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## New boutique is a real sweet treat

ChocoOne Chocolate imports goodies to Canton

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Diana Akho-Zahieh has made Canton a sweeter place.

Just consider the mouth-watering options at her business, ChocoOne Chocolate Boutique, at 5900 N. Sheldon.

Try the cheesecake or brownie dipped in pure milk chocolate. Devour a chocolate-covered orange slice or Oreo cookie.

Chocolate lovers can find coconut, hazelnut, wafers, almonds, caramel — more than 50 flavors. Some may simply

prefer to bite into pure milk chocolate or dark chocolate bars.

During an interview in her boutique, Akho-Zahieh said she has been a chocolate lover since she was a child in Jordan.

"Who doesn't love chocolate?" she asked.

Seven years after she moved with her husband to the United States, she has started her first business and received five-star ratings on her ChocoOne Facebook page. She has shipped her products as far as California and Florida and she has meticulously assembled trays of

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It was ChocoOne's first Valentine's Day and owner Diana Akho-Zahieh was ready with her products. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Julie Skore McBride's Marv's Dairy Dan sells ice cream despite the winter weather. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## SPRINKLES ON TOP?

Ice cream stands brave freezing temps to open

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Ice cream in the winter isn't as hot a commodity as it is in July. But drive around any major road in the region and you'll find plenty of independent ice cream stands with neon signs flashing "open" hanging in the window.

Why are they open? If you ask some of the owners, sometimes even they don't know.

"Every year, I say I'm going to close, but I don't close," said Julie Skore McBride, who owns Marv's Dairy Dan at

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Katie Kobos delivers an Oreo flurry through the drive-through at Marv's Dairy Dan in Westland. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Every day is Italian Food Day for chef at Cantoro

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Tuesday was National Italian Food Day around the country.

For chef Anthony Calabrese, that pretty much describes every day since he was 15 years old.

That's when Calabrese, the chef at Cantoro Italian Market in Plymouth, embarked on what would become his life's work, learning to cook at the feet of his mother and grandmother in their Canton home.

"I liked watching my mom and grandma in the kitchen," Calabrese said. "I was always at their ankles, helping."

Calabrese is a 1998 graduate of the renowned culinary arts program at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

**Q: What's been your background in cooking?**

A: My first job was doing prep work and as a bus boy at (Livonia's) Laurel

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Chianti Italian wines. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Boutique

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chocolates for local birthday parties, baby showers, graduations, holidays and other events. She can customize a company's logo to accompany her chocolates.

This week was her first Valentine's Day; she celebrated her grand opening in December.

"It's very exciting," she said, showing her special Valentine's Day arrangements complete with balloons.

Akho-Zahieh's chocolates are imported from her native Jordan and made using raw materials from Belgium. She spent a year researching her business and traveled in Jordan to find the best chocolate factory, forming a partnership with a company in Amman, the nation's capital.

She insisted on real, pure cocoa butter and cocoa mass for her chocolates, not the diluted, overly sweet ingredients

used in lesser chocolates.

"These are top-quality chocolates," she said.

They are displayed in colorful wrappers in her shop, where she maintains a dry, cool temperature to ensure freshness. She planned even the smallest details before she opened her doors.

In her boutique, Akho-Zahieh displays some of her chocolates in gift baskets and handmade crystal vases, including Turkish Badash Crystal. Elsewhere in her store, chocolates are on display with stuffed animals, including small teddy bears, all neatly tied with ribbons.

One display has a nautical theme with a small lighthouse and chocolates wrapped in red and blue, each with a small ornament, including a ship's wheel or anchor. Another display has a small baby doll and chocolates wrapped in pink and yellow to celebrate a newborn baby girl.

Even the packaging for her products brings to mind the color of chocolate, whether in the form of a small purse or a



Diana Akho-Zahieh talks about her business, ChocoOne Chocolate Boutique, which features chocolates imported from her native Jordan. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

larger bag.

"It's kind of luxury packaging," she said.

What are some of the top-selling chocolates?

"People like the brownie dipped in milk chocolate and the cheesecake dipped in milk chocolate," she said.

Akho-Zahieh said delivery is avail-

able in the area and the store will ship anywhere. For more information, call 248-499-3045 or find ChocoOne on Facebook and Instagram. A website is coming soon at [www.ChocoOne.com](http://www.ChocoOne.com).

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# Calabrese

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Manor. My first cooking job was at Wyndgate Country Club (in Oakland Township). I've also been at Tribute (formerly in Farmington Hills), at Bacco in Southfield and the Italian American Club in Livonia. I've been here (Cantoro, 15550 N. Haggerty) since 2012 and have been cooking since it opened in March 2014.

**Q: Why is Italian food such a favorite for you?**

A: My dad was born in Italy, then moved to Canada. I come from an Italian household, so there was always a lot of cooking going on. I like the diversity (of Italian food). From the top of Italy to the bottom ... cooking is vastly different.

**Q: What's your favorite dish to prepare?**

A: Pretty much any kind of pastas. It doesn't matter what kind. You can change pasta dishes like you change your mind. There's so much you can do with it.

**Q: Who is most responsible for your**



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**pursuit of cooking as a career?**


A: My parents and my grandmother. My mom and my grandma saw how much I enjoyed it and they encouraged me. I think my dad would have liked me to be a doctor or something (Calabrese smiles when he says that), but they've all been very supportive.

**Q: Do you see yourself with a restau-**


**rant of your own someday?**

A: Yes. The end goal has always been to own my place of my own. When and where? I have no idea. But that's the plan.


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# Bed & Bread Radiothon set for Feb. 23

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit will host its 31st annual Bed & Bread Club Radiothon, presented by Ford Motor Co. Fund, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23. The fundraiser will be broadcast live on WJR-AM (760) from the Emagine Theatre in Novi.

Throughout the 16-hour broadcast, WJR hosts Paul W. Smith, Frank Beckmann, Guy Gordon and Mitch Albom will speak to local and national celebrities and musicians and civic and business leaders sharing their support for The Salvation Army. Jim Vella, president of Ford Motor Co. Fund, will share radiothon hours with Gordon beginning at 2 p.m. Dick Purtan, Bed & Bread Club chairman and retired Detroit radio Hall

of Famer, will once again lead the broadcast 6-10 p.m., joined by daughters Jackie Purtan, WXYZ-TV's JoAnne Purtan and Purtan's People alumni.

"Through 31 years – and counting – we are truly grateful for all of the work our partners put in to make this a reality," said Maj. Russ Sjögren, general secretary and Detroit-area commander for The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division. "We're so thankful for the generous support of the Ford Motor Co. Fund, WJR, Emagine Theatres and the thousands of people who donate to us. Only by their gracious contributions can we continue to provide Bed & Bread support to those in need across Detroit and the surrounding communities."

The Salvation Army's Bed & Bread program feeds and shelters metro Detroiters every day of the year. A donation of \$120 helps feed five people for nearly a month. Those doubling their donation to \$240 will help feed 10 people and receive a special incentive gift for supporting The Salvation Army's Bed & Bread program.

Supporters can donate now through the end of the 16-hour radiothon by:

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The annual fundraiser is the primary source of funding for the nonprofit's Bed & Bread program and is the largest single-market, single-day radio fundraiser in the country. Since 1988, the Bed & Bread Club Radiothon has raised more than \$33 million to help those in need.

Last year, Bed & Bread program trucks traveled 170 miles to 62 stops each and every day of the year within the city of Detroit, totaling more than 62,000 miles. Annually, the Bed & Bread program serves 18,720 gallons of soup; 93,600 loaves of bread; 130,000 pounds of deli meat; 182,000 hot dogs; and 520,000 pieces of fruit and snacks.

## CANTON LIBRARY EVENTS

The Canton Public Library is at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. For more information, call 734-397-0999 or go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org).

### Teen Boredom Busters

**When:** 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, and Tuesday, Feb. 27

**Details:** Bored after school? Need a study break? No worries, we've got fun activities in our Teen Space that are just right for your busy schedule. Stop by for five or 50 minutes, whatever works for you. Learn something new, meet a new friend or just relieve some stress. Upcoming schedule: Feb. 15, T-shirt tote bag; Feb. 27, button making.

### K Club Winter Fun

**When:** 2-3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19

**Details:** Winter fun and exploration will be the topic of this K Club program intended for children ages 4-6. Science, math and creative skills will be used as we form melting snowman and rummage through a tinker tray to design our own individual snowflakes. Our festivities also include a "brisk" story or two and ice cream. Registration required.

### Family Reading Night – Caldecott Medal

**When:** 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20

**Details:** CPL's Family Reading Nights continue to be an excellent ongoing celebration of literacy, sharing stories and fun. Participants will experience engaging themes coupled with exciting activities and this month, we're reading books that won the Caldecott Medal in recognition for their illustrations. We'll also include the winner of the Canton Public Library's Mock Caldecott Medal at this Family Reading Night. This program is for children ages 4-9 and their families. Registration is required.

### American Girl Club

**When:** 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21

**Details:** Join us as we learn about a different American Girl character at each meeting through crafts, games and activities. We will explore both the historical characters and the modern day girls. No prior knowledge of the books or character is needed. If you have an American Girl doll, feel free to bring her. This program is open to ages 8-12 and registration is required. Upcoming schedule: Feb. 21, Melody (Detroit,

1964).

### STEM Curiosity

**When:** 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22

**Details:** Children ages 7-10 interested in science, technology, engineering and math will learn something new each month in a STEM topic. Get introduced to concepts through presentations, active exploration, and creative projects. Registration required. Go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) for registration and more information.

### Teen Writers' Studio

**When:** 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24

**Details:** Meet other teens who share the same passion of writing and creating as you for writing exercises, brainstorming, feedback and more. You will never be required to share your work, but if you'd like to, this is a safe space and judgment free zone. Your stories and poems produced during these sessions will also be bound together at the end of the school year, creating a book or zine of your work. This program is open to all middle and high school students.

### Special-Needs Storytime

**When:** 4-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24

**Details:** This is a sensory-friendly storytime filled with stories, songs and sign language especially designed for young children with developmental delays and disabilities. Upcoming schedule: Feb. 24, Love Letters ... Stories about the Alphabet.

### Sunday Afternoon Music Series

**When:** 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25

**Details:** The Canton Public Library is partnering again with the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Jazz Band for a series of Sunday afternoon performances. Stop in and warm up with some great live music.

### Reading Buddies

**When:** 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28

**Details:** Make a new friend at our Reading Buddies program. You will be paired up with a tween volunteer buddy and get the chance to practice your reading in a fun and cozy atmosphere. Readers need to be in grades K-3 and are welcome to bring a book of their own to read aloud or read one of ours.



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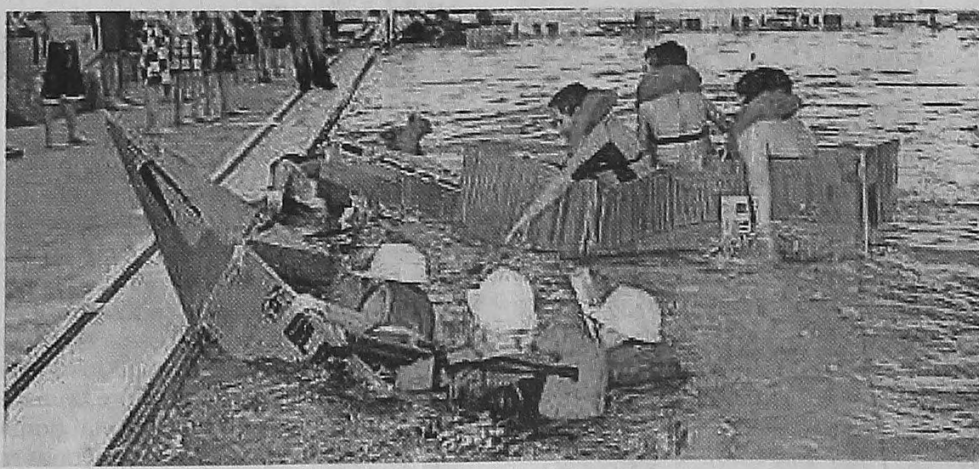
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Henry Will with his grandchildren, Steve and Troy Balasia of Livonia, with their yellow hats and boat titled "The Speed Boat," made it to the finish line in this 2014 file photo. FILE PHOTO

# Three worthy events to check out this weekend

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## Rome exhibition at Cranbrook

If you need a date idea for someone who's into gladiator fights and ancient history, head to the Cranbrook Institute of Science this weekend.

The center, 39221 Woodward in Bloomfield Hills, recently opened a new exhibit titled, "Ancient Rome: Age of the Caesars," which runs through July 3. Patrons of the exhibit will be able to experience separate aspects of ancient Rome, including lifestyle and entertainment, its military, the building of Rome and more. It'll feature display panels, videos, virtual reality reconstructions and other objects.

The exhibit requires a separate admission price to the usual Cranbrook admission and costs \$8 for adults and \$6 for children and seniors. Those under age 2 are free. For more information, go to science.cranbrook.edu.

## 'Frank Sinatra' and 'Elvis' in Northville

Head back in time this weekend in Northville to get serenaded by some of the most iconic voices of the 20th century.

A special, one-night performance will take place Saturday at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., featuring Gary Sacco as Frank Sinatra and Matt King as Elvis Presley. Two shows will take place, one at 6 p.m. and another at 9 p.m.

Tickets for the show are \$20 and can be purchased by calling 248-349-8110. For more information, go to northvillemarquistheatre.com.

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Who says Valentine's Day celebrations are over? If the romantic holiday falling in the middle of the week has cramped your style and you need to get out of the house, we've got just the list for you.

Here are three events taking place this weekend for couples, families and others looking for something fun to do.

## Cardboard boat races in Livonia

Does the thought of people building boats made of cardboard appeal to you? You're in luck if you head to Livonia this weekend.

The annual Cardboard Boat Races will take place Sunday afternoon at the Jack. E Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. The event, put on by the city's parks and recreation department and Wolverine Sports and Conservation Club, will feature teams using simple materials to construct boats from cardboard. Teams will have access to cardboard, tape, cutting utensils and decorations. Crews will take two hours to construct the boats, 1-3 p.m., with races beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Awards will be given to the team with the most creative design and the fastest boat, as well as winner of each heat.

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Blackthorn will perform two concerts of Irish music at the Farmington Players Barn.

# Blackthorn to perform at Farmington Players Barn

Irish band Blackthorn will perform two concerts of Celtic music and songs at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 9-10, at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road. The concerts are presented by the city of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division and have been an annual tradition every March for the last 15 years.

Blackthorn recently released a new studio album titled "One Bright March Morning." Its ninth recording features 12 tracks of traditional tunes, instrumentals and contemporary songs from some of Ireland's greatest songwriters. "We wanted to stretch ourselves with totally new music, while at the same time include audience favorites," band member Gary McMullen said. The CD will be available for purchase at the concerts.

The Detroit-based Celtic folk quintet has been singing and playing Irish music together for more than 30 years. The band was voted Best Folk Artist by readers of Detroit Metro Times and earned a Shammy Award as Michigan's favorite Irish band from the website www.Milrish.com. Blackthorn has also played at The Ark and the Michigan Irish Music Festival.

Band members play unique instruments found in authentic Celtic music. Richard McMullen is on guitar, mandolin, mandola and bodhran; Gary McMullen plays five-string banjo and guitar; David Mosher is on fiddle, mandolin and banjo; Dennis Green plays bass;

and Fred Klein is on keyboards, accordion, flute and pennywhistle.

Tickets are \$23, with a discounted rate of \$21 for seniors and students. Tickets are available at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road, in Farmington Hills, online at <https://recreg.fhgov.com> or by calling 248-473-1848.

This concert is funded in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.



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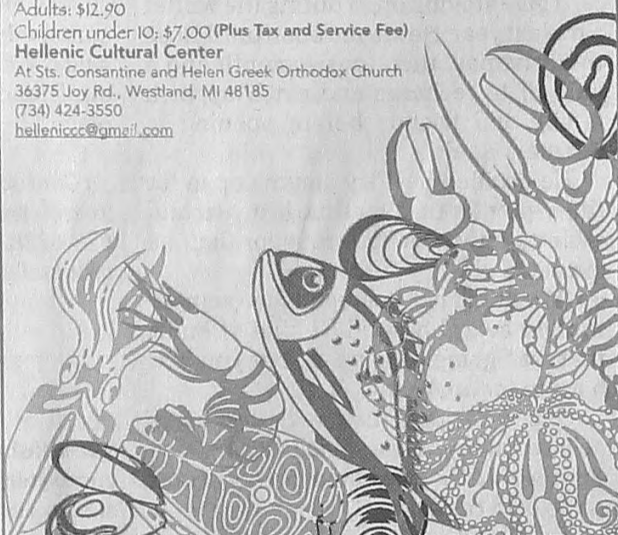
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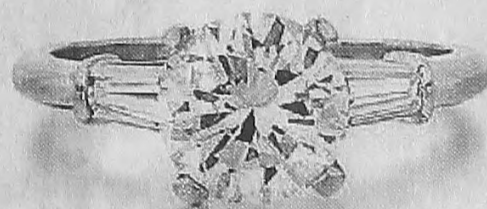
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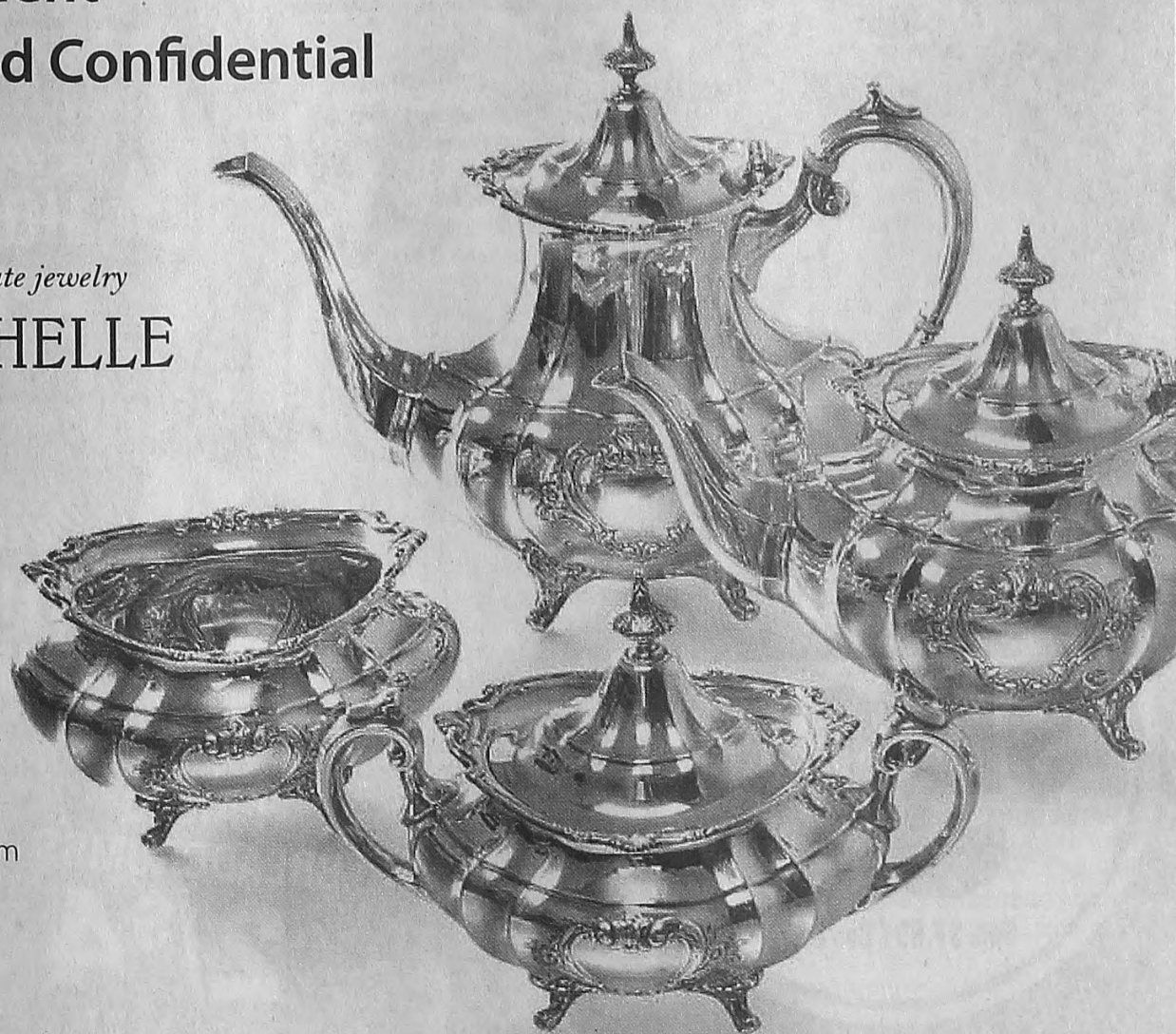
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# Ice cream

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6950 Wayne Road in Westland. "I close if it's 20-below or if it's eight feet of snow. I close for a day or two."

There's nothing that beats a nice ice cream cone when temperatures are in the 80s in July. But what about closer to 8 in February?

## Diehards stay open

Plenty of ice cream stands buck the cold Michigan winter and decide to cater to those ice cream die-hard who can't get enough sprinkles, soft serve and sundaes. From Ritter's Frozen Custard on Eight Mile in Livonia to Snack Attack on Highland Road in Highland, more ice cream stands are catering to those who can't get enough.

McBride, whose father originally bought the stand about 25 years ago, said there have been plenty of times already this season — including the last weekend in January, when temps soared into the 40s — when they need all the help they can get to serve their hungry customers.

"If you would have come here, it would have looked like summer," she said. "It was 45 degrees. You could not get into the parking lot."

"In the winter (the weekend of Jan. 26-28), we had cars that could not get in off of Wayne Road."

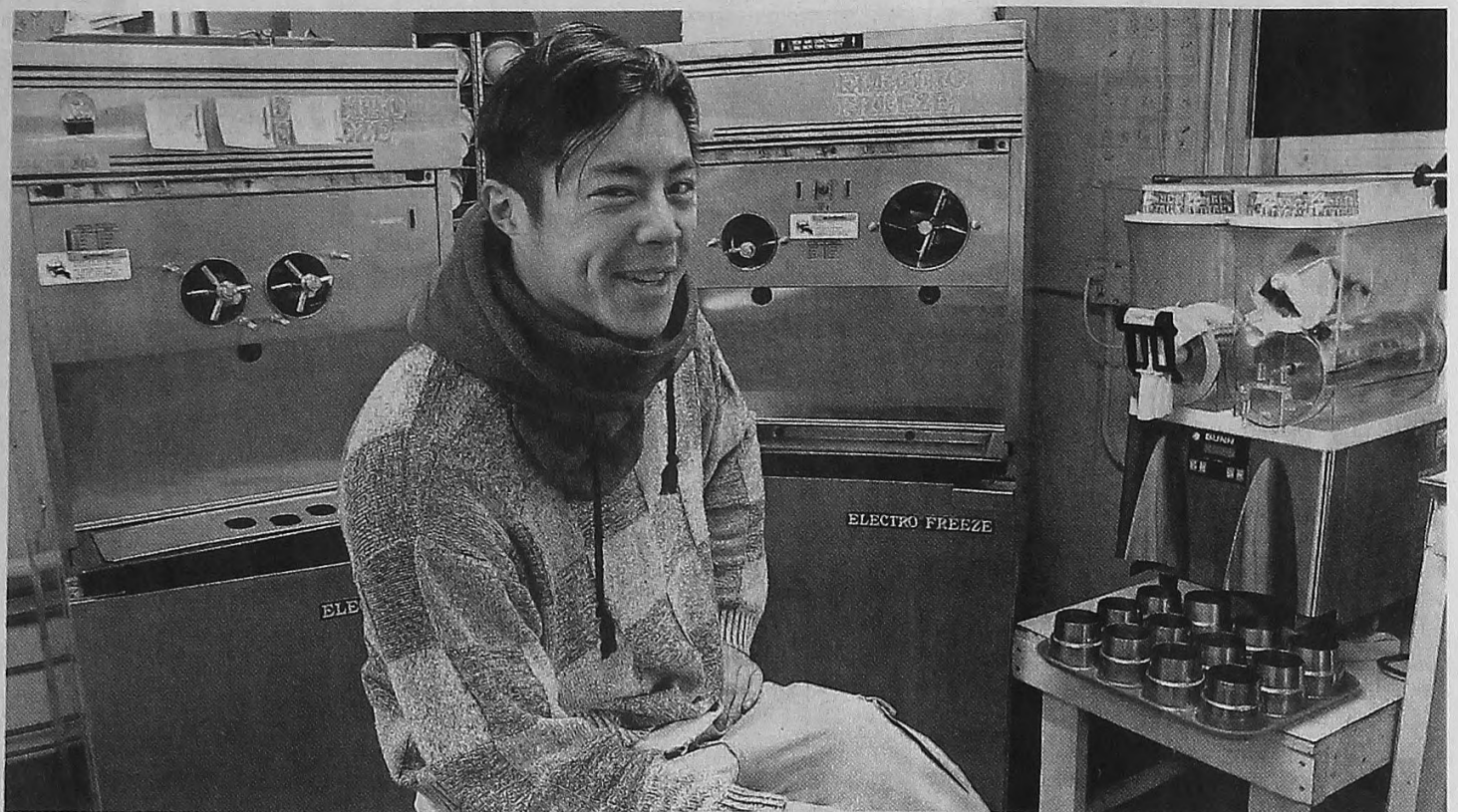
## Rougher than expected

Jack Seto, a Highland Township resident who owns Snack Attack, decided he'd give staying open during the winter a try last year. He stayed open until close to Christmas, then took a month and a half off to recharge and catch up with family and friends before opening in February again.

He decided he'd try staying open for the winter for the first time last year and admitted it was a little rougher than he expected.

"We didn't get the results we wanted to right away," he said. "I kind of knew that was going to happen, but you just have to try anyway."

Once he's open, though, Seto expects he'll see many of the same faces he sees throughout the year stop by and want some cold treats.



In about one week, the machines behind Jack Seto will be cranking out soft-serve ice cream. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"The hard-core fanatics," he said.

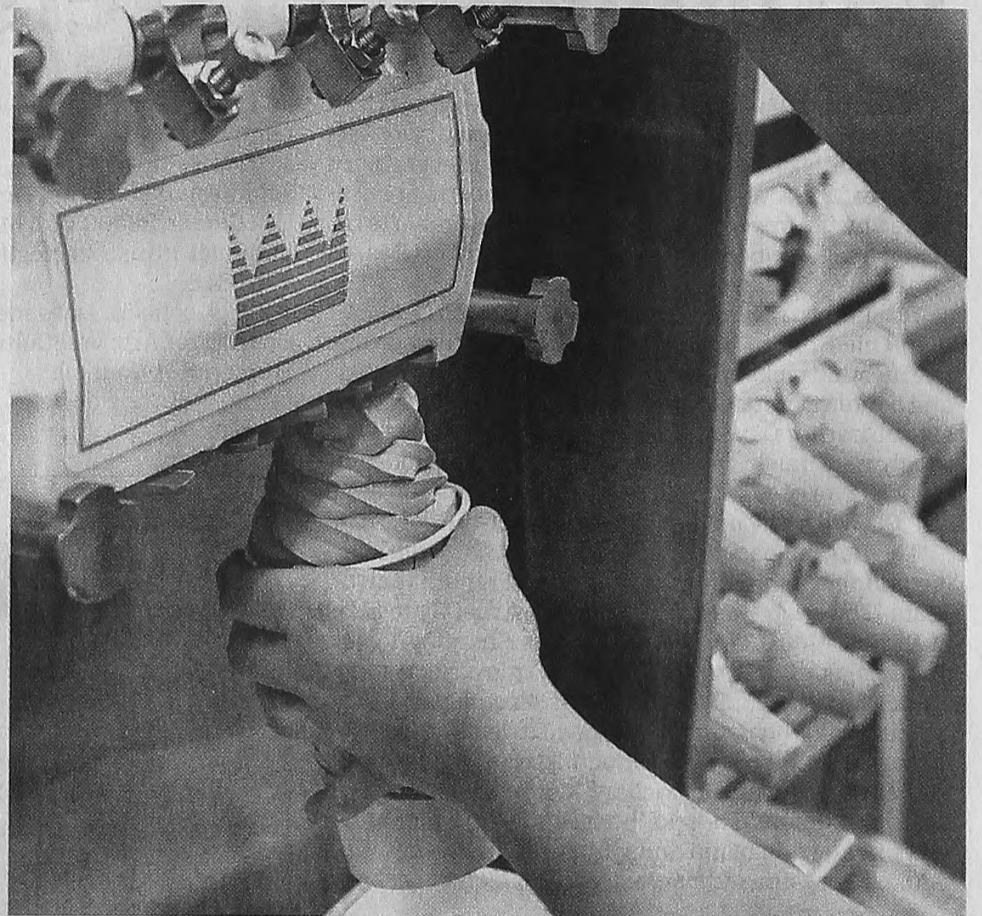
## A brief rush

And there's no telling when a customer can show up to one of these businesses. Even in the middle of the day during the week, Dairy Dan sees plenty of drive-through traffic.

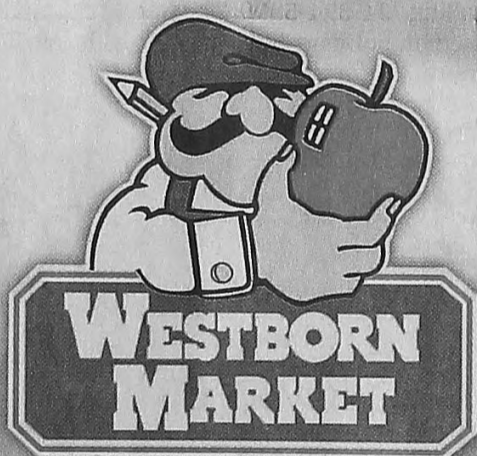
McBride said despite frigid temperatures and a reduced staff in the winter, operating an ice cream stand is the work she feels she was called to do.

"It's awesome to serve something to somebody that makes them happy," she said. "We have customers that become our friends, part of our family. It's a fun place."

Contact David Veselenak at [dveselenak@hometownlife.com](mailto:dveselenak@hometownlife.com) or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak.



Katie Kobos makes an Oreo flurry for a customer at Marv's Dairy Dan. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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## AREA EVENTS

Send calendar items to LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com. Items must be received at least two weeks prior to the event.

### Music at the Elks

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

The Ramona Collins Quartet will perform Tuesday, Feb. 27. Collins is on vocals, Cliff Monear will be on keyboards, Jeff Pedraz on bass and Sean Dobbins on drums. Go to [www.ramona-collins.com](http://www.ramona-collins.com).

In addition, the West Side Ramblers will provide a free concert of Dixieland/bluegrass 5:30-8:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Burger Night. A limited menu is available.

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).

### Fish dinners

The Plymouth VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill Street, will host fish dinners during Lent 5-7 p.m. each Friday through March 30 (no dinner Feb. 16 due to a scheduling conflict).

Diners can get cod or walleye, baked or fried. There will also be shrimp and chicken strips available. All dinners include french fries, baked potato or mac and cheese, along with cole slaw, a roll and butter. Coffee is on the house, all other drinks are available on a cash basis. There is also a dessert table and 50/50 drawings.

### Baseline Folk Society

The Baseline Folk Society begins its 2018 season at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, at 774 N. Sheldon Road. Performances include 10 open-mic artists and then the feature act at 8 p.m. Headlining Feb. 17 are Alex and Maggie Zakem.

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.

The season schedule is available on its Facebook page. For more information, email [bfsresident4u@gmail.com](mailto:bfsresident4u@gmail.com).

### Plymouth STEAM workshop

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department announces a stop motion animation workshop for children ages 6-15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street.

Students will be taught by Alex Thomas, a professional stop-motion animator who worked on Cartoon Network shows. They will learn animation techniques such as speed, weight, timing, easing and more through various



"Lament" and other works by Raymond Gross will be on display at the Village Theater in Canton through February.

exciting mediums and activities. Also included is a DVD of all animation created by the students during the workshop, a prize raffle and a snack.

Cost is \$69 for city residents and \$54 for non-residents. Registration can be found online at [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us) or by calling 734-455-6620 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Relay For Life kickoff

The American Cancer Society will host a free kickoff event open to the public for a celebration of the Relay For Life of Canton and Plymouth, set for 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at Tony Sacco's Pizza, 1663 N. Canton Center Road.

The event will be open house-style and will include a photo booth, light pizza and salad buffet, along with music and information on how you can join the American Cancer Society and participate Relay For Life.

The Relay For Life event will be held May 19 at Heritage Park in Canton. This season, the event is looking to raise more than \$200,000 and celebrate more than 220 survivors and their caregivers.

Go to [relayforlife.org/CantonPlymouthMI](http://relayforlife.org/CantonPlymouthMI) to learn more about the kickoff event or Relay For Life event or contact Megan Schaper at 248-663-3417 or [Megan.Schaper@cancer.org](mailto:Megan.Schaper@cancer.org).

### Canton Lions euchre fundraiser

The Canton Lions Club Foundation will hold its annual euchre fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Plymouth Elks Club, 1700 Ann Arbor Road. Doors open at 6 p.m. and play begins at 7 p.m. Register by submitting all players' first and last name and email address to [MiCantonLionsEuchre@gmail.com](mailto:MiCantonLionsEuchre@gmail.com) or call 734-844-3949 by Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Entrance fee is \$20 at the door (cash

or check payable to "Canton Lions Club Foundation"). There is a 25-cent penalty per player for each euchre. There will be more than 25 raffle basket items and a 50/50 raffle as well. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, six for \$5, 15 for \$10 or \$20 for a double arm length of tickets.

There will be complimentary sloppy joes and chips, plus a cash bar. Cash awards will be paid to the top three players based 35 percent of entry fees.

For more information or to contact any volunteer for the Canton Lions Club, email [MiCantonLionsClub@gmail.com](mailto:MiCantonLionsClub@gmail.com).

### Village Theater exhibit features Gross

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, will exhibit the collected works of artist Raymond Gross in the Gallery@VT, through Feb. 26.

The exhibit, titled "Brushes, Pens & Pencils," features numerous works from Gross's 50-year career as an artist. Gross, a Canton resident, has taught in the Van Buren Public Schools district as an elementary art teacher, as well as a middle school assistant principal.

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 on holidays.

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

### Electrify Your Winter

Avoid cabin fever, stay entertained and engaged without having to leave your house with Electrify Your Winter, the Canton Public Library's winter program. Now through March 20, the International Day of Happiness, you can take part in a Checklist Challenge, engage in online opportunities like Facebook Live storytimes, Youtube fireside story-

times, a Pinterest board with projects and much more, without leaving your couch.

When you feel like braving the weather and making a trip to the library, you may be surprised with hot chocolate, coffee and tea to warm you up. Set for a spell under our full spectrum LED white light lamps. Just 20 minutes can brighten your mood and help you sleep better. The lamps do not emit UV or IR radiation, so don't worry about getting sunburned. Patrons and staff are welcome to use these lamps on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information on Electrify Your Winter, go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org).

### St. Mary to hold wellness expo

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will be holding a free health and wellness expo, hosted by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at the Friendship Station Senior Center, 42375 Schoolcraft, Plymouth. It is a drop in event and everyone is welcome.

Topics will include blood pressure checks, chair exercise, fall prevention, diabetic education, signs and symptoms of a stroke, pneumonia prevention, diet education, education on advance directives and plan in a can. Educational material and handouts will also be available.

For more information, call Bobbie Pummill at 734-354-3222.

### Diabetes support group

A diabetes support group meets 2-3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street. Facilitator is Fern Vining, R.N., a diabetes educator. The group is sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club.

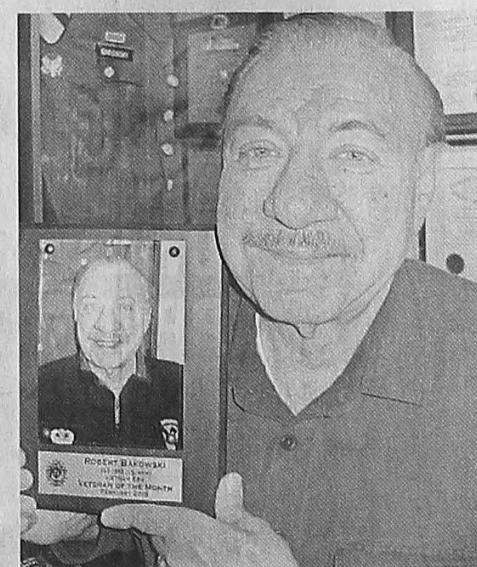
# Bakowski honored as February's featured veteran

Robert (Bob) Bakowski, a Vietnam War veteran from Canton, was honored as the February 2018 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Bakowski served in the U.S. Army from 1965-68. He was born and raised in Lackawanna, N.Y. He graduated from Lackawanna High School as the war in Vietnam was escalating. In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson called for 50,000 more ground troops to be sent to Vietnam, increasing the draft to 35,000 each month. Bakowski was watching the news in August 1965 as 5,500 marines made the first major offensive in Vietnam known as Operation Starlite or the Battle of Van Tuong. This was the first major offensive regimental size action conducted by a purely U.S. military unit during the Vietnam War.

At the same time, the 1st Cavalry Division was arriving and began using helicopters in combat. Bakowski was 19 and decided it was time to get involved. As a child, he would play army games and always envisioned himself as a paratrooper, like his uncle, so he went down to the recruitment office and enlisted in the U.S. Army.

In December 1965, he was sent to Fort Dix, N.J., for eight weeks of boot camp and then to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., for eight weeks of training. Bakowski had taken a lot of high school classes in industrial arts and, as a result, was assigned as a combat engineer. He let it be



Robert Bakowski of Canton is the Veteran of the Month for February at the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32.

known that he had always wanted to be a paratrooper and was surprised when they told him his request had been granted.

He was sent to Ft. Benning, Ga., for four weeks of training as a paratrooper. His next stop, June 7, 1966, he landed in Vietnam just outside of Saigon. He was then sent to Camp Radcliff in the An Khe District of central Vietnam for three weeks of combat training. "We spent the first week learning air assault tactics," he said. "We did a lot of repelling from towers to mimic repelling from he-

licopters, then more specific combat training."

Bakowski was assigned to the 1st Air Cavalry, 8th Engineering Battalion, A Company, 1st Platoon. His specialty was demolition. Many times he would be sent out with two other engineers to heavily wooded areas to clear the trees so helicopters could land and bring in troops as a temporary base for defense and offense.

When asked if he lost any buddies during his time there, Bakowski lowered his head and said, "Yes, I did." One year from the day he set foot in Vietnam, he boarded a plane for the U.S. "I remember when I got down to a few days before shipping out, I would walk behind other soldiers in their footsteps to make sure I didn't step on something," he said. "I was ready to go home."

He was then sent for nine months to Fort Bragg, N.C., where he was involved in an experimental program to build temporary airstrips. Their goal was to helicopter a crew into a place and build a landing strip capable of handling small planes within 24 hours, transport planes within 48 hours and jets within three days. Bakowski was then sent to Anderson Army Base in Dexheim, Germany, for eight months. In June 1968, Bakowski was sent back to Fort Hamilton, N.J., where he was discharged.

Bakowski went back to his hometown of Lackawanna and civilian life. He met his wife Irene in 1971 and they were married in 1973. Bakowski took a civil service test for the Federal Protec-

tion Service and was hired and sent to Albany, N.Y. He was promoted to supervisor and spent four years there. He was then sent to Southern California for five years before being transferred to the Detroit Border Patrol Sector as a border patrol agent in 1982.

He worked his way up to intelligence agent then agent in charge of the Trenton and Grand Rapids office. Bakowski retired in 1999 as assistant chief patrol agent at the Detroit Sector of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Headquarters at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Bob and Irene bought their home in Canton when he was transferred to Detroit and have lived there since. They have a daughter and a son and four granddaughters. He is a long time member of Post 32 in Livonia and has served the past 19 years as the post Santa for the Christmas party.

Bakowski was interviewed by members of S.A.L. and a DVD was made of the interview and shown at the S.A.L. February membership meeting. He and his daughter's family were also present at the meeting. A plaque was presented to him from Livonia Trophy with his picture and service information. An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule of the American Legion Hall. The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend their 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.

## It turns out, everyone is invited to the banquet



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I used to work at a place called the South Side Mission, in Peoria, Ill., where I worked with low-income kids and families. We didn't receive any government funding, so we relied exclusively on donations. A lot of organizations like ours put on an annual fundraising dinner. People of means come to a dinner, heard a presentation about the organization, then — hopefully — donated. But our director, my boss, didn't want to do that. He felt it wasn't fitting for an organization like ours, that serves the poor, to put on such a lavish affair.

But one year, donations were down and the board of trustees convinced the director that we needed to put on a fundraising dinner. So a hall was rented, the meal was planned (at \$20 a plate!), a

well-known local woman singer agreed to come and Rosey Grier was booked as the speaker. (He's a former Los Angeles Rams football player and well-known Christian speaker.) Invitations were sent out to people in a position to support the mission and commitments to attend began to pour in.

The day before the dinner, my boss came to me and said that several people who had committed to attend had just backed out. My boss didn't want to let the \$20 plates of food go to waste, so he asked me if I could get some of the families I worked with to come to the banquet. I said I'd try. I actually drove to their houses and, as I recall, everyone I asked said yes. The next night, I picked them up in the mission van and we arrived at the banquet together, where it was a joy to see how enthused they were to be there — the food, the decorations, the singer and they got to meet Grier. For most of the other attendees, this was just another dinner, but for my families,

it was one of the most exciting things they'd ever done.

I tell you that story because that's almost exactly what happened in Luke, chapter 14. There, Jesus tells a parable about how God is throwing a great banquet. But some of the people he originally invited chose not to come. So he sends his servant out to "the highways and byways" to invite anyone who would like to come — including the poor, the lame, the blind, etc. "Whoever will, may come," he says.

Jesus was Jewish and almost all Jews believed God would throw just such a giant, end-times banquet. But some Jews felt the banquet was only for them. But Jesus says nope, God has opened up the banquet for everyone. Some will not be at the banquet because they choose not to attend ("too busy" as the parable says), but all are invited. And apparently it's those of us who didn't expect to be invited, who know we don't deserve it, who will be most excited to be there.

*The Rev. Dean Johnson is senior pastor at Lake Pointe Bible Church in Plymouth. Email him at DeanLPBC@sbcglobal.net.*

## Rotary Club offering college scholarships

Each year, the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club awards scholarships to students who reside in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district. This year, the club anticipates awarding two scholarships valued at \$10,000 over a four-year period, as well as a number of additional scholarships valued at approximately \$8,000.

These scholarships are unique because they are primarily based upon well-rounded individuals who have demonstrated academic success, as well as leadership qualities, and exhibit the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

Applications are available in the P-CCC high school counseling offices or online at [www.plymouthrotary.org](http://www.plymouthrotary.org). The deadline for applications is March 2.



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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH  
2018 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW**

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will be conducting the 2018 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Conference Room, 201 S Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

*Tuesday, March 6th Organizational meeting 12:00 pm*  
*Wednesday, March 7th First meeting 3-9 pm*  
*Thursday, March 8th Second meeting, 9-4 pm*  
*Monday, March 19th, Final meeting 9-12 pm*

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointments only. COMPLETED 2018 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Monday, March 19, 2018 by 12:00 pm.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be received by Monday, March 19th, 2018 by 12:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review Meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act". If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 453-1234, ext 252.

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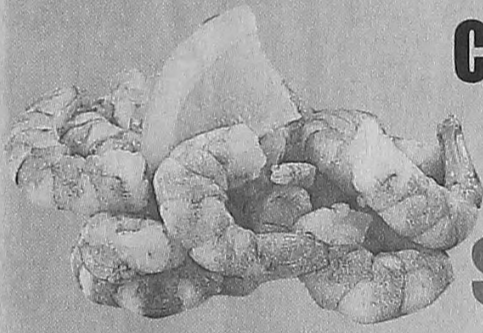
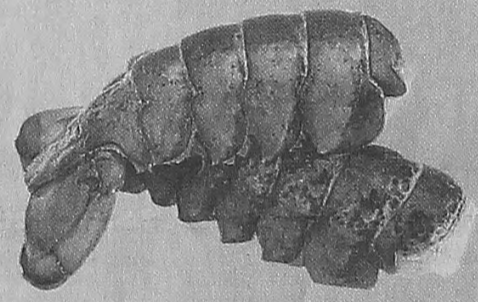
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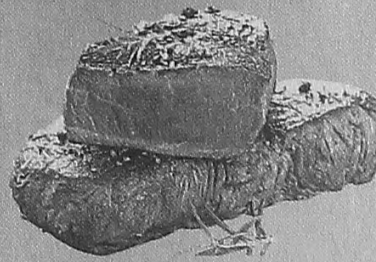
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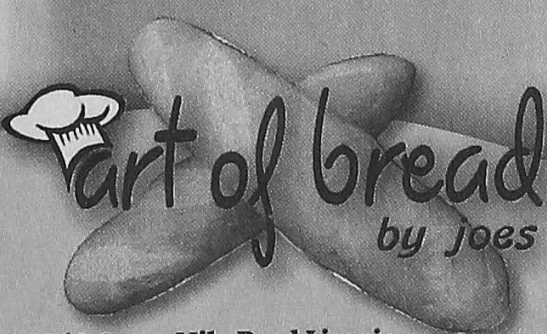
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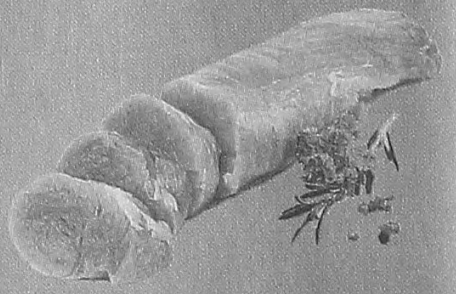
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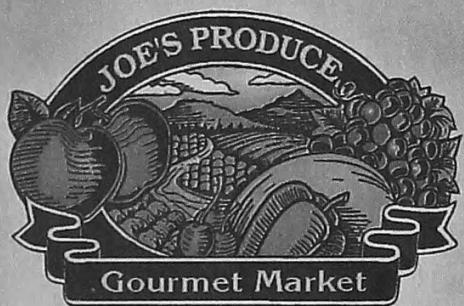
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# Sports

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Tigers' Sherwood leads by example

Belleville senior guard barges her way into the conversation for Miss Basketball award

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Katelyn Sherwood is the embodiment of intensity and competitive fire from opening tip to final buzzer for the Belleville girls basketball team.

Once the Western Wayne Athletic Conference varsity contest starts, her team's nickname — Tigers — is the perfect way to describe Sherwood's cat-like

movements up and down the floor.

Sherwood, a 17-year-old senior guard and Canton resident, simply doesn't stop. She played all 32 minutes Feb. 2 in Belleville's 52-44 loss to host Dearborn Heights Crestwood, scoring 12 fourth-quarter points in a valiant comeback bid.

But scoring is only part of the story. She misses a short jumper, but is the first Belleville player back to the other end of the floor to grab a defensive rebound. When she makes a pass to a teammate, she fires the ball.

There are tips, blocks and ferocious defense fit for a "tiger."

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### THE SHERWOOD FILE

**Who:** Katelyn Sherwood, senior guard, Belleville varsity girls basketball team. She recently signed to play women's basketball at Wayne State University.

**Skills:** The Canton resident, 17, who attended Plymouth Christian Academy during grade school, is on the watch list for the 2017-18 Miss Basketball Award.

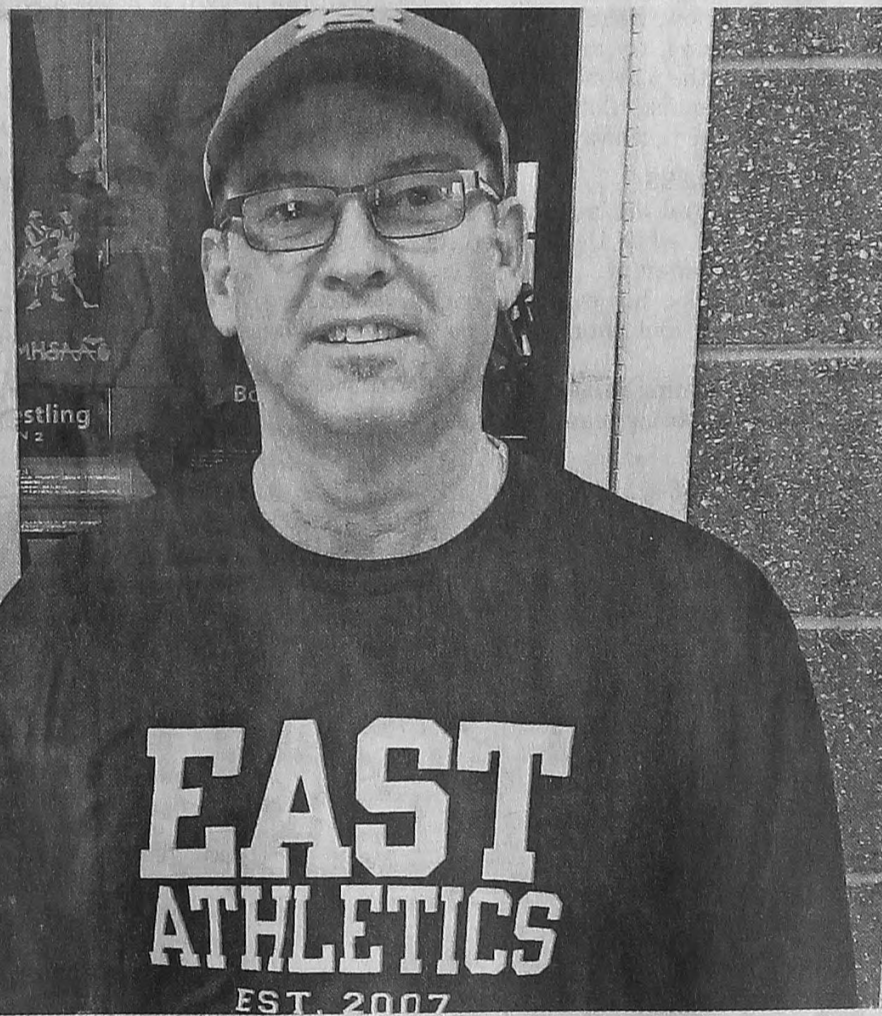
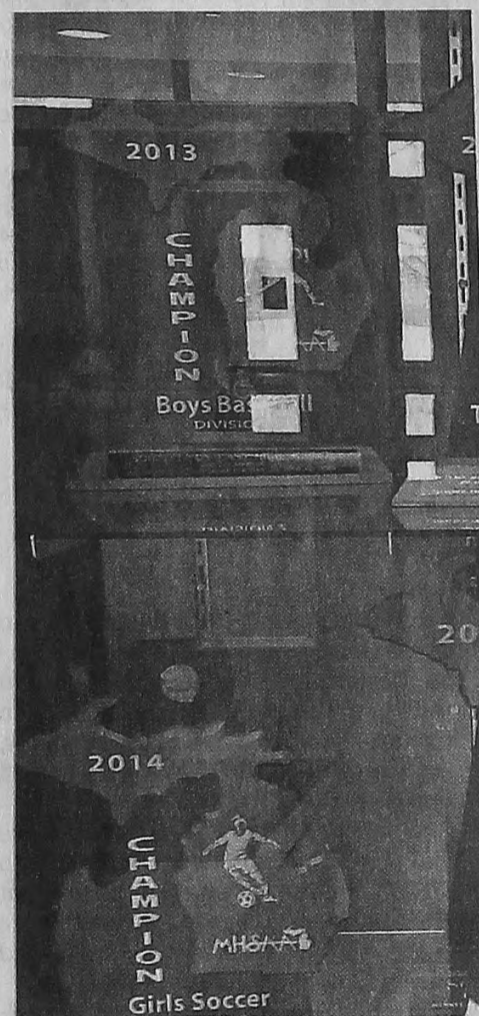
**Record:** Last month, Sherwood shattered the Belleville record for career points for when she surpassed Mariah Gordon's longstanding record (1,287). Gordon happens to be the current Tigers coach. As of Feb. 2, Sherwood had 1,353 points during her four-year career.

**Roots:** Sherwood, daughter of Richard and Genine Sherwood of Canton, has played AAU basketball for Factory Basketball. She also was a travel baseball player on the Canton Cardinals.

**College:** With Wayne State, her coaches include longtime Schoolcraft College coach Karen Lafata. Sherwood's plans are to go into the medical field.

## GIRLS SOCCER

# In his blood



Former NFL kicker Pete Stoyanovich is the new varsity girls soccer coach at South Lyon East. BRAD EMONS

## Former Indiana University two-sport great Stoyanovich is new South Lyon East coach

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Pete Stoyanovich made a name for himself as an NFL kicker for 12 seasons, but soccer has always remained his first passion.

Recently named the new varsity girls soccer coach at South Lyon East, the 50-year-old Stoyanovich met the incoming players last week.

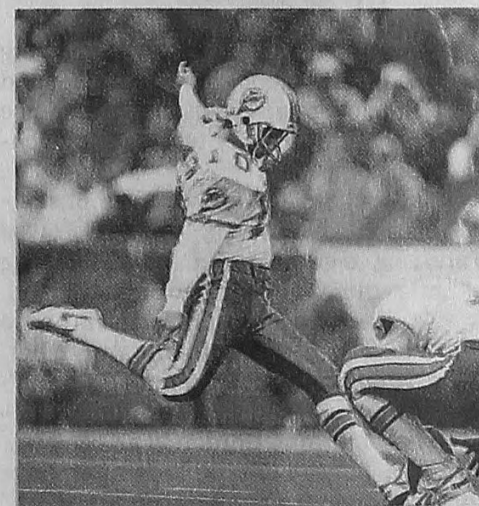
"I think the girls are really excited," he said. "They're starting their conditioning and they're off to a great start and, hopefully, we'll hit the ground running. And I'm excited my first year to

help these kids and move in the right direction and turn this program around."

The Cougars finished 2-12-1 last season in Shawn Darnell's only season as varsity coach after winning back-to-back Division 2 district titles in 2014-15 under Jon Cadwallader.

"Pete found me," first-year East athletic director Greg Michaels said. "He's attached to the Novi Jaguar organization. He heard we had an opening and he reached out. We talked shop a little a bit, we got him in here and he's going to be our soccer coach. He moved from

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Pete Stoyanovich kicks a field goal during a 1993 Miami Dolphins victory over the Buffalo Bills at Rich Stadium. RICK STEWART | ALLSPORT-GETTY IMAGES

## USA HOCKEY

# Community remains in mourning following J.J.'s death

Loss of Johannson leaves hockey world reeling as Olympics, Five Nations Tournament unfold

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With the U.S. men's and women's hockey teams competing in South Korea at the 2018 Winter Olympics and the prestigious Under-18 Five Nations Tournament about to pick up steam at USA Hockey Arena, this would have been the best of times for Jim Johannson.

Instead, a pall of sadness continues to hang low over the Beck Road arena in Plymouth, the very place Johannson sought to become the "front porch" of USA Hockey.

That's because the front porch swing is empty. Johannson, 53, died unexpectedly in his sleep Jan. 21.

"The last time I talked to him was (Jan. 19) and then we were texting the next night," said Scott Monaghan, USA Hockey National Team Development Program director of senior operations. "It was our 'Star Wars' night against Sioux Falls and he always wanted to know what the attendance was. I texted him and he texted back, 'Nice!'"

### Still a shock

Monaghan and the rest of the hockey world woke up the next morning to the kick-in-the-gut news that Johannson died.

"He was a healthy guy, he worked out, exercised," Monaghan said. "Especially since the baby (Ellie, 2) came along, he spent a lot of time walking with her, going to the park."

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Collins leads U-D by Catholic Central

**Cubs capture sixth straight Central Division title with 66-47 victory**

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Elijah Collins might be known for his prowess on the football field, but he's no slouch when it comes to basketball court, either.

The Michigan State football recruit figured prominently Feb. 6 as he scored a game-high 17 points to propel University of Detroit-Jesuit to a convincing 66-47 triumph over host Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

**Collins**

The chiseled and cat-quick 6-foot-2 Collins, a star running back, helped the Cubs (12-3) clinch the Catholic League Central Division title outright as they improved to 7-0.

U-D also won first meeting between the two teams Jan. 19, 72-60.

"The first half, we knew we had to come out strong on defense; that's exactly what we did," Collins said. "We came out and pressured them a little bit, wanted to speed them up a little bit, got a couple of turnovers and ran our transition a lot. Zach Winston also got some buckets early on."

Zachary Winston, The younger brother of MSU starting point guard and former Mr. Basketball Cassius Winston, scored his team's first seven points as the Cubs raced out to a 17-6 first-quarter lead.

The senior guard finished with 10 points, all in the first half, as U-D shot a blistering 64.2 percent (18-of-28) from the floor.

Junior Daniel Friday, who added nine points, threw down back-to-back dunks during the second quarter as U-D extended its lead to 39-22 at halftime.

"We talk all the time that defense has to create our offense and I thought we did a good job of that," U-D coach Pat Donnelly said. "We defended the 3-

point line well, we got into passing lanes. I thought we got on transition off of some misses and some turnovers and that really allowed us to build a lead."

Collins scored 13 of his 17 in the opening half, converting 6-of-10 shots.

"He's an excellent football player and, had he decided that he wanted to play college basketball, he would have had opportunities for that, too," Donnelly said. "But the big boys came calling for football. He probably would have had some Division I looks on the basketball side, too, if that's what he would have concentrated on."

In the third quarter, U-D outscored CC 14-7 to go up 53-29 as Collins added two more baskets to finish off his stellar night.

"He just adds an element, that athleticism, that strength," Donnelly said. "He can defend. He can get to the rim. He can knock down open jump shots. He's a heck of an athlete and he just adds a different element to our team when he's on the floor."

As a 10th-grader, Collins was a starter on U-D's 2016 Class A state championship team.

"It started my sophomore year, the year we won the state championship," Collins said. "I was really trying to focus on playing basketball. I even took a year off to reach my goal of winning a state championship, but after that, I got back to the football field and football kind of blossomed for me."

The Cubs will be the top seed once again when the Catholic League A-B Division quarterfinals begin Saturday, Feb. 17, at Birmingham Marian.

"As of right now, we're still trying to perfect everything, try and get everything ready for the playoffs because it's coming up real quick," Collins said.

Here are some takeaways:

### THREE-POINTLESS

Catholic Central did not make a 3-pointer all night, while U-D missed its lone free-throw attempt.

The Shamrocks, however, did connect on 15-of-18 foul shots (83.3 percent).

"We knew coming in that they're a great 3-point shooting team and that's

something we really concentrated on is taking away the 3-pointer and making them score on the side," Donnelly said. "I'm a little disappointed we allowed them 15 points at the free-throw line, but for the most part we played a pretty solid game all the way through."

### OFFENSE STALLS

The Shamrocks shot only 39 percent from the floor (16-of-41) and committed 20 turnovers.

Juniors Davis Lukowski and Justin Rukat scored 12 and 11, respectively, for CC.

"We didn't get it going all night, not at all, not in any sense of the word," CC coach Bill Dyer said. "Not defensively, not in transition, not off glass and didn't shoot it well. I think they scored 13 baskets in the paint against us on all run-outs. We weren't engaged at all tonight. We were never in it, just a frustrating effort on our part."

### MAN IN THE MIDDLE

The Cubs' 6-foot-7 junior center Jalen Thomas, who has been offered by Xavier University, finished with two points and eight rebounds in his seventh game since returning to U-D after transferring back from Henderson (Nev.) Coronado High School.

Thomas gives the Cubs a post presence they didn't have earlier in the year.

### CUBS SIX-PEAT

Despite the 19-point win, the Cubs were somewhat subdued in the locker room afterward despite clinching another Central Division crown.

But Donnelly was pleased with the result.

"We're really excited about that," he said. "We were talking about that in the locker room. It's six straight years and that hasn't been done. Proud of our guys, proud of the program and the guys that have played before. It's quite an accomplishment."

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## INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

## After CONCACAF, World Cup next for Izzy, U.S. squad

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Izzy Rodriguez and her teammates on the U.S. Under-20 Women's National Soccer Team thrive on the international spotlight.

And after the team's recent success at the 2018 CONCACAF Women's U-20 Championship in Couva, Trinidad, Salem High School alum Rodriguez and the U.S. will have another chance.

The U.S. squad finished third at the CONCACAF tourney, automatically qualifying for the 2018 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup set for August in France.

"Of course, I wish we would (have) won the tournament, we have high expectations for ourselves and wanted the best outcome," Rodriguez wrote in an email. "However, I am very excited that we qualified."

The U.S. made the cut (along with Mexico and Haiti) after enjoying a 4-1 run. After posting victories over Nicaragua (2-0), Jamaica (2-1) and Mexico (2-1) to win Group B, the American squad defeated Haiti in penalty kicks Jan. 26 in the semifinals.

The U.S. won 3-0 in PKs after the squads played a 1-1 draw through overtime.

But Jan. 28, the tables were turned on the U.S. against Mexico in the championship game. The teams were tied 1-1 entering PKs, but this time the U.S. fell short 4-2 in the tie-breaker.

Rodriguez is a 5-foot-5 defender and also a standout for the Ohio State University's women's soccer team.

The Canton resident had a strong rookie year with the Buckeyes, ranking fourth on the team with five assists. She made the all-Big Ten third team and the conference all-freshman team.

Before going to OSU, Rodriguez (whose parents are Robert and Audrey Rodriguez) was a member of the Michigan Hawks, who won the 2016 Elite Clubs National League championship. She also performed for the U.S. Youth National Team.

"We have a lot of work to do individually and as a team," Rodriguez wrote, now shifting gears as the U.S. looks to prepare for the U-20 World Cup. "So I'm looking forward to doing that over the next couple months with training camps and tournaments."

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**Rodriguez**

## Sherwood

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### She's a battler

"I don't like to lose," Sherwood said. "We beat (Crestwood) at our home court. It was a tough game today because our shots weren't falling. ... I was, like, 'We can't go down without a fight.'"

She wound up with 20 points (along with six rebounds and five steals) to add to her growing career points record for the Tigers — as of that game, she's scored 1,353 points, further distancing herself from the previous record (1,287).

By the way, the former record-holder was Belleville head coach Mariah Gordon.

"We didn't talk about (breaking Gordon's record) too much, because at the time we lost the game against Fordson," Sherwood said. "I knew, this wasn't a good time to talk about it."

Gordon didn't seem to mind that it was Sherwood climbing past her to the top of the Belleville scoring charts.

"I think she's the true epitome of playing 94 feet of basketball," Gordon said. "She plays both ends of the floor. Offensively, she smells the rim. And defensively, I like to say she's got a laser eye on the ball."

"Whether that's in help defense, on-the-ball defense or on help-side coming over to block a shot, she does her due diligence to get the ball back for us."

All those qualities and more are why Sherwood is on the watch list for the 2017-18 Miss Basketball Award, going up against other area standouts such as Wayne Memorial senior point guard Camree Clegg.

"I think I can compete with (Clegg). I think I can compete with any of the girls," Sherwood said. "All the girls are extremely talented. The past couple years, when we played Wayne Memorial, we were able to beat them, so I think because of what we've shown in the past, I think we're able to compete."



### Comfort zone

Sherwood already is locked in to play women's basketball at Wayne State University, beginning in 2018-19. The team plays Division II in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

"When I was looking at Wayne State, it's in Detroit, so it's close by where my mom works (Detroit Medical Center)," she said. "It's not a far commute from home, so I can stay at home with my parents."

"When it comes to academics, I want to go into the medical field and Wayne State has a great medical program."

Sherwood, who has a 3.7 grade-point average, immediately fit in with the Warriors players and coaches and immediately felt comfortable on the campus. Not that she needed a push, but parents Richard and Genine Sherwood are Wayne State graduates.

Also a factor was that the Warriors did not bail on Sherwood after she sprained an ankle during AAU competition before her junior year of high school.

**Going hard through the lane against Dearborn Heights Crestwood is Belleville standout Katelyn Sherwood. She scored 20 points during the Feb. 2 contest, including 12 in the fourth quarter.**

TOM BEAUDOIN

ing something a go.

A few years ago, Sherwood — who played travel baseball on her dad's Canton Cardinals team — also umpired youth games. She dealt with abuse from spectators and coaches and, ultimately, decided during 2016 to leave that sport completely.

"Honestly, I think it gave her more time to focus on basketball, with things," Richard Sherwood said about Katelyn quitting baseball. "But there were benefits from when she played baseball, playing different sports."

"Getting a mental rest from it, the different movements, especially playing against the boys. It kind of made her more aggressive, so I think it had a benefit playing."

As much as she enjoyed playing baseball, Sherwood agreed with her dad that maybe it was a blessing in disguise to concentrate solely on her hoops career.

"I thought, 'You know what? Basketball's going really well,'" she said. "I was starting to get recruited. I was thinking this is where I am going to be successful."

"And now that I can spend all my time on basketball, strengthening my shot, my ballhandling, it's been really good."

That work ethic and attention to detail is something Gordon is amazed by.

"We have a lot of kids that have breakout games or breakout moments," Gordon said. "But it's hard to get all 11 of those to be as consistent as Kate."

She is a coach's dream. Perhaps it's not surprising that Sherwood also breaks down games the same way a coach might.

"Her thing is, she loves to play every bit of the game, not just one aspect," Richard Sherwood said. "She wants to play everything."

"We go home every night and watch the game on film. She'll watch and go, 'I could have done this.'"

And she very well might next time. Any player with Sherwood's boundless energy and basketball IQ is virtually unstoppable.

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### No fear

And then there's her dogged determination. Sherwood is a young woman who isn't afraid to buck norms and doesn't let anything stop her from giv-

## Johannson

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"(He) took good care of himself, didn't eat a lot of garbage. He was a fairly clean living dude. That's why it's hard to come to grips with."

In the weeks that have followed, Monaghan tried in vain to find any photograph including him and Johannson in the same image.

"I worked with him 18 years, I worked numerous events with J.J.," Monaghan said. "But I don't have one photo of us together."

Monaghan then tapped the side of his head: "But I have one up here that I'll keep for a long time."

It's safe to say Johannson's memory is something that never will fade in the hockey community, especially with those linked to USA Hockey.

Since Jan. 21, the American flag has been flown at half-staff outside USA Hockey Arena — the very place Johannson envisioned as a permanent home for NTDP teams, rather than renting other facilities such as the Ann Arbor Ice Cube.

"Jimmy'd probably be going, 'Hey, put the flag all the way back up, OK?' He wasn't a guy that wanted a lot of attention drawn to him or things that he did," Monaghan said. "He was the ultimate patriot."

There will be other subtle tributes to Johannson, who is survived by his wife Abby, daughter Ellie and many, many family members and countless hockey friends.

Players on the U.S. NTDP U-17 and U-18 teams already are wearing stickers on their helmets with "J.J." on them.

The handsome NTDP shield logo, which Johannson proudly designed, will be painted into the USA Hockey Arena ice and remain there for the rest of the season.

Plans are to install a plaque of Johannson on the Characters of the Game display, along the history-laden corridor between the arena's two constantly busy ice sheets.

Something more official to honor Johannson is in the works, but Monaghan said he did not have details.

Perhaps the ultimate tribute to the man is the high-quality international hockey taking place this week (Feb. 13-17) at USA Hockey Arena. Johannson wouldn't have been able to attend the tournament, but only because of the 2018 PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games.

"He was already upset he was going to miss it this year," Monaghan said. "But he was going to go to Russia with us in April for the (U-18) world championship."



The sudden death of Jim Johannson means his familiar face no longer will be up on the podium during USA Hockey press conferences, such as this one in Plymouth. USA HOCKEY

### Making the call

Johannson was the main man for selecting the 2018 U.S. men's hockey team for the Olympics and told everybody he could find that calling up minor pro and college players to tell them they made the roster was one of the proudest moments of his nearly two-decade career at USA Hockey.

Because NHL players are not permitted to play this Olympics (for the first time since 1994), Johannson had to get creative to fill the roster.

"This was going to be his opportunity to be the guy on top," Monaghan said, shaking his head. "And one of the things he said publicly, he talked to me about it a couple times, one of the things that he said was one of the best moments in his life in hockey was calling this particular group of guys and telling all of them, 'You made the Olympic team.'"

"All guys that weren't superstar NHL players, guys that had that dream on their table their whole life. And finally, had a shot. He said it was one of the neatest things he ever got to do. So I know he was looking forward to the event."

Although Johannson would have missed the Five Nations tourney, he would have been regularly texting Monaghan to find out how games were going

and how the attendance was at USA Hockey Arena.

"He loved coming out here (Plymouth)," Monaghan said. "He loved the fact that Detroit is a hockey center, so close to the rest of the hockey world. Here, he loved being at the arena because you just bump into guys. Plus his wife's family (Tompkins) is from the area."

With Johannson the catalyst, USA Hockey bought then-Compuware Arena from Peter Karmanos (owner of the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers) for an undisclosed sum in 2015 and then poured millions into renovations and an impressive, state-of-the-art expansion.

"Jimmy had a great relationship with Pete Karmanos and (longtime Whalers GM-coach) Mike Vellucci," Monaghan said. "I think they started to talk about it and it made sense to everyone."

"He could get along with just about anybody. I don't think I ever saw Jimmy just entirely put off by a person. He could find something in common with anybody he met."

### Love and respect

Veteran hockey broadcaster Pete Krupsky, who called Whalers OHL games for years and now is the voice of

the NTDP, also marveled at Johannson's down-to-earth persona.

"You wanted to do well to please him, but you felt like you were both on the same team," Krupsky said. "Sometimes with supervisors, you know they're the supervisor and you know you're the worker. With Jim Johannson, I think everybody felt like one, we were all part of the same team and he made you feel real comfortable like that."

"The thing I really enjoyed about Jim Johannson, he would speak before a packed house at a press conference and then, maybe 10 minutes later, be down having a cup of coffee with the equipment manager or the athletic trainer or even a little guy like me."

"It didn't matter. He seemed to treat everybody with the same respect and he had a real sneaky sense of humor."

There was nothing sneaky about Johannson's love of hockey and devotion to the people who make it happen.

"The (arena's) porch swing is empty right now," Monaghan said. "We'll all have to do our best to fill it. He's a one-of-a-kind person that's not going to be replaced as an individual ... an individual that breathed life into this place."

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## Stoyanovich

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Northville to South Lyon four years ago and has coached youth soccer the past nine years."

The oldest of Stoyanovich's three daughters, Sasha, is an eighth-grader at Centennial Middle School and plays locally with the Novi Jaguars club team. He and his wife Daniela also have two other daughters, Sofia, a sixth-grader, and Anastasia, 4.

### Good timing

"I always thought one day, when the time was right and I had the time, I'd probably want coach (Sasha) in high school or take over the local high school," said Stoyanovich, who moved back to Michigan from Florida in 2001. "They were looking for somebody and, after meeting Greg and his staff, it just felt like the time was right and it's something I want to do. As you probably know, it's in my blood. I've got a great passion for it. At least this was a way for me to reconnect to the game. I certainly follow it quite a bit. I have a lot of friends locally and nationally that are coaching at every level, college level, high school level, even the MLS, USL and NASL levels. I have friends and former teammates coaching everywhere across the country."

Coming out of Dearborn Heights Crestwood High School, Stoyanovich was a high school All-America soccer player and national team level player who went on to play three seasons at NCAA powerhouse Indiana University.

During his first three seasons at IU, Stoyanovich played under coaches Jerry Yeagley (soccer) and Bill Mallory (football).

During his freshman year at IU, Stoyanovich was the subject of a Sports Illustrated article, which chronicled how he was able to juggle the two

sports. He would normally play soccer games Friday nights and Sunday afternoons and, in between, it would be football on Saturdays.

### Knight's plane

"I had Bobby Knight's Cessna, his private jet that he used to fly around in and recruit and what not," Stoyanovich said of the legendary IU basketball coach. "The university jet I had at my disposal basically in the fall to get me around soccer game to football game or vice versa. It racked up a lot of miles, I got to tell you. Doing two sports in the same season was not heard of."

"The fact that I was kicking made it a lot easier, because I'd go to football practice and I would kick, do everything I needed to do and get those things out of the way from a special teams point of view and, once I was done with that, I would go back to the locker room, get into my soccer gear and get transported to the soccer stadium and join the practice in session. There was a lot of hard work; it really was. At times it was a struggle, but I had good people around me and a lot of support and I was able to manage through that for three years before finally deciding to retire from soccer my senior year."

After playing three soccer seasons at IU, Stoyanovich decided to concentrate on football going into his senior year (1988).

"Coming out high school, I was one of the top (soccer) players in the country, a top forward coming out," he said. "Indiana was a two-time national champion in 1982 and 1983 and in 1984, they went to the final and lost to Clemson in overtime. We had six or seven top (high school) All-Americans that year ... we all went to IU. We were going to run the table there and shooting for four national championships in a row. We had the talent to do it, but after the first year, the team kind of got disassembled because players transferred, dropped out or got kicked off for one reason or another and

the team kind of fell apart."

### College kicker

Stoyanovich finished his four-year football career by setting school records for field goals in a season (17 in 1988), extra points in a season (45 in '88) and consecutive extra points (107, which was a then Big Ten record).

In those four football seasons with the Hoosiers, he converted 47-of-71 (66.2 percent) field-goal attempts and scored a total of 248 points. During his senior season, Stoyanovich connected on two 53-yard field goals and made 77.3 percent of his field-goal attempts (17-of-22).

"We turned that (football) program around," said Stoyanovich, who earned second team All-America honors as a junior in 1987 and was first team all-Big Ten following his senior season. "We won three bowl games and in four years and had some great individual players. Coach Mallory certainly turned the program around those years and got some respect around the Big Ten."

After juggling two sports for his first three seasons, Stoyanovich found himself at a crossroads in his athletic career.

"Doing both as long as I did started to take a toll on my body, emotionally, physically. I was just getting worn out," he said. "The pressure, the training and the travel ... the culmination of those things just wore me down. I just couldn't do it anymore. It was the hardest things I've ever had to do, was choose football over soccer because soccer gave me quite a bit, as did football, but soccer was my first love."

### Dolphins draftee

Miami selected Stoyanovich in the eighth round and he went on to play seven seasons there (1989-95) before being traded to Kansas City prior to the 1996 season. He spent the next five years with the Chiefs and one abbreviated season in 2000, his last, with the St.

Louis Rams before retiring.

During his 12-year NFL career, Stoyanovich made 272-of-342 field goals, 420-of-425 extra points and was named All-Pro in 1992. He booted the longest field goal in Dolphins history with a 59-yarder against the N.Y. Jets on Nov. 12, 1989, which at the time was the fourth longest in league annals.

Meanwhile, a once promising soccer career had all but faded into the sunset.

"I had offers to play overseas and maybe play here, too, but at the time, there really wasn't much soccer going on," Stoyanovich said. "The NASL had folded. It was just strictly indoor at the time. There wasn't a whole lot of outdoor soccer here. Probably one of the hardest things I ever had to do, because soccer was my first love. Unfortunately, the timing of things just wasn't right for me to go overseas and play in the late 1980s, so I opted to stop soccer and focus solely on football my senior year at Indiana after playing three years of both."

For the past 10 years, Stoyanovich has owned and operated Kickers All-Star Bar and Grill, located behind Victory Park off Michigan Avenue in Canton Township. (His restaurant is adjacent to the High Velocity and Arctic Edge indoor sports facilities.)

Meanwhile, Stoyanovich said he remains an avid NFL spectator. He watched the Super Bowl on Sunday.

"Since I retired in 2001, I haven't had much contact with football," he said. "There wasn't much that I could do. I didn't want to get into coaching football at the time and had some local businesses here. Obviously, I've made a lot of friends with a lot of my teammates. I follow the players, the coaches, the teams ... teams that I've played for and, certainly, I have a lot of interest and still love watching the game."

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## BOYS HOCKEY

# Top-ranked Shamrocks down Stevenson, 2-0

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For a regular season game, it was a dream match-up Saturday night at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth as the state's No. 1-ranked teams in Division 1 and Division 2 locked horns.

And when the final horn sounded, host Novi Detroit Catholic Central came away with the 2-0 victory against Livonia Stevenson in what proved to be a defensive struggle throughout, especially during the first two periods.

"We knew we were going to have our hands full, without a doubt," CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. "Dave (Mitchell) does a great job with that team and they're always really strong defensively. They block a ton of shots and keep everything to the outside and make things difficult."

Here are some takeaways:

#### BREAKING THE ICE

CC sophomore Brendan Miles, in his first season on the Catholic Central varsity after playing Midget AAA for Compuware the previous season, scored what proved to be the game-winning goal with 5:06 remaining in the final period to break a scoreless deadlock.

The shot came just inside the blue line, with assists going to Dylan Montie and Brendan West.

"Eventually, we were able to wear them down and get a shot through

from the point with a lot of traffic and that turned out to be the game-winning goal," Kaleniecki said. "I thought the third period was our best period and we definitely were on the front foot for a majority of the period. You kind of had the sense that something was eventually going to go in."

Prior to the Miles goal, CC's best scoring chance came earlier in the period at the 4:52 mark, when Mitch Morris hit the right post.

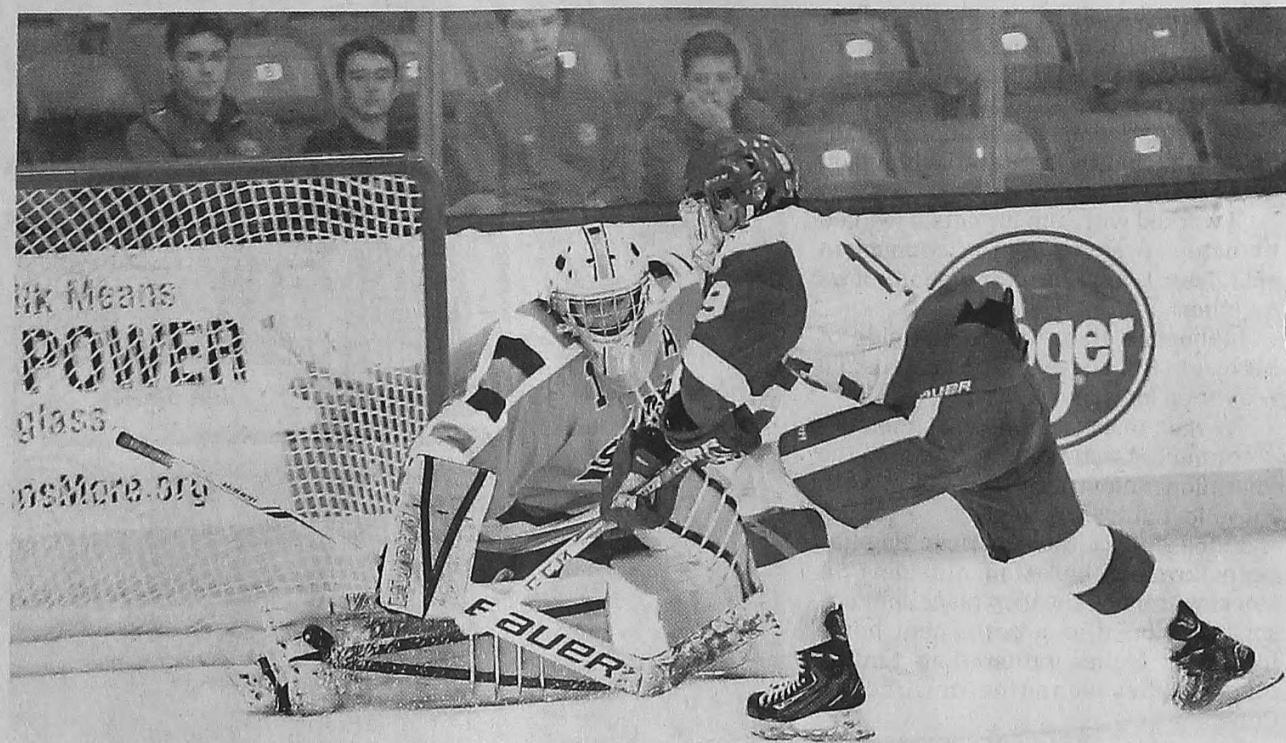
The Shamrocks put it away with only 1:47 remaining, when Carter Korpi took advantage of a Stevenson defensive giveaway for an unassisted goal to make it 2-0.

"You've got to be ready to flat-out, out-compete them to score from how they play," said Kaleniecki, whose team outshot Stevenson 13-4 in the third. "And from our perspective, we were finally able to break that down. It took some time and, obviously, their goaltender Will (Tragge) is one of the best in the state. He played a really good game. They always have him as their kind of last line of defense."

#### GOALIES BATTLE

Tragge, a senior who made 24 saves, was solid all night, blanking the Shamrocks through the first 39:06 before yielding the game-winning goal by Miles.

"Will Tragge is an outstanding high school goalie and has been outstanding for our program," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "He's



Catholic Central's Carter Korpi scores the second goal against Stevenson goaltender Will Tragge. THOMAS BEAUDOIN

just solid back there and he keeps us in every game. He was there again tonight and gave us a chance to win, especially when we were under siege as we were a number of times in the third period."

CC goalie Zach Allen was not quite as busy on the other end, but made all nine saves, including a key stop in the second period on Stevenson's Cole Parkhurst.

It was the Shamrocks' seventh shutout of the season.

"You're going against CC, they're so deep and they're so well-coached, they run such a solid system and they play so hard



Stevenson's Connor Jakacki (left) tries to pin CC's Jared Lee along the boards. THOMAS BEAUDOIN

and so tough that, it got to us in the third," Mitchell said.

#### TURNING POINT

At the 2:44 mark of the second period, officials whistled CC's Greg McQuade for a five-minute checking from behind penalty, as well as a 10-minute misconduct.

The Shamrocks played a man short, but were able to fight off the five-minute Stevenson power play.

"In a tight-checking game, a five-minute was going to be a big opportunity for them to take the lead," Kaleniecki said. "Our guys responded and did a really good job. I think they had only one shot in the whole five minutes. They had pressure, but we did a good job on steering them to the outside and getting pucks out when we had the opportunity and then really prevented them from having a great set-up. So it was a big kill for us at the point of the game that gave our guys a little more energy. From that point on, we played a much better game."

#### MISSED CHANCES

The Spartans went 0-of-4 with the man advantage.

"Their five-minute was huge," Mitchell said, "not only didn't convert, but I don't think we got enough shots or enough chances. And all the credit to them. Their penalty kill was extremely aggressive and kept us on our heels. When they pushed in the third (period), we didn't push back. We stayed on our heels and we stayed chasing. Against a team like that, you can only do that so long. I thought we limited their chances in the first and second period, but then we just didn't do a very good job of generating our own chances."

#### PATRIOTIC SUPPORT

The Five Nations Cup runs through Saturday, Feb. 17 at USA Hockey Arena.

U-18 national teams from Russia, Sweden, Finland, the Czech Republic and the U.S. will play a total of 10 games during the five-day tournament.

During the CC-Stevenson game, players from

Russia and the Czech Republic were on hand in the stands to watch and the Catholic Central student section got an early start by chanting: "USA, USA, USA," and "We want Russia."

It was all in good fun, of course.

#### HAPPY RETURNS?

Both Catholic Central (18-3-1) and Livonia Stevenson (17-5) hope to return to the state finals at USA Hockey Arena in their respective divisions, March 8-10, in Plymouth.

CC, last year's Division 1 state runner-up, will be the odds-on favorite to win its 14th state title in school history.

The Shamrocks are unbeaten against all their Michigan opponents, with their only three losses coming against Culver (Ind.) Academy, the nation's No. 1-ranked team. They also have a tie against Lake Forest (Ill.) Academy.

Stevenson also lost to Culver at the Trenton Showcase, 4-2.

The Spartans have a Division 2 state title under their belt (2013) along with back-to-back runner-up finishes (2014-15). Stevenson has very difficult first-round regional match-up beginning 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Livonia's Edgar Arena against Plymouth (16-4-1), which is ranked No. 2.

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## PREP WRESTLING

## Catholic Central sending 14 to Saline regional

Shamrocks' three defending state champs all advance

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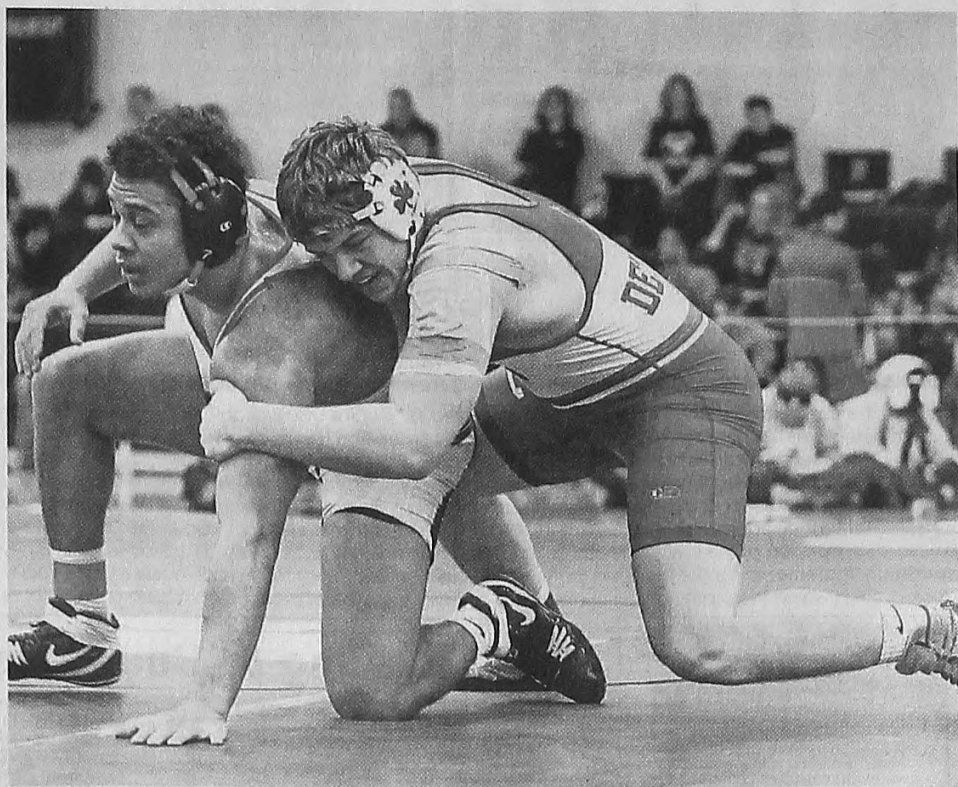
Sparked by its three returning individual state champions, Novi Detroit Catholic Central capped off a stellar week by sending a contingent of 14 wrestlers to this Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 regional tournament at Saline.

The Shamrocks, ranked No. 1 in Division 1 and defending team state champions, will be led once again by district champions Ben Kamali (119 pounds), who is 25-1 overall; Kevon Davenport (145 pounds), 32-2; and Cam Amine (152), 34-2.

On Feb. 10, Davenport defeated teammate Joe Urso (30-8) in the final by major decision, 12-3.

Other CC individual district champions included Brendin Yatooma (189), who defeated teammate Rory Cox in the final, 2-1; Stone Moscovic (125), who won on criteria in overtime, 2-2, against teammate Dominick Lamazzo; Easton Turner (215), Josh Edmond (130), Derek Gilcher (135); Logan Sanom (140); and Steven Kolchegg (285).

CC's Aiden Wagh now stands 30-7 overall after finishing runner-up to Dearborn Fordson's Ali Makki in the 171 final, 1-0.



Catholic Central's Easton Turner (right) edged Franklin's Mannie Willie for the 215-pound district title. SCOTT CONFER

Other records for Saline regional qualifiers from CC include Yatooma (29-8), Cox (32-5), Moscovic (29-6), Lamazzo (28-8), Turner (29-1), Edmond (14-0), Gilcher (29-5), Sanom (35-6) and Kolchegg (29-6).

"The goal was to come in here and perform, wrestle hard, and to make gains as we move towards the state tournament," CC coach Mitch Hancock. "We have a few adjustments to make and we look forward to this week of practice to prepare properly."

Busting up the CC domination at Novi was Livonia Franklin's Russ Rusnell, who improved to 44-6 with a 2-0 decision over Dearborn's Aaron

Garcia in the 112-pound final. The other winner was Dearborn Heights Crestwood's Zein Bazzi (103).

Franklin was next best to CC with a total of eight individual regional qualifiers, led runner-up finishers Mannie Willie (215), Jake Swirple (285) and Johnny DiPonio (135).

"Russ, Johnny, Marino, Manee and Jake were all high seeds and have been to regionals before, so we expected then to do well," Franklin coach David Chiola said. "Hopefully they can use that experience. Howie wrestled well and is a senior, so I was really happy for him."

serve the opportunity to compete, which is why so many of them wrestled tonight."

**MHSAA DIVISION 1 DISTRICT 6 INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**

**Feb. 10 at Novi H.S. (top four qualify for regional)**

**189 pounds:** Brendin Yatooma (Detroit Catholic Central) decided Rory Cox (Detroit CC), 2-1; **third place:** Andrew Atalah (Plymouth) won by major dec. over Mohammad Zahwi (Dearborn Fordson), 14-6.

**215:** Easton Turner (Detroit CC) dec. Mannie Willie (Livonia Franklin), 3-2; **third:** Nathan Drekwek (University of Detroit Jesuit) pinned Matt Wilson (Livonia Churchill), 1:35.

**285:** Steven Kolchegg (Detroit CC) p. Jake Swirple (Franklin), 5:21; **third:** Mahdi Hazime (Fordson) p. Rafael Espinal (Dearborn Edsel Ford), 3:56.

**103:** Zein Bazzi (Dearborn Heights Crestwood) won by technical fall over Mojahid Ahmed (Fordson), 20-5; **third:** Jamal Chakkour (Crestwood) dec. Brandon Liu (Northville), 8-4.

**112:** Russ Rusnell (Franklin) dec. Aaron Garcia (Dearborn), 2-0; **third:** Tyler Campbell (Plymouth) p. Omar Almadeni (Edsel Ford), 0:36.

**119:** Ben Kamali (Detroit CC) won by tech. fall over Aseel Almudhala (Fordson), 20-5; **third:** Howie Whitaker (Franklin) p. Rocco DiPonio (Franklin), 1:57.

**125:** Stone Moscovic (Detroit CC) dec. Dominick Lamazzo (Detroit CC), 2-2 (overtime criteria); **third:** DaQuan Baker (Salem) dec. Jaquri Muhammed (Walled Lake Western), 4-2.

**130:** Josh Edmond (Detroit CC) p. Micah Woodruff (W.L. Western), 0:32; **third:** Max Hirvela (Salem) dec. Logan Evan-chuk (Franklin), 8-2.

**135:** Derek Gilcher (Detroit CC) dec. Johnny DiPonio (Franklin), 7-2; **third:** Drew Bush (Churchill) dec. Ali Kobeissi (Salem), 7-6.

**140:** Logan Sanom (Detroit CC) won by tech. fall over Ty Wyka (Edsel Ford), 17-2; **third:** Zachary Dehnke (Canton) dec. Marino DiPonio (Franklin), 5-1.

**145:** Kevon Davenport (Detroit CC) won by major dec. over Joe Urso (Detroit CC), 12-3; **third:** Matthew George (Novi) dec. Nicholas Gattoni (Northville), 2-0.

**152:** Cam Amine (Detroit CC) won by tech. fall over Dylan Slowik (Canton), 20-5; **third:** Alvin Freeman (Novi) p. Mitchell Plucinski (Livonia Stevenson), 2:00.

**160:** William Marano (Edsel Ford) p. Hadi Chemeissan (Crestwood), 1:09; **third:** JaQuan Baker (Salem) p. Connor McAnalley (Churchill), 3:54.

**171:** Ali Makki (Fordson) dec. Aiden Wagh (Detroit CC), 1-0; **third:** Chris Little (Canton) p. Parker Dietrich (Northville), 1:52.

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**Team district**

On Feb. 7, the host Shamrocks improved to 21-1 overall by rolling through the team district tourney with a 77-6 semifinal win over Novi, followed by a 73-6 triumph in the final against Walled Lake Western, which advanced with a 52-24 semifinal win over South Lyon.

The Shamrocks are two wins away from qualifying for the team finals, March 2-3, at K-Wings Stadium in Kalamazoo.

"It's one step along the way," Hancock said. "It was nice to get many different Shamrocks the opportunity to wrestle in post season action. Our guys train hard and de-



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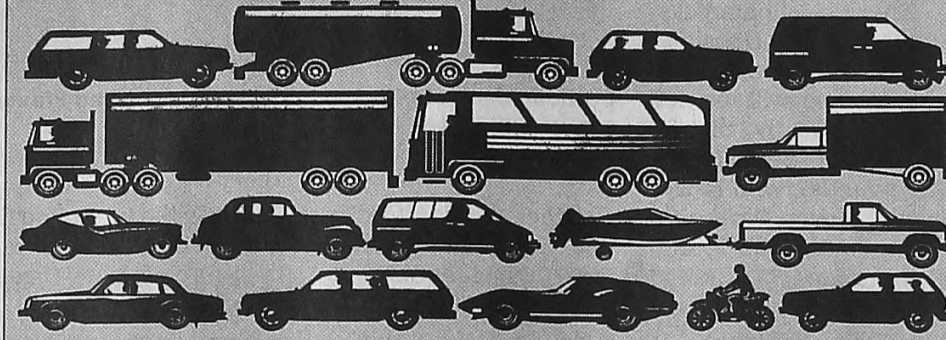
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- 16 Second afterthought in a letter, for short
- 19 Work for
- 20 Barber's tool
- 21 Made cloth
- 22 Arena cry
- 23 Ghost of a bricklayer?
- 26 A bit more than zero
- 27 Kitchen range brand
- 28 "— never fly"
- 29 Toronto's prov.
- 30 Fall bloomer
- 32 Passport stamp
- 35 Put herbs and spices on a James Bond actor?
- 38 Greek vowels
- 42 Mr., in Mysore
- 43 Ideal
- 44 Deicing stuff
- 45 Stable baby
- 47 JFK's veep
- 50 Suffix with final or novel
- 51 Comfort given by the last Stuart monarch?
- 56 Sponge (up)
- 59 Yeats' "— and the Swan"
- 60 Tyne of TV
- 61 108-card party game
- 62 Gray shade
- 64 Weaken
- 65 609-homer
- 68 Lovers' deity
- 70 Person hugging, say
- 72 Has an affinity for people who are calming influences?
- 76 Food, archaically
- 77 "— it a pity?"
- 78 "Cheerio!"
- 79 "Norma —" (1979 film)
- 80 Pencil wood
- 81 Lilt syllable
- 83 Backpack fill
- 85 Fine spray
- 87 Naval acad. grad
- 88 More rational hunch?
- 93 Decide on, with "for"
- 95 See 64-Down
- 96 Henchman helping Hook
- 97 Blogger Klein
- 98 Grassland
- 102 Certain hosp. test
- 105 Most meager
- 107 Hasty, sloppy application of talc?
- 111 Arduous walk
- 112 Taunting remarks
- 113 Eternally, to bards
- 114 Post-op areas, often
- 116 Qdoba dip
- 120 Year, to Pedro
- 121 Stupefying someone with liquor away from a horse-racing venue?
- 126 Sea, to Pierre
- 127 Gloomy
- 128 Entered furtively
- 129 Ohio or New York county
- 130 'Zine team
- 131 Modern "Seize the day!" for short
- 132 Gives a nod

### DOWN

- 1 Cheese that crumbles
- 2 Chicago mayor — Emanuel
- 3 Territory
- 4 Like surprise guests
- 5 "Siesta Key" channel
- 6 Shapiro of radio
- 7 "Yes, yes!" to Pedro
- 8 "24: Legacy" actor Jimmy
- 9 Saunters
- 10 Actress Sarah Michelle —
- 11 Poetic "prior to"
- 12 Football player Lynn
- 13 Sam's Club alternative
- 14 —-lacto-vegetarian
- 15 Lessees wide
- 16 For the time being
- 17 Chain of bakery-cafés
- 18 Singer Crow
- 24 Finger part
- 25 Bovine noise
- 31 Sulky mood
- 33 Den fixture
- 34 After a while
- 36 Grain tower
- 37 Sheriff Taylor's kid
- 38 Atty.'s name follower
- 39 He co-founded Microsoft with Bill Gates
- 40 Sominex and Nytol, e.g.
- 41 Light shoe
- 46 Grassland
- 48 Pink wine
- 49 Mo. #1
- 52 Suez Crisis figure
- 53 Tons
- 54 Serum injector
- 55 Winter drink
- 56 Really big
- 57 Collect-call connectors
- 58 In itself
- 62 Dojo mat
- 63 Gray shade
- 64 With 95-Across, wide keyboard key
- 66 Fess (up to)
- 67 Brief quarrel
- 69 River romper
- 71 Ton
- 73 Singer Sumac
- 74 Forest vine
- 75 Does some harping?
- 82 Polish, e.g.
- 84 Stubborn equine
- 86 Rink athlete
- 88 Move slightly
- 89 Attracted
- 90 Mo. #9
- 91 Bosc, e.g.
- 92 Rebellion figure Turner
- 93 Seine feeder
- 94 Study of poetic rhythm
- 98 Minecraft, e.g.
- 99 Wrecked
- 100 Shady spots
- 101 Impressive sight
- 103 Mandates
- 104 Some lizards
- 106 Repose
- 108 —-Canada (oil biggie)
- 109 Bruins great Bobby
- 110 Russian money
- 115 Not masked
- 117 Turkish money
- 118 Cut, as hair
- 119 Many years
- 122 Egg — yung
- 123 Simile center
- 124 Grab a chair
- 125 Put — (deceptions)

## SUDOKU

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1					5			
				4		3 9		
6			9		4			
5								2
		3			8			6
2 6			5					
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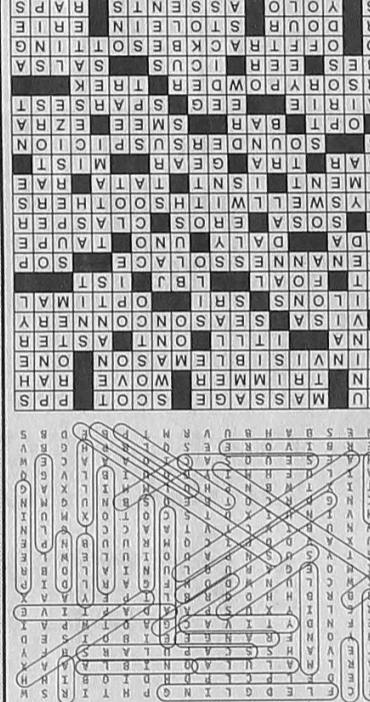
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- BELLY
- BILL
- BINOCULAR
- BIRD
- BOUNDING
- BROOD
- CAMOUFLAGE
- CASQUES
- CAVITY
- CERE
- CLUTCH
- COMB
- DOWN
- DRAG
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- FEATHERS
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- INCUBATION
- MANDIBLE
- PLUMAGE
- PREENING
- RANGE
- SCAPULARS
- SOARING
- SONGS
- WINGS

### ANSWER KEY



5	9	6	2	3	8	4	1	7
8	1	2	7	9	4	6	5	3
7	4	3	1	6	5	8	9	2
9	5	1	8	7	2	3	6	4
2	6	8	9	4	3	1	7	5
3	7	4	5	1	6	2	8	9
6	3	7	4	5	1	9	2	8
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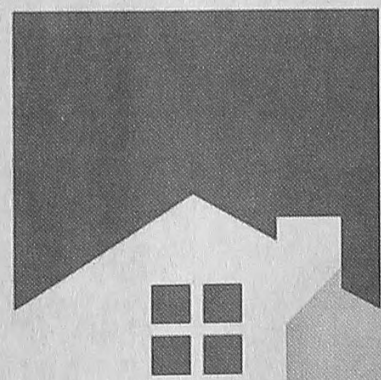
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