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Snyder visits Westland tech center

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Lina Lividini was not expecting Gov. Rick Snyder to stop by her culinary class Thursday at the William D. Ford Technical Center.

"I did not know that (he was coming)," the Melvindale High School senior said. "It was a cool surprise."

Snyder visited the center, at 36455 Marquette in Westland, to tour the facility and learn more about what the students there are doing in career technical education. He stopped in rooms dedicated to skills such as culinary arts, welding, auto

repair and graphic design.

He spoke to several students at each center, including Belleville High School senior Jim Needham in the classroom dedicated to welding.

Needham shared with him what the students do there, including prep for some competitions and learning on-the-job skills.

"You get more of a hands-on learning in this class," the Canton resident said. "It's really a great opportunity."

Snyder said he got a clear reaction from the students wanting to showcase their work and the skills they learned.

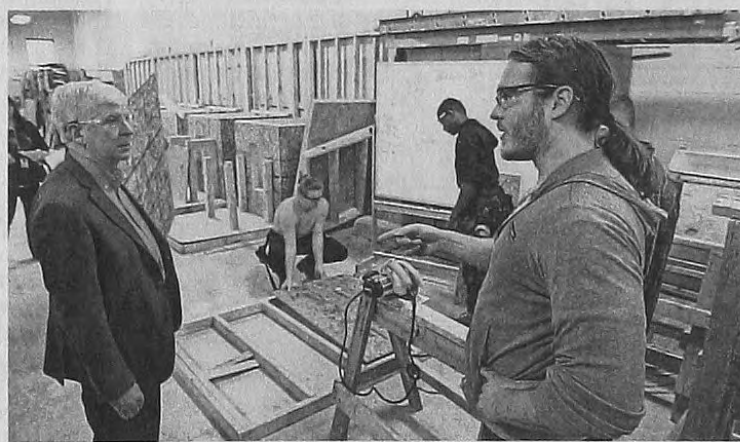
"All you have to do is talk to the students," he said. "You see their excitement and passion and their drive and desire to say they love what they're doing."

More funding proposed

The visit came one day after Snyder released his proposed budget for the next fiscal year. In it, he proposed spending \$20 million in one-time funding to help fund career technical institutions such as the Ford Center and others across the state.

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Construction Tech 1 instructor Adam Goring explains the different projects his students work on to Gov. Rick Snyder.

Local activists fight against human trafficking

NorthRidge church members on the front of battle in Detroit area

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It's not easy to walk into a motel and talk to people there about modern-day slavery.

It can be unnerving, even dangerous, but also an empowering way to help find victims of human trafficking and possibly change their lives, Veronica Coker says.

Coker, of NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township, has been on several anti-trafficking outreach events sponsored by Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution, or SOAP, which sends volunteers to hotels and motels to raise employees' awareness about human trafficking, show them photographs of missing persons and offer tips on spotting victims.

The group also offers hotels and motels bars of soap, labeled with a message for victims and a hotline number they can call for help.

She was making a difference during an outreach last month, Coker said, when employees at two places visited by her team identified people on a missing persons flier. Information like that is relayed to law enforcement.

"I've been given this great opportunity to help lead this

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BRIAN CRAIG

Melanie Buckley labels bars of soap with red stickers on which is printed a message that is designed to reach out to human trafficking victims and includes a hotline number victims can call to seek help.

Trafficking can involve sex trade, forced labor

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Human trafficking is a form of modern slavery in which profit is derived by the exploitation of others, often through prostitution and pornography, but also in certain labor markets.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 defines human trafficking as the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for:

- » Labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion, for the purposes of subjecting a person to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.
- » Commercial sex acts, through the use of force, fraud or coercion.
- » Commercial sex acts,

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Church-based group raises funds to combat human trafficking, A3

Aren leaving Plymouth Salvation Army

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For nearly 10 years, Laurie Aren has been the face of the community outreach program at the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps.

At the end of this month, that face will change.

Aren, director of community and outreach ministries for the corps, is leaving to become a family support coordinator for Gift of Life Michigan. In her new job, she'll be providing grief and pastoral support — in line with her education and

talents — to families losing loved ones and pursuing organ donation.

The move has been a difficult one for Aren, who was raised in a Salvation Army family. It'll be a little like leaving the family business. Her brother and sister-in-law are ministers serving in Chicago; her oldest niece is studying to become a Salvation Army minister; her parents, George and Dorothy Aren of Livonia, were very active in lay leadership when she was young; and her dad was the divisional disaster services director for 17 years.

"Closing this chapter has been far more difficult than I imagined," Aren said. "I've gotten so many wonderful emails and calls from folks in the community as word as gotten out and I've met so many fantastic people."

Aren has watched over a period of time when the need for Salvation Army services such as the food pantry and utility assistance has grown. The Army sees about 1,000 families every year, meaning Aren has helped nearly 10,000

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Laurie Aren of the Plymouth Salvation Army (center), with Andrea Hug, president of the Plymouth-Canton Parent School Council, and former board of education Trustee John Barrett, was honored last year by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.



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movement. It's a great privilege to empower, to be a catalyst and empower other people," Coker said.

"We're freedom fighters," she added.

Coker, a Belleville resident, got involved with SOAP through Love Runs, a NorthRidge-based group that raises money for organizations that fight human trafficking and provides assistance to its victims. Launched just two years ago, Love Runs has raised about \$710,000.



Jinan Roby, whose daughter became a human trafficking victim and was murdered, shares her story for Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution volunteers. Roby spoke at the William D. Ford senior center in Taylor last month to volunteers before they visited local hotels and motels in an anti-trafficking effort.



A volunteer looks over a missing persons flier during a Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution outreach effort last month. Volunteers visited local hotels and motels prior to the North American International Auto Show to ask staffers about missing persons and raise awareness about human trafficking.

Running for dollars

Love Runs, which is not limited to people who attend NorthRidge, is focused on fundraising through members' participation in the annual Detroit Free Press/Chemical Bank Marathon and related races. But any runner or walker in any organized race can raise money on his or her own (and donors are welcome

to simply send checks).

Love Runs grew out of the Ridge Runners, a group of NorthRidge members who raise money for different causes via running events.

In 2015, Love Runs supported Vista Maria, the Detroit Rescue Mission, SOAP and All Worthy of Love, plus an anti-trafficking organization in Mumbai, India, and

another in Thailand.

Money raised in 2016 has not been distributed, but proposals from different organizations are being reviewed, Coker said, and all the money will stay in the area.

"We are really trying to focus on organizations that ... are actually making a difference," with the aim of helping "increase their impact," said Bryan Amann, NorthRidge's executive director and, along with Coker, one of the organizing forces behind Love Runs.

Donors, Amann said, like to know that their money is being quickly put to work.

Love Runs asks runners to set a fundraising goal of \$1,440, which represents the number of minutes per day that a trafficking victim is enslaved, said Amann, who lives in Canton

Township

"It's a conversation-opener," he said.

But crossing the finish line is only the start of the conversation, Amann said. Love Runs also asks participants to get personally involved, by volunteering for one of the organizations it supports.

"This is such a significant issue that we really want people to get involved in a personal way," he said. "Ultimately, this becomes a big issue of awareness and prevention."

Outreach effort

Awareness and prevention are what Coker and her team members were focused on Saturday last month, when they were part of a SOAP group of around 100 volunteers who fanned out to west-side Detroit and suburban hotels and motels with fliers and

bags of soap. Another 50 or so volunteers headed to east-side hotels and motels on the same day.

The outreach was scheduled just ahead of the North American International Auto Show, an event that typically brings an increase in sex trafficking in the area. The annual Woodward Dream Cruise in August also spurs a trafficking increase, so a SOAP outreach is scheduled to combat it, Coker said.

"There are some dark sides to an auto show, a Super Bowl, a U-M football game," Amann said.

'They will listen'

Coker and her team visited four motels that particular day to talk to employees and deliver the soap.

"It's been our experience, really, for the most part, that they will listen to us," she said. Presenting the missing persons flier, she said, is often an ice-breaker.

"A lot of these hotels really are receptive," she said.

During that outreach, however, the team Coker was with was followed from one of its motel stops, possibly by a pimp. Coker, the driver, ended up pulling into the Michigan State Police post in Taylor.

Coker said she's motivated by her Christian convictions, as well as by a simple desire to reach out to trafficking victims.

"It's the chance and the opportunity for me to change their lives for the better," she said.

Amann said he's looking out for his young grandchildren.

"It scares me to death," he said. The average American, he added, believes slavery ended in the U.S. years ago, but it didn't.

"I've had the unbelievable privilege of looking a rescue victim in the eyes and they matter to God as much as anyone else," he said.

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if the person is under 18 years of age, regardless of whether coercion is used.

Michigan lawmakers adopted legislation in late 2014 that is designed to strengthen the state's efforts to combat human trafficking.

Statistics are tough to

come by, but law enforcement officials agree trafficking is a serious problem in Michigan.

"Human trafficking is occurring in every state. It's difficult to determine the extent of the problem," said Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington, who represents law enforcement on the Michigan Commission on Human Trafficking, which is

charged with studying the issue and coming up with ways to combat it.

According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, a resource center for victims and survivors, there were 843 calls to its number in 2016 that referenced Michigan and some 246 trafficking cases were identified through those calls. The NHTH shares information with law enforcement when cases

are identified.

Bryan Amann, who organizes anti-trafficking efforts through NorthRidge Church, emphasized that the problem is not limited to Detroit or to Third World countries. It affects average suburban families, he said.

"We are often talking to people who are still surprised at how prevalent is," Amann said.

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Love Runs members aid local anti-trafficking efforts



BRIAN CRAIG

Stephanie Wolff (left) and Veronica Coker bag up bars of soap, each labeled with a national trafficking hotline number, that are destined for area hotels and motels. SOAP, or Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution, organized last month's outreach, which had volunteers visit area hotels and motels to distribute the soap, ask about missing persons and raise awareness among hotel and motel employees about the problem of human trafficking.

Love Runs, an organization based at NorthRidge Church that supports efforts to combat human trafficking and help its survivors, has raised about \$710,000 in its first two years.

While contributions from 2016 have yet to be distributed, Love Runs gave several hundred thousand dollars from its 2015 fundraising to local organizations. Of the money raised in 2015, Veronica Coker said, Love Runs gave:

- » \$150,000 to the Detroit Rescue Mission to help pay for a facility dedicated to the rescue and restoration of victims.

- » \$30,000 to Vista Maria, a Dearborn Heights social services agency focused on children and families, to help children recover

from trafficking. Some of those children, Coker said, were rescued in an FBI raid in October 2015.

- » \$35,000 to All Worth of Love, or AWOL, a religious-based Detroit mission that attempts to engage young trafficking victims over time and provides them with lunches, hygiene kits and a way out.

- » \$10,000 to Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution, or SOAP, which sends volunteers to local motels and hotels to raise awareness about human trafficking.

In addition, \$60,000 of the 2015 proceeds were given to international organizations that fight trafficking, Coker said. The money raised in 2016 will all stay local, she said.

In two years, Coker said, nearly 900 people

have participated in Love Runs fundraising efforts. Of those, roughly half have taken their commitment a step further, volunteering for anti-trafficking outreach, she said.

Love Runs can be reached at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township at 734-233-3740 or through its website, www.loveruns.org.

Other organizations battling human trafficking locally include The Salvation Army and the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, a collaboration between law enforcement, service agencies, the legal and medical communities and other public and private groups.

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families — and made twice as many phone calls — since arriving at the Corps. The referrals and resources provided would be tough to calculate, she said.

"We don't see everyone we talk with," said Aren, a Westland resident. "Sometimes a phone call is what folks need to take the next steps and just knowing there is someone on the other end of the phone is all the help they need."

Obviously, she hasn't done it alone, a fact she readily recognizes. The network of groups with which the Salvation Army works is vast and includes the St. Vincent de Paul Society, The Clothing Bank, Goodfellows, Rotary, Kiwanis and other civic organiza-

tions, plus a wealth of local churches.

"The Army is one of many groups working together to make a difference," she said. "It is nothing short of amazing to see what God is doing in this community through so many."

While losing Aren is a blow to the ministry, Plymouth Salvation Army Corps Advisory Board Chairman Russ Jones said he's happy for her.

"She's been very important to the Corps and to the community ministry. ... She's done a great job," Jones said. "She puts everything she has into it and I can't thank her enough for her service to the whole community. Losing her hurts, but I'm very happy for her. It gives her the opportunity to utilize all her skills."

The new job takes Aren full-circle back into health care, where she

started her career. It will also allow her to utilize her education more fully — she has an undergrad degree in health care administration and two master's degrees in hospice and palliative studies and pastoral ministries.

"After 10 years, it was really time for a change," Aren said. "After much prayer and reflection, this door opened up and it's time to move forward. There is a downside, though. As a Spartan fan, I am going into enemy territory (Gift of Life is in Ann Arbor), so I hope my presence will be a light in the darkness. I've already had a few Spartan fans tell me where the secret support group meets, so I know people have my back."

She's confident her job will be filled by "outstanding" people. For the interim, assistants like Darla Chute and April

Borda will help fill the void. Both have been part of "a really great team," Aren said, and have worked with the various groups, projects and programs in the community.

Aren knows she's leaving a few things behind as she walks through this newly opened door. She said she'll miss working with the local schools, the clothing bank and the churches and that "three-minute commute to work," she added with a chuckle. That doesn't mean she won't feel that little twinge when the scanner goes off.

"I will always wonder about that fire call and who is responding or if my successor will know what to do if we get 180,000 calculators donated," Aren said.

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Laurie Aren with her niece Sydney, who was on a visit to the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps with her Brownie troop.

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TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants celebrates the grand opening of its newest Michigan MOD Pizza restaurant in Canton on Monday, Feb. 20, with an all-day "Pay What You Want" fundraiser.

The new Canton restaurant opened Jan. 20, and is located at 41865 Ford Road.

The "Pay What You Want" event begins at 10:30 a.m. and runs through dinner service. Guests can pay an amount of their choosing for their meal, with all proceeds benefiting the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation to aid the organization in its mission to help students achieve their highest potential through strong community partnerships that enhance the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools educational experience.

"In the second year of



MOD Pizza in Canton hosts a fundraising grand opening Feb. 20.

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our rapid expansion of MOD Pizza in Michigan, we are honored to be joining the Canton community and partnering with the Education Excellence Foundation to help us Spread MOD-ness — the ripple effect of simply doing the right thing — to local residents," brand leader Jake Schostak said. "As the leader in fast-casual pizza, we look forward to continuing to deliver an

authentic, affordable and super fast dining experience and further engaging with the surrounding communities, creating opportunity for our current and future MOD Squad members along the way."

"Strong schools are essential to the quality of life and future well-being of our community and this event is a great opportunity for our local community to support

our mission of giving back to the Plymouth-Canton community schools," said Gretchen Ward, executive director of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation. "As an organization committed to providing a culture of giving, we are excited to welcome MOD Pizza to the community and partner with them for the 'Pay What You Want' day."

Livonia Symphony hits a high note with concert

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra presents "Classical Postcards" at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Clarenceville High School auditorium.

The concert is sponsored by Livonia Town Hall and the Sutar-Sutaruk-Meyer Foundation.

The selections on the concert are "La Gazza Ladra Overture" by Rossini, "Symphony in D Minor" by Franck and "Concerto No. 1, Op. 26 in G Minor" by M. Bruch, performed by Svetlana Tsivinskaya on violin. She is a native of St. Petersburg, Russia, and started playing the violin at the age of 6.

During her training in Russia, Tsivinskaya performed as a soloist, as a part of a chamber trio and with numerous orchestras. Her performances have graced the stages of St. Petersburg's Great Philharmonic Hall, Glazunov Hall and Court

Chapel Hall.

Tsivinskaya holds a master's degree in violin and chamber performances from the State Music Conservatory in St. Petersburg. She makes her home in the Detroit area and has played with orchestras all over Michigan. In 2014, she earned her doctorate of musical art in violin performance from Michigan State University, studying under Dr. Walter Verdure and Dr. Yuri Gandelman. Currently, she runs Strings Art Studio, where she teaches violin and viola.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students of all ages and can be purchased at the Civic Center Library and at the door.



Tsivinskaya

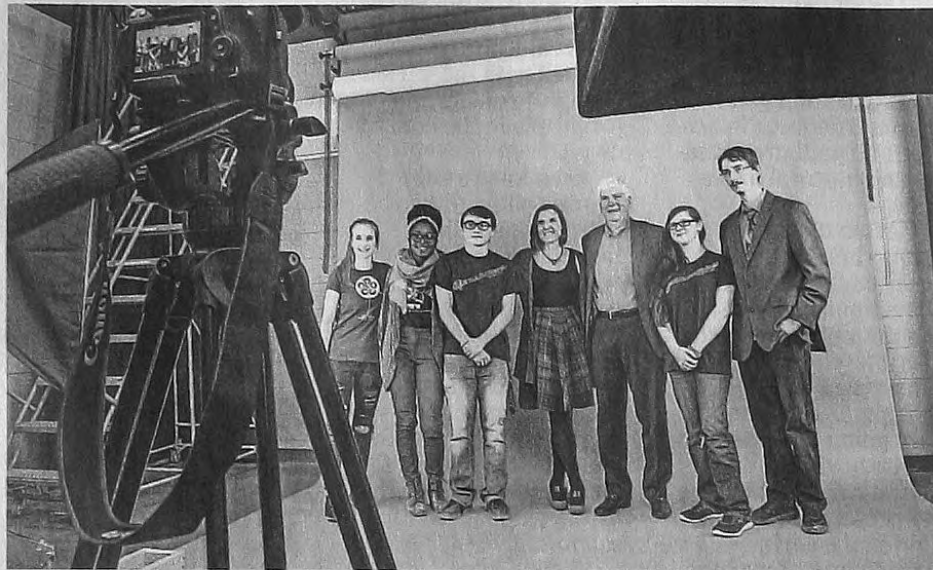
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would see an increase of \$128 million in per-pupil spending statewide and another \$129 million extra to help students in poverty if those recommendations were approved by the Legislature.

Farmington Public Schools Superintendent Dr. George Heitsch said that, while the final budget may not look the same, he's encouraged about the proposal, particularly since it opens the money for at-risk students to Farmington schools.

"It's an investment in K-12 public education and the acknowledgment of the additional money for at-risk students is a very important thing for students across Michigan," Heitsch said.



Digital Media Technology students Bri Zikmund of Westland, Nathan Beneteau of Inkster, instructor Ashley Teffer, Gov. Rick Snyder, Hannah Ruger of Allen Park and Casimir Sobolewski of Plymouth, posing for a photo in the class studio.

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"It would be a significant help (to Farmington), because we aren't currently part of the at-risk pool. We'd have access to

dollars we don't currently have."

Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Andrea Oquist said she is simi-

larly "very hopeful" about Snyder's proposed budget. Livonia would benefit by more than \$1 million, including extra

funding for at-risk students.

"One of the highlights for us is the at-risk funding," Oquist said. "The need continues to increase. It looks to us to be about \$300 per pupil for our at-risk students. That could go a long way toward helping us with our struggling learners."

"Certainly we're very pleased to see those initial recommendations; the at-risk increase is a significant. We look forward to working with the Legislature in the hope they can come as close to this as possible."

Steven Kay, principal at the Ford Technical Center, said the visit from Snyder came together very quick this past week.

Funding 'critical'

When it comes to the state budget, he said he welcomes any additional funding to career tech

programs.

"It's critical," he said. "Career tech programs are expensive to run. Not just the equipment, but the supplies that are necessary are expensive."

Snyder said he could not speak to what type of commitment President Donald Trump and Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos would give to career tech, but said it was "common sense" to support such types of education.

"I can't speak for him, but this is common sense to say these are great career opportunities," he said. "These are great ways to enter the marketplace, either for further education or for jobs. And we need to support career tech education."

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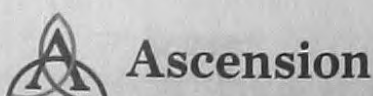


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Starfish Family Services Early Literacy Workshop

Starfish Family Services provide early literacy training to day care providers, caregivers and parents. Topics are developed by the independent non-profit HighScope Educational Research Foundation and the library hosts these Starfish workshops on the second Monday of each month. The next workshop is on Feb. 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Family Storytime

Family Storytime provides caregivers the opportunity to engage with their children (under age 5). With a Youth Librarian, you're able to build early literacy skills in a welcoming environment by way of meaningful stories, songs and play. Every Family Storytime is followed by a half hour of ABC Activity Time. Upcoming

Family Storytimes:

- » Feb. 13, 10-10:30 a.m.
- » Feb. 14, 7-7:30 p.m.
- » Feb. 15, 10-10:30 a.m.
- » Feb. 16, 10-10:30 a.m.
- » Feb. 18, 10-10:30 a.m.

Trivia Night at the Library

Visit the library with a team or on your own for a night of trivia with questions about pop culture, sports, science, history and more. Light refreshments will be provided. The next trivia event is 6:30-8 p.m. Feb. 15.

Library Board Meeting

The library board meets the third Thursday of each month and the next meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16. The public is invited to attend.

Advanced ELL Book Club

Advanced English Language Learners read and discuss books in English. Books will be discussed until finished. Meets every other Friday at noon. The next meeting is Feb. 17.

Non-fiction Book Group

Meet with the Nonfiction Book Group to discuss "Dead presidents: an American adventure into the strange deaths and surprising afterlives of our nation's leaders" by Brady Carlson. The group's next meeting is 10-11 a.m. Feb. 18.

Chess Plus

Build your strategic thinking skills while enjoying fun game play with the classic board games chess, checkers and mancala. Info about how to play will be provided, or just find a partner and get started playing. This program is for ages 7 and up and is 3:30-5 p.m. Feb. 18.

Adult Contemporary Book Discussion

Join the discussion about "The Red Thread: a novel" by Ann Hood at this Adult Contemporary Book Discussion. The next meeting is 7-8 p.m. Feb. 20.

Minecraft Club

Participate in themed builds with your friends using Mi-

necraft's Creative Mode. Collaborate, show off your skills and provide feedback for future events. Participants must have a basic knowledge of the game and have their own PC account. Demo, PlayStation, tablet and Xbox accounts are not compatible with our server. Minecraft Club is for ages 7 and up. Registration is required. Minecraft Club is 1-2:30 p.m. Feb. 20.

DIA Away: Think Like an Artist

DIA Away: Think Like an Artist is a free, mobile interactive classroom and a creative exploration space for people of all ages. The mobile classroom brings educational and hands-on art experiences to the tri-county area and they'll be at CPL from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 21. The Canton Public Library, P-CCS and Canton Leisure Services collaborated for this program.

Family Reading Night

Family Reading Nights are back! Celebrate books with activities and stories inspired by fun themes. There will also

be a book raffle to help you grow your personal library. Registration is required. The next Family Reading Night is 7-8 p.m. Feb. 21.

The Storytellers present: Build a Better World

Celebrate Black History Month with the Canton Public Library with The Storytellers. Their program, Build a Better World, combines interactive stories, beautiful music, humor, hands-on fun with musical instruments from around the globe. The Storytellers will be at CPL 7-7:45 p.m. Feb. 22.

Stories and Stretches Yoga Storytime

Mini yogis can find their center by listening to yoga stories, learning some simple stretches and doing a craft! Children ages 4-9 are invited and parents are encouraged to observe and/or participate. A yoga mat or towel is recommended but not required. Registration is required. Stories and Stretches Yoga Storytime is 7-8 p.m. Feb. 23.

All Saints inducts 21 students into honor society

All Saints Catholic School announced the induction of 21 students into the National Junior Honor Society. A special Mass and candle-lighting ceremony was held Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the school. Once inducted, All Saints will have a total of 39 students in its NJHS program.

"We are extremely honored to welcome these young students into the NJHS," Principal Kristen Strausbaugh said. "These students have worked very diligently toward this achievement and we know they will continue to serve our community by setting a strong example of leadership for other students."

National Junior Honor Society is a club that challenges students to work hard and excel in



Twenty-one All Saints Catholic School students were recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society.

academics, service and citizenship. The following students demonstrate they met and exceeded expectations for this school club:

Alessandra Barker; Isabella Barlow; Teresa Billecke; Aidan Dimitriou; Amber Estor; Katie

Hermann; Georgianna Kalkofen; Luke Klinkhammer; Devon Loverich; Ryan Loverich; Brooke MacDonald; Erin Mahoney; Devon Martinez; Kelly Montgomery; Joseph Nolan; Julianna Santillan; Russell Schwartz; Benjamin

Spahn; Allison Stowe; Austyn Watkins; and Faith Watkins.

"I am extremely proud and excited for this group of students, because this group shows a deep desire and eagerness to get involved from a volunteer and service project standpoint," said Bridget Yalou, junior high teacher and NJHS adviser. "One of the big projects we'll be assisting with again is working the fish fry dinners every Friday at Plymouth's St. Kenneth Catholic Church during Lent. It's just another great way for us to give a little something back."

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Plymouth teen met Trump nine times in selfie quest

Perry A. Farrell
Detroit Free Press

Dorian Thompson played hooky for most of the second semester of his senior year at Plymouth Salem High School.

His excuse? He wanted to meet every single presidential candidate that came through the state of Michigan.

He accomplished his goal and has the pictures to prove it. He took a selfie with every candidate - from current President Donald Trump to Democratic vice-presidential hopeful Tim Kaine. Including local candidates running for a variety of offices, he took 21 different selfies.

"I missed a lot of class time to do this, but luckily for me, I had great high school teachers that let me play hooky from class," he said. "My goal was to do it to help all youth un-

derstand that their voice does matter. I believe that before you make a decision who to vote for, you should at least hear out every single person's opinion. I got a chance to do that; everyone that came to Michigan."

Thompson, 18, of Plymouth is now a freshman at Schoolcraft College. He has political aspirations of his own, and worked on the campaigns of Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise; Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams; U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, a Republican from Troy, state Rep. Laura Cox, Republican from Livonia; and Joe Barone, a Republican from Plymouth and Wayne County Commissioner.

"You have to hand it to Dorian, he is full of ambition," said Barone. "He helped me out in my campaign. He worked the polls for me. He spread the word. It's

pretty amazing how he got all those (selfies). He set out on a mission. I actually had him at my swearing in. I sent him an invite when we did the County Commission swearing in. The kid has it. He's a hard worker."

He said he hasn't aligned himself with a political party and said he wasn't an Independent.

More campaign committees are in his future before running his own race.

"I want to get through college, then have a big boy job as I call it," he said. "I actually want to work someplace. Then I plan to be someone's campaign manager or chief of staff."

Thompson turned 18 by the time the election rolled around, but wouldn't divulge who he voted for, but he worked on numerous Republican campaigns.

"I could tell you and

get my windows broken out of my car, or I cannot tell you and not have to worry about my car windows," said Thompson, laughing.

Cox also came away impressed with Thompson's enthusiasm.

"I met him at some sort of grassroots event," said Cox. "It's really impressive. The kid obviously has a real strong interest in the political process. He is really confident. He meets people. He works his way to make sure he can meet the candidates, especially the ones at high levels. He's really quite an impressive young man and pretty inspirational for such a young age."

He said the most intriguing and interesting candidate he met on his mission was Trump.

"He wasn't what I expected," said Thompson. "It's interesting to see him in real life and

compare how he is talked about on the television. He was really nice. He was calm in person. I expected to see what I usually see on TV, him screaming with his face wide open, with his hands in the air. When you actually meet him, he's actually really nice and really calm. He's actually funny. He's really personable. I met him nine different times."

"The most time we got to spend together was five minutes. Usually it was around a rope line. A lot of times he did stop and hold a conversation with me. I told him I worked at the Fox Hills Golf Course. He said 'h, you work at a golf course?' I said 'hey, can you come to Fox Hills one day?' He said 'no, but I think you look great.'"

Thompson said he caught the political bug at the tender age of 4.

"My mom said I read a book about Abraham Lincoln and I had a fascination with presidents," he said.

His top three presidents are Franklin D. Roosevelt, Lincoln and Ronald Reagan. Two of the three were Republicans.

"I liked how he (Reagan) was able to get things done," said Thompson. "It's not always about the policy, it's about the actions they take and their character. When they can show leadership and work with people that they don't particularly agree with I have much respect for those type of leaders."

"If you look at it, the parties have switched since Lincoln."

His message to the youth of American was simple: "Go into things with an open mind and be willing to listen."

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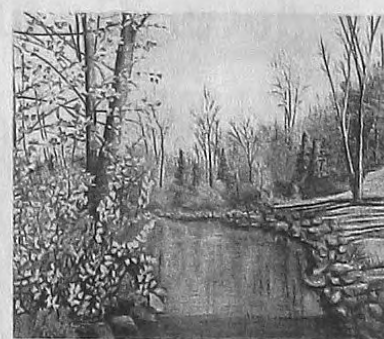
Christine Pray of Canton was named to the fall 2016 semester dean's list.

Canton artist exhibits at Westland Gallery

Awarding-winning Canton artist Ronald J. Warunek will have his art showcased in a solo exhibition at Westland's Gallery at City Hall during the month of March.

More than 60 works of art crafted in pastel, pencil, colored pencil and mixed media will be featured. The public is invited to see the exhibition and attend a free reception 4-7 p.m. Friday, March 10.

Warunek is a retired architect. After high school, he took a series of college aptitude tests and discovered that he had an interest and talent for art. He went out and purchased a variety of art supplies, took a few college art classes, and learned to draw and paint. Over the years, he continued to work on an occasional painting or



The painting is titled "Hudson Mills Metropark," a pastel on paper, and is included in the Ronald J. Warunek solo art exhibition in the Gallery at City Hall in Westland during the month of March.

architectural rendering, but mostly spent his spare time doing woodworking or design-oriented construction projects. Although he never took additional art classes or joined any art groups, he continued to frequent art shows, galleries and the DIA.

In 2009, he joined Three Cities Art Club, winning numerous awards in the club's Popular Vote competi-

tion and exhibitions.

This exhibition, sponsored by the Three Cities Art Club, will be on display from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and any other times city hall is open through March 29 at the Gallery at City Hall, Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. For more information, contact Warunek at 734-981-0838 or Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939.

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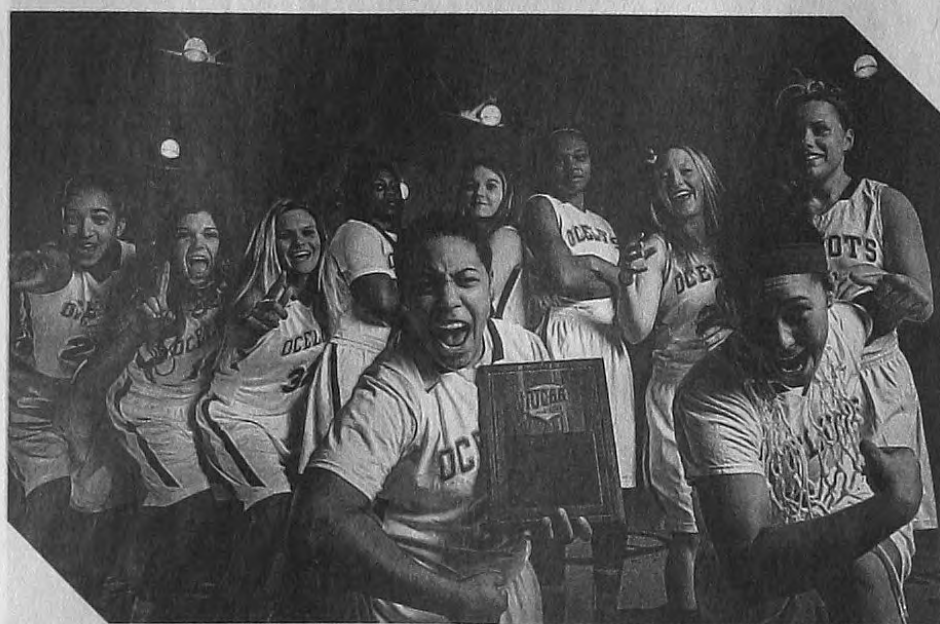
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Livonia boy battling rare genetic disorder

David Veselenak
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Eleven-month-old Aaron Sharp is nothing but smiles and laughter. But he's seen a lot of things children his age rarely see, including many medical tests and, eventually, a bone marrow transplant.

Sharp, the son of Livonia resident Angela Sharp, was diagnosed in December with Hurler's syndrome, a rare genetic disorder that prevents the body from creating a certain enzyme. Without that enzyme, his body cannot break down certain proteins, meaning the cells need to go somewhere.

"So the cells keep getting bigger and bigger and bigger until they get so big that the cell kind of dies," Angela Sharp said. "And those cells store in different parts of his body."

"They get stored in his joints, in his heart, in his brain and that's what causes the problems."

It's a disease that comes up in 1 in 100,000



Aaron Sharp and his mom Angela Sharp.

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births. Its rare status means only a few locations study the disease, including locations in the United Kingdom, British Columbia and the University of Minnesota. So Angela Sharp, a single mom who works at the Bed, Bath & Beyond in Northville Township, packed up her and her son's things and spent a

week in Minnesota this January so he could receive treatment.

It's been a whirlwind the last few weeks after Aaron Sharp's diagnosis. In addition to doing treatment, Aaron is looking at a bone marrow transplant in the future as well, in order to help keep brain damage at bay.

Aaron's grandmother,

Annette Sharp, said a bone marrow transplant is the only way to keep the brain from swelling and causing damage.

"The enzyme replacement therapy they give him helps with the lower part of his body," she said. "He has a swollen liver and spleen and so the enzymes that he gets will help reduce the size

of those. For the brain, the only thing that will help will be the bone marrow transplant."

Questions over cost

It's still such an early time for Aaron's treatment, but his mother isn't sure how exactly his care will be paid for. Angela Sharp will have to take several months of work off when her son's bone marrow transplant occurs, losing the income she would bring in. And there are still plenty of questions over what insurance will cover, especially with all the talk of repealing the Affordable Care Act in the air, since one enzyme treatment injection for a week can run for about \$143,000 before insurance.

"We have no idea what to expect. We know it's really, really expensive," Angela Sharp said.

But in came several of her friends, with several thousands of dollars to help the young family raised in just in the last few weeks.

"That's why when her friends heard about that,

they all decided to get on the bandwagon and try to help her," Annette Sharp said.

A GoFundMe page was launched and has collected more than \$13,000 as of Friday morning. A fundraiser took place at the Buffalo Wild Wings on Six Mile in Livonia in January as well, an event that brought in about \$1,500.

The generosity of the community so far has taken Angela and her parents by storm, even though there are more events planned.

Angela Sharp said a bone marrow drive will take place Feb. 24 at St. Aidan's Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, in Livonia. The drive will hopefully register people to donate bone marrow

"We need a good bone marrow match for him," she said. "And the likelihood that it's a family member is less than a one-in-a-million chance. So we're just reaching out to the community."

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Magna Seating opens headquarters in Novi

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hometownlife.com

A new building on Cabot Drive in Novi is the global headquarters for the seating division of a major automotive supplier.

Magna International Inc. formally opened the 180,000-square-foot headquarters for Magna Seating on Cabot Drive, in the area of M-5 north of 13 Mile, last month. About 450 work in the three-story building, in functions such as accounting, human resources, sales and marketing, purchasing and engineering.

The new headquarters represents an investment

of about \$48 million and includes room for more employees should the seating division expand, according to information from the company.

"It's exciting to begin the next chapter for Magna Seating at our new home, which has been built to suit the needs of our employees and customers for years to come," Mike Bisson, division president, said in a press release.

Magna provides automotive seating and seating mechanisms to manufacturers in North and South America, Europe and Asia. The company has 50 manufacturing facilities around the

world, including two southeast Michigan factories, one in Highland Park and another in Shelby Township.

Seating division employees moved into the new headquarters from a leased facility in Novi, said Tracy Fuerst, director of corporate communications and media relations for Magna International.

Magna sought employee input as the building was being planned and employee "implementation teams" made suggestions about the building's design, layout and amenities, the press release said.

That collaboration

with employees resulted in a building that features high-tech conference rooms designed for global communications and teleconferencing, spaces intended to promote informal meetings and human interaction, height-adjustable desks for employee comfort and work cells that can accommodate seating mockups and entire vehicles.

Magna International, which has facilities in 29 countries and employs more than 150,000 people, offers products for automotive bodies, powertrains, chassis, electronics and more in addition to seating.



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Cynthia Burnstein believes in an educational approach called Universal Design for Learning that says assignments do not have to be altered depending on a student's ability or disability, that regardless of those factors, the assignment can be the same.

And she's pretty sure the New School High history day competition proves it.

Students at New School High, an independent nonprofit charter school in Plymouth Township, recently took part in a National History Day competition using the theme "Taking a Stand in History," in which students could develop projects in several ways — building a website, writing a traditional essay, doing a performance or putting together an exhibit.

Whichever was chosen, the method was designed to work to the students' individual strengths.

"These projects are a great example of Universal Design for Learning," said Burnstein, school leader. "Students can express their knowledge in different ways. When you have an assignment that can be accomplished in different ways, everyone can do it."

It's the second year the school, housed since it opened in 2015 at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, has participated in the National History Day program. New School history teacher Hillary Rose said the competition — winners advance to the district competition March 4 at the Detroit Historical Museum — is a "wide open" project in which students can pick any topic, as long as they can relate it to the contest theme.

The school competition, which featured 13 entrants, took place in January. Five projects were chosen to advance to next month's district.

One winning project focused on mental health through the ages and highlighted the contributions of Dorothea Dix, Philippe Pinel and Nellie Bly. The project — an exhibit designed by juniors Emily McMillan and Ian Hassinger and sophomores Maxine



Kali Tiseo of Livonia, Emily McMillan of Plymouth, Ian Hassinger of Plymouth and Maxine Dragomir of Canton explored the historical treatment of people with mental health problems.

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Hillary Rose is the teacher who coordinated and mentored the student projects.

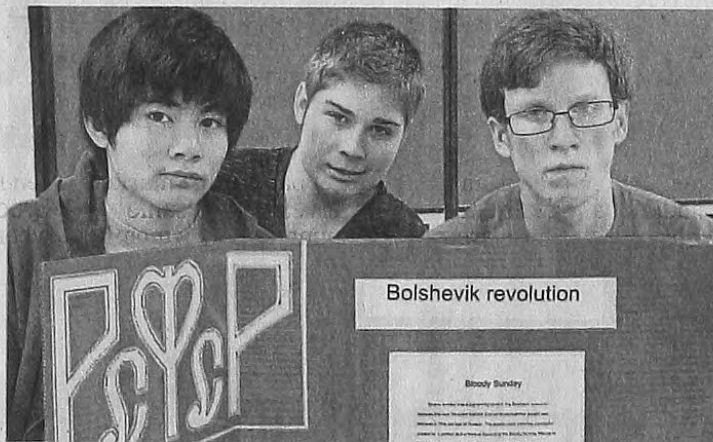


Leslie Arure of Ypsilanti and Naeja Love of Westland, chose the topic of women gaining the right to vote in Saudi Arabia.

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Joseph Almeda of Canton, Brendan Randolph of Plymouth and Ben Criss of Canton chose the Russian Bolshevik Revolution for their project.



Dragomir and Kali Tiseo — focused on the effects the three subjects had on the treatment of mental

health patients. "We really highlighted people who changed the way we look at mental

health," said Hassinger, a Plymouth resident. "How (badly) mental health patients were

mistreated was a big thing," said Tiseo, who lives in Livonia. "We thought these people who tried to make it better in our country made a difference in how patients were treated."

Another exhibit advancing to the district is on "Women Voting in Saudi Arabia," put together by Leslie Arcure, Naeja Love, Elizabeth Novak, Rebecca Winberry and Annabelle Davoudi. Since work on the projects began in October, shortly before the U.S. election, and since Saudi women voted for the first time in 2015, the students felt taking a look at how it all came about was important.

Arcure, a ninth-grader from Ypsilanti, said the group was originally going to tackle the broader subject of women's suffrage, then realized the voting of women in Saudi Arabia was more timely.

"It shows there are places in the world where we have a long way to go if we want equality," Arcure said.

Freshman Caleb Yonker of Canton is the only winning contestant who wrote an essay. He was originally part of a group that "didn't make it," he said, so he decided to do a paper on his own.

The group had been researching the militant radical organization

called the Weather Underground, originally known as the Weathermen, that formed at the University of Michigan in the late 1960s. While his original group eventually didn't take a position on the Weathermen, the research intrigued Yonker enough to make the organization the subject of his essay.

"I wrote a paper about the positions (Weathermen) took and how they came to those positions," Yonker said.

Rose, the history teacher, said the added benefit to the competition is that students can take what they learn while putting together their project into whatever history classroom they're in. And because the projects are student-chosen and led, they aren't just sitting at a desk learning out of a textbook.

"They're learning about something they're interested in," Rose said. "They get to do a lot of research about something they like. They're able to present something in a format that's fun for them."

Interested families are invited to an open house 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16. The school is located at 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, in the educational wing of the Risen Christ Church. Families can tour the school, see a presentation and meet the staff. For more information or to schedule a meeting with the school leader, call 734-386-6601 or go to newschoolhigh.org.

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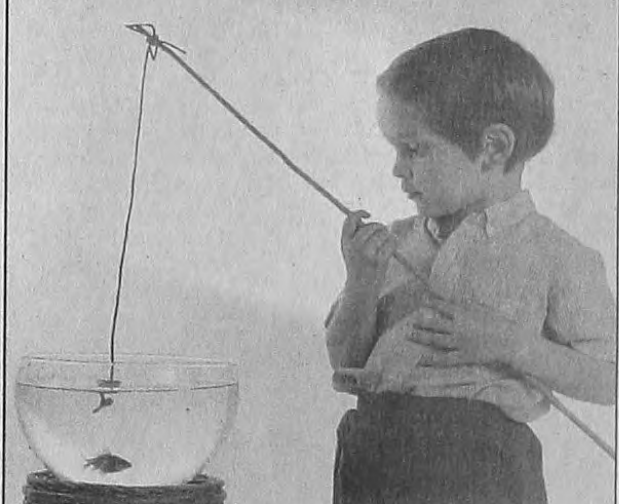
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Dapper gentlemen harmonize valentines

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

Each Feb. 14, a group of dapper gents hit the streets of metro Detroit, dressed to the nines in white jackets and red bow ties. Members have got roses on their lapels — and music in their hearts.

They may look spiffy, but it's not date night. These fellows are barber-shop singers with HarmonyTown Chorus. This Valentine's Day, they'll be delivering singing valentines across the Detroit area.

The group, about 25 members strong, has been doing singing valentines for about 20 years. Every Valentine's Day, they split into groups of threes and fours and show up for dozens of bookings to sing all the old songs: "Hello, Mary Lou," "I've Got a Home in Glory Land," "I Love You Truly." Blues. Sacred music. Even country.

Scott Casey of Westland, the group's conductor, said the music strikes a chord with many listeners. "The music we sing



Scott Casey directs the chorus.

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brings back memories, often specific memories from a lifetime," he said. "It's an opportunity we embrace, to bring these moments."

Seeing people's reactions is Casey's favorite part of the job.

"Every time we go out and do one of these, we don't know where we're going to be," he said. Their first year doing singing valentines, he

and his quartet wandered into Livonia City Hall to kill some time between appointments — and decided to strike up a tune. "City hall is open five stories up," he said. "By the time we finished the first song, all five floors were crowded with people. It was an awesome experience."

They've made a point to stop back every year. Sometimes, the group

gets called to sing at an office. "There's a lady surrounded by her office mates and we're making them all cry and they're all hugging her," Casey said.

Other times, it's at a hospice, where someone's in challenging physical condition. In those cases, he said, it's usually the singers who end up crying the most.

"We were at a home,

for lady in hospice care ... her daughter said she had been essentially not responsive for weeks," he said. "Our music was able to bring a physical reaction. You could see her lips moving. That made us cry, seeing her reaction, the power of song."

HarmonyTown Chorus is an all-amateur group. "We have absolutely zero professionals," Casey said. "The majority of barbershoppers do it because they love singing."

Most of the guys don't read music — although you wouldn't know it, because their harmonies are spot-on. Many are retired engineers from the big three automakers. They hail from all over the area: Taylor, Novi, Ann Arbor, Westland, Farmington Hills. Some, like Don Bohnwagner of Livonia, sang when they were younger and drifted away from it over time. He sings tenor and has been with the group for 31 years. When he was a kid, he sang soprano at Cooley High School in Detroit. Others, like Ca-

sey, had no singing experience at all.

In addition to their Valentine's Day gigs, the group performs at nursing homes and events like the Farmington Founders Festival and Northville Victorian Festival.

"We really are a community organization; that's a lot of what we focus on, being out in the community," Casey said. "We love to perform — taking our performance out to the street, out to people."

Rob Facione of Westland is organizing the singing valentines this year and he said that's a big part of why he loves those performances.

"It's special because it's something we can give back to our fans who sometimes can't come and listen to all of our concerts," he said. "It's something you can make personal — something that is unique. When you tell them about it, their eyes light up."

For more information about HarmonyTown Chorus, go to wesing-barbershop.com.

Trying to time the market is always a dicey proposition

Q: I made a mistake when it comes to my investments that I hope you can help me with. I'm in my early 40s and in good financial shape. My salary more than covers my living expenses and, other than a small mortgage, I am not in debt. My main goal when it comes to investing — or I should say, my only goal is my retirement. I plan to work at least another 20-25 years. I am single and have no dependents. The day after the election, I sold my entire portfolio and went to cash. I was nervous because everyone was saying that, if Trump won the election, markets would crash and I figured I would get back in the market when things settled down. Obviously, I was wrong. My question to you is, do you think it is a good time to get back into the market? Do you anticipate any



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downturns or a crash in the market that I should be concerned with? Needless to say, I feel pretty stupid.

A: First of all, don't feel stupid. I don't know one investor, including myself, who has not made mistakes when it comes to investing. It's the nature of investing that you cannot be right all the time. There is no reason to consider yourself stupid. You should look at this as a learning opportunity.

When it comes to predicting short-term gyrations in the market, it is impossible. Sometimes when it comes to the market, good news is bad news and bad news is good news. Markets are irrational over the short run. Therefore, I have no

idea if we will have a correction or when the next market downturn will occur. In addition, I have no idea how long they will last. I believe downturns and corrections in the market are normal and sometimes I'm more concerned when they don't happen as opposed to when they do happen.

I've always believed it is a fool's game to try to time the market. When you time the market, you have to be right twice — once when you buy and once when you sell. I don't know anyone who has been able to do that consistently — I don't even try to do it. What I tend to focus on is an individual's goals and objectives. Those are more predictable and a much better indicator as to how you should invest your money.

When someone's goal is 20-25 years down the road, it is immaterial where the market is to-

day. The focus is not on next week, next month or even next year, but 20-25 years down the road. I have no doubt that markets will be substantially higher at that point in time. For many investors, I would say to just jump back in. However, I do recognize that no one wants to see their investments retreat after just buying them.

Another strategy that you may want to consider is what is known as dollar-cost averaging. Under this strategy, as opposed to investing your money all at once, you invest it on a regular basis over a set period of time. As an example, you may choose to get back in the market by investing the same amount of money monthly over a six-month period. By investing on a

regular basis, no matter where the market is, you tend to reduce some of the short-term volatility.

For someone who is a conservative investor and very concerned with short-term volatility, dollar-cost averaging is a very good strategy to follow. If you were to follow a dollar-cost averaging strategy, six to nine months would be a good time frame. If you consider yourself more of a moderate or moderately aggressive investor, I would probably lean toward jumping back in the market.

As I mentioned earlier, every investor, even the greats such as Warren Buffet and Peter Lynch, make mistakes when it comes to investing. What distinguishes them is, when they make

a mistake, they admit it, correct it and move on. They don't focus on the past; they focus on the future.

My advice for investors is that they shouldn't be looking in the rear-view mirror. Like the great investors, they need to look forward. Don't focus on what is happening currently in the market, what the talking heads are saying on TV or even what tantrums the children in Washington are throwing. Focus on the most important thing — that is, what you're trying to achieve with your money.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jazz, blues at the Elks

Blues @ The Elks happens on the *second* Tuesday of the month from 7-10 p.m. at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325, in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluessociety.org). There is a \$5 donation at the door and bring your dancing shoes.

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, come and enjoy Valentine's Day with a Mardi Gras mood with Monsieur Guillaume & His Zydeco Hepcats. Hear the authentic New Orleans sounds with Monsieur on accordion and vocals, Erich Goebel on guitar and vocals, Joe LaBeau on sax, Perez Morris on frottoir (rub board) and congas, Mike Ziegeler on drums and Frankie Lee on bass. We will be jumpin' this night!

Jazz @ The Elks happens on the last Tuesday of the month from 7-9:30 p.m. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers.

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For more information go to the Legion's website at www.post251.org.

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Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb will have office hours in the District 8 community of Redford on Monday, Feb. 13, from 10-11 a.m. at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway. This meeting will allow constituents the opportunity to sit down and meet with Commissioner Webb to discuss matters of concern within the community.

Lightning Robotics

The P-CEP Lightning Robotics team is having a robot unveil Feb. 22, in the Canton High School

Little Theater from 7-8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come meet the robot and learn about the Lightning Robotics team and this year's competition. Canton High School is at 8415 Canton Center Road.

The robotics team's district events are: March 10 and 11 at Ann Arbor Pioneer High; March 31 and April 1 at Lake Superior State University; State Championships are April 12-15. No venue has been determined yet; World Championships April 26 - 29 St. Louis, Missouri

Baseline Folk Society

BaseLine Folk Society will host its 12th annual Valentine concert at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18, at the JWH Center for the Arts at the

Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Open-mic performances from 10 different musical artists, with a featured performer at 8 p.m. Host for February is Marty Cohen, who will perform two songs and introduce the open mic performers throughout the evening. Marty is a polished pro who has been at Base-Line on a regular basis for years. The sign up for Open Mic performers is 6:15-6:40 p.m. The featured performer for February is John Rinn, great guitarist and sings all his own original stuff. He is a member of Song Writers Anonymous He begins his half-hour performance at 8 p.m. Season schedule is available on our Facebook page. For more information email, bfsresident4u@gmail.com.

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GNIEWEK

CONRAD "CONNIE" Livonia First Citizen and Livonia City Hall of Fame Inductee Conrad "Connie" Gniewek passed away early Thursday, February 9, 2017 peacefully at St. Mary's Hospital. He was an active citizen, recently retiring from the Water Review Board. He was loving husband to Sue for 58 years. Dear father of Jolie (Ed) Snow, Kyle and Torin. Beloved grandfather of Kori and Kendal Snow. Also survived by brother Larry (Terry) and sister Alice Farrenkopf. Loved by Grandchildren-in-law Alexander Hill and Owen and Jocelyn Snow, many nieces and nephews and more who called him "Grampa G." Celebration of his life to be held in the Monseigneur Brunett Activities Center at St. Aidan's Catholic Church on Sunday, February 12, 2017 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. We invite you to share your stories and memories with us all starting at 3:00 p.m. Polish style buffet served at 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

REIMANN



KENNETH FREDERICK February 3, 2017, age 85 of Westland. Beloved husband of Joyce Reimann. Loving father of Kendel (Scott) Darragh and Tracey (Dan) Brooks. Proud grandfather of Elise and Lydia Darragh; Dana and Cailin Brooks. Dear brother of Carol McTigue, the late Frank Reimann and the late Bernice Reimann. Funeral Service held at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill) Westland. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland. Kenneth served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a retired Wayne County Deputy Sheriff, Past President of Wayne Historical Society and Past-President of the Wayne High All Class Reunion. Memorial contributions made to Fair Haven Baptist Church, 34850 Marquette, Westland. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfh.com



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CC coaching legend Mach steps down

Shamrocks football coach retires after unforgettable 41-year career and 370 wins

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Tom Mach said it was the right time. And so one of the three coaching giants of high school football in the state of Michigan has decided to step down after 41 seasons at Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi.

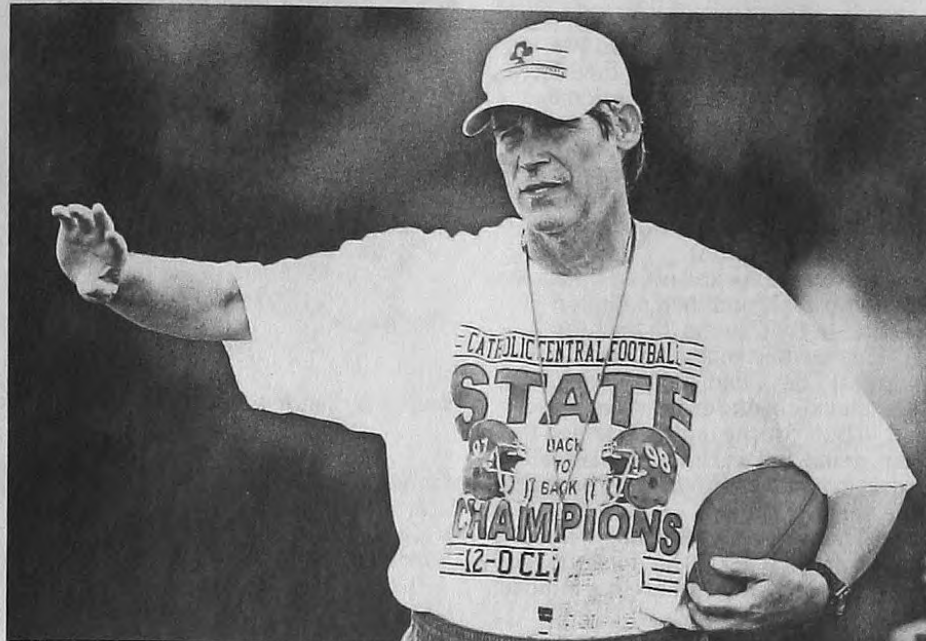
The 69-year-old Mach, who ranks third all time in the Michigan High School Athletic Association with a 370-97 record to go along with 10 state championships, said he had contemplated retirement for the past three years.

"You just get a little tired and I think also 41 years is a lot of time to be involved in a contest where there's a lot of expectations," Mach said. "So you're constantly dealing with this life the whole year and thinking about it the

whole year. And as you get older, it does wear a little on you doing the various things over and over again, even though we have a great situation here at Catholic Central with great kids and great people and everything else. Each year, it seemed to be getting harder, harder and harder. Competition is getting harder, coaches in the state coach better. Everything was leading to the fact that I'd like to take a break."

Under Mach, however, the Shamrocks never got tired of winning.

He ranks third, behind only former Birmingham Brother Rice coach Al Fracassa (430-117-7) and current Farmington Hills Harrison coach John Herrington (425-104-1), among state coaches in victories.



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See MACH, Page B2 CC's Tom Mach is third all time in football wins among MHSAA coaches.

CAVALIER ELIMINATOR

Double the perfection for Park bowlers

'Cats' O'Shaughnessy, Rocks' Rusinek notch each notch 300 games at Flint singles tourney

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Bowlers really don't know why they get on a 10-frame run of perfection that ends with a 300 score.

But that's a question Plymouth senior Justin O'Shaughnessy and Salem senior Mitch Rusinek might be pondering for years to come. Each rolled a 300 game on Feb. 5 at the fifth annual Cavalier Eliminator Varsity Invitational held at Grand Blanc Lanes in Flint.

"I can't really describe it, I just kind of stay to my routine," said O'Shaughnessy, talking about the feat Monday following his team's KLAA dual match at Canton's Super Bowl Lanes. "Before every shot I kept saying anything can happen, just throw one shot at a time."

It was the first prep 300 game for O'Shaughnessy and Rusinek, although both have completed perfect games in other leagues.

O'Shaughnessy also was the Cavalier Eliminator champion. He tallied an outstanding 813 series (278-300-235) during the three-game qualifying round and was No. 1 seed for match play. There, he won all five opponents including a 222-221 win in the championship matchup.

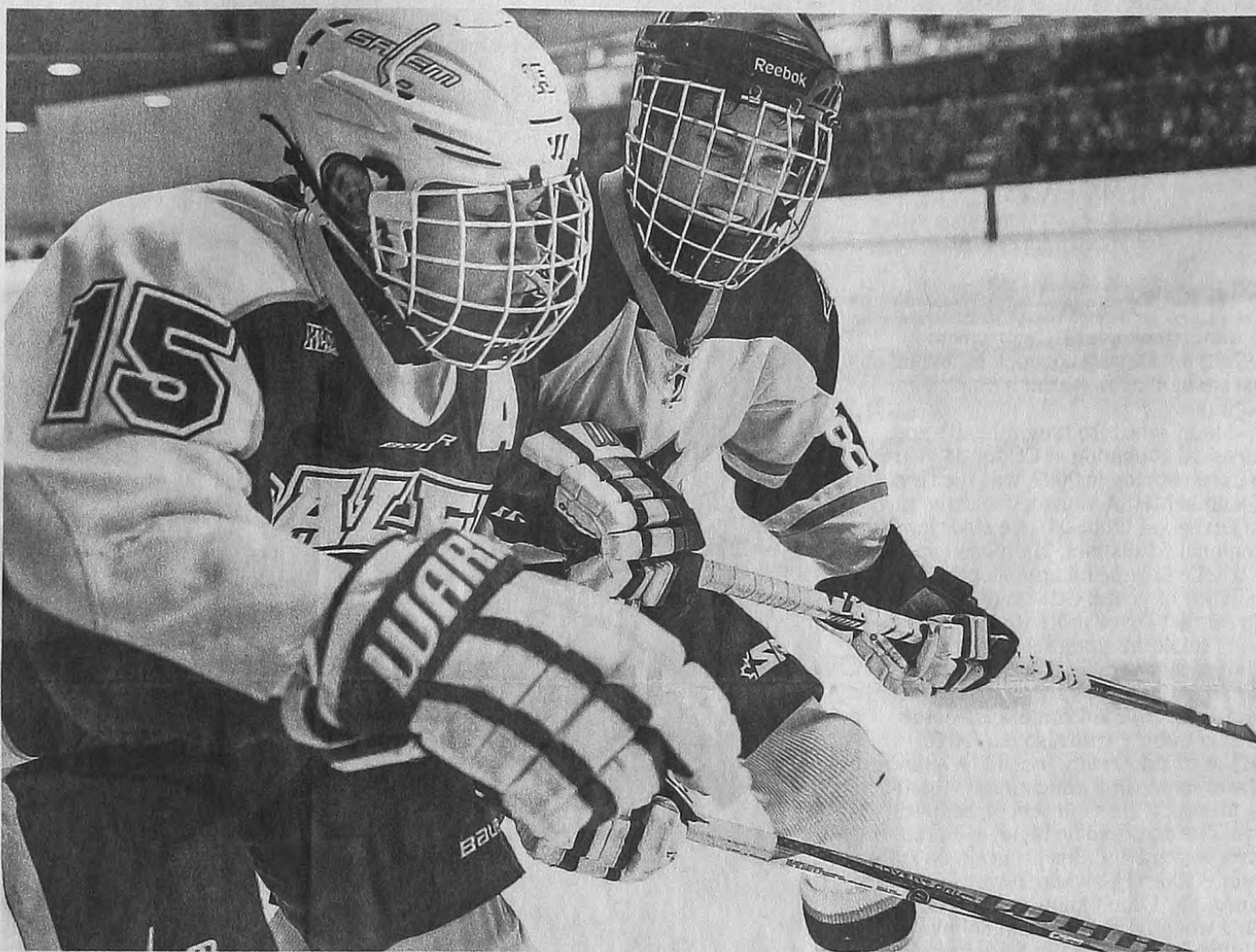
Rusinek was no slouch, either. He finished third at the invitational, with his 300 game coming after qualifying for

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Plymouth's Justin O'Shaughnessy (left) and Salem's Mitch Rusinek both bowled a 300 game Feb. 5 at Grand Blanc Lanes.

BOYS HOCKEY



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Salem defenseman Austin Marthaler (15) and Plymouth's Jack VanDenBeurgueury (8) battle in the corner during Friday's game at Arctic Edge in Canton.

ROCKS KEEP ROLLING

Salem out-skates Plymouth 4-0 in campus hockey matchup

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Right from the hop Friday night at Arctic Edge Arena, visiting Salem had a jump on the Plymouth Wildcats.

And that's how the 51-minute KLAA South Division boys hockey contest played out, with the Rocks earning a 4-0 win.

Keying the victory for Salem (11-8-1) were snipe goals from senior forwards Marty Mills and Matt Schaumburger and shutout netminding from sophomore goalie Austin Goleniak.

"We've played well the last month or so," Salem head coach Ryan Ossensmayer said. "... We're happy with the result but we know we have some things to work on.

"Austin made the first saves he needed to, he made a couple really nice second saves. Our guys did a nice job, especially on their power play, blocking

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Ripping the puck past Plymouth goalie Brendan Olepa during the first period is Salem senior forward Marty Mills (11).

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BOYS WRESTLING

Rocks earn team district crown

Salem pins defeats on Plymouth, Northville, to capture third consecutive team district title

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Salem clicked on all cylinders Thursday night, downing both Plymouth and Northville to capture the Division 1 team wrestling regional.

It marked the third consecutive district crown for the Rocks, who advance to Wednesday's team regional (which will also include perennial powerhouse Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Livonia Franklin).

The Rocks knocked off campus rival Plymouth 48-22 and then defeated Northville 49-22 in the district final.

"This team is young, one of the youngest I have had, only two seniors," Salem head coach Jeremy Henderson said. "(But) for the underclassmen to train, grind and work for this is really satisfying and we should only be tougher in years to come.

"All their hard work finally paid off, there was not one kid that took the mat yesterday that did not have his mindset on a mission."

Although it was a team success, Henderson cited some individual performers who deserved extra mention.

At the top of that list was senior 145-pounder Bruce Haslitt, who won both of his matches and tied the Salem career record for pins with 104. Against Adam Zakaria of the Mustangs, Haslitt completed the pin in just 36 seconds.

Henderson added that Akash Rai "won two big matches (at 130) for us that really swung both duals in our



Salem's varsity wrestling team celebrates after winning Thursday's team district title.

SALEM WRESTLING

favor. ... Brennen McNeal also started off (the district) against Plymouth with a pin against a tough senior. I could literally highlight the entire team."

The coach said the victory over the Wildcats was gratifying for another reason.

"I could not be any more proud of how far this team has come from beginning to end of this season," Henderson said. "Plymouth beat us 53-25 in the first meet of the season. This team took that very hard, but worked their butts off all season and came back and beat them by a similar margin."

Other Salem wins against Northville were posted by Mason Opie (112, 12-0 decision), Ali Kobeissi (135, 4-1 deci-

sion), Taj Traylor (152, technical fall, 20-5, 4:27), Cullen Stroschien (160, pin in 2:58), Jaquan Baker (171, pin in 3:34), Jacob Kirkpatrick (189), Evan Kirkpatrick (215, pin in 1:30) and heavyweight Jacob Giorgi for forfeit.

In the dual against Plymouth, according to TrackWrestling.com, McNeal got it started with a pin in 2:55 over Zach Lohrmann, but Tyler Campbell of the Wildcats evened the score with a pin over Mason Opie (in 3:20).

By the time Plymouth scored any additional points (on a pin by Angel Deltoro at 160), the Rocks had racked up 36 points to build an insurmountable lead.

Victories for the Rocks were regis-

tered by Max Hirvela (119, pin in 1:51 over Justin Fowler), Ben Bennett (125, pin in 1:10 over Pritpal Sihota), Ali Kobeissi (130, 5-2 decision over Zachary Lundberg), Rai (pin in 3:48 over Jezean Sukhadia), Tyler Knopp (140, pin in 2:10 over Hayden Clark), Haslitt (pin in 1:02 over Hunter LeForge) and Traylor (6-2 decision over Calvin Vos at 152).

Closing out the meet were Plymouth wins by Joey Ahearn at 171 (16-4 major decision over Baker) and Ethan Shulaw (pin in 1:03 of Jacob Kirkpatrick at 189) and a pin by Salem's Evan Kirkpatrick at 215 (over Andrew Atallah in 5:31).

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MACH

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CC journey

Mach took over CC's program in 1976 from Dave Woodcock following an assistant coaching stint at Southgate Aquinas.

Mach, who also taught health and physical education at CC for 34 years before retiring in 2009, was the first coach in MHSAA history to three-peat in Division 1 (2001-03). He also won 20 regional, 12 district, 21 division and 17 Catholic League championships. For a number of years, CC was located on Breakfast Drive in Redford Township.

"I think the thing that I'll remember about him the most is his attention to detail and that he's a faith-based coach and man," said CC athletic director Aaron Babicz, who also played for Mach. "And I really feel he's a shining example of what educational athletics is all about. He's old school, he loves what he does and he believes in the process and built his program on statements like, 'The wham never loses yardage.' I don't know another coach that would make his team believe in a fullback dive play, but he definitely did it for 41 years. He's just a great man and mentor before anything else and that's what I'll remember the most about him."

Mach's final game came Nov. 26 at Detroit's Ford Field, when the Shamrocks fell to Detroit Cass Tech in the Division 1 state finals, 49-20, ending a 13-game winning streak.

Mach said he is not looking back and plans to enjoy his retirement, spending more time at his cottage up north.

Moving on

"I'll try to get there as much as I can," he said. "I just felt like this was a time that I was ready to go. It's like when you have any job, you kind of get that feeling inside. Your internal clock kind of tells you that you're not doing as good a job as you used to and you don't want to lower your output of work because you've been doing it a long time. I just felt it was my time."

Early Wednesday morning, CC senior defensive end Jackson Ross heard the news following a team wrestling meeting and Mass. He immediately went down to Mach's office to shake his hand.

"I just told him how thankful I am for him," Ross said. "It was an honor playing under him. I know so many other guys feel that way. He's really a legend around this school. All throughout the day today, guys have been coming up to me, 'Did you hear? Did you hear?' and I said, 'I heard' and everyone was a little solemn, but we all just respect him and respect him so much and what he's done for this school. It's truly been an honor playing for him."

Ross, who plans to play football at Hope College, said Mach will make a lasting impact on his career.

"The stuff he says, I still think about today, 'Dare to be great' and 'The magic is in the believing,' that kind of stuff," Ross said. "It sticks with you with whatever you're doing, whether it be football, work, wrestling, school, anything. You can apply that to any part of your life. We're really going to miss him."

Player reaction

CC senior tight end Jack Morris, who will play next year at Saginaw Valley State, will also take away fond memories of his coach.

"The thing I'm going to remember most is, really, his sayings," Morris said. "They're really unique and I think



Catholic Central's Tom Mach is calling it quits after 41 seasons.

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that anyone who has played for coach Mach really knows what I'm talking about. I say that because he gives sayings to every team and there's a theme. Really, it stays with you the rest of your life. I'll just miss the way he coaches, the way he got fired up during the big games, stuff like that. It's sad to see he left, but I know he's happy and he enjoyed every single year that he was here."

Mach, who became a member of both the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame and Detroit Catholic League Hall of Fame, attended Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit and entertained thoughts of going into the priesthood during his high school days.

He played football at Wayne State University and graduated with a degree in sociology. He served in the U.S. Army and took a job at Aquinas as the track head coach and football assistant coach under Dick Comar. Mach was responsible for the defensive backs. He later became Comar's defensive coordinator and went on to earn his teaching certificate, getting his first teaching position at Aquinas.

The interview

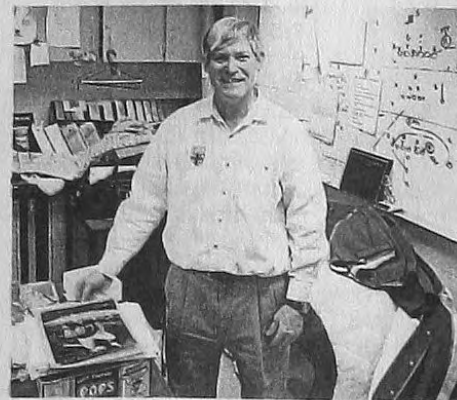
Mach's had two brothers attend CC and, when the vacant football job opened up, he decided to apply.

"I knew Catholic Central was at the top of the heap," Mach said. "I knew about CC."

Before he applied for the position, Mach said he wrote a book on football planning and his philosophy of coaching football. He was given a 20-page interview form, but "I had all the information and the interview went well."

Mach thought he was a long shot, but CC decided to go with a 26-year-old virtual unknown.

"I said, 'Yikes,'" Mach said. "I didn't believe I had a chance to actually get



BRAD EMONS

Outgoing Catholic Central football coach Tom Mach said it will take a while to clean out his office after 41 years.

the job, because I wanted the experience to interview with a real good school and one that had a reputation for being good in sports and thought that would do me well for the future. They happened to like me and liked what I had to say and offered me (the job)."

And for 41 years, he kept Catholic Central football at the pinnacle.

"I guess we knew the day was coming, I don't think we knew when that was going to be," Babicz said. "He always jokes about it, but I think in his heart it was time, even though we're not sure what he's going to do. He's a grandpa and a great husband. I think he'll still be around the program and the school because he loves it. I think we knew it was coming and don't think we knew when."

Moving forward

Mach said he doesn't fish and hasn't played much golf, but he plans to stay active. He might fire back up his motorcycle, continue to jog and boat during

the summer.

"I used to play racquetball a lot, things like that," he said. "The coaching job takes a lot of that away from you, because you don't have time to do something. I used to golf, but you can't do that because it's four hours out of your day. By the time you get back, you've wasted six or seven hours. You don't actually have time to relax or do a lot of stuff."

And even though he's now officially retired as a football coach, he's been serving as a coach recently in another unofficial capacity.

"My wife (Lynn) is happy. I don't know if she'll continue to be happy," he said with a laugh. "I think we took a trial run. She just got a new knee. They have to declare somebody as a coach, so she told them I was going to be her coach. She got home from the hospital and I've been helping her work out and everything on her knee. And I said, 'Well, it's been three weeks of constant work together and we're still married,' so I think it's a good sign."

Babicz said the search will begin immediately for Mach's replacement. Mach's two sons, Mike and Joe, have served most recently as his assistant coaches.

"I can definitely tell you that we want to get it right," Babicz said. "We're going to do the best that we can to make sure we find someone that carries on the legacy of coach Mach. We just want to celebrate him right now and make sure we do that. Someone who gives 41 years to this place — or any place, any school, any program — I think you owe it to them to celebrate what they've done. We're getting our ducks in a row and we're going to put a process together, post the job late next week or the week after and take our time and get it right."

PREP BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Canton nips 'Cats for share of division

Tim Smith

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Whenever Park basketball rivals Canton and Plymouth get together, fans can expect a battle to the wire.

That's exactly what happened in Friday's KLAAs South Division girls basketball contest at Plymouth High School, with the Chiefs prevailing 36-32.

Although Canton led 16-9 after one frame and 28-18 at halftime, the Wildcats did not quit and got to within one possession of sending the game to overtime.

"We had a shot to tie the game," lamented Plymouth head coach Ryan Ballard, whose team dropped to 7-9 overall and 6-4 in the division.

The loss spoiled a 22-point game by Plymouth's Chantal LeDoux, who drained successive treys (she had four on the night) to get to within 34-32 with a minute remaining.

Canton finally got some breathing room when Alaina Heitmeyer hit both ends of a one and one.

"Chantal Ledoux is one of the best players in Wayne County, period," Ballard said. "She was hitting shots from everywhere when Canton was face-guarding her."

Canton's victory ensured a share of the KLAAs South title (9-1 record) with Wayne Memorial.

"As a coaching staff, we are proud of our team," Chiefs head coach Rob Heitmeyer said. "They are a special group who finds different ways to win games. Tonight, it was a good defensive effort to hold Plymouth to 32 points."

Canton was led by Brianna Finn (12 points), Shanya Butler (eight points) and Sam Mattern (five points).

CHURCHILL 62, FRANKLIN 44: Annie Yost's 12 points and 10 rebounds sparked Livonia Churchill to a KLAAs South Division senior night win against the Patriots.

Chipping in with 11 points and eight boards for the Chargers (6-10, 4-6) was Shae Smith, while Kennedy Carrier scored eight points.

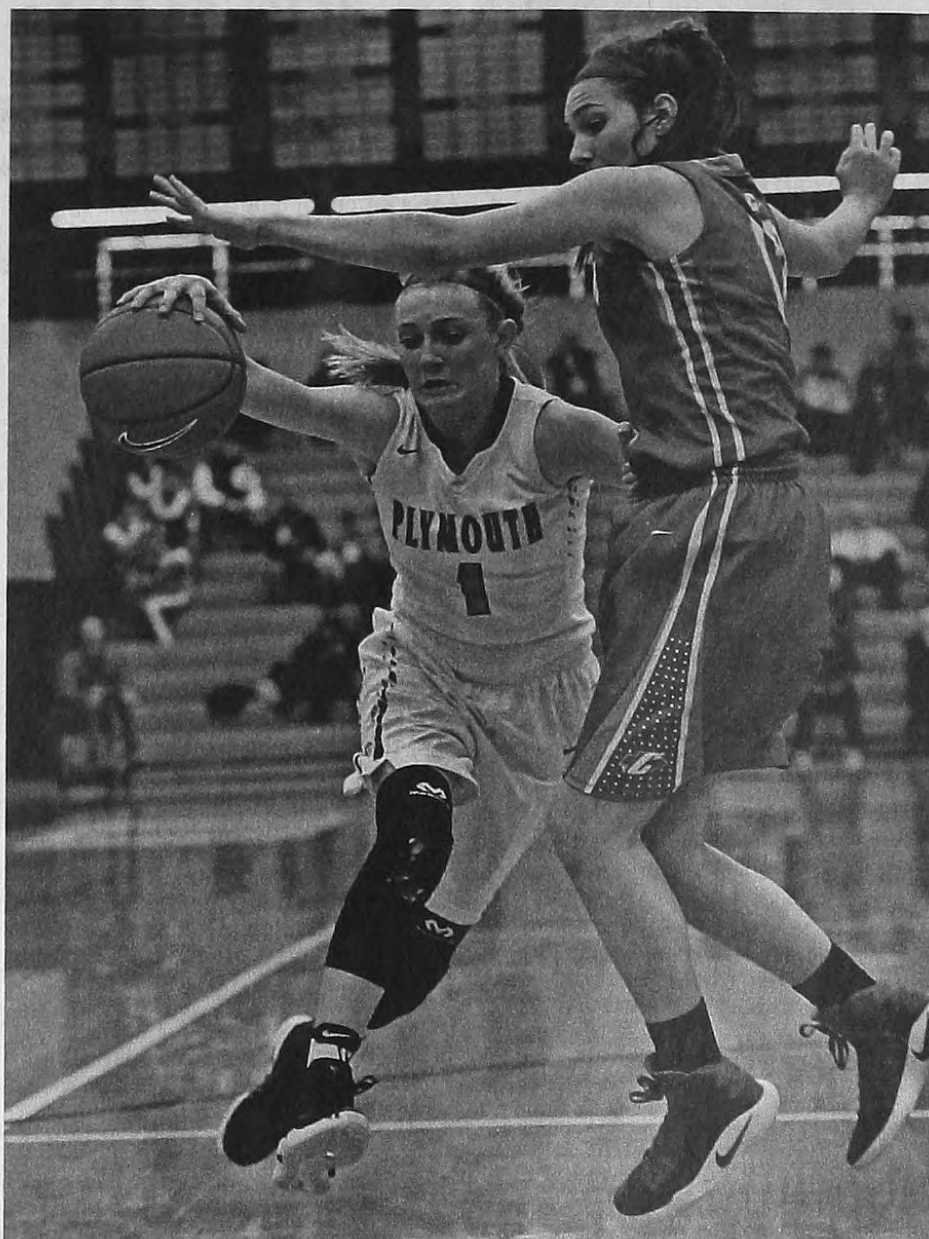
For Franklin, Brooke Garbarino scored 13 points.

STEVENSON 36, SALEM 29: On senior night at Livonia Stevenson, the Spartans came away with a victory to improve to 9-7 overall and 5-5 in the KLAAs Central Division.

Sarah Tandens (eight points), Diane Senkowski and Jackie Green (six points each) led the Spartans while Jayna Lenders (12 points) and Lymiah Wilson (10 points) reached double digits for the Rocks.

GC 41, THURSTON 36: Alea Montgomery tallied a game-high 16 points and Alex Lerenewski added 10 to propel Garden City (7-9, 5-3) to a 41-36 Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division victory over visiting Redford Thurston (7-9, 3-5).

Bryanna Burton scored 14 points, while Megan Abela added eight



Plymouth's Elle McCaslin (1) tries to dribble past Canton's Ashley Criscenti during Friday night's contest.

MICHAEL VASILINIK

for the Eagles, who trailed 21-12 at halftime and 33-24 after three quarters.

Gillian Drake and Naudia Jackson each added seven points in the loss.

RU 50, ANNAPOLIS 17: Johnnae Steele scored 15 points and Dannatural Mejia added 13 as Redford Union (10-4, 6-2) rolled to a WWAC Red Division win Friday over visiting Dearborn Heights Annapolis (4-11, 2-6).

FORDSON 61, CVILLE 15: Kiki Darwiche scored 14 points Friday night to lift WWAC Red Division leader Dearborn Fordson (12-5, 8-0) to a convincing win at Livonia Clarenceville (1-14, 0-8).

Myla Hoskins-King, who went 4-for-4 from the foul line, finished with a team-high 10 points for the Trojans, who trailed 21-61, at halftime before the Tractors exploded with a 31-2 third quarter run. Fordson was 6-of-12 from the foul line, while Clarenceville was 6-for-9.

Boys basketball

STEVENSON 65, SALEM 58: Livonia Stevenson overcame a 31-26 halftime deficit Friday to defeat host Salem. The Spartans (13-3 overall, 7-3 in the KLAAs Central Division) were

led by Devin Dunn (16 points), Nader Kandalaf (14 points) and George Ferguson (11 points).

For Salem (7-9, 4-6), Cameron Grace and Camren Barden tallied 18 and 16 points, respectively.

"Devin Dunn did a really solid job in the first half breaking Salem's press and attacking the basket," Stevenson assistant coach Chris Haldane said.

FRANKLIN 55, CHURCHILL 51: In a Friday night matchup of KLAAs South Division teams, the host Patriots came away victorious thanks to 19 points from Mark Mettie and 17 points from Keyon Brown.

For the Chargers, Trajan Stinson scored 17 points and Evan Cummins notched 14.

Churchill enjoyed a 36-35 lead going into the fourth quarter, but the Patriots' offense surged to a 20-15 edge in the deciding frame.

CANTON 53, PLYMOUTH 49: In a KLAAs South Division contest Friday night, the visiting Chiefs earned a four-point win over Plymouth.

B. Artis White (12 points), Vinson Sigmon (11 points) and Jake Cesarz (10 points) keyed the win for Canton (10-6, 7-3).

For the Wildcats (7-9, 4-6), Tariq Woody led the way with 19 points.

RU 54, ANNAPOLIS 40: Redford Union (9-6, 5-3) stormed back from a six-point halftime deficit Friday night with a 24-5 third-period run and went on to earn a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division win over host Dearborn Heights Annapolis (8-6, 5-3).

Junior center Marcus Evans, who sparked the second half surge, finished with a game-high 19 points to go along with 11 rebounds as the Panthers went with a five-wide spread offense. Evans scored 13 of his 19 in the fourth quarter.

"The first half our offense wasn't going well," RU coach Randall Taylor said. "We were able to turn them over a lot in that third quarter and were able to get layups out of it. Our big man Marcus (Evans) is only 6-2, but he was able to drive their big man off the dribble. He was able to get to the rim, got fouled and went to the line."

Amir Huston and Christian Montgomery chipped in with nine and eight points, respectively.

Montgomery came up with three third-quarter steals and turned them into layups. Jacob Gagnon, James Gresham and Huston all hit key triples during the big run to open the game up.

BELLEVILLE 61, THURSTON 43: In a WWAC Blue Division game Friday, Belleville (13-2, 7-1) jumped out to a 17-2 lead and never looked back in a victory at Redford Thurston (6-9, 2-6).

Gabe Brown paced Belleville with a game-high 22 points, while Devin Alverson added 13.

After getting down by 15 at the outset, Thurston pulled to within 31-25 at intermission before the Tigers stormed back with pair of 15-8 runs in each of the third and fourth quarters.

Karlos Bery scored 20 in a losing cause for the Eagles, who went 5-for-9 from the foul line.

"The kids played well tonight," Thurston coach Brian Bates said. "It was a six-point game at the half. We got down 17-2 in the first quarter and the kids settled down and played well the rest of the game. I'm so proud of them."

ROBICHAUD 62, GARDEN CITY 56: The visiting Cougars battled to the wire Friday night against Dearborn Heights Robichaud, but fell short.

Scoring 16 points and grabbing 13 rebounds for the Cougars (2-11, 1-7 in the WWAC) was Cameron Walter. Helping the GC cause with 15 points and eight rebounds was Jake Sadowski, while Brad Russell chipped in with 10 points.

"I am very proud of our team," Cougars head coach Rick Morton said. "We battled tonight against the first place team in our league. They beat us 70-32 at our place earlier in the year. We played our best game tonight, we had high energy and great effort."

Scoring 22 points for Robichaud was Jasir Poole.

DEARBORN 69, CVILLE 27: Shane Moran scored 14 points to propel Dearborn (10-4, 6-2) to a lopsided WWAC Red Division triumph Friday at Livonia Clarenceville (0-15, 0-8).

The Trojans, who fell behind 43-10 at halftime, got 12 points from Rickey Scott.

Dearborn was 12-of-24 from the free throw line, while Clarenceville was 3-for-6.

LUTH. WESTLAND 70, PARKWAY 62: Zach Burk's 21 points and 12 rebounds keyed Lutheran Westland to victory Friday night against Parkway Christian, handling the Eagles their first MIAC loss of the season.

Kyle Farley (17 points), Luke Smith (15 points, 16 rebounds) and Kory Barikmo (12 points, seven assists) had big nights for the Warriors (12-2 overall, 6-2 in the conference).

"I am incredibly proud of our guys for their effort tonight," interim coach Kevin Wade said.

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shots, getting in lanes and cleaning up anything in front."

Goleniak stopped all 25 Plymouth shots, while the Rocks made good on four of 28 shots directed at Wildcat goalies Brendan Olepa and Josh Montroy — who took over during the third period after Schaumburger's sharp-angle rocket from below the right circle made it 4-0 at 1:11 of the frame.

"It was a great shot," Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento said, about the Schaumburger goal that resulted in the goalie switch. "It was more of a wake-up call for our entire team."

"It was tough on Brendan, having to pull him in front of everyone. But I know the team didn't like to see it either, because Brendan's been bailing them out most of the year."

Vento noted that Montroy, a sophomore, made the best of the situation by battling the rest of the way and keeping the Rocks from adding to their lead.

Salem's strong work on the penalty kill also yielded a shorthanded goal, by Mills at 9:15 of the opening period, with just five seconds remaining on a Plymouth power play.

Grabbing the lead

"It's a lot of our forecheck," Mills said. "I went to the right spot and it went in. Good timing."

"I shot it high blocker, short side high. It's always good getting the momentum early. It's a Park game, it can go either way. Getting out quick is good."

Drawing an assist was sophomore forward Colin Goleniak, who forced a Plymouth turnover in the Wildcats' zone.



Plymouth players put pressure on Salem puck carrier Logan Sowa (20) during Friday's game.

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Mills then spun between the circles and ripped the shot in.

Plymouth (12-8-1) had chances early in the second period, especially on another power play. But if Austin Goleniak wasn't ready, his defense was.

Junior forward Tim Baldwin re-directed a shot in front of the Salem net, but it was stopped and then cleared away by Salem.

Moments later, Baldwin one-timed a set-up by senior defenseman Zach Galahar that Goleniak turned aside.

Salem went up by two goals with about 10 minutes left in the middle frame.

Junior forward Matt Homrich served the puck in front of Olepa, where linemates Colin Goleniak and senior Joey Driscoll took turns taking swipes at it. Finally, Goleniak (Austin's twin brother)

jammed it into the cage.

Salem was able to kill off another penalty, with Austin Goleniak denying chances by senior defenseman Joe Fontana and sophomore blueliner Adam Rebecca.

A five-minute major assessed against Plymouth for checking from behind contributed to Salem's third goal of the night with 2:28 remaining in the second.

Mills took a shot from the point that caromed around off sticks and bodies and then past Olepa. Getting credit for the goal was senior forward Shawn Welton, with freshman defenseman Josh German picking up the second assist.

Picking his spot

Then came the third period and the Schaumburger goal that pretty much

sealed Plymouth's fate.

"I just looked up and saw top right, so I just shot it as hard as I could, aimed for the open area," Schaumburger said.

He added that playing well against the Wildcats, especially with the postseason three weeks away is "huge. That's a team win right there and I'm glad we could do it against our Park rivals."

Both Mills and Schaumburger said the team is playing with the utmost confidence, following successful visits to the Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase (in Chelsea) and the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase (in Trenton).

"We're a lot more confident, a lot more comfortable, momentum seem to be going our way," Mills said.

Concurring was Schaumburger, whose line with Colin Goleniak and Driscoll pushed the pace all night.

"We're going on a little streak here, we found our identity a little bit," Schaumburger said. "We're just playing good hockey."

Ossenmacher, meanwhile, credited his team for having played solid hockey since before the showcases, but "the real season starts in three weeks and we know we've got Plymouth in the first round of playoffs and they're a good team."

"We know we have to continue to get better if we expect to win that game."

Salem will host Plymouth 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27 at Plymouth Cultural Center in a Division 2 pre-regional contest.

FOOD DRIVE: Friday also was a canned food drive for the Plymouth United Way, hosted by the Wildcats.

Fans brought food items in exchange for a \$1 discount on game admission.

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LOFTY ACCOLADES

Novi's Hanson inducted into hall by state tennis coaches association

Brad Emons

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To say Novi High's Jim Hanson is an ambassador to the sports tennis would be a gross understatement.

Hanson, who was among four enshrined recently into 2017 Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association Hall of Fame, has not only demonstrated longevity, but immense success as well during the past 47 years where he has coached a total of 71 boys and girls teams.

On hand for the induction ceremony Feb. 3 at the Troy Marriott were a contingent Hanson's current and former players, assistant coaches Dan Lowes and Chris Hayward.

"It was a very, very special for me receive that," said Hanson, who resides in Northville. "Having all the kids there at the banquet that night really made for a very special evening."

Also in attendance was one of Hanson's biggest supporters in Novi athlet-

ic director Brian Gordon.

"Jim is entering his 47th season of coaching high school tennis," Gordon said. "He constantly serves as a mentor to our entire coaching staff along with myself as the athletic director. It always impresses me in how person can do what he's done for so long and always keep the mind the integrity of what he is trying to accomplish in terms of what educational athletics should look like. He has made the difference in so lives, thousands of kids that have wandered through his classroom or wandered across the tennis courts nearly a half century is remarkable. I could not be more honored to be affiliated, associated with the man. He's one of the best coaches I've ever seen."

Hanson continues to put together an impressive coaching resume.

In 14 boys seasons at Livonia Clarenceville and the last 23 (and counting) at Novi, Hanson has compiled a 288-139-10 dual match record.

His Novi boys teams have captured

two MHSAA Division 1 championships (2014 and 2015) and placed runner-up twice (2012 and 2013). The Wildcats have qualified for 15 state finals while achieving 10 top-five finishes to go along with eight regional crowns.

Also with the boys, he has been named MHSTeCA Coach of the Year twice (2002 and 2012) and Regional Coach of the Year nine times. His Novi boys have also earned MHSTeCA All-State Academic honors 18 consecutive years with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.72.

Meanwhile, his overall girls dual match record, including his first two seasons at Clarenceville (1973-74) is 296-103-12 and includes 15 state finals appearances and five top-five finishes along with five regional crowns.

In 2006, Hanson was named MHSTeCa Girls Coach of the Year and has been Regional Coach of the Year for girls 10 times. The Novi girls have also been Academic All-State 17 straight season with a 3.77 G.P.A.

Hanson has also been a regional tournament manager 24 times (13 boys and 11 girls) along with running 31 invitational. He has also served two times on the MHSAA Tennis committees (2011 and 2012) and is a frequent attendee at the Detroit Tennis Workshops.

In 2006 he was honored as the Michigan High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year.

When he started coaching boys tennis in 1970 at Clarenceville, Hanson probably never imagined he'd be joining the likes of the inaugural MHSTeCA Hall of Fame class of 1986, which included Bob Wood (Grosse Pointe University-Liggett), who started the tennis coaches organization, Jerry and Jean Hoxie (Hamtramck), and Dwayne "Tiger" Teusink (Holland).

"When I was growing up they were the big coaches around, so this is pretty special," Hanson said.

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Riordan's Bull-ish!



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Michael Riordan (left) and his son, Jeremiah, of Plymouth, celebrate on National Signing Day after the University of Detroit Jesuit senior made it official — the long snapper is playing Division I college football for the University of Buffalo Bulls. He has a full-ride scholarship.

PREP WRESTLING

Patriots, Rockets win team district championships again

Tim Smith

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Strong work throughout their respective lineups Wednesday propelled Livonia Franklin and Westland John Glenn to Division 1 team district wrestling championships.

The Patriots routed district host Livonia Stevenson 67-8 in the final after easily dispatching University of Detroit Jesuit, 65-6 in the opener.

Over at Wayne Memorial, the Rockets soared to a 47-12 win over Belleville to claim that team district title. John Glenn had a bye in the first round; Belleville knocked off the Zebias 51-15 in the semifinal.

Both teams enjoyed their second consecutive district championship.

"I'm very excited," Franklin head coach David Chiola said. "This season we started out very, very young. We're still young, but every week we have gotten significantly better."

"Different kids got into different weight classes, some kids came back from injuries. And the young kids just kept improving each week. And we really got everybody involved yesterday. In the early meet we put some freshmen in the lineup."

Chiola noted that he only wrestled two seniors (including team captain and state title contender Nathan Atienza) and three juniors "and I think we only lost three total matches between the 28 matches. I was very pleased. It's probably the most dominant we've been and like I said this is the youngest we've ever been."

Atienza only needed to wrestle one match, and that was over in a minute, the coach said.

Other Patriots making their mark included Manee Willee, John DiPonio and Devin Visnaw.

Howie Whitaker got it rolling in the final, with a pin of Jonah Coffman at 112, and 119-pounder Connor Pieknick did the same over Logan Schoppert.

Stevenson 125-pounder Jacob Jackson earned a 10-8 win to put the Spartans on the scoreboard, but DiPonio pinned Max Davidek in 1:36 at 130, to make it 18-3 for the Patriots.

Franklin just took it from there, with wins by Tyler Vanvliet (135) and Marino DiPonio (140) via pin and technical fall, respectively.

Tarik Alcodray of Stevenson registered a technical fall at 145 over Jacob Johnson to stop the bleeding for the Spartans.

The Patriots won voids at 152, 171, 189 and 103, with Nick Zaidel (160) winning at 160. Closing out the big win for Franklin were Willie and Visnaw at 215 and 285, respectively. Both were via major decisions.

Rockets peaking

"Our team has been wrestling well and we should be peaking at the right time for the post season," John Glenn head coach Bill Polk said. "We have a lot of depth this year so its nice to have options and give guys chances to prove themselves in dual meets."

The Rockets had plenty of pins to keep the points piling high. Earning falls were 215-pounder JaWuan Peete (1:57), Kyle Borthwell at 119 in 5:13, Caleb Meekins at 125 (:49), Anthony Gibson at 140 (:48) and John Siemasz at 145 (3:35).

Other wins were collected by heavyweight Brandon Carreathers (7-3), Lionel Cornish at 189 (5-0), Ethan Collind at 112 (13-8), 130-pounder and two-time state champion Mikey Mars by void and Brandon McCullom at 135 (5-4).

The closest matchup from those two districts was between the Spartans and Livonia Churchill, with Stevenson prevailing 41-39.

Individual districts are Saturday, but the Patriots and Rockets have their focus turned to the D1 team regionals — slated for Feb. 15.

Franklin will face Dearborn Fordson at Salem with the Rocks (district winners Thursday over Northville) taking on powerhouse Novi Detroit Catholic Central. The winners will square off for the regional championship.

Meanwhile, John Glenn is set to host team regionals, with the Rockets facing Wyandotte Roosevelt in one semifinal.

PREP ATHLETICS

KLAA will have new look for 2017-18 season

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With the Kensington Lakes Activities Association membership shrinking to 14 for the 2017-18 school year following the departure of 10 schools, the biggest shake-up will occur next fall in football.

The remaining 14 athletic directors from the KLAA met recently to map out divisional realignments based on an equity formula in which each team's winning percentage was calculated from the past four football seasons.

The two seven-team divisions, based on those four-year performance rankings, are as follows for the 2017 football season:

KLAA Black: Canton (1), Hartland (4), Livonia Stevenson (5), Brighton (8), Howell (9), Novi (12) and Salem (13).

KLAA Gold: Northville (2), Plymouth (3), Livonia Churchill (6), Grand Blanc (7), Westland John Glenn (10), Livonia Franklin (11) and Wayne Memorial (14).

"I think it's been pretty receptive," said Northville athletic director Bryan Masi, who oversees football in the KLAA. "There's good balance. Instead of having one division really loaded, I think there's good balance."

Scheduling, however, proved to be the biggest challenge facing the athletic directors heading into the 2017 football season.

New opponents

The first week is still considered an open date, which allows for a non-KLAA opponent. But four KLAA teams are scheduled to face each other the opening week, including Hartland-John Glenn and Stevenson-Franklin.

In addition to playing the required six division opponents, there will be a non-scheduled week that will include a crossover game between Black and Gold teams sprinkled throughout the season. It will allow for rival district schools to continue to play each other. The ninth week will pair teams in a crossover game determined by first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh places in the final standings from each division.

"You're going to cross over with a team in the other division," Masi said of the non-scheduled week. "And who we determined who plays who is a rival, such as Novi-Northville, which still has to play. After that, we matched up by winning percentage. Our (non-scheduled) week, Novi-Northville, is week eight. The ninth week is a crossover. The only negative to that is that we play Novi in week eight and week nine if we end up similar in the standings in our divisions, then we may have to play again."

Facing the same opponent two weeks in a row in the eighth and ninth weeks, or even in the ninth week and the first round of the MHSAA state playoffs, has occurred in the past.

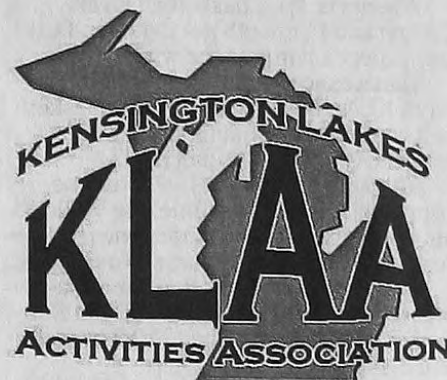
Scheduling quirks

"When you have that crossover, there is an increased chance of having a back-to-back opponent," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "We had it this past year with Canton (in the Kensington Conference final and the first round of the Division 1 state playoffs). The year before that, we played Plymouth twice within a matter of three weeks. When you have all of our teams close in geography, then you end up having a crossover game between playoff teams. ... I kind of hoped we would have had week nine open for us and have that crossover game in week eight, but almost all of us had a contract for week one for the KLAA because it was open."

Travel remains a concern and there remains a discrepancy in enrollments in the new KLAA.

Grand Blanc boasts the KLAA's biggest student body with 2,630, while Franklin now ranks as the smallest with 1,507. The two schools, now fellow members of the KLAA Gold in football only, are located 64 miles apart.

"It looked odd to see Grand Blanc in that one division with Wayne and John Glenn," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said.



"It doesn't make a lot of sense to me, but ... that's how they broke it up. My theory has always been line up whoever you've got in front of us and let's play them."

Schools departing

The shake-up within the KLAA came after nine schools voted to form their own league, led by a group of administrators and coaches from Milford and White Lake Lakeland.

South Lyon, South Lyon East, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Northern, Waterford Mott and Waterford Kettering also voted to leave the KLAA and join the new nine-team league (which has yet to be named) with Milford and Lakeland.

Pinckney, the other KLAA member school, is also leaving this fall to join the Southeastern Conference.

"I'm really disappointed that the league had to break up," Burnside said. "I personally think the MHSAA needs to take a look at every team making the (state) playoffs. Whether we have to shorten up and go eight weeks (regular season) and go a ninth week with the playoffs ... it's all driven by football, at least as far as breaking apart."

Six wins automatically qualifies a team into the Michigan High School Athletic Association playoffs. Last season, 13 of the 24 KLAA member schools made the football playoffs.

"Teams want to get in the playoffs," Burnside said. "Teams that are smaller don't want to play teams that are bigger. I understand that to a certain extent, but I think we need to do something about it. We're breaking up a really good league and that's disappointing. I think we need to take a look at what's best for everybody, because it's a shame. Some teams are afraid to play somebody good out of conference because they want to get those six wins."

Meanwhile, the new KLAA for 2017-18 will have a distinct geographic look to it outside of football.

Division set-up

For other sports, one division will consist of Grand Blanc, Howell, Hartland, Brighton, Novi, Northville and Stevenson, while the other will include Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Franklin, Churchill, Wayne and John Glenn.

"In every other sport, our divisions are going to be pretty consistent in geographics," Masi said. "But what we're going to do to alleviate the travel is that we're going to go through the conference once one time (13 dates) instead of doing a double round-robin. We're going to do that in basketball, volleyball and soccer. At the end, you may have a crossover game or I think we may still do a two- or three-game (KLAA) tournament."

Meanwhile, the new KLAA also accepted applications through Jan. 31 from outside members for the 2018-19 school year.

Among the schools that reportedly expressed interest are Saline, Ann Arbor Skyline, Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron, all from the Southeastern Conference, along with Belleville (Western Wayne Athletic Conference) and Lapeer (Saginaw Valley High School Association).

"2018 will be interesting to see," Ladach said.

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MEN'S CLUB HOCKEY

Schoolcraft College icers sweep two from Toledo

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Schoolcraft College enjoyed both ends of a home-and-home men's hockey series last weekend against the University of Toledo.

After the Ocelots traveled to Toledo and won 7-3 on Friday night, both teams returned to Redford Arena for Saturday's rematch — which Schoolcraft also prevailed in, this time 6-3.

Game 1 featured a fast start for Schoolcraft, who took a 4-1 lead after one period.

Strong goalkeeping by Livonia Franklin product Matt Monendo (35 saves) enabled the Ocelots to maintain the edge throughout the American Collegiate Hockey Association tilt.

Registering one goal and two assists each for the Ocelots were Owen Hund (Garden City) and Zach Nichols, with other tallies by Derek Klisz (Li-

von Church), Alex DeFlorio, Sheldon Varhol (Garden City), Matt Berderka and Jacob Stanley (Westland).

Saturday's game was 3-3 after 40 minutes of play, but Schoolcraft took control with three goals in the third — two scored by Nichols with Stanley also lighting the lamp.

Chipping in with two goals and a helper was Hund, while Zack Finzel (Livonia Stevenson) also scored. Making 26 stops for the win was goalie Bryan Donaldson.

"The guys played good two-way hockey," Schoolcraft coach Rob Lindsay said. "We did a nice job on the penalty kill and picking up the points. The boys were alive on the bench and did a great job with line changes and short shifts."

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match play.

"I wasn't feeling it all day," Rusinek said. "So I was just saying to myself, 'I made the cut, so let's try and see what happens from here.' And it kind of just happened. I wasn't planning on it happening, I just kept my cool and stayed calm, didn't look up at the score to remind myself what was going on. I felt my form at the line was good, my ball speed I kept up and I was just throwing the ball consistently in the same spot."

No worries

Rusinek smiled about following up O'Shaughnessy's gem that was completed earlier at the invite.

"I didn't want to take all the glory away from him but I did," Rusinek added. "He got it first, he bowled an 813 series also, so I got to give him props for that."

Told of what the Salem player said, O'Shaughnessy said Rusinek didn't spoil things for him.

"It's outstanding, whenever two Park players are bowling great it's always a good day," O'Shaughnessy said. "No, I

was happy for him. I'm always happy if someone shoots a 300."

Rusinek said positive momentum was carried over to Grand Blanc Lanes from the Divine Child/Mercy Invitational on Feb. 4, in which he threw a 279 game and helped the Rocks win the championship. He is hopeful he can maintain his hot streak for a while.

"I was struggling the week before that," Rusinek said. "And to bowl that good this weekend really boosted my confidence and hopefully I can carry that over to this week and next week."

O'Shaughnessy is the second Plymouth High School boys bowler to score a 300 game this season (he follows Alan Brown into the 300 club).

"It's wild how we got two this year," O'Shaughnessy said. "It just happened. Two different bowling alleys, two different patterns. It's crazy."

He said a key to his game was not thinking about the possibility of a 300.

"One time this year I was going for the 300 front nine," said O'Shaughnessy, who like Rusinek wants to bowl in college. "I was thinking about it too much and I didn't throw a good shot. You start overthinking it. Just don't think about it at all and just have fun."

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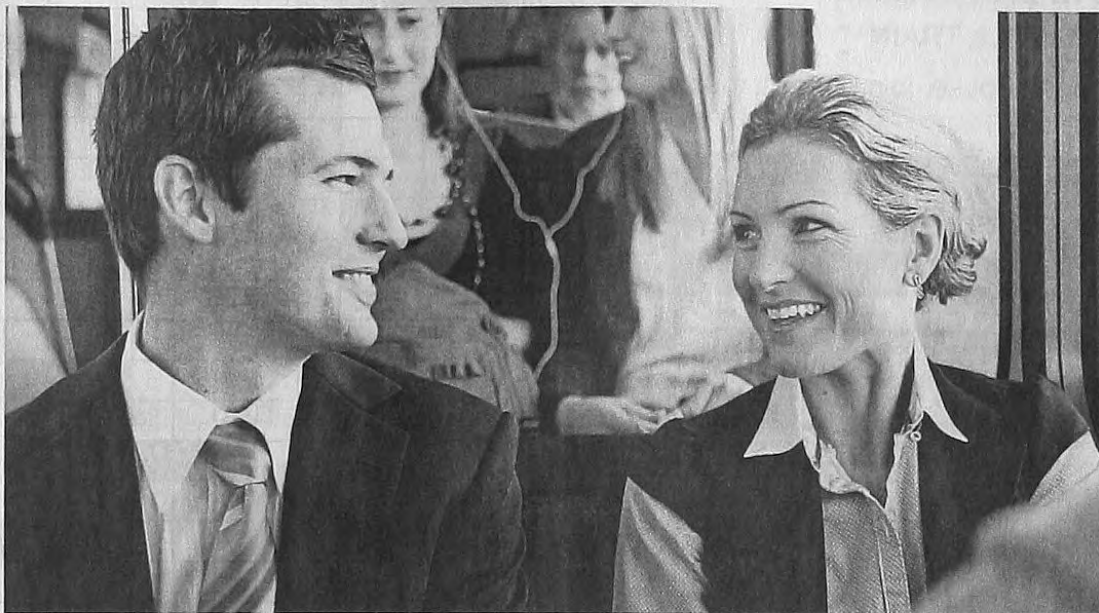
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Turn social situations into networking

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Putting yourself out there professionally is never easy — it requires a willingness to come out of your shell and engage in meaningful conversations that could open the door to job prospects or new clients now or in the future. If one of your 2017 resolutions is to get outside your comfort zone and expand your professional network, you're in luck.

Start with these tips to turn any social situation into a networking opportunity.



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establish yourself as the most valuable player by recommending and referring other people to solve problems, which inspires people to help you and keeps you top of mind," Hansen says.

When you meet a stranger, strive to engage in authentic conversations. You can turn any situation into a networking opportunity.

Jill Merriman, an entrepreneur mentor who helps women in business succeed, says, "Whether I'm in a grocery store line, at my child's soccer game or at a neighborhood BBQ, networking takes place when you become engaged in authentic conversations with the people around you." In fact, she acquired one of her biggest clients in a supermarket cashier line after making the connection by simply offering business finance tips.

Striking up an authentic conversation in an unexpected place can be refreshing — and her interactions are proof that it can be lucrative.

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Proactively seek out opportunities. Don't be afraid to put yourself out there. You have the power to get the ball rolling no matter where you are.

"The world is full of networking opportunities if you know what you're looking for, and you're willing to make your own luck," says Carlota Zimmerman, success strategist, Huffington Post contributor and keynote speaker. "As a coach and entrepreneur, I personally have networked [with] clients at bachelorette parties, on the phone when ordering clothes from Banana Republic, and at a wine bar while waiting for a tardy date."

So stop waiting for "the right time" and take your future into

your own hands.

Look for opportunities while traveling. A lot of people don't want to be "on" when they're outside the four walls of their office building, but consider the unexpected networking opportunities and connections you'd be missing out on if you ignore or dismiss those around, for instance, when you are on an airplane.

"[Traveling is] a fantastic time to engage with people you would not otherwise come across in your daily routine," says Serena Holmes, president and CEO of Tigris Events, a brand experience agency. "Travelers tend to be

more open to novel experiences and meeting new people. Whether it's the person sitting next to you on a plane or your excursion guide, be friendly and embrace the chance to make new connections. You never know who you will meet."

Mingle at conferences. One of the most seamless ways to expand your network is to reach out and talk to strangers at conferences. This can be especially hard if you're an introvert, but set a goal to make 'X' number of contacts at every conference you attend.

Just ask Dave Delaney, who made a connection during a

conference he was speaking at and went on to write a book thanks to a suggestion made by his new contact. "You never know where the conversation might take you," he says.

Find ways to add value to others. When you connect with someone at an unexpected time or in an unexpected location, your natural reaction as a job seeker might be to just talk about yourself and the fact that you're looking for work. Cheryl Hansen, author and coach to female entrepreneurs, advises job seekers to take a different approach and increase their visibility to others by adding value. "Networking is a way to

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 - 52 See 104-Down
 - 53 Be too fearful to
 - 56 Anvil's organ
 - 59 Clean air gp.
 - 60 Unified
 - 61 Educ. group
 - 62 How- —
 - 63 Genetic ID
 - 64 Bashful
 - 65 Activate
 - 66 The Beatles' "Love —"
 - 67 Ample, informally
 - 68 Remote
 - 69 Will topic
 - 70 Entry permits
 - 74 Cackler
 - 75 H₂O at 31 degrees F
 - 76 Santa's bag
 - 77 Discover (DIY books)
 - 78 Sleep clinic concern
 - 79 Entreaties
 - 80 Raid targets
 - 82 TV's Pa
 - 83 Dawn drops
 - 84 Outer. Prefix
 - 85 Gin joint
 - 87 Tabby
 - 90 Company pin-on
 - 92 "Hey, that's cheating!"
 - 93 LAX guess
 - 94 Felons run afoul of it
 - 95 Feudal domain
 - 96 Assembly of ecclesiastics
 - 97 Nantes' river
 - 100 Dollar Rent —
 - 101 Be wide open
 - 102 Other, in Spanish
 - 103 Hair removal brand
 - 104 With 52-Down, flakes sprinkled into an aquarium
 - 105 Opposite of 84-Down
 - 106 Architect
 - 107 General — chicken
 - 109 TV's Ward
 - 112 —Kosh
 - 113 B'Gosh
 - 114 Manhattan sch.
 - 115 Cooking qty.

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LINCOLN AMPLIFIES ITS GRAMMY RELATIONSHIP AS NEW CONTINENTAL LEADS BRAND TO BEST U.S. SALES IN 9 YEARS



By Dale Buss

Lincoln has been ramping up its marketing partnership with the Grammy awards for four years now, but this year the Ford-owned, mid-revival luxury brand is taking the relationship to a new level, with a collaboration by blues singer and guitar virtuoso Gary Clark Jr.

At the same time, Lincoln has been amping up its sales performance: A few years after the start of a brand-revival effort and the beginning of a complete overhaul of its product line, Lincoln ended 2016 with a 10-percent gain in U.S. sales over 2015, and its highest total in nine years. Meanwhile, the overall U.S. luxury market gained only 1 percent in sales last year.

The leading edge of the revival now is the all-new flagship Lincoln Continental, with sales up 18 percent in December compared with the year earlier, and outselling the Audi A6 and Lexus GS.

On Sunday night, Clark will star in a new 60-second TV commercial that will air twice during the Grammys telecast on CBS as well as once during the red-carpet pre-show, plugging his guitar into a one-of-a-kind amplifier whose design by Revel was inspired by the new 2017 Lincoln Continental.

The ad will focus on the results of another Lincoln partnership: with Revel, the premium auto brand



Gary Clark Jr. and the all-new 2017 Lincoln Continental.



Matthew McConaughey enjoys the back of the Lincoln Continental.

owned by Harman, which worked with the automaker to custom-build the amplifier outfitted with 12 Revel speakers and design cues from the new Continental flagship sedan, including the grille design and the back-lit LED Lincoln logo.

I talked with Andy Georgescu, Lincoln communications manager, about the growth of the revived Lincoln brand and its association with music and the Grammys:

Q: Review where the brand is now. Why does Lincoln keep gaining momentum?

Andy Georgescu: For sure Lincoln is a brand with a great deal of momentum and we're seeing it in the marketplace. We were one of the fastest-growing luxury automotive brands in 2016. The luxury industry was flat to slightly down and we were up almost 10 percent; that's a pretty big swing versus where the industry is.

Now we've successfully launched MKZ, MKC, MKX, and last year we launched a freshening of MKZ adding a 400-horsepower, 3-liter power train, which I really think was a surprise to many people. Lincoln hasn't been known previously for our performance [vehicles.] It's new and advanced technology when you think about horsepower per displacement. It's a pretty significant advance in technology.

And we're just coming off the midst of the launch of our flagship sedan, Continental, with sales outpacing expectations. So we're really pleased with where we're at. Customer response has been overwhelmingly positive.

Q: Describe the reception for Continental. Is there any hope of a car that big and expensive moving Lincoln down in the age cohort?

Georgescu: We've already dropped our average age pretty

significantly. We're significantly younger than we were when we started this chapter in the Lincoln journey. Continental is seeing a breadth of customers. You're seeing both a drop in age and also perhaps more important is you're seeing an increase in household incomes, education levels and what they're trading in. This is one of the mature demographics, a customer in their mid-fifties who's a high-achieving professional. And so far we're well on our way to meeting those expectations. We're seeing some Mercedes, Lexus, and Cadillac trade-ins high on the list of luxury trade-ins.

Q: What is the importance of the Grammys as a "tentpole" event for Lincoln, as Cadillac also has with the Oscars and Audi with the Emmys? Are these growing in importance in the luxury channel?

Georgescu: They are critically important for our brand for a number

of reasons. Music is a passion. And also the media type: live events in a world of video on demand and all kinds of playback. We are looking for a balance. That's not to say that we don't embrace other ways of consumers digesting content but this is one of the tentpole events that is live and that people will watch throughout, and we can launch exciting content that will be consumed in the moment. That feels like something that is in demand for customers.

This isn't cacophony but a seamless integration of a piece of music that partners with the brand with a brilliant Grammy-winning musician who's going to play at the event. This is the kind of content that customers can really celebrate in advertising because it fits so nicely into why they're really there. We like to call the Grammys our Super Bowl, and it's an association that we're very proud of.

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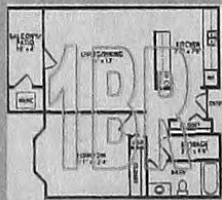
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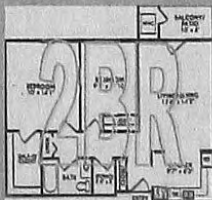
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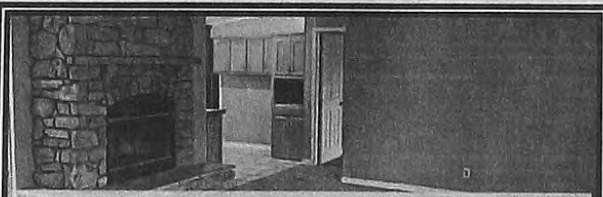
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