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## Roads, drugs, legacy costs on agenda

Canton officials have an ambitious agenda for the upcoming year

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Facing a new year of challenges, Canton officials are moving to address crumbling roads, fight the opioid crisis, reduce retiree health care costs, ease water rate hikes and tap into the autonomous car industry.

It's an ambitious set of goals that comes after Canton during the past year marked achievements such as unveiling a new water storage facility, securing a joint agreement with Wayne County to pave a gravel section of Ridge Road and rolling out a new automated recycling program, among other measures.

"Canton is a good place to be," Supervisor Pat Williams said.

Williams, Treasurer Dian Slavens and Clerk Michael Siegrist — Canton's full-time elected officials — sat down for a joint interview to discuss upcoming

goals and reflect on the past year's successes.

After years of talks aimed at easing water rate hikes, Canton entered a new era by using a new 2.5 million-gallon water storage facility to store water and release it during morning and evening hours of peak usage. That is expected to ease water rate hikes from the Great Lakes Water Authority.

Canton also began sending all its wastewater to an Ypsilanti facility, rather than partly to Detroit, in another cost-cutting measure. Williams said the change has already saved Canton more than \$1 million during a six-month period.

Still to come, Canton is working with Northville Township and possibly Plymouth Township to buy GLWA water jointly through the Western Townships Utility Authority — another move officials say could ease, if not reduce, wa-



A Canton task force is identifying road needs and seeking solutions to pay for repairs. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Jessica Lentz tells her story of addiction and her journey in recovery. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## THE LONG ROAD TO RECOVERY

Mom recounts her struggles with opioid addiction

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Jessica Lentz walked into a courtroom in March 2013 expecting to walk out in handcuffs.

The Milford mom had just spent two weeks living alone in her car, using whatever drugs she could find while cruising Detroit's west side. She had relapsed twice after attending court-appointed drug rehabilitation programs and, while on probation for felony retail fraud, had been evicted from a sober

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living home for not paying her rent.

She dreaded her upcoming appearance in Oakland County Circuit Court, knowing it likely would be her last day of freedom.

"I just wanted to die," Lentz said. "I didn't think I was going to make it to the court date because of the amount of drugs I was using. I had all this guilt and shame."

The judge gave Lentz one last chance to kick her drug habit and avoid prison. It would entail spending a year at Grace Centers of Hope, a faith-based residential program in Pontiac.

Four years later, Lentz, 31, is alive and sober.

She, her husband Jack, 46, and their four children will welcome the new year together in a Grace Centers of Hope "after care" rental house in Pontiac. She began the program, which includes group sessions, regular church attendance and continuing contact with a counselor, after graduating from her court-appointed one-year residency

*"I was mad. But we had kids together and I loved her. I knew if we could get past this and see our way through this, things could be different. ... It was tough, a lot of tough times."*

JACK LENTZ

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## GOALS

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ter rate hikes.

Slavens said all the water-related efforts should result in savings. "It will make a difference," she said.

Here's a closer look at Canton's goals and latest achievements:

» In spring, the township board is expecting a report from the new Canton Roads Advisory Task Force led by Jim Kosteva, a former state representative and Canton planner, and township Trustee Sommer Foster. The group is expected to identify needed repairs and possible options to pay for the work.

Technically, Wayne County is responsible for most local roads and streets, but it is cash-strapped. Siegrist said he is hopeful Canton can "take ownership" of the

issue.

In a separate issue, Ridge Road between Ford and Warren is benefiting from a joint Canton-Wayne County paving project that Williams said should be complete by summer's end.

» Canton took the next step toward improving its recycling efforts by ushering in an automated program in which trash hauler GFL (Green for Life) Environmental's trucks use robotic arms to pick up 64-gallon carts. Some residents complained initially about the size of the carts, but officials say the program has proved successful.

» Williams said he has forged new relations with Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, who spoke at Williams's first State of the Township address.

"We spent 30 years throwing stones at Wayne County," Williams said.

He and other officials are hopeful better relations can bring results to Canton.

"We achieve more by cooperation," Siegrist said.

» Canton plans to continue its efforts to combat the opioid epidemic, with Williams saying paramedics and police respond to one or two overdoses in a typical week. Local officials expect to join a lawsuit with other communities against pharmaceutical companies accused of aggressively marketing prescription drugs and contributing to the opioid epidemic, resulting in costs to local communities.

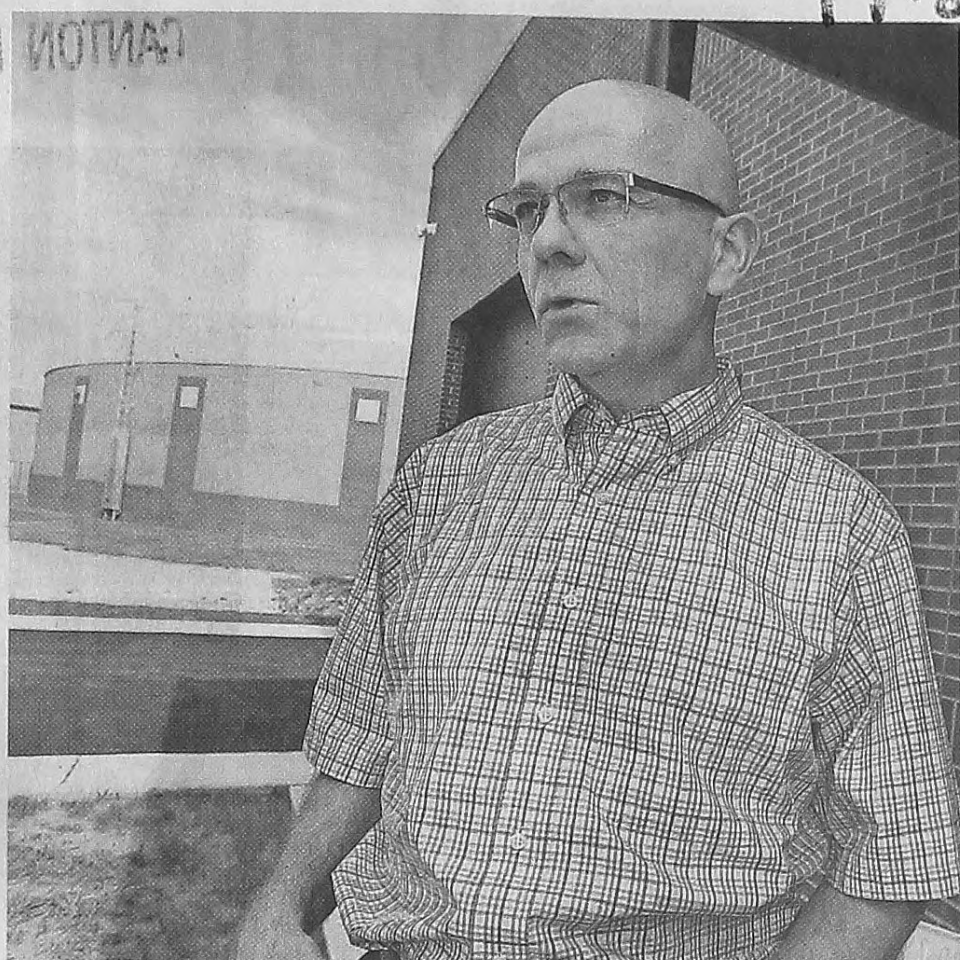
Williams said Canton is planning to organize a community forum to discuss the problem and ways to fight it. This comes after Canton Public Safety already partners with Growth Works and St. Mary Mercy Hospital to help opioid victims, a move Williams said brings "hope, not handcuffs."

» With autonomous vehicle technology on the rise at places such as Willow Run, Canton hopes to tap into the industry by luring companies to Canton in areas such as Michigan Avenue. Siegrist expressed hope that Canton can become a leader in local efforts.

Williams said the technology is happening, whether people want it or not, so Canton may as well play a role.

"How do we fit and how can we benefit?" he asked.

» Canton plans to continue chipping away at so-called legacy costs tied to retiree health care and pensions. Health care is the primary worry, but Williams said Canton is working to become fully funded in 20 years.



Tim Faas, Canton municipal services director, talked about the township's new 2.5 million-gallon storage tank that is expected to ease water rate hikes. FILE PHOTO

Already, the township is setting aside \$1 million a year to address the problem and has secured employee contracts that also help tackle it.

» For the ninth time, Canton is seeking a federal TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grant to address Ford Road traffic woes. The Michigan Department of Transportation has indicated the best solution is to transform Ford Road into a boulevard and eliminate left turns at major intersections.

Williams said the project could top \$30 million and involve Canton's Downtown Development Authority, MDOT and the federal government.

» Voters this year will be using new voting

equipment, joining communities across the state. Siegrist also has streamlined voting precincts, splitting some that were heavy in voter numbers and closing some that were deemed too small. His efforts reduced the number of precincts from 42 to 40, a move that also saves on election expenses.

» Home values continue to rise in Canton, a move hailed by Slavens.

"I believe good things are happening for our community," she said, adding she believes the trend will continue.

» Elected officials plan to take a closer look at property the township owns to determine what should be kept, possibly as green space, and what should be sold for poten-

tial development. Siegrist said the effort will allow Canton to make good decisions about its property.

» After meeting a rigorous set of standards, the Canton Municipal Services Department has been accredited by the American Public Works Association, joining Canton Leisure Services, Canton Public Safety and the township's finance department to achieve accreditation, Williams said. Next up: the Canton Fire Department, which would put Canton in an elite group of communities with all departments accredited.

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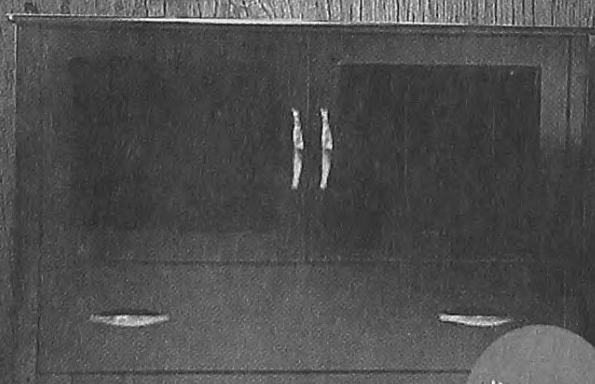
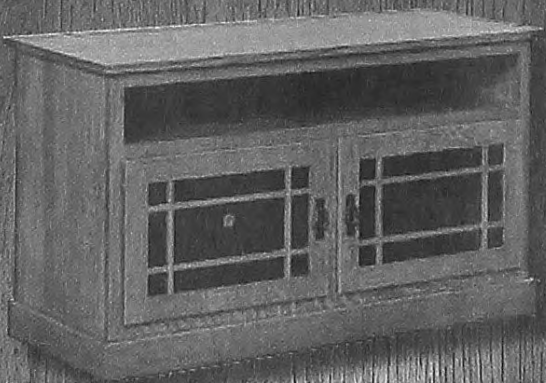
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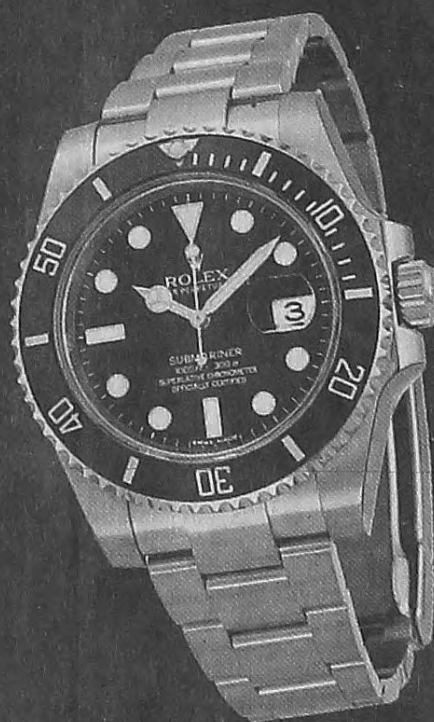
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# From trains to Hall of Fame retirements, a look at 2017

Our various hometownlife.com communities had some very interesting things happen in 2017. Here's a brief look at just a few of them:

## Canton

**Oh, so close:** The Canton Chiefs came within a point of the state football title game at Ford Field. One extra point would have sent the Division 1 regional final to overtime. A successful two-point conversion would have given the Canton Chiefs a ticket to march on to the semi-finals.

Veteran Canton head coach Tim Baechler opted to go for the win with 40 seconds to go and the Chiefs down 27-26 to Novi Detroit Catholic Central following a clutch, 3-yard TD pass from quarterback Connor Engel to Noah Brown. But Labar Morgan of the Shamrocks had other ideas. He plugged the gap in the line of scrimmage, stopping junior running back Luke Jouppi inches short of the goal line and preserving the regional championship.

**Road work:** Crumbling roads and deteriorating subdivision streets have long been a complaint in Canton. With cash-strapped Wayne County having little money to address the problem, local leaders formed a Canton Roads Advisory Task Force to develop a list of priorities for road repairs and explore options to pay for it.

**Merritt approval:** Monica Merritt felt like her first full year as the superintendent for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools went about as well as it could have.

At the district's Board of Education meeting earlier this month, Merritt found out board members agreed.

Merritt, evaluated using a tool provided by the Michigan Association of School Administrators, scored an 89.4 percent score (on a scale of 100). That rating places Merritt in the "effective" category.

**Water storage:** Seeking a way to ease water rates for Canton residents, local officials in July formally celebrated the opening of a 2.5-million-gallon water storage facility on the township's north end. It allowed Canton to store water and release it to customers during peak hours, a

move that is expected to gradually ease rate hikes.

**Catching up:** Canton delayed much-needed building repairs during the last recession. And now, the price tag to get caught up has been estimated at \$11.6 million by an outside consultant. It's a blueprint for what needs to be done in coming years, though decisions remain about how to pay for the projects.

## Plymouth

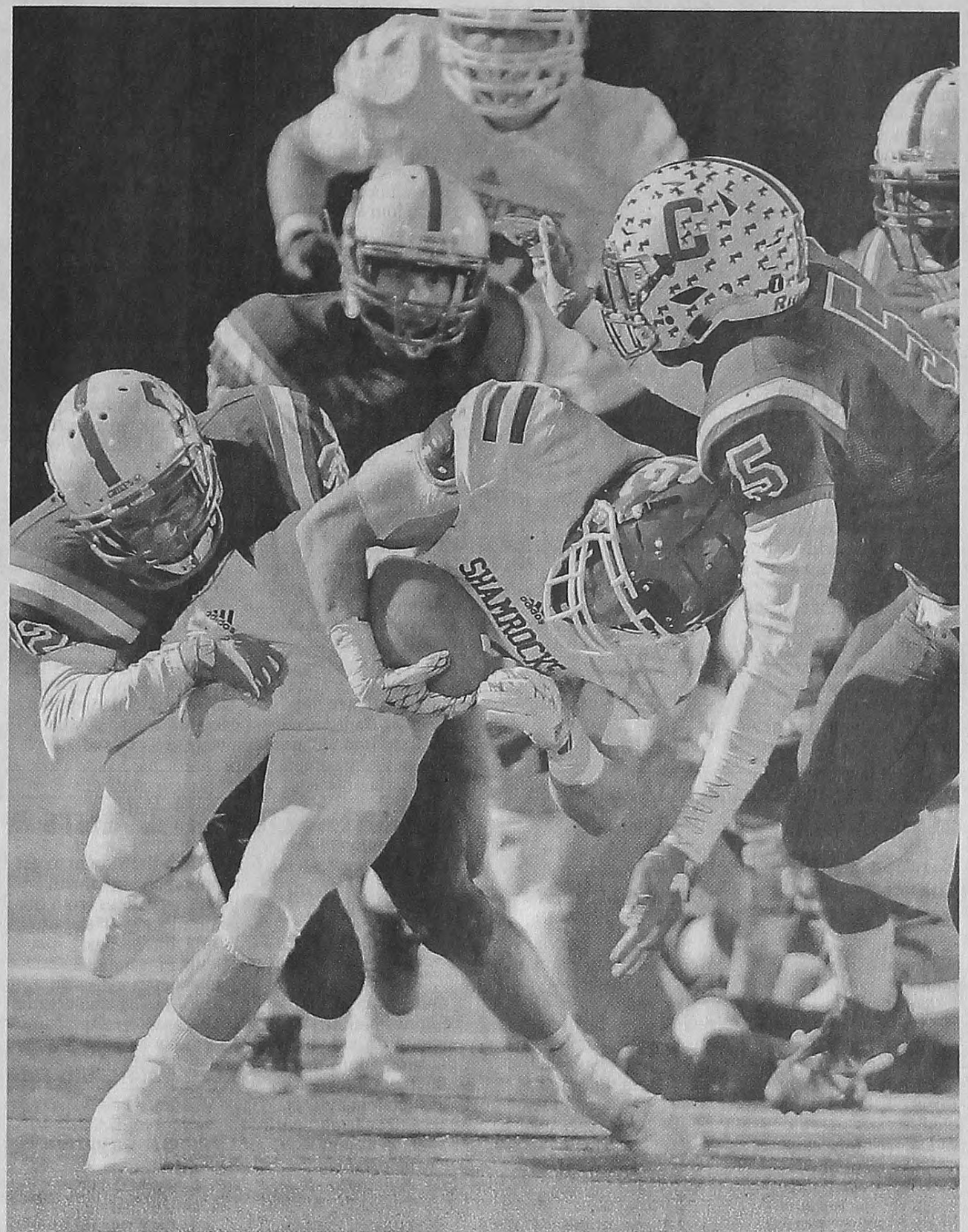
**Baechler retires:** Tim Baechler absolutely loves football, especially coaching the Canton Chiefs. But the 50-year-old Plymouth resident loves family more. Baechler announced at Monday night's team banquet what those close to the team have been whispering about for months — he is retiring after 20 years and 173 wins on the Canton sidelines.

"It's a bittersweet feeling," said Baechler, who talked about his decision during an exclusive interview last week with Hometown Life. "I am sad to say goodbye to what was a large part of our family's life for 20 years, but excited at the prospect of having some free time."

**Train problems:** Nine hours. That's how long a CSX train blocked a railroad crossing in Plymouth on a Monday in October, angering residents and local officials alike. Numerous blockages occurred in 2017, but by year's end CSX and federal railroad officials had come to the table with area officials to discuss the situation and try to fix the problem.

**Turning 150:** Plymouth celebrated its 150th birthday as a city in 2017, ushering in everything from a special exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum to an extra-special Fourth of July parade. It was a proud year for the city. As Mayor Oliver Wolcott put it, "You reach those milestones as a community and it matters."

**PARC momentum:** The Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex gained momentum with 27 arts, recreation and education tenants already renting space at the former Central Middle School two years ago. In November, PARC President Don Soenen rolled out a \$30 million capital fundraising campaign to renovate the



Catholic Central's Cam Ryan is brought down by a crowd of Chiefs. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

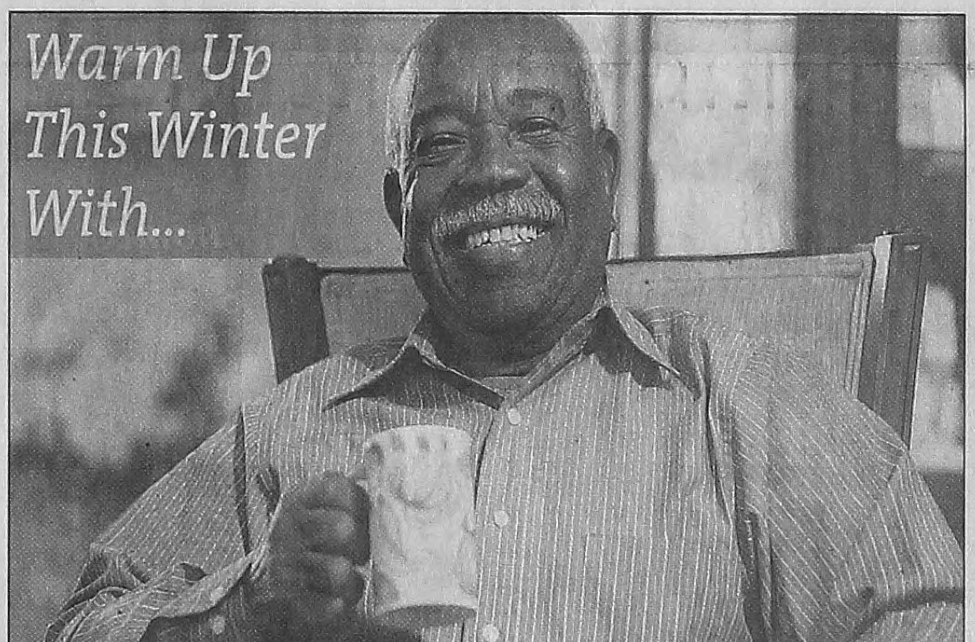
facility and build an adjacent, 800-seat performing arts center.

## Plymouth Township

**New administration:** A new administration vowed to focus on core services such as public safety. To that end, Plymouth Township partnered with Northville Township to reopen Fire Station No. 2, which had been shuttered five years. It was a move to improve response times in the Lake Pointe subdivision area.

**Power plays:** A massive storm in March brought new attention to an ongoing problem in Plymouth Township — frequent power outages. Supervisor Kurt Heise sought input from residents and then worked with DTE Energy to try to find a solution. DTE has now begun the process of trimming trees and upgrading its infrastructure.

**Report card:** Swept into office amidst a wave of voter discontent, Plymouth Township's supervisor, clerk and treasurer faced a whirlwind of issues that forced them to quickly adapt to their new jobs leading this community of 27,500 residents. They gave their first report card in March.



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Fallen trees hampered DTE Energy's efforts after a March 8 windstorm, but the company has revealed plans to improve its infrastructure and service reliability. FILE PHOTO



CSX has indicated it is taking steps to ease the problem of blocked railroad crossings. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Popular Plymouth Ice Festival set for Jan. 12-14

Downtown Plymouth will host the 36th annual Plymouth Ice Festival, scheduled for Friday through Sunday, Jan. 12-14. The Plymouth Ice Festival has a long-standing history of turning the downtown area into a magical winter wonderland filled with ice sculptures and family activities. With more than 100,000 individuals and families from all over attending each year, this is not a festival to be missed.

This year's event will bring back fan favorite activities such as the Ice Playground, Fire and Ice Towers and the Dueling Chain Saws Competition.

The annual Collegiate Ice Carving Competition, presented by Genysis Credit Union, will host two carving competitions for various Michigan colleges and universities. The individual contest will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday. Competitors will have three hours to carve their masterpieces. The ice-carving competitors will take part in the



The Plymouth Ice Festival returns to the downtown area Jan. 12-14. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

team competition starting at 8 a.m. Sunday. Teammates will have to

work together to build and sculpt their ice carving. The winners of each

contest will be announced and receive trophies each day at 1 p.m.

Families can enjoy learning how to ski together at the Blue Care Network Cross Country Skiing Zone, presented by Sun and Snow. Seasoned professionals will explain the gear, help you suit up and set you off on the cross country skiing trail in Kellogg Park.

Another highly anticipated area of the festival is the Ice Playground. This interactive area is full of games carved out of ice and has plenty of opportunity for pictures, while the kids play with the ice. This is simply a "must see" at this year's festival.

Those attendees looking to quench their thirst will want to visit the EG Nick's Party Lot on Forest Avenue for cold beer, drink specials and live music. The Party Lot has become the place to be for the evening crowd, along with an awesome ice bar where you can enjoy some Svedka Vod-

ka specialties. This year will feature live entertainment Friday for Power Play Detroit and Smoke and Mirrors on Saturday.

Other festival highlights:

» Opening ceremony — At 7 p.m. Friday, the festival will officially open as city commission members will help cut the ribbon.

» DFCU Financial Lights the Ice — The festival becomes even more magical at night, as the ice carvings glow with color. We will flip the switch during the opening ceremony at 7 p.m. Friday.

» Ally Financial Dueling Chainsaws Competition — In this great competition, scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, ice carvers are given 15 minutes, one block and their chainsaws to create some of the most amazing ice carvings in the festival.

» Interactive Ice Sculptures — Get your picture taken with some of the most amazing ice creations around. There

are a number of opportunities to take a "selfie" with some remarkable and unique ice sculptures.

» Fire and Ice — See two basic elements as fire and ice are combined to create a dazzling display Friday h and Saturday that is sure to wow. Towers are lit at approximately 7:30 p.m. each day and will burn for approximately two hours.

» The Hot Spot heated by Ehlers Heating & Air Conditioning — Warm up in style at the Hot Spot. Located under The Gathering directly across from Kellogg Park, the Hot Spot features local vendors, businesses, product demonstrations, a sitting area to take a load off your feet and (most importantly) lots of heat. The Hot Spot is open during all of the festival.

For more information, go to [www.plymouthicefestival.com](http://www.plymouthicefestival.com) or follow on social media at @PlymouthIce (Twitter) and on Facebook.

## CANTON LIBRARY EVENTS

### Hero Hangout: Comics Reading Group

**When:** 7-8 p.m. third Wednesday of each month

**Details:** Do you love reading comics or learning about super heroes? Join us for Hero Hangout, a comic book club for ages 7-12, and you choose what to read. Every week we will be sharing, reading and making comics. Participants are encouraged to bring a comic to share with a group, but are not

required.

### On the Spot Tech Help

**When:** 5-7 p.m. each Wednesday and noon to 2 p.m. each Saturday

**Details:** A team of tech-savvy volunteers has been assembled at CPL to help you find the answers to those tech issues you can't quite figure out on your own. Whether you need help while working on a project at one of our computers, setting up an email address or downloading an app on your phone, we

can help.

### ELL Conversation Groups

**When:** 9:30-11 a.m. each Thursday and Friday

**Details:** Practice speaking English in an informal setting with Community Literacy Council volunteers. See the English Language Learner Program FAQ at [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) for more information.

### Digital Drop-In Help

**When:** 10-11 a.m. each Friday

**Details:** Stop in to get one-on-one help with your e-readers from the friendly experts at the Information desk. Just bring your device and your desire to learn. Kindle users must bring Amazon log-in information as well.

### Computer Skills Lab for Beginners

**When:** 9-11 a.m. second Saturday of each month

**Details:** If you are looking to build a foundation of strong computer skills, including Internet

use and setting up an email account, stop in to CPL's Internet Lab. We will have guided activities for practice with mouse skills, copying/pasting and more, with trusted experts on hand to answer any questions you may have or connect you to additional resources.

### Family Storytime

**Details:** Family Storytime provides an opportunity for caregivers to actively engage with their children under age 5. Together with a youth

librarian, you can build early literacy skills in a welcoming environment through meaningful stories, songs and play. Encourage a love of language and reading while practicing listening and cooperative tasks. Every Family Storytime is followed by a half-hour of ABC Activity Time. Go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) for a full December program schedule.

### Preschool Storytime

**Details:** Preschool storytimes feature longer books, flannel board and rhymes designed for children ages 3½-5. These activities help develop pre-reading and school-readiness skills. Children must be able to sit independently and be attentive for 30 minutes. Parents may attend, if needed, to help transition their child to this program, and all parents must remain in the children's department. Registration is required and you can pick a Monday or a Friday session. Go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) for registration and schedule.

### Baby Storytime

**Details:** Baby Storytime is designed for babies 18 months and younger with an adult and features simple stories, songs and rhymes carefully chosen to build awareness of language and vocabulary, foster a love of books and provide a fun, interactive experience for babies and parents/caregivers. Registration is required. Go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) for registration and schedule.

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**When:** 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29

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# Addicts kick drug habit with faith, life skills

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Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac offers a free, year-long residential program for substance abusers.

But it's often the last place an addict wants to be.

"Grace Centers of Hope is usually the last stop for people. Most of our residents have been to numerous rehabs and there are numerous reasons for that," said Melissa Aupperle, director of donor relations. "People want a quick fix. If you've been an alcoholic all your life, a three-day program is not going to cut it."

"A lot of people want to do a short-term program and they think one year is too long. We've found it important for people to dedicate a year of their life."

Aupperle admits the program isn't for everyone. Men who are employed often are reluctant to give up a job in exchange for working on their sobriety. Some prefer a secular environment.

"We're a faith-based program and we don't apologize for that," she said. "We believe it's the hurts of the heart that cause someone to use



The women's residential program at Grace Centers of Hope offers a variety of classes, including parenting and spiritual studies. GRACE CENTERS OF HOPE

drugs. We try to heal the hurts of the heart and we believe in taking a Christian approach.

"We're building a community. It's not just a facility."

The organization runs separate year-long residential rehabilitation programs for both men and women. The women and children's center has 106 beds and the men's has 60 beds, along with a few private rooms. There's also an emergency shelter for individuals and families. Hands of Hope Childcare Center offers day care for newborns through age 2, preschool for 3- and 4-year-old children and educational and recre-

ational programs for children of parents involved in the organization's programs. Little Grace Village consists of several single- and multi-family homes on a nearby street.

Graduates of the residential rehab programs can rent the houses while involved in "after care" programs.

"One thing we're passionate about here is reuniting families," Aupperle said. "Lives rescued, families restored, hope renewed is the tagline we've used."

## Life skills

In addition to Bible studies, twice-weekly church services and

Christian-based counseling, the organization offers a "comprehensive life skills program" to rehab participants.

"We focus on the whole person, not just the addiction. We want them to adopt healthy habits," Aupperle said. Nutrition information, exercise, parenting in sobriety and job-hunting skills help program graduates become "healthy, productive citizens."

"People are busy here," she said. "They're also volunteering in a variety of ways. We have four thrift stores where they volunteer and gain retail experience."

With no medical professionals on staff, the



Grace Centers of Hope houses a women's residential program in this building. GRACE CENTERS OF HOPE

organization refers participants to other agencies for medical needs and psychological assessments.

Grace Centers of Hope draws men and women from throughout Michigan for its year-long program. The average age of participants was mid-40s for many years, but now the program sees more 18- to 30-year-olds.

Graduates who relapse after leaving the program are encouraged to return for another 30 or 60 days in residential rehabilitation.

"We don't have bars on the doors and they are free to go if they feel the program isn't right for them," she said. "When people come here, there are no surprises. They know what our parameters are. They know we're faith-based. They know the ground rules up

front."

Grace Centers of Hope offers its residential drug rehabilitation program free to participants.

The organization is funded by grants, private donations and fundraising events. Major events include the Women Helping Women luncheon and fashion show in April, the David Mardigian Hope in One Memorial Golf Classic in June and the Night of Hope gala in November.

Early tickets are available through Jan. 31 for the fashion show, luncheon and silent auction, scheduled for April 21 at the Royal Park Hotel in downtown Rochester. Cost for individual admission is \$90.

For more information, go online to [gracecentersofhope.org](http://gracecentersofhope.org).

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## RECOVERY

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program.

Before entering the residency program, she had used both opioids and heroin, two of the drugs responsible for the greatest number of drug-related deaths from 2000-16, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

In Michigan, drug overdose deaths increased each year from 2013-15. Of 1,981 overdose deaths in 2015, 884 were from opioids, according to Attorney General Bill Schuette. In September, Schuette joined a coalition of 40 attorneys general that is investigating opioid pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors. In October, he and other attorneys general asked Congress to make treatment for opioid addiction more affordable and accessible.

That same month, Wayne and Oakland counties sued several drug manufacturers and distributors. According to the lawsuit, which was filed in U.S. District Court, "Michigan health care providers wrote 11 million prescriptions for opioid drugs in 2015 and another 11 million in 2016 — more annual opioid prescriptions than Michigan has people."

Lentz is well-aware of opioid statistics. She lived them while growing up.

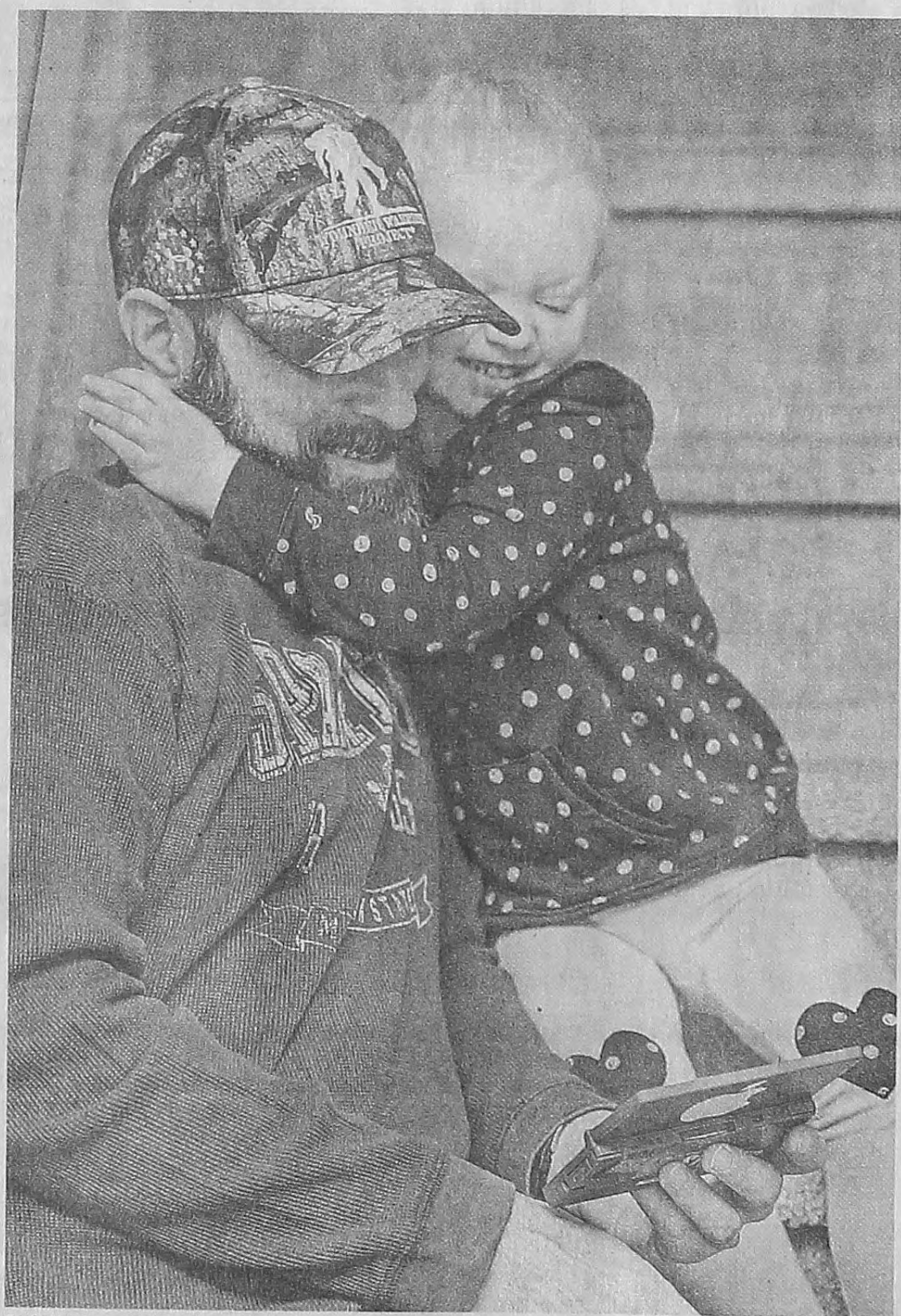
### Addictive family

The Florida native recalls that her mother took opioids for a back injury and multiple surgeries.

"It wasn't like she became an addict by choice at first," Lentz said. "She was on every drug — morphine, Dilaudid, you name it. It seemed that my mother was having a surgery every couple of years my whole life. She'd be in bed a lot. I was cooking whole meals when I was 8, 9 years old. This is just how it was."

As a teenager, she mirrored her mother's coping skills, using alcohol at first and then experimenting with Vicodin.

She met her future husband Jack in 2005,



Jack Lentz and daughter Piper, 3, playing. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

while working as a waitress at a seafood restaurant he managed in Orlando, Fla. They had their first daughter, Rylie, a year later. When the restaurant was sold, Jack went to truck driving school and got a job in Michigan. In 2010, they moved to Milford, where Jack had grown up and where family members lived.

Lentz worked as a waitress in Howell briefly and then became a stay-at-home mom for their son, Silas, now 6. She also made friends with other moms and dads who were "heavy partiers, drinkers and people who took pills," just like her family and friends did in Florida. She paid friends \$20 a pill and sometimes sought medication on her

own from urgent care centers for non-existent medical problems.

"It gave me energy and there was no hangover," she said. "I'd be up for days just going and cleaning. I felt like super mom. You walked into my house and it was immaculate. You walked into my lifestyle and it seemed I had everything together, but I didn't. Everything I did, I did high."

### Trying heroin

She initially took a pill once or twice a day, but began searching for a stronger high as her tolerance for the drugs grew. Vicodin gave way to Dilaudid and OxyContin. One day in 2011, when she couldn't find any pills for sale, she reluctantly took a friend's advice to

try heroin. She snorted the drug at first, but it wasn't long before she began injecting it.

When the family began receiving shut-off notices for unpaid utility bills in 2012, Jack confronted her.

"I was mad," he said. "But we had kids together and I loved her. I knew if we could get past this and see our way through this, things could be different. I stuck it out. It was tough, a lot of tough times."

He cut off her access to a checking account and credit cards. He paid her bond the first and second times she was arrested for felony retail fraud, but let her sit in jail for months after another arrest. A court-ordered 90-day treatment plan followed. Ninety



Jessica Lentz credits Grace Centers of Hope and her faith for her turnaround. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

days turned into 120 days and she eventually moved into sobriety housing in Pontiac, but was evicted for not paying rent.

"My first experience in a treatment center helped me a lot at that time, but I started using within a week of leaving," she said. "Ninety days is not enough for anybody."

Although she was reluctant to spend a year at Grace Centers of Hope, she found camaraderie and a sense of community. She was allowed to bring her children to the center's day care and learned to parent while sober. The couple met with a marriage counselor and Lentz took classes in relapse prevention, addiction cycle, spiritual studies and job skills.

"You dig deep into your heart and experiences in your life to try and figure out why on Earth you stuck needles in your arm," she said. "I was a survivor of verbal, mental and sexual abuse. These things had happened and I didn't acknowledge them. I just medicated them."

The couple married and Lentz was hired as a receptionist at Grace Centers. After Lentz

graduated from the residential program, the family planned to move into a nearby house owned by Grace Centers to complete their two-year after care experience. While the house was being renovated, Lentz commuted each day from Milford. She gave birth to her third child, Piper, now 3, but soon found the pressures of work and motherhood overwhelming.

She relapsed and returned to the residential program three times in 2015 before the family moved into their new house in Pontiac.

Lentz, who gave birth to their second son, Cohen, nine weeks ago, is nearly finished with the after care program. She has plans to become a certified personal trainer and also hopes to minister to the homeless or victims of human trafficking. She's teaching her children about empathy toward the homeless and drug-addicted.

"I'm not on probation," she said. "I'm sober because I want to be. My family is strong. My faith is strong and I'm excited to see what God has next in my life."

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## AREA EVENTS

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### Trains at Plymouth library

The Great Lakes Chapter of the European Train Enthusiasts will be back at the Plymouth District Library this holiday season, with European model trains running through cities and countryside. The library's main level meeting rooms will house the chapter's expansive collection.

Local resident Jan Eisen is a member of the Great Lakes Chapter of the European Train Enthusiasts and is overseeing the installation of this display. A member of the organization since 2000, Eisen was the owner of Eisenbahn Model Trains, a shop which was located in Plymouth a number of years ago. For more information on the club, go to [www.etegl.org](http://www.etegl.org).

This display is free and open to the public - made possible through the generous support of the Friends of the Plymouth District Library. It will be open 9:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28; 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29; 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30; and 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The library is located at 223 S. Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

### Village Theater art exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will exhibit the collected works of the Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild in the Gallery@VT through Jan. 1. Works on display include a wide variety of fiber art, such as basketry, beading, bead embroidery, bead weaving, kumihimo, crochet, doll making, dyeing and painting, embroidery, felting, garment design and construction, handmade paper and book art, knitting, knotting, quilting, sewing, spinning, weaving and surface design.

The exhibit is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, during public performances at the theater and by appointment by calling 734-394-5300. The gallery is closed holidays.

The Village Theater at

Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. For more information, 734-394-5300 or go to [www.cantonvillage.theater.org](http://www.cantonvillage.theater.org).

### Hats for the Homeless

Plymouth Community United Way is gearing up for the annual Hats for the Homeless drive, scheduled to run through Dec. 29 in an effort keep our homeless community warm during the winter months. New and hand-made items can be dropped at the PCUW office from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Friday.

Should your company or group like to participate by hosting a drive on-site or like to sponsor items like coats or blankets, contact Randi at 734-453-6879, ext. 5. For more information, go to [www.plymouthunitedway.org](http://www.plymouthunitedway.org).

### Veterans dinner

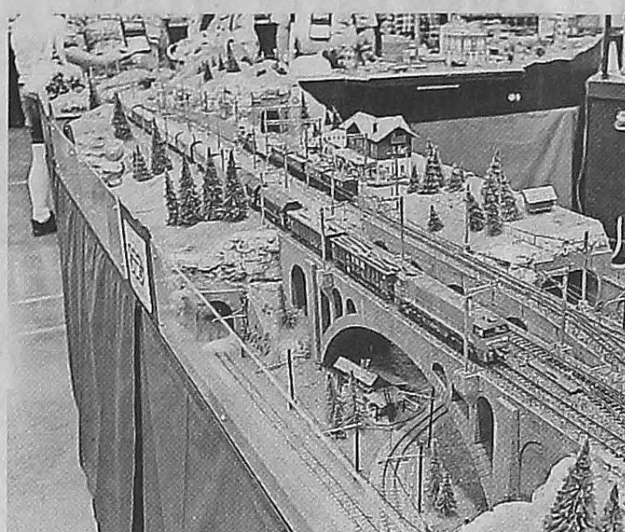
The V.F.W. Post No. 6695, 1426 S. Mill Street, in Plymouth will host a welcome home dinner for all veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan and their family members 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7. Membership sign-up for the V.F.W. will be available, as well as hats and pins for sale, music from D.J. Koz, a 50/50 drawing, a tin can basket raffle and door prizes.

All Iraq and Afghanistan veteran, plus one guest, will be admitted free. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children at the door. All proceeds will go to V.F.W. Post 6695. For more information, call (989) 313-5407 or email [strawjazz@yahoo.com](mailto:strawjazz@yahoo.com).

### PARC community forum

The Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex will hold a community forum at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Ave., in Plymouth. PARC will update the community on its future plans to preserve and re-purpose the historic former Plymouth High/Central Middle School into an arts and recreation center and add a new Performing Arts Center as well as respond to questions.

Everyone is invited to witness the progress



The Plymouth District Library will host a model train exhibit over the holiday break.

made since its inception and share in the vision for the future. Preliminary designs, site plans and renderings of the facilities will be on display and available for public review.

PARC is a 501(c)3 public charity. For more information, contact Don Soenen at 734-516-4053 or

[dsoenen@gmail.com](mailto:dsoenen@gmail.com).

### Baseline Folk Society

The Baseline Folk Society continues its 13th season at The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, at 774 N. Sheldon Road.

Tickets are \$5 at the

door, including performers. Sign-up for open mic starts at 6:15 p.m. and ends at 6:40 p.m. Performances are the third Saturday of each month, September through May.

### Music at the Elks

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

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to [www.plyaa325.com](http://www.plyaa325.com) or email [jazzattheelks@gmail.com](mailto:jazzattheelks@gmail.com).

### AARP TaxAide looking for volunteers

Every year, AARP provides free income tax preparation services for seniors and other moderate income families from February through April. AARP is looking for new volunteers to become tax counselors. You should know how to use a computer and the internet, and be experienced with income tax preparation.

Training will be provided to learn the tax software and tax law, to prepare you for certification. Training classes in mid-January are being scheduled now. Volunteers are expected to be active about one day per week during the tax season.

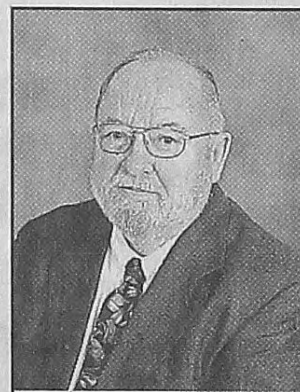
You can apply by completing an application online at [aarpfoundation.org/taxaide](http://aarpfoundation.org/taxaide) or call 888-227-7669.

# Obituaries

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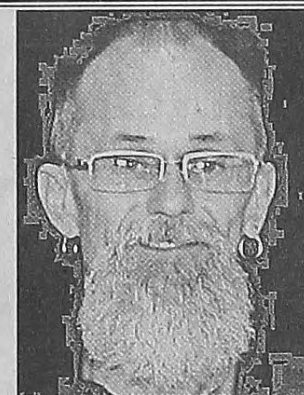
### Edward Joseph Taras

CLIFTON - Edward Joseph Taras passed away peacefully on December 19, 2017, after a brief illness. Ed was born and raised in Clifton, New Jersey, the son of Polish immigrants, Andrew and Angela (Mysliwiec) Taras. At age sixteen, he became a proud US Marine and fought in World War II, serving as a gunner on B-29 bombers in the Pacific theater. He used the GI Bill to attend Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, where he studied history. As a young father, he moved to Connecticut to earn a Master of Arts in Teaching at Wesleyan University. In 1955, Ed and his family moved to Michigan, where he was hired by the Birmingham Public Schools. He became a beloved history teacher at both Seaholm and Groves High Schools and was named the district's Teacher of the Year in 1973. During his thirty-seven-year career, Mr. Taras became locally famous for his candid and humorous lectures with titles like, "Castles Are Dirty." When asked, "What do you teach?" he'd always answer, "I teach kids." After retirement, Ed split his time between Yellow Springs and Clifton, and then moved to Ann Arbor in 2010, where he enjoyed retirement with his friends at Lurie Terrace. A voracious reader, Ed was a lifelong student of history (especially of WWII), read the New York Times daily, and always had perceptive observations about national and world events. Ed is survived by his signifiant other, Ellen Ransey; his three sons, Marc, Jeff, and Andrew Taras; two daughters-in-law, Stephanie Kadel Taras and Bethany Taras; five grandchildren, Donovan, Evan, Issabella, Molly, and Aidan Taras; and three sisters, Julie Dzedzic, Sandra Kozdeba, and Bemice (Bob) Bizub. He is predeceased by his sister, Ann Taras. A memorial will be held on December 29, 2017, 2:00 p.m., at the Ann Arbor City Club, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Glen Helen Nature Preserve, Yellow Springs, Ohio ([glenhelen.org](http://glenhelen.org)) or The Planetary Society ([planetary.org](http://planetary.org)).



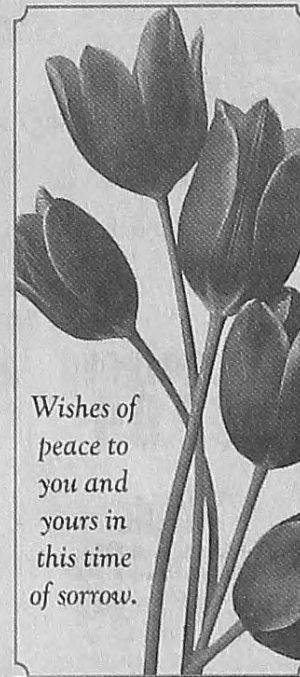
### Wendy L. Blohm

CANTON - Suddenly passed away December 22, 2017, age 73. Cherished wife of Bob. Beloved sister of Connie (bob) Wilson, and Lori (Steve) Moreland. Dear sister-in-law of Larry (Beverly) Edler, and Tom Edler. Loving aunt of Lt. Col. Eric (renee) Wilson, Jason Wilson, Ann (Jeremy) LeVan, Lori (Landon) Martin, Ryan, Kent, and Greg Edler, Christa (Jason) Romel, Tyler Moreland, and 9 great nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, December 28th, 3 PM until the Thursday 7 PM. Funeral Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (btwn Sheldon and Beck). Memorials may be made to the Educational Excellence Foundation. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)



### Scott Anthony Eagle

- Eagle, Scott Anthony Age 51 December 21, 2017 of Canton Loving partner of Bud Saylor, for 30 years. Beloved son of the late Kenneth and Barbara Eagle. Dearest brother of Judy Bush, Dianne Sturgeon and Greg Eagle. Precious uncle. Funeral Service was held Wednesday, December 27, 2017, 11:00am at the Taylor Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 9800 S. Telegraph Road. Share a memory at [www.howepeterson.com](http://www.howepeterson.com)



## Canton library offers new winter program

The Canton Public Library is offering a new online-based program designed to kick your winter blues.

Electrify Your Winter is a program that starts Jan. 1 and ends March 20, which is the International Day of Happiness. Electrify Your Winter offers ways to stay involved in the library community without necessarily leaving the comfort of your warm and cozy couch. This program does not require registration and has something for everyone.

"We wanted to find a way to meet you wherever you are this winter while providing engaging activities of all sorts," said Laura Fawcett, program librarian. There's a checklist challenge, where you can read e-books/books, listen to music from another decade, learn words in a new language, watch a movie that is set outside of the U.S. and many other challenges.

"You can navigate the challenges at your own pace and in whatever way you want to," Fawcett said. "Whether you decide to try a new recipe, listen to '60s music,

try a genre of music outside of your normal play lists, learn to meditate or read a book that used to be a best seller, we welcome you to Electrify Your Winter with us."

The library will also broadcast live storytimes from weekly scheduled programs on Facebook, just in case it's too snowy to leave your house or you don't want to deal with boots and snow suits. Librarians will also read stories fireside for full access on the Canton Public Library's YouTube channel whenever you want to, whether that be on a snowy day or on a day you're looking for something to entertain the kids with.

When you do come visit the library, you may be surprised with hot chocolate, coffee or tea to warm you up before you head back into the Michigan cold.

For more information on Electrify Your Winter, go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) or contact Fawcett at [fawcettl@cantonpl.org](mailto:fawcettl@cantonpl.org). The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 Canton Center Road. For more information on the library, call 734-397-0999.

### Irene Marcele Jenks (Correll) Kortez

- - Irene Marcele Jenks (Correll) Kortez, 98, passed away on December 13, 2017. She was born on July 2, 1919 in Wabash, Indiana to the late Charles E. Jenks and Cora Mae Nicely.

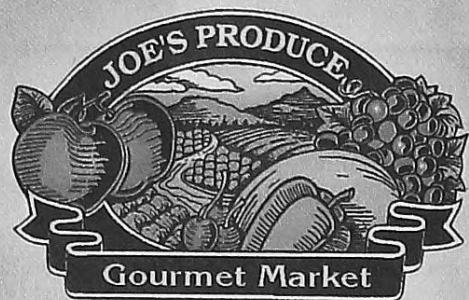
She was preceded in death by her parents, former husbands, Richard V. Correll and Howard W. Kortez; three brothers, Manard, Harold and Gordon Jenks; daughter, Kathleen Barry; and step-son, Thomas Kortez. Survivors include, son Steven A. Correll (Julie) of Marietta, GA; son-in-law, Jack Barry of Hot Springs Village, AR; step-daughters Margo A. Kortez of Lansing, MI and Mary Lee Ambel (Eric) of Brooklyn, NY; five grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Irene was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Niles, MI, First Congregational Church of Portland, MI and former member of the HSV Ladies 9-hole Golf League. She was a secretary at Miles Labs in Elkhart, IN, a legal secretary in San Antonio, TX and an executive secretary at TRW in Portland, MI. Irene moved to Hot Springs Village in 1979 from Portland, MI.

Memorial Service will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, January 4, 2017 at Caruth Village Funeral Home in Hot Springs Village. Interment will take place at Rice Cemetery in Elkhart, Indiana at a later date.

Guests may register at [www.caruth-hale.com](http://www.caruth-hale.com)





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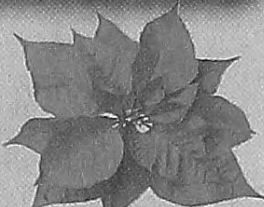
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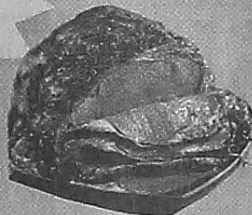


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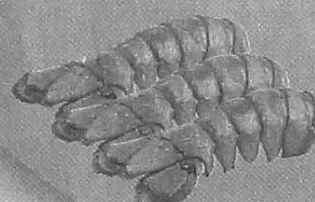
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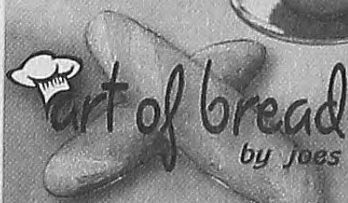
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BOYS BASKETBALL

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## Plymouth's strong balance stymies John Glenn, 64-57

'Cats lead wire-to-wire, sparked by five players scoring in double digits

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With Joe Moon IV in the backcourt, Westland John Glenn's boys basketball team never is out of a game.

But the Rockets never were able to overcome a sluggish start Dec. 21 at Plymouth, falling behind 8-0 and never enjoying the lead — ultimately falling 64-57 in a KLAA Black Division match-up.

Plymouth (3-2 overall, 1-1 in the division) managed to hang tight despite a 26-point effort from Moon, a junior point guard who is equally danger-

ous shooting from outside or taking the ball to the rim. The Wildcats benefited from having five players score 10 or more points.

"We did a nice job on the glass," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said. "It was definitely a focus coming in. I thought we played really well as a unit."

Moon also played tight defense against Plymouth senior guard Anthony Crump, allowing the Division I recruit to score just 11 points.

"They, obviously, were trying to take Anthony away," Soukup said. "Joe Moon was face to face with him the whole

game, which was an intelligent thing on their part to do. But other guys were cognizant of that and stepped up and really made some plays tonight."

John Glenn head coach Rod Watts, whose team dropped to 1-2, said his squad kept battling in an attempt to make up for the early deficit.

An inability to get on a good offensive run — acerbated by struggles rebounding and keeping Plymouth players from getting into the paint — wound up costing the Rockets.

"That's where I was getting on my guys about boxing out,"



Battling around the basket are Plymouth's Troy Aikins (center) and Westland John Glenn's Frankie Braxton (left) and Asonta Hargrove. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

## THE NEXT STEP



Grand Valley State's Gabriella Mencotti (right) is looking for a chance to play in the National Women's Soccer League. EMILY FRYE | THE LANTHORN

### Division II Player of the Year Mencotti eyes pro tryout

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Gabriella Mencotti's list of achievements for the Grand Valley State University women's soccer program the past four years has been staggering, to say the least.

The 5-foot-11 forward from

Northville High School played in and started more matches than any Lakers player in history, finishing her highly decorated career second all time in goals (85) and total points (203). The Novi resident also ranked third all time in game-winning goals (22) and assists (43).

And despite being the cen-

ter of attention by opposing teams, Mencotti led the nation in goals (30) and points (70) while dealing 10 assists en route to being named the Division II Conference Commissioners Association National Player of the Year for the second straight season.

During her career, Mencotti played on two NCAA Division



Mencotti

II championship teams (2014-15) and one national runner-up squad (2016). This season, the Lakers finished 20-4, reaching the elite eight before losing 3-1 to No. 1-ranked and eventual national champion Central Missouri, which fin-

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BOYS BASKETBALL

## Catholic Central grounds Falcons for 5-0 start

Lukomski's 19 points leads balanced Shamrocks attack in 74-63 win

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central has proven to be a high-scoring team en route to a 5-0 boys basketball season start.

The Shamrocks came in averaging 80 points per game, but the defense wasn't quite where it could have been following a 92-84 win six days earlier (Dec. 15) over Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day.

"When we went to practice, we really tuned up on defense. That's what we really focused on," CC senior guard A.J. Abdelnour said. "Limiting teams, I think our goal is 54 a game. We don't want to give up anymore than that and we'll win, because we can score way more than that."

CC tightened things up on defensive end Dec. 21 for three quarters and it resulted in 74-63 triumph at home over Dearborn Divine Child.

"We gave up 84 last time, not as many this time," CC coach Bill Dyer said. "We're still young and we still have things to learn, I think. Of course, we could have made more free throws late to help us out, but it was a solid effort and they're good, too. They're well-coached. They kept us off-balance for a little bit."

The Shamrocks led 32-25 at halftime, after leading by



Abdelnour

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## USA HOCKEY

## Trading places: U.S. NTDP's DeRidder, MSU's Miller

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If Drew DeRidder and Tommy Miller passed each other inside USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, nobody would have blamed them for going toward the wrong locker room.

The Dec. 16 hockey game between DeRidder's U.S. National Team Development Program U-18 team and Miller's Michigan State University squad proved to be an interesting tale of trading places.



DeRidder



Miller

DeRidder, a 5-10 goalie and Fenton resident, will be a future Spartans goaltender. Meanwhile, MSU freshman defenseman Miller, from West Bloomfield, skated last season for the U.S. U-18 team.

Although both enjoyed the chance to square off against (take your pick) their future or past team, they said they approached the 60 minutes of action like any other game on the schedule.

"It's great to play all the college teams I'm going to face next year," said DeRidder, who played a strong game in a 3-0 defeat (allowing just two goals; the third MSU goal was an empty-netter). "And it's great to play the future team and play against all the kids I'm going to play with in the next couple years."

"I try to just treat it like another game and not get excited, but it's hard not to get hyper about it. I felt I kept it under control."

Miller, who honed his playing skills as a youngster in the Little Caesars, Honeybaked and Compuware programs before playing 2015-17 with the NTDP, said it was nice to play in his former team at the Beck Road arena. But "you go at it the same way as any other game."

That doesn't mean Miller didn't have a little extra jump in his skates when he took the ice to go against the U.S. Last season, he was part of the



On Dec. 16, NTDP U-18 goalie Drew DeRidder faced his future team — Michigan State University. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY



Michigan State goalie Ed Minney and defenseman Tommy Miller face their former team Dec. 16. At right for the NTDP U-18 squad is defenseman Adam Samuelsson. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

team that won a gold medal at the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation U-18 World Championship in Slovakia.

He worked tirelessly to make the opening day roster in 2016-17, after playing sparingly for the NTDP U-17 team in 2015-

16.

"Made the (U-18) team (last year) and took advantage of all the facilities and coaching," Miller said. "It worked out well."

Another plus for Miller is the fact MSU's new coaching staff (head coach Danton Cole, asso-

ciate coach Chris Luongo of Novi and goalie coach Joe Exter) came over from the NTDP at the same time.

"On the same page with a lot of things (with Cole)," Miller said. "I know his mottos and how he stands on things and how he wants things to be

done.

"We kind of have a similar background on that and determination ... just the right attitude. It comes from here (USA Hockey) and translates over to Michigan State."

Miller then smiled about facing the guy who will be a MSU goalie in

2018-19.

"It's pretty cool for (DeRidder)," Miller said. "I was in the same shoes as him, playing my future school. It's weird, but it's very cool."

At the other end of the rink from DeRidder was Michigan State senior goalie Ed Minney, who stands 6-4 and plays a different style between the pipes. Minney also is an NTDP graduate, although he played when the program was based in Ann Arbor.

"I don't know (Minney) very well," DeRidder said. "It's cool to be going in the same places."

## Looking to future

On Dec. 16, DeRidder was focused on helping his current team. But once the hard-fought contest was over, he couldn't help but think about what the future holds for him. If all goes well, he'll be a Spartan in 2018-19.

"The next few years will be really nice," DeRidder said. "(MSU's) game is completely different than ours. They focus on more of a defensive style and we're all fast-paced offense."

"It's going to be an adjustment, but as a goalie, it's good to have a team wanting to play defense in front of you."

That he isn't going to suddenly add four or five inches to his frame over the next year doesn't bother him too much, either.

"I'm not too big, so it's not good to (for him) to have a 'butterfly, block and get in the way' style," he said. "You got to be more aware, know where everyone is and then be ready to react to everything."

Now that DeRidder has an up-close-and-personal taste of what it will be like to play college hockey, he can't wait to reach Munn Ice Arena — after helping the U.S. capture some more international tournament hardware, of course.

"I skate with a lot of high-level NHL players and college players during the summer," he said. "That should be a good thing for me to do. And, obviously, off-ice is a really big deal."

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## MENCOTTI

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ished 26-0.

In her final game, it was only fitting that Mencotti scored her team's lone goal.

"It was a great four years. I enjoyed every season," Mencotti said. "Coming in with a national championship and leaving with such an amazing class ... it's such a great team to finish off, I think. It was a very successful four years and something that I'll always remember. The best choice I ever made was going to that university. Nothing but happy with the decision I made. I'm glad to be done and some new players can come in that I can watch, so I'm excited for the future."

The consensus first team All-America choice also earned the Academic All-American of the Year award from College Sports Information Directors of America and United Soccer Coaches named her a first team Scholar All-America. HERO Sports named her the Division II women's soccer HERO of the Year.

"I think last year, after

losing such a great class and gaining 14 new players, I think we did a good job adjusting to the dynamic of the team and what new people we had coming in," Mencotti said. "Obviously, we didn't get as far as we wanted, but I think we still had an exceptional season. All our new players stepped up, our returning players stepped up and I think we really had a bunch of players come into their own and become great players this year. Even though we didn't get as far as we had hoped, I think still we had a great season and players developed into better players than they were before."

Mencotti, a double major in finance and marketing, will graduate from GVSU in April.

But she has some unfinished business left in her soccer career. She hopes somebody in the National Women's Soccer League will show interest.

"I'm looking for my options professionally, either in the U.S. or out of the country," Mencotti said. "The next couple of months, hopefully, I'll be figuring that out. I've put in information for the NWSL draft. I'll be send-

ing out film and video overseas, depending what my options are."

Grand Valley head coach Jeff Hosler has been working behind the scenes to help make it happen.

"Having gone through this process with a couple players, it's one that you really can't predict," he said. "Gabby is very determined to play professionally, which helps her cause and gives her a lot of different options, whether that is NWSL or abroad. The next few weeks is when we start to hear from clubs a little more seriously about players they're interested, getting to know them before the draft here in January."

Hosler believes Mencotti has all the tools to play at the next level.

"I think her skill set, her size and her athleticism are all things that are going to be very attractive to be a good professional," he said. "Because of her mobility, her fitness and athleticism and tactical ability ... all those things go hand-in-hand playing closer to goal. And with that trend in professional soccer right now, those all really bode well for her in remaining in that

type of position with that type of player. But she's also such a coachable kid. She can really play anywhere on the field and make that adjustment and buy into it. It wouldn't surprise me (if) she goes undrafted, but has some opportunities for individual workouts immediately following the draft with a number of clubs."

Mencotti's role expanded this season as she earned Offensive Player of the Year honors in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The first team all-conference pick had five goals and three assists in the GLIAC tournament, earning tournament MVP honors while helping GVSU capture its 11th consecutive tournament title and 13th straight regular season championship.

She also racked up four hat tricks on the 2017 season, including a stretch of three straight matches (Oct. 6-11). Mencotti scored at least one goal in all six postseason matches for the Lakers, scoring nine goals across the final six games of her college career.

"I think she took an even bigger role as a leader in her final year,"

Hosler said. "This was a very young team that we had this fall. We had 14 new players in our program, which is a little more than half, so her and her senior class did a fantastic job of bringing them in, getting them along, helping them to understand expectations and how to achieve them, while managing very good team chemistry."

During her junior year, Mencotti was flanked by two very talented seniors on the wing along with Marti Corby, a two-time Division II National Player of the Year midfielder. Having to deal with that type of attention and putting up the numbers made her senior season even more impressive individually.

"She had to deal with double-teams and triple-teams and be the focal point of every opponents' defensive tactics throughout the year," Hosler said.

In his 12 years as a college coach, Hosler said Mencotti ranks right at the top, not only as a special player, but also as a special person.

"You're talking about somebody who has almost every accolade under the sun in her four years here, yet she al-

ways remains very humble," he said. "You give her news of an award and she has a big smile on her face and there's almost a little bit of shock. You wouldn't expect someone who has had that success to react that way, but she's a very genuine person and humility shines through. Coaches will always tell you how great their kids are, but she's somebody I constantly rave about and will for a long, long time."

Mencotti said Hosler has fostered a trust that goes beyond the game of soccer.

"Whatever a player needs, he's willing to help with," Mencotti said. "Love him as a coach, great at communicating and helping everyone out. So it's good."

And while Mencotti isn't quite ready to get soccer out of her system, she's prepared either way.

"If this doesn't work out, at least I want to try," Mencotti said. "If it doesn't work out, I'll go out into the real world and try that one out."

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Northville's DeGroot wins weekly honor

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Northville senior boys swimmer Trevor DeGroot did what he does best to win the hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week poll for the week ending Dec. 15.

He finished strong to outlast staunch competition.

Such was the case both in the pool and in the poll — DeGroot tallied 6,957 votes, more than 49 percent of the total 14,121 votes cast.

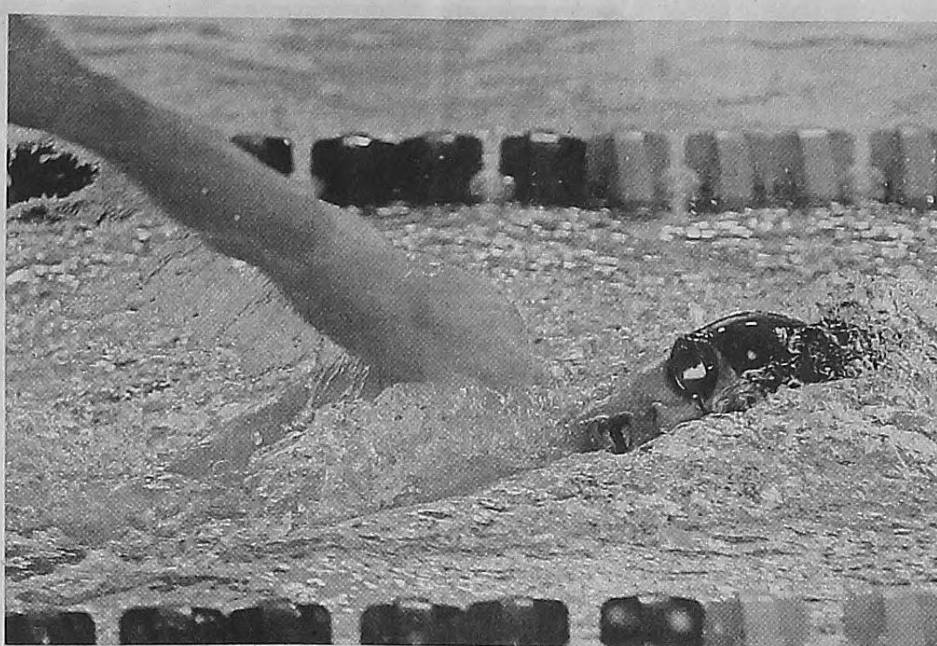
Canton senior girls basketball player Carli Vaughan (6,021 votes, 42.6 percent) placed second. In third place was Livonia Franklin senior boys basketball player Mark Mettief (1,009 votes, 7.15 percent).

## WHAT HE DID

The Mustang won the poll thanks to a big-time effort Dec. 12 against defending Division 1 state champion Birmingham Brother Rice.

He swept the 200- and 500-yard freestyles in 1:48.49 and 4:59.34, respectively, to spark the fifth-ranked Mustangs to a 94-91 victory over the Warriors, ranked No. 3 in the state.

"For the past three



Northville's Trevor DeGroot, shown from last season, won the latest hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week poll. FILE PHOTO

years, we didn't beat Brother Rice, so I was pretty excited heading into this one," DeGroot said. "I really tried to focus in on those races and we just had a great team effort all-around." DeGroot said he "just felt good, felt loose in the water. I felt like I had pretty good turns."

## PERSPECTIVE

Northville coach Rich Bennetts also stressed to the Mustangs not to get too wrapped up in defeating Brother Rice.

"Coach Bennetts told us at the end of the meet that it was an awesome win," DeGroot said. "But at the end of the day, it was just a dual meet. We have bigger goals than that. It really can't be the highlight of our season."

## ABOUT WINNING AOW

DeGroot said winning Athlete of the Week honors is "an honor. I'm happy that people recognized swimming because it's not in the news too often. I'm thankful for that."

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Northville swimmer Trevor DeGroot is the latest Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week. NORTHVILLE SWIMMING

## BOYS HOCKEY

## Birmingham Unified skates past South Lyon, 8-6

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Andrew Beggs might have summed it best in describing Birmingham Unified's 8-0-1 start to the 2017-18 boys hockey season.

"It's obviously fun," said the junior forward, who pumped in four goals Dec. 19 during a wild 8-6 victory over host South Lyon Unified at the Kensington Valley Ice House. "It's something that we thought we could do and something that we executed, but we can't let that be the solution. It's a good start, but it's not definitely where we can be. We know we can do better and beat teams by more goals."

And speaking of starts, the Kings scored four times in the first 4 minutes, 42 seconds en route to a 5-0 first-period lead.

"We talked about out-detailing our opponent and we did that tonight," third-year Birmingham coach Steve Kruk said.

"Our gap control was outstanding, hunting pucks in the offensive zone was outstanding, getting pucks to the net, having middle lane drive ... all the stuff that we harped on this week it was executed today better than any other period we've this year so far."

Beggs scored three of his four goals during the opening 17 minutes, while David Breugh and Dane Hamilton both added one. All five goals were even-strength.

"We just came out and we knew we had to be fired up because we were playing a good team on the road," Beggs said. "In a weekday game, a lot of teams would not have the momentum or the mentality to come in here and do a good job. We just wanted to make



Beggs

sure we did that and we came out flying. We popped five in the first period and that's just what we want to do. It was the perfect storm. We executed what we had in mind and executed our game plan perfectly."

Will Sanders then made it 6-0 for Birmingham just 1:46 into the second period off assists from Matthew Bachand and Hamilton

And by that point it appeared to be game, set and match, correct?

Not so fast, as South Lyon (5-2) made a game of it by scoring four unanswered goals before the period ended.

The comeback started with power-play goals from Ryan Bigler (from Gavin Ross) and Ross (from Bigler).

Luke Turowski's top-shelf blast (from Gavin Pierz and Jake Hefferman), followed by a Ross wraparound (from Bigler), cut the deficit to 6-4 with 1:39 left in the second.

"The boys showed some heart, a little bit of bounce back in the second period," SLU coach Bill McCreary said. "The

third was pretty even, but penalties took over a little bit. The refs called some on them to help us get back in it and then they called a few on us. Our penalty kill wasn't good today."

Birmingham took advantage of a five-minute SLU cross checking penalty, getting a goal from Jack Muir and Brian Paswater to make it 7-4 at 2:27 of the third.

But Turowski's nifty back-hander from Ashton Jones and Jace Gerlach cut the deficit again to two, 7-5, with 2:57 left.

South Lyon then took another costly penalty and Beggs capitalized on a power play with 1:34 to go from Muir and Breugh.

Both Jack Pesta and Breugh finished with three assists on the night, while other assists went to Ryan Zainea and Daniel Zalesin.

"Coming back into the (locker) room after the second period, we just talked about embracing adversity," Kruk said.

"They're a good hockey team and we never expected to be up by six, nor should we have. But after we woke them up a little bit, we came back to life in that third period."

Aaron Caicco then scored with 28 seconds remaining to make it a two-goal deficit again, but it was too little, too late for SLU.

"Obviously, the first period was the best period we played all year," Kruk said. "It was outstanding. But even so, I know we got into a little

penalty trouble the second period. We got back on our heels and got a little bit too comfortable. And again, South Lyon is a darn good hockey team, so I'm not taking anything away from them. We gave them an inch and they took a mile."

South Lyon starting goalie Nolan Smith, a junior, was pulled after giving up the third goal in the opening period. Sophomore Andrew Lowen finished the game.

"They're capable of so much more than what they showed in that first period," McCreary said of his team. "It's a good hockey team and, with any good hockey team, you can't spot that kind of lead and expect success, no matter who we're playing. If we have to score nine goals to win, we're shooting ourselves in the foot. I'd like to think that we're stronger defensively than what we showed today."

Kruk, who was BU's JV coach for five years before taking over the varsity, likes what he sees so far from this squad.

"In my three years with the program, this is by far my best group we had," he said. "I don't mean that just by skill ... there's kids that buy into our culture and just go to work every day. It's just been outstanding."

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## PLYMOUTH

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Watts said. "We have a loaded schedule, we must box out to stay in the game."

"We've been in every game and I just think if we do a better job on the glass, those games, those losses, they could be (wins). You just never know."

Plymouth led 15-8 after one quarter and then both teams lit it up in the second (23 points each), but the Wildcats always had an answer when it counted.

Late in the third quarter, John Glenn started to gain some momentum, getting the deficit down to 46-40 thanks to a couple of quick baskets.

Then came what might have been the final nail in the Rockets' coffin.

With less than a second left in the quarter, Plymouth senior guard Justin Reynolds sized up the rim from the right corner and buried a trey. That made it 49-40 after three quarters.

Had that shot missed, the game might have been much closer down the stretch. The Wildcats maintained a lead of seven points or more the rest of the way.

Reynolds knew it was an important play as soon as he got the ball from senior guard A.J. Neal. He had confidence hitting that clutch shot because he was feeling it during pregame practice.

"I had to give us a little extra lead, a little boost, because they were going on a run at that moment," Reynolds said. "It's just rhythm shots I had to take. We warm up and we do those shots all the time and I just went through the motions."

Following are several takeaways:

## TWO OUT OF THREE

Soukup said the final outcome of a ballgame usually swings in favor of the team that makes most of the three "clutch plays" that typically happen down the stretch.

The trey by Reynolds at the end of the

third quarter qualified as one of those and a slam-dunk by senior guard Joey Robb with 1:25 to go in the game (upping Plymouth's lead to 61-50 and pretty much sealing the deal) was the other.

"When it tips in your favor that way, it usually ends up being a win," Soukup said.

## BALANCED ATTACK

Plymouth had five players scoring in double figures, led by Neal, who drained five triples for 15 points. Contributing 11 points was Crump, while Reynolds, Robb and senior forward Jeff Davis each scored 10 points.

"Hats off to Plymouth, they played a great team ballgame tonight," Watts said. "And they had a really, really balanced attack. (Soukup) does a really good job with those guys."

## GOOD IMPRESSION

Watts said sophomore guard/forward Asonta Hargrove (six points) played well against the Wildcats, which bodes well for the second half of the season, when the Rockets will look to pick up some speed.

"(Hargrove) played pretty good," Watts said. "He's never been in this type of environment before. We'll take some knocks early, to be ready down the stretch."

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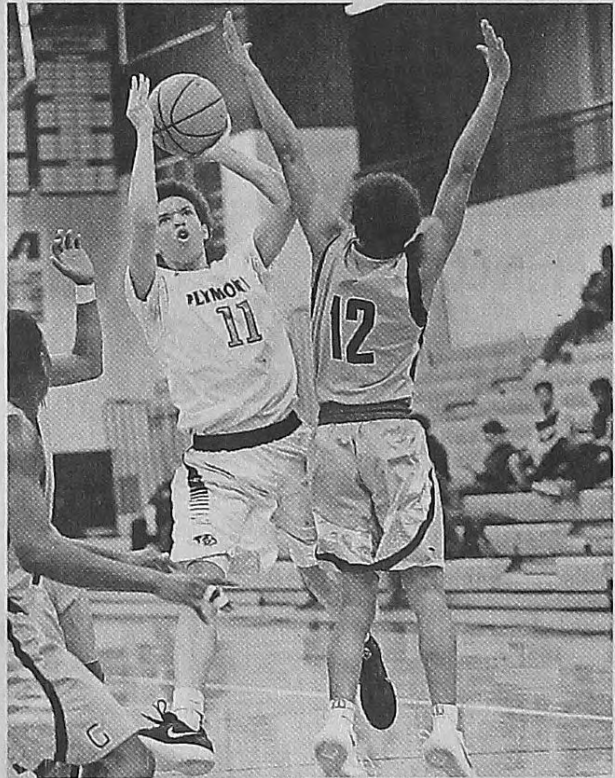
During the first half, it was announced that four members of Plymouth's 2015 conference and district championship team were in attendance: Josh Reynolds (Justin's brother, now playing at Madonna University), Deji Adebisi, Randall Aikins (Troy's brother) and Armani Tate.

## EARLY FIREWORKS

The varsity contest didn't tip off until 7:45 p.m. because of two hard-fought games by the freshman and junior varsity teams.

In the freshman game, Plymouth needed double overtime to prevail. The JV game nearly reached overtime, but John Glenn sophomore guard Solomon Johnson connected on a trey from above the top of the arc as time expired to give the Rockets a 46-45 victory.

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Putting up a shot over a Westland John Glenn defender is Plymouth senior guard Justin Reynolds. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

## SHAMROCKS

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as many as 14 in the second quarter.

Divine Child (2-2) cut the deficit to four on two different occasions during the third quarter, but CC closed it out with a 26-21 fourth-quarter run despite going 6-of-14 from the foul line, including five straight misses in the final 3:20.

Forward Davis Lukomski paced CC's balanced scoring attack with 19 points.

"He was solid tonight and he stayed out of foul trouble," Dyer said of the 6-6 forward. "He can shoot the ball, obviously. We had that length and got a few rebounds late and just kind of held on."

The 5-foot-11 Abdelnour added 15, while junior guard running mate Keegan Koehler added 12 as the Shamrocks shot 26-of-58 from the field (44.8 percent), including nine 3-pointers. CC's final tally at the foul stripe was 15-of-24 (62.5 percent).

"I thought the second half, we got the ball to

the elbow a little bit and got the ball to the basket," Dyer said. "We finally got the ball there with a little pocket pass into the post to get those easy shots."

Divine Child's Quinn Blair, a William & Mary signee, finished with a game-high 21 points, but the 6-6 senior forward was limited to 6-of-18 shooting from the floor.

"Jam all cuts, don't let Quinn touch the ball, don't let that ball get reversed at all," Abdelnour said. "That was our game plan."

After closing the gap

to six entering the final quarter, the Falcons committed five costly turnovers in that quarter as CC built its advantage back up to double digits.

"It was just execution-type stuff, just more reps that we'll get better at in practice," said first-year Divine Child coach Mac Horvath, who coached the previous season at Melvindale.

The Falcons were 21-of-56 from the field (37.5 percent) and 13-of-17 from the line (76.4 percent) as junior guard Cameron Ubanick contributed 14 points. Parker

LePage and Kyle Gurney each added nine.

"We missed some shots, but the kids played really hard," Horvath said. "This was a real tough environment. We got down early and we battled all night. It never got past 12 — I don't think — then we pushed it to six, we pushed it to four a couple of times. We were down four with the ball a couple of times on a night where we didn't make a lot of shots all night. It was a good effort."

CC will be off for 12 days and won't play again until Wednesday, Jan. 3,

at home against Detroit Loyola.

"We had a great student section come out," Abdelnour said. "Like in years past we never did, but when we've got the energy behind us and then our team chemistry ... our team chemistry is ridiculous this year. We're all brothers and just when someone is down, they pick up the energy for you."

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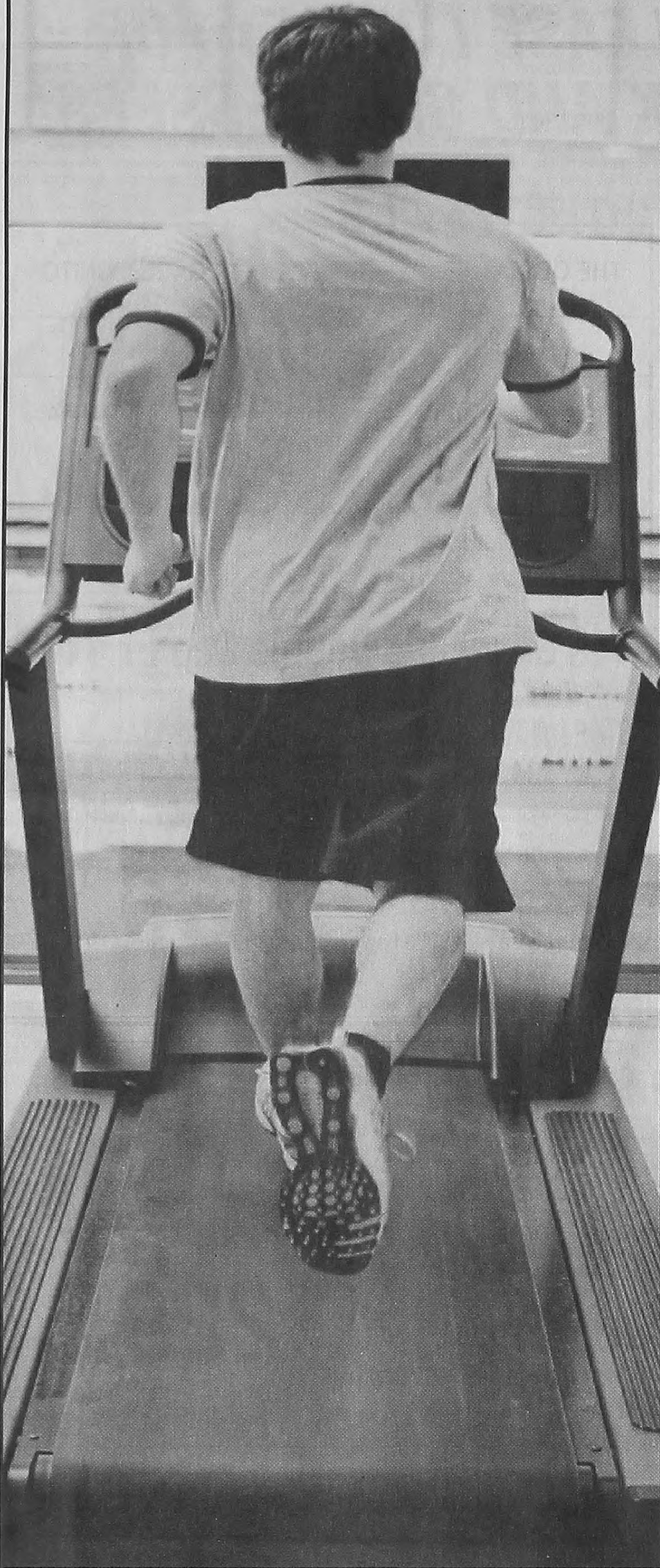
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Nothin' at all
  - 4 Got on board
  - 12 — Hill (Theodore Roosevelt's home)
  - 20 Altar promise
  - 21 Quiche —
  - 22 Zealous campaigner
  - 23 With 39-Down, business for attorneys
  - 24 Dreams up
  - 25 Enrobing
  - 26 Thorax
  - 28 Cloister resident
  - 29 Native Americans of Oklahoma
  - 31 See 69-Across
  - 32 Lena of "The Wiz"
  - 33 Gal at a ball
  - 34 Big fashion inits.
  - 35 Blue shade
  - 37 Haul to court
  - 38 "Time — the essence!"
  - 40 Wagged part
  - 42 Closest to nil
  - 46 Verizon competitor
  - 49 Artificial hair
  - 51 Skier Tommy
  - 52 All or Frazier
  - 53 Klutzy type
  - 54 Radon, e.g.
  - 55 Indian "Mr."
  - 56 Dangerous way to skate
  - 58 Haglike
  - 60 Darkened
  - 62 Uprightness
  - 63 Like radon
  - 64 Actress Courteney
  - 65 Alluring West
  - 66 Kanga's son
  - 67 Pitched shelter
  - 68 "— knew?!"
  - 69 With 31-Across, start to enjoy
  - 70 Snooze site
  - 71 Like sexist jokes and such, for short
  - 75 Mail —
  - 76 Ring official inits.
  - 77 "Piggy"
  - 78 River of Grenoble
  - 79 Like much hemp fashion
  - 83 Actress Cuthbert
  - 85 Was deeply agitated
  - 86 Air impurity
  - 88 Battle (for)
  - 89 Favorite
  - 90 "— haw!" ("Wheel")
  - 91 Bicolor snacks
  - 92 Slender fish
  - 93 Polar laborer
  - 94 Hit into from behind
  - 96 1988 Olympics city
  - 97 Is in a hole
  - 99 Film scorer
  - 101 Sportage or Soul maker
  - 102 Clairol products
  - 104 Gibbon, e.g.
  - 106 — relief
  - 107 White wader
  - 110 Enthusiasm
  - 113 Soup legume
  - 115 Dandy fellow
  - 116 Full of cheek
  - 117 Rft-causing the judiciary
  - 119 Least near
  - 122 Sci-fi gift
  - 123 Hand-thrown weapons
  - 124 Scottish beef animal
  - 125 Scrabble 4-pointer
  - 126 Right to use another's land
  - 127 Opera text
  - 128 Scrabble 1-pointers
- DOWN**
- 1 Nothin' at all
  - 2 Gem State
  - 3 \* A thousand and a googol, e.g.
  - 4 \* March Madness quarterfinal teams
  - 5 Family member
  - 6 Slivovitz and kirsch
  - 7 Has a debate
  - 8 \* 1998 Tom Clancy novel
  - 9 Family members
  - 10 Adversary
  - 11 Cease's partner
  - 12 Flimflam
  - 13 \* Part of the Constitution establishing the judiciary
  - 14 Very nervy
  - 15 "... so far — know"
  - 16 \* Helicopter of the U.S. president
  - 17 Major Norse god
  - 18 Sublet, say
  - 19 Therefore
  - 27 Ignore rudely
  - 30 Trendy
  - 36 Typical lab rat, e.g.
  - 39 See 23-Across
  - 41 It has a charge
  - 43 Pivotal line
  - 44 Split-off group
  - 45 Duce follower
  - 46 Specifically
  - 47 Neighbor of Quebec
  - 48 Place (down)
  - 50 \* Request for a hand slap
  - 57 Engine cover
  - 59 LCD alternative
  - 60 Ski —
  - 61 Consume
  - 64 \* Group of defendants that included Abbie Hoffman
  - 68 "Hold on!"
  - 69 Styling stuff
  - 70 Furry scarf
  - 71 Consume currency
  - 72 Occasion to shout out the ends of the answers to this puzzle's starred clues (from left to right)
  - 73 Dress fussily
  - 74 Handed over
  - 75 In this way, informally
  - 76 Withdrawal
  - 77 \* "She Loves You" band's nickname
  - 78 \* Tanging truisms
  - 79 Lofty poetry
  - 80 Heart
  - 81 Toast topper
  - 82 \* A state of bliss
  - 84 Window area
  - 85 View
  - 87 Rustic denial
  - 89 View
  - 95 Capital of Latvia
  - 98 Helical form
  - 100 Taoism founder
  - 103 Ornit in speech
  - 105 Nicholas Gage memoir
  - 108 City in Germany
  - 109 Styles
  - 110 Knife feature
  - 111 Old Italian
  - 112 Bird class
  - 114 Bird hangout
  - 118 Snead of golf
  - 120 Classic British sports car
  - 121 Hard drinker

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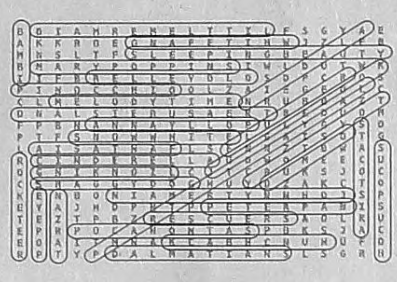
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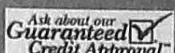


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