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Massage parlors under microscope

Two get bad news from township board officials

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A Canton massage parlor, caught up in a broader criminal investigation by Oakland County authorities, has lost its appeal to reopen after it was

shut down in January amid allegations it illegally housed two women and used some unlicensed employees.

Mulan Massage, located in a small shopping center northwest of Ford and Canton Center roads, lost its appeal Tues-

day in a sweeping decision by the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

In a separate decision, a second massage parlor, Rebalance Wellness, lost its appeal to start a new business near Ford and Lilley roads because it would be within 1,000 feet of residences and another massage parlor, in violation of

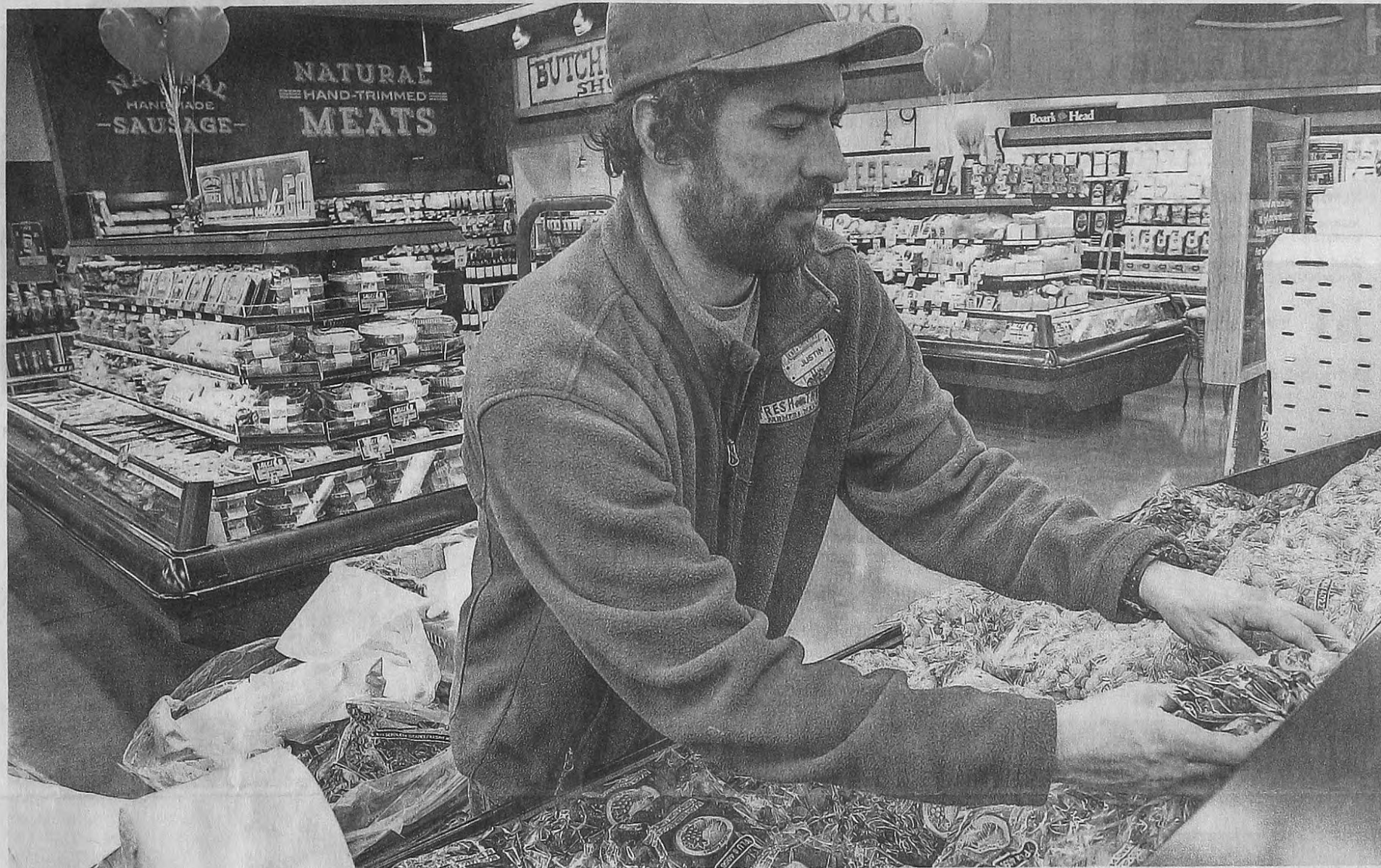
township rules. Local officials also cited problems with the license application.

Mulan Massage had been open about 18 months, but was denied a license renewal in January after the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Homeland Security and Canton Township police conducted a search

warrant and found violations.

"As a result of the investigation, it was determined that Asian females were habitually residing in that business location," Oakland County Sheriff's Detective Sgt. Christopher Cole wrote in a letter to Canton Township Clerk Mi-

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Justin Rocheleau stocks grapes an hour before the store opens to friends and family. He is a Canton resident.

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Fresh Thyme joins Canton market scene

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John and Andrea Collum drove from Ypsilanti and waited an hour in their car for the new Fresh Thyme Farmers Market to open in Canton.

"We've been to the one in

Ann Arbor and we love it," John Collum said, "but this one is closer."

The Collums were among a growing number of customers who waited in the parking lot Tuesday afternoon until Canton's newest market, on Morton Taylor, north of Ford Road,

opened for business.

Inside the store, it was a pep rally as employees cheered while Bruce VanOverloop, Fresh Thyme director of operations, stood in the checkout area and whipped up the crowd before letting in the first customers.

"We are! ...," he yelled. "Fresh Thyme! ..." the workers shouted.

Further back in the store, James Bridges ran a floor scrubber one last time. Even though he is a subcontractor and not a Fresh Thyme employee, it didn't seem that way.

"This feels like my store," he said. "It's important for the store to look good. It's a reflection on me."

VanOverloop gave the Observer a pre-opening tour of the 22,000-square-foot store

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Choirs hit right notes at district choral festival

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Seven choirs from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park hit all the right notes during the Michigan School Vocal Music Association District Choral Festival.

At the festival, held last week at Clarenceville High School in Livonia, choirs were aiming for ratings between 24 and 120 (cumulative scores from four judges). P-CEP choirs ranged between 91 and 118.

It was an impressive perfor-

mance from the choirs, which performed under the direction of Jennifer Neumann, Jonathan Lunneberg and Cathy DePentu (with piano accompaniment from Carole DeHart).

"We feel that every choir worked really hard and performed at their very best, both on and off the stage," Neumann said. "We feel privileged to work with such great students every day."

Here's how the choirs scored: Festival Singers (118), Chamber Choir (111, with each choir earning a perfect score in sight-singing), Madrigal



Plymouth-Canton's Chamber Choir scored 111 at district choral festival.

Singers (110), Dulcissima (107), Allegro (98), Parksmen (95) and Park Singers (91).

Music lovers will be able to hear the music performed when all choirs present their

Choral Festival Repertoire in concert at 7 p.m. March 28 in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School.

That concert will also feature a performance from the

district's show choir, Encore! Tickets are \$5 and will be sold at the door.

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Barefoot Productions brings whodunit to Plymouth

Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have "The 39 Steps," a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theater. And Barefoot Productions Theatre will bring the show from March 31 through April 9 to Plymouth.

This two-time Tony and Drama Desk Award-winning treat is packed with non-stop laughs, more than 150 zany characters (played by a ridiculously talented cast of four), an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers and some good old-fashioned romance!

In "The 39 Steps," a man with a boring life meets a woman with a thick accent who says she's a spy. When he

takes her home, she is murdered. Soon, a mysterious organization called "The 39 Steps" is hot on the man's trail in a nationwide manhunt that climaxes in a death-defying finale! A riotous blend of virtuoso performances and wildly inventive stagecraft, "The 39 Steps" amounts to an unforgettable evening of pure pleasure.

Show dates are: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1 and April 7-8; and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2 and 9.

Barefoot Productions Theatre is at 240 N. Main Street, Plymouth. The facility is handicap accessible.

Tickets are \$17 and senior and student discounts are available. Purchase tickets at www.justgo-barefoot.com.

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that has become the growing company's eighth location in Michigan. Based in Downer Groves, Ill., Fresh Thyme has 57 stores in 10 states, mostly in the Midwest. The first store opened in April 2014 in Mount Prospect, Ill.

VanOverloop pointed to colorful, neatly stacked produce, a deli where the store makes its own pizza and sandwiches, an area packed with 8,500 kinds of vitamins and body care products and a meat case that includes a rotating selection of 40 different kinds of sausages made on-site.

"It's a huge seller," VanOverloop said. A 1,000-pound block of Wisconsin cheddar cheese could be seen in one aisle, cheese that eventually will make its way to a shelf. VanOverloop said Fresh Thyme has more than 1,200 gluten-free products, wide selections of organic and non-genetically modified, or non-GMO, foods and fresh-baked goods. Produce accounts for 25 percent of the store's stock, most of it shipped from a Fresh Thyme distribution center in Illinois.

A.J. Seed of Canton has worked for the company for two years, first at its Northville location and now closer to home in Canton.

"I really like working here because it's such a friendly environment," he said. "I love the energy. It's great."

Outside the store, Andrea Collum commended Fresh Thyme employees she has encountered at the Ann Arbor store.

"There's enough people to help us find things," she said.

VanOverloop said that's by design.

"We're bringing back a culture that truly embraces the customer," he said.

VanOverloop said Fresh Thyme chose Canton because it is a thriving



Fresh Thyme is ready to open.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Fresh Thyme team members A.J. Seal of Canton, Cherice Williams of Ypsilanti, Allie Mezo of Ann Arbor and Kylie Williams of Ypsilanti pose with a 1,000-pound wheel of Wisconsin cheddar cheese.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

community and has a built-in customer base along the Ford Road corridor and "perfect" demographics.

"It really is a mix of people," he said.

For John and Andrea Collum, it comes down to fresh food at decent prices, a place that's worth the drive from Ypsilanti.

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Heirloom tomatoes fill baskets.

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chael Siegrist.

Dennis Woods, an attorney and friend of Mulan Massage owner Tom Liu, said the business has stopped housing masseuses overnight and should be given a second change.

"There's no sex or anything like that going on in there," Woods said. "It's (massage) therapy."

He said Mulan Massage came under scrutiny amidst a wider probe by Oakland County authorities into human trafficking — an investigation Woods predicted will fizzle.

"It's like he's guilty until proven innocent," Woods said, after Tuesday's township board meeting.

Liu said Oakland County still has \$17,000 it seized during the ongoing investigation. He said most of the money belonged to his employees.

Liu, who has four other massage parlors still operating in metro Detroit, addressed the Canton board Tuesday night, saying he didn't intentionally violate any local ordinances and pleading for another chance. He said he entered the massage industry to make money for a larger business venture, making interior building materials, he hopes to bring to Canton.

Mulan Massage therapists make \$30 an hour. Liu said he is trying to help the local community while bringing masseuses from China to start a better life in America.

But Sgt. Cole, in his Jan. 31 report, said Mulan Massage "has been under investigation for the past year."

Aside from housing



Mulan Massage has lost its appeal to reopen at Ford and Canton Center roads.

DARRELL CLEM

two women in Canton, some masseuses did not have a license they need from the state, said Kristin Kolb, the township's general counsel. Kolb refuted claims by Woods that the employees didn't need a license.

Mulan Massage customer Dan Anderson of Northville came to Tuesday's meeting and said beforehand that he supported the business. He said the masseuses provide therapy he needs after he suffered a stroke and was paralyzed for four months.

"They're fantastic," he said. "They pay taxes just like you and I do."

Township Supervisor Pat Williams said the Canton Public Safety Department recommended the business not be given a license based on violations of local ordinances.

Liu said he isn't sure what his next step will be. He said he still has massage businesses operating in West Bloomfield, Novi, Brighton and Highland.

Rebalance Wellness, meanwhile, also lost its appeal to start a new business in Canton, in a building northeast of Ford and Lilley roads. Deputy Police Director

Chad Baugh said it would violate local ordinances because it would be within 1,000 feet of residences and another massage parlor.

Siegrist also cited problems with owner Zixuan Wan's application. He said it didn't contain all of the three required letters to support the business. Wan asked for time to provide documentation, but still lost her appeal.

The board voted 5-2 to deny the appeal, with Trustees Steven Sneiderman and Anne Marie Graham-Hudak casting dissenting votes. Sneiderman said he preferred to give Wan a chance to provide more documentation.

Even if that happened, Won still would need approval to open her business within 1,000 feet of residences. Township Treasurer Dian Slavens said she believes local officials should adhere to that rule.

The township board's actions pertain only to 2017. Mulan Massage and Rebalance Wellness can come back in 2018 to seek approval.

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P-CEP Winter Guard off to a roaring season

Dawn Pyko
Correspondent

Plymouth-Canton Winter Guard opened its season Saturday, Feb. 4, in West Bloomfield. Two weeks later, members boarded a bus and were bound for a Winter Guard International Regional competition in Indianapolis.

The 28-member guard from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park placed first in the West Bloomfield competition and qualified for a spot in the regional finals in Indianapolis. After a weekend of tough competition, the team took a fourth in Indianapolis with a breathtaking performance that brought the crowd to its feet.

Taking the floor in sunglasses, decked out in black tops and bottoms, black hair bands and hair, spray painted white, Plymouth-Canton definitely represented its show concept, which was the life and art of Andy Warhol. The girls represented a feminized version of the artist. The different movements of the show depict his art, from Marilyn Monroe to flowers, while the finale incorporates the Campbell soup cans.

Rachel Nelson is in her third year as the director of Plymouth-Canton Color Guard. She is assisted by staff members Lucas Schmidt and Seth Williams. This team of seasoned professionals spends countless hours

working technique and performance skills with the girls.

"The girls have been working on consistency and performance and in Indianapolis they took a huge step forward," Nelson said.

Plymouth-Canton Drumline and Color Guard hosted a Michigan Color Guard Circuit Invitational, with more than 40 guards and drumlines from across the state competing Feb. 25 at the Park.

On March 25, members will compete at Troy Athens High School. State finals will be held April 1 at Saginaw Valley State University. Final destination: World Guard International competition April 5-9 in Dayton, Ohio.



Plymouth-Canton Winter Guard finalists at Indianapolis Regional competition.

KEN PYKO

Support Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps at dinner, dance, auction

Turning Through Time – an 18th century dinner, dance and silent auction to benefit the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps – will take place April 21 at The Mayflower Meeting House in historic Downtown Plymouth. Scheduled during the evening are Glen Morningstar Jr. and the Ruffwater Stringband, who will guide guests through historical dances. Also, the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps will perform its 2017 concert.

Tickets for Turning Through Time are \$75 (tax-deductible) and are available at www.pfdc.us. If you would like more information regarding this event, contact event coordinator Audra Pieknik at 248-259-3225 or email audra@pfdc.us.

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps consist of students ages 12-18. Members are from Plymouth and surrounding communities. The corps prepares year round for its annual performance

seasons. The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to preserving the ancient arts of color guard, fife and drumming through live performances at parades, historical and patriotic celebrations, concerts, cultural affairs and other civic events.

If you would like more information about the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, go to www.pfdc.us or Facebook at www.facebook.com/pfdc.us/.

'Mother Truckers' performed by Better Than Ever actors

Tickets are on sale now for Better Than Ever Productions third season opener, "Mother Truckers," a comedy by Judith Sapperstein and Gary Murway.

This ensemble production is group directed by the cast members and is being billed as "Lucy and Ethel meet Thelma and Louise." In the show, Maxine's husband has just died and left her with a brand new Peterbilt truck that she can't sell because she'll lose her shirt on it. So she and her sister Charlotte decide to take on his route. With the help of their perfectionist neighbor Mary Ellen (who has a few secrets of her own), they set out on the adventure of a lifetime while looking for the perfect spot to spread her husband's ashes.

Jeanne Pruett, President of the group, who is also playing Charlotte said, "When we lost our director early in the rehearsal process, we



Becky Copenhaver of Canton plays neighbor Mary Ellen in "Mother Truckers."

weren't sure what to do. But the cast all got together and everyone is so passionate about doing this production that we just decided we would all take turns directing. Everyone has pitched in and it has been a true team effort. This production has been so much fun to work on. We could not be more proud of our dedicated performers."

"The biggest challenge of the show," said Brian Trippel who is also the production's technical director, "is that we have to build a Peterbilt truck on the stage. The actors need to be inside the truck and yet still be visible to the audience, so

we've had to get creative. But we've come up with a solution that audiences are sure to enjoy."

The cast includes Cindi Moll (Whitmore Lake), Jeanne Marie Pruett (Canton), Brian Trippel (Romulus), Gerri Carney (Superior Township), Becky Copenhaver (Canton), Ray Fraser (Dearborn Heights) and Dan McKane (Canton).

Performances will be 1 p.m. April 6, 7 p.m. April 7-8 and 2 p.m. April 9 at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church St., Plymouth.

Tickets are available at <http://betterthaneverprod.wix.com/btep> or call 734-306-7883.

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Handgun, butcher knife found in sex-crime suspect's car

A 36-year-old Ann Arbor man, wanted in Chicago on a sex abuse warrant, is facing weapons charges amid allegations Canton police found a handgun, bullets and a butcher knife in a pickup truck he was driving, a police report said.

The suspect's latest troubles unfolded about 12:15 a.m. March 16, when Canton police pulled him over near Michigan Avenue and Belleville Road for a loud muffler and a cracked windshield. The report said an officer saw a bullet on the floorboard and could smell marijuana.

The driver told police he was on parole and had an electronic tether that was no longer working. He said he had gone for a drive because he and his girlfriend had gotten into an argument.

Police learned he was wanted in Chicago for a sex abuse warrant. He also was under court orders not to carry any weapons.

Police arrested the suspect after finding a .22-caliber handgun, bullets and a butcher knife in the truck, the report said.

The same suspect also is believed to have been involved in a recent incident in which he allegedly fired shots at another vehicle during an altercation on U.S. 23, the report said.

During the investigation, the suspect's girlfriend arrived at the scene in hopes of taking the pickup truck, which is hers. But she, too, was taken into custody after police learned she had warrants for her arrest in Washtenaw County for forging financial documents.

Gunpoint road rage

A 21-year-old driver told police a teen in another car pointed a handgun at him when he accidentally cut him off while driving west on Ford Road, near Lilley, about 11:15 p.m. Saturday, a police report said.

The driver, a Belleville man, said he exited I-275 and saw three white male teens stopped at a red traffic light in a Chevrolet Impala. He

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said they were bouncing in the car and listening to loud music.

The driver told police that, as he approached Lilley, the lane he was in suddenly ended so he had to cut over in front of the Impala. According to the report, his action apparently angered the teens and one pulled out a handgun and pointed it at him.

No shots were fired. The driver told police he made a quick turn onto Morton Taylor Road to get away from the teens.

Gun threats or suicidal?

Police went to the College Park mobile home park after receiving reports of a man who may have threatened a woman with a sawed-off shotgun.

But he told police he had gone to the residence, on Mott Road east of Denton, to get his shotgun after his girlfriend threatened suicide, a police report said. In turn, the girlfriend told police the suspect was suicidal and might try to get police to shoot him.

The incident unfolded about 1:30 p.m. Saturday and no shots were fired. The suspect, a Detroit resident, went to the mobile home park with another woman and had left the scene by the time police arrived, but an officer spotted his vehicle and initiated a traffic stop.

Police were told the suspect had pointed the gun under his chin, but he denied it. He was he was merely drunk, not suicidal.

As the investigation continued, police also learned that the 26-year-old girlfriend had a gun, but she didn't have a permit to carry it. She told police she used it for protection.

Possible charges were pending.

Stolen vehicle

A woman staying at the Days Inn on Michigan Avenue during a power outage said her car was stolen by a long-time friend who came to visit her.

The 25-year-old Wayne woman said she hadn't seen the 45-year-old male friend in years, until they recently renewed ties. She said he came by her room and they watched television

and ordered dinner, but she fell asleep.

She told police she woke up to find her 2013 Dodge Avenger was missing. She said she sent the suspect a text and he replied saying he would be back soon, but he didn't show. She told police she had learned he uses drugs.

Later, the woman told police the suspect returned her car to her residence in Wayne, where she had returned after power was restored. She said the suspect claimed he had a family emergency. She did not want to press charges.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

Truck crash

Police found a heavily damaged 1999 Dodge Ram in a ditch in the area of Beck and North Territorial, but the driver wasn't there, a police report said.

Police tracked down the driver at his home and he admitted he left the scene because his driver's license was suspended.

The incident unfolded about 1:30 a.m. March 1. Police said the driver was eastbound on North Territorial and somehow lost control of his vehicle, striking a utility pole, the report said. Police had the truck impounded.

Police ticketed the driver for leaving the scene.

Erratic driving

Police made two arrests after stopping a Ford Fusion that was seen veering and swerving near Ridge and Five Mile, a report said.

Police received a report about 10 a.m. March 5 that a man and a woman appeared to be arguing and smoking marijuana in the car. Police saw the male driver brake hard several times at a stop light, then later swerve among lanes abruptly.

Police initiated a traffic stop and learned that the driver didn't have a valid driver's license, leading to his arrest. Police took the female passenger into custody after learning she was wanted in Livingston County for possession of drug paraphernalia.

— By Darrell Clem

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Canton man named Veteran of the Month

Richard D. Cramb Sr., a Korean War veteran from Canton, was honored as the March 2017 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Cramb served in the U.S. Navy Air Corp from 1951-55. He was born and raised in Plymouth and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1951. He went to work for Cloverdale Dairy, making ice cream.

The Korean War began summer 1950 and Cramb knew it was just a matter of time before he would be drafted. His brother and uncle were in the navy and he felt it was time to perform his patriotic duty and join. In fall 1951, he took a day off from work and went to Detroit to sign up in the Marine Corps. When he got there, the line was closed off for the Marine recruitment office.

Cramb was disappointed, but also didn't want to come back a second time. He noticed that the line for the navy was still open, so he went in and joined.

He was inducted right



Richard Cramb Sr.

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away and sent to the Great Lakes Naval Training Center near Chicago for eight weeks of basic training. After completing basic, he asked to be assigned to a submarine group, but was rejected because he was missing

one molar.

"I was told that missing any other tooth except a molar would have been OK," he said, "but those were the rules."

He then requested the Navy Air Corp. He was accepted and sent to the

Jacksonville, Fla., Naval Air Technical Training Center for 10 weeks of training and then sent to the Memphis Naval Air Base, where he spent 10 weeks in training at the Aviation Metalsmith School. Aviation metalsmiths were responsible for repairing of all exterior parts of planes and helicopters, from the metal bodies to the wheels.

In 1952, after completion of his training, Cramb was sent to the Coast Guard Air Station at Elizabeth City, N.C. The base was under the control of the U.S. Navy since World War II and conducted search and rescue, anti-submarine warfare and training missions. Cramb's main duties included repair of the many helicopters that were assigned to anti-submarine patrol missions of the eastern coast of the U.S.

"Occasionally, we would be assigned to a carrier and sail out into the Atlantic for training," Cramb said. "It was quite a thrill for me as I had never been on a ship so big." He spent the remainder of his service there.

"It was good duty," he said, "The food was great and we had a lot of free time. I even joined the boxing team. I was never knocked out nor did I knock anyone else out."

Cramb had been on the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Golden Gloves boxing team while in high school and even made it to the finals in Detroit, but lost in a decision. "I was too much defense and not enough offense for the judges," he said.

Cramb returned to Michigan after his discharge and went back to work for Cloverdale for a year and then joined the Wayne County Road Commission in the Survey Crew and Road Inspection Department for 10 years. He then spent 10 years as a safety engineer for an insurance company, where he was involved with the construction of the Renaissance Center in Detroit.

He 1994, he retired after 17 years with the Livonia Department of Public Works Engineering Department, Concrete Repair Division. Cramb was married in 1953 to Joan, who died in 2016. They were married

for 63 years and have three sons, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Cramb has been a member of Livonia American Legion Post 32 for 46 years and was even involved in the construction of the new post building. He was past post commander twice for a total of five years and one of the original members of the Post 32 Honor Guard.

Cramb was interviewed by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month Committee and a DVD was made and shown March 7 at the S.A.L. membership meeting. A plaque was presented to him from Livonia Trophary with his picture and service information.

An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule of the American Legion Hall. The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend its monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Spotlight Players to present 'Hello Dolly' at Village Theater

The Spotlight Players will present the Broadway classic "Hello Dolly" at the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton, March 31 through April 2 and April 7-9. Tickets can be purchased online at www.village-theater-canton.com, in person from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or by phone at 734-394-5484.

Dolly Levi, one of New York City's best known matchmakers, intends to marry the wealthy Horace Vandergelder so she can send his money circulating among the people like rainwater the way her late husband, Ephraim Levi, taught her. Along the way to the aisle, she also succeeds in matching-making literally a whole cast of characters in this beloved musical comedy that takes the audiences away to a delightful tune-filled experience, including the popular title track "Hello Dolly."

The original cast recording of "Hello Dolly" was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2002 and reached No. 1 on the Billboard album chart in 1964. The play



Linzi Thomas of Belleville takes the role of Dolly Levi.

won 10 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, which was a record until 2001, when it was broken by "The Producers."

The cast of "Hello Dolly" includes talent from the entire Detroit area: Linzi Thomas as Dolly Levi (Belleville), Jeff Powers as Horace Vandergelder (New Boston), Leo Babcock as Corneilius (Saline), Anthony Kosmalski as Barnaby (Ypsilanti), Allison Ackerman as Irene Malloy (Dexter), Katie Ekblad as Minnie Fay (Canton), John Kosmalski as Ambrose Kem-

per (Ypsilanti), Jem Swift as Ermengarde (Dearborn), Barbara Day as Ernestina (Belleville), Frank McCary as Rudolph (Canton) and Joe Arcel as Judge (Plymouth).

The ensemble includes: Dom Barrow (Romulus), Ruth Butts (Canton), Wayne Calloway (Canton), Mya Del-Stepanian (Canton), Lori Ann Dick (Canton), Becky Dodd-Sherry (Monroe), Arthur Adam Doletzky (Dexter), Dennis Farmer (Canton), Paul Hardy (Livonia), Gregory Hofbauer (Plymouth), Tony Maldonado (Inkster), Sandy McCay (Canton), Alice Montibeller (Ann Arbor), Charlette Nance (Northville), Jack Nicodemio (Livonia), Autumn Paul (Canton), Emsley Paul (Canton), Rebecca Paul (Canton), Holly Saulsberry (Canton), Katerina Stanley (Dearborn), Shelley Stephen (Farmington Hills) and Beth Turza (Canton).

Friday and Saturday performances are 7:30 p.m. and Sunday performances are 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors and youth. Tickets can be purchased and printed at home or held in will call, anytime from the website www.cantonvillage-theater.org at no extra charge. If tickets are available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to program time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton,

Plymouth Township goes 'after hours' for residents

Darrell Clem
hometownlife.com

Working residents who can't get to Plymouth Township Hall during the day to pay water bills, renew a dog's license or get a passport application are about to get another option.

Starting April 4, township hall will have late hours 4:30-7 p.m. for residents who need to conduct business with the offices of supervisor, treasurer and clerk.

The building department also will remain open late for residents who need a permit application for a home addition or who have questions about building codes, among other issues.

Supervisor Kurt Heise said the late hours will occur the first and third Tuesdays of each month

at township hall, 9955 H. Haggerty, north of Ann Arbor Road.



Heise

"Our hardworking taxpayers deserve a township government that fits their busy schedules," he said. "Our new evening hours will help residents who otherwise can't make it to township hall during the day."

Heise issued a statement saying he, Treasurer Mark Clinton, Clerk Jerry Vorva and Building Director Mark Lewis — and some of their department employees — will be available during the extended hours to answer questions, hear concerns or offer assistance on most administrative matters.

Heise said the new evening hours are another example of how the new administration is "changing the culture" at township hall. He, Clinton and Vorva have made that a cornerstone of their administration after winning in the November election.

"We're doing our best to live up to our township motto — 'people, our priority,'" Heise said. "We're listening to our customers and working to help wherever we can."

The latest initiative comes after Heise created a Citizens Advisory Council to provide input and offer ideas for positive change as Plymouth Township moves forward.

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Remodeled Home Tour set for this weekend

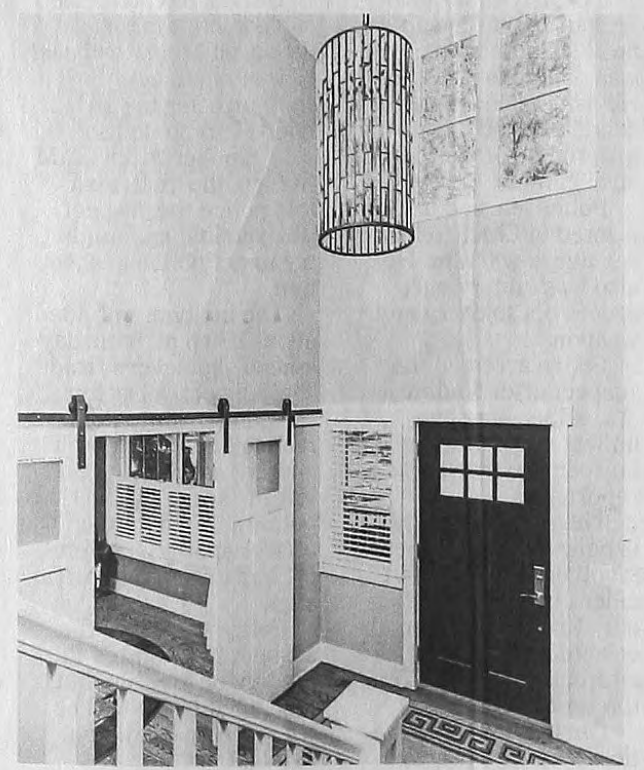
The 2017 NARI Tour of Remodeled Homes will take place Saturday and Sunday, March 25-26, throughout the communities of Dexter, Ann Arbor, Plymouth and Canton.

This event offers the opportunity for attendees to see first-hand how local design build professionals have worked within existing constraints to produce new and vibrant living spaces. This year's tour offers an eclectic mix of design aesthetics, ranging from traditional additions to very contemporary kitchens, as well as several whole home transformations.

Attendees will see some of the latest trends in the remodeling industry and how those trends can be applied to their own homes. Attendees will also be able to speak with design and remodeling professionals at each home featured on the tour, offering a unique opportunity to anyone contemplating renovation work.

This year's tour is sponsored by Mans Lumber & Millwork, family owned since 1900. The Mans family has serviced the lumber and building needs of metro Detroit and Ann Arbor.

To find out more on the Mans difference, go to www.manslumber.com. Admission is \$10 per person, with children ages 5 and under free. Tickets are available at all 10 of the Tour of Remodeled Homes projects. Tickets must be validated before entering and are



This foyer in a Plymouth home will be showcased on the remodeled home tour. It was completed by DJL Builders.



This Plymouth kitchen was remodeled by the Sharer Design Group.

good for use on both days of the tour. Each ticket sale is accompanied by a complimentary tour guide, complete with

project map. Online ticket sales are available at www.2017tourofremodeledhomes.eventbrite.com.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING ON DETERMINED USES OF 2017-2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Plymouth is announcing its objectives and determined uses for Year 2017-2018 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide benefits to senior citizens.
- To provide benefits directly to persons of low/moderate income and/or areas in which at least 51% of the residents are of low/moderate income.
- To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG funded programs

DETERMINED YEAR 2017-2018 PROJECTS:
The City anticipates receiving approximately \$49,754.64 in CDBG funds for the contract year 2017-18, and has determined the following projects and corresponding estimated allocations for use of these funds:

1. ADA and/or Public Facility Improvements	\$32,849.60
2. Public Services- Senior Transportation	\$11,929.58
3. Administration/Planning	\$4,975.46
TOTAL	\$49,754.64

PUBLIC HEARING:
Citizens are invited to comment on the determined projects listed above. All projects must meet one of the Federal CDBG objectives.
A public hearing for the purpose of reviewing the determined uses of 2017-2018 CDBG funds will be held at the Plymouth City Commission Meeting on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Commission Chambers at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St.

Maureen Brodie
Acting City Clerk

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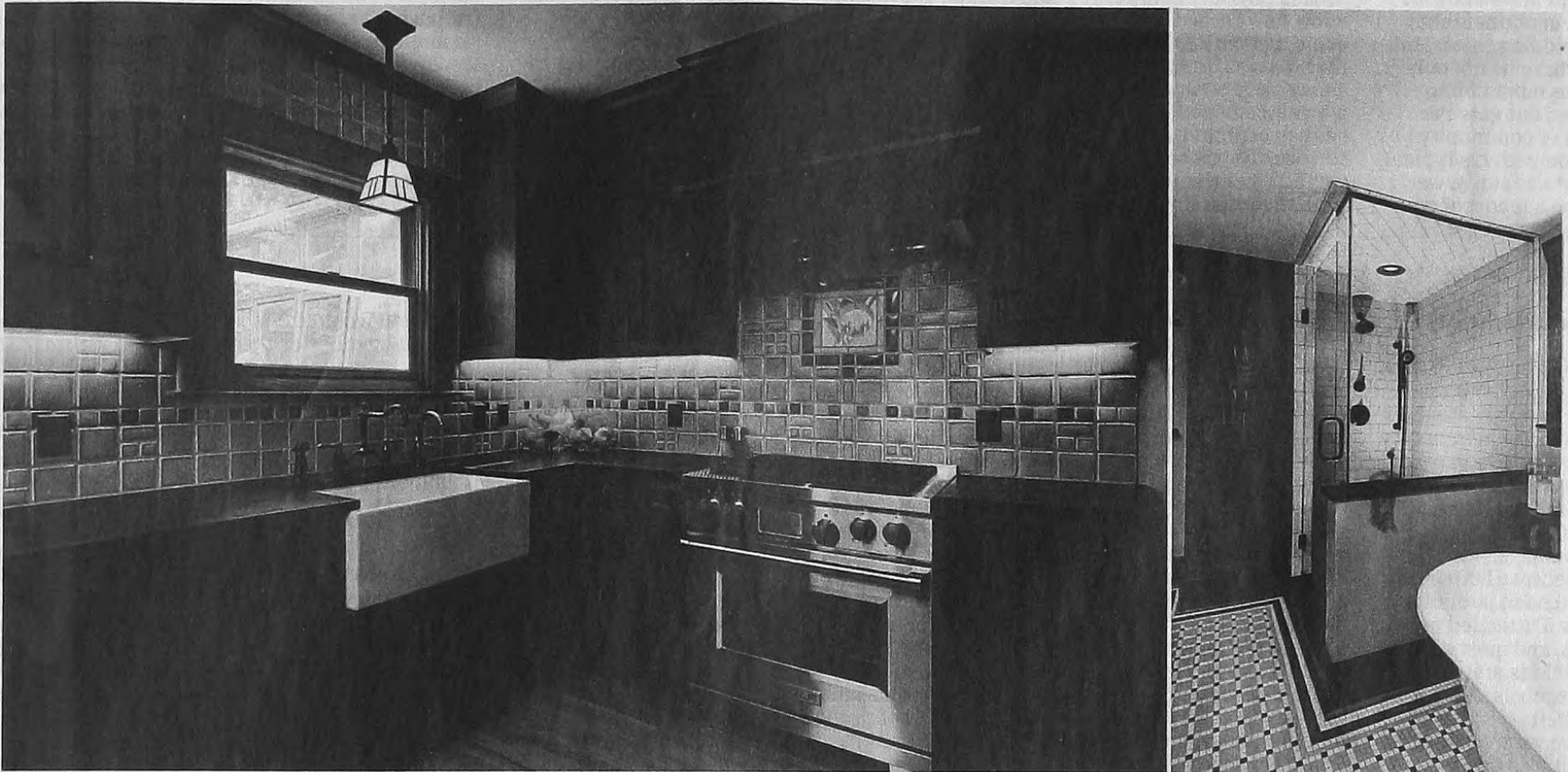
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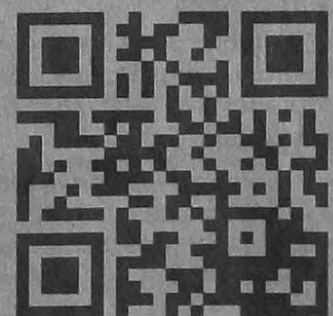
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World Autism Day: Awareness, potential, acceptance

Ewa Omahen
Guest Columnist

On April 2, we will celebrate World Autism Awareness Day. Our son has just turned 15. With every birthday, we come a step further in understanding his neurodiversity and in our acceptance and appreciation of who he is and how far he has come.

When we embarked on this journey, following the autism diagnosis around Patrick's third birthday, things were so different. There was no Autism Awareness Day, no iPads with communication apps and no programming in our home district for students as involved as Patrick is. Today, he attends a program for students with autism in our neighborhood middle school, Hillside, where he not only receives outstanding services, but gets the benefit of community inclusion with his typical peers. As a family, we have the support of won-



Good pals Mario Silvestri and Patrick Omahen.

derful organizations, like the Autism Alliance of Michigan and the Arc, and can access outside services, thanks to autism insurance in our state.

It is reassuring to know how far we have come, not only as a family, but as a community and society at large, when it comes to awareness, acceptance and services for those impacted by autism spectrum disorder. Yet, many

issues remain. One of the more pressing ones is dispelling many stereotypes and misunderstandings that are still all too common.

A common misconception is that people with autism tend to lack empathy and may shy away from interpersonal relationships. One of the basic human needs is the need to belong, to be accepted and to be embraced by others. The relationships with family

are a given for children living with autism. However, the scenario is often very different when it comes to relationships with their peers.

Thanks to the insightful intervention of the Northville Public Schools' bus personnel, Patrick has met a very special friend, Mario, who attends the high school. The boys met at an outing to Friendship Circle two years ago. They ride the same bus, but at different times. Mario kept asking about Patrick, so the bus monitor suggested that he write him a note. The note was delivered that day by the bus personnel to Patrick.

Here we are today, two years later, and following multiple exchanges of letters — via the school bus — between two special friends. Mario writes to Patrick about his interests, school, family, weather, dog and plans. I respond on Patrick's behalf — he does not write — and with his help

in the form of stickers and drawings.

The boys have met and took an instant liking to each other. They enjoy hanging out and jumping on the trampoline or shooting basketball. The excitement and joy on their faces, whenever they are together, are priceless. Mario is the most considerate, caring and genuine young man one could meet. We feel so lucky that our son can have such an awesome friend. The boys are very different, yet so much alike in so many ways. Their joy in the simple things and their ability to live in the moment are truly contagious and so inspiring to us as their parents.

Friendships and relationships come in all varieties. The special friendship between Mario and Patrick was initiated by the caring transportation personnel. They recognized and nurtured the need for these boys to be connected, to communicate and to have a friend. We all

need to have meaningful relationships with others. For some of us, it may take extra steps, unique ways and caring people to facilitate it. The end result is a beautiful friendship between two amazing boys who could teach us all a thing or two about what it takes to be a true friend.

May April 2 be a celebration of the precious gifts — like Mario's and Patrick's friendship — these children bring to our world and a recognition of the special people in their lives. Many thanks to the educators, bus personnel, professionals, peer pals, family members and friends who help our children build meaningful relationships and feel connected.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fund our schools

I am tired of our state representatives who choose to segregate their kids from the community by putting them in private or charter schools, telling me that public schools don't work. I know public schools work because both of my kids attended public schools, I attended public schools, and most of my friends' kids attended public schools. All are doing well.

When we were growing up it was the parents and teachers working together to ensure the child got a good education. Now, our representatives spend a great deal of time demeaning teachers and their big

bad union bosses (who are also teachers and your neighbors, not some thug in a warehouse planning to rob you). They are diminishing our communities by separating us into little "for profit" schools. Money that should be spent in classrooms is being used for advertising and creating more schools than we have students to fill.

They are using choice as the excuse to promote charter schools and private schools instead of funding our schools properly. Choice is important, but should not be the only consideration in determining what makes a successful school. In Michigan we have allowed choice with very little oversight. Our rep-

resentatives continue to ignore the lackluster results of the charter school experiment. What they are really after is a voucher system that allows state money to be used for us to pay for their child's religious education. The problem is that it is unconstitutional. By ignoring the constitution and having negligible oversight, tax dollars could be given to institutions that are teaching prejudice and bigotry instead of preparing students to be productive members of society. That's not a choice I want my tax dollars to go for.

The real problem with education is in the cities where poverty is rampant. No one wants to

talk about how to fix that because they will say we don't have the money. My answer to that is, "Yes, you do." Nineteen percent of our budget goes to our "for profit" prison system and 15 percent goes to public education. Where are their priorities? They will tell you we have to keep the bad guys off the streets. But bad guys are not just individuals, but also businesses and corporations. No one in the GM ignition switch cover-up went to jail. No one in the banking industry went to jail for causing the U.S. economy to go into a depression. The people that go to jail are ones that might have benefited from that 4-percent difference in the education budget at the beginning of their lives.

Let's stick with improving our community by funding our schools so that they are state of the art with quality teachers that can earn a decent living. If you believe your child is getting a good education in the public school they are attending, let your local representatives know. Remember the constitution.

Terry Cannon
Livonia

Pay to play

So Rep. David Trott finally held a public meeting for citizens of the 11th District at the Novi Showplace. Why were many concerned citizens who were there at the scheduled time left out in the snow and cold?

With all that has been done by local and state Republicans to hand tax subsidies to the Show-

place, you would think we would get better than that.

If it had been a Republican fundraiser, I bet no one would have been left out. I believe that is what is called "pay to play."

Chuck Tindall
Novi

Trott doesn't get it

After more than 600 days without a face-to-face meeting with citizens, Dave Trott, Republican 11th District, scheduled a one hour meeting at 8:30 a.m. on a Saturday morning. Leaving Plymouth at 7:30, driving on treacherously slippery roads, four of us arrived at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi at 8 a.m. when doors were to open. The line was long, stretching along the sidewalk and around the building.

The room reserved for this meeting was dramatically inadequate and most people remained locked outdoors in the snow and cold. We were told we could "just stand there" if we wanted to, but we would not be admitted. After 45 minutes of wet snow and no movement, we left.

We want our views and interests included in policy decisions. We were motivated to attend to have our voices heard on education, the environment and public health issues such as nutrition and weapons. Will only the donor class be represented? Does our congressman know that his call is to represent us all, even in our tortuously gerrymandered district? It does not seem that he does.

Kiki Farrow

Marjorie Lynch
Debra MacGregor
Nancy Sullivan
Plymouth

Trump weaknesses exposed

For the second time in the last two weeks, a federal judge has blocked Trump's Muslim ban. U.S. District Judge Derrick Watson ruled yesterday, just hours before Trump's new Muslim ban was to take effect, that this second ban also was unconstitutional.

Judge Watson ruled Trump unconstitutional restricted travel from Somalia, Syria, Libya, Yemen, Iran and the Sudan. Iraq was dropped in this second Trump Muslim ban as Trump was informed/reminded that Iraqi troops were fighting along side of American troops to defeat ISIS in Iraq. Twelve other states were poised to issue that same federal order to halt Trump's second Muslim ban attempt.

Trump claims overreach of activist federal judges and claims they have weakened America. The reverse is true and Trump weaknesses have been exposed as federal judges have twice now asserted that the U.S. is a country governed by law. ISIS has used and will continue to use Trump's unconstitutional Muslim ban as a recruiting device.

First the state of Washington and now Hawaii has shown Trump our birth certificate. It is called our U.S. Constitution.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills



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The cowardice of email

There's much discussion about how the world is increasingly unfriendly. Political disagreements rage online, over airwaves and in pages of newspapers. Faces stare blankly into electronic devices while ignoring faces at the same table. And emails aren't answered because we're "so busy."

But consider our behavior from not too long ago. Discussions about hot-button issues seldom were civil. The glowing screens in our hands commanding attention were once glowing screens hanging above a bar to which our necks craned while ignoring our tablemates. And correspondence, when it involved pen, paper and postage, was even more of a task to tackle.

So, no, the world isn't necessarily any less friendly today than in years past. I will argue, however, that the world is more cowardly.



Ed Nakfoor
GUEST COLUMNIST

Instant disappointment

A particular student of mine is one with great potential. Always punctual, attentive and eager to participate, his are habits teachers hope other students will mimic. Then the habits changed in the weeks prior to winter break.

After a second missed class, I became concerned (we only meet weekly). I waited a few days thinking he'd send me a note. He didn't, so I sent one suggesting we meet.

I learned, then, he wants to major in a performing arts program and earlier in the semester auditioned as part of the admissions process. His efforts fell short, and

that news sent him into a funk. I was sorry to hear — he was genuinely crestfallen — but also sorry he let the disappointment impact his studies.

Curious, I asked what those who critiqued him said, assuming they provided feedback when they met with him to share the news.

My mistake, as there was no meeting. There was, however, an email. I asked if the note invited him to set a time to discuss the outcome. "No, it simply said I didn't get in," he said. Then, his voice trailing, added the message closed with a sort of "don't call us."

I didn't see a copy of the email, so perhaps he didn't read carefully. But the fact that an email was sent at all infuriated me, especially considering only he and two other students auditioned for spots in the program.

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Prom dresses going for \$20 this weekend in Livonia

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

There aren't many places where 95 percent off is the norm for a sale. But for the annual 2nd Life Prom Dress Sale at Livonia's St. Paul Presbyterian Church, as much as 95 percent off is pretty standard.

"It's fun to see the kids in them and their beautiful," said Pam Phillips, a parishioner who has helped put on the sale the last several years.

The church, located at 27475 Five Mile just west of Inkster, will hold its sixth annual prom dress sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. More than 1,100 dresses, tops, shoes, jewelry, purses and other accessories are available to purchase at flat prices. Prom dresses, no matter the original sticker price, are all \$20 cash.

It's an event, Phillips said, that attracts girls and families from all over the region and out-of-state, too. She said they've had customers come from Ohio and Canada in recent years, looking to score a great deal



Pam Phillips shows off some of the many dresses available.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

on a dress.

Admission to the sale is free, though attendees will need a ticket to access the floor. Tickets will be given out starting at 7 a.m. Saturday in the parking lot of the church.

Phillips said it's not uncommon to see cars begin pulling up at 6 a.m. to try to be first in line. The church will open its doors at 8 a.m. for people to

wait inside before the sale begins.

"When they see us unlock the door, they come running," said the Plymouth resident and longtime St. Paul's parishioner.

It's Phillips's hope between 300 and 500 people attend Saturday.

From there, several people will be ushered into the area where the

dresses are to try them on and find that special gown.

There are several volunteers who can make some minor alterations, including hemming, strap alterations and other adjustments. Several dressing areas have also been constructed for customers to try on the dresses.

They come in a wide range of colors, fashions

PROM DRESS DRIVE

In addition to the sale at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, several area Comerica Bank branches are accepting donations of prom dresses throughout the area until April 7. The dresses will go to Hope's Closet in Royal Oak, where they will be provided to students from across the state. Dresses and other prom items can be donated at the following local Comerica Bank branches:

- » Livonia Operations Center – 39200 W. Six Mile, Livonia
- » Northville Banking Center – 129 E. Main St., Northville
- » Telegraph-Long Lake – 3910 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills
- » Woodward-14 Mile – 33101 Woodward Ave., Birmingham

and sizes, Phillips said. Anything from size 0 to size 28 is available.

And it's not just an event for prom, either, Phillips said. There are plenty of dresses that go well for other events such as homecoming, honeymoons and other vacations. Phillips recalled one shopper way came in that wasn't looking for a prom dress.

"She was going on a cruise. And she came in and bought dresses for her cruise," she said. "We've got dynamite dresses for cruises, for vacation, summer. Summer's coming up."

And while the dresses are the highlight of the event, the funds brought

in go to help the community. All the proceeds will go toward helping feed the hungry, as well as helping some students from Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church going to Alaska to build a home and the Life Remodeled project in Detroit.

"We have our food pantry where we give out hundreds of bags of food," she said. "We have given out over 8,000 pounds of fresh produce since we started our garden."

"Where our money goes, we go."

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Don't panic with tax deadline in sight; file for extension

It's that time of year again, when people are rushing to organize their tax info and to have their returns completed by the April 18 deadline. This year, because April 15 falls on a weekend, the returns are due April 18. That being said, there are some issues that are important to keep in mind. The first deals with those who are not going to have their returns completed by the deadline. The second issue is for those who complete their returns — it may be time to prune some of those tax records.

For those who cannot complete their returns on time, there is no reason to panic. One of the mistakes many people make is that they rush to complete their returns by the April deadline and then they make mistakes. It is those mistakes that lead to IRS scrutiny; I guaran-



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

tee you, no one wants that. If you cannot complete your returns on time, the best course of action is to file for an extension. The IRS form you would use to file for your extension is form 4868. An extension is automatic for six months, but what trips people up is that they need to keep in mind that it is an extension of time to file your returns, not to pay your taxes. You have to go through a process to estimate your tax liability to determine whether you need to make a payment with your extension. Keep in mind that if you file for a federal extension, it will automatically apply to the state of Michigan, but

you may have to make an estimated payment.

Many people believe that if you file for an extension, you increase your audit risk; that is not the case. Filing for an extension will not increase your audit risk. Filing sloppy returns or incomplete returns will definitely increase your audit risk, not filing for an extension. If you can't properly complete and file your return by the April 18 deadline, do yourself a favor and file for an extension.

The other issue is for those who have completed your returns — it may be a good idea to prune your tax files. Without question, you should save at least the last three years returns and the backup data. The IRS can audit you up to three years after you've filed your returns. That being said, in most cases I tell people to retain their tax

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information for seven years. In rare cases where the IRS suspects fraud or where you underreported your income by 25 percent or more, the IRS can extend the time for an audit. That is why I tell people to retain their information for at least seven years. For anything past seven years, you are probably safe to destroy that information. One caveat to this deals with Social Security.

Before you destroy records from 10 and 20 years ago, it's a good idea to check your Social Security earnings to make sure you received

the proper credit for the years which you worked. If you have gotten the proper credit for your work years, then there is virtually no reason to save your old returns and documentation.

It is important to keep in mind that your tax information contains lots of sensitive information, such as your Social Secu-

rity number; you have to properly dispose of this material. My advice is that anything with tax information should be shredded in order to protect yourself.

One last note: To make filing your 2017 tax return as easy as possible, it is also a great time of year to set up a record system for your 2017 tax returns.

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Cat rescued from hunter's trap loses limb

Sharon Dargay
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Bucky the cat is alert and recovering from surgery after being snared by a leghold trap.

"It takes a period of time for them to recover from the physical and emotional trauma. It's been quite an ordeal," said Peter Barnes, practice administrator at Veterinary Care Specialists in Milford, which is caring for the young, male cat. "The trap had been on for a bit of time. The leg was severely infected.

"It was probably the kind of trap you'd use for a coyote. These are dangerous traps. They are indiscriminate and pressure-sensitive. They generally are secured down with something, but this one wasn't. The cat was dragging the chain."

Barnes said a staff member at Henry Ford Medical Facility last week saw Bucky struggling with the trap near a wooded area behind the facility on Milford Road. She called the Milford Police Department and Officer Christopher Lipari responded. He delivered the injured, fright-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Veterinary technician Whitney McGinnis checks in on the injured cat, Bucky, at Milford's Veterinary Care Specialists. Bucky Barnes (named after a Marvel comics and film character that has one arm) was rescued from an animal trap, but his left arm was too wounded to save.

ened cat to the veterinary hospital.

"We immediately worked on sedating the cat and it took two or three people to open the trap and extricate the leg. Initially we bandaged it and started a course of antibiotics to start getting the cat stabilized for surgery," Barnes said.

Jacqueline Mair, veterinary surgeon, removed the damaged left front limb and the staff dubbed their patient Bucky after

a Marvel Avengers character who also lost his left front arm.

Barnes, who co-owns the veterinary hospital with Julie Haas, a veterinarian and director of medicine, has experience with three-legged cats. He rescued a cat with a "mangled leg" from a construction site in Detroit. Its limb also was removed, but it survived and lived with Barnes and his wife for several years.

Bucky, who has black, short fur and is estimated to be about one year old, likely is homeless and feral, but Barnes can't be sure until the cat has spent more time with his caregivers.

"We've scanned for a microchip and there is no evidence of an owner. At this point in time, it's not 100-percent trusting of anyone yet. It will be some time before its true behavior and personality come out. Even a domestic cat would be reacting in a self-defense, self-preservation mode.

"Every cat is an individual and responds differently."

Barnes praised Milford police for rescuing the cat and bringing it to Veterinary Care Specialists. Officers have done that in the past and dropped off everything from injured swans to stray dogs. The hospital is open around the clock.

Bucky will spend some time living at the hospital, although the goal is to give him as normal a life as possible.

For more about Veterinary Care Specialists, go to vcsmilford.com.

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DAVID K. age 95 of Bloomfield Hills passed away on March 18, 2017. Dave is survived by his children, Kirk Falvay (Sheri), Denise Wong (John), his sister, Suzanne Nelson (Richard), and his granddaughter, Alexandra Wong. He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley. Dave was born in Ripley, New York. He graduated from the University of Michigan, served in the US army during World War II, and had a long and successful career in the insurance business. Dave was an accomplished trombone player winning a national award at age 17. After the War he formed his dance band known as Dave Farley and his Orchestra. His band stayed together for several decades and entertained throughout southeast Michigan. Later he was instrumental in helping to found the Birmingham Concert Band and its offshoot The Straw Hat Band which he played in until he was 90. Dave was an active volunteer for many charitable causes and devoted much of his time to helping others. He loved to travel with his wife and family, and later on his own, throughout the world. A Memorial Service will be Saturday, March 25, 2017 2:00 p.m. at Kirk in the Hills Church (1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302), with a reception to follow. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Dave's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Detroit Winds and Strings and Hospice of Michigan. Condolences to the family may be sent to www.villagefl.com

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RAYMOND Age 95, March 19, 2017. Born August 11, 1921 in Broughton, Kansas. Married to Josephine (nee Muscat) May 1, 1948. Survived by his wife and daughters Valerie (Thomas) Schilling and Debbra (Howard) Long and granddaughter Carrie. Visitation was held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd, Livonia, Tuesday, March 21 2-9 p.m. Funeral Service was Wednesday, March 22 at 12:30 p.m. Please share a memory at www.rgrharris.com

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NAKFOOR

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That no one had the courtesy — or courage — to sit with one student to deliver bad news is stunning.

I told him to not dwell on the experience and to press on. And that's what I intend to do, too.

Bad news bearer

The dismissive email I received a few weeks ago was in response to my query about renewing my

teaching contract, which is renewable up to five times. It's been renewed once and, despite administrative challenges with the department this year, my time with the students has earned kudos. And that's what counts, right?

The answer came not from the program chair — the recipient of my note — but by the head of the department. A form letter without shape, it was less collegial and more akin to what polite strangers might send one another.

There was always a possibility the contract wouldn't be renewed,

but to learn about it in such a dismissive way again, was maddening. Why no phone call, or face-to-face meeting?

Email has made us more efficient, perhaps, but it's made us less mindful of others, cowardly, even. And while no one likes to deliver bad news, serving it electronically leaves a bad taste in anyone's mouth.

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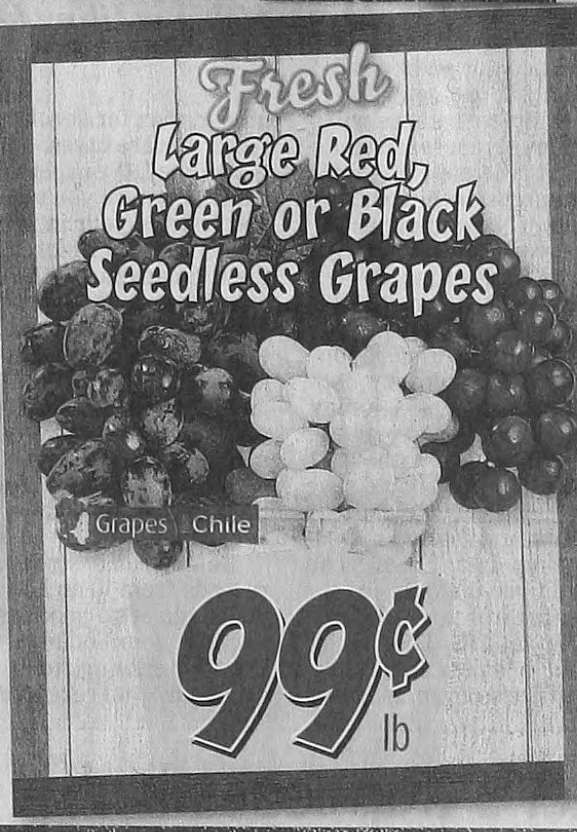
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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Hope grows boycott will be short-lived

USA Hockey, U.S. Women's National Team players remain optimistic after lengthy bargaining session

Tim Smith
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It's still anybody's guess as to whether actual members of the U.S. Women's National Hockey Team or replacement players will skate onto the USA Hockey Arena ice March 31 during the upcoming World Championships.

But a promising round of negotiations Monday in Philadelphia between USA Hockey officials and a contingent of women's players and their lawyers at least shows a ray of sunshine in what was a com-

pletely gloomy forecast. "We're excited about the discussions that took place yesterday. Very positive progress made on both sides," said Dave Fischer, senior director of communications for USA Hockey. "Both sides are working hard to get to a resolution that leads to the players that we selected previously to compete as the U.S. Women's National Team in the world championships, that they're the ones on the ice in Plymouth come March 31."

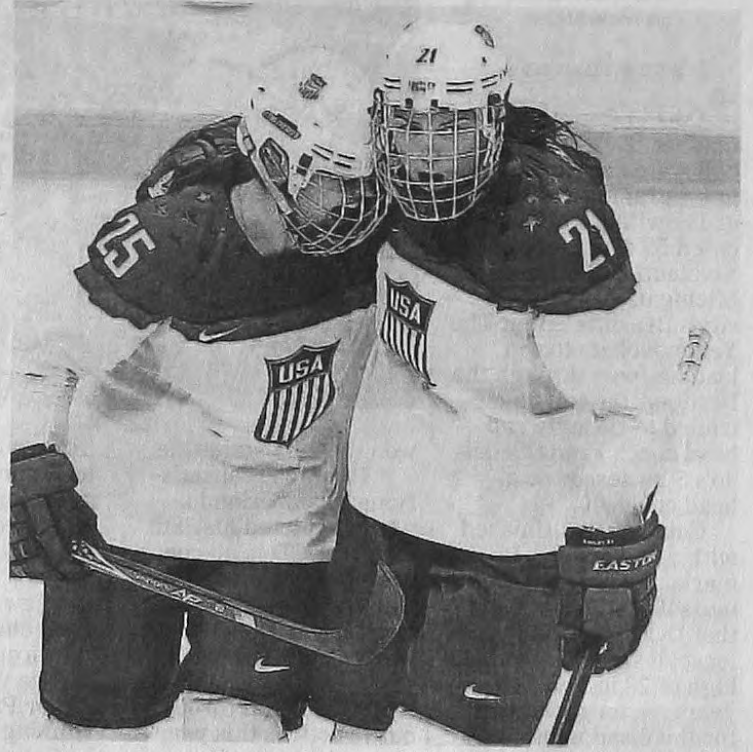
On the final day of March, defending tournament champi-

on Team USA is scheduled to face Canada in a preliminary round game (7:30 p.m. puck drop), with a game at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, against Russia to follow.

The boycott of the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championships, which continue through April 7 and include eight countries, reportedly stems from players' frustration over lagging financial compensation from governing body USA Hockey — especially compared to what men receive — for non-Olympic years.

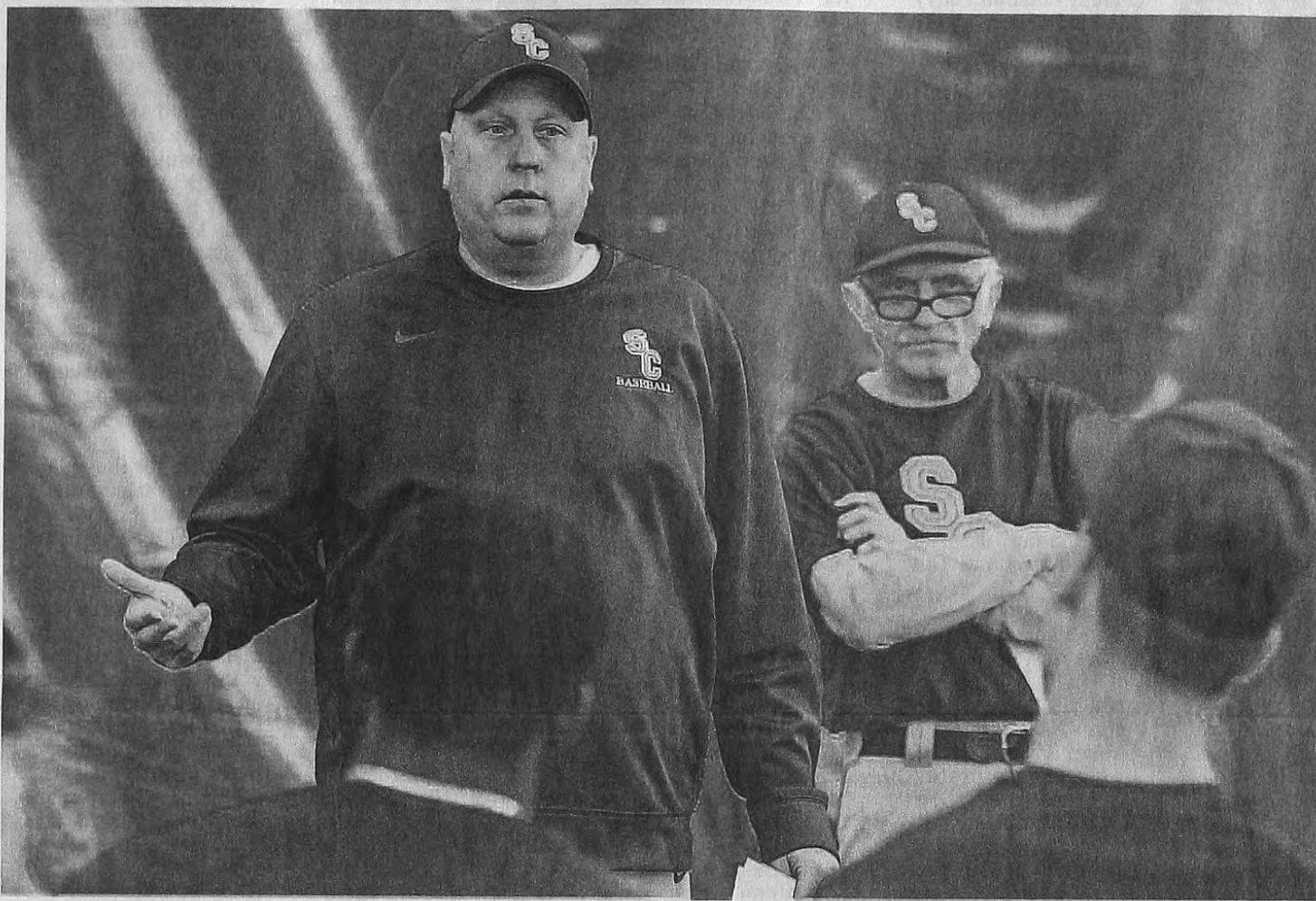
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Team USA forwards Alex Carpenter (left) and Hilary Knight celebrate a goal during the 2014 Sochi Olympics. Both players were on the roster announced earlier this month by USA Hockey for the 2017 IIHF World Championships in Plymouth.

COLLEGE BASEBALL PREVIEW



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Schoolcraft College baseball head coach Rob Fay (left) and associate head coach Bob Bracci talk to players at the close of Monday's practice. The team plays four twinbills between Tuesday and Saturday, weather permitting.

OCELOTS JUMP INTO FRAY

Second-year Schoolcraft baseball team will test improved depth with first-week slate of four doubleheaders

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

The reality that playing college baseball is a grind is going to face Schoolcraft College players like Nick Romanowski and Hunter Sellers in a big way this week.

Bring it on, both maintain, as the second-year Ocelots baseball team — which went 1-4 in a late February trek to Kentucky and Tennessee — plays four doubleheaders in five days this week as the 2017 season gets going on Michigan diamonds.

"We just need to stay mentally strong, we need to trust each other," said Romanowski, a sophomore catcher and co-captain from Canton High School. "This is where we're really going to have to bond this upcoming week. We're about to see what it's like to travel almost every day. And

we're going to have to beat some teams."

Romanowski, getting in some swings inside Schoolcraft's dome Monday along with freshman catcher Tyler Chase, added that it's no problem that the team won't be able to play home games at Livonia's Ford Field until mid-April. Saturday's twinbill against Mott Community College originally was slated for Ford Field.

"We're up to the challenge; we want to play," Romanowski said.

Let's go

He can't wait for games to resume, having gone 5-for-10 with three doubles during the spring trip.

"Really excited, the guys are ready to go," Romanowski said. "We've been cooped up

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One of the captains for Schoolcraft is sophomore catcher Nick Romanowski, who played at Canton High School. Here, Romanowski listens to coaches at the close of Monday's practice.

PREP ATHLETICS

KLAA changes keep coming

Bill Khan
Livingston Daily

The drive to and from Grand Blanc is an issue that area teams and fans won't have to deal with much longer.

Grand Blanc has been voted out of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, effective in the 2018-19 school year.

The decision to remove the Bobcats was done by a 13-1 vote, Grand Blanc athletic director Jerrod Dohm said recently. Grand Blanc was the only school to vote in its own favor, he said.

"We wanted to stay in the KLAA," Dohm said. "We are extremely disappointed in their decision to remove us from the conference. Obviously, it puts us in a very difficult position. At this point, the way we're looking at it, we have to look forward. Our hope is we can land somewhere where we can hopefully rekindle some of the old rivalries we had back from the Big Nine days."

When 10 current KLAA members decided to leave the league starting in 2017-18, Grand Blanc was even more isolated from the rest of the league as its northernmost school. Hartland, which is 25 miles from Grand Blanc, is the Bobcats' closest rival. Howell is 36 miles away and Brighton is 37 miles away.

The Bobcats will play KLAA football games next fall against Livonia Franklin (59 miles), Plymouth (58), Wayne Memorial (56), Northville (53), Westland John Glenn (52) and Livonia Churchill (48).

Departing KLAA members

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Detroit Country Day captures 12th state title

Marty Budner
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It's now an even dozen.

Detroit Country Day made it 12 girls basketball state championships in program history Saturday with a well-executed 59-48 victory over Ypsilanti Arbor Prep at Michigan State University's Breslin Center. The Yellowjackets took a lead halfway through the first quarter and never trailed to fittingly cap head coach Frank Orlando's 50th season as a head coach.

Country Day finished with a 26-1 record. It marks the seventh time in its illustrious history that DCD has won at least 26 games — with a high of 28 in 1998. This year's victory made up for the disappointment of having lost in last year's Class B state semifinal after having



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Detroit Country Day players pose for a photo with students after winning the Class B state championship Saturday at the Breslin Center.

won the 2015 state title. "This was real satisfying," said Orlando, who completed his 35th year as DCD head coach. "The feeling we had walking out last year was that we didn't play the type of basketball that we were capable of. We just said all through our practices this year to remember what happened last year. "And I told the girls

today when we had the lead to remember the game against Saginaw Heritage (this year) that we lost by a point," he added. "I think that led to a few points. It was good and it led to a big turnaround."

The victory snapped Arbor Prep's 37-game winning streak. Ironically, Country Day was the last team to defeat Arbor Prep, last year's Class C

state champ which opted to move up to Class B this year. The Yellowjackets beat the Gators in mid-February of last season, 37-33.

Arbor Prep finished this season with a 27-1 record. "This was a very difficult loss today," Prep head coach Rod Wells said. "I thought Country Day played a real good game. They made a lot of

shots. In the first half, we didn't make a lot of shots and it was tough to make up that gap.

"I'm truly proud of my girls. They brought effort," he added. "Sometimes the ball just doesn't fall your way. It took us a while to adjust to their zone."

A strong first half

Country Day played a near flawless first half.

After Arbor Prep went up 9-6, Country Day junior guard Kaela Webb hit a pair of treys from atop the arc to successfully break Prep's press. DCD took a 12-9 lead — a lead it would never relinquish — and went on a 15-6 run through the rest of the first half en route to a 27-15 halftime lead.

"I told Kaela that if you got the shot, take it. I have extreme confidence in her and the rest of the girls," Orlando

said. "We shot 60 percent today, but that was a key point in the game, I thought. We played a zone and I thought that hurt them a little bit."

The Yellowjackets never lost the momentum in the second half.

DCD led 41-27 going into the fourth quarter and hiked the lead to 46-30, its biggest of the game. From that point on, Prep went on a 9-2 run to cut the lead to nine points, but that would be as close as it would get.

Pitts led DCD's balanced scoring attack with 17 points. Senior center Tylar Bennett, the defensive star with five blocks, finished with 15 points. Webb added 13, including three treys, and a whopping nine assists.

Arbor Prep was led by Lasha Petree and Ro'Z-hane Wells, with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

OCELOTS

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in here (dome). We're ready to play some ball again."

Livonia Franklin alum Sellers, who returns as Schoolcraft's starting second baseman, echoed Romanowski.

"We're just playing baseball, that's all that matters," Sellers said. "Our pitchers looked real good down south and our hitters are looking good in the cages here. So I think we're ready to go."

Sellers will pair with shortstop Garrett Edgell (Dearborn Divine Child) for the second consecutive year to give the Ocelots a reliable tandem.

"We're good with each other, very familiar," Sellers said. "All double plays, we know where each other's going to be without even looking."

Having such strength up the middle is something that should lead to more success for the Ocelots in 2017.

Last year, the team overcame a 3-18 start to wind up 15-30 and win the NJCAA Region XII Division III championship with a 2-0 record against Lorain County Communi-



BILL BRESLER
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Listening to coaches talk about the upcoming week of games is Schoolcraft starting second baseman Hunter Sellers, an alum of Livonia Franklin.

ty College.

Schoolcraft then was ousted in the NJCAA D-III District B tournament.

Getting a gauge

"I think we have a good pulse for what we have right now," Schoolcraft head coach Rob Fay said. "Hopefully, with what we've done last few weeks have gotten us better in some situations."

"(Tuesday) will be a good test against Kalamazoo Valley. We dropped two to them last

year, but they were both competitive games.

"And then Cleary (Thursday) and Mott (Friday and Saturday), you kind of run out of time on figuring out what you have because the games count towards the division championship on Friday."

But Fay emphasized that the second edition of the team is "much improved from last year. The experience has helped. Our freshmen have been doing an outstanding job, so we expect to be competitive all the way through."

About the 1-4 spring trip, Fay preferred to look at the positives, such as a five-inning no-hitter spun by sophomore pitcher Amedeo Appoloni, freshman Justin Julion and freshman David Chavez.

Or the power bats being displayed by sophomore first baseman Jordan Pressley, freshman Will Buraconak (North Farmington), Chavez and others.

"Jordan has professional bat speed," Fay said about the Romulus product who is getting looks from D-I programs. "But Will and David have shown home run power as well. That's going to be a huge advantage."

Pitching in

The Ocelots also will benefit from a deep roster of pitchers, led by starters Nick Montroy (Garden City), Drew Garrison and Christian Mercure.

"We have 15 arms and we got some position guys that will throw some relief for us," Fay said. "Will Burakonak and David Chavez are two freshmen that we expect to get a lot of innings for us. I think our pitching staff this year is more well-rounded."

Among those on the mound will be sophomore Jared Merandi (Plymouth), freshman Nick Cotter (Livonia Stevenson) and sophomore Colin Elges (Canton/Belleville).

The hurlers are at ease with catchers Romanowski (who led the 2016 team in hitting with a .380 average) and Chase.

"(The catchers) work together a lot. We've helped each other get a lot better this year," Romanowski said. "We're always working together ... we work pretty closely with the pitchers. We get feedback. If we see something, we change it."

According to Fay, the rest of the infield is pret-

ty well set with Pressley at first, Sellers and Edgell up the middle and either sophomore Matt Buhagier or freshman Nick Ciesielski (Milford) at third.

Fay said Buhagier and Ciesielski "both swing the bat pretty well."

Plenty of depth

Ready to help out when called upon are freshman second baseman Sam Conti and freshman shortstop Blake Sloan (who also can catch or pitch).

"We turned quite a few double plays down south," Fay said, "whether it was Garrett and Hunter or Garrett and Sam Konti at second or even Blake Sloan at short and Sam at second. The middle of the infield has improved."

Patrolling the outfield will be — when not pitching — returners Merandi, Waymon Lemon (University of Detroit-Jesuit), Mike Peplinski and Tim Kozar.

"We're comfortable starting any of those at any given time," Fay said. "Timmy, Waymon and Jared also pitch for us. Our other two outfielders are freshmen Joey Pejuan and Ben Harthun (Northville), who also give us the add-

ed element of speed."

Fay said not being able to play at Ford Field for a few weeks is out of the team's control.

"There really isn't much we can do, but the disadvantage is, one, you want to get out on your home field as soon as you can," Fay said. "Home field should be an advantage. And, two, it's really just the travel time. Making sure guys get the extra rest, recovery time is always a lot easier when you're at home."

"You got to play away games. But if you could schedule a season of home games, you'd do that."

Wherever they play, Romanowski said the Ocelots will be ready.

"There's a lot of leaders on this team and we're going to be ready to carry through a crazy two-month season," Romanowski said. "There's going to be a lot of games and a lot of people making a lot of big plays."

Rounding out the roster are sophomores C.J. Bremer (pitcher, Brighton) and Cam Ernest (infielder).

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Tuesday in USA Today, nearly 20 players were on hand for a marathon bargaining session that included USA Hockey president Jim Smith, executive director Dave O'grean, director of women's hockey Reagan Carey and treasurer Donna Guariglia.

Players issued a press release noting that negotiations "will continue this week, with the goal of reaching an agreement that would allow the players to get to camp in time to train for and compete in the World Championships. Players are hopeful they will get to take the ice and represent their country."

Positive 'end game'

Carey did not immediately return a phone call Tuesday requesting comment.

One of the reported bones of contention among women's players is the amount of money poured into the Plymouth-based National Team Development Program (about \$3.5 million annually), which trains and prepares male players to compete on the national stage. By comparison, there is no similar program for female players.

Fischer declined to comment on the record about whether the negotiations might ultimately lead to a leveling of that playing field.

"We're all for fair and equitable treatment of all areas of USA Hockey and

that's always been the way forward," Fischer said. "I'm not going to comment any further than that."

Fischer did say "we just want to get to an end game that's good for everyone."

Players announced earlier this month for the team included Farmington's Megan Keller, who plays defense. Keller is the lone player from Michigan on the original roster.

Other members of the squad include twins Monique Lamoureux-Morando and Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson, Hilary Knight, Alex Carpenter, Kendall Coyne and

Megan Bozek.

If a settlement is not reached, USA Hockey "will field a competitive and fun team to watch" with a deep pool of talent available to select players from, Fischer said in an interview last week.

But he emphasized then and reiterated Tuesday that USA Hockey remains a strong supporter of girls and women's hockey. The organization claims the number of girls and women playing the sport has grown from 28,000 in 1998 to more than 73,000 this year.

"We've worked hard over the course of multiple decades in the development and growth of girls and women's hockey," he said.

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High-rolling trio



Salem's Mitchell Rusinek (from left), Plymouth's Justin O'Shaughnessy and Plymouth's Alan Brown pose during Sunday's P-CEP Bowling Banquet at Fox Hills. All three rolled a 300 game for their respective team during the 2016-17 season.

KLAA

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in Milford and Lakeland, Walled Lake Central, Northern and Western, along with Waterford Mott and Kettering, were between 24 and 37 miles from Grand Blanc.

Nicole Carter, the principal at Novi High School and president of the KLAA, said the distance to Grand Blanc was the determining factor.

"The schools departing the KLAA last spring caused a geographical concern," said Carter, who recently took over for Churchill's Keith McDonald as the association's president. "That's number one. Number two, would be the cost for schools would increase

by transporting students to and from Grand Blanc. Thirdly, would be the educational reason. Student-athletes should not (spend) two to three hours on busses when they have school the next day."

Grand Blanc joined the KLAA in its second school year, 2009-10, to round out a fourth six-team division when a proposed second high school in Howell never materialized. The Bobcats had been members of the Big Nine Conference since its inception in 1960-61. The Big Nine had as many as 10 members, but defections dwindled its ranks to five when Grand Blanc made the switch.

Dohm said Grand Blanc has applied to join the Saginaw Valley High

School Association and will make a formal presentation to the league on April 26. The Valley includes former Big Nine rivals Flint Carman-Ainsworth, Davison and Flint Powers Catholic.

"That's one of the things I'm excited about, if we can get into the Valley, is having those rivalries with Davison and Lapeer," Dohm said. "We've been playing Carman and Powers, because the atmosphere in our gym has been subpar in the three years I've been here, mainly because of geography. We want to see crowds like what we see when we play Carman. The students get more involved and the community gets more involved, because they obviously know each other."

Grand Blanc has been particularly strong in the marquee sports of football and boys basketball. Grand Blanc went 28-12 in KLAA West football with four championships in eight years. The Bobcats were 59-21 with five titles in KLAA West boys basketball.

Dohm said Grand Blanc had been working to persuade other Flint-area schools to join the KLAA and form a northern division, along with Brighton, Hartland and Howell. Lapeer has reportedly expressed interest in joining the KLAA, but is even farther away from the other league members than Grand Blanc.

The KLAA has solicited applications for membership. Belleville athletic director Joe

Brodie confirmed that his school has submitted an application, but hasn't received a letter of acceptance.

Carter said she could not discuss which schools have applied. Ann Arbor Huron, Pioneer and Skyline, along with Saline, have also reportedly been interested in the KLAA.

In football, Grand Blanc will be in the KLAA Gold next fall with Franklin, Churchill, Northville, Plymouth, Wayne and John Glenn. Brighton, Canton, Hartland, Howell, Livonia Stevenson, Novi and Salem will be in the KLAA Black. Those divisions were based on program strength, with an attempt made to make both divisions equally competitive.

In other sports, a geographic model was used. Brighton, Hartland, Howell, Grand Blanc, Northville, Novi and Stevenson are in one division. The other consists of Canton, Churchill, Franklin, Plymouth, Salem, Wayne and John Glenn.

The catalyst for changes in the KLAA came when 10 of the 24 members decided to leave.

Lakeland, Milford, South Lyon, South Lyon East, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Western, Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott left to form the new Lakes Valley Conference. Pinckney will join the Southeastern Conference.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Blaze-ing honor for Ladywood's Hayward

Publication names
senior forward
co-Miss Hockey

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Livonia Ladywood senior Katie Hayward received the ultimate individual prize Sunday when she was named Michigan Hockey Weekly's co-Miss Hockey, along with Walled Lake defenseman Julia Barrett, at the Farmington Hills Manor.

Hayward, a four-time all-state player, racked up 135 career goals, including 27 this season to go along with 14 assists as the Blazers captured the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League's regular season crown.

Hayward is the third Ladywood player to win the award, joining Laura Szwed (2007), Mary Beth O'Dea (2004) and Katie



Ladywood senior forward Katie Hayward was named Michigan Hockey Weekly's co-Miss Hockey.

O'Dea (2000).

"It was an honor, because it was one of those things I've always

thought about since I've been to the all-state banquet every time since my freshman year," Hay-

ward said. "I kind of thought it would be pretty awesome to win that one day. I was kind of surprised when I did, because I really didn't expect it."

Hayward, who played center and wing this season for the Blazers (21-0-0-2), plans to continue her hockey career at Adrian College.

"She has a hockey mind. She thinks before things happen and she's thinking a few steps ahead always," Ladywood coach Ron Predmesky. "She's a really good stick-handler. And she's a leader, especially as a senior. She was one of our captains."

Hayward's hockey roots can be traced back to her family.

"I picked it up because my brother (Richie) started playing two years before I did and my parents always told me when I was little I'd try on his hockey equipment and say, 'I want to play hockey,'" Hayward said. "And

then they signed me up once I was finally old enough to."

Hayward, who attended St. Michael's Grade School in Livonia, progressed through the youth ranks, playing for Livonia Travel's 12- and 14-and-under AA teams before enrolling at Ladywood.

During her senior year, the Blazers enjoyed a banner season, with their only losses coming in overtime against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (2-1) during the regular season and rival Farmington Hills Mercy (3-2) in the Michigan Metro Division 1 finals.

Ladywood, getting goals from Cristina Rotonondo and Sydney Pilut, carried a 2-0 lead late into the final period, only to have the Marlins storm back with a pair of goals in regulation before winning it in overtime.

But despite the heart-breaking setback, Hayward said she had no

regrets.

She not only made first team all-state, but teammate Devon Kelly did as well, while Colleen Lynch and Samantha Erickson earned second team honors. Predmesky was also named Coach of the Year.

"I'm really proud of how far we came, because when I first joined the team my freshman year, we were in, like, seventh out of eight places," said Hayward, who had an assist in the state final. "It's really nice to see how far we've come and just be a part of it. And our coaching staff was unbelievable. They always supported us and all the girls were super close and supportive of each other. And even though we did lose that one in OT, I think all of us were surprised how great we did and we're very proud."

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BOYS TRACK & FIELD

New coach: Chargers will honor late Austin's memory

McClellan succeeds
mentor Austin at
helm, says Chargers
will work to 'make
him proud of us'

Tim Smith
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Jordan McClellan is thankful for everything Rick Austin did for him, including hiring him as Livonia Churchill pole vault coach five years ago, when all he did was show up and help out at Chargers meets.

But in the wake of Austin's untimely death March 6, the 34-year-old McClellan will have a greater opportunity to show thanks to his mentor — by doing a good job as interim head coach of Churchill's varsity boys track and field team.

McClellan is succeeding the late Austin, who was Chargers head coach for 21 years.

"It's really weird, no doubt," said McClellan, a 2001 Churchill grad who pole vaulted on teams coached by Austin. "He gave me my start here as a coach and he always encouraged me.

"He let me do my thing with the vault and (I) took that and ran."

McClellan noted that, not only did Austin help him launch his career as a high school pole vault coach (he has coached all-state athletes from both the Churchill boys



Veteran Livonia Churchill pole vault coach Jordan McClellan (fifth from left) is shown with seven all-staters he coached in recent years with the Chargers. McClellan recently was named the boys team's interim head coach.

and girls teams), he was able to start a Livonia-based program (Inversion Vault Club) where he gets to coach athletes of all ages.

"I've coached two state champions, a bunch of kids in nationals," McClellan said. "None of that would have happened if Rick didn't take

a chance, because when he hired me, I never really coached other than volunteering at a couple camps here and there.

"He gave me a shot and it's changed everything."

Tribute continues

According to McClellan, Austin's sudden

death at age 57 from complications following surgery for a heart ailment continues to cast a pall over the high school.

But perhaps in tribute to Austin, one of the largest contingent of athletes has come out for the 2017 squad.

"We got a lot of talent this year; it's the largest

track team I can remember," McClellan said.

"Right now, we got 95 guys out, which is completely mind-blowing, but it means there's a lot of talent around.

"So I think that will help to carry us, give me time to get my feet under me."

The Chargers also

"will be dedicating the season to Rick and we're using that as some motivation to compete and practice and work in a way that would make him proud of us."

It remains to be seen whether McClellan will eventually get the head coaching job on a permanent basis. In the meantime, he will lead the group, as well as continue to be coach for pole vaults and jumps.

He will also remain as pole vault coach for the Churchill girls team.

He'll bank on help from two of Austin's longtime assistant coaches — John Filiatraut and John McGreevy — to get through what will be a transitional season.

"Rick always encouraged me to trust what I was doing and that's what I'll continue to do," McClellan said. "Put the best effort in that I can and, if I can put my best effort in, then the kids do their best effort.

"But things are going to be different. Rick had 20 years of experience of going through this. It's my first year. I'm trying to figure everything out. It would have really been nice to have him around to help with this transition."

Many others, without a doubt, share McClellan's thoughts about missing a beloved teacher and coach who continues to be mourned.

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MADONNA ROUNDUP

Baseball

Madonna University's baseball team scored in the first, second, fifth, seventh and ninth innings to back up a stellar start from Alex DeYonker to upend second-ranked Gwinnett (Ga.) College, 14-7, on March 11 at the Grizzly Baseball Complex.

For the second time this season the Crusaders (12-10) scored 14 runs and they have scored 27 runs in their last 18 innings to notch a pair of victories over NAIA top 10 opponents in No. 8 Lewis-Clark State College and Gwinnett. It's the first time in the program's history it has knocked off top 10 programs in back-to-back games.

"I was really excited to see how we would respond after a great win yesterday," Crusaders coach Ted Falkner said of Saturday's win. "The guys answered and it all started with a great performance by Alex on the bump. The offense continued to put together quality at-bats and our defense made every play. I'm proud of how we competed today."

DeYonker was special in his first outing of the spring. The senior left-hander allowed just three runs on five hits in 6½ innings as he struck out five. In all, four pitchers combined to allow seven runs on 10 hits with 12 strikeouts, the sixth most in a single game in program history.

Softball

The Madonna University softball team wrapped up its 16-game, seven-day trip to the Tucson Invitational Games with a 4-3 loss to Arizona Christian University on March 10 at the Lincoln Park North Complex.

The loss, which came in the bottom of the seventh, drops the Crusaders to 1-5 in one-run games this season and 9-8 overall.

Entering the game, the Crusaders were 0-4 when their opponent scored first and just 1-3 when the opponent scores in the first inning and the Firestorm did both.

After Madonna stranded the bases loaded in its half of the first, ACU capitalized on a leadoff hit by pitch and an MU error for a 1-0 lead.

Kayla Rebain (senior, Plymouth) and Becky Giacobbi (sophomore, Livonia) began the fifth with back-to-back singles and a Morgan Thompson sacrifice and a ground out put MU ahead 3-2. Unfortunately, a solo home run in the bottom of the inning again tied the score.

Two more runners were stranded by the Crusaders in the seventh, which proved costly as a pair of singles and an MU error led to the walk-off run and a 4-3 loss.

Men's lacrosse

The Madonna University men's lacrosse team scored a season-high six goals in a 17-6 loss to Montreat College to wrap up its 2017 spring trip.

The loss drops the Crusaders to 0-4 in their inaugural campaign, but they have showed improvement with each game.

It was a rough opening quarter as the Cavaliers jumped out to a 7-1 lead, but Madonna played the home team to a 2-2 tie in the second for a 9-3 halftime margin.

The Crusaders added two more goals in the third and one in the fourth, but eight second-half goals by the Cavaliers accounted for the final margin.

Logan Roda continued to excel on the trip as he scored two more goals, bringing his two-game total to five. Jake Hwier also scored twice while Connor Humitz (junior, Livonia) had one goal and had an assist. The final goal came from Michael Kolodin, who also had an assist.

Women's basketball

Madonna University women's basketball student-athletes Michele Hayes and Becca Sabol have been named NAIA All-America honorable mention, the national office announced.

After leading the Crusaders to another successful campaign, Hayes and Sabol were named two of 61 women's basketball student-athletes across NAIA Division II to be tabbed to respective All-America teams. All selections were made by the NAIA All-America Committee during the national tournament.

It is the second time the Madonna duo has earned All-America honors. Sabol took home second team honors last season, while Hayes took home the same recognition the year prior, 2014-15. Both players were also named to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first team, while Sabol grabbed all-defensive team honors.

Sabol, a junior forward, earned the All-America nod after completing another highly successful season. The Shelby Township native ended the 2016-17 campaign as one of three players in the WHAC to average a double-double (17.0 points and 10.3 rebounds per game) and was third in the league with 17 double-doubles this season.

Sabol finished second on the team in scoring and scored 20 or more points in 10 of 28 games played, which included seven of the final nine contests.

Hayes, a guard, enjoyed a successful senior campaign where she led the team in scoring at 19.3 points per contest, the second-best mark in the WHAC. Her 145 total assists and 5.41 assists per game were both conference highs, with the latter ranking fifth in the NAIA.

One of the best scorers in the NAIA, Hayes set the single-season scoring mark for Crusaders women's basketball as she poured in 43 points in an 88-81 win Nov. 16 over Indiana Tech. The Inkster native scored 521 total points on the season to give her 1,102 in her career, ninth most in program history.

Hayes finished her Crusaders career with her name in the record books 51 times. The 2014-15 WHAC Player of the Year ranked 10th in the NAIA in points per contest and was 11th in total assists.

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