser Nov. 12 at the Northville District Library.

The Friends' mission was — and is — to raise money to renovate the 1877 one-room Thayer School on the corner of Six Mile and Napier roads.

Monies raised will continue improvements to the structure, including repair and shingling of the roof and restoration of the interior and exterior, all with historical accuracy. Structural improvements are underway. Thayer's Corners and the school represent Northville Township's earliest settlement by the Thayer family, which built the school and surrounding cemetery. The school and cemetery make up the Thayer's Corners Historic District.

"We have tarps on the roof. There are holes on the roof. They were able to save the original roof structure," said township Trustee Fred Shadko, a Friends member, adding that steel beams have been used to strengthen the roof.

Guests enjoyed the Shawn Riley Band, food provided by Rocky's and LuLu's Catering and participated in a silent auction and competition for "best gingerbread display."

Judges for the event were Jean Hansen, library treasurer, Dan Schneider, local historical architect, and Joanne Maliszewski, editor of the Northville Record. The gingerbread structures were created by Brown-dog Creamery & Dessert Bar, Joe Micallef, retired chef, and Diane Brandt and Alexandra Walton, amateur bakers.

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Thayer School's history includes using the structure as a home in the 1960s.

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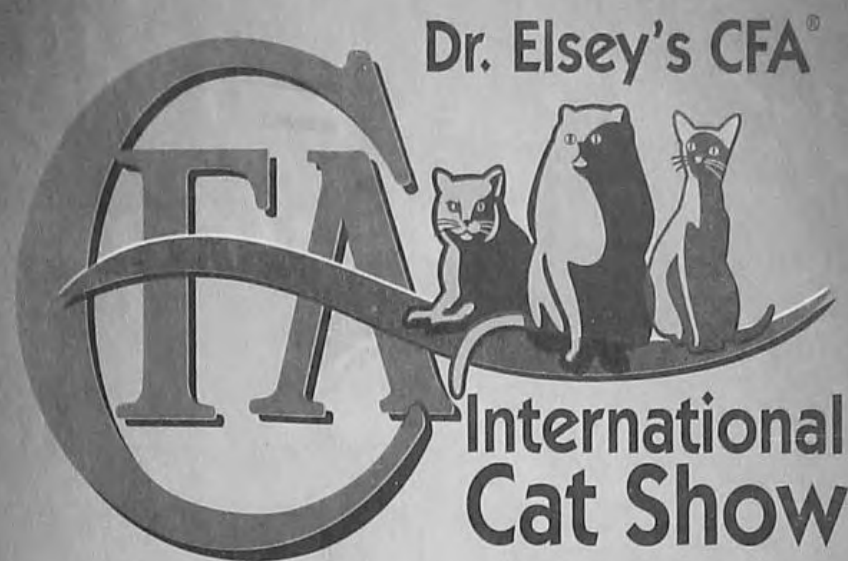


First-place winner of the gingerbread contest is Alexandra Walton, a baker.

tinues, as there is much to be done. Donations are welcome and greatly appreciated. For those who missed this event, contributions may be made by sending a check made out to "Friends of Northville Township History" to Friends of Northville History, P.O. Box 356, Northville MI 48167. It is a 501(c)3 organization (tax receipts available).

When completed, the school will be offered for use by the educational and social communities. Go to its Facebook page, Friends of Northville Township HDC, for updated school information and contacts for donations.

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'Hardcore Pawn' star teams with teenage heart transplant patient to create bracelet

Jay Grossman
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Everybody knows the Hardcore Pawn Chick has a heart of gold.

Ashley Gold, the former reality star of TruTV's "Hardcore Pawn," has created a personalized beaded bracelet that she's selling on her website to benefit 16-year-old heart transplant patient Trevor Sullivan.

"My goal is to provide the greatest Christmas ever for Trevor and his family," Gold said. "So many people have helped me along the way ... when I heard about Trevor's story I knew right away that I wanted to do something."

The Team Trevor Bracelet sells for \$20 and is available exclusively on www.pawnchickshopping.com. The colors of the bracelet — blue and black — represent Sullivan's love for the University of Michigan, and the strength he's displayed through the transplant process.

Through word-of-mouth, Gold has been selling over 20 bracelets a day.

"It's the power of social media," she said. "It can help change a life."

Strength in numbers

Sullivan received his new heart in November 2015. He was on the road to recovery until last July, when he suffered what doctors believe is a rare reaction to a viral illness. As a result of the setback, the Southfield teenager spent several months recuperating at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. He's hoping to return to school later this month.

"He's getting stronger, and that's what counts,"



SULLIVAN FAMILY PHOTO
Groves High School varsity football coach Brendan Flaherty shows off his Team Trevor bracelet, which was created by Ashley Gold.

his father, Phil Sullivan, said Monday.

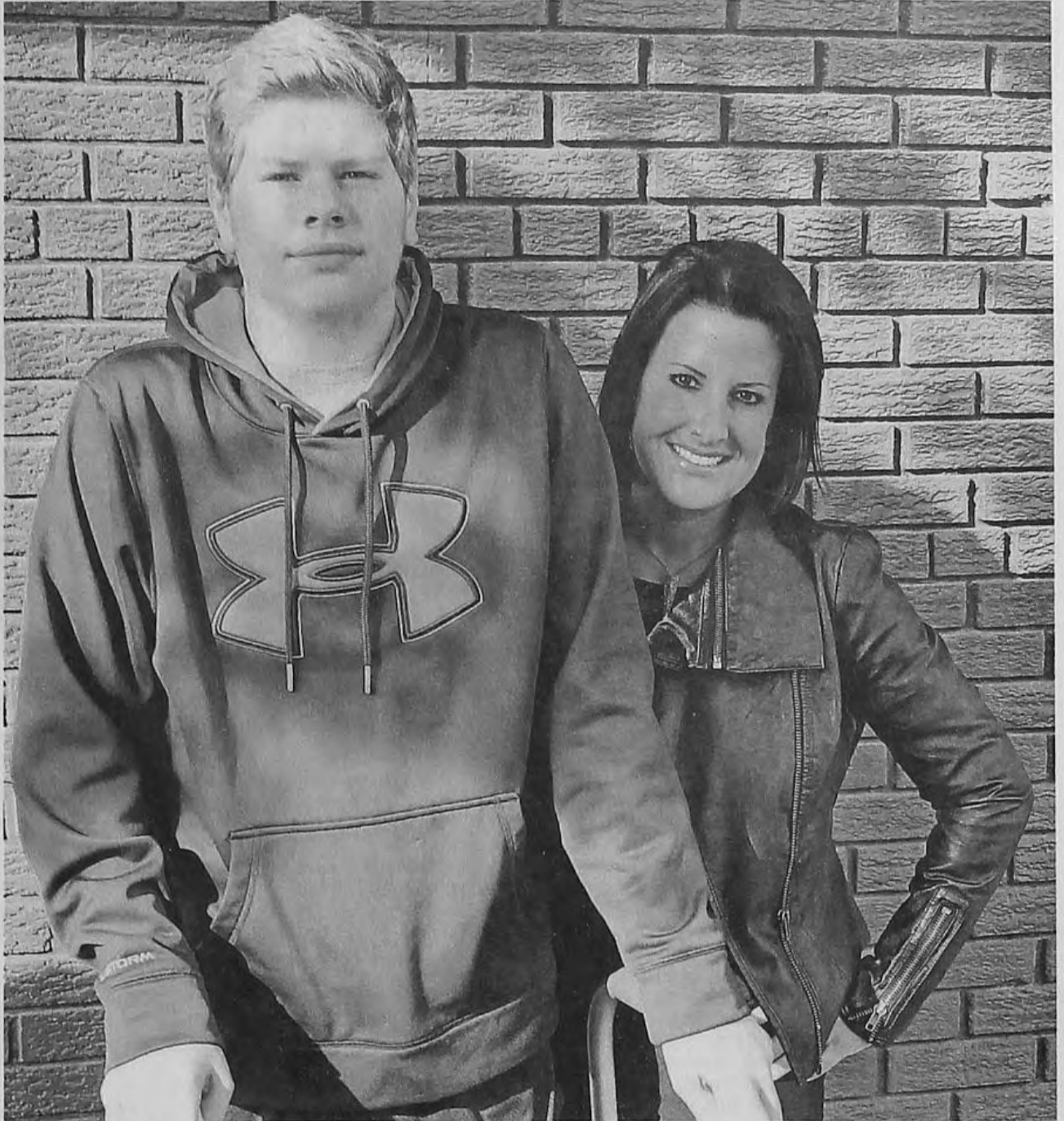
In the meantime, the family has had plenty of support from the community. Trevor's classmates at Groves High School included him in this year's Homecoming Court, and a few of them even trekked over to the Sullivan house to help with lawn work. Other neighbors have formed a Meal Train to help with dinners.

A Go Fund Me page has been set up for the Sullivan family to help with some of the bills. Despite having insurance, the family is facing thousands of dollars in medical co-pays. In addition, Phil Sullivan has been missing work and staying at the hospital, while his wife Kimberly stays at home with their three other children.

Reality show vs. reality

It's an unusual partnership: a former TV reality star teaming up with a heart transplant patient. Gold spent six years on Hardcore Pawn, which focused on the Gold family and their pawn shop off Eight Mile Road in Detroit.

She still travels the globe for speaking engagements, along with running a successful online jewelry business.



SULLIVAN FAMILY PHOTO
Ashley Gold of "Hardcore Pawn" fame, with 16-year-old heart transplant patient Trevor Sullivan of Southfield. "My goal is to provide the greatest Christmas ever for Trevor and his family," Gold said.

She still enjoys the art of buying and selling.

But most of all, she enjoys being a mom.

"I have two young children, and it's impossible for me to even imagine what it would be

like," Gold said. "When I met Trevor, I promised him we would take this viral — and that's exactly what I'm going to do!"

Gold said she also plans on working with Trevor to help promote

organ donations.

"He has such an incredible attitude," she said. "I met with him and his family at a restaurant, and he was showing me photos of his open heart surgery ... he's just

so incredibly brave and he's focused on helping out other people. I think that's amazing."

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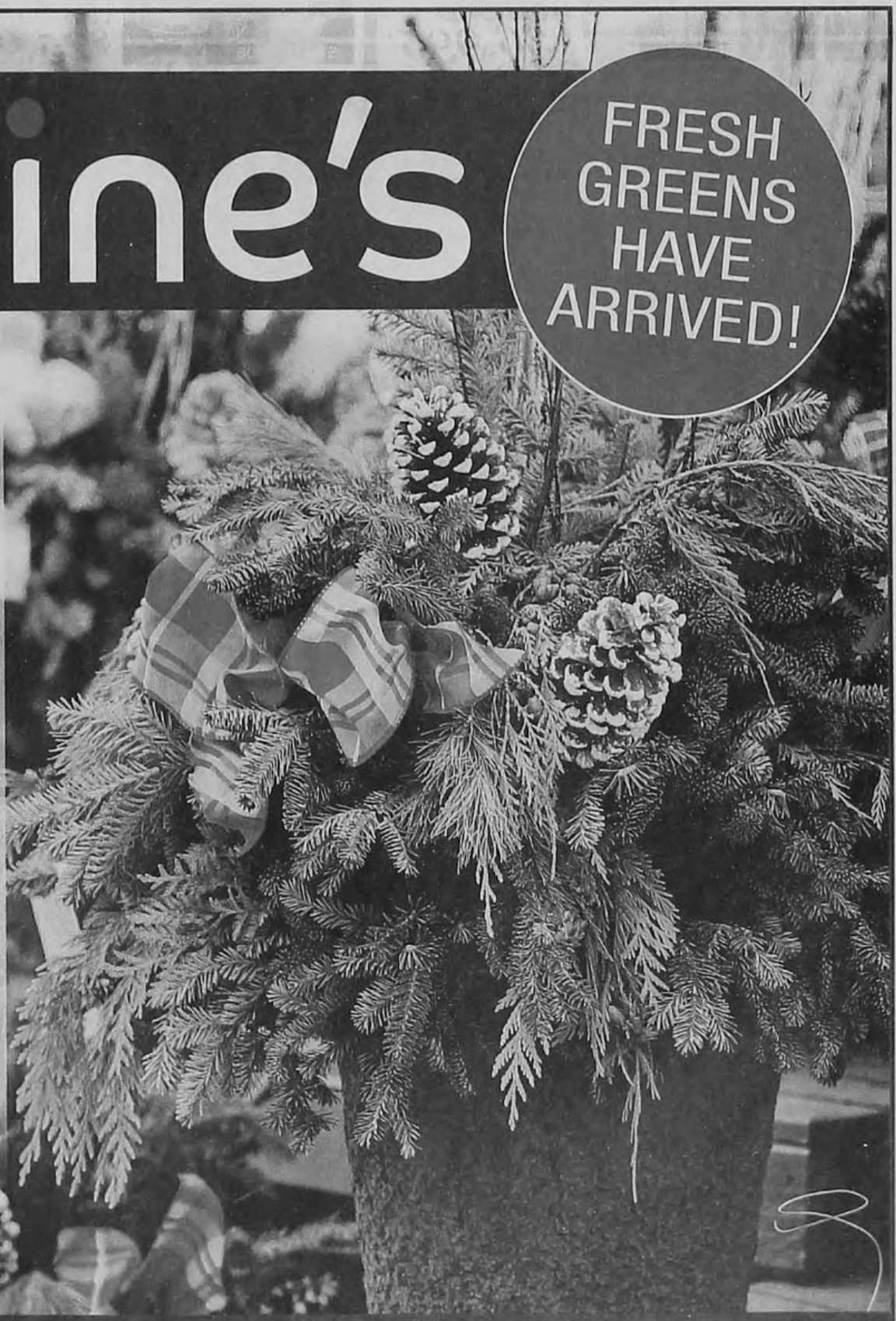
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After delays, Livonia brewery eyes January opening

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A few months' delay wasn't something the owners at Supernatural Brewery and Spirits saw when looking into their crystal balls. But what they do see is an opening of their Livonia brewery and restaurant sometime in early 2017.

The brewery, at 36685 Plymouth Road at the former Midtown Grill and Bar, had originally planned to open sometime in October. But licensing and approvals have taken longer than expected, co-owner Ernie Pacsai said.

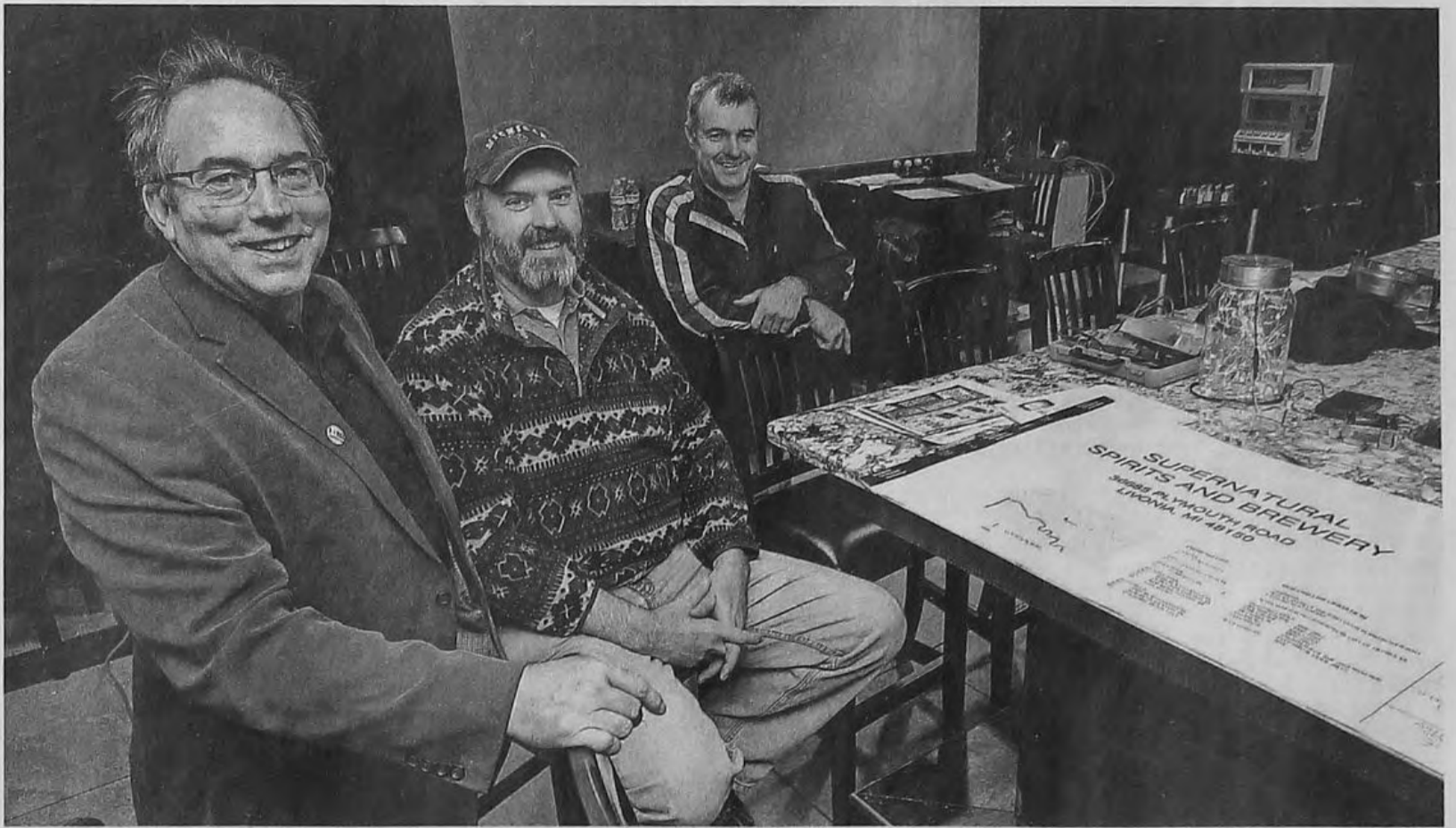
"The city's been great, but there's a cadence, a process they have to go through," said Pacsai, a Wixom resident and Livonia Bentley High School graduate. "We're just getting to talk to the local, state and federal (agencies). ... We're going through that right now, which takes a while to get to that, too."

Pacsai and the other co-owners secured the building earlier this year for use after the Midtown restaurant closed last year. Since then, they've gotten some approvals, including one recommending approval for a waiver use by the city's planning commission earlier this year.

Major renovations have taken place at the building, including improving the structure in order for it to support the thousands of pounds of beer the facility will brew.

"We're putting in a new steel beam to support the tanks," Pacsai said. "It's a big job."

Other improvements have been made inside as well as outside, including the removal of the brightly-colored paneling that had been installed on the



Ernie Pacsai, Dan Gee and Chris Hibner met through work. Now they are opening Supernatural, a brewpub and spirits restaurant in the former Midtown Grille.

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building's exterior in recent years by the previous owner. Much work has been documented on the brewery's Facebook page over the last few weeks.

The brewery plans on crafting several beers right at the facility, as well as having guest taps of other local breweries on a rotating basis, Pacsai said. The food menu is expected to be standard pub fare, including burgers, sandwiches and other pub food.

Getting final approvals on the distilling aspect of the business will take a little longer, with Pacsai saying it would most likely be another year before spirits could be distilled there. In the

meantime, the brewery plans to serve other local spirits until it can serve its own.

The brewery would mark the second onsite location where beer is brewed and served in Livonia: Schoolcraft College recently began pouring beer at the American Harvest restaurant created by students in the brewing program. Plymouth-based Liberty Street Brewing Co. brews and bottles some of its beer at a facility in Livonia, but does not sell or serve it in Livonia.

Some other tweaks, including ones to the business's logo and other marketing materials, may still take place before the brewery opens.

But Pacsai is getting pumped to begin pouring glasses for patrons.

"I just can't wait for people to drink it," he said.

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Supernatural, the name of the new brewpub and restaurant, refers to natural, fresh food and great beer, plus a little of the mysterious. Ernie Pacsai holds the plasma ball. Behind Pacsai are partners Dan Gee and Chris Hibner.

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CLASS D VOLLEYBALL QUARTERFINAL

PCA battles back to capture quarterfinal

Eagles show grit, resolve in 3-1 victory

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Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team had just eked out a 26-24 win in the third set of Tuesday's Class D quarterfinal against Mendon to go up 2-1 in the match at Climax-

Scotts. But then Hornets senior libero Kaley Smith opened the fourth with six straight service points and anybody wearing purple might have thought the heart-stopping, back-and-forth contest might go the distance. Even PCA senior libero Divina Roi — a stellar defender with 25 digs — admitted it crossed her mind. "Yeah, it entered my mind for a second," Roi said when

asked about the match requiring a fifth set. "But then I looked back at the bench and I looked at the girls on the court and I'm, like, no. "I believe in every girl on this team. And we got this as long as we play our game." Roi agreed all the Eagles needed to do was get Smith off the stripe and "just get the flow going," accomplished with a sidout. It took a while to claw back

into the set — a four-point service run by junior outside hitter Grace Kellogg helped — but PCA finished the job with a 25-21 victory to take the match 3-1. **Still confident** With the victory, the top-ranked Eagles (33-11-3) advanced to play Leland at 3:45 p.m. Friday in the Class D semifinals at Battle Creek Kellogg Arena.

"When they went up 6-0, I didn't feel bad because we ran our offense. We had two good swings on the ball," coach D.J. Kellogg said. "Gabriella (Kellogg) had two great swings in the middle, they just happened to miss the court. ... It's a positive error versus a negative error. "We know it would just be a matter of just having to battle

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PREP FOOTBALL



Catholic Central players celebrate after beating Grandville, 28-14, for the Division 1 regional title.

DENNIS BARNES

Shamrocks' perfect season still intact

Catholic Central tops Grandville in Division 1 regional final

Brad Emons
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A preseason scrimmage may have provided the prime motivation for Novi Detroit Catholic Central's latest football victory. In Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 regional final, the host Shamrocks kept their perfect season intact at Fr. Elmer Stadium with a 28-14 win over Grandville. Ironically, the two teams met 13 weeks ago and it didn't go well for the Shamrocks, who now stand 12-0 on the season. "They whopped on us," said CC senior fullback Cameron Ryan, who scored a on a pair of touchdown runs. "We approached this week of practice really seriously because of that four-way scrimmage. We knew we owed them one. Honestly, it was a big week for us and it showed we came together as a team." Quarterback Austin Brown, who was 11-of-12 passing for 150 yards, scrambled out of the pocket and



Catholic Central's Matt Young (right) scores a second-quarter TD helped by a Nicholas Capatina block.

DENNIS BARNES

raced down the sideline 35 yards for what turned out to be the game-clinching TD with only 3:07 remaining in the final quarter for a 28-14 advantage. Brown also remembered that preseason tilt. "I wouldn't say they man-

handled us, but they got us good," the sophomore QB said. "We were definitely ready for them. We had a little 'oomph' to us. We weren't going to let that happen again." Meanwhile, CC's defense once again met the challenge,

holding the Bulldogs' potent wing-T offense to 188 total yards. "The idea was to keep the ball away from them; otherwise they're going to keep it away from us scoring," CC coach Tom Mach said. "Our defense has been playing very good. It's very hard to stop that offense, so when you give them a couple of touchdowns, it's almost you know you're going to have to give them something. We were able to keep the ball long enough and score ourselves and turn the tide on that one." After a scoreless opening quarter, CC struck first with a nine-play, 66-yard drive, capped by Matt Young's 6-yard TD run with 11:18 left in the second quarter. Helped by a CC personal foul on ensuing the kickoff, Grandville answered by going 69 yards in 10 plays for a TD. Brady Paganelli's 45-yard pass was nullified by a 15-yard block in the back to make it a 30-yard gain, but the Bulldogs, after converting on fourth-and-one, scored with 6:47 remaining in the half on Andrew Sundstrom's 1-yard TD run to make it 7-7. On the ensuing CC pos-

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PREP ATHLETICS

Plymouth's Swanson steps into 'dream' job

Interim AD eyes permanent post

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

The baton of leadership for the athletics department at Plymouth High School recently changed hands from Kyle Meteyer to Luke Swanson.

And Swanson doesn't plan on letting go anytime soon. "I view this assistant principal of athletics and activities position as the job I would like to have for the rest of my career," Swanson wrote in a recent email to the Observer.

Swanson — a six-year faculty member at Plymouth who also is a basketball coach — recently was named interim athletic director at the school, following Meteyer's departure to become an associate principal at Lake Orion High School.



Swanson

Although the interim tag now is attached to Swanson, he is hopeful that he will ultimately receive the position on a permanent basis; job interviews are ongoing.

He already hit the gym floor running, having worked closely with Meteyer over the past three-plus years.

"Over my six years of teaching at Plymouth High School, I have become thoroughly involved in many aspects of the athletics and activities opportunities provided to our student body," Swanson said. "This choice stems from a passion to build meaningful connections with students and providing them with the opportunity to explore their interests outside of the classroom. "I have been very impressed the changes Kyle Meteyer has made over the last few years and I would like to continue the direction of this athletic department."

Get all involved

He said one of the challenges he will face is continuing to administer a large high school with numerous opportunities for student-athletes. "Our tremendous variety of clubs, activities, sports and mentorship opportunities pro-

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Livonia Timbits share the pregame stage with Schoolcraft College hockey team

Tim Smith
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Andrew Lindsay plays hockey for Schoolcraft College these days, but it doesn't take much for him to recall when he used to run around locker rooms as a wide-eyed youngster.

"I'm going to be 22 in January," the Ocelots sophomore forward and team captain said. "Looking back, I still remember being a little kid running around at my dad's high school hockey games when he was coaching, filling up the water bottles and being a part of the program."

So when he recently watched his uncle Ken Lindsay coach the Livonia Timbits Mites hockey team in a practice, he had a revelation.

Why not invite the young players (ages 6-8) to share pregame festivities and the national anthem with the Ocelots? "My uncle Kenny is one of the coaches there," Lindsay said. "I had the idea because I went to their tryouts a couple weeks ago."

"I saw them all skating around and I thought what a great idea it would be to give back to the community and have them come to our game, do the national anthem. Nothing's better than that. When I was a kid, I always wished I could have that opportunity."

Before Saturday's game at Redford Arena against the Lake Superior State Division II team, the little Timbits Mites had their big day.

After running up the stairs to greet players and coaches in the Schoolcraft locker room, the Timbits players assembled. Wearing skates, equipment and uniforms complete with their names, they waited along the outside of the boards while the Zamboni driver finished making his rounds following pregame warmups.

Those Timbits Mites youngsters, including Connor Cordle, Nathan Cordle, Liam Horgan, Carson Lindsay (Andrew's cousin), Natalie Moore, Brady Supplee and Jacob Warner, then stepped onto the fresh ice and mingled with the Ocelots.

Standing together

Each Timbits player had his or her name announced over the public address system and also stood on the blue line along with the Schoolcraft players for the national anthem.

"We thought it would be a great experience for them to come out and skate with a college hockey team," Livonia Timbits Mites head coach Steve Cordle said before the special event. "Stand out there for the national anthem and everything."

"Last year, there was the Five Nations Tournament (at



REBECCA HUND

Standing on the blue line for the national anthem Saturday are Schoolcraft College hockey players and their young guests — the Livonia Timbits Mites.

USA Hockey Arena) and we got to go out on the ice and do a shootout during the USA vs. Russia game, which was really cool. All the kids loved that. We're working to set that up again."

Cordle said his sons and the other players from his team were "pretty excited about it, it's going to be a fun thing. Any extra ice time is always good for the kids."

"This is great," Ocelots head coach Rob Lindsay said. "I went up in the locker room and three of the Timbits ran upstairs."

"I said to my players, 'Hey, you guys used to be these guys.' It's great to get them involved."

The little players and their bigger counterparts also congregated for a massive "team" photo following the anthem and

then it was puck-drop time.

It already was a day the Timbit Mites will never forget. But just for good measure, the Ocelots followed up by giving them a game to remember, too.

The home team broke out to a 4-0 lead after one period and a 7-0 advantage in the second before the Lakers rallied with five unanswered goals to make it relatively close.

Schoolcraft still hung on to win the American Collegiate Hockey Association contest, 8-5.

Back to back

In the game, which upped Schoolcraft's record to 7-5-0, forward Owen Hund (Garden City) scored twice in the opening 13 minutes to propel the Ocelots.

His second was right after

Schoolcraft killed off a penalty. Hund and Zach Nichols worked a give-and-go down the ice, with Hund finally snapping his shot into the Lakers' net.

Also scoring in the first were Jordan Martinez and Jacob Stanley.

The lead grew to seven goals in the second, thanks to goals by co-captain Vinnie Glenn (Livonia Stevenson), Zack Finzel (Stevenson) and Lindsay.

Closing out the scoring late in the third period was Stanley. Meanwhile, the Ocelots also won 8-4 Friday in the first of back-to-back games against the Lakers.

Glenn and Spencer Kovacs (Livonia Churchill) both scored a pair of goals.

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VOLLEYBALL

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into it one point at a time."

A lineup change Kellogg made during the first set had a key impact on the Eagles taking the final three sets. He swapped setters, putting senior Jessica Paulson (who was injured during the regional) in for junior Abigail Pray.

PCA's next serve resulted in a point, with Paulson getting the block against hard-hitting senior Megann Leighton.

"I just wanted to play my hardest, because I love this team so much," Paulson said. "And I didn't want this to be our last game."

Kellogg said he made the change not because of how Pray was playing. Paulson finished with 42 assists.

"I've got two great setters; each of them have different strengths," he said. "Abby stepped in the other night and it worked well. But tonight we were getting some swings on the outside and we needed that block."

Plymouth Christian rolled to a 25-16 win in the second set, with Paulson's four-point service run giving the Eagles an early 8-2 edge to finally breathe as a unit.

The third was a nail-biter that PCA rallied to win 26-24 thanks to a defensive sideout spike by junior right-side hitter Robin Albert to tie it at 24-24.

That gave Grace Kellogg (20 kills, nine digs, six aces) the opportunity to win with back-to-back serves, the clincher on a double block by Paulson and senior outside hitter Olivia Mady (16 kills, nine digs). Then came the yo-yo like clincher.

Winning response

"We got together as a team," Mady said. "It's one of those things in volleyball, you just have to let your mistakes go because you have to focus on the team and be there for them. "We had to adjust after they started putting out more blocks. We had to go around them."

The Eagles needed to make an adjustment because of the way their opponent battled.



KELLY DOBSON

PCA freshman Gabriella Kellogg, shown from the recent district final, hammers a point home. She and her teammates defeated Mendon in Tuesday's quarterfinal.

Smith seemingly never let the ball hit the floor, eliminating certain PCA points.

And on offense, the Hornets swung away with Leighton and freshman Hannah Duchene pounding the ball and finding holes. Mendon won the opening set, 25-20.

"It was just trying to keep their libero away from the ball and keep (Leighton) and (Duchene) away from the ball," Kellogg said.

PCA reached the final four in 2015, too, but Kellogg said because his team hung with Class A and B schools during the season, "I think mentally we're in a better place" than a year ago.

Part of something

Mady, part of a gritty front line along with Grace Kellogg and Paulson against the No. 2-ranked Hornets, said last year's experience (a loss in the semifinals) will help Friday. "Now that we've gone there

before, we know what to expect this time," Mady said. "We'll be ready and even more prepared."

Senior outside hitter and former Taylor Baptist Park player Devon Burns, who had six timely kills during Tuesday's match, said it was "unbelievable" that she is part of a team that will be playing in the semifinals.

"We came in knowing this was what we fought for our whole season," Burns said. "And for me, this was what I fought for just to get on this team."

"I fought before tryouts to get on this team because I wanted to be part of something so big."

At Baptist Park, which closed over the summer, there never was a district title, let alone a trip to Kellogg Arena.

"To be going to the state semifinals, it's incredible," Burns said. "I'm so thankful to be a part of it."

FOOTBALL

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session, Brown hit Kevin Korte on a 34-yard pass and, six plays later, Ryan scored on a 3-yard TD run with 1:51 remaining in the half to put the Shamrocks ahead, 14-7.

"Cam is a very good back," Mach said. "He runs with reckless abandon. He gets you that tough yard when you need it and he's hard to bring down. I don't think one guy brings him down too often. It's the kind of fullback we always love at Catholic Central, since way back when."

Both teams missed an opportunity to add another score on their final possession of the first half.

CC defensive end Jack Morris came up with a big sack on a Grandville fourth-and-one situation at the Bulldogs' 47, but Ian Hall countered with sack of Brown after the Shamrocks got down to the Grandville 30.

CC enjoyed a 142-104 edge in total offense during the first half as Brown was an efficient 6-of-7 for 76 yards.

"We run the ball obviously pretty well, so when we keep running it we ended up opening it up and it opens up some pass plays for us," said Brown, who was also a full-time starter during his freshman year. "This week, I really watched film and asked my coaches a lot of questions on the coverages. I really did not want to lose this game after what they did to us at the scrimmage. I was definitely ready and so was my team."

On their first drive to start the third quarter, the Shamrocks marched 89 yards in 12 plays, with Ryan taking it in from the 1-yard line with 5:42 left. A 34-yard pass from Brown to Morris set up the touchdown.

"Ever since my freshman year, when I came to CC, we've had a good connection," Brown said of his senior tight end. "He's been

good with me and he's my main man right there."

But the Bulldogs responded with a 12-play, 76-yard drive, with Josh Atwell running a sweep for a 10-yard TD with 1:10 left in the third to cut the deficit to 21-14.

After the Shamrocks missed a 44-yard field-goal attempt with 5:54 to go, their defense held on third-and-six when Morris, rushing in from the blind side, batted down a Paganelli pass attempt.

"He's been doing that all year long and it's been working out really good for him," Brown said.

CC then put it away when Brown improvised for a 35-yard TD to make it a two-score game again.

"He sees the field very well," Mach said. "As soon as he saw that, he took off running and it was a great, great move on his part."

Grandville (10-2) wound up with just 155 yards rushing on 35 attempts, while Paganelli was just 2-of-8 passing for 33 yards.

"They're well-coached and they're physical up front," Grandville coach Eric Stiegel said of the Shamrocks. "I think more than anything they tackle extremely well and they make you execute. We did at times. We definitely didn't expect to come in and score 45 points on these guys. We felt we also left a few things out on the field."

CC had 320 yards total offense, with Nicholas Capatina (17 carries, 71 yards) and Ryan (16 carries, 69 yards) leading the way.

"We going to stick with what we do play—Catholic Central, hard-nosed football," the 6-foot, 220-pound Ryan said.

The Shamrocks now will face defending state champion Romeo (9-3) in the MHSAA Division 1 semifinals at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Howell High School. Romeo ousted the Shamrocks in last year's regional final, 40-29.

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SWANSON

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vide a social intervention for students," Swanson said. "Whether they are interested in soccer or the art club, our students have the option to meet

people that share their passion.

"These athletics and activities opportunities allow students to feel like they belong at (Plymouth-Canton Educational Park)."

Swanson has been a hands-on assistant, taking on duties as student activities director, basketball coach and event

manager.

This year, he has been coordinator of RISE, the Ross Initiative for Sports Equality. In 2014-15, he was an after-school tutor for athletes.

"I have seen the great coaches, club sponsors and advisers that make up our athletic department," he said. "In

short, we have some of the best mentors in the country."

And now, at least for the foreseeable future, Swanson is leading the Wildcats and making sure the program continues down the highly successful path directed under Meteyer's watch.

He also wants Plymouth

High School athletics and activities to have something for everybody.

"My ultimate goal in this position would be to have at least one activity or sport that interests them," he said.

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COLLEGE GOLF

Michigan State signs CC standout Piot

Canton resident joins two others as Spartans golf recruits

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The Michigan State men's golf program is getting a boost for the 2017-18 season with the addition of three signees, including Novi Detroit Catholic Central High standout James Piot.

Committed to the Spartans since last January, Piot signed an NCAA Division I letter of intent on Wednesday where he'll join his brother Glenn.

"Since he's been on the team he kind of lets me know how everything goes there," James said of his older brother, a sophomore member of the MSU squad. "It kind of influenced my decision of going to Michigan State. He really likes it, so that helped out a lot."

Piot and his brother Glenn, ironically, are the first two Piot family members to don the Green and White.

"I had my mind on 'State' for awhile with my brother there," James said. "We were Michigan fans before this."

MSU coach Casey Lubahn also signed two other in-state players including Devin Deogun (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook) and Zach Rosendale (St. Johns).

"The program is based on a lot of Michigan kids," James Piot said. "The coaches are really great and they have a nice practice facility. They play a really good schedule and I can see the team improving a lot and getting to the (NCAA) national championship in a few years hopefully."

Piot, who resides in Canton, helped Detroit CC to back-to-back MHSAA Division 1 championships in 2015 and 2016. He finished fifth in last year's state finals while averaging 72.84 per 18 holes for the season. During his junior year last spring he was medalist at



GREGORY JOHNSON

Detroit Catholic Central's James Piot signed an NCAA letter of intent with Michigan State.

Atlas Valley with a 72 and Detroit Golf Club with a 67.

"His work ethic and drive as a competitor have separated him on the course and made him an elite national player and the number one player in Michigan for the last three of four years," Lubahn said in an MSU press release. "He had many great options for his college choice and we are honored and humbled he chose to continue

his career here as a Spartan."

In his first three seasons at CC, Piot was medalist 10 times and posted 30 top-10 finishes while making the Michigan High School Golf Coaches Association Super Team from 2014-16. Piot was also team MVP during the 2014 and the 2015 seasons and was elected team captain for 2016.

As impressive as Piot's prep resume is, he also has excelled in the junior

ranks becoming the the youngest golfer in Michigan Amateur history to qualify for match play in 2013 while winning the Michigan Junior Amateur in 2015.

"I know he will contribute to our culture, our academics and our drive to be the best program we can be by working hard in all facets of being a championship player," Lubahn said. "He has had great instruction and support the last few years and he will be prepared to be an elite player in our league immediately."

Piot also finished in the top 10 in six American Junior Golf Association events.

"James is one of the most accomplished junior players to ever commit to our program," Lubahn said. "At one point, he held almost all of the great titles you can have in this state — Michigan Junior Amateur champion, GAM Junior Invitational champion, AJGA Randy Wise champion and Michigan PGA Junior champion."

Piot, who plans to go into a business related major at MSU, got early start in golf.

"My dad (Glenn) has been playing for years and I started playing at an early age, around 4 years old," James said. "Since I was a little guy I've always been hitting balls with dad. He really got me into it. It's been nice."

During the offseason Piot works out with trainers, while practicing indoors at Oasis in Livonia and outdoors on the heated tees at Carl's Golfland in Plymouth Township. He also practices under the tutelage of PGA Professional Brian Cairns at Fox Hills Golf Course.

The Shamrocks not only return Piot and Smith off last year's state championship team, but return starters Sean Niles and Sean Sooch as well as CC goes for a three-peat

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YOUTH FOOTBALL

Canton Lions enjoy a successful season

Freshman squad wins title; junior varsity makes it to final

The Canton Lions freshman and junior varsity teams competed Sunday in the Western Suburban Junior Football League Super Bowl at Westland John Glenn High School.

Although the junior varsity Lions took it on the helmet strap, 39-6, it was an outstanding season nonetheless.

Also capping off an excellent year were the freshman Lions, who closed it out with a 26-0 victory over the Westland Comets.

Following are the game recaps.

Junior varsity

In their third meeting this season with the Westland Meteors, the junior varsity Canton Lions hit the field ready to battle for the WSJFL Super Bowl title. But the Lions would have to settle for second place, with a final score of 39-6.

The game was off to a powerful start for the pride, with Alex Wiewiora's onside kick recovered for the Lions by Wesley Faulkner. It wasn't until the second half that the Lions would put points on the board, courtesy of a 25-yard touchdown completion from Avery Satterlee to Dylan Fleming. Carries by Aaron Alexander, Gavin Bobby, Faulkner, Ryan Goodson, Luke Matusik, Joshua Nichols and Carson Sampson moved the ball throughout the game and allowed the Lions several first downs.

The Lions defense kept the Meteors scoreless in the second half, with strong tackles by Alexander, JaMarcus Barnes, Faulkner, Luke Rayborn and Satterlee.

Freshman

With their second consecutive perfect season, the freshman Lions cap-



CANTON LIONS

The 2016 WSJFL Super Bowl champions Canton Lions Freshmen squad are (row 1 seated, left to right): Devin Kaigler, Brendan Seed, Diego Hernandez-Ramirez, Broderick Tegen, Bralen Willis, Carson Wrybykowski, Braylon Snell, Oronde Patterson II, Brynden Boykin, Jackson Studenka, Jimmy Cleveland, Youssef Beydoun; row 2: Evan Williams, Julian Nichols, Jeremiah Ingram, Evan Borsvold, Hassan Fawaz, Jaylen Harrison, Cameron Jonca, Aaron Pryce, Alexander Witt, Christopher Brown II, Terrence Banks; row 3: Kristopher Easley, Carson Snyder, Brayden Alexander, Jace Herndon, Nathan Broglin, Caleb Williams, Trent Graham, Bradley Eziuka, Brynden Millet, Christopher Medoro; (row 4, coaches): Deon Willis, Corey Williams, Oronde Patterson, Ro Goodson, Brandon Seed, Doug Wrybykowski.



CANTON LIONS

The 2016 WSJFL Super Bowl runner-up Canton Lions JV squad are (front row, left to right): Gavin Bobby, Austin Beaudoin, Josiah West, Luke Matusik; (row 2): Aiden Meacham, Justin Rogers, Aaron Alexander, Derik Watson, Joshua Nichols, Dylan Fleming, JaMarcus Barnes, Robbie Owsley, Michael Kuzara, Lake McIntosh, Nathan Jones, Wesley Faulkner, Cody Durecka, Luke Rayborn, Jaxon Ervans; (back row players): Dominic Johnson, Luke Landon, Justin Anderson, Ryan Goodson, Antonio Correa, Avery Satterlee, Brandon Keen, Carson Sampson, Dylan Fuciarelli, Aidan Wallace, Jacob Gibbons; (back row, coaches): Gary Fleming, Dan Ervans, Bryant Satterlee, Mike Matusik, Mitchell Wymer, Don Watson.

ured a 26-0 win over the Westland Comets in the WSJFL Super Bowl.

The Lions scored on the first play of the game, as Bralen Willis returned the opening kick for a touchdown. Also putting points up for the Lions were Kristopher Easley, with two touchdowns, and Caleb Williams with a 13-yard TD reception from Oronde Patterson. Julian Nichols scored two extra points.

Leading rushers for the Lions were Easley, Cameron Jonca, Devin Kaigler, Nichols, Patterson, Williams and Alex Witt.

The tough Lions defense, led by Youssef Beydoun, Jimmy Cleveland, Diego Hernandez-Ramirez, Jeremiah Ingram, Jonca, Brynden Millet, Carson Snyder, Williams, Willis and Witt kept the Comets scoreless. Williams also recovered a Comets fumble.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

P-C Steelers win MYFCC championship

The JV Plymouth-Canton Steelers football team Saturday won the 2016 MYFCC Super Bowl, 42-14, over the Rochester Redskins Maroon squad.

After falling behind 8-0, the Steelers responded with a 5-yard TD run by Brady Blakita to slice the deficit to two points.

Blakita soon put the Steelers up for good when he scored on a 2-yard quarterback sneak, with Charlie Tams registering the extra point.

With less than two minutes remaining in the half, Connor Hands recovered a Rochester fumble on the ensuing kickoff to set up another TD before the intermission.

On third down at the 19-yard line with 13 seconds to play in the half, Blakita lofted a pass over the outstretched hands of a defender to Hands for a score. Tams kicked the PAT to give the

Steelers a 22-8 halftime lead.

The Redskins cut the lead to eight with a 55-yard TD pass early in the second half. But the Steelers answered back with a 15-yard touchdown run by Baechler Houser (25 carries for 185 yards) and another Tams PAT to make the score 30-14.

After another turnover on downs by the Redskins, Houser put the game out of reach on a 52-yard run. Closing it out was a 47-yard scoring strike from Blakita to Houser.

The Steelers racked up 326 yards on the ground — with Houser, Cosgrove (76 yards), Barrett Barker, Tate Marco the recipients — with stellar blocking by Cavanaugh Diton, Michael Beydoun, Tams, Trevor Moulton, Adam Nicholas, Ryan Fisher and Hands. Brayden Willis, playing with a broken wrist, provided numerous key blocks from his running



JON VESPAZIANI

Celebrating winning the MYFCC Super Bowl Saturday is the Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior varsity football team.

back position as well.

Spearheading the defense were Evan Cosgrove (forced fumble, pass break-up), Zack Badger, Andon Locke, Aidan Ueno, Hayden Tennis, Fisher, Diton,

Beydoun and Jack Weiss.

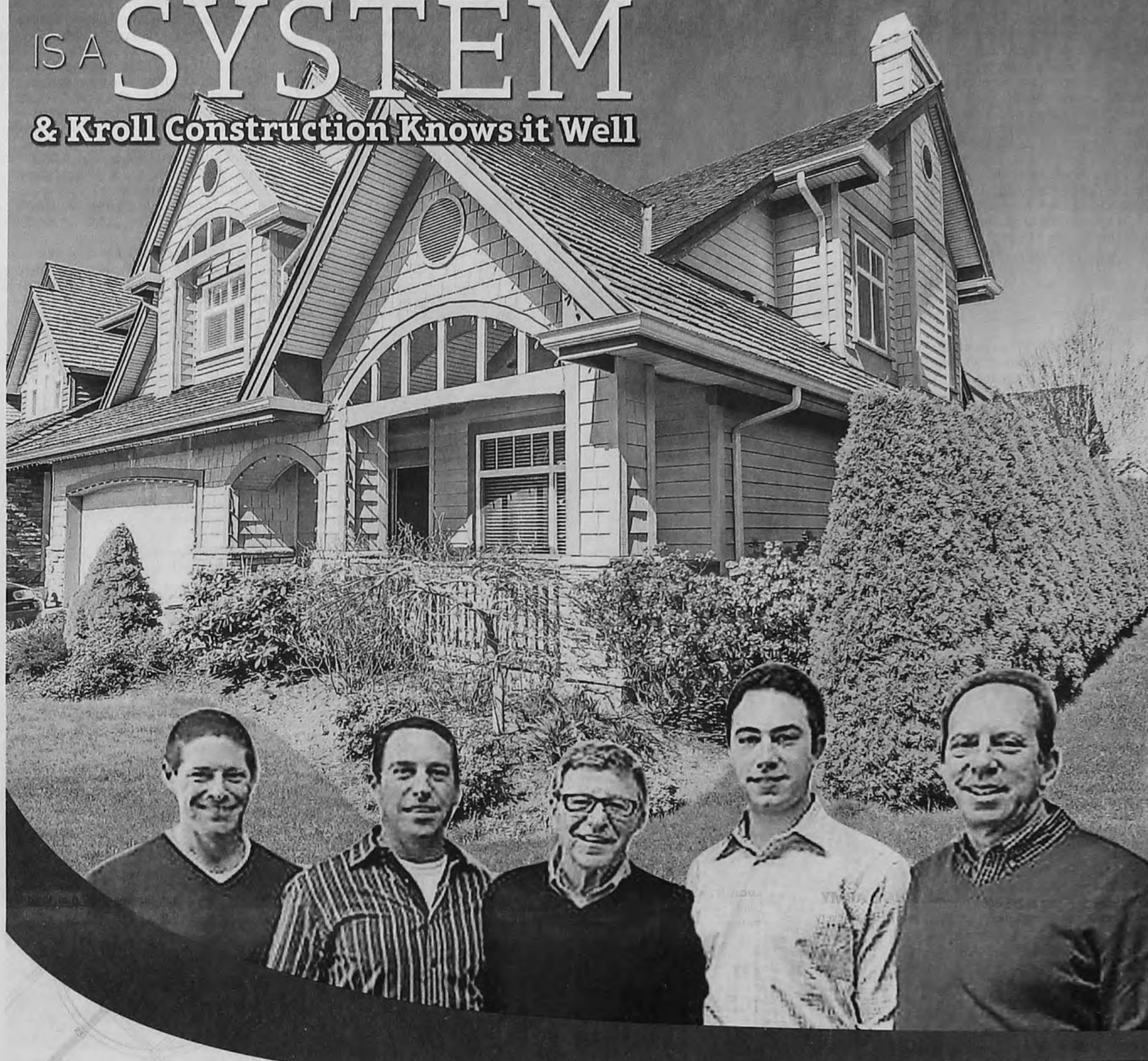
The victory gave the Steelers a final record of 9-2, with victories over each team in the league.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER
BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, Nov. 20

Location: St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

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

Contact: 734-425-4421

CONCERT

Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: David Roth, singer-songwriter, performs. Tickets are \$20

Contact: unityoflivonia.org; 734-421-1760

THANKSGIVING EVE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

Details: Worship service

Contact: 734-427-3660

THANKSGIVING EVE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Worship service

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

DECEMBER

ARTS & CRAFTS

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3

Location: Lutheran High School, 33300 Cowan, Westland

Details: Juried show of hand-crafted items, hourly door prize drawings, face painting, bake sale, lunch available; \$2 admission, free for 11 and under

Contact: 734-422-2090

BETHLEHEM
MARKETPLACE

Time/Date: 3:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3

Location: Birmingham First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham

Details: Take a step back in time to the ancient city of Bethlehem where children will be provided with denaia to "spend" at the marketplace. They'll get a chance to help build a cradle and make a wooden driedel, weave fibers, knead bread dough, and more. A census taker, roaming villagers, storytellers and market vendors, along with live animals, round out the interactive event. Dinner will be available from 5-6 p.m.

Contact: Patty Glass at 248-646-6407, ext. 3130; pglass@fumc-birmingham.org

CANTATA, ADVENT
WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Dec. 4

Location: Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Details: Christmas Cantata followed by family Advent workshop

Contact: 248-349-2345; faith-community-novi.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4

Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: An Advent Pageant of Lessons, Carols & Sing-a-long features the Adult Choir, Children's Choir and Contemporary Ensemble of the St. Aidan Music Ministry. Admission is a \$5 donation and two canned goods to benefit the church's Christmas food baskets program

Contact: 734-425-5950

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11

Location: St. Lazerus Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, 4575 E. Outer Drive, Detroit

Details: The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit sponsors its second annual Christ is Born! Glorify Him! A Detroit Orthodox Christmas Concert, which will include hymns and carols from Greece, Serbia, Romania, Ukraine and other countries, English language hymns sung by an Orthodox chorus, and a sing-along of popular carols. A reception follows the concert. Monetary and non-perishable food donations will be collected during the concert to support Orthodox charities

Contact: Olga Liss at 248-252-8184; Olgaliss0910@gmail.com

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY
CONGREGATION BETH
AHM

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyellen879@att.net

FARMINGTON AGLOW

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. second Monday of the month

Location: Open Arms Church, 33015 W. Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Aglow is an international full gospel ministry

Contact: 248-227-9103

OUR LADY OF LORETTO

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

ST. MICHAEL THE
ARCHANGEL PARISH

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Ezekiel. Bring your own Bible

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livonia-st-michael.org.

FAITH COMMUNITY
WESLEYAN

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

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

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

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

ST. INNOCENT
ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

Location: 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township

Details: An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to Subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386

Contact: facebook.com/stinno-centredford

EXERCISE

CLARENCEVILLE
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

FOOD

SALVATION ARMY

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

Location: 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. second Saturday of the month

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Food pantry assists nutritional needs of the needy

Contact: 734-421-8451; standrewsepiscopalchurchlivonia.org

HEALING SERVICE
THE ANTIOCHIAN
ORTHODOX BASILICA
OF SAINT MARY

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: 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@tbosm.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: Ethanief Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

DUNNING PARK BIBLE
CHAPEL

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

ST. EDITH CHURCH

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

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

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

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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ST. MICHAEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

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

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING

RISEN CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

DETROIT WORLD
OUTREACH

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

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

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

STEVE'S FAMILY
RESTAURANT

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

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-534-0399

SUPPORT

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN
CHURCH

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

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

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

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

CONNECTION CHURCH

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

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

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

DETROIT WORLD
OUTREACH

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

FARMINGTON HILLS
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

MERRIMAN ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

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

FIRESIDE CHURCH OF
GOD

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

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

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

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

ST. THOMAS A' BECKET
CHURCH

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

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

WARD EVANGELICAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

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

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

THRIFT STORE

ST. JAMES
PRESBYTERIAN

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

WAY OF LIFE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

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

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

Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

THE SOLANUS CASEY
CENTER

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

Location: A Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

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

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

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SYNAGOGUE

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

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100

CELEBRATION CHURCH,
ELCA

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, with an education hour at 11 a.m. Social hour follows the service.

Location: 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia

Contact: 734-421-0749; celebrationLC.com

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Contact: 734-522-6830

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