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Board reaches accord on appointees

Members approve some new, some old nominees

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Canton's elected leaders have reached a breakthrough to fill vacant seats on local boards and commissions, ending an earlier split that had Democrats blocking a majority of nominees by Republican Supervisor Pat Williams.

Williams issued a public appeal for a wider field of candidates after Democratic township board members in January called for stepped-up efforts to attract new candidates for positions tied to is-

suces such as hearing residential property tax appeals and guiding retail development along the Ford Road corridor.

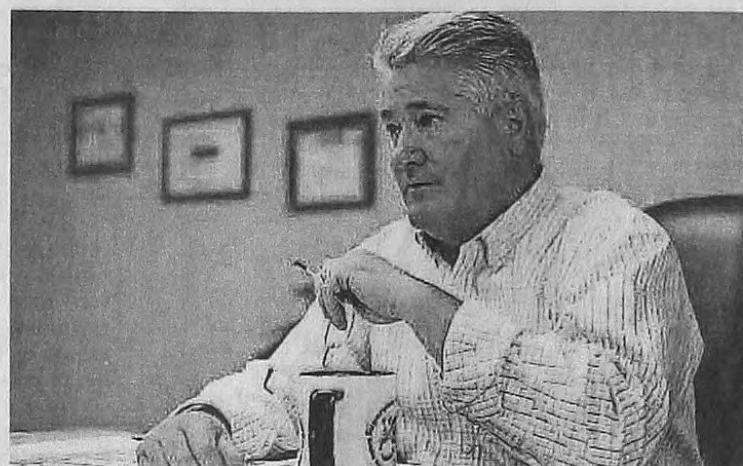
Williams said he received more than 40 new applicants, allowing him to revise his list of nominees to reflect both seasoned and new appointees. His new picks won sweeping support this month from the township board.

Some nominees, rejected in January, won approval in the latest vote, while some newcomers also were chosen for the boards and commissions. "We had a mixture of expe-

rienced folks come back to be appointed, along with the new faces that the new (township) board wanted to see," Williams said.

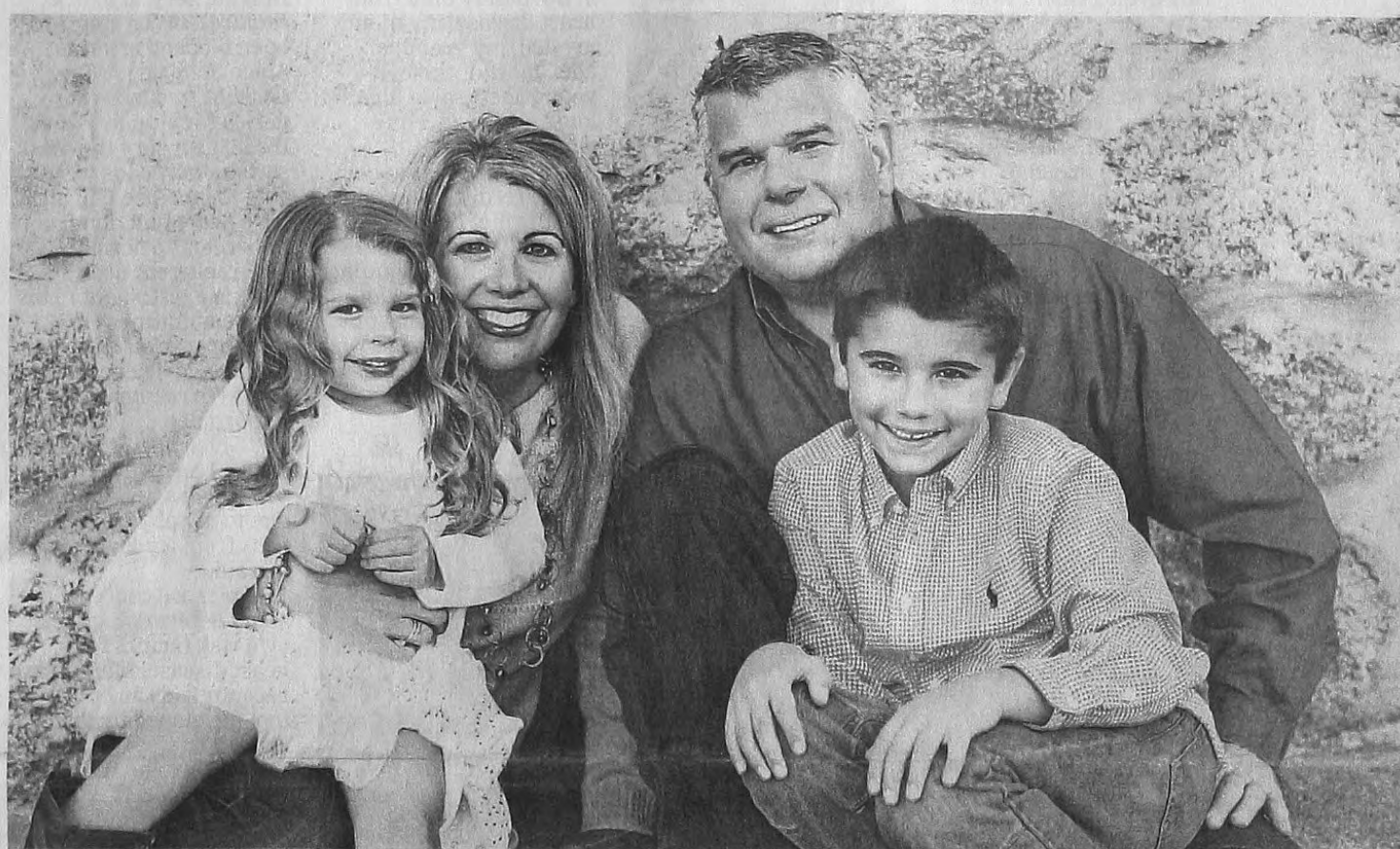
The board shifted in the November election, going from a 6-1 Republican majority to 5-2 Democratic control. However, the seats they fill on local boards and commissions are considered non-partisan.

In some cases, the township board this month used its authority to increase the number of appointees on certain boards and commissions to accommodate more members. Trustee Steven Sneedman, the board's



Supervisor Pat Williams has won sweeping approval of his latest nominees for local boards and commissions.

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Jennifer Kahn of Beverly Hills, the passion speaker for the American Heart Association of Southeast Michigan's Go Red for Women campaign, is pictured with her family. She survived a massive heart attack shortly after giving birth.

School board mulls choice options

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With five years of increasing enrollment behind them, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district officials are once again considering a limited school of choice option for the 2017-18 school year.

Having added some 344 students in the five years since instituting a limited SOC option before the 2012-13 school year, the Board of Education is considering an administration proposal to add up to another 250 K-8 seats this year, with a minimum of one seat in the IB program for freshmen and sophomores.

"It's been a really good thing for our district to talk about stabilizing enrollment and not talk about (student) loss," said Nicholas Brandon, the district's director of communications. "School of choice has helped us do that."

For the current school year, P-CCS had more than 100 students enroll K-8, while another 35 enrolled in the high school IB program.

Brandon said the SOC option has allowed Plymouth-Canton to offer options to Canton residents who reside in the Van Buren Public Schools district, but also to other surrounding SOC districts such as Livonia, Romulus and Wayne-Westland.

In an environment when families are looking for more educational choices, Brandon said, the district's participation is a good thing.

"It's gotten us into the school of choice game," he said. "It gets us into that competition (with surrounding districts)."

According to information provided by the district, the SOC program has provided a boost to the district's revenue. It generated some \$57,000 in a very limited program in 2012-13, but grew by more than \$1.4 million in 2015-16 and a projected \$2.6 million this year.

Overall, SOC has generated some \$4.9 million in revenue. According to Anthony Ruel-

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STORIES FROM THE HEART: A TOP-RANKED KILLER

Jill Halpin
Correspondent

What do two young mothers — one living in Canton Township and another from Beverly Hills — have in common with a 71-year old Commerce Township man?

Not much, except that all three suffer from heart disease, the leading cause of death among both men and women in the United States, according to the American Heart Association.

"Heart disease is the No. 1 killer, not just of men, but women. One in seven Americans dies from heart disease and over 750,000 Americans each year has a heart attack," said Dr. Shukri David, chairman of the St. John Providence Heart and Vascular Center of Excellence.



David

February is American Heart Month, a month-long initiative aimed at raising awareness of the disease that kills more people than all forms of cancer combined. While these statistics may be alarming, it is equally surprising to learn that a large majority of heart disease and stroke events may be averted.

"Approximately 80 percent of heart disease is preventable with lifestyle changes. It is very possible to reduce your risk factors," said Dr. Pamela Marcovitz, director of Beaumont's Ministrelli Women's Heart Center.

While some risk factors, such as age, gender and family history, are not changeable, others, such as blood pressure, weight, cholesterol levels, smoking, diet, physical

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DR. PAMELA MARCOVITZ

activity levels and diabetes, can be modified.

The modifiable risk factors are the ones to address, Marcovitz said.

"Knowing your numbers — your blood pressure, your cholesterol levels both good and bad, as well as your body mass index — is very important," she said.

Educating patients on the importance of reducing risk factors is a major objective for both Marcovitz and David. It is also the goal of Jenni-



Marcovitz

fer Kahn of Beverly Hills. The 43-year old mother of two was selected as the passion speaker for the American Heart Association of Southeast Michigan's Go Red for Women campaign this year, providing an opportunity to share her own life-and-death experience with heart disease.

Kahn's traumatic heart event took place four years ago. She had recently given birth to her daughter when she began experiencing shortness of breath, jaw pain, arm-pain and back pain, she said.

"It was early Thanksgiving morning and I was taking care of my newborn daughter. I felt awful and I thought I might be coming down with pneumonia. I had all classic of the symptoms of a heart attack, but I didn't realize it," she said. Rather than call 9-1-1 immediately — as is recom-



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mended — Kahn decided to try to rest in hope that the symptoms would subside.

When Kahn finally had her husband drive her to the hospital, she suffered a massive heart attack and went into congestive heart failure. She found that, indeed, she was not experiencing the onset of pneumonia, but rather a spontaneous coronary artery dissection, the result of a hormonal issue related to her pregnancy.

She was lucky, she said, that doctors were able to repair some of the damage to her heart.

However, just four years past the event that has left her dependent on heart medication for the rest of her life, she has made it her mission to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of heart attack (see sidebar). She also hopes to raise awareness of among OB-GYNs and new mothers that, although rare, it is possible to have a serious heart condition related to birth.

“Knowing the signs and symptoms could save your life,” she said.

Erin Sargent of Canton has a message to share with others as well: trust yourself.

Sargent, a 37-year-old mother of two, suffered a life-threatening event in 2011, just a few months

after the birth of her son.

Not long after delivering her son, Sargent began to experience extreme fatigue and an ongoing fever, baffling doctors who at first suspected a breast infection or post-partum changes. It took three months of recurring doctor visits with no diagnosis before Sargent sought the advice of an infectious disease specialist, who determined that she was suffering from infective endocarditis — an inflammation of the inner tissues of the heart.

Unfortunately, the infection did not respond to antibiotics, instead attacking and destroying her aortic valve, leading to a brain hemorrhage.

“I was told that I only had a 30-percent chance of making it through,” Sargent said.

It was ultimately determined that, unbeknownst to her, Sargent was born with an abnormal aortic valve, which left her prone to heart valve infection.

Now, almost six years later, a fully-recovered Sargent reflects on her life-changing heart event.

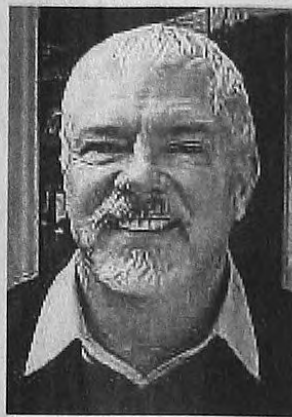
“I’m grateful for the doctors that were able to diagnose me properly. However, I wish I would have been persistent with the first set of physicians that I sought help from. I knew that something was seriously wrong and I should have been more insistent about finding the right answer,” she said.

She is hopeful that others will remember to be dogged in seeking answers to health issues.

“The fatigue, the general ill-feeling that continues ... check it out. If you know that something



Canton Township resident Erin Sargent suffered a brain hemorrhage due to an undiagnosed heart condition. She is pictured with her two children and nephew.



John Gilgallon of Commerce Township has a strong family history of heart disease.

Commerce Township’s John Gilgallon has been aware of his family’s strong history of heart disease almost his entire 71 years.

“Just about everyone in my family died from heart disease: my mom, my dad, my grandparents, most of them at a young age,” said Gilgallon, a semi-retired financial adviser.

As a result, Gilgallon was careful to maintain a healthy diet and exercise regularly throughout his life to stay fit: swimming, running, even working out with the gymnastics team at the University of Michigan when he was a student there in the 1960s.

The impetus behind his exercise regimen was simple: “I knew that I was going to have to deal with it (heart disease) at some point,” he said.

He was correct. His first surgery, at age 58, required seven stents to open blocked arteries. Since then, he has undergone two more surgeries for similar issues; the last surgery the most serious, surgeons were able to increase Gilgallon’s heart function from 10 percent to normal.

His current healthy state is a testament to his firm commitment to regular exercise, he believes, and he encourages others to recognize its importance.

“Given all of the heart issues I have had, I have never had a heart attack, due to my physical fitness from a young age,” he said.

For those concerned about determining their own risk factors for heart disease, Marcovitz recommends an online tool developed by the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association.

“Just type in ‘ASCVD’ into the Google search bar and fill in the numbers to calculate your risk,” she said.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

While chest pain is still the most common symptom of a heart attack in both men and women, there are other warning signs as well, such as discomfort in other areas of the upper body, according to information from the American Heart Association.

Other symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach; shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort; or breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

However, both Dr. Shukri David, chairman of the St. John Providence Heart and Vascular Center of Excellence, and Dr. Pamela Marcovitz, director of Beaumont’s Minirelli Women’s Heart Center, say that there can be disparities in symptoms with women.

“While many times women will present with the same symptoms, there can be differences, too. That is why it is so important that physicians take a more detailed history with women,” David said.

“Many women will present with fatigue or notice things like, ‘I am not getting enough air’ or ‘I am short of breath when I walk up a flight of stairs,’” David said, “It is very important to check these symptoms out.”

Marcovitz said that sudden onset of weakness with no chest pain can be a symptom in women.

“They can feel extremely weak and sweaty and/or with shortness of breath. Sometimes flu-like symptoms can occur in women, but it is important to remember that the flu does not come on suddenly,” Marcovitz said.

Prompt medical attention is crucial, David said, advising that those experiencing symptoms call EMS.

“Don’t wait for the symptoms to go away. Call 9-1-1 immediately,” he said.

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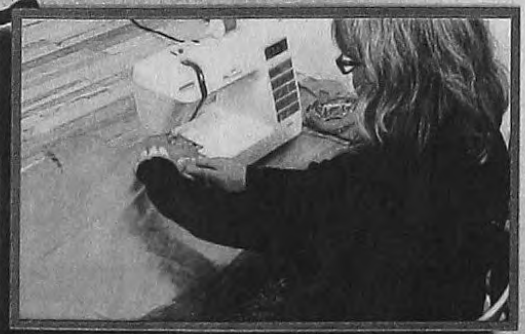
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la, the district's executive director of data services, SOC students have achieved at comparable levels to resident students and have not presented any kind of behavior problems.

According to Ruella, SOC students generated only 33 referrals, resulting in just three suspensions. By comparison, he said, the overall population of some 17,000 students had some 320 suspensions and three expulsions.

Test scores also show SOC students keeping up with the performance of resident students, Ruella pointed out. Some 71 percent of SOC students are at or above proficiency in reading, compared to 76 percent of resident students. Some 78 percent are at or



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Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Monica Merritt said the district must offer parents options in a competitive educational environment.

above proficiency in reading; resident students are at 79 percent.

The board is likely to vote on the proposal at its Feb. 28 meeting. If it's

approved, the district would have 30 days to market the program, families would have 30 days to apply and would be notified of the results before the end of the school year.

Superintendent Monica Merritt understands not everyone likes the school of choice option, but that it's a necessity in today's competitive environment.

"Is school of choice an ideal formula? No," Merritt said. "We're taking students from other districts. The reality is that's how we're forced to function. As we're accepting students, we're also losing students."

"Parents have choice and they will exercise that choice," she added. "If we're not giving them a choice here, they will find other means to have that choice."

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BOARD

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senior Democrat, lauded the list of approved appointees that he said better reflects larger segments of the Canton community.

"I think we're on the same page now and we're working well together to find the best candidates in our community for these positions," Sneiderman said. "We have a good path going forward."

Here's a breakdown of the latest series of votes that occurred Feb. 14:

» The board, reversing its January decision, agreed to reappoint Carol Richardson and Anthony Rosati for two-year terms on the Canton Board of Review, which oversees local property tax appeals. The board also accepted Williams' new picks of Charles Tenbroeck and Elizabeth "Lisa" Manwell and, as an alternate, Lois Beerbaum.

» The board approved the reappointment of Greg Trombley and Jo-

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PAT WILLIAMS
township supervisor

seph Philips to two-year terms on the Canton Building Board of Appeals. The board reversed its earlier vote and supported Williams' pick of Gianfranco "John" Palazzolo, while also approving newcomers Harpreet Singh Sachdeva and Michael Schultz.

» The board supported Williams' nomination to reappoint Janet Volante to a four-year term on the Canton Downtown Development Authority.

Trustee Anne Marie Graham-Hudak applauded the township board's efforts to approve a mix of seasoned appointees and newcomers.

"I am encouraged," she said. "There was a really good response (by applicants) and I'm happy about that."

Township officials

agreed that Canton is a community rich in talent and that it should never lack qualified applicants for local boards and commissions.

"There is a tremendous amount of talent throughout the Canton community," Williams said. "We will never have trouble finding good, qualified people to help us run the community."

Graham-Hudak agreed, saying applicants who didn't make the latest cut can remain on a list for possible future appointments.

"I'm encouraged that we have a good list that we will put into place as those openings come up," she said.

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Canton Foundation accepts scholarship apps

For 26 years, the Canton Community Foundation has been awarding scholarships to deserving students in Canton and surrounding communities in order to help them achieve their academic aspirations.

Each year, the foundation awards approximately 30 scholarships. Over the years, more than 700 students have received in excess of \$700,000 in scholarships, thanks to the generosity of many donors.

Whether you are an athlete, an art enthusiast, a general good student or spend your time volunteering in the community, there is a scholarship out there.

This year, the Canton Community Foundation is excited to announce several new scholar-

ships. The Canton Police Benevolence Fund created a scholarship for students around Wayne County who have participated in a recognized Police Explorer program. The Livonia firefighters are offering two scholarships to Livonia residents attending any college, university or trade school. And a memorial scholarship fund was also created which offers two different scholarships: one for those involved in P-CCS pom pon and the other for students planning to attend or currently attending Washtenaw Community College who are enrolled in the automotive and motorcycle technology program.

To apply, students can go to www.cantonfoundation.org; click on the

"Scholarship" button on the left side of the page and fill out the simple online application. One application will register students for all but one of the scholarships, making it a quick and simple process. The Livonia firefighters scholarships have a separate application.

The scholarship application is open until March 17. Scholarship recipients are notified in late April, with an awards ceremony in May.

For more information about the scholarships, the application process or the Canton Community Foundation, contact Beth Meade, managing director of donor relations, at bmeade@cantonfoundation.org or 734-495-1200.

Gunman imprisoned for motel robbery

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An Ypsilanti gunman who robbed a Canton motel of \$450, a laptop and a business cellphone will have a long time to ponder it.

Tevaughn Terrell Davis, 24, has been sentenced to 11-20 years in prison for a tense situation that unfolded about 4:40 a.m. last June 10 inside the Super 8 motel on Michigan Avenue, near Lotz.

His sentencing came Feb. 9 by Wayne County Circuit Judge Shannon Walker after Davis pleaded guilty in January to armed robbery, being a felon in possession of a handgun, assault with a dangerous weapon, felony firearm and being a third-degree habitual offender, court records show.

Davis, who already had a criminal history involving prison, pleaded guilty to every charge against him in Canton. His sentencing also encompassed similar charges for separate crimes he committed in Van Buren Township.

Witnesses told police Davis went inside the Canton motel, jumped over the counter and robbed an employee at gunpoint. No shots were fired and no one was injured.

Authorities captured Davis one day later at an Ann Arbor hotel after receiving a tip on his whereabouts. Michigan Department of Corrections records indicate he



Davis

had been paroled from prison just five months before the Super 8 robbery.

MDOC records show Davis already had a criminal history of home invasion, resisting and obstructing police and conspiring to bring a co-defendant into prison.

Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said Davis was arrested for the latest incidents after a joint investigation by police in Canton, Ann Arbor and Van Buren Township.

Early on, Canton police Lt. Craig Wilsher had said a lone gunman escaped with an undisclosed amount of money from the motel. Police have since revealed that Davis took \$450, a laptop and a motel-owned cellphone.

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The holiday was intended to commemorate the singular, historic accomplishments of George Washington. Feb. 22 (not the third Monday of February) is Washington's true birthday. After he was given to the ages, the country began to celebrate his birthday as an unofficial holiday. In 1879, Feb. 22 became an



Michael Warren
GUEST COLUMNIST

official federal holiday.

That Washington should receive special recognition was once a self-evident truth. He played a leading role in the skirmish that set off the French and Indian War. That war led to enormous debt for the British Empire, which led to the British imposing taxation without representation. The British policy was a leading spark to the American Revolution. Washington then led the Continental Army against the British. Through a series of amazing logistical and strategic actions, he wore down the finest military on the planet and gained independence for America. In a masterstroke, he retired from public service. Anxious to return home to Mt.

Vernon, he allowed the seed of freedom to sprout.

Several years later, he was called back to service to preside over the Constitutional Convention. His presence was indispensable to its success and the ratification of the Constitution. Not content to let Washington leave the field again, he was the only person unanimously elected (twice) as president. As the first president, he created many of the traditions and initiated many policies that dominate even today. He refused the major trappings of royalty and understood his role as a president of a republic. After his second term, he voluntarily retired. This act of relinquishing power was unparalleled in modern history. His nemesis, King George III, then declared him the "greatest character of the age." For once, the king was right.

There was a time

when Washington's accomplishments were recognized each year. Now we are lucky if we learn about them in third grade or high school. Although there are many reasons for this denigration, it was all but assured by the ruining of his holiday. Prodded by commercial and labor interests, President Richard Nixon issued an executive order setting Washington's birthday as the third Monday in February. (One must wonder about the separation of powers issue presented by this order, but that is for another article.) Soon, businesses and the popular culture transformed the day to Presidents' Day. Technically, the federal holiday remains Washington's — but realistically, it celebrates nothing.

The gutting of the holiday has consequences. Like a religious liturgical calendar — which renews the faith of followers — America

needs a civic calendar. This calendar should make us pause in the hustle and bustle of the day to give thanks and remembrance for our blessings. We still have the calendar (Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Veterans Day), but it has become so cheapened by money and three-day weekends that it is worthless.

In his first inaugural address, Washington explained that "the preservation of the sacred fire of liberty and the destiny of the republican model of government are justly considered, perhaps, as deeply, as finally, staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people." As the heirs of that experiment, we must maintain that sacred fire of liberty. Accordingly, we should discard the pretense of Presidents' Day and renew Washington's birthday.

Washington's importance is why he holds a prominent position in Patriot Week, co-founded by me and my then-10-year-old daughter Leah. Patriot Week is renewing our civic calendar by celebrating the First Principles, Founding Fathers and other patriots, vital documents and speeches and flags that make America the greatest nation in world history. Anchored by the key dates of Sept. 11 and Sept. 17 (Constitution Day), Patriot Week renews America's spirit and has captures the imagination and support of citizens across the nation.

Let us answer the challenge of freedom by vigorously celebrating Washington's birthday and Patriot Week.

Michael Warren is an Oakland County Circuit Court judge, co-founder of Patriot Week (PatriotWeek.org) and author of "America's Survival Guide" (AmericasSurvivalGuide.com).

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 or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Lenten Fish Fry

St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne will host its Lenten Fish Frys again this year. The weekly Fish Frys will start on Friday, March 3, 4-7 p.m., and run for seven weeks through Good Friday, April 14. We are offering our delicious \$7 or \$10 dinners. You can choose from fried or baked fish, shrimp dinner or Mac-N-Cheese. Each meal comes with French fries or baked potato, cole slaw, roll and lemonade, water or coffee. For an additional small charge desserts and pop are available. You certainly will have plenty to eat and good conversation with your neighbors and parishioners or you can have your meal ready to take out.

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.

Spring North Show

The Detroit Coin Club 55th annual Spring Coin Show is 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the Livonia Senior Center,

15218 Farmington. It will feature U.S. and foreign coin dealers, free admission and a snack bar. You can get your coins, currency or other numismatic items appraised or you can turn them into cash.

The NWDCC meets at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Livonia Senior Center, featuring a coin auction at every meeting, discussions, speakers and everyone in metro Detroit is invited to join. Facebook is North West Detroit Coin Club-Michigan and website is nwdcc.org.

Community craft-making gathering

The public is invited to gather and do your own special crafts with others, enjoying the fellowship and fun and having an opportunity to see what crafts others are involved in creating. This is a free event and you are to bring all your own craft materials. This event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, near the intersection of Eight Mile in Livonia. For more information, all 248-434-3444 or email the church at clarenceville-church@gmail.com.

Mineral auction

Roamin Club Special Auction of mineral and lapidary material will be March 4-5 at Schoolcraft College Vistatech Center. Auction for the benefit of the Roamin Endowment Fund and Scholarship Fund at Schoolcraft College. Hourly silent and verbal auctions and special children's auctions. Contact Clarence Sterling 248-981-9673

Hearing loss meeting

Join a Rap Session that allow guests to share questions, concerns, successes and disappointments in an open session that focuses on individual needs. There is no cost and is open to all 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at the Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Contact Tony at 734-664-3297 or aferack@comcast.net

3D Photography Club meeting

The club meets 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road. The meeting will feature a presentation of the annual Stereo Sequence Competition entries. These are short programs using up to 20 stereo images by 3D photographers from around the world. After a refreshment break, we'll also have our final "Freebie" drawing of the season for free 3D items, and conclude with our monthly club 3D image competi-

tion. We invite everyone to join us to see lots of award-winning 3D images. The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

Be a Miracle League volunteer

The Miracle League in Plymouth needs two coaches for the 2017 season. Teams will consist of players ages 5-11. If interested, contact Shari Bilkie, shari@miracleleagueplymouth.org.

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

Blazer family auction gala

On Feb. 25, the Ladywood Blazer Family is holding the 21st annual Auction and Gala — the "2017 Blazers Enchanted Evening."

The Auction & Gala will be held at Ladywood High School, 14680 Newburgh Road, in Livonia, starting with Mass in the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft, at 4:30 p.m. The evening continues at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction, open bar, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, music, dancing and live auction — all for \$85/person. Buy tickets at www.ladywood.org or call Ladywood at 734-591-1544 for more information.

Coffee with a cop

The Canton Police Department invites residents to pull up a chair, grab a cup of coffee and get to know their local police officers from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 25. Residents can ask questions and tell officers about their neighborhood and any concerns. The event is at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton.

Shrove Tuesday pancakes

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 16360 Hubbard Road. For more information, call the parish at 734-421-8451 or go to <https://standrews.episcopalchurch.livonia.org>.

Caregiver support

The Dorothy & Peter Brown Adult Day Program holds free monthly family caregiver support group meetings at two locations. Respite care may be available during the day meetings; if interested, inquire when you RSVP.

JVS, 29699 Southfield Road, Southfield:

» 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, Alzheimer's Association meeting for family caregivers of older adults with memory loss

» 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, March 20, for family

caregivers of all older adults

For information or to RSVP for either meeting, contact Dorothy Moon at 248-233-4392 or dmooon@jvsdet.org.

Jewish Senior Life, Brown Center, 6720 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield:

» 1:30-3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 9, Alzheimer's Association meeting for family caregivers of older adults with memory loss

» Call for information about the evening support group meeting for family caregivers of all older adults

For information or to RSVP for meeting, contact Joely Lyons at 248-592-5032 or jlyons@jslmi.org.

Garden City Lions breakfast

For the 26th consecutive year, the Garden City Lions will host its annual pancake breakfast. This year's event is set for 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, call Bob at 734-612-1775 or Vicki at 734-524-1330.

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, confidentially, 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 because several steps must be completed prior to 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 at 888-983-9050 with questions or to apply for a brief interview.

Red Wings suite raffle

The Livonia Jaycees 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 or at 37699 Six Mile, Suite 250, Livonia.

Friday Night Glow Skate

The Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland hosts a Glow Skate from 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. All area Catholics who are interested in this subject are welcome. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard Road, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia. For more information, call the parish at 734-261-1455, ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

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 from 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 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 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.

Message to Trott: Meet your constituents

Jay Grossman
hometownlife.com

Cherie Horrigan-Happy stood on the side of Big Beaver Road for her daughter Sarah, a cancer survivor.

"At age 23, she was diagnosed with stage 4 Hodgkin lymphoma," Horrigan-Happy said. "She had six months of chemo and four months of radiation and currently she just had a malignant non-cancerous tumor removed from her pituitary gland."

The Bloomfield Hills resident was one of several dozen people attending a protest rally Tuesday in front of Republican Congressman Dave Trott's home office in Troy. She said their biggest beef with Trott and other Republicans is the possible repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

"My daughter is now 31 and she's anticipating health problems all her life," Horrigan-Happy said. "She has private insurance right now, but I'm concerned if the ACA goes away, they can eventually deny her coverage."

Organized by a statewide political group called the Michigan People's Campaign, the rally was complete with a loudspeaker, posters – even someone dressed in a chicken outfit to suggest Trott is "chicken" when it comes to meeting his constituents. According to one of the



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Protesters called for the saving of the Affordable Care Act, among other things, in a rally outside of U.S. Rep. Dave Trott's office in Troy.

organizers, Trott hasn't met directly with the voters of the 11th District in more than 600 days.

"These people just want to meet with him and talk," said Hank Wisner, 27, of Detroit, who was passing out fliers for the group.

This was the fourth protest the group has organized against Trott in the past week. Trott himself is reportedly in India as part of a congressional visit, and several calls and emails to his district office in Washington, D.C. regarding the rallies went unanswered.

"I want him to know how his votes affect me in Michigan," said protester Marjorie Mitchell, 75, of Farmington. "And I want him to hear what people are saying ... contrary to popular belief, the ACA is not a



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Grace Piazza, 3, of Troy and her mother Julie protest outside of U.S. Rep. Dave Trott's office.

complete disaster." Debbie Carr-Taylor of Plymouth Township said Trott and other state Republicans who are being targeted in similar protests need to meet with their constituents –



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Londell Thomas of SEIU speaks at the rally outside of U.S. Rep. Dave Trott's office in Troy.



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Jill Farber of West Bloomfield protests at the rally outside of U.S. Rep. Dave Trott's office in Troy.

regardless of their differences.

"Dave Trott feels he can ignore the constituents who disagree with his position," Carr-Taylor said. "He doesn't have to agree with me on every

issue, but the more he ignores us, the more we'll come out in greater numbers."

Trott, 56, a graduate of Cranbrook Schools, easily won re-election last November with 53

percent of the vote against Democrat Anil Kumar, who won 40 percent of the vote.

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Stranger in automobile approaches girl, 12, on Canton's west side

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A 12-year-old girl walking alone on Canton's west side managed to flee to safety after a male stranger pulled alongside her in his car and asked her to get

inside, police said. The incident occurred shortly after 11:30 a.m. Monday in the Cherry Hill Village area, prompting police to warn residents to remain vigilant and to report any further "stranger danger" incidents, suspi-

cious people or vehicles. The girl was walking alone when a suspect described as a white male, in his 30s or 40s, pulled alongside her in a silver or gray, four-door, mid-sized sedan, authorities said. Police say the man had a dark goatee

and wore a beanie cap and a hooded sweatshirt. The girl fled to a nearby friend's house when the man asked her to get into his vehicle, which was last seen in the area of Cherry Hill and Denton roads. Detective Sgt. Dan

Traylor said Monday evening there had been no further reports of similar incidents in Canton. "It's an open investigation at this time," he said. Residents are urging anyone who has information about the incident to

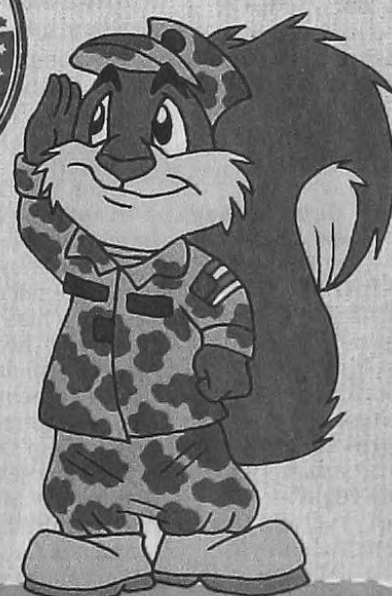
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Meet Buddy, the dog who makes police officers smile

Sharon Dargay
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Buddy the Maltese is just "one of the guys." "We call him the PD Pooch. When he is walking the halls he is on pooch patrol," said Laurie Demko, Milford Police administrative assistant. "He fits in. He doesn't wander or beg for food. He's not a yipper. He's not a barker. He blends in and hangs out."

Buddy, 14, tags along with Demko to the police department twice a week. While she works, he lounges on a dog bed under her desk. When she leaves her office, he



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Milford Police Dept. administrative assistant Laurie Demko hangs out with her dog Buddy on Feb. 3 at the Atlantic Street office.

follows closely behind. Buddy has made a lot of friends on the police

force since he began accompanying Demko to work last year. Officers

stop by Demko's desk to pet and play with the toy-sized dog, sometimes calling him by nickname.

"I have him do tricks for the guys," said Demko, who taught him how to "high five." "As soon as they see Buddy they smile. It lightens the mood here. It's good for everybody."

Chief Tom Lindberg agrees that Buddy brings a "calming influence" to the department.

"Buddy is very low maintenance, a very pleasant friend and a good conversation piece for people visiting the department," said Lindberg, who has owned Lab-

rador retrievers and golden retrievers over the years. "Sometimes our cadets sit outside (in dispatch) for 12- and eight-hour shifts. Buddy goes in and visits with them."

Lindberg allowed Demko to bring Buddy to the police department last year when she had work scheduled at her house. She was hesitant about leaving the dog alone at home with workers.

"I brought Buddy in and he spent the afternoon. Everyone made a big fuss over him. Chief Lindberg liked him right away. He said, you can

bring Buddy back any time."

A few days later Buddy returned to work with her and has been a twice-weekly fixture in the department ever since.

Demko, who is married and a grandmother, was a "cat person" when she was growing up in Milford. Buddy was her son's dog during his college days in California. After a break-up, he gave buddy, who was then 8 months old, to his parents.

"He was a little puff ball," Demko said. "Buddy melted my heart."

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LETTERS

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Numismatists and Philatelists

How can you send someone out to do a spot on a subject they have no clue about and don't even know the appropriate terminology to use? The amateur who wrote this article should have at least looked up numismatist in the dictionary before using the word. Oh, I'm sorry; I meant they should have Googled numismatist on the Internet before using the word. I'm showing my age, who uses a dictionary anymore?

Don't you have proofreaders that at least peruse these pieces before they go to press? The O&E staff should be ashamed of themselves for letting this blatant error get out to the public. It certainly doesn't make you look very reliable when you don't know what you're reporting on.

Roger Skulsky
Canton

What's the reason?

Trump withdrew the name of Andrew Puzder to be labor secretary after he was informed by Senate GOP Majority Leader Mitch O'Connell there were insufficient Republican senators who would confirm him. Strange that Republican senators ignored all signs of the anti-labor Puzder, but quickly changed their opinion of Puzder after it was learned of allegations of spouse abuse by ex-wife Lisa Fierstein.

The allegations about Puzder, CEO of Hardee's and Carl's Jr., include systematic abuse of employees, refusal to pay overtime and his remarks about female employees. Puzder was often quoted as saying he would prefer to employ robots as his employees complained too much.

All these issues and more were known by the Republican senators about Puzder's abuse of his employees, but they did not act until Puzder's spouse abuse was revealed.

Wonder why? Must be too close to home for Trump.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Trott wrong on many fronts

This is my response to a request by Congressman Trott for constituents to share views and essentially validate his inaccurate assumptions regarding regulations and access to credit for businesses and individuals.

Congressman, again you are attempting to perpetuate straw man nonsense GOP talking points but sadly the polls and stats don't support your claims. Where credit is concerned, small businesses in a recent survey conducted by the National Federation of Independent Businesses lists ability to get credit as "a very minor problem" and, in fact, responds citing inability to secure credit are "at record lows" for their annual survey.

Regarding the general regulatory environment that you claim is "holding

back" economic growth, again statistics dash your claims. A primary indicator proving you wrong is the profit to GDP ratio which compares business profits to the overall size of the economy. Guess what? The profit-to-GDP ratio is at or near a record high and has been for several years and the tax to GDP ratio is at or near a record low. Bottom line is businesses are neither being regulated or taxed out of existence, but in fact enjoy a rarefied climate for success, historically speaking.

Problems of small banks you cite are due to inability to compete due to economies of scale. Too big to fail megabanks who are under-regulated represent monopolistic monsters that Main Street bankers have zero chance competing against.

As far as personal credit is concerned, obtaining credit doesn't seem to be a problem for most. Hard to get a car loan? Nope. "2015's record auto sales were fueled by debt and are being compared to the subprime bubble by some regulators," according to an article in Yahoo Finance and little has changed since. If automakers are recording record sales and over 80 percent of purchases involve credit, how can your claims possibly wash? They don't.

Congressman, plenty of real problems exist for you to waste time trying to carry water for the wealthy and corporations, instead of serving your constituents. Problems like the repeal of the ACA (Obamacare) that you support without an affordable replacement that will cover those who will lose coverage or never had it. Multiple studies show that tens of thousands will die per year without the coverage you seek to destroy.

Mitch Smith
Canton

Immigration ban protects U.S.

Responding to Johannes Cawood, guest columnist, "Words on Immigration from a Livonia Veteran."

Dear Mr. Cawood, By stating that the immigrants coming to America "Want to add to it and are not strangers," reveals a bias misconception about the sole purpose of prohibiting the countries being temporarily quarantined. President Trump's executive order bans seven predominantly Muslim countries with radical Islamic terrorists for a mere 120 days, which consequently protects our country.

When you sleep at night, do you lock your doors from uninvited guests, Mr. Cawood? Although you trust your neighbors and friends, I'm positive you lock your doors for the protection and security of your wife and child. As President Trump explained, "We do not want to admit into our country the very soldiers our men are fighting overseas."

This "horrible" executive order as you so erroneously claimed temporarily suspends the entry of refugees into the United States. Mean-

while, this executive order ensures officials to determine additional screening, it ensures that those approved for refugee admission do not pose a threat to our security, and it ensures the welfare of the United States.

Hannah Bloomfield
Livonia

Time to redistrict

I am writing to urge all registered voters to contact your state representative and express support for Joint Resolution B and House Bill 4122. These measures would amend the Michigan State Constitution to create a citizens' redistricting commission. In recent elections, the party vote has been split quite evenly, examples being Gov. Snyder winning 50.9 percent in 2014 and Donald Trump winning 47.3 percent.

Michigan has elected two Democratic senators for several years. And yet, our congressional delegation is nine Republicans and five Democrats. The state House is 63-46 in favor of Republicans and the state Senate is 27-11 in favor of Republicans.

The reason? Gerrymandering. Currently the party in power after a census gets to draw the voting districts. And naturally, that party draws districts for maximum advantage to the party, completely ignoring the obvious will of the people. A non-partisan commission, charged with drawing geographically sensible districts, would put an end to this subversion of the right of the people to choose their elected representatives.

Tim Sawmiller
Commerce Township

President Trump's responsibility

When the courts unanimously struck down President Trump's Muslim ban, his reaction was to tell us that if someone coming into the country committed an act of terror, that the responsibility would be on these judges. One of the many senseless executive orders he has been frantically signing in his first month was to roll back a President Obama order that people who have serious mental issues must pass background checks before they are able to purchase or own a gun. Candidate Trump that told us his main objective is to keep America safe, and now thinks that 75,000-plus people with mental problems should be able to own the firearm of choice with no conditions.

Should one of these mentally ill people commit an act of terror, kill their wife or someone else, it will be on you, Mr. President! Will you be willing to take responsibility? Or will you say that guns don't kill people?

Steve Lawrence
Northville Township

Where is David Trott?

I'm disappointed in Congressman David Trott because he is nowhere to be found.

Congressman Trott announced a telephone town hall meeting, a "tele-town," for Feb. 7. I

signed up online to participate and received two confirmation emails that his office would call me at the start of the meeting. The evening of Feb. 7 came and went, with no phone call invitation from my congressman. It was not bad service or technical difficulties that prevented the call from occurring, as many of my 11th District friends experienced the same silence.

Northville residents deserve an opportunity to ask our congressman why he supports President Trump's Muslim ban, and why he voted for (now) Education Secretary Betsy DeVos. Northville residents deserve to explain to our congressman that his anti-immigration and anti-public school policies do not represent our values. Congressman Trott, please come to the 11th District and talk to us, in person.

Marie DeFer
Northville

Ask for help, don't steal

This letter is really to the person who broke into our home, even though I know he/she won't read it. I just needed to write this to someone.

To the person who robbed me of my prized possessions and took away my sense of security in my home. I hope you were able to get what you needed from my jewelry box and my camera. The things in there weren't worth a lot of money, but they were very special to me. Things my children had made me through the years, mementos from my childhood.

I hope you will pray with my mother's rosary and my rosary from my first communion. I hope these items don't just end up in the trash. I'm sure you were able to get some money from my necklace with charms of each of my children, maybe even from my charm bracelet I had as a teenager. These are things I can never replace and you took them like they were just there for you.

Anything that was special to me ended up in my jewelry box — my safe place — my treasures. Now in a moment, they are gone and so is my peace of mind. If you needed help, all you needed to do was ask and my family would help you. But you chose to come into my home and just take things that are so precious to me. Even without my rosary, I will say a prayer for you.

Julie Diven
South Lyon

Don't let feds turn back on environment

SMOG. How long has it been since you have seen that word in a headline? How many children born in the 21st century have actually experienced smog and how many don't even know what the word means?

There is a reason why smog is pretty much a thing of the past and why the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland doesn't catch fire anymore and why the fish from the Great Lakes are safer to eat

and why the bald eagle and other majestic birds are making a significant comeback since the banning of DDT. The reason is the EPA.

There is a movement afoot in Congress to kill the EPA (H.R. 861). When a friend wrote to our congressman, the elusive David Trott, expressing his concern about this ill-advised legislation, the answer he received was very frightening. He accuses the EPA of "agency overreach" and preaches a philosophy that we need to balance protection of the environment with the need to avoid interfering with the growth of the economy. In short, he supports the bill to eliminate the EPA.

To lift a paragraph verbatim out of his letter: "The EPA has a track record of ignoring the adverse impact it is having on private property owners and small businesses throughout America. The federal government should focus on cutting the red tape and getting out of the way."

Representative Trott is clearly marching in lock step with the administration of Donald Trump, who has installed a climate change denier to head the EPA. This is not the time — and that time will actually never exist — for the federal government to just "get out of the way" when it comes to protection of the environment. If the federal government does not "get in the way" of polluters, who will? There is no "trickle down" solution to protecting the environment; there is no "let the free market do its job" solution to protecting the environment. Environmental protection needs to be managed and led and sometimes even forced.

The people who claim that protecting the environment is at odds with creating jobs and economic growth ignore the businesses and jobs that are created through new technologies that are spawned by the need to protect the environment. We can turn our backs on the need to develop green energy solutions by just putting more coal miners to work — one of the world's most dangerous and unhealthy occupations — and let the Europeans and Asians develop the technologies that will provide our energy in the latter half of this century. Let them make the investments in technology and reap the economic benefits. With the U.S. being the world's largest energy consumer, I'm sure the Chinese would love to provide us with our clean-energy hardware.

Representative Trott has already developed a well-deserved reputation of being unavailable to his constituents. With the current trend of many representatives hiding to avoid the feedback from angry voters, it is unlikely that his behavior will change. But we can still try: write him, email him, phone his offices and maybe even show up at his office door. Make certain that he hears the voice of the people he is supposed to be representing.

Of course, our best

hope of reversing the current dangerous trends in Washington is to replace the people who are driving the trends. There is little we can do in the next couple of years to replace the people in the executive branch, but the vote for the House comes up in less than two years. Let's send David Trott back to his former job as "Michigan King of Foreclosures."

John D. Webster
Northville

Loves America's diversity

This past Wednesday, I got a haircut from my favorite barber who just happened to be born in Russia. My wife dropped me off at the barber shop as I had decided to walk the three miles home. On the way, I stopped for breakfast at the Chris' Early Bird restaurant, where I met a couple of my paddleball-playing Macedonian friends. While there, I ran into a friend of Armenian descent and we chatted a while.

Upon resuming my walk, on this sunny morning, I started thinking about immigration and how it affects me. We've all experienced walking alone and our minds start to wander. Well, mine wandered on to the present hot topic of immigrants. One of my best friends family is from Lebanon. He's second generation and recently retired from the Veterans Administration. Then, I think about my wonderful friend and neighbor from Nigeria. And then on Friday evening, I was at the American Legion for a get-together and met a wonderful couple who just moved here from England, outside of London. (Really has that British accent!) Our very good next-door neighbor accepted a job in Houston and will be moving in the next month closer to her family in Mexico.

And then it hits me: If it wasn't for immigration and all the great people who come here, I wouldn't have any friends at all. Oh, and as for me, my family is German-Irish, while my wife's is Irish-English. I think we are most blessed to have our friends and their diversity. I love 'em all!

Bob Breslin
Northville

Still looking for Trott

As a resident of the 11th Congressional District, I'm consistently frustrated with the representation we get from our elected officials in Washington. For years we've had representatives who, because of being in a gerrymandered safe district, only schedule events with supportive groups when they come back from Washington and often don't bother to show up for the debates during election season.

Not scheduling regular open meetings with the public is a clear indication that these individuals have chosen to ignore the fact that they represent all of us, not just the people who voted for them. This is unethical and cowardly.

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Indivisible Northville resists 'Trump agenda'

Joanne Maliszewski
hometownlife.com

Members of the fledgling Indivisible Northville say they will resist the "Trump agenda" in an informed, fact-based, polite, yet active, movement.

"We want to be a polite, disruptive force," said Ted Williamson, one of the forming members of the local effort.

He urged the close to 100 residents — some from surrounding communities — at the second planning meeting Monday at the Northville Public Library to study the Indivisible guide, a 26-page document that lays out the means for peaceful resistance.

Indivisible is a grassroots effort that is spreading across the country to resist the agenda promoted by President Donald Trump. Indivisible's efforts will include demanding accountability, access and responsiveness from congressional representatives. "We have come under the umbrella," said organizer Vicki Dwelley, referring to the national movement.

The Indivisible guide, available at www.indivisibleguide.com, is considered a practical approach to resistance crafted by former congressional staffers, with best practices "for making Congress listen."

The local effort stems from acknowledgment



Indivisible Northville organizer Ted Williamson talks to a standing-room-only crowd Monday.

that beyond the Women's March on Washington and other national and regional protests, resistance must continue "to stop the presidency from ruining our country," Dwelley said.

To accomplish that, Indivisible Northville members have established committees — congressional, millennials, health care, education, outreach — in an effort to bring positive change to the country from the grassroots level up, Dwelley added.

Indivisible Northville meets the third Monday of each month at to-be-determined locations that should be available on the organization's local Facebook page.

She and other organizers urged working with similar groups, joining peaceful protests and networking to grow the resistance movement. "They are kind of just waiting us out," she said, referring to Trump supporters, including congressional members, expecting opposition to

wane. "We're Democrats, but we just want a better world," said Lisa DiRado, president of the Northville Democratic Club, which is joining forces with residents to organize Indivisible Northville. She suggested that the organization become involved in volunteer activities to improve the community, county and region.

Members are being charged with specific tasks, such as staying up-to-date on executive

orders and congressional bills, in an effort to combat the presidential agenda with facts, rather than opinions, Dwelley added.

Redrawing congressional districts will be a topic heavily researched and discussed. Planning for the 2018 mid-term election is another focus, as well as grooming candidates to run for office, organizers said.

For example, state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and state Sen. Michael Kowall, R-White Lake, are term-limited, leaving the seats open in the 2018 election.

In urging members to read the Indivisible Guide, Williamson said the movement will follow strategies used by the Tea Party, which was adept at organizing resistance against the Obama administration and establishment Republicans.

"Unfortunately, we can't put Trump out of office from Northville," Williamson said, adding that Indivisible members can, however, work from the bottom up through their congressional representatives. Williamson referred to federal legislators, many of whom are resisting in-person town hall meetings and responding to constituents. Referring to U.S. Rep. David Trott of the 11th District (including Northville) Williamson said, "We want to make sure he represents all constituents."

Many Oakland County

residents have complained about Trott's reported lack of response to their concerns of the Trump agenda. Among Indivisible's efforts will be publishing congressional voting records to show constituents how their representatives are casting their ballots on federal legislation and Trump's agenda, including immigration and health care.

"None of us think Trump will make it four years. He will either resign, be impeached or whatever," Williamson said.

Indivisible Northville will use social media to get out its message of focusing on policies. Williamson suggested using Trump's name less and fighting back with facts rather than opinion. Part of the group's outreach will be to encourage and help form similar groups in other communities.

In an impassioned commentary, one community member reminded Indivisible organizers and members to be driven by the need to make the world a better place for all. "There needs to be a meaningful way to live for the good of all," she said, adding we are living in "troubled times. Don't get caught up in the politics. Show compassion and love."

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Doctors Without Borders benefit scheduled for Feb. 25

Celebrate the Irish and help those in need at the eighth annual Benefit for Doctors Without Borders event, set for 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Gaelic League/Irish-American Club, 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit.

Every day, Medicines Sans Frontieres, also known as Doctors Without Borders, members who serve on the front lines of the global refugee crisis bear witness to the extreme hardships faced by refugees and internally displaced people in conflict zones from Syria to Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen, South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo. These hardships include attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure (including hospitals), the denial of aid and policies preventing people from fleeing, the group says.

Doctors Without Borders is an independent, international medical relief organization aiding victims of armed conflict, epidemics, natural and man-made disasters and social marginalization.

Each year, MSF doctors, nurses, logisticians, water and sanitation experts, administrators and other medical and non-medical professionals depart on more than 3,800 aid missions. They work alongside more than 22,500 locally hired staff to provide medical care in more than 60



Performer Mick Gavin of Redford.

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countries. In emergencies and their aftermath, MSF provides health care, rehabilitates and runs hospitals and clinics, performs surgery, battles epidemics, carries out vaccination campaigns, operates feeding centers for malnourished children and offers mental health care.

When needed, MSF also constructs wells and dispenses clean drinking water and provides shelter materials like blankets and plastic sheeting. MSF was founded in 1971 by a small group of French doctors and journalists as the first non-governmental organization to both provide emergency medical assistance and to publicly bear witness to the plight of the people it assists.

At the event

The benefit features local musicians who will

perform: Special guest artist Dana Cuppwill join smooth and mellow bluegrass band Behind the Times (Ben Luttermoser, Rachel Pearson and Benjamin Teague). Banjoist for the last four years of Bill Monroe's career, Cupp also plays with the Osborne brothers and is a frequent performer at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

Sean Gavin (flute and uilleann pipes), the first American winner of the Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal for traditional Irish music, will join his father Mick of Redford (fiddle and melodeon) and brother Michael (fiddle, banjo, bouzouki) for lively traditional Irish music in the County Clare tradition.

Finvarra's Wren is a family band whose performances have been described as "a swirl of

musical tradition and performance energy." Jim Perkins and Cheryl Burnsare known for sensitive, strong vocals and the inventive musical weaving of guitar, mountain dulcimer and bodhran. Their son Asher, on the button accordion and concertina, and daughter Alison on vocals and fiddle, are known for exceptional musicianship.

While fiddler Marty Somberg has developed a driving, lyrical style that he applies to a variety of musical genres, he has a special interest in Irish music. As a member of the band Knock-na-Shee, he toured east in 1979 and recorded the album "Last Night's Fun" on the Shanachie label. After the breakup of Knock-na-Shee, Somberg was a member of the well-known Washington, D.C., band Celtic Thunder and also played for Contra dances in the Washington, D.C., area. He moved back to his native Michigan in the early 1980s. Somberg was also a member of the iconic rock band of the 60's, The Southbound Freeway and currently runs the Irish session with Mick Gavin on Sundays at Conor O'Neil's in Ann Arbor.

Siobhan McKinney is a three-time winner of the all-Ireland gold medal on Irish Harp and has performed with Crossroads Ceili and Finvar-

ra's Wren on numerous occasions.

The Ardan Academy of Irish Dance founded by the Heinzmanfamily (John, Liz and Kitty) have been teaching and performing for 20 years. They have seven dancers who have qualified to travel to Dublin to compete in the World championships in April. The Ardan dancers delight audiences with their athletic and artistic performances around the Detroit area and beyond.

Cape Breton pianist from Dearborn Tom MacNeil will perform with his son Calum and members of his pipe band to add a bit of a Scottish flair to the worthy event.

Larry Larsen, musician, painter, teacher, sculptor, animator, director and published poet, has been performing weekly at Detroit's Gaelic League for the last 17 years. He will be joined by his old band mate, Irish balladeer Eddie McGlinchey for a nostalgic performance reminiscent of the heyday of the Irish pub scene when Irish pubs with live mu-

sic dotted the metro Detroit landscape and immigrants gathered to exchange stories of their new home in Michigan. The pair with the late Irish fiddler Dan Sheehy used to hold court at the old Dublin Inn on Schaefer Avenue in Dearborn.

The Codgers (John Freeman, Matt Balcer, Terry Murphy, Jake Dimmick, Patrick Carey and Nick Mansfield) recently marked their 10th anniversary with the release of their CD "MASHR'S Elegies" and are regular performers at the Gaelic League and around the Corktown, Wayne State areas.

Stone Clover (Pauly Brady, Taylor Izak, Marc Brockway, Connor Payne and James McCue) are known as Detroit's premier Celtic Rock Band and spin high-energy antics into the world of Irish music. Best known for their original music, they are also comfortable with their own take on classic Irish pub standards.

Admission is by donation at the door, and a cash bar and food will be available for purchase.

LETTERS

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For months now, many of Congressman David Trott's constituents have asked for meetings at his Troy

office, only to be told he was unavailable. Mr. Trott seems to have forgotten that he works for us. I can certainly understand why one would be hesitant to face a group of people whose views are in opposition to his, but that's the job

he signed up for and the job we as taxpayers are paying him to do.

It's time to stop hiding from the people you're supposed to be representing, Mr. Trott. The town hall meeting is an American tradition and I hope our U.S. repre-

sentative will uphold that tradition by setting up a face-to-face town hall in the district next week while on recess. His last face-to-face town hall meeting was in April 2015, so it's long overdue.

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From the big screen to a real-life musher

Metro Detroit girl inspired to race in Junior Iditarod thanks to movie 'Balto'

Perry A. Farrell
Detroit Free Press

Hannah Mahoney was not even 4 when she saw the movie "Balto," a tear-jerker about the lead dog in a dogsled team racing against the clock to get a life-saving serum from the small town of Nena-na, Alaska, to Nome, Alaska, to stop an epidemic of diphtheria.

The 1925 serum race to Nome, as it's called, in part inspired the Iditarod dogsled race.

Last week, Hannah, 17, of Bloomfield Hills and her family — mom Suzanne and dad Dan — traveled to Alaska to compete in the 40th annual Junior Iditarod.

"Since I saw the movie ... it's something I've always wanted to do," Hannah said of her dream of dog sledding. "I'm very excited. I can't wait for the start. My goal is to do well in the Junior Iditarod. I'd like



Hannah Mahoney, 17, races four dogs Jan. 7 in the 2017 Tahquamenon Country Sled Dog Race at Muskallonge Lake State Park in the Upper Peninsula.

to eventually do the whole Iditarod, but I don't know if that'll be possible. The actual Iditarod is 1,049 miles." It'll be her first and last Junior Iditarod. "The last year you can compete in a Junior Iditarod is when you are

17," said the senior at Oakland Early College, where she gets college credits while in high school.

The race begins at 10 a.m. Feb. 25 at Knik Lake, just north of Anchorage, weather permitting. The race covers 150



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Hannah Mahoney, 17, races four dogs Jan. 7 in the 2017 Tahquamenon Country Sled Dog Race at Muskallonge Lake State Park in the Upper Peninsula.

miles over two days. It is scheduled to end Feb. 27 at the Willow Community Center.

Hannah is the only representative from Michigan in the race and is one of 12 teens in the event. Besides a competitor from Canada, she is the only racer from outside Alaska. Two other Michiganders will participate in the regular Iditarod: veteran Ed Stielstra and rookie Laura Neese, both of McMillan near Newberry in the Upper Peninsula.

Hannah said the \$150 entry fee for the junior race is a small sum compared to what the family has spent to get her ready.

"We've gone up there (Alaska) four times since the summer," Hannah said. "It's pretty expensive."

Since August, Hannah has trained with Iditarod racer Wade Marrs, who came in fourth at last year's race, said her mother, Suzanne. "She leased a team from Wade for the race, and our family has been flying back and forth over all her school holidays so that Hannah could learn to race.

"We are originally from (Palm Beach) Florida and moved to Bloomfield Hills nine years ago for your wonderful schools and beautiful Midwestern lifestyle. Hannah has wanted to race since she was 3, but it wasn't until we moved that she got a dog sled for Christmas.

"We found out in June that this would be her last year of eligibility to compete in the Junior Iditarod, so she and I flew to Anchorage and headed to the opening day sign-up for both the Junior Iditarod and the Iditarod in Wasilla to sign her up and find a musher to lease a team from."

To get ready, Hannah raced in the Tahquamenon County Sled Dog Race in the Upper Peninsula.

"I've been running, and I've done a little bit of kick-boxing to get ready," said Hannah, who is looking at Michigan State and Purdue universities as possible

college choices.

She has her own small pack of pet dogs at home: Heidi, Kodi, Buck, Murphy and Zeus.

"Heidi is a German shepherd, Kodi is a yellow Lab, Buck is a black Lab, Murphy is a Brittany spaniel and Zeus is a Newfoundland," she said. "I take care of them myself with some help from my parents. When I first got my sled, I used Kodi and now he's too old for that. Now I use Buck and Heidi, and I'm trying to get Murphy to be able to do it, and Zeus."

The relationships she'll have to build once she gets to Alaska are with the dogs.

"I'll be using about eight to 10 dogs at the Iditarod," she said. "The more dogs you have, the speed doesn't really change, but the control you have over bumps and turns is a little harder because they're hard to slow down. Going from four dogs to six dogs was a huge difference.

"Some dogs are a little bit more trusting than others."

Hannah's exploits are being followed by students from a couple of different states.

"There's a couple of schools that are following me," Hannah said. "One is in North Dakota and the other one is in Idaho. I don't know the names of the schools.

They are emailing me and I've built some relationships with some of students."

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DONALD F. age 95, of Fenton, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Tuesday, February 21, 2017. Funeral services will be held 3:00 PM Friday, February 24, 2017 in the chapel at Acacia Park Cemetery, 31300 Southfield Rd., Beverly Hills. Rev. Eddie Jusino officiating. Donald was born November 15, 1921 in Detroit, the son of Wilford and Charlotte (Hall) Barth. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in World War II. He married Irene M. Christensen on August 31, 1946 in Marlette and she preceded him in death on March 19, 2015. Donald was a partner and C.P.A. with PriceWaterhouseCoopers. After retirement he enjoyed golfing and traveling. Surviving are: four children, Douglas and wife Janet Barth of Clarksville, MD, Dennis and wife Dolores Barth of Mt. Pleasant, Christine and husband Mark Barton of Fenton, and Steven and wife Cindy Barth of Madison, MS; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Warren and Clayton Barth. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

FORBES



GWENDOLYN MARIE MACKENZIE January 26, 2017, 85, of Birmingham, Michigan, and recently Mequon, Wisconsin, died January 26, 2017, after a short illness. She was born December 20, 1931, in Chicago, Illinois, to Effie Lindgren MacKenzie and Archie MacKenzie. Gwen grew up in Flossmoor, Illinois. She graduated from Thornton Township High School in 1949 and studied English at Beloit College before transferring to Northwestern University. She was a member of Delta Delta Sorority and earned her bachelor's degree in 1953. She married Lyman Milton Forbes, Jr. in August that year and together they moved to Madison, where Lyman completed a master's degree at the University of Wisconsin and Gwen worked as a secretary. In 1955, the Forbeses moved to Monterey Bay, California, and Gwen worked as an elementary school teacher while Lyman served in the U.S. Army at Fort Ord. Lyman accepted a position at Ford Motor Company in 1957, and they moved to Detroit, Michigan, and later Dearborn and Birmingham. Gwen volunteered as a reader for Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in Troy, Michigan, where she was honored in 2008 for 50 years of service. Her voice became part of a vast library of textbooks for students with vision and reading disabilities. She also volunteered in the library at Adams Elementary School in Birmingham and on the board of the Cranbrook Music Guild in Bloomfield Hills. Gwen was a member of the Village Club, a social and educational organization she joined in 1977. She attended many lectures there and she and Lyman enjoyed hosting dinners and celebrations for family and friends. Gwen was a dedicated reader. She wrote several book reviews for the Birmingham Eccentric newspaper and also worked as a freelance proofreader for the Journal of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Gwen was fluent in French and Spanish, and she and Lyman traveled widely throughout Europe and the United States. They also kept a boat on Lake St. Clair and spent many summer weekends sailing. The Forbeses were active members of Mariners' Church in Detroit for 17 years. They supported the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Detroit Symphony. Because of her lifelong dedication to learning, Gwen was the family go-to person on questions about history, classical music and grammar. She was preceded in death by her husband Lyman. She is survived by daughter Anne Wangman (Blair), son Ken Forbes; daughter Chris Lundgren (Carl); and six grandchildren: Kendall Wangman, Colby Wangman, Eric Lundgren, Justin Forbes, Perry Lundgren and Jonathan Forbes.

MAYOTTE



KATHLEEN "TAFFY" February 20, 2017 age 68 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of Frank. Loving mother of Christopher (Chong M) Land, Kathleen S. Land, Erik (Colleen) Daniel and Stepmother of Sara (Mathew) Carrier and Dawn Mayotte. Proud grandmother of Adelyn, Emmerson, Annabelle and Arya. Dear sister of Karen (David) Breedon and sister-in-law of Gloria Carpenter. Predeceased by parents Doyce and Bertha Hanson; sister Nancy (Sheldon) Schweidel and brother S. Jeff Hanson. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial Service Saturday 5 p.m. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (Between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Memorial Visitation Saturday 3 - 5 p.m. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Cancer Society of Michigan or Humane Society of Michigan. To share a memory, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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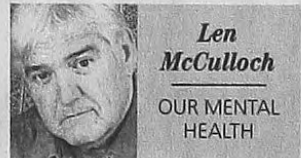
The gift of hope is best to give anyone at any time

"Hope springs eternal," said one philosopher. And another said, "The greatest virtues are faith, hope and love." Yet another said, "Hope depends on faith and the outcome of both is love."

While hope is a small word, it is a big antidote for despair. The importance of hope, in recovery from despair, is independent of the source of the suffering. Pain is pain. Hope is essential to any recovery. Without hope there is despair. Despair is the submission to loss. It is giving up. It is concluding there is no way out. It is dependency and accomplishes nothing. It is suicide of the soul.

Hope, on the other hand, requires faith in optimism and in one's self. And, hope usually requires interaction with another person. Despairing people can usually not discover hope on their own. They need another person, able to enter their world of despair, and offer them a deal. The deal, psychologically, is a "working alliance."

This is a technical term usually reserved



Len McCulloch
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for the positive relationship developed between a psychotherapist and a patient. But it can occur between any two people wherein one has hope to offer to the other in a realistic manner. This "working alliance" amounts to two or more people agreeing to be optimistic in their combined efforts to deal with, overcome or put up with and tolerate a major personal distress. Some people are trained professional "therapists" who can offer hope.

Some are ordinary people with an extraordinary life experience or natural endowment of resilience, so as to be able to offer hope to others. Hope motivates one to act with the belief that there will be a positive outcome from optimism, hard work and perseverance.

Hope differs from a wish. Wishing for a solution to a life problem is a passive event. It can be done in solitude and does

not always come true. Hope, on the other hand, is an active event and implies a willingness to work toward a solution or an ability to tolerate seemingly insurmountable problems known as suffering.

So, I encourage hope. If you are struggling with trauma or despair from any source, find another person, group, cause or organization with which to establish a working alliance pursuant to an optimistic overcoming of sorrow. Join up with another in any small or big way and reap the benefits of hope which are movement onward and forward, despite the cost.

Len McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association and is credentialed in Traumatic Stress, Mental Health, Brain Injury, Social Work, and Addictions. He is a psychotherapist of 40 years and author of "Our Mental Health," a monthly column syndicated in Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

McCulloch can be reached for a courtesy phone consultation at 248-474-2763, ext. 222.

Artist Coffey offers secrets with acrylics

On Monday, March 6, at Canton Township Hall, Westland's renowned artist Durwood Coffey will reveal some of the secrets for creating acrylic paintings with depth and vibrant color.

Coffey has done artwork his whole life. In the Marines, he was a military operations specialist 1461 (somewhat rare) "combat artist." After discharge, he attended college for 2½ years, taking only art classes and repeating them. He got hired by an art studio in downtown Detroit and figured he was going to the top, then reality hit him. He was among some really great artists and he couldn't figure out why they hired him. But this is where his true training started in doing art work. He worked more than 30 years as an illustrator/designer for diverse groups from GM to "Sesame Street" and Bush Gardens to Marvel.

In 2001, he and his wife



"Scarlet Macaws" by Durwood Coffey.

Carol started doing art fairs across the country. It was the New York ArtExpo where his work got noticed and is now represented by art licensing throughout the world. Coffey is a member of the SAA Society of Animal Artists and a new member of Three Cities Art Club.

At Three Cities Art Club's event, Coffey will bring a few of his original pieces, some prints, plus a piece in progress to show. He will talk about his process of working and why he does what he does, taking questions along the way instead of waiting until the end,

since people generally ask about what they have just heard and how it can work for them.

The public is welcome to attend this free event 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 6, at Canton Township Hall, lower level meeting room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. Light refreshments will be served. For more information about this event, contact Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939 or email marilynmeredith@wowway.com. To learn more about the art club, go to www.threecitiesartclub.org.

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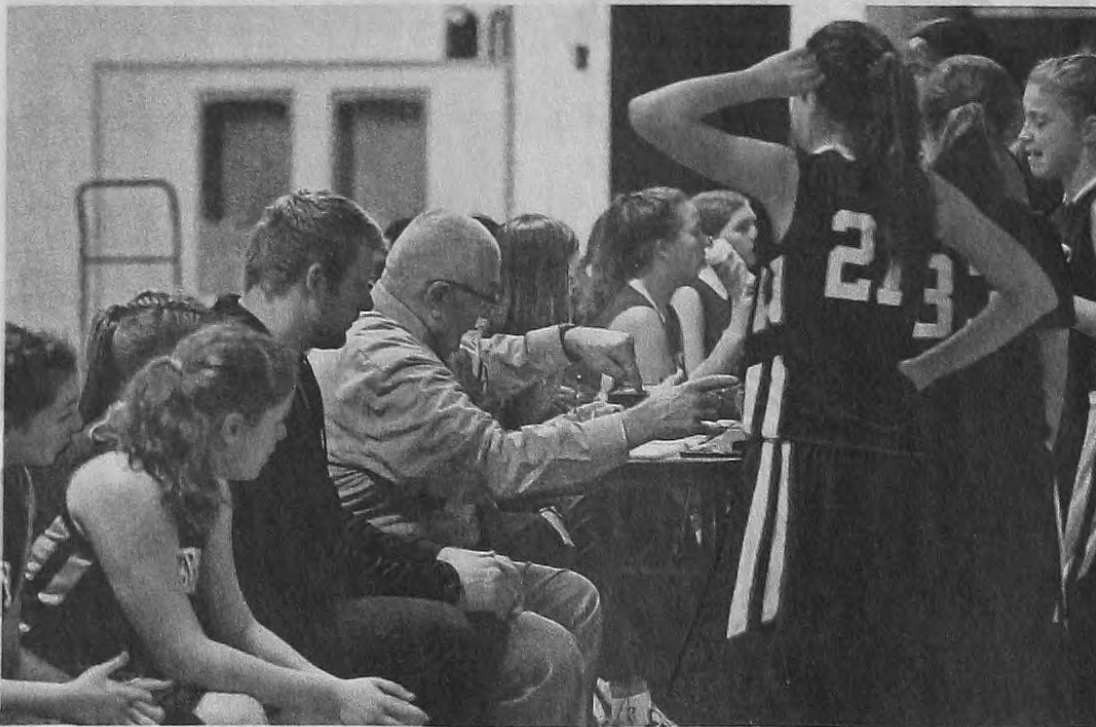
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During a timeout Feb. 7, Liberty Middle School girls basketball head coach Mark LaPointe and assistant coach Brennen Beyer instruct Lady Lions players. Liberty defeated East in the game.

BEYER

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really helped me and just set me on the right path. It was a big reason of why I am what I am today.

"So I thought I could help give back. I love basketball and I thought it would be really fun to coach middle school."

Easy choice

Beyer said he remembered how much LaPointe meant to him when he was trying to find himself as a young man and student-athlete. When he had an opportunity to be the same kind of mentor to youngsters this season, it was a slam-dunk decision.

"It's really easy for me to see the impact he had on my life," Beyer said. "And at that young, impressionable age, he just set me on the right path, with the mindset of being able to be coachable, disciplined and all that."

"So I really see how he started that at a young age. I want to be a part of that for other people."

LaPointe is truly humbled that such an accomplished pro athlete would help him out.

"(Beyer) is a kid that if you had to have a Mount Rushmore of kids, he'd be up on it," LaPointe said. "He'd be one of those first faces up on that mountain. He's a son of a minister; his dad runs the Grace

Church over here.

"He carries his religion with him in his daily life and that's what I like about him. The kids love him. If he's not going to be there on a certain day, they go, 'Oh, where's coach? Is he coming?' That's real special when they ask about him."

Making time

Beyer is a really busy guy, yet he finds the time to help LaPointe and the girls (who have a combined 6-2 record, including the varsity and junior varsity).

In addition to the demands on a NFL player — such as working out at Jake's House of Iron in Canton to gear up for the Baltimore spring camp — he is planning a wedding with fiancée Nicole Waldeck, who played four seasons with U-M's women's soccer team.

And Waldeck is as much a hit with the Liberty players as Beyer is, since she tries to help Beyer and LaPointe at practices and games.

"When I'm gone, (LaPointe) says players ask if me and my fiancée are going to be there," Beyer said. "I really like that and appreciate that. It's been good, just to coach them, get to know them better."

The 6-foot-4, 256-pounder, a Hall of Fame football and basketball player at Plymouth High School, sometimes has scheduling conflicts, but he is doing his best to make sure he gives the Lady Lions plenty of

his time.

The first part of the season wasn't too problematic, because he was resting following the end of the Ravens' season.

'Cool' reunion

But things are starting to ramp up during February and into March.

"It's been getting harder (juggling his schedule) as time goes on," Beyer said. "Because at first I'm just resting my body, taking time off. But now I'm really getting back into workouts and training."

"It's just something you have to plan around. I can't make it to every practice. It's going to get harder as time goes on, but you make a commitment and you try to stick to it. You just got to prioritize."

Beyer added that the wins and losses might be great. But nothing can surpass re-connecting with a mentor from his own youth.

"He wasn't necessarily my friend in middle school, he was my coach," Beyer said. "But he's always been someone I've looked up to."

"And ever since leaving Central, he's been a really close friend and mentor. That's been really cool, coming back and interacting with him more. It's been really special."

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Fans attending Friday night's game at USA Hockey Arena can go home with this and other autographed NHL jerseys of NTDP alums (such as Buffalo's Jack Eichel). Fans must attend to win one, however. Game time is 7 p.m. with the U-18 team facing Arizona State University.

Signed jerseys of NTDP alums up for grabs

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There is plenty going on this weekend at USA Hockey Arena as part of the "Hockey Across America" celebration.

At 3 p.m. Friday, Schoolcraft College will host the Michigan State Police team in a charity game. Tickets will be \$10 at the door.

And the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 team will square off at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday

against Arizona State University.

As part of the fun, fans who attend Friday's NTDP-ASU game will have the chance at winning autographed National Hockey League jerseys of NTDP alums, such as Buffalo Sabres sensation Jack Eichel.

There also will be a Seth Jones NHL all-star jersey among those up for grabs.

But fans must be in attendance to have a chance to win.

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BOYS SWIMMING

Novi finishes first in KLAAs Central Division

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Getting a boost from its diving corps, Novi unseated rival Northville as KLAAs Central Division boys swimming and diving meet champions Saturday at South Lyon East.

The Wildcats, who went undefeated during the regular season in dual meets to go along with a runner-up finish behind defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Birmingham Brother Rice at the Oakland County Meet, held off a strong push by rival Northville, 645.5-621.5.

Rounding out the five-team field were Livonia Stevenson (391), South Lyon Unified (378) and Salem (263).

Novi captured all three relay events to go along with an East pool record and Novi school record performance by senior Camden Murphy in the 100-yard backstroke (51.33). Murphy eclipsed the record of 52.24, set by Stevenson's John Ferrara in 2012.

Murphy also won the 100 freestyle (46.76) and was a member of the Wildcats' first-place 200 medley relay team that also included Joey Berman, Siddhardha Kareddy and Alexander Yuan (1:39.26).

The University of Georgia-bound Murphy also anchored the first-place 400 freestyle relay that included Phillip Billiu, Kareddy and Yuan (3:16.49).

The Wildcats' relay sweep was made complete when Billiu, Minjae Kim, Maxwell Williams and Berman were clocked in 1:31.29 in the 200 free.

Novi's Jack McClure won the 1-meter diving with 297.00 points.

Salem's Eugene Li swept the 50 and 200 freestyles with times of 22.16 and 1:46.4, re-

spectively. Teammate Nathan Budnick won the 200 individual medley (2:00.38).

The KLAAs Kensington Conference meet will begin at noon Friday at Novi with the prelims. The finals will start at noon Saturday at Novi.

KLAAs CENTRAL DIVISION BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET Feb. 18 at South Lyon East
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 645.5 points; 2. Northville, 621.5; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 391; 4. South Lyon Unified, 378; 5. Salem, 263.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Novi (Joey Berman, Camden Murphy, Siddhardha Kareddy, Alexander Yuan), 1:39.26; 2. South Lyon (Logan Boals, Brandon Bell, Max Kempisty, Christian Etnyre), 1:39.93; 3. Northville (Ali Pazooki, Nikolai Arton, Kirk Maibach, John Duan), 1:40.40; 4. Northville, 1:40.61; 5. Salem, 1:41.53; 6. Stevenson, 1:42.30.
200 freestyle: 1. Eugene Li (Salem), 1:46.42; 2. Benjamin Rojewski (LS), 1:47.60; 3. Phillip Billiu (Novi), 1:47.69; 4. Yuan (Novi), 1:48.84; 5. Jason Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 1:48.91; 6. Brian Son (Novi), 1:50.0.

200 individual medley: 1. Nathan Budnick (Salem), 2:00.38; 2. Kempisty (SLU), 2:00.89; 3. Trevor Degroot (N'ville), 2:03.45; 4. Etnyre (SLU), 2:06.43; 5. Stephen Sirtani (Novi), 2:08.08; 6. Nicholas Mouaikel (N'ville), 2:08.18.

50 freestyle: 1. Li (Salem), 22.16; 2. Parker Wasielewski (LS), 22.37; 3. K. Maibach (N'ville), 22.50; 4. Bell (SLU), 22.66; 5. Kareddy (Novi), 22.76; 6. Adam Goeddeke (LS), 22.79.

1-meter diving: 1. Jack McClure (Novi), 297.00 points; 2. Thomas Rys (N'ville), 279.95; 3. Jack Lefevre (SLU), 259.45; 4. Benjamin Wicks (SLU), 244.10; 5. Pranav Katari (N'ville), 242.10; 6. Victor Huang (LS), 241.80.

100 butterfly: 1. Boals (SLU), 53.16; 2. Budnick (Salem), 1:54.16; 3. Joey Berman (Novi), 54.45; 4. K. Maibach (N'ville), 5:01; 5. Billiu (Novi), 55.60; 6. Degroot (N'ville), 56.20.

100 freestyle: 1. Murphy (Novi), 46.76; 2. Goeddeke (LS), 49.71; 3. J. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 50.13; 4. Craig Maibach (N'ville), 50.82; 5. Etnyre (SLU), 51.12; 6. Joel Kotyk (Novi), 51.24.

500 freestyle: 1. Rojewski (LS), 4:50.14; 2. Travis Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 4:51.40; 3. Kempisty (SLU), 4:54.73; 4. Berman (Novi), 4:56.14; 5. Benjamin LaPorte (LS), 5:05.11; 6. Preston Harrell (Novi), 5:06.73.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Billiu, Minjae Kim, Maxwell Williams, Berman), 1:31.29; 2. Northville (J. Nitkiewicz, Orion Shi, David Handy, K. Maibach), 1:32.38; 3. Stevenson (Goeddeke, Luke Santi, Rojewski, Connor Beck), 1:32.67; 4. Northville, 1:32.98; 5. Salem, 1:33.26; 6. Novi, 1:34.91.

100 backstroke: 1. Murphy (Novi), 51.33 (pool record); 2. Wasielewski (LS), 54.48; 3. T. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 57.37; 4. Pazooki (N'ville), 57.79; 5. Bryan Reppenhagen (LS), 57.87; 6. David Alameddine (N'ville), 57.98.

100 breaststroke: 1. Arton (N'ville), 1:00.11; 2. Daniel Chung (Novi), 1:01.39; 3. Son (Novi), 1:03.61; 4. Roman Grossi (N'ville), 1:03.76; 5. Haotian Jiang (N'ville), 1:03.82; 6. Hans Anderson (LS), 1:04.17.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Billiu, Kareddy, Yuan, Murphy), 3:16.49; 2. Stevenson (Goeddeke, Beck, Rojewski, Wasielewski), 3:21.92; 3. Northville (J. Nitkiewicz, Degroot, Taiyo Ichikawa, C. Maibach), 3:22.16; 4. South Lyon, 3:22.17; 5. Northville, 3:25.63; 6. Salem, 3:25.79.

BOYS HOCKEY

Catholic Central grounds Pilots, 3-1

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Goalie Joe Pernecky made 23 saves Sunday as Novi Detroit Catholic Central earned a 3-1 victory over Warren DeLaSalle in a Catholic League game at Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

The Shamrocks, ranked No. 2 in Division 1, improved to 16-7-1 with the victory.

Rylan Clemons opened the scoring for CC at 5:13 of the first period, from Mitch Morris.

Following a scoreless second period, DeLaSalle tied it at 7:29 of the third on Gregory Pine's goal from Jordan Kovacs.

But CC put it away on John Zielinski's goal, from Nicco Bifano and Patrick Brandemihl, at 7:52, followed by Mi-

chael Considine's goal from Brendan West at 15:02.

Andrew Grewette made 11 saves for the Pilots (14-8-1).

PLYMOUTH 4, NORTHVILLE 2: Zachary Gallaher scored a pair of goals Saturday as the host Wildcats (14-9-1) downed the Mustangs (16-6-1) in a KLAAs crossover at Arctic Edge.

Gallaher scored at 3:09 of the first period, from Timothy Baldwin and Christian Mullenax, but Northville's Devon Laba answered at 5:14 from Josh Mitchell and Jack Sargent.

Gallaher then notched his second just 10 seconds into the second period, from Jack VanDenBeurgery and Nick Yankee, to put Plymouth ahead for keeps, 2-1.

Baldwin scored at 7:30 of the same period, from Keaton Courtney, to push the Wildcats' lead to 3-1 before Northville's Nick Bonofiglio scored unassisted at 10:09 of the same period.

Plymouth's Jack Chumley put it away with an empty-netter with only 1:04 left.

Northville goalie Brett Miller made 32 saves, while Brendan Olepo had 17 for Plymouth.

SALEM 3, NOVI 1: On Friday, the Rocks (12-9-1) turned back the host Wildcats (10-12-2) in a KLAAs crossover at Novi Ice Arena.

Salem led 1-0 after one period on Joey Driscoll's power-play goal, from Tyler German and Colin Goleniak, at 3:21.

Novi answered at 1:35 of the second period on Nathan Graff's power-play goal, from Evan Chipha. But Salem took the lead for keeps on Matthew Schaumburger's unassisted power-play goal at 6:31

of the second, followed by Goleniak's goal with 9:29 remaining in the third, from Sean McCormack and Driscoll.

Tristan Rehling went all the way in goal for Salem, while Manny Legace Jr. was in net for Novi.
HARTLAND 4, DETROIT CC 2: Blake Heier scored a pair of goals to lift the Eagles (21-2) to a non-league win Feb. 15 over host Novi Detroit Catholic Central (15-7-1) in a battle of highly-ranked teams at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

Hartland, ranked No. 2 in Division 2, jumped out to a 1-0 lead at 2:16 of the first period on Jake Behnke's goal, from Justin Tulpa, but CC's Michael Considine answered at 15:28 of the same period to make it 1-1, with assists going to Jared Lee and Spencer Kimball.

The Eagles took the lead for keeps with a pair of second-period goals — a short-handed effort from Jed Pietila at 11:28, from Josh Albright, followed by Heier's power-play effort at 16:05, from Albright and Carter Fielder.

The Shamrocks, ranked No. 2 in Division 1, then pulled to within one, 3-2, with only 1:33 left in the final period on Carter Korpi's goal, from Zachary Sprys-Tellner and Kimball, but the Eagles put it away on Heier's unassisted empty-netter with 54 seconds remaining.

"The short-handed goal in the second, followed by a power-play goal, proved to be the difference," CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. "That swung the game, for sure. We were unable to get it back. We missed the net lots and they played a really good game. Overall, it was a competitive hockey game and they won the special teams game, 2-0. It proved to be the difference between the two teams tonight."

Hartland goaltender Brett Tome made 12 saves, while CC's Sean Finstrom had 17.

EAGLES

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and it was another one today, where we just couldn't sustain anything for long periods of time."

Meanwhile, Eagles head coach Matt Windle, whose team improved to 11-7, said his players did a good job of pushing the pace and — at least in the second half — getting out defensively to thwart Garden City from hitting long-range jumpers.

"It was great to see us push the ball and play our tempo," Windle said. "We didn't do anything special ... we just played our game."

A big thorn in Garden City's side was PCA junior guard Matt Walcola, who led all players with 23 points — in-

cluding six on a pair of clutch treys in the second half. The first one cracked a 52-52 tie, a moon shot from beyond the top of the arc.

Coming up big

Then in the fourth, with the Eagles clinging to a 61-59 edge, Malcolm connected again from the right corner. The Cougars never got closer than five points the rest of the way.

"We tried to limit Malcolm as much as we could," Morton said. "He hit a big three when we cut it to two points and he knocked down a big-time three in the corner."

"Big-time players make big-time shots and he did a good job of that tonight."

Also strong for the Eagles were junior forward Max Okolo (16 points, 15 rebounds), junior guard Levi Yakuber (15 points) and junior forward

Jayme Fadden (11 points).

"I feel like I had to, along with my teammate Jayme, we had to just really box the team out and play really strong and get that rebound," Okolo said.

"We were both working and just getting the rebounds. We did what we had to do."

"I feel like it was just getting those second-chance points. At the end, we got a lot of second-chance points. It was getting them frustrated."

For the Cougars, that frustration must have really boiled over early in the fourth. Trailing just 57-54, both teams missed a combined six field-goal attempts.

Finally, PCA senior forward Dawson Simerly scored on a layup to make it 59-54 with 6:20 left. The Cougars had numerous chances to get to within one, but could not cash in.

Later in the quarter, Garden City senior guard Colin McHugh hit a trey to get the Cougars to within 61-59.

Closing it out

But true to the way the year has unfolded for Garden City (4-13), Malcolm came down the floor and answered with a 3-pointer.

Okolo sealed the deal with a mix of put-backs and rebounds to keep the Cougars at bay.

Still, there were bright spots for Garden City. Junior forward Cameron Walter scored 17 points and senior forward Brad Russell chipped in 16.

Russell kept the Cougars in the ballgame in the third quarter with a pair of treys, both times getting his team back to within four.

Chipping in 10 points was senior guard Jacob Sadowski.

Junior forwards Houssam Hazime and Darius Benson had eight and seven points, respectively.

"Cameron (Walter) played well, so did Jacob Sadowski and I thought Brad Russell shot the ball from three really well," Morton said. "He's been one of our best perimeter shooters so far this year."

Windle added that getting a win against a Class A team should be "good for us" in the confidence department moving forward.

"We want to get to the point where we can play the Plymouths, Cantons and Salems," Windle said. "Right now, they won't give us a second look."

"Hopefully, as we grow as a program, we can get those opportunities."

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INDIVIDUAL REGIONALS

On guard: 14 Shamrocks head to The Palace

Salem's Haslitt lone P-CEP wrestler to reach D1 finals

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For the second time in the history of the Michigan High School Athletic Association individual wrestling tournament, a Division 1 team has advanced 14 to the finals, which will be March 2-4 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central will try to duplicate its 2010 showing, when the Shamrocks placed 14 and boasted five individual champions.

"It's pretty remarkable to be able to get it done twice in seven years," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "It shows how hard our wrestlers and coaches work. A lot has to go right and the guys have to execute, compete and fight through adversity and they did just that on Saturday."

Among the CC wrestlers earning regional titles Saturday at Saline were Devon Johnsen (103 pounds), Ben Kamali (112), Cam Amine (145), Ty Morland (171) and Nick Jenkins (285).

Kamali (34-3), Amine (38-3), Morland (30-0) and Jenkins (39-1) are all returning state champions, while the Shamrocks also got runner-up regional finishes from Jackson Ross (215 pounds), Rhett Newton (112), Aidan Wagh (152), Easton Turner (171) and returning state champ Kevon Davenport (130), who was edged by Woodhaven's Xavier Graham in the finals, 6-4.

Placing third for CC were Derek Gilcher (119), Stone Moscovic (125), Derek Gilcher, Joe Urso (140) and Dane Flynn (189).

"We have some work to do in preparation for a few match-ups at the individual finals," Hancock said. "We have to get better in a few situations and dictate the pace better at a few weight classes. The good news is that we are healthy, in great shape and grateful for the opportunity."

Park recap

It was a disappointing regional for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams, with only Salem senior Bruce Haslitt qualifying for the state finals.

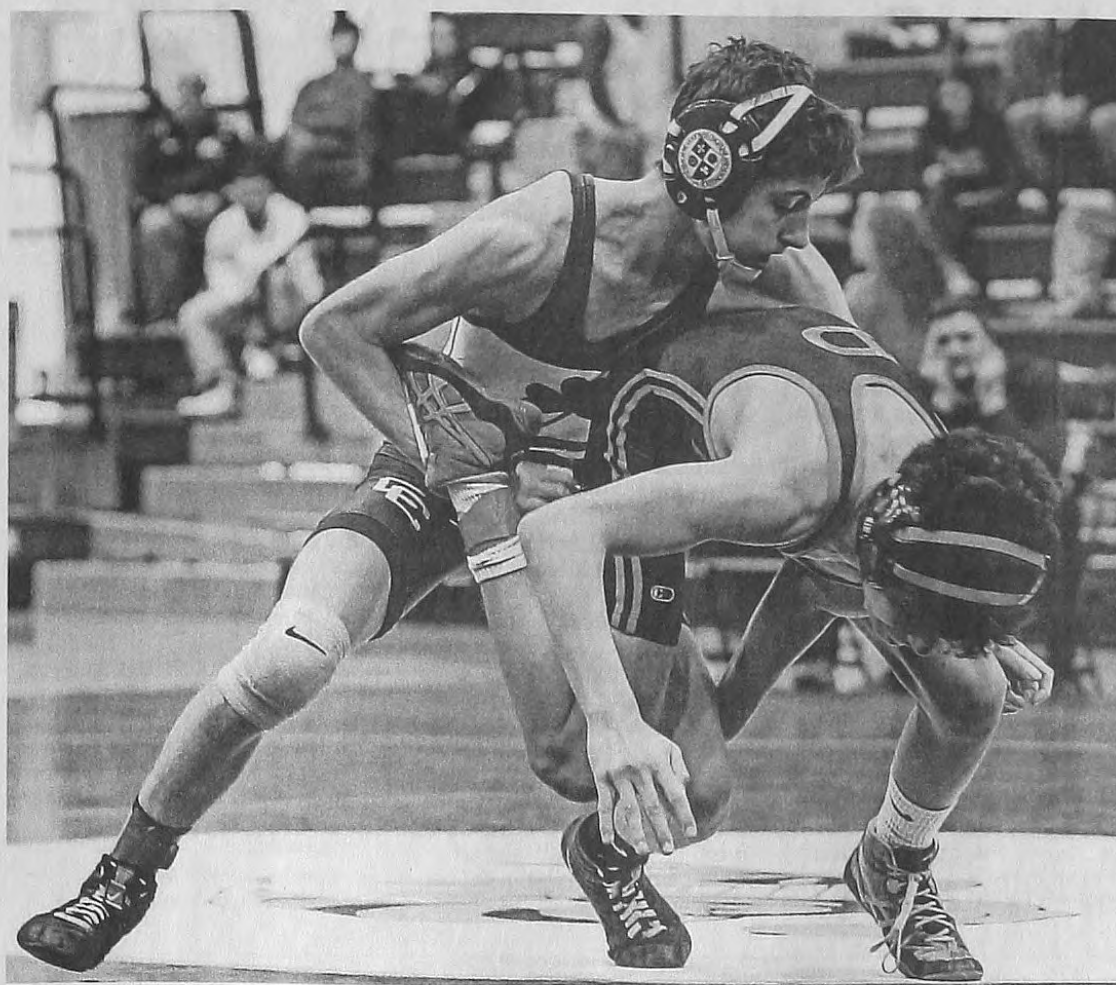
Haslitt finished third at 152, defeating Robert Hurley of Ann Arbor Hurley in a major decision, 11-2.

Canton's Justin Winnie might have had a chance at going to The Palace, but he sustained an injury that prohibited him from competing at Saline, coach Billy Taylor said.

Staff writer Tim Smith contributed to this report.

MHSAA DIVISION 1-REGION 3 INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Feb. 18 at Saline (top 4 qualify for state finals)
160 pounds: William Marano (Dearborn Edsel Ford) decisioned Hunter Grasso (Woodhaven), 2-1 (overtime); **third place:** Dominic Vasquez (Temperance Bedford) won by injury default over Levi Elarton (Bedford).
171: Tyler Morland (Novi Detroit Catholic Central) won by void over Easton Turner (Detroit CC); **third:** Hiram Robinson (Wyandotte) dec. Kyle Kahut (Bedford), 8-6 (OT).
189: Dylan Powers (Saline) pinned Josh Dodd (Woodhaven), 1:10; **third:** Dane Flynn (Detroit CC) won by major dec. over Lionel Cornish (Westland John Glenn), 9-0.
215: JaWuan Peete (John Glenn) dec. Jackson Ross (Detroit CC), 6-3; **third:** Zach Kramer (Monroe) dec. Emmanuel Willie (Livonia Franklin), 6-3.
285: Nick Jenkins (Detroit CC) dec. Austin



SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central's Devon Johnsen (top) gets the upper hand to beat Dearborn's Aaron Garcia in the 103-pound regional final.

Emerson (Bedford), 2-1 (OT); **third:** Brandon Carreathers (John Glenn) p. Anthony Calloway (Wayne), 4:10.
103: Devon Johnsen (Detroit CC) p. Aaron Garcia (Dearborn), 0:59; **third:** Majahid Ahmed (Dearborn Fordson) p. Russ Rusnell (Franklin), 4:01.
112: Ben Kamali (Detroit CC) dec. Rhett Newton (Detroit CC), 13-6; **third:** Kyle Borthwell (John Glenn) dec. Alec Balogh (Southgate), 1:59.
119: Mikey Mars (John Glenn) p. Rayvon Foley (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 5:14; **third:** Derek Gilcher (Detroit CC) dec. Tarik Shallot (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), 4-0.
125: Donte Rivera-Garcia (Southgate) dec. Danile

Poupore (Saline), 8-2; **third:** Stone Moscovic (Detroit CC) dec. Isaac Lefler (John Glenn), 4-2.
130: Xavier Graham (Woodhaven) dec. Kevon Davenport (Detroit CC), 6-4; **third:** Nick Daniels (Wayne) dec. Samuel Lyon (Belleville), 5-0.
135: Anthony Gibson (John Glenn) won by major dec. over Jacob Emery (Woodhaven), 11-0; **third:** Hamze Mrechi (Fordson) p. Bradley James (Southgate), 1:25.
140: Tarik Alcodray (Livonia Stevenson) dec. Colton Thompson (Wyandotte), 4-1; **third:** Joseph Urso (Detroit CC) dec. Kyle Emery (Woodhaven), 5-0.
145: Cam Amine (Detroit CC) won by injury default over Joseph Muzzin (Woodhaven), 5:18;

third: John Siemasz (John Glenn) p. Zachary Buhro (Belleville), 4:18.
152: Nathan Atienza (Franklin) p. Aidan Wagh (Detroit CC), 2:52; **third:** Bruce Haslitt (Salem) won by major dec. over Robert Hurley (Ann Arbor Huron), 11-2.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Zebras top Spartans, reach conference final

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Wayne Memorial needed every point it could get out of Rashad Williams against host Livonia Stevenson in a KLAA boys basketball tournament semifinal contest Tuesday.

With Williams scoring 29 points, the Zebras managed to hang on for a 64-61 win, advancing to Friday's conference championship game against Westland John Glenn. The final is at 7 p.m. at Wayne Memorial.

Williams did a lot of his damage from long range, hitting five treys.

"He pretty much scored at will it seemed against our defense," Livonia Stevenson assistant coach Chris Haldane said. "We also got killed on the offensive glass, which just crushed us when we had good defensive trips."

The Zebras (15-3) had a balanced attack. In addition to Williams, Terrance Williams and Keion Epps scored 12 and nine points, respectively.

Stevenson (14-4) was led by Ian Knoph (19 points) and George Ferguson (16 points). Chipping in seven for the Spartans was Parker Graham.

It was a closely fought game all night, with the Spartans up 12-10 after one quarter.

Wayne scored 23 points in the second quarter to go up 33-30 at halftime and then took a 51-41 lead into the fourth.

The Spartans then had a strong fourth, enjoying a 20-13 edge in scoring. But the deficit was too much to overcome.

"We started full-court pressure in the fourth to get turnovers and that press allowed us to cut the deficit to (between) three to five points," Haldane said. "One big focus was to shut down Wayne's big man Keion Epps and Spencer Eddings (Stevenson) played stout defense on him all game."

Rocks prevail

Salem defeated Brighton 58-44 Tuesday behind 10-point games from seniors Camren Barden and Kyle Winfrey.

The Rocks (8-10) will play another KLAA tourney contest Friday night against Milford.

Chiefs bounce back

After Friday's tough KLAA tourney loss to Livonia Stevenson, Canton rebounded Tues-



TOM BEAUDOIN

Salem's Camren Barden (left), is shown going to the basket in a game from earlier this season.

day with a 50-30 thrashing of Milford.

Sparking Canton to victory were Chase Meredith (13 points), Vinson Sigmon (12 points) and B. Artis White (eight points).

The Chiefs (11-7) led 13-10 after one quarter and 23-19 at the break before taking control in the second half. They out-scored Milford after the intermission, 27-11.

Canton enjoyed a 32-21 edge in rebounding, with Noah Brown leading the way with 10 boards.

Mettie sparks Patriots

Livonia Franklin's Mark Mettie scored 23 points Tuesday, sparking the Patriots to a 53-47 victory over Grand Blanc in KLAA tournament action.

Chipping in 15 points for Franklin (7-11) was Keyon Brown, while Johnny Cantrell and Caleb Boyd helped the cause with nine and six points, respectively.

Churchill wins big

On Tuesday in a consolation bracket of the KLAA tournament, Livonia Churchill rolled to a 71-49 victory over Hartland.

A 22-7 surge in the fourth sealed the win.

Genesis Barnes was the catalyst for Churchill, with 23 points. Helping the cause with 13 and 11 points, respectively, were Evan Cummins and Trajan Stinson.

Alan Hammett (eight points) and Matt Smith (seven points) also chipped in for Churchill (4-14).

The Chargers led 17-14 after one quarter and 36-25 at halftime, but Hartland got to within 49-41 going into the final quarter.

EDSEL FORD 60, RU 58: Jalal Baydoun scored a game-high 23 points, while Melesio Kendrick added 14, including the game-winning layup at the buzzer, Tuesday to give host Dearborn Edsel Ford (3-15) the Western Wayne Athletic Conference crossover victory over Redford Union (9-9).

Christian Montgomery, who led the Panthers with 15 points, tied the game on a 3-pointer with only five seconds left before the Thunderbirds came down and scored.

"We did not get back on defense like we needed to," RU coach Randall Taylor said. "Both teams had no timeouts left. We scrambled and got out of position."

Amir Huston and Marcus Evans added 14 and nine, respectively, for RU.

The Panthers went 3-of-8 from the foul line, while Edsel Ford was 12-of-18.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 74, HURON VALLEY 52: In a MIAC game Tuesday, Luke Smith, Zach Burk and Ben Brown both tallied double-doubles for the host Warriors (13-4, 8-2) on senior night.

Smith led the way with 25 points and 11 rebounds, while Burk (17 points, 11 boards) and Brown (11 points, 12 boards) also had excellent games. Luke Konkel helped Lutheran Westland out with six points.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Blazers ice Mercy in dramatic 2-1 win

Ladywood captures Catholic League title after taking Michigan Metro Girls league crown

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Livonia Ladywood continued its dream season Saturday, capturing the Catholic League girls hockey title in dramatic fashion at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Ice Arena.

Senior defenseman Devon Kelly took advantage of a late power play and scored with just under a minute left to give the Blazers a 2-1 win over rival Farmington Hills Mercy.

Senior Katie Hayward assisted on the game-winner as Ladywood, the Michigan Metro Girls High School regular season champion, improved to 17-0-0-1 overall.

"We called a timeout, drew up a play and it actually worked with 56 seconds left in the game," Ladywood coach Ron Predmesky said.

Ladywood took a 1-0 lead in the second period on senior Cristina Rotondo's goal, assisted by senior Cecilia Werner and senior Colleen Lynch, but the Marlins (15-3-0-1) answered in the final period on a goal by Natalie Vaitas.

"It was a very hard-fought war. Both teams played their very best," Predmesky said. "We had beaten them by one goal, 4-3, two weeks ago. The girls worked their tails off and they practiced well leading up to that game."

Senior Samantha Erickson made 24 saves in goal for the Blazers, while Zabrina LeVasseur was in goal for Mercy.

The Blazers were able to bounce back after suffering a 2-1 Michigan Metro overtime setback Feb. 15 at third-place Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (13-8, 10-3).

Georgia Hinnant and Claire Norwich scored goals for the Blazers, while assists went to Brigitte Ballard and Jaden Bertuzzi.

Werner countered with a first-period goal for the Blazers, assisted by junior Brooke Spiegel.

Cranbrook goalie Maggie McMurray stood out in net, making 31 saves, while Erickson had 15 for the first-place Blazers, who stand 11-0-0-1 (23 points) in the Michigan Metro.

"We definitely have a target on our back," said Predmesky, whose team closes out the regular season at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, against Bloomfield Hills at the Southfield Civic Center.

The Blazers will open the Michigan Metro playoffs Monday, March 6, against Ann Arbor Skyline at the Novi Ice Arena.

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MARY'S EAGLETS



Ladywood's nine seniors hold the Catholic League championship trophy.

PREP GYMNASTICS

Canton title reign ends, but Park gymnasts shine

Plymouth is second as Chiefs place fifth

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It had to end sometime. Canton's run of dominance in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association ended after seven years, as the Chiefs finished fifth despite a strong 141.025 score.

Northville's gymnastics team topped the tough 12-team field with 144.175, followed by Plymouth and Livonia Blue (142.675 and 142.125, respectively).

In fourth with 141.450 was Brighton, followed by the Chiefs. Taking seventh was Salem (138.375); Livonia Red's 137.395 was good for ninth.

But the Chiefs — who were co-division champions with a 10-1 record — and Plymouth Wildcats boasted plenty of

stellar performances, not the least which was turned in by Plymouth's Paige Sanders.

"Paige, coming off an injury, set a new school record on floor with a 9.7 to capture first place in Division 1," Plymouth head coach Pam Yockey said. "Later, she nailed her beam with a 9.375 to take first."

Veteran Canton coach John Cunningham cited several standouts at the meet.

At the top of the list was Jana Hilditch (third on vault, 9.3; fourth on floor, 9.075; and seventh in the all-around with 35.040).

Victoria Faber's 9.55 on uneven parallel bars was good for second. Faber also won the KLAA season average medal for bars with 9.075 over 11 meets.

Taking fifth on balance beam with 8.925 for the Chiefs was Rachel Socha, who just missed earning a medal on floor (11th place, 9.05) and the all-around (11th, 34.25).

Other standouts for Plymouth included junior Emily Caragay, second on vault and in the all-around (37.025), coming just 0.025 short of breaking the school mark in the latter.

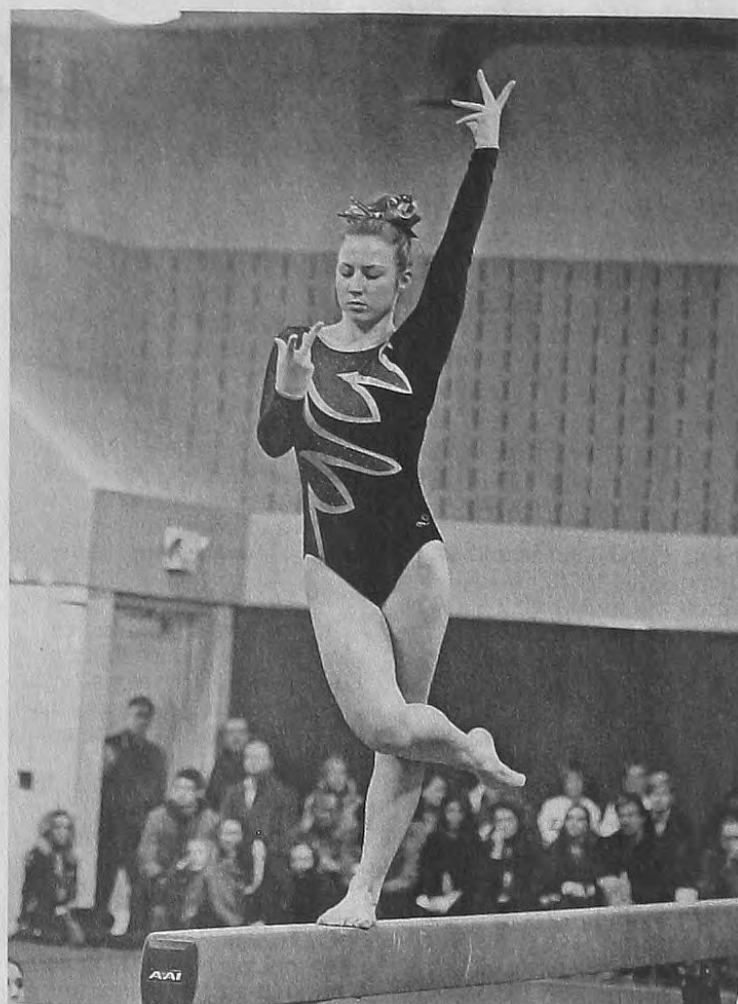
Ava Eiola "struck a solid beam routine" good for ninth in D1, while sophomore Adrian Hartford set a new personal best on beam (8.925, fifth in D2), Yockey noted.

Yockey added that strong, consistent performances from senior captains Adriana Tao and Sara Hosmer helped the team secure a new team high.

Cunningham also said Annika Wang (11th on beam, 8.65) and Jaymi Giardin (personal best 8.55 on beam) were among other Canton highlights.

Plymouth qualified 21 girls for the March 4 regional at Plymouth High School. Canton also will be competed at that regional.

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PLYMOUTH ATHLETICS
Performing her first-place routine on balance beam during last weekend's KLAA conference meet is Plymouth's Paige Sanders.

COLLEGE HOCKEY

Ocelots take care of business in finale

Stanley's hat trick leads Schoolcraft icers to 7-2 win in last game

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For the second straight night, Schoolcraft College's men's club hockey team turned on the switch for the start of the third period.

And both times, the Ocelots made Central Michigan University's Division 2 team pay in the final 20 minutes. On Saturday at Redford Arena, in their regular season American Collegiate Hockey Association finale, the Ocelots poured in five goals to break a 2-2 tie and go on to a 7-2 victory.

Schoolcraft took a similar path to a road win Friday, with a surge in the third to come back from a 2-1 deficit and prevail 6-3.

"I said, 'You guys got to quit playing their game and play your game,'" Schoolcraft head coach Rob Lindsay said about the message in the locker room after the second period. "You guys got to move the puck, beat them to loose pucks and get some good, quality shots."

"And if we're on the power play, stay out of the box. ... The guys played great in the third period again. They stepped it up and did what they were supposed to do."

Westland John Glenn alum Jacob Stanley's three-goal game sparked the win for the Ocelots, who ended the season with a 20-8-1 record (the team will play a charity exhibition game at 3 p.m. Friday against the Michigan State Police at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth).

Stanley, a forward who played for Westland Travel before joining the Ocelots in 2015-16, scored perhaps the biggest goal of the night when he tied the game at 2-2 with 9:59 to go in the middle period.

He one-timed a cross-rink feed from linemate Matt Bederka through a screen past CMU's starting goalie. Owen Hund (Garden City) collected the second assist.

"Went five-hole," Stanley said. "It always feels good to score, but it's better getting the win. We're just working as a team, doing the small things, getting the puck to the net and using each other."

Right to the end

Stanley scored his second and third goals of the night in the third period, including the capper with less than a second to go. He took a sharp-angle backhand from the right wing that eluded the Chipewas netminder as the horn sounded.

The Ocelots actually got the third period going strong when Alex DeFlorio scored at the 49-second mark. Drawing the assist was Stanley.

That slim lead held up until about 14 minutes remained



RENA LAVERTY
Schoolcraft College players Nick Oliveri (left) and Jacob Stanley celebrate after an Ocelots goal Saturday night at Redford Arena. Stanley, from Westland, scored three goals in the 7-2 win over Central Michigan.

and again it was Stanley doing the damage.

He skated the puck in from the left wall into the center of the ice and scorched a shot over the CMU goalie's trapper. Earning an assist on the play was Zack Finzel (Livonia Stevenson).

Schoolcraft would not have had the chance to take control down the stretch if not for the spectacular goaltending of Bryan Donaldson, who flat-out robbed CMU shooters with kick saves and snags. He made 30 saves.

"Donaldson was sharp tonight," Lindsay said. "He kept a lot of shots out of the net."

The Ocelots turned the game into a blowout with three goals in the final 4:13.

Nick Oliveri (from Livonia Franklin product Zack Nelson) made it 5-2 and Jordan Martinez fired the puck into an empty net with 12 seconds remaining.

Somehow, the Ocelots struck again, taking the center-ice face-off, skating into the Chipewas end and catching their opponents sleeping for the seventh and final goal.

Stanley scored it, with assists to assistant captain Vinnie Glenn (Livonia Stevenson) and Derek Klisz (Livonia Churchill).

Opening the scoring at 1:26 of the first period was Bederka, from Martinez.

"It all starts from the bench," Glenn, a forward and assistant captain, said about the way Schoolcraft went off in the third period of both games. "I personally think we get a good energy coming from the bench, we get a good first shift to start the tempo of whatever period we're in and it goes from there. Happened yesterday, we did the same thing. We were rough the first two periods, in the third we came out and scored five."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mercy earns sixth Catholic League title

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Mercy reigns again. For the third time since 2011, the Catholic League girls basketball tournament championship trophy will reside at Farmington Hills Our Lady of Mercy High School. The Marlins regained the title after defeating arch rival Bloomfield Hills Marian, 45-36, in the competitive A-B Division title game played Sunday at Wayne State University.

It is Mercy's sixth Catholic League championship overall — three each for current head coach Gary Morris and former head coach Larry Baker.

"It's nice to win another Catholic League championship for Mercy," said Morris, in his 13th season as head coach. "I'm extremely proud of our kids."

"It is a team that works real hard in practice. Players, whether they get a lot of minutes in a game, very few minutes or don't get any at all, still come to work every day and compete," he added. "That's why we've had the success we've had up to this point in the season."

Marlins sweep Mustangs

It was the third meeting of the season between the Catholic League combatants, with Mercy sweeping the series by just a combined 13 points. The nine-point title-game triumph was Mercy's largest margin of victory.

Marian was denied its 16th — and third straight — Catholic League crown.

"We played well defensively. We forced a lot of turnovers, but never capitalized on them because we would turn the ball back over," Marian head coach Mary Cicerone said. "We had some good looks in the fourth quarter, but didn't finish."

"We also had a breakdown on our half-court press and gave up a few easy baskets before we adjusted," she added. "When we adjusted, we got a few buckets back and they had to come out of their press. Basically, Mercy hit the big shots and we did not."

Godbold, a senior guard, led all scorers with 19 points. Mruzik, a freshman forward, finished with 10.

Marian's high scorers were senior guard Lauren Montalbano (12) and sophomore guard Olivia Moore (10).

Mercy (17-2) will host Detroit Martin Luther King, the Detroit Public Schools champion and the state's No. 1-ranked team, in the Operation Friendship game at 7 p.m. Thursday.

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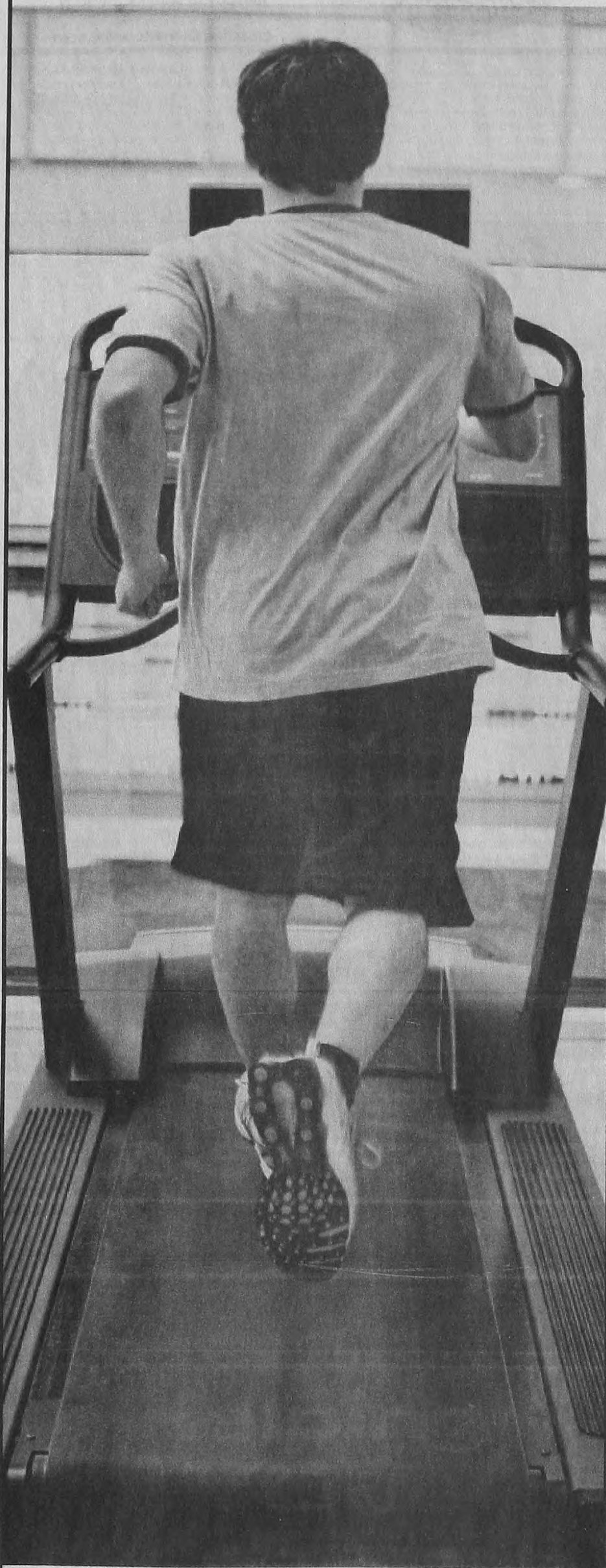


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- WORDS**
- ABSOLUTE
 - ACCURACY
 - ALGEBRA
 - ALGORITHM
 - ANALYTIC
 - ANGLE
 - BASE
 - BINOMIAL
 - CALCULUS
 - CIRCUMFERENCE
 - COEFFICIENT
 - COMPLEMENT
 - COMPOUND
 - CONGRUENCE
 - DEGREE
 - DENOMINATOR
 - DIFFERENCE
 - DIGIT
 - EQUATION
 - FRACTION
 - FUNCTION
 - GEOMETRY
 - MATRIX
 - MEAN
 - MEDIAN
 - MINIMUM
 - MULTIPLY
 - NUMERATOR
 - PARALLEL
 - PRIME
 - RULES
 - SEQUENCE
 - SINE
 - SOLUTION
 - SQUARE
 - TANGENT

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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ALIST	ICEBOX	MOMENTUM
REFER	TIRADE	ONETOONE
CANCANDANCER	TAXAUDIT	
DEUCY	AOK	ALI
SMELTING	SOCCER	PLAYER
LIDA	NEET	RORY
UNBROKEN	HORSE	PIA
REELS	STER	VENT
YOYO	BABY	ON
QUA	LENOS	NOELS
UNDIES	KICKING	ACORNS
AEON	ERROL	SAITH
KARATE	MASTER	NOAH
ESE	AXIS	OAHU
RED	CUTS	FIERO
FIR	GERE	ABEL
HABIT	BREAKER	ASONEMAN
ALAN	END	HEN
ROCK	STAR	SPIKE
SHOELACE	GENER	REINE
HANDOUTS	TIEDON	IMAGE

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