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## Ex-Canton doc pleads in fraud case

Charges include bilking Medicaid and Blue Cross

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A former Canton-based doctor charged in a 22-count medical fraud scandal has averted trial by pleading guilty to four of the charges against him.

Bassel Altantawi of Far-

mington Hills is facing sentencing Feb. 22 by Ingham County Circuit Judge Rosemarie Acquilina. He could face up to four years in prison.

Altantawi was charged in May amid allegations he billed Medicaid and Blue Cross Blue Shield for services he didn't provide while he worked at

Canton Urgent Care on Ford Road, west of Lilley.

The medical facility had closed after his arrest, but has now reopened with new doctors and new management.

Andrea Bitely, spokeswoman for the Michigan Attorney



Altantawi

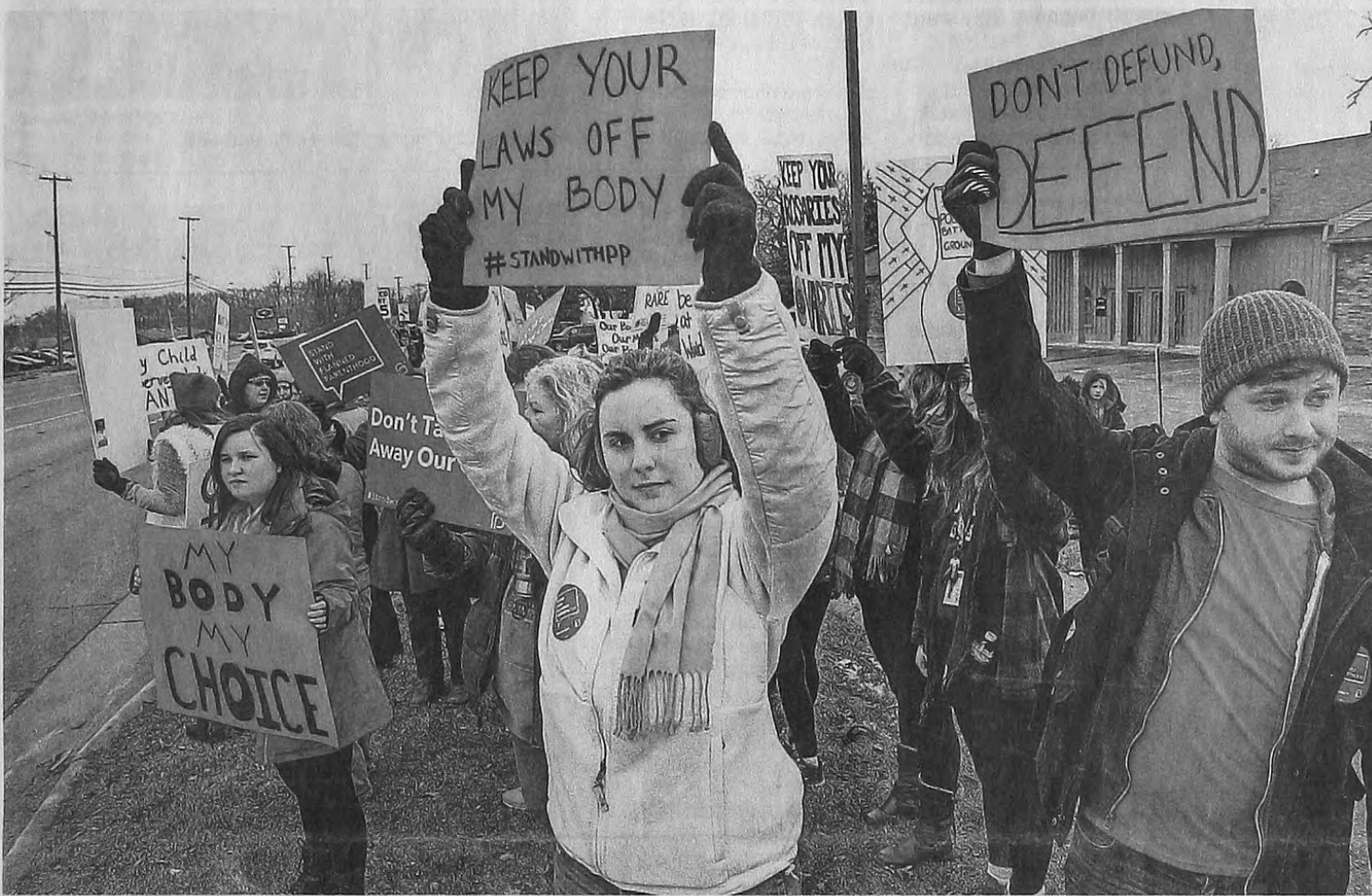
General's Office, confirmed that Altantawi pleaded guilty to four counts. Ingham County Circuit Court records show he pleaded guilty Jan. 18 to two counts of Medicaid fraud and two counts of health care fraud.

In return, authorities agreed not to prosecute him on 18 other counts, including the more serious charge of running a continuing criminal

enterprise, punishable by 20 years in prison.

Altantawi's decision to accept a plea agreement could potentially have shaved years off his sentence, given that the most serious charge has been dropped. His medical license has been suspended, the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs con-

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Kaitlin Cooper of Northville and Jack Kelly of Livonia, at the protest near the Planned Parenthood in Livonia.

## Planned Parenthood in Livonia attracts scores of protesters

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Rows of people praying the Rosary. People chanting, "My body, my choice."

This was the scene Saturday morning in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic on Ann Arbor Road, west of Newburgh, in Livonia. A planned anti-abortion protest in front of that clinic, as well as several others across Michigan, took place while abortion rights counter-protesters lined a part of the street.

The original anti-abortion protest, designed to call attention to Planned Parenthood and strip it of federal funding, was organized by Citizens for a Pro-Life Society and took place at Planned Parenthood centers across Michigan. Many area people came out with signs and Rosary beads, standing along the road, praying and showing support for their cause of defunding the agency.

"There's a lot of lies going on. And it's being exposed, day

in and day out," said Emily Lizzio, a Hartland resident and a senior at Madonna University in Livonia who helped organize the event. "We're just here to get the word out.

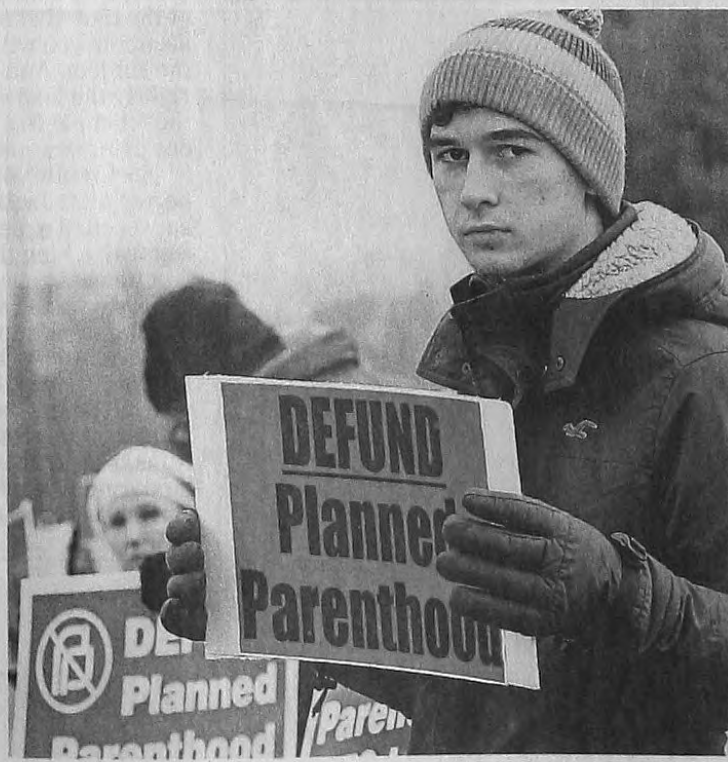
"Now, more than ever, they need to be defunded."

Lizzio said she and other students are out in front of Planned Parenthood in Livonia at least once a week. Both groups of protesters lined the south side of Ann Arbor Road and eventually spanned from Ann Arbor Trail to east of Horton.

One such protester out Saturday was Commerce Township resident Mark La-Pointe. He said he has taken part in some anti-abortion events on the east side before, but decided to drive Saturday to Livonia to protest as well.

He said he's hopeful abortions will eventually end in the country, especially with the nomination of Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court by

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Devon Laird of Livonia holds his sign on Ann Arbor Road, the scene of the Planned Parenthood protest.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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**Dan Dean**  
STAFF WRITER

Whether you grab a cup on the go, juggling steaming hot deliciousness in one hand and a smart phone in the other, or sit down at your kitchen table with your favorite mug and a printed version, coffee and newspapers have a long-held symbiotic relationship.

In the current landscape, both represent traditions in transition.

Few can say that the coffee industry has not undergone some meteoric changes over the past several years. If you venture into some of the area's top independent coffee shops and order a manually brewed coffee, you are looking at an investment of just over \$2 on average. Whether enjoying a cup of hand-crafted coffee at Plymouth's Espresso Elavado or Birmingham's Commonwealth, a subscriber to the Observer & Eccentric would pay just 98 cents per edition for the twice-weekly newspapers to enjoy with their cup of Joe. The brews and the news both represent quality and require a good amount of labor to produce.

The National Coffee Association lists 10 steps that coffee has to go through before finally getting poured into your favorite mug at home. If you talk to specialty coffee professionals, they will tell you the number of hands that touch the coffee process is between 14-20 by the time that latte with a velvety Rosetta finds its way into those environmentally pleasing biodegradable to-go cups.

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firmed Monday.

Altantawi did not respond to earlier phone calls seeking comment.

Charges against Altantawi were announced in May by Michigan Attorney General Bill Schutte and came from the Health Care Fraud Division of his office. The case unfolded when Canton police received a tip about potential fraud.

Canton Special Services Lt. Craig Wilsher said Canton police had no more involvement in the case and turned it over to the Michigan Attorney General's Office, which substantiated the allegations and moved forward with charges.

Altantawi had been ordered to stand trial on all 22 counts against him during a prelimi-

nary examination Sept. 21 in 54-B District Court in East Lansing, but he ultimately pleaded guilty to just four counts.

Early on, Schuette had warned that his office wouldn't tolerate medical fraud.

"We will continue to identify and prosecute unscrupulous health care providers who waste limited health care dollars by fraudulently seeking payment for services they never provided," he said. "Michigan residents should feel confident that when they see a physician, they receive honest, quality care and accurate billing based on the services provided to them by a physician."

Schuette said Blue Cross Blue Shield fraud investigators assisted in the investigation.

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## PROTEST

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President Donald Trump, but remains cautiously optimistic.

"It seems promising to me, but evil is like slush. If you step in one area, it'll slop around your footprint. It makes no difference what you do politically, unless people's hearts actually change," he said. "Unless people realize that this is a person, it doesn't matter who's in the White House."

### Counter-protests

After hearing about the anti-abortion protests, several groups began planning counter-protests. One such group was the Metro Detroit Political Action Network, which helped organize the counter-protest in Livonia, said Adriene Avripas, a Clinton Township resident.

She said supporting organizations like Planned Parenthood are important, especially since abortion services aren't something most women choose to seek out simply because they want one.

"Nobody wants an abortion," she said. "It's not on their bucket list." By mid-morning, abor-

tion rights counter-protesters lined the streets and outnumbered the originally-planned anti-abortion protesters, complete with chants and at least one person with a megaphone.

Hina Gandher, a senior at Wayne State University, said she saw mention of the counter-protest pop up in her Facebook feed and decided she would come out and become more active.

"I've been planning on getting more active and I thought, 'What better time than now?'" the Garden City resident said. "My boyfriend and I both decided that this is going to be the year that we'll start standing up and doing what we believe in."

She said she's learned about decisions made in history through her schooling and thought that now could be one of those times taught in history books in the future. She said she wants to be part of the solution.

"This is one of those moments in history where when we'll look back and say, 'How did we let that happen?' I see it now and I don't want to be one of those people that let it happen."

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Protesting funding for Planned Parenthood.

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senting the work of some 12 individuals by the time it reaches our subscribers' hands.

### Yes, you are correct

I have taken many phone calls lately about how we are not the local newspaper we used to be. When I return those calls, my message is — quite frankly — yes, you are correct.

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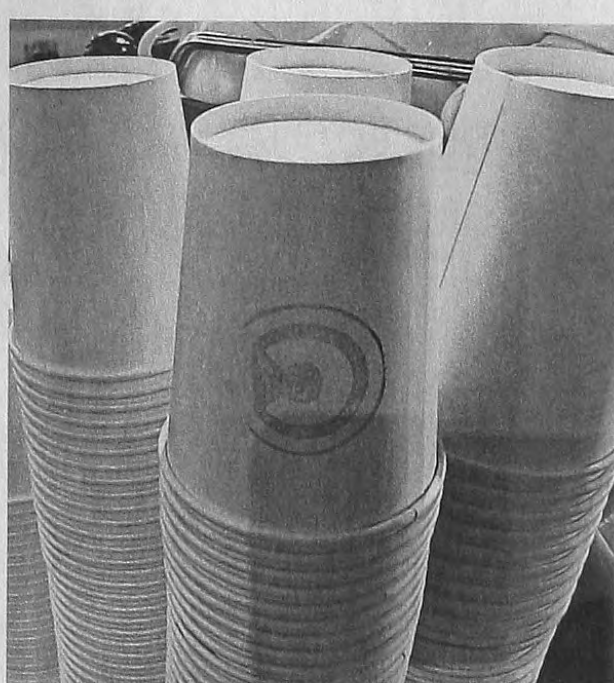
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Are readers seeing more stories in their local editions that originate outside of the individual community? Absolutely. In many cases, the main feature on our front page will span many editions. These are stories vetted in the planning process to appeal to a wider audience.

### Still about quality

When President Donald Trump's executive order to limit immigration and travel from seven mostly Muslim nations became a national story, we did not bury our heads in the sand and pretend it did not affect readers in our communities. Staff photographer Junfu Han was at Metro Airport covering the rally next to all the other large news organizations. He found local residents and, with reporter Darrel Clem, we published one of the more balanced accounts you will read on the subject. And it was rightly the lead story on the front page of most of our print newspapers.

Northville/Novi reporter Matt Jachman approached a piece on sex trafficking that was front page in our Sunday papers with the attention to details and thoroughness that he has become known for over the years. The message from local members of Love Runs is clear that this modern-day version of slavery is relevant to all



DAN DEAN  
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of our communities.

When Apple hired a 21-year-old area resident to join its cyber security team, veteran O&E reporter Jay Grossman told the story brilliantly. It is a story that we can all relate to and appeals to readers beyond Bloomfield Hills, where Deven Kishore grew up, to communities such as Westland, Farmington and Canton.

And when Catholic Central's storied football coach Tom Mach decided he was going to retire, longtime high school sports guru Brad Emons was the first on the story. It is a story that extends beyond sports itself and beyond the Novi community. Mach's accomplishments rank him as the third winningest coach in Michigan high school football history, behind local legends Al Fracassa and John Herrington, and that story ran Sunday in

all of our sports sections.

On average, I pay \$20 for an eight-ounce bag of coffee beans. I used to pay far less for a 16-ounce bag of beans, but I purchase the more expensive beans with the comfort of knowing I'm getting great quality and a relatively great deal while supporting a local business. The same holds true for our subscribers. The O&E still delivers more quality local news from its veteran staff than any other source. So grab a hot cup of coffee, pull up a chair and enjoy your local newspaper, knowing you are still getting one of the better deals on the planet.

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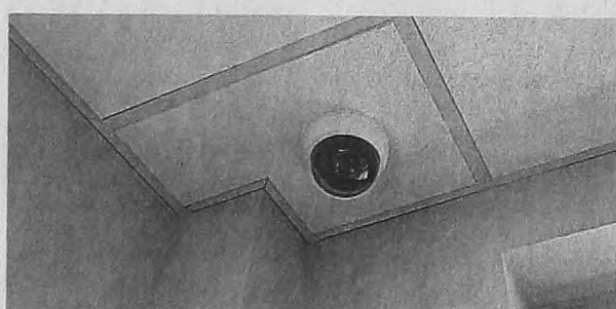
# Heise orders 'spy camera' removed from break room

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Calling it a "spy camera," Supervisor Kurt Heise has ordered a security device removed from the ceiling of an employee break room at Plymouth Township Hall.

The security camera, installed in a corner ceiling area long before Heise took office, allowed former administration officials to monitor employees using their designated break room.

"I think people are entitled to have a certain



This "spy camera," as Supervisor Kurt Heise called it, has been removed.

degree of privacy when they go on their break and eat lunch and have coffee," Heise said. "To

have Big Brother watching them during that time is extremely unprofessional."



Heise

Local officials aren't aware of any serious incidents or security risks that prompted installation of the security camera.

"In my opinion, it really served no security purpose," Police Chief Tom Tiderington said. "The police department didn't even have access to this particular camera."

"If the purpose was to find out who's leaving

dirty dishes in the sink, then it's a good idea, but for security reasons, it served no purpose whatsoever," he added.

The break room security camera was separate from surveillance cameras used elsewhere in township buildings to promote safety.

"I think it's very unprofessional to have a camera monitor employees in their employee designated break room," Heise said, adding that the intrusion "could be construed as a violation of their privacy rights." The security camera

was removed Monday, with Heise saying the device "goes to the hostile work environment that we are trying to change." He said he has made changing the township culture one of his priorities.

Rather than discard the security camera and waste taxpayer money, Heise said his administration will seek to use the device in another place where it might be needed.

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The 22nd annual Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show returns Friday, March 24, through Sunday, March 26, to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

## Ready for spring? Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show will return

The 22nd annual Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show returns Friday through Sunday, March 24-26, to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"New this year is the consumer education and showcase area that will display the best of backyard, pool and spa projects by Association of Pool & Spa Professionals-Michigan Chapter members," said Richard Martin, president of APSP. "This expo is the one and only time per year homeowners can meet the best backyard, pool and spa professionals of Michigan in one location."

APSP is the event sponsor and a nonprofit local trade association composed of member companies in the pool, spa and backyard living business.

Exhibitors will have a wide selection on display

and showcase the latest trends and innovations to fit any space or budget for enhanced backyard living relaxation and fun. Hundreds of ideas, products and services are available from the major outdoor living environment categories, including inground and above ground pools, spas, swim spas, hot tubs, saunas, decks, patios, fencing, awnings, outdoor kitchens and living spaces, landscaping, water features, brick paving, decorative concrete, patio furniture and accessories.

Homeowners will find the information they need about building and buying a pool or spa at show exhibits. Experts are available with tips and advice on designing, building, purchasing, planning, maintenance, safety and landscaping. "It's time to get ready

for summer and create the perfect backyard escape for swimming, exercising or entertaining your family and friends," Martin said. "Start now at our show to design a new outdoor living space or renovate an existing backyard."

Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue, between Novi and Beck roads. Show hours are 3-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8, \$4 for children ages 6-14 and children ages 5 and under admitted free. Discount coupons for \$2 off adult admission are available at show's website. On-site parking is available for a fee.

For more about APSP, visit [apspmi.org](http://apspmi.org). For show information, visit [novipoolshow.com](http://novipoolshow.com) or call 734-398-9700.

## Plymouth Rotary scholarship applications are available

Each year the Plymouth Rotary Club awards scholarships to students who reside in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

This year the club is anticipating awarding two scholarships valued at \$10,000 over a four-year period, as well as a number of additional

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The deadline for applications is March 3.

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

#### Honors

##### University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Monica Mackie of Plymouth, a senior Spanish major, was named to the fall 2016 dean's list for the College of Education and Human Sciences.

##### Ouachita Baptist University

Michael Neathery of Canton was named to

the fall 2016 dean's list.

##### Georgia Institute of Technology

Andre Hijaouy of Plymouth was named to the fall 2016 dean's list.

##### Kent State University

Emilee Beyer and Courtney Peterson of Canton were named to the fall 2016 dean's list.

##### University of Iowa

Regan Fleisher of Canton has been named

to the fall 2016 dean's list.

#### Scholarships

##### University of Findley

Brianna Essien of Plymouth received an endowed scholarship, VanSwearingen Memorial Scholarship.

Evan Rinke of Plymouth received an endowed scholarship, Shafer-Van Dorn-McGranahan Scholarship.

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## Canton announces next Coffee with a Cop



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The Canton Police Department will sponsor its next Coffee with a Cop program from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 25, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road.

Residents are invited to stop in, ask questions, voice con-

cerns and meet police officers.

The program is designed to strengthen relations between the police department and the community. The event was announced by Police Officer Patty Esselink, community relations officer.

## Historical society seeks new members

The Canton Historical Society is seeking persons interested in history and who would like to keep Canton history alive for future generations.

There are two board member positions open. The term is for three years, from 2017-20. The

board is made up of community-minded volunteers who have an interest in the local community and its history.

The board meets 7-9 p.m. the third Monday of each month at the Can-

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If interested or for more information on the Canton Historical Society, go to <http://www.cantonhistorical.org>.

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## Driver crashes into Canton police station

A woman driving a minivan plowed into the front door of the Canton Public Safety headquarters building around 12:40 p.m. Friday.

After striking the door a second time, the driver left the scene. Canton Police officials said officers were "able to quickly locate" the vehicle and take the driver into custody.

No one was hurt in the accident and damage to the building was contained to the front-door area.

The incident remains under investigation.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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**Jazz at the Elks**

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

Tuesday, Feb. 28, brings back the seasoned Latin band Nuevo Jazz Detroit with Duncan Jones on keyboard, Don Lewandowski on bass, Patrick Fitzgibbon on Vibes, Chuck Golemba on drums, and Jeff LeDuff on congas. Enjoy original pieces along with old favorites.

For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to [www.plyaa325.com](http://www.plyaa325.com) or email [jazzattheelks@gmail.com](mailto:jazzattheelks@gmail.com).

**Westland American Legion Post 251**

Post meetings are the first Wednesday of each month. Anyone with an honorable discharge and meets service requirements is eligible to join the American Legion.

Created in 1917 Blue Star Service Banners were a common sight during World War I and World War II. Resurrected by the American Legion in 2001, the banner is displayed to show that a family member is currently serving in the Armed Forces. Gold Star Service Banners are displayed to show that a family member has died while serving. Each star represents one family member. Any family who would like a Blue or Gold Banner to display can call Adjunct Ron Nickels at 734-455-3415 or the Post Commander Bill Acton at 734-776-5491. There is no cost to the family.

For more information, go to [www.post251.org](http://www.post251.org).

**Lightning Robotics**

The P-CEP Lightning Robotics team is having a robot unveil 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 22, in the Canton High School Little Theater. 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. Check out the video: [FIRST Steam-Works 2017 Competition](http://FIRST Steam-Works 2017 Competition)

The robotics team's district events are: March 10-11 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 at St. Louis, Mo.

**Be a Miracle League volunteer**

The Miracle League in Plymouth is in need of two coaches for the 2017 season. Teams will consist of players ages 5-11. If interested, contact Shari Bilkie, [shari@miracleleagueplymouth.org](mailto:shari@miracleleagueplymouth.org)

Miracle League player registration ends at 4 p.m. Friday, March 10.

**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 Baseline 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 per-



A Multicultural Music Concert is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The event is sponsored by the Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships.

formance at 8 p.m. Season schedule is available on our Facebook page. For more information email, [bfsresident4u@gmail.com](mailto:bfsresident4u@gmail.com). The JWH Center for the Arts is on the east side of Sheldon on the corner at Junction Street.

**Multicultural concert**

A Multicultural Music Concert is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Newburg United Methodist Church located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The event is sponsored by the Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships. This is a third annual winter event and this year multicultural music is the focus. The event will feature a large ecumenical choir with churches from across Southeast Michigan. Musicians and dancers from a variety of cultures including Native American, Japanese, Puerto Rican, African, Middle Eastern, India, Bangladesh, American Urban and original music from local singer/songwriter Amy Saari.

**Coffee with a cop**

The Canton Police Department would like you to pull up a chair, grab a cup of coffee and get to know your local police officers from 10 a.m. to noon, Feb. 25. Ask questions, tell us about your neighborhood, or share your concerns. The coffee is free and the conversation is informal and informative. We look forward to seeing you at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road Canton.

**Garden City Lions breakfast**

For the 26th consecutive year, the Garden City Lions will host its annual pancake breakfast 8-11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Garden City Moose Lodge No. 538, 29137 Ford Road. Breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, milk and coffee. Guest chefs are members of the Garden City Fire Department. Cost is adults \$5, children 12 and younger \$2. For more information, contact Bob at 734-612-1775 or Vicki at 734-524-1330.

**Forgotten presidents**

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library will present Annette and Jim McConnell on the Forgotten Presidents at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Livonia Civic Center Library. The speakers will present unique trivia, key achievements and failures of the leaders we often forget or perhaps never knew in the 19th century. Annette and Jim McConnell have co-authored small historical books, newsletters and other publications. They are volunteers for the Detroit Historical Society, the Historical Society of Michigan and Friends of the Livonia Library. They have received the Lifetime

Achievement Award from the Historical Society of Michigan in 2012.

**Wine tasting fundraiser**

The Friends of the Canton Public Library and Tony Sacco's will host a Wine & Craft Beer Tasting event benefiting the Friends, 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza Restaurant, 1663 N. Canton Center Road, Canton.

Sample red and white wines, craft beers, and enjoy an appetizer buffet. Participants must be 21 or older to attend. Each ticket costs \$25; there are a limited number of tickets available. Purchase tickets directly from Tony Sacco's.

**Spaghetti dinner**

The Plymouth VFW No. 6695 will host a spaghetti dinner 5-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the VFW, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Karaoke will follow at 9 p.m. in the lounge. Sponsored by the VFW Aux. 4th Dist. Pool League proceeds will benefit Camp Trotter for Children in Newaygo.

**Scrapbooking**

SS. Simon & Jude, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland, will host scrapbooking from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 18. The cost is \$35 for a full day, \$20 for a half-day. Vendors will be on-site. A light breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus snacks, will be provided. For more information, contact 734-721-4867

**Yooper pastie dinner**

The Moose Lodge of Garden City will host a homemade Yooper Pastie dinner 5-7 p.m. Feb. 18, at the Moose Lodge, 29122 Ford Road. Dinner is \$6 and includes pastie of your choice, salad and homemade cobbler. Also the Moose Lodge is taking orders for beef, chicken or vegetarian pasties that are filled with potatoes, onion, rutabaga and carrots all in a flaky crust. Prices are one for \$3.50, six for \$20 or a baker's dozen (13) for \$40. These are made fresh and are frozen and ready for pick up after 5 p.m. Feb. 18. To order, call Kim Dowidait at 734-564-5777 or see the Moose Lodge bar staff. Orders must be placed by Feb. 13. Proceeds from this dinner will help benefit Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

**'Finding Dory' shows**

The Clarenceville Church will host the movie "Finding Dory" Saturday, Feb. 18, at the church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Admission is free. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will start at 7 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be available. For more information or to pre-register, call 248-474-3444 or email the church at [clarenceville-church@gmail.com](mailto:clarenceville-church@gmail.com).

**Camera Club featured**

Livonia Arts Commission announces that the

Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor of the Bob and Janet Bennett Civic Center Library will feature the Greater Detroit Camera Club Council for the month of February.

GDCC is composed of members from the Grosse Pointe Camera Club, Livonia Camera Club, the Motor City Camera Club located in Bloomfield, the Oakland Camera Club located in Waterford, The Photographic Guild located in Southfield, the Seven Ponds Nature Center Camera Club located in Dryden, the Shutterbug Camera Club located in Detroit, the Toledo Camera Club, the West Oakland Camera Club located in New Hudson and the Windsor Camera Club. These photography clubs meet on different days and different times but share a common interest: photography.

Each club has competitions in their Electronic Imaging Divisions, including Monochrome, Color, Nature and Color Creative (altered reality). They also have competitions in the two Print Divisions: Monochrome and Color. During the year, all of these clubs will compete against each other in all of the digital division as well as print division. All of the winners from each competition go into the GDCC's End-of-the-Year Print and Digital competition.

This month they celebrate with an end-of-the-year banquet and preparation for the February exhibit.

**Seeking volunteers**

Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with patient care and companionship, office support, group activities and more.

Volunteer training sessions will cover mission and values, confidentiality, communication and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information pertinent to serving the needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer.

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community based hospice organization committed to the highest quality of hospice care for patients, their families and other loved ones. Interested volunteers must complete the online application process prior to training. Early registration is encouraged as several steps are to be completed prior to the start of the training sessions.

The next new volunteer orientation is March 11 and will be at the office, 5730 N. Lilley Road, Canton. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator with questions or to apply for a brief interview 888-983-9050.

**Red Wings suite raffle**

The Livonia Jaycess will hold a raffle to win a

suite package of 20 tickets and a \$300 food voucher for the Friday, March 24, Red Wings game against the Tampa Bay Lightning. The raffle is \$20 or three tickets for \$50. The drawing will be March 7 and the winner does not need to be present. Proceeds will go to the Jaycees to use to improve the community.

To purchase tickets, contact the Jaycees at 734-956-0548 or [livonia-jaycees@gmail.com](mailto:livonia-jaycees@gmail.com) or at 37699 Six Mile, Suite 250, Livonia.

**Friday Night Glow Skate**

The Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland hosts Glow Skate 7-9:20 p.m. each Friday. The cost is \$8 for kids and \$9 for adults. Skate rentals are \$3. Everyone receives a free glow accessory with purchase. The arena is at 6210 Wildwood.

**'Calling them Home'**

St. Michael the Archangel Parish will offer a new Lenten series, "Calling Them Home," for all parents, grandparents, siblings and others who are interested in helping their special loved ones find their way home to the church. The four-week series, which will meet on consecutive Mondays from March 6-27 in the St. Michael's School cafeteria, will be led by well-known Catholic author, apologist, and award-winning "Michigan Catholic" columnist, Gary Michuta, who has extensive teaching experience with teens and young adults. There is no charge or reservation required for this series and all area Catholics who might have interest in this subject are welcome. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard Road, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia. For further information, contact the parish office at 734-261-1455, ext. 200 or go to [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org).

**Free open skate**

The Redford Ice Arena offers a free open skate at the Redford Ice Arena or all residents and students 6:05-7:05 p.m. each Sunday. All residents and Redford students are free. The cost for others is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and children. Skate rental is \$3. The arena is at 12400 Beech Daly Road.

**Weight management program**

On March 14, St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host a weight management program titled Weigh Your Options. Registered dietitians will provide information to help individuals begin a weight loss program. Attendees will learn about successful weight management programs, where to find reliable resources and healthy activities in the community and what is needed to develop a healthy lifestyle. Participants will learn how to read food labels, write SMART goals and determine their healthiest

weight. The class will take place 6-7:30 p.m. in St. Mary Mercy's Classroom 2, 36475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia (accessed from the south entrance).

There is a \$5 fee for this class and registration is required. Register at [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) and click on "Classes and Events."

**Slice for Life**

This April, Buddy's Pizza will team up with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen to host the 41st annual Slice for Life fundraiser. From 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. April 24 patrons who purchase a ticket can visit any Buddy's Pizza full-service location to enjoy an all-you-can-eat two-topping pizza and salad meal. A carry-out option is also available for purchase at all 11 Buddy's Pizza locations and includes either a 4-square two-topping pizza or a medium sized antipasto, Greek or house salad.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. Advance tickets can be purchased at [www.cskdetroit.org](http://www.cskdetroit.org) or by calling 313-579-2100, ext. 170. Tickets will also be available at the door. All ticket holders may also register to win one 8-square Buddy's Pizza every month for one year. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's community outreach services.

**Annual record show**

Thousands of vinyl records, CDs, import only releases, t-shirts, posters and other collectibles will be on display when 88.1 The Park presents its ninth annual record show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Feb. 18, at the Salem High School cafeteria in Canton. All proceeds will benefit the nationally recognized student radio station operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The show will feature special giveaways and door prizes in addition to a wide variety of vendors displaying their wares. Station officials expect to build on the success of last year's show, which was the station's largest in terms of both vendors and attendees.

**Joint replacement talk**

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Livonia will offer free monthly educational seminars in 2017, at which an orthopedic surgeon and expert staff will answer questions and discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures and available implant options. Individuals can also learn about the comprehensive group approach to the joint replacement program at St. Mary Mercy, including pre-surgical classes, choosing a personal "coach" to provide assistance throughout the process, and what to expect post-surgery and following discharge from the hospital. Seminar dates are: Wednesday, Feb. 22; Thursday, March 23; Wednesday, April 19. All joint replacement seminars are held from 6-8 p.m. in Classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36154 Five Mile Road in Livonia. To register, call 734-655-2345.

**Lenten pilgrimage**

The Lenten Pilgrimage to Solanus Casey Center is at 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8. The pilgrimage, a carpool, departs from St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. Registration forms are available in the St. John Neumann Parish Office. The cost is \$10 and includes tour and lunch. Deadline to register and pay (cash or check): Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017 in the St. John Neumann parish office, 734-455-5910. For more information, contact Ann Doherty at [atdoherty707@yahoo.com](mailto:atdoherty707@yahoo.com) or Sharlene Borke at [sharborke@gmail.com](mailto:sharborke@gmail.com).

# Checking for unclaimed assets always a good idea

Every year or so, I write a column about unclaimed property. I thought it would be a good idea to do one of those columns now.

There are literally tens of billions of dollars of assets that owners have forgotten about that have been turned over to the government. These include things such as bank accounts, payroll checks, dividends and contents from safe deposit boxes. For example, when a bank account has no activity for a year or more, banks are required to turn that money over to the state. Another example is where a company sends a dividend check to a shareholder and the check is never cashed. These assets are turned over to the state until they are claimed by the rightful owner. In many situations, the



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

money is never claimed.

You may ask why someone wouldn't reclaim their assets. The simple answer is, they either forgot that they own the asset or the individual died and the family either forgot or did not know about the asset. Every state has an unclaimed property division that allows people to reclaim those assets. Every year or so, it makes sense for everyone to check to see if there were any assets forgotten about that the state has taken control over.

It would be nice if there was one place you could look and it would tell you if there were any

assets from anywhere in the country that you have lost, but there is no national registry. Some states have joined with other states to combine their registries; unfortunately, Michigan is not one of them. If you have always been a resident of Michigan, then the only place you probably need to look is the state of Michigan's registry. If you have lived in other states, you must review those registries individually as well. You can check the Michigan registry online by going to [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov) and clicking on "unclaimed property." Another good site to check is [www.missingmoney.com](http://www.missingmoney.com)

If you find there are assets you are entitled to, there is generally no statute of limitation and the procedure to reclaim your assets is not complicated. Typically, all you

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need to do is to complete a form and submit it to the state. However, if the unclaimed property is for a loved one who has died, it becomes a little more complicated. You have to show that you are the appropriate beneficiary. In some situations, you may have to open a probate to reclaim those assets.

There are many com-

panies that offer services to search and help you reclaim your assets. However, these companies are not inexpensive in the fact that they charge a substantial percentage of the assets they reclaim. The majority of people, particularly those who have only lived in one state, can do the search themselves and save a substantial amount in fees.

Unfortunately, not all unclaimed assets will be turned over to the state. For example, there are billions of dollars in life insurance policies that have never been claimed and the proceeds from those policies have not been turned over to the state. Searching for lost life insurance policies is a little more difficult; in those cases, there is not a national registry, so you must contact every company individually. There

is, however, a service that you can use. MIB Inc. ([www.mib.com](http://www.mib.com)) offers a service for \$75. It will search life insurance applications for you from 420 life insurance companies from January 1996 to the present.

If you haven't checked the Michigan database, you should. In addition, you should also check the database for any state that you have previously lived in. It only takes a couple of minutes and you may be surprised, your name may show up. After all, it's your money and it looks better in your pocket than it does the state's pocket!

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### CPAs firm named 'Best'

Cole, Newton & Duran, CPAs (Cole, Newton & Duran), was recently named the Best CPA Firm in Livonia according to Friday Musings, a Livonia based e-newsletter posted online at [FridayMusings.com](http://FridayMusings.com).

"We are very proud and honored to have been recognized as the best accounting firm in Livonia for the second consecutive year," said Arthur Cole, managing partner of Cole, Newton & Duran, CPAs. "It gives our brand added credibility with our clients. At Cole, Newton & Duran, we have an incredible corporate culture and focus on ensuring our clients receive outstanding service and valued advice."

Cole, Newton & Duran

is headquartered in Livonia at 33762 Schoolcraft Road. The firm also has office locations in Novi and Plymouth. There are more than 40 employees whose practice areas cover assurance, tax, advisory, and consulting.

### Livonia property sold

Friedman Integrated Real Estate Solutions recently sold a 33,294-square-foot office/flex business park at 38019-38035 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. The seller, Schoolcraft Drive Association, LLC, sold the building to Todal, LLC.

Steve Eisenshtadt, senior vice president, brokerage services, at Friedman, and Amit Hingorani, associate, brokerage services, at Friedman, represented the seller in this transaction.

### Promoted in Farmington Hills

Rehmann has promoted Tony DiVito, CPA, to principal in its Farmington Hills location. DiVito specializes in small business consulting, with an emphasis on accounting software analysis, tax preparation, fraud investigation and internal controls.



DiVito

After a business combination between Rehmann and Boyes, Wright, Pittman & Co., PLLC, DiVito joined the firm in 2007. He also possesses expertise in Form 1099 reporting, worker classification and payroll taxes.

"Tony is a true difference maker when it comes to delivering business wisdom to clients," said Randy Rupp, Rehmann CEO, "It's reassuring to know that he'll be making that difference with Rehmann for some time to come."

DiVito holds a bachelor's degree with concentrations in professional accounting and information systems from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is a Certified Fraud Examiner, a Certified Advanced QuickBooks ProAdvisor and an Intact Certified Services Provider. Additionally, DiVito serves as treasurer of the southeast Michigan chapter of the Weston A. Price Foundation.

### Canton resident hired

Concorde Holdings, a private firm offering a full spectrum of services and support for financial professionals,



Kammeyer

has hired Danielle Kammeyer as its new director of brokerage operations.

Kammeyer joins Concorde with 13 years of experience in the financial services industry, with a focus on brokerage operations, trading, brokerage compliance and supervision. Prior to joining Concorde, she served as the manager of strategic brokerage operations at Tampa-based J.W. Cole Financial, Inc.,

where she was responsible for the day-to-day supervision of brokerage activities, as well as the formulation and implementation of major initiatives within the brokerage department.

As Concorde's director of brokerage operations, Kammeyer will be responsible for the process and operations of the Brokerage Department focusing on development and implementation, as well as identifying areas of opportunity for improvement and increased efficiency.

Kammeyer graduated from Western Michigan University with a bachelor of science in elementary education and a master in business administration from Eastern Michigan University. She holds a FINRA series 7, 66, and 24 licenses.

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Dominic Herron at his store, The Grow Bar, on Ford Road in Westland.



Natural fertilizers might help you grow big plants in your garden.

# Organic store aims to help with health

**Jill Halpin**  
Correspondent

If looking and feeling better in 2017 is on your new year's resolution list, a new store in Westland may have exactly what you need to help meet your goals.

The Grow Bar, a retail organics and garden shop that opened July 31, features a variety of natural products aimed at helping you embrace a healthy lifestyle. In addition, the store offers "make and take" workshops designed to introduce the uses of the products in an effort to educate those not familiar with organic and natural alternatives.

Essential oils-mixes, Shea butters, coconut oils, Himalayan Salt Lamps and more share store space with organic seeds, soils and chemical-free spray for organic gardening.

The product mix is not

as dichotomous as it might appear, said store owner Dominic Herron of Canton.

Organic gardening — growing fruits and vegetables without the use of dangerous pesticides, herbicides and chemical fertilizers — has been a tremendous growth market, he said, something he attributes to a growing interest by consumers in eating and living well.

"If you are paying attention to the foods that you put in your body and trying eat as naturally as possible, you are going to want to make sure the foods that you grow to eat are chemical-free as well," he said, adding, "Eliminating chemical additives from your food and personal products is a good first step toward living healthfully."

Herron may seem familiar to some: Last summer, he was a fre-

quent vendor at area farmers markets, including Westland, Garden City and Farmington, among others.

He partnered with his brother Justin Herron and friend Jimmy Snipes of New Orleans to open the store's Ford Road location. He is not just passionate about selling natural products to improve wellness, he is a fervent user as well.

In fact, since a co-worker introduced him to the healing powers of essential oils three years ago, he has been an ardent enthusiast.

"I had been suffering from acid reflux and was taking medication, but it wasn't really helping. I was also concerned about the side effects from the medicine. A co-worker who knew quite a bit about the uses of essential oils for helping made a mix to rub on my esophagus and it worked really well," Herron said.

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Locally produced soaps and body butters on the shelves of The Grow Bar.

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Herron said that after investigating the benefits of essential oils, he was inspired to learn more about natural and holistic lifestyles. As a result, he began experimenting and found that he responded better to natural remedies.

"Many of the oils and mixtures that are used for healing are deeply rooted in tradition. They date back hundreds and hundreds of years," he said, "Some oils date back to biblical times — think of the wise men bringing frankincense and myrrh."

The key to essential oils is to understand how they work and the proper way to use them, Herron said.

"Essential oils are all-natural condensed plant materials that can be used for different ailments or as mood enhancers," he said. "Peppermint oil can be used to relieve headaches; lavender is good for relaxation. There are so many uses because they work in sync with our body."

The oils, he said, can be used in a variety of ways, including topically or through inhalation for aromatherapy.

Recently, The Grow Bar began selling Serenity Locketts, surgical steel lockets containing a felt pad that can be worn on a necklace or bracelet. The felt pad can be soaked in the essential oil to enable the wearer to experience the aromatherapy benefits.



Aromatherapy lockets open so essential oils can be placed on the internal pad.

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In an effort to contribute to the community, The Grow Bar donates \$1.15 of each locket sold to local schools districts.

"I think it is very important to give back to the community and I am hopeful that the students will learn to take care of their bodies from an early age," Herron said. "If they start good habits young, perhaps they can avoid health problems later in life."

In addition to the essential oils, Herron sells a variety of other goods, including organic soaps, moisturizers and beauty products without fragrances or chemical additives.

Like the essential oils, many of the beauty treatments have a long history, he said, and offer a wide variety of benefits.

"Shea butter is the perfect natural moisturizer and was probably Cleopatra's beauty secret," he said, "and there is reference to it being used in Egypt during her

time."

He believes it is a much better moisturizer than most drugstore options.

"Many of the lotions — even the very expensive ones — have a lot of fragrance which is not good for your body or even for you to inhale. Most of them just sit in top of your skin. Shea butter is different; the molecules of this product are small enough so that can be easily absorbed into your skin and it is also providing vitamins to your skin," he said.

Herron said he is energized by the response from the community to the store and is looking forward to additional opportunities to partner with others through fundraisers.

"I am happy to be a part of the Westland community and have the chance to share these products with others. I truly believe that they can enhance your life," he said.

## Learn to count frogs and toads

Spring is only two months away, the time when frogs and toads begin their chorus of calls.

This spring, consider learning why frogs and toads are making those sounds and which ones you might have in your area. Friends of the Rouge is looking for people interested in participating in the annual Rouge Frog and Toad Survey. The survey is a simple presence/absence survey. Volunteers visit wetlands at night and identify what types of frogs and toads are calling.

Interested volunteers

need to sign up for one of the training sessions held Saturdays in February and March. All materials are provided at the workshop. Volunteers are assigned survey blocks and required to visit them several times a month March through June on damp warm nights.

This will be the 20th year of the survey. Friends of the Rouge started the survey in 1998 to involve local residents in collecting data about the health of Rouge River wetlands. The presence of frogs and toads is used as an indicator of wetland health

as the animals disappear when wetlands are too polluted. Diverse, healthy wetlands support diverse assemblages of amphibians. To learn more about the findings from the survey, go to [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

The 2017 survey is supported, in part, by Lush Fresh Handmade Cosmetics.

Workshop dates:  
» Saturday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m. to noon, at Canton Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.  
» Saturday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Farmington Hills council chambers, 31555 11 Mile Road.

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# Belleville man named Veteran of the Month

George Goulette, a World War II veteran from Belleville, was honored as the February 2017 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Goulette served in the U.S. Navy from 1944-46. He was born and reared on the north side of Detroit, near John R and Six Mile. His father was a coach driver for the Department of Street Railways for the city of Detroit. When Goulette turned 15, his father decided it was time for him to earn a living and get a job. He went with his father to the DSR office, but was told he would have to wait until he was 15½. As soon as he was of age, he was hired by DSR as a serviceman for the many buses.

Goulette turned 16 in 1943 and watched as his older brother and many of the men in the neighborhood entered the war. He knew he would eventually be drafted and he didn't want to be in the U.S. Army. He went to the navy recruiter's office in Detroit and filled out all the paperwork to enlist. He was told the minimum age for enlisting was 17 and he would have to wait.

On Valentine's Day 1944, Goulette turned 17 and was told to report to the induction center the next day. His buddy, also navy, told him that there were two places they send recruits for basic — Great Lakes near Chicago and Idaho. He told Goulette to wait a week and he would be sent to Great Lakes.

Goulette was too anxious and went in anyway. He was put on a train and sent to Farragut Naval Training Station on Lake Pend Oreille in Bay View, Idaho, for six weeks of basic training. One day, he was walking across



George Goulette is Veteran of the Month.

the base and there was his buddy. So much for inside information, Goulette thought to himself.

He completed his basic training and was sent to the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Norman, Okla. There he was assigned to the Aviation Ordinance Maintenance group. He spent 16 weeks being trained to test, assemble, fuse, load, download, arm

and de-arm all airborne weapons, torpedoes and mines for aircraft carriage. He was then assigned to the 12th Naval Headquarters in San Francisco.

"This is it," he remembered thinking. "I'm going to fight in this war."

Goulette had assumed he would be assigned to an aircraft carrier, but instead was transferred

to a small secret airfield in Watsonville, Calif., approximately 100 miles south of San Francisco. The airfield he arrived at had one grass runway, one barracks and one hanger when he arrived. There was only a two-foot fence around the base and security was tight as many Japanese farmers lived in the area.

Goulette spent many nights walking guard

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GEORGE GOULETTE

duty armed with a shotgun and flashlight. "They worried about saboteurs, but we never had a problem," he said.

Then the engineers arrived and it quickly became a multi-strip airport loaded with Navy F4F Wildcats, F6F Hellcats and F4U Corsairs. The base was also surrounded by a tall fence with a security gate.

The airfield was an auxiliary field to the 12th Naval Air Center in Alameda, Calif., and was primarily used to train pilots for duty on aircraft carriers. The field had painted layouts of all the carriers where the pilots would practice landings and takeoffs. There was an additional field built on the other side of town as an auxiliary base for blimps from the Moffat Air Base in Mountain View, Calif.

"The field was busy all the time," Goulette said. "Many squadrons of 40-45 planes each would have gunnery practice and also fly reconnaissance missions up and down the coastline."

The pilots and planes would then be assigned to a carrier and would be off to fight the Japanese in the Pacific. "It was heartbreaking seeing those guys leave," he said. "They were as young as me and I knew many of them would never return."

When the war ended, Goulette was sent to San Francisco and then to Oakland, Calif., where he was assigned Shore Patrol duty. He was discharged in June 1946 with the rank of Aviation Ordinance 2nd Class, given \$240 in pay and hitchhiked back to Detroit.

"I wanted to save all the money I could and the train was too expensive," Goulette said. "It only took a couple of days to get home as everyone would give a serviceman a ride."

Goulette worked for 14 years as an auto mechanic for the city of Detroit before joining the Detroit Police Department. He served 25 years as a patrolman in the 16th Precinct and retired in 1982 and moved to Port Richie, Fla. He became active in the local bicycle club. His wife died in 2012 and Goulette moved back to Michigan in 2014 to live with his son Gregg. He has four sons, three daughters, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Goulette is a member of Post 32 in Livonia.

Goulette was interviewed by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month Committee and a DVD was made and shown at the Feb. 7 S.A.L. membership meeting. A plaque was presented to Goulette from Livonia Trophy with his picture and service information. An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule of the American Legion Hall. The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend its monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

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A promotional photo pictures Australian documentary director, author and body image activist Taryn Brumfitt. Two Genoa Township women are organizing a one-night-only screening of her film "Embrace" 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at MJR Brighton Towne Square Digital Cinema 20



## Local women seek to combat body shaming with film screening

Jennifer Eberbach  
Livingston Daily

Genoa Township working moms Jordyn Sellek's and Erin McKenzie's battles with body shaming inspired them to tentatively line up a one-night-only screening of a documentary that explores women's relationships with their bodies and self-esteem.

A screening of the documentary "Embrace" is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 22 at the MJR Brighton Towne Square Digital Cinema 20 in Brighton. The screening will only happen if enough people reserve tickets in advance.

"Even at the thinnest I've ever been, I still wasn't happy and wished I had a six pack or my arms look better in this shirt," Sellek, an executive director for Conference of Western Wayne, said.

Despite regular exercise and good eating habits, she said her body mass index labels her overweight. Although she does not think of herself that way, it has been difficult to stop negative thoughts from creeping in.

"You're always look-

ing for something to pick apart," she said.

Erin McKenzie, a realtor with the MI Home Team at Keller Williams Brighton, said she had always been naturally thin until her 18-month-old son came along.

"I'd be asked if I'm anorexic or ill, and I've been criticized for being too thin. It's embarrassing. Your body shape is not something that should be questioned no matter what size you are," she said, also saying that her post-baby body has her "chasing a size-4 that doesn't exist anymore."

"Embrace" is a 2016 Australian documentary by body image activist and author Taryn Brumfitt, who traveled for two years to interview women of different walks of life, shapes and sizes. It claims 91 percent of women hate their bodies, whether their shame is related to weight, changes after childbirth, aging, medical afflictions or other factors.

The documentary "follows Taryn's crusade as she explores the global issue of body loathing, inspiring us to change the way we feel about

ourselves and think about our bodies," a release on the Brighton screening states.

The official trailer for "Embrace" is available on YouTube on the Body-ImageMovement channel. There is some nudity in the trailer and film, which is not rated and best suited for a mature audience.

"There is one part when (Brumfitt) tears up after interviewing two women who had mastectomies," Sellek said. "It's things like, you're still happy you survived cancer, but you're body is not how it used to be. Why would we do that to ourselves?"

**See the film**

The 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 screening is contingent on 73 people reserving \$11 tickets by 1 p.m. Feb. 10 at <http://gathr.us/screening/19142>. The documentary would be screened as an on-demand event, because it is not in the Brighton movie theater's regular lineup, and that's the number of people required to cover the cost. Organizers said if not enough people register, the event will be canceled and no one will be charged.

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LETTERS

**National security a mess**

Just 24 days into the Trump regime, Gen. Michael Flynn resigned after allegations he lied to Vice President Pence, Chief of Staff Reince Priebus and Press Secretary Sean Spicer. All were lied to by Flynn, who claimed lifting of sanction against Russia were never discussed by him before the election. Flynn now admits he may have inadvertently misled key Trump officials and even Trump himself.

Trump National Security apparatus has been and is in turmoil. This while an American plane and a Chinese plane nearly collided over the North Chiba sea, North Korea launches a ballistic missile. The Middle East is a daily explosion.

Trump named Keith Kellogg, Flynn's deputy, as Flynn replacement. Somehow, this does not seem comforting to our National Security. National Security concerns seem to be the a prime concern of Trump when he focuses on immigration but China, North Korea, Iran, Iraq, Syria seems to be a much bigger concern to the American public.

Time is of the essence for Trump to get his act together and focus on those priorities of great

est concern to the U.S. Ripping mothers from their children certainly should not be a Trump priority when his National Security team was and now is in shambles.

Gerald Maxey  
Farmington Hills

**Are we getting what we voted for?**

Let's withdraw our support for NATO countries because too many countries are not paying their fair share.

In Mr. Trump's mind this is a very valid reason — however, it is also ill-advised dialogue coming from a man who takes pride in not paying any personal U.S. income taxes and not disclosing any tax returns showing how much his fair share ought to be.

How about the immigration ban? Closing the US borders to all who are entering from seven hand-picked countries. The reason for this: because that's where the terrorists have come from. Did he forget about the 9/11 attack where the terrorists entered the U.S. via Saudi Arabia? Of course not, but he did remember all of his financial partners in the Middle East, including Saudi Arabia. The region also includes Dubai which has a multimillion-dollar Trump Golf Resort and Qatar that has a ma-

major airport, which has an office in the New York Trump Tower.

The major regional property development company (DAMAC) is located in Dubai and the chairman of its board was invited to the January inauguration ceremony. A second board member spent 15 years doing business within the borders of both Syria and Iraq two of the seven countries. If you would like to purchase one of their three-bedroom townhouses surrounded by a Trump golf course, they start at \$1.4 million.

Mr. Trump's presidential focus seems to remain on voter fraud. On Jan. 25, he tweeted that he will be asking for an investigation, including those who are registered to vote in two states. (This is not a crime until it is discovered you voted twice.) On Jan. 27 the New York Times listed four Trump appointees and his youngest daughter as those registered in two states. We will have to wait to see just how far any investigation will go.

We can only hope that the Republican-controlled Congress will oppose his rhetoric and take control of our future.

Jim Brenner  
Redford

**Is Trott afraid to meet?**

Residents of Michigan's 11th Congressional district are angry because our Rep. Dave Trott refuses to hold a town hall to meet with us in person. His last in-person town hall was held April 9, 2015. That's nearly 700 days ago. It seems as though Trott is afraid to meet with us.

In a feeble attempt to meet constituent demands for a meeting, Trott held a "tele town hall" on Feb. 7, 2017. A "tele town hall" is basically a conference call. We signed up online, gave our phone numbers, and were supposed to receive a call at the time of the meeting. My call never came, so I went on Twitter and Facebook, and hundreds of others never got the call either. Furthermore, from reading the tweets and posts, it seems that registered Republicans received their calls and the meeting mainly consisted of softball questions. Was the whole thing rigged? Sure seems that way, but I guess we'll never know for sure. Maybe it was just gross incompetence that led to a failure with the technology used to hold the meeting. However, one thing I do know for sure is that cowards do not belong in Congress.

Heather Gatny  
Plymouth

**Still can't find Trott**

I'm sorry to say that this "town hall" was not accessible to me. The only link I had to it was the Google link to signed up. They didn't do me any good because when I went there the sign-up

was full. There was no link to indicate where the actual town hall link was.

I went to Trott's Facebook page and his Twitter page and there were no links there either.

Oh, I forgot to mention that Trott sent an email at the last minute to say that his town hall was rescheduled from 5 o'clock to 6 o'clock. He did not send a link to the town hall online so that people could easily join.

This is exactly the kind of constituent evasiveness that Trott has shown in the past.

I am astonished and saddened that his opponent Dr. Anil Kumar, did not beat him in the 2016 election

Colleen Crossey  
Novi

**Not natural growth**

Art Van Furniture has been acquired by private equity firm Thomas H. Lee Partners based outside of Michigan in Boston, Massachusetts. The news releases claim this is natural growth of Art Van and indicate this is a normal step in the growth of any company.

That is far from the case.

Private equity is a source of investment capital from high net worth individuals and institutions for the purpose of investing and acquiring equity ownership in companies. This means a group of individuals have a pile of cash and are unable or unwilling to invest in other financial channels.

These individuals want a guaranteed return on a regular schedule. Like corporate raiders they are not interested in the true value of any company. All that matters is that there is a definite and seemingly regular flow of cash.

Art Van was sold to a company intent on extracting profit from an income stream to which they add no value. As with telecommunications giant Avaya, which recently declared bankruptcy, they are at a critical juncture. If management had gone public the resulting wealth created would have increased the real value of the company.

Private equity reduction works more slowly than a corporate raid but still is not valuable as a reasonable means for generating wealth. It is a one-way deal.

Avaya's recent bankruptcy turned a leading American innovator in telecommunications into a beggar. We all pay the price when someone takes the easy way to easy street.

Don't you agree?  
Alfred Brock  
Wayne

**Normalizing hate**

Carol Maynard (Letters, Feb. 2) may not personally hate immigrants, the disabled, people of color or the millions who marched the day after Inauguration and at dozens of airports the weekend after that.

And yet, the person Ms. Maynard voted for, and many of his closest advisers, are a very different story. The events of the past few weeks — things the president advocated for and promised before the election, but which "reasonable" people assumed to be campaign rhetoric — are driven by strongly negative impulses. Beliefs that inner cities are burned-out, poverty riddled war zones; that "criminal aliens" regularly commit countless violent crimes even as "bad dudes" pour across the border hoping to kill decent Americans; but most of all, that America can be made great again only if Americans embrace fear and accept that only a "strong leader" can save us.

Ms. Maynard doesn't hate, she just cannot yet see that her vote helped normalize hatred in others — hatred of others. She could have ignored a pink handmade sign carried by a friendly, kind-hearted social worker, maybe even said that though she does not agree with Colleen Crossey's opinion, she supports her right to express it. Instead, she pretends the sign is explicitly aimed at her, stoking an outrage that comes across as fake, perhaps to suppress Ms. Crossey's willingness to speak her mind in the future. This is how our culture is coarsening.

Herb Helzer  
Northville

**Media does matter**

U.S. citizens are living in surreal times under an autocracy led by an egotistic, emotionally stunted con artist who is the puppet of a racist, disgusting "adviser" and supported by a cowardly Congress. The first few weeks have been chaotic, laws have been broken, serious mistakes might have proved disastrous. The Nov. 8, 2016, presidential election was stolen from Hillary Clinton with the help of the Russian government, plus Mr. Comey of the FBI.

Opponents of this new regime will continue to protest in the streets in order to restore democracy. Citizens will contact senators and representatives. A major problem is how do individuals receive true news and information when the powerful in D.C. and certain media outlets offer "alternative" facts, fake news and lies.

Media matters. We must be aware of the major networks, plus the people they hire. As an example, NBC and MSNBC have made some questionable choices recently. One can find fault with some aspects of Facebook, yet I find such sites as Moveon.org, Buzz, Proud Democrat, YouTube and even "Saturday Night Live!" helpful in encouraging persons to form grassroots efforts to hold officials accountable, patriotic people post reasonable ideas and possible solu-

tions in restoring democracy.

I suggest citizens read reputable newspapers and magazines: the New York Times, the Washington Post, The Nation, The New Yorker. All are available online. We should be familiar with the more conservative views, too.

Have hope, be vigilant and active. Start now to help restore democracy in the 2018 elections.

Hannah Provence  
Donigan  
Commerce Township

**Speak up, contact legislators**

As a proud, former Michigianian, raised in Oakland County, it is distressing to hear what is happening today. Italian author Umberto Eco was a man who understood the influences and results of fascism. He wrote that fascism was not a concrete political system, but a collection of behaviors that, taken together, forged something incomprehensible. "Fascism was a fuzzy totalitarianism," he wrote. "A collage of different philosophical and political ideas, a beehive of contradictions."

In 1995, Eco made a visionary prediction. "There is in our future a TV or Internet populism, in which the emotional response of a selected group of citizens can be presented and accepted as the Voice of the People." I would appear that is exactly where we are now. The president's fascism is new. It's a reality-TV kind of fascism. Typically American, designed to entertain and fed by the Internet. The president is its prophet.

One need not look any further than to see the rapid rise of xenophobia in our country, how it has completely polarized its citizens.

Whatever can we do about this vile movement?

You can find your congressional representative and your senator online. But be patient, as their boxes may be filled temporarily due to the overwhelming response to what is occurring today. It seems to me that this may be the only way to practice democracy in action today.

Dennis Kostecky  
Former Michigianian  
Sausalito, Calif.

**Looking for Trott**

Where's David Trott? District 11 U.S. representative, David Trott, has not had a town hall meeting since April 9, 2015. Many have called his office asking for one, to no avail. Even during his week off during February, he has none scheduled.

Wonder why he is avoiding his constituents? Is there anyone out there that can get us a meeting? Where's David Trott?

Pam Westerhold  
Northville

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**BINGLEY**

**WILLIAM "EARL"** age 58, of Luzerne, Michigan passed away surrounded by his loved ones on February 7, 2017. Earl grew up in Northville and is survived by his son, William Earl "Grant" Bingley, his sisters Kimberly Peragine (Frank), Pamela Green (Matt), seven nieces and nephews and nine great nieces and nephews along with numerous friends and family. Earl was also a friend of Bill W. Earl joins his loving mother, Martha Bingley, his father, William Bingley and his amazing step-father, Caron Rice. Memorial Services will be held February 18, 2017 at Farmington Junction 31505 Grand River Ave. Farmington, MI 48336. Entrance #10, 10-11 a.m.: Visit with the family, 11-12 p.m.: Memorial Service.

**SCHICIANO**



**LILLIAN KATHERINE (DOLLEE)** formerly of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, died peacefully Monday, February 6, 2017, in Greenwich, Connecticut, following a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. Mrs. Schiciano was born in Detroit, MI September 13, 1928, daughter of Alex and Mary Czarzar. Following graduation from Detroit's Northwestern High School and Michigan State University, she was a teacher, before embarking on a successful career in advertising and public relations, including positions with CBS and Wagner Advertising, before founding D. Chausar & Associates, whose clients included several of metropolitan Detroit's largest real estate developers. Prior to moving east to be closer to family, Mrs. Schiciano resided in Bloomfield Hills, MI, where she, and her husband Joseph (1926-2012) raised their two sons. Mrs. Schiciano volunteered at the Michigan Chapter of the American Cancer Society for many years, where she chaired some of the organization's most successful fundraisers at the time. She was an active member of Oakland Hills Country Club. Mrs. Schiciano is survived by two sons, Jason of Goldens Bridge, NY, and Geoffrey of Chicago IL, and three grandchildren, Logan, Hanna, and Angelo. She is predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Joseph S. Schiciano. A celebration of Dollee's life will be held in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan in the near future. Contributions in Mrs. Schiciano's memory may be sent to the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 (https://www.parkinsonsmi.org/) Family Contacts: Geoffrey C. Schiciano and Jason C. Schiciano at lks020617@gmail.com.

**GRISA**



**FRANK J. "UNCLE FRANK"** Age 90. Died peacefully on February 14, 2017. Beloved husband of Rose. Loving father of Mark (Mary), Heidi (the late Michael) Surprenaut, Gregg, the late Carl (Jeanne) Grisa, Frank (Janice), Duran (Shirley), and Dale. Dear grandfather of Matthew, Lee, Stephanie, Katherine, Mark, Anthony M., Jessica, Emily, Thomas, David, McKenna, Anthony J., Isaac, Erik R., Nathan, Michael, Reagan, Eric D., Miranda and Chloe. Great-grandfather of Emily and Autumn. Dear brother of Verna Burton, Edith Price, Ruth King and the late Mark and Mildred. Memorial Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Thursday from 3 - 8 p.m. In state at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday from 9 a.m. until Funeral Mass at 9:30 a.m. Memorials may be directed to Angela Hospice. Please share a memory at www.rgrharris.com.

**SANLOR**



**DALE W.** February 6, 2017. Age 67 of St. James City, Florida. Beloved husband of Janice. Loving father of Bill (Melanie) and Kim (Jason) Murphy. Dearest son-in-law of Jean Johnson. Dear brother of Debbie (Dave) Nikka. Loving grandfather of Devin, Cole, Rachel, Madelyn, Austin and Robin. Cremation Rites entrusted to: Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com

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**Women's heart health: what you should know**

Heart disease is often thought of as a disease that mostly afflicts men. The reality, however, is that heart disease does not discriminate. It is dangerously under-diagnosed and under-treated among women and is the leading cause of female death in the United States.

One of the reasons why women are misdiagnosed or not diagnosed at all is that heart disease may present itself differently in women than in men and men have been the focus of most of the clinical research. Men are more prone to blockages in major arteries — which can be diagnosed quickly and is more easily identified on an angiogram. Women, on the other hand, tend to have problems with smaller arteries embedded in the heart, which are not as visible on tests.



**Nishtha Sareen**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Another reason women are misdiagnosed or not diagnosed at all is because their attention is often times focused toward the health of their family, at the expense of their own well-being.

As a practicing cardiologist in Oakland County, I encourage every woman to know the signs and symptoms of a female heart attack. Knowing can expedite diagnosis and treatment and may save a life.

While chest pain and discomfort are the most common signs of a heart attack for both men and women, women are more prone to display atypical symptoms such as nausea, abdominal discomfort, shortness of breath

and back or jaw pain. The common heart health risk factors for women are:

- » Diabetes
- » Mental stress and depression
- » Smoking
- » Lack of physical activity
- » Post menopause
- » Broken heart syndrome
- » Pregnancy complications

Women concerned about heart disease should be proactive and speak with a doctor. He or she will likely recommend annual blood pressure readings and encourage cholesterol testing every four to six

years. Those with high readings may be tested more regularly. A body mass index test may also offer clues about heart disease risk.

If there's a chance you or someone else might have heart health questions, call St. Joe's physician referral line at 800-372-6094. If you are experiencing signs or symptoms of a heart attack, call 9-1-1 immediately and seek help.

Nishtha Sareen, M.D., is a St. Joseph Mercy Oakland interventional cardiologist that treats residents from Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and surrounding communities.

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## Shamrocks' machine keeps rolling

CC wins 10 district titles;  
Canton's Winnie tops  
field at 135 pounds

Brad Emons  
hometownlife.com

It was a dominating week, to say the least, for the Novi Detroit Catholic Central wrestling team.

The host Shamrocks captured their MHSAA Division 1 team district Feb. 8 with an 83-0 win over Walled Lake Western.

On Saturday, top-ranked CC captured 10 of the 14 weight classes at the Livonia Churchill individual district while advancing 14 to the upcoming Saline regional (Feb. 18).

"I'm excited. I thought the guys wrestled well," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "Anytime you have 14 finalists, that's a good thing. I thought we

could have scored more points in our semifinal match-ups. I think those guys were a little tentative in those match-ups. But I thought we opened it up a little bit in the finals and did a nice job."

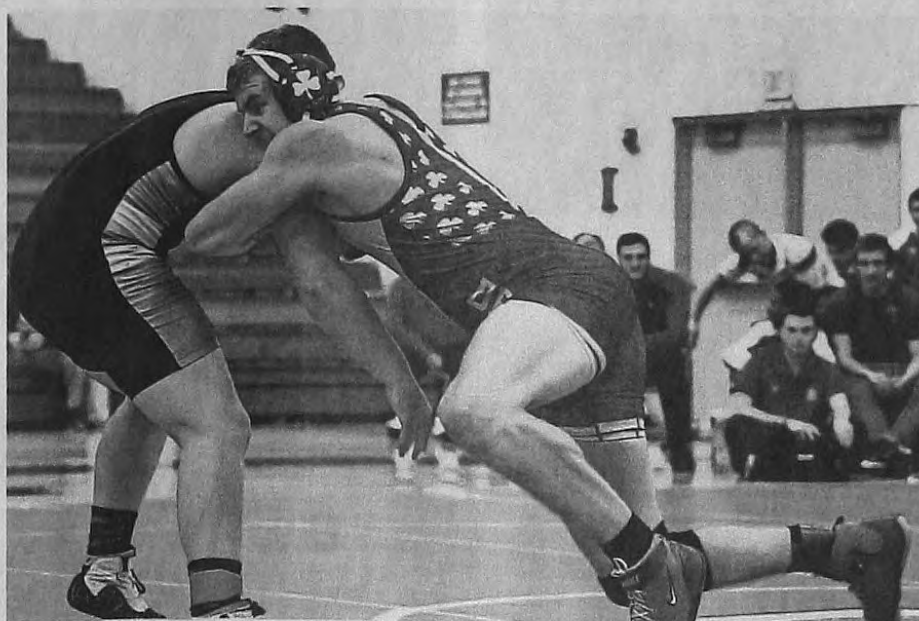
CC's five defending state champions all won district titles: Nick Jenkins (285), Ben Kamali (112), Kevin Davenport (130), Cam Amine (145) and Ty Morland (171).

The Shamrocks also got individual titles from Devon Johnsen (103), Derek Gilcher (119), Stone Moscovic (125), Dane Flynn (189) and Jackson Ross (215).

Two of those championship finals pitted CC wrestlers one another as Kamali decided teammate Rhett Newton, 11-5, while Morland pinned Easton Turner in 41 seconds.

"I thought Rhett Newton is a really good wrestler and he wrestled Ben Kamali, a returning state champ, and did a really nice job," Hancock said.

"The third period, the match got away

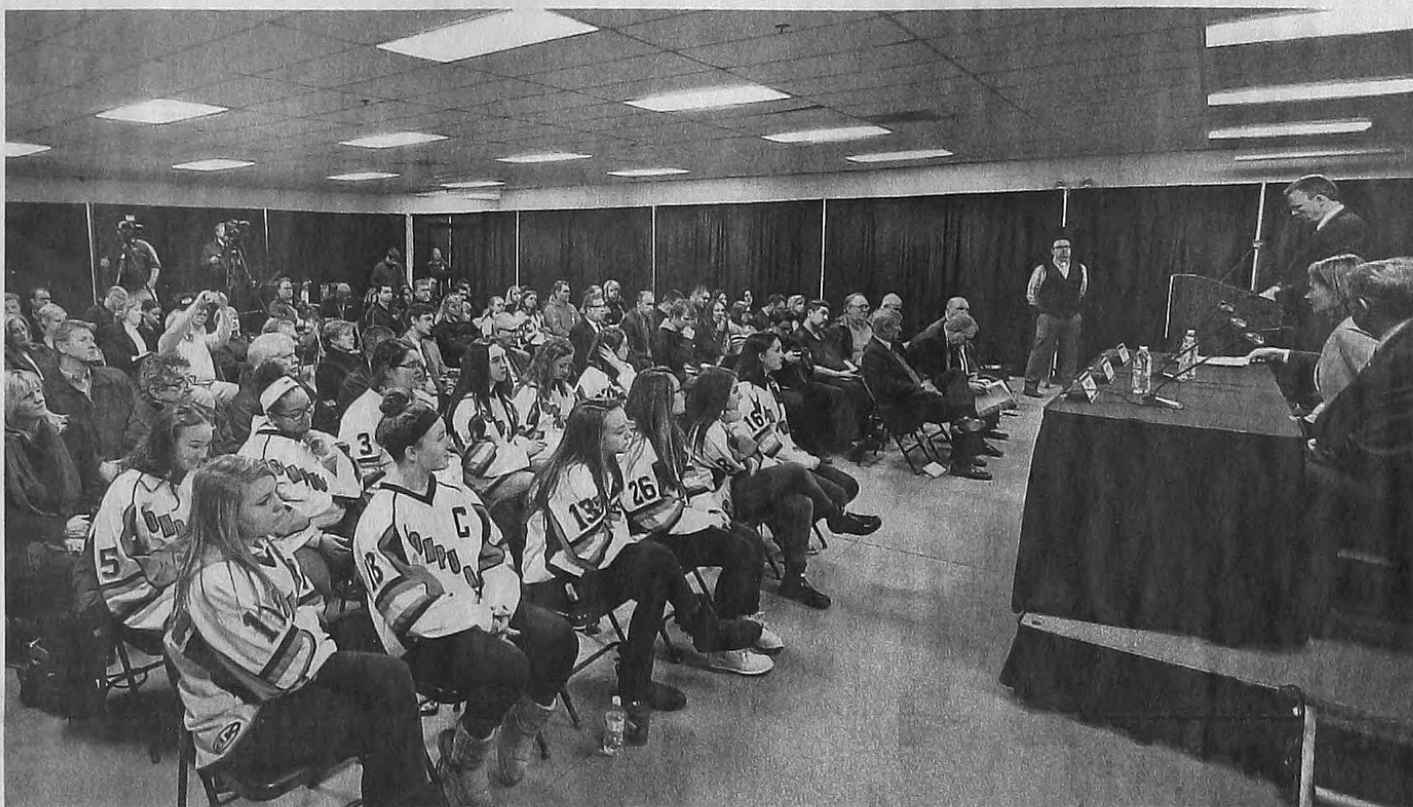


Catholic Central's Dane Flynn (right) decided Plymouth's Ethan Shulaw in the 189-pound finals, 7-3.

SCOTT CONFER

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YOUTH HOCKEY



Members of the Compuware Tier 1 AAA girls hockey team (foreground) listen along with others at a February 2016 press conference at USA Hockey Arena. The event highlighted the 2017 Women's World Cup coming to Plymouth.

RENA LAVERTY

PROGRAMS COME TOGETHER

## Soccer worlds uniting under the dome

Wolves-Hawks, AC Milan, Livonia Soccer Club merger will help grow game

Tim Smith  
hometownlife.com

Soccer is enjoying a growth spurt in Livonia — with the major "seeds" planted into the artificial turf at Schoolcraft College.

The new dome at Schoolcraft already is the long-term home of the elite Michigan Wolves-Hawks Soccer Club.

But a recent merger takes the Livonia-based AC Milan-Detroit select program and rebrands it as Wolves-Hawks beginning in June.

Meanwhile, recreational teams will continue to operate as the Livonia Soccer Club, but tapping into the same resources (including facilities and coaches) that the more-advanced programs will rely upon.

"It's a great opportunity for both clubs," said Ed McCarthy, president of the nationally recognized Michigan Wolves-Hawks. "We're looking forward to working together and moving forward as a single entity. I think the consolidation of what we're doing, there certainly was some overlap. It allows for every player to have a spot."

"But they (Livonia Soccer Club) do an excellent job with the recreational side, going up into premier. And we have a premier side and we have the elite side, our U.S. Academy and ECNL divisions. What it allows us to do is be able to cover every player in the community with high-level facilities and high-level coaches."

There are about 850 players currently in the Wolves-Hawks program, composed of top-notch boys and girls players from metro Detroit — primarily Livonia, Canton, Novi, Northville, Plymouth, Brighton and Ann Arbor.

Add to that number about 400 rec players from Livonia Soccer Club and 400 more premier players from AC Milan, "so both groups doubled in size," McCarthy said.

The new soccer dome at Schoolcraft is the rising star of the entire endeavor.

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## IN THE DEEP FREEZE

MAHA decision forces Compuware girls with Tier 1 aspirations to find alternatives

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A year ago, players from Compuware's girls hockey Tier 1 team sat in the front row at a press conference announcing the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship.

But when those games are played March 31 through April 7 at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, the Compuware team won't even exist anymore — except for postseason awards banquets — thanks to a recent reduction of Tier 1 (AAA) girls programs for 2017-18, announced by Michigan Amateur Hockey Association.

MAHA awarded Tier 1 status for next season to four organizations — Honeybaked, Little Caesars, Belle Tire and West Michigan Elite (Meijer AAA) — but shut out the Compuware girls program.

Compuware's Tier 1 boys program is good to go for 2017-18, also playing at USA Hockey Arena. There are eight boys Tier 1 programs slated for next season.

"They had to shrink the top level to help grow the girls hockey (at lower levels)," said Mike Henry, USA Hockey Arena's director of youth hockey. "MAHA had a tough decision and they



Goalie Katie Nowak of Compuware's U12 AAA girls team participates during a December clinic at USA Hockey Arena. The Livonia resident will need to find a new organization to play for.

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selected four great organizations. It's unfortunate Compuware didn't get one. But the four they did award are well-deserving of it."

Compuware can re-apply on an

nual basis.

At the root of MAHA's decision, Henry explained, is the desire to com-

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Hailey Lindow works on her goalkeeping stance during a recent 2002 Michigan Hawks ECNL practice at Schoolcraft.

## SOCCER

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"That has been one of the best moves we've been able to do," McCarthy said about signing a 25-year deal to be a main tenant at the dome. "The facilities at Schoolcraft are top-notch, they are meticulously maintained. Their attention to detail is great, the security is there.

"The field is enormous, it's 120 by 75 yards. It's a brand new facility, with LED lighting. It provides our club with the ideal training environment. ... It is great for the entire soccer community."

### Great opportunity

Excitement over the merger is palpable.

"Exciting times ahead, as we merge two great soccer clubs both rich in history as well as community," Livonia Soccer Club president Chris Burnette said. "The soccer climate has changed considerably over the past few years and we feel the marriage of our clubs creates an unprecedented opportunity for players of all ages to play at all levels.

"The merger unites our clubs, our families and our community and we are excited for the future."

Concurring was Rick Larson, director of coaching for Livonia Soccer Club and a longtime men's coach at Schoolcraft.

"Years of preparation and relationship building have positioned our soccer club for this opportunity," Larson said. "It is an exciting time for our players, our coaching staff, as well as the Livonia community.

"Creating this holistic environment for players at all levels inside of one club is something that we began working toward in 2008.

"This merger provides tremendous opportunity for the future and collectively we are committed to making this a seamless transition for each player and family."

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Posing under the Schoolcraft College soccer dome following the merger are (from left): Chris Burnette (Livonia City Soccer Club, president); Doug Landefeld (Michigan Hawks, vice president and director of coaching); Rick Larson (Livonia City Soccer Club, director of coaching); Dan Mellors (Livonia City Soccer Club, youth director); Ken Shingledecker (Livonia City Soccer Club, director of operations); Lars Richters (Michigan Wolves, academy director); and Ed McCarthy (Michigan Wolves-Hawks, president).



Members of the 2002 Michigan Hawks ECNL girls soccer team congregate during a practice at Schoolcraft College.

## DISTRICTS

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from (Newton) a little bit, but I liked his intensity and liked the way he wrestled."

CC wrestlers captured the first seven weight classes before Canton's Justin Winnie edged Dearborn Fordson's Hamze Mrech, 7-5, in the 135-pound final.

At 140, Livonia Stevenson's Tarik Alcodray decided CC's Joe Urso, 3-0, while Livonia Franklin's Nathan Atienza, a returning state champ, ran his record to 51-1 in the 152-pound final by pinning CC's Aiden Wagh in 5:02.

Novi senior Lincoln Cleary (160) also came home with a title after a hard-fought 2-0 decision against Canton's Christopher Little, raising his record to 31-9.

"It's good to see Lincoln Cleary finally come out with district championship," Novi sixth-year coach Joel Smith said. "He's worked real hard, proud of the kid and he's come a long way. He won the Lakeland tournament, he was runner-up at Observerland. He didn't wrestle at Walled Lake Northern, but he's had a nice season this year, so it's good to see him come out with a championship today."

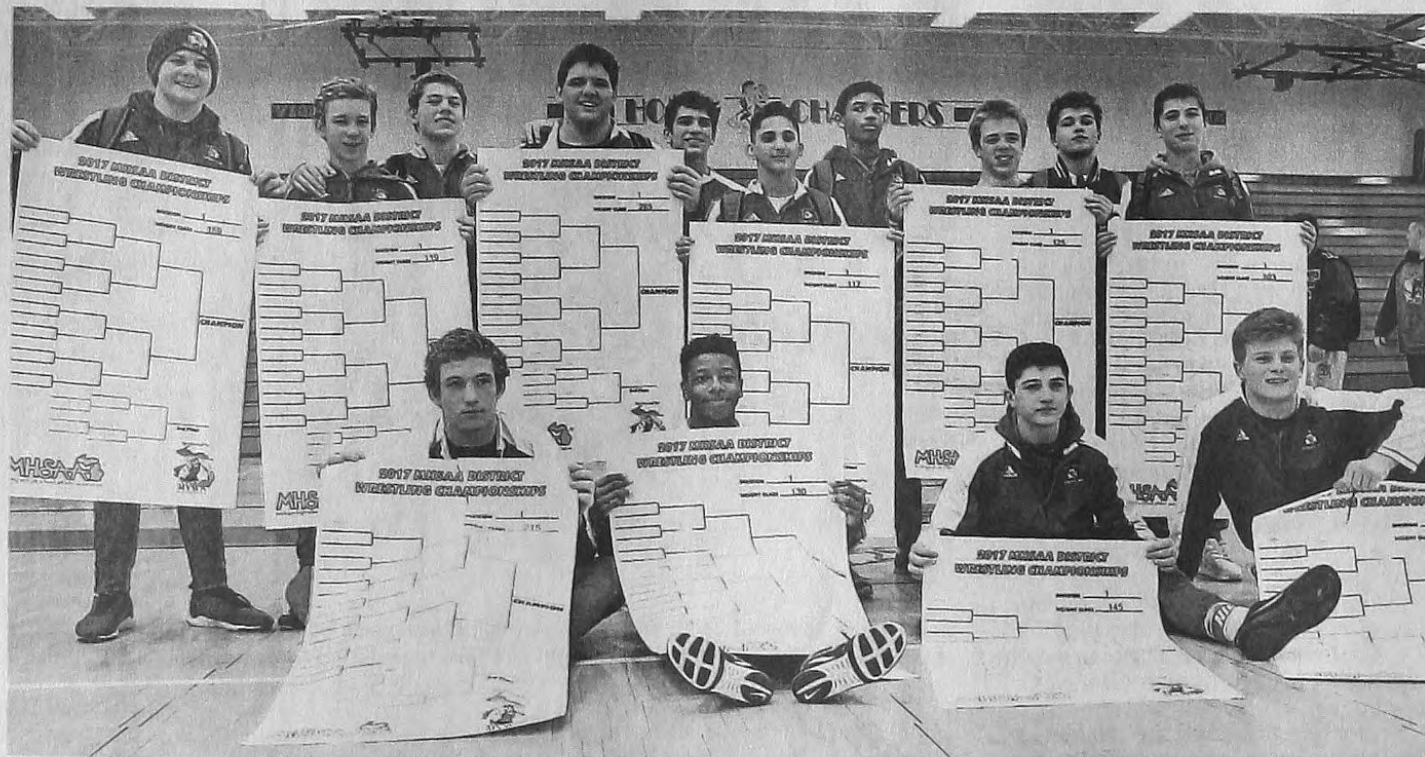
Novi's other three regional qualifiers were third-place finisher Matt George (135) and fourth-place finishers Corey Grassmeyer (171) and Chase Sparling (189).

"It's been a few years since Novi has had four regional qualifiers and I'm proud of all four of these guys today," Smith said. "They did a nice job."

Northville freshman Nicholas Gattoni (130) also made it through with a fourth-place finish. He is 32-21.

Franklin, which hosted the meet, had three others reach the finals in addition to Atienza. The Patriots will send eight to the Saline regional.

### P-CEP recap



Catholic Central had 10 individual district champions and four other regional qualifiers.

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Five Plymouth wrestlers advanced to the individual regionals, including second-place finishers Ethan Shulaw (189) and Zach Lohrmann (285).

Both Shulaw and Lohrmann went 2-1 on the day, with Lohrmann only losing to Catholic Central's Nick Jenkins (ranked No. 1 in the state).

Tyler Campbell went 3-2 at 112 and earned a fourth-place finish while 152-pounder Calvin Vos also placed fourth with a 3-2 mark.

Also qualifying from the Wildcats was Joey Ahearn at 160. He finished 2-2 and finished fourth.

» Making the regionals from Canton was 135-pound individual champion Justin Winnie, Christopher Little (160) and Zack Dehnke (140).

Winnie earned a 7-5 decision over Dearborn Fordson's Hamze Mrech.

Little was the runner-up at 160, dropping a 2-0 decision to Novi's Lincoln Cleary; Dehnke finished fourth in his weight class.

» From Salem, getting through to the Saline regionals were Bruce Haslitt (third at 152), Akash Rai (third at 125) and Tyler Knop (fourth at 135).

Staff writer Tim Smith contributed to this report.

### MHSAA DIVISION 1 INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS Feb. 11 at Livonia Churchill

**215 pounds:** Jackson Ross (Novi Detroit Catholic Central) d. Emmanuel Willie (Livonia Franklin), 5-2; **third place:** Tyler Whiteside (Livonia Stevenson) d. Parker Novak (Stevenson), 2-1 (2 overtimes).  
**285:** Nick Jenkins (Detroit CC) p. Zach Lohrmann (Plymouth), 1:14;  
**third:** Jake Swirpie (Franklin) d. Devin Visnaw (Franklin), 6-5.  
**103:** Devon Johnson (Detroit CC) d. Aaron Garcia (Dearborn), 6-0; **third:** Mojahid Ahmed (Dearborn) won by technical fall over Russ Rusnell (Franklin), 19-4.  
**112:** Ben Kamali (Detroit CC) d. Rhett Newton (Detroit CC),

11-4; **third:** Aseel Almudhala (Dearborn Fordson) d. Tyler Campbell (Plymouth), 6-2.

**119:** Derek Gilcher (Detroit CC) d. Tarik Shallot (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), 7-4; **third:** Ethan Englehart (Churchill) won by injury default over Esam Kasen (Hamtramck).

**125:** Stone Moscovic (Detroit CC) d. Josh Mussen (Churchill), 6-4; **third:** Akash Rai (Salem) p. Waleed Othman (Fordson), 1-45.

**130:** Kevon Davenport (Detroit CC) p. Johnny DiPonio (Franklin), 2:34; **third:** Ali Alsayadi (Fordson) won by major dec. over Nicholas Gattoni (Northville), 12-2.

**135:** Justin Winnie (Canton) d. Hamze Mrech (Fordson), 7-5; **third:** Matt George (Novi) won by injury def. over Tyler Knop (Salem).

**140:** Tarik Alcodray (Stevenson) d. Joe Urso (Detroit CC), 3-0; **third:** Marino DiPonio (Franklin) d. Zack Dehnke (Canton), 13-7.

**145:** Cam Amine (Detroit CC) p. Jacob Johnson (Franklin), 0:27; **third:** Dylan Slowik (Canton) d. Vincent Savaya (Walled Lake Western), 6-0.

**152:** Nathan Atienza (Franklin) p. Aiden Wagh (Detroit CC), 5:02; **third:** Bruce Haslitt (Salem) p. Calvin Vos (Plymouth), 2:01.

**160:** Lincoln Cleary (Novi) d. Christopher Little (Canton), 2-0; **third:** Ali Makki (Fordson) p. Joey Ahearn (Plymouth), 1:41.

**171:** Iy Morland (Detroit CC) p. Easton Turner (Detroit CC), 0:41; **third:** Amir Naser (Fordson) p. Corey Grassmeyer (Novi), 1:34.

**189:** Dane Flynn (Detroit CC) d. Ethan Shulaw (Plymouth), 7-3; **third:** Mohamed Zahwi (Fordson) d. Chase Sparling (Novi), 11-4.

BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING

# Plymouth cruises to triumphant victory

Wildcats senior night is a successful one, 105-74

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Sometimes senior nights are purely ceremonial, other times they are displays in veteran savvy and skill.

The latter certainly was the case for Plymouth's varsity boys swimming and diving team Feb. 9, as the Wildcats tripped up Wayne Memorial 105-74 in a match-up of KLAA South Division squads.

Wildcats seniors distinguishing themselves were Nathan Chimka, Brian Cowell, Tyler Gala, Jordan Groves, Ryan Klingensmith, James Lauer, Matt Weiner and Michael Wischer.

Wischer was part of the victorious 200-yard medley and 200 free relays and also took the top spot in the 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly, showing his versatility.

In the 200 medley relay, he teamed with Chimka, Ethan Byrnes and Brady McWilliams; the 200 free relay featured Weiner, Byrnes, McWilliams and Wischer.

He wasn't the only Plymouth senior to make his mark against the Zebras.

Weiner garnered first place in the 200 freestyle, beating teammate Logan Kendall and third-place Blake Barber of the Zebras; Chimka had a hand in the winning 200 medley relay (and also was



Senior members of Plymouth's varsity boys swimming and diving team include (front, from left) James Lauer and Ryan Klingensmith and (back, from left) Michael Wischer, Jordan Groves, Tyler Gala, Nathan Chimka, Matt Weiner and Brian Cowell.

on the second-place 400 free relay); and Groves prevailed in the 1-meter diving, with teammate Ben Kirchoff in the runner-up spot.

Taking third in the 100 backstroke was Tyler Gala, who also was on the third-place 200 medley relay team.

The only other win for Plymouth (4-1 overall and 4-1 in the KLAA South, second to Canton's 5-0 record) was secured by Kendall (500 free), although second-place finishes were turned in by Sawyer Knowles (200 IM, 100 breaststroke), Weiner (100 free), Cameron Zinn (100

backstroke) and the 400 free relay team of Colton Knowles, Bassil Syed, Chimka and Kendall.

For Wayne Memorial (5-4 overall and 2-3 in the division), the 400 free relay team of Ta'Varus Lumpkin, Blake Barber, Trent Griffith and Zackery Blair took the top spot.

Individual wins for the Zebras were turned in by Blair (200 IM, 100 breaststroke), Lumpkin (100 free) and Devlin Robinson (100 backstroke).

## Northville sinks Rocks

Northville wrapped up its regular season Feb. 9 at home with a 103-75 dual meet triumph over Salem.

The Mustangs, who finished 9-2 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA Central Division, were sparked by Travis Nitkiewicz, who swept the 200- and 500-yard freestyles in 1:50.25 and 4:57.51, respectively.

Other individual first-place finishers for the Mustangs were Trevor Degroot, 200 individual medley (2:04.87); Thomas Rys, 1-meter diving (181.45 points); and Kirk Maibach, 100 freestyle (48.81).

Eugene Li paced Salem (2-4, 0-4) with victories in the 50 freestyle (22.11) and 100 butterfly (55.24). The Rocks also got wins from Phillip Collingwood (100 backstroke, 1:02.77) and Henry Zhou (100 breaststroke, 1:15.9).

Salem's 400 freestyle relay team of Li, Nathan Budnick, Stephan Freitag and Collingwood also took first (3:26.6).

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Schoolcraft individual medalists Ryan Gasparovich and Kayla Jackson celebrate triumphs at the Wayne County CC invite.

PATRICK YELSIK

COLLEGE BOWLING

## Schoolcraft teams first at WCCC invitational

The Schoolcraft College bowling teams were right at home on the road Feb. 10 as they made the short drive to Oak Lanes in Westland to compete in the Wayne County Community College Bowling Invitational.

The location was quite familiar to most Ocelots bowlers, having been the location of numerous leagues and tournaments in their youth days, something that proved to be key as both the men and women took home first-place spots.

One such bowler was freshman Ryan Gasparovich, whose personal high series of all-time came at Oak Lanes during his high school days. Gasparovich picked up right where he left off, torching the lanes for a tournament-best 643 three-game series, including games of 231 and 219.

"I just wanted to do my part to help us getting back on track and back in the winner's circle," Gasparovich said.

"Because of my familiarity with the lanes, I was confident I was going to perform well and a lot of my teammates were, too."

Gasparovich led the charge, but certainly wasn't the only one in helping the Ocelots to 4,293 pin tally, 329 pins in front of Ancilla College, which bested Schoolcraft the week before. Sophomore Lonnie Lawrence, a Wayne County CC transfer, took second-place honors with a 605 series.

"It was nice to have some other guys step up and help make sure that we're trending in the right direction heading in to the postseason," Schoolcraft coach Patrick Yelsik said. "We have great depth and are going to have to use it to our advantage against the kind of competition that we're going to see from here on out."

On the women's side, the Ocelots were back at full strength, having gotten back sophomore and Salem

alum Rachel Boucha, who missed the previous tournament with an illness.

Boucha showed no signs of rust, rolling a 466 series, good for fourth overall, to help Schoolcraft to a 3,628 pin total, an impressive 469 pins ahead of second-place Muskegon CC.

Freshman Kayla Jackson, who continued her torrid pace, took high game honors for Schoolcraft with 215 and a series runner-up finish with 518.

"I started off slow, but then was able to bounce back fairly well," Jackson said. "Sometimes you have to have a short memory. And having friends and family there to watch and support you doesn't hurt, either."

Schoolcraft now enters postseason play with the regional tournament at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia. The winners will advance to the national tournament March 2-4 at in Buffalo, N.Y.

BOYS BASKETBALL

## U-D Jesuit wraps up first place against CC

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University of Detroit-Jesuit wrapped up first place in the Catholic League's Central Division with a convincing 61-43 boys basketball victory Friday over visiting Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Illinois-Chicago-bound Greg Eboigbodin, a 6-foot-9 senior center, led the state-ranked Cubs (12-3, 6-1) with 15 points. Julian Dozier and Elijah Collins chipped in 11 and nine, respectively, as U-D led 31-16 at halftime and 47-27 after three quarters.

Catholic Central (10-5, 4-4) got a team-high 11 points from sophomore forward Davis Lukomski, while seniors C.J. Baird and Gio Genrich added seven apiece.

CC beat U-D Jesuit in an earlier meeting Jan. 24, 52-51.

**LIGGETT 67, FRANKLIN ROAD 47:** Anthony George poured in a game-high 30 points and Jackson Walkowiak added 25 Friday to lead Grosse Pointe Woods. University-Liggett (7-7, 4-4) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win over Novi Franklin Road Christian (2-13, 0-9).

The Warriors, unable to overcome a 31-15 halftime deficit, got 20 points from senior Rahmon Scruggs and 11 from freshman Mackenzie Blackwell.

Liggett was 8-of-18 from the foul line, while Franklin Road was 2-of-4. **DETROIT CC 75, GABRIEL RICHARD 43:** Eleven different players scored Feb. 7 as host Novi Detroit Catholic Central (10-4) rolled to a victory over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (4-10) in an inter-sectional match-up of Catholic League foes.

Senior forward C.J. Baird led the Shamrocks with 15 points, while sophomore forward Davis Lukomski added 11 as CC bounced back from its 71-50 Central Division setback Feb. 3 against Warren DeLaSalle.

CC, which led 38-24 at halftime and 57-39 after three quarters, also got nine points apiece from A.J. Abdenour and Brandon Recto, along with eight from Christian Girgis.

The Fighting Irish (4-10) got a game-high 18 points from Andrew Kendzicky.

CC was 7-of-15 from the foul line, while Richard was 7-of-13.

**NORTHVILLE 63, SOUTH LYON EAST 34:** Senior guard Jake Justice scored 21 points and grabbed seven rebounds in just three quarters Feb. 7 as the host Mustangs (9-5, 5-4) cruised to a KLAA Central Division triumph over South Lyon East (3-12, 0-9).

Eleven of 13 Northville players scored as Colin Latta and Gustaf Tjernberg added eight and six, respectively.

Northville led 27-18 at halftime before going on a 17-8 third-quarter run, sparked by Justice's 10 points.

"Our guys did a nice job of competing in all phases tonight and it's always fun when everyone can get into the action," said Northville coach Todd Sander, whose team made 12-of-16 free throws.

DeMani Martin scored a team-high 12 points for the Cougars, who went 6-of-15 from the foul line.

**INTER-CITY 67, FRANKLIN ROAD 47:** Nate Pardo scored 19 points and Cameron Hunter chipped in 17 as Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (3-11, 2-7) turned back Novi Franklin Road Christian (2-12, 0-8) in a MIAC Blue Division game Feb. 7.

Rahmon Scruggs scored a game-high 20 and Maxwell Holleman added 13 for the Warriors, who couldn't overcome a 28-11 halftime deficit.

Inter-City made 15-of-22 free throws, while Franklin Road hit just 11-of-24.

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ply with USA Hockey's "20-percent rule" recommendation, where no more than one-fifth of all girls players play at the Tier 1 level (19U, 16U, 14U).

The goal is for the younger levels to be more balanced and competitive and ensure girls don't burn out too quickly on the sport.

"It's the right thing to grow hockey," Henry said. "It's going to get (equal) competition. So instead of seeing games that are 10-0, 11-0, 12-0, you're going to push even competition."

"You're going to see the Tier 1 levels be more competitive in the scores and (at) the Tier 2 levels, there will be more competition that will, hopefully, retain girls in the game and make other girls who haven't tried hockey be more interested in playing."

Jean Laxton, MAHA vice president for girls/women's hockey, said the change is designed to "maintain a high standard of play at Tier 1 and prevent the dilution of Tier 1 hockey. We also hope that it will increase the growth and competition of Tier 2 teams and

offer more opportunities for girls to have age-appropriate training, where they can develop by playing at the right competitive level."

### Partnership

Henry said Compuware still had the chance to field Tier 2 teams, but instead opted to steer younger girls to Livonia Hockey Association's program at Eddie Edgar Arena. He added that Compuware and the LHA have successfully been partnering this season at the Tier 2 level.

"Compuware decided that if we field a Tier 2, we'd be competing with Livonia, our partner," Henry said. "So we're encouraging our (Tier 1) girls to either go try out for one of the other four organizations and, if you don't make it, go to Livonia (for Tier 2)."

"Compuware is going to continue to support girls hockey — by helping our Livonia partner."

USA Hockey Arena will continue to house a recreation program for girls and boys, as well as a learn to play program (for girls only).

"But as they elevate through the ranks, we're going to suggest they move on to Livonia," Henry said.

About 70 girls are being displaced

due to the MAHA ruling, including Livonia's Katie Nowak, a goalie for the Compuware 12U team.

Her dad, Jim Nowak, also assistant coach for his daughter's team, said the MAHA ruling to downsize at the Tier 1 level is somewhat of a head-scratcher.

"While I understand MAHA and USA Hockey's direction in why they decided this, it's still hard to see how this will improve girls/women's hockey in Michigan," Nowak said. "They are basically taking 68 girls that play hockey at Compuware and making them find new teams. Some definitely will move on to other teams, but they will definitely lose some girls to the game entirely, especially at the older ages."

"I have heard this comment from girls, not just on the 12U team, but older girls on the 12-19U teams. Growth of hockey interest starts at a much younger age."

Nowak, meanwhile, is optimistic that his daughter will find a way to keep going down the hockey path.

"Katie will have to compete for new teams and earn her spot on those teams," Nowak said. "Not a bad thing at all, just saw a different path at Compuware and (that's) why we came to Compuware in the first place."

"Her growth and development cannot be tied to one team or one path."

### Still a big deal

Henry scoffed at the notion that it was poor timing for Compuware's top girls teams to effectively lose a spot at the table right before the very international women's tournament they helped promote (at the February 2016 press conference) takes place.

"I don't think it's unfortunate timing, because Compuware is still going to support the event. All girls hockey in Michigan is going to have the opportunity to be around this event," Henry said about the 2017 IIHF Women's World Cup. "So it's more ... the event is bigger than Compuware and USA Hockey Arena. The event's Michigan."

"To have such a big event come to the state, it doesn't matter where the girls play, they're going to get a chance to experience it. It doesn't matter if you're from Compuware, Livonia, Honeybaked, Belle Tire, everyone's going to get to come to USA Hockey Arena to experience it."

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## BOYS HOCKEY ROUNDUP

# Shamrocks complete weekend sweep with shutout

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Carter Korpi scored twice Saturday as host Novi Detroit Catholic Central posted a 4-0 non-league boys hockey victory over Grandville at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

The second-ranked Shamrocks, winners of six of their last seven, improved to 15-6-1 overall while holding the Bulldogs to nine shots on goal.

After a scoreless opening period, Korpi got CC on the board at 9:03 of the second period, assisted by Spencer Kimball and Zachary Sprys-Tellner.

Kory McCullough made it 2-0 at 13:44 of the same period, assisted by Sprys-Tellner and Mitch Morris.

Korpi then added a power-play goal at 7:10 of the third from Rylan Clemmons and Morris to give CC a three-goal cushion. Michael Considine capped the scoring at 12:00, from Jared Lee and Brendan West.

CC goalie Sean Finstrom made nine saves to earn the shutout, while Alex Whitmore had 26 saves for the Bulldogs (10-8).

**NORTHVILLE 3, SALEM 1:** The Mustangs (16-5-1, 9-2 KLA Central) overcame a 1-0 first-period deficit Saturday to beat the host Rocks (10-9-1, 5-5-1 KLA South) in a Kensington Conference crossover at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Joey Driscoll got Salem on the board with 19 seconds remaining in the opening period, assisted by Colin Goleniak and Matthew Schamberger.

Northville's Danny Scorzo tied it just 45 seconds into the second period, with assists to Nick Bonofiglio and Daniel McKee. Luke Skillman then scored what proved to be the game-winner with 5:21 left in the third, assisted by Ty Kilar and Bonofiglio.

Nick Bogenhagen's even-strength goal from Shane Bryans and Skillman put the game away with 2:28 remaining.

"After a bit of a hangover after the first period from our game the night before, I thought the boys dug down deep and really started to play well the last two periods," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "Luke Skillman turned 18 today, had the game-winner and also got a big cut over his eye. I was say that was a pretty cool birthday for him."

Northville goalie Brett Miller made 29 saves, while Salem's Matt Visel and Tristan Rehling combined for 25.

**DETROIT CC 3, STEVENSON 1:** Livonia Stevenson (13-9) got on the board first, but Novi Detroit Catholic Central scored (14-6-1) scored three unanswered goals to earn a non-league victory Friday at USA Hockey's Olympic rink in Plymouth.

The five-time defending state champion Shamrocks fell behind 1-0 at 3:11 of the opening period on Kyle Lynch's power-play goal from Logan Dunham and Connor Jakacki.

CC's Spencer Kimball tied it at 11:12 of the same period, with Ethan Ervin drawing the assist.

The Shamrocks took the lead for keeps, 2-1, at 13:33 of the second period on Brendan West's goal from Michael Considine. Zachary Sprys-Tellner added an empty-netter with only 40 seconds remaining to seal the win.

CC goalie Sean Finstrom made 16 saves, while Will Trage made 18 stops for Stevenson, ranked No. 5 in Division 2.

**CANTON 4, NOVI 3 (OT):** Paul Maurer's goal with 2:48 left in overtime Friday gave the host Chiefs (5-13-1, 1-9 KLA South) a

Kensington Conference crossover victory over the Wildcats (9-11-2, 5-5-2) at the Arctic Edge.

Hugo Fonovic and David Gunnis both added a goal and assist, while Brendan Kacic scored the game-tying goal with only 37 seconds left in regulation.

Novi's Zach Perpich finished with a hat trick, while Evan Chippa and David DeNova both added two assists. Cam Czapski also drew an assist.

**BRIGHTON 7, NOVI 2:** Will Jentz, Drew Daavetilla and Adam Conquest each scored a pair of goals Feb. 7, leading the top-ranked Bulldogs (18-4, 10-0) to a KLA Central Division win over visiting Wildcats (9-10-2, 5-4-2) at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

The Bulldogs handed injury-riddled Novi its fifth straight loss. Jake Crespi also added a goal and two assists, while Sam Brennan collected three assists for the Bulldogs, who led 1-0 after one period and 5-2 after two. Keith Wikman chipped in two assists.

Novi got a short-handed goal and one assist from Zach Perpich, while Ryan Fonda had the other goal. Nathan Graff also drew an assist.

Logan Neaton went all the way goal for the Bulldogs, while Manny Legace Jr. was in net for Novi.

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## PREP BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

## Plymouth Christian girls defeated by Kestrels

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It was senior night for Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls basketball team Tuesday, but not much went right following pregame introductions.

All five of PCA's available seniors (Rachel Witkowski has missed most of the season due to injury and Aliyah Pries was sidelined by illness) opened the non-conference game against visiting Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central. But it didn't take long for the Kestrels to take control, cruising from start to finish in a 57-27 victory.

By the time just 3:32 had been played, senior Lydia Chapel had to sit out due to being slapped with three early personal fouls.

The Eagles (10-8) could not get the attack going, falling behind 12-4 after one quarter and 22-10 at halftime as the Kestrels (13-4) were able to box out in the paint and get rebounds and plenty of extra cracks at the basket.

"We played hard tonight, but struggled to score and get stops," PCA head coach Rod Windle said. "We were missing two key players tonight due to the flu. Early foul trouble for Lydia and Robin (Albert) impacted the game tonight as well. Senior guards Hannah Schulz and Jordan Reed did a great job pressuring the ball."

PCA's Albert was a bright spot in the opening 16 minutes, scoring six of her team's points. The only other points came on a bank shot by Schulz and a put-back by junior forward Isabel Nunez.

For St. Mary CC, some well-timed triples helped keep the team in charge. Right before the buzzer at the end of the first quarter, Alexandria Dobberstein drained a 3-pointer from the right wing to make the score 12-4.

Then, midway through the second, Katherine Bess scored a triple to make it 17-10, which answered a modest four-point run by PCA.

PCA enjoyed a brief spurt to open the second half, with a pair of buckets by senior forward Taylor Mistele (six points), slicing the deficit to 22-14.

All that did was jump-start St. Mary CC to a 15-4 run to finish the third (which ended 40-18). Two field goals by Courtney Baumann (13 points) and single buckets by Avery Treece (10 points) and Vanessa Villarreal (six points) contributed to the surge.

In addition to Mistele, the Eagles were led in scoring by Albert (six points) and Chapel (four points).

PCA senior honorees included forwards Witkowski, Pries, Chapel and Mistele, and guards Schulz, Reed and Kennedy Horne.

**PCA (BOYS) 71, CARDINAL MOONEY 57:** On Tuesday night at Marine City Cardinal Mooney, Levi Yakuber's 18-point effort spearheaded Plymouth Christian Academy to a non-conference boys basketball victory.

Helping the cause for the Eagles were Max Okolo (14 points), Andrew Fernandes (11 points) and Matt Malcolm and Jayme Fadden (10 points each).

"Good team win on the road," PCA coach Matt Windle said. "We dominated the glass. We had all of our guys scoring tonight. We worked the ball well and got high percentage shots."

**ROCH. LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 62, LUTH. WESTLAND (BOYS) 59:** Despite 32 points from Zach Burk — who eclipsed 1,000 points in his career, the first ever to do so for the Warriors — Lutheran Westland fell short Tuesday in a MIAC Red Division boys basketball contest.

Luke Smith tallied 16 points and seven rebounds for Lutheran Westland.

"I am proud of Zach and his accomplishment in surpassing 1,000 points," coach Kevin Wade said. "That definitely comes from a lot of hard work and great teammates who support him as well."

"To finally see someone surpass 1,000 is an incredible accomplishment, considering in 31 years we've had no one eclipse that mark."

Lutheran Westland trailed 35-23 at



Kennedy Horne (left) of Plymouth Christian puts up a jumper Tuesday.



Plymouth Christian seniors Hannah Schulz (from left), Taylor Mistele and Jordan Reed wait for Courtney Baumann of Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central to dribble into the Eagles' zone.

halftime and made a late push in the fourth, but it was not enough.

**LUTH. WESTLAND (GIRLS) 37, OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 29:** Rachel Reddeman and Kelli Orme scored 14 and 11 points, respectively, to spark the road Warriors (14-4, 7-2). Reddeman also pulled down 13 rebounds.

"We did a really good job moving the ball offensively tonight to find the open person," coach Sandi Wade said. "Defensively, we were able to get 20 steals which led to some easy transitional points."

"Oakland Christian came within six in the fourth quarter, but we made a few baskets when needed and pulled out the win. We have two games left in regular season play, we are looking to keep working hard in practice to finish the regular season strong heading into districts."

**INTER-CITY BAPTIST 50, PCA (GIRLS) 40:** On Friday, Plymouth Christian came up short in a hard-fought battle against Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

Robin Albert had a strong game for the Eagles (10-7, 3-3 in the MIAC Blue) with 17 points and 17 rebounds. Taylor Mistele chipped in eight points and eight rebounds.

Senior Lydia Chapel was injured in the second quarter.

### KLAA girls tournament

**NOVI 40, PLYMOUTH 28:** In the first round of the KLAA tournament on Tuesday, Chantal LeDoux and Alexa

Abeling scored 10 and six points, respectively, but their contributions were not enough for Plymouth (7-10).

Helping the cause with five points each were Elle McCaslin and Gabby Chouinard.

Plymouth will host Waterford Mott on Thursday.

**CANTON 47, S.L. EAST 40:** A balanced offense helped Canton earn a KLAA tournament-opening win Tuesday at South Lyon East.

Leading the Chiefs (14-3) with eight points each were Alaina Heitmeyer and Shanya Butler. Madison Wolfbauer helped out with seven points and nine rebounds.

Other Canton contributors were Carli Vaughn (seven points), Erin Hult (six points), Samantha Mattern (five points, nine boards), Ashley Criscenti (four points) and Raquel Church (two points).

"We got solid contributions from a number of players tonight," Canton coach Rob Heitmeyer said. "Carli Vaughn gave us seven points in the first half, Shanya Butler was very effective in getting to the rim all night, Raquel Church played lock-down defense, helping us set a tone, and Ashley Criscenti was solid on both ends of the floor."

Lucy Cronin scored 13 for the Cougars, while Mackenzie Mallory tallied nine.

Canton will host Novi (13-4) Thursday in the conference semifinal.

## BOYS HOCKEY

## Northville topples top-ranked Brighton

Tom Morelli  
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In life, there's a small list of natural phenomena that just can't be explained.

Since the calendar flipped to 2017, Northville (15-5-1 overall, 8-2-0 KLA Central) has been on a 10-1-1 streak, earning it the No. 4 spot in the latest Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association Division 1 poll.

The Mustangs have faced a murderer's row of elite competition along the way, beating the likes of Lake Orion (No. 7 in Division 1), Livonia Churchill (No. 4 in Division 2) and both Calumet and Houghton (Nos. 3 and 7 in Division 3).

But perhaps its most impressive victory came Friday when Northville pulled off a 3-2 upset over Brighton, the top-ranked team in Division 1.

To add to the mystique, it was the first loss in the conference for the Bulldogs (17-4-0, 9-1-0), who had just clinched the KLAA Central title.

"Brighton is a great team and we know that they're going to come with speed and block shots," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "It's been a big game that we've had circled on the calendar and it was important to our boys. We were committed to playing simple — getting pucks out, blocking shots, getting to the net and using our speed and I thought we did all those things well."

Senior forward Nick Bonofiglio got things rolling for the Mustangs in the first period by firing a one-timer off the face-off draw from linemate Ty Kilar with 1:07 remaining.

"I just pull it back and try to rip it as hard as I can," Bonofiglio said. "I have three or four goals just off that face-off and the goalies haven't been in the right position and have been leaving the high left side open."

Brighton answered in the second period, scoring two goals in a four-minute span.

With the man advantage, senior forward Ben Peterson worked the puck behind the net before centering a pass in front for Spencer Gehres at the 15:06 mark. The next came at 11:18, as junior defenseman Brody White began the charge from the defensive zone, passing the puck to senior forward Jake Crespi. As he skated past into Northville territory, Crespi made a cross-ice pass to Peterson for the finish over goaltender Brett Miller.

The Mustangs were able to tie it at 2-2 halfway through the period on a rebound shot by junior forward Devin Laba. The closing minutes turned out to be the most compelling, with Brighton being down a skater due to a cross-checking call.

Northville managed to convert the power-play opportunity with just two seconds left in the penalty, courtesy of Bonofiglio going stick-side against goaltender Logan Neaton to score his second game-winner in as many games. Earning assists were junior forward Jimmy Dales and Kilar.

"Bonofiglio is a power forward and reminds me of (Brendan) Shanahan a little bit with a good shot," Robert said. "We've been trying to convince Bonofiglio that, if he hits the net, he's going to score. He's been hitting the net and scoring a lot and he's been huge for us. It's not just on the offensive side — he does a nice job on the defensive side, too, by blocking shots. He's a solid, all-around player for us."

Despite regaining their lead, it was anything but smooth skating for the Mustangs in the waning moments, as a cross-checking call, coupled with Brighton pulling its goalie, made it a six-on-four for the final 1:36.

The Bulldogs put together one last drive in the final 30 seconds, but a shot from between the face-off circles bounced off the post to help preserve Northville's win.

Miller had 24 stops to his credit, compared to a 19-save performance by Neaton.

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