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Canton inches ahead on water talks

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

In a move that could save Canton millions of dollars, local officials remain hopeful an agreement can be reached with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department to lease or buy a portion of a DWSD station on the township's north side.

The proposal could forestall a much more costly plan by Canton to build its own water tower or ground-level storage facility, which Supervisor Phil LaJoy says could come with a \$10 million price tag.

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said

Wednesday the two sides, including a design team and engineers, are exploring options such as having Canton take over one of two water basins on a DWSD site southeast of Joy and Morton Taylor roads. He said another meeting is expected next week.

The latest developments come just two months after DWSD officials such as Director Sue McCormick met with Canton leaders for talks aimed at finding a water-storage solution that could ease local water rates.

"I think things are moving in the right direction," township Trustee John Anthony said Wednesday. "I'm cautious-

ly optimistic. But they will have to prove it's best for the citizens of Canton.

"Things are moving at a slow pace and that's probably a good thing," Anthony said, adding an agreement with DWSD would be less expensive than building a facility. "It's certainly something that I favor cost-wise and from an aesthetic standpoint."

Trustee Pat Williams said the potential for an agreement is encouraging.

"I'm very optimistic that we will reach a deal with Detroit Water and Sewer at some point in the future, not quick enough

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Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas talks about water rates during a previous public meeting.

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Third-grade classmates Bella Paul and Katie Aaltonen recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Grand marshal fought epilepsy

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Mark Thompson of Canton suffered a stroke as a newborn child after he was born prematurely when his mother's spleen burst. Then, as a kindergartner at All Saints Catholic School, he began having grand mal seizures due to epilepsy.

"I was on meds most of my life to try and control these beasts that no one should have to experience," he said, calling it "very scary."

By the time Thompson reached seventh grade, he started having what doctors call startle seizures, caused by sudden, unexpected stimuli such as a school bell ringing, a friend calling his name or an automatic water faucet turning on.

In his sophomore year, he was having as many as 100 startle seizures a day. He would fall to the floor and, within a moment, recover. He sustained injuries causing numerous stitches to his head and face. He began using a wheelchair.

"I would always have a smile on my face, no matter what," he said.

Thompson, 21, has been seizure-free since he had surgery in 2008 at the Cleveland Clinic. "It changed my life," he said.

Thanksgiving Day, he will serve as grand marshal of Canton's 12th annual Turkey Trot for a Cause, an early morning event that raises money for the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. He plans to walk with family and friends without worrying he will fall because of a seizure.

"It feels pretty good," he said.

Canton resident Michael Murray, whose son also had



Thompson

THE 'OTHER' SCHOOL

Gallimore Elementary students, staff keep learning in face of imminent closing

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Been there, done that. Done deal. Fait accompli.

Any of those might describe why — while hundreds of parents, staff and even some students have stood to protest the closing of Allen Elementary

School in Plymouth Township as the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education right-sizes its district — nary a soul has approached the board about saving the "other" school being closed, Canton's Gallimore Elementary, from the chopping block.

Of course, since Gallimore has been in this position three times in four

years, the news didn't exactly qualify as a bombshell.

"It's not the first time for us ... we anticipated it," said Megan Fenech, the first-year principal who is also, it turns out, the last-year principal. "Our families were less surprised. If anything,

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Marchers fall a few steps short at national competition

By Kim Ward
Correspondent

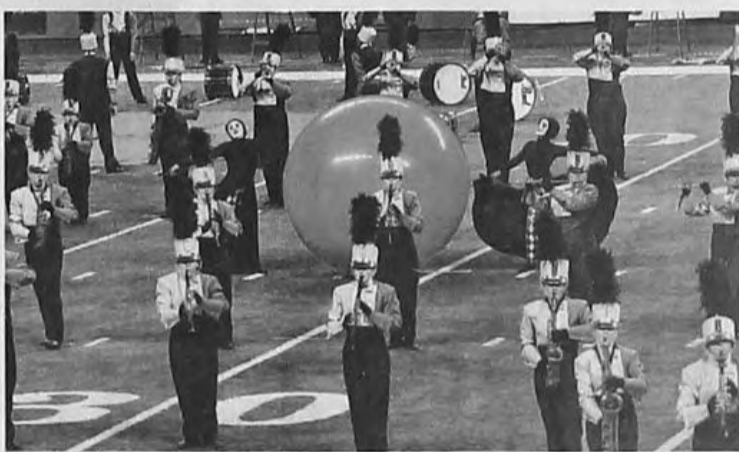
The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band ended its competitive season with a semifinal finish at the Bands of America Grand National Championship in Indianapolis over the weekend.

PCMB finished in 16th place out of 94 bands from 22 states. The band's performance of its 2014 show "Don't

Bother They're Here" earned it a spot in semifinal competition Saturday, where it competed against 35 other outstanding bands.

"They were fantastic," an enthusiastic Jon Thomann, associate director of bands, said after the band's performance Saturday. "That was the best performance they had all season. In fact, they

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PCMB marchers and the big red ball that became the nose when the marchers formed a clown face on the field.

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Innovative school to open in Plymouth

Plymouth is poised to become home to one of only 60 teacher-led schools in the United States.

When New School High opens next fall, it will be the fulfillment of a dream of local teachers and parents three years in the making. And it will have a distinctly local flavor.

The idea for New School High began in 2012 when Cyndi Burnstein, a teacher with 40 years of experience teaching English at Salem High School, formed the non-profit Teacherschools, Inc. to explore the development of a small, innovative high school in Plymouth.

Former Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education Trustee Joanne Lamar sits on the school's board, along with Carey Gary, Karen Phillippi, Mike Wright and Gayla Houser.

The school's charter is authorized by the Center for Charter Schools at Central Michigan University. Burnstein pointed

out the school will be the "only community-based, self-managed public school academy in the area."

In addition to its structure, the school plans to make use of other innovations in education.

"New School High offers a different option for families," said Burnstein, the school leader. "Our mission is to provide a highly personalized high school experience built on the needs, interests and goals of each student. Students are individuals. They do not learn in the same way on the same day. If a student is able and willing to fly, they should not be held back. If a student needs more time and support, we will provide it."

A commitment to educating the whole child, Burnstein said, is a guiding principle. That's why class sizes will remain less than 25 and an advisory class will be an important part of the curriculum.

"Ninth grade is a crucial year for students and



New School High board members Gayla Houser (president), Carey Gary (trustee), Mike Wright (treasurer), Joanne Lamar (secretary), Karen Phillippi (vice president) and Cyndi Burnstein (school leader), with Central Michigan's Corey Northrop (left) and Orlando Castellon (right).

a powerful predictor of future high school success," Burnstein said.

"We know that there are essential skills and knowledge students need to succeed, such as safe and efficient use of technology, effective communication skills, thorough understanding of behavioral expectations, organization and study skills. These skills require specific instruction and practice. They need to be an integral part of the school culture."

Burnstein said the school intentionally cho-

sen to begin with only ninth-graders so "a strong and positive culture can be built" to support maximum achievement. The school will add one class each year for a maximum of 400 students by 2018.

According to Burnstein, other "distinctive features of New School High" will include:

- » A later school start time of 8:30 a.m.
- » An emphasis on health, fitness and wellness.
- » A schedule based on the needs of the partic-

ular instructional activity (lab, discussion, independent study, etc.) rather than the long-standing "bells and cells" approach.

» Standards-based grading (student achievement is compared to proficiency in a standard rather than students being compared to each other).

» Every student will be encouraged to take at least two Advanced Placement exams.

Many of the principles of New School High, Burnstein said, were

inspired by the high-performing schools of Finland, where standardized testing "is not the norm and teachers are respected and trusted" to make the decisions about the way the school is run.

"The design of this school is based on years and years of experience from master teachers combined with the best research we have about the way adolescents develop and learn," Burnstein said. "Every decision that touches the students is made with care and deliberation. A student only goes to high school once. We want every graduate to look back at their time and say they wouldn't have traded their high school experience for any other high school experience in the world."

Interested families can find dates for informational meetings and learn more about New School High at its website newschoolhigh.org, Facebook page New School High or contact Burnstein at cburnstein@newschoolhigh.org.

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our families and our teachers just thought, 'Make a decision so we don't have to wait it out.' At least a decision was made in November and not in April."

Staying the course

Despite the finality of the board's decision to close their school, Gallimore staff and students aren't simply phoning it in. An already vibrant community is not only maintaining, but increasing the challenges for students.

The school is home to four preschool classrooms (eight half-day sessions in all). They already had a partnership with Community Financial Credit Union, which has as student-run branch at Gallimore, and an active student council.

The schools' initial FIRST Robotics team, one of three elementary programs in the district, began this fall - "It's pretty intense," Fenech said - and an after-school tutoring program is set to start in the next few

weeks.

"It's that mind-set of wanting to make sure students don't feel forgotten, that they're going to have incredible opportunities here until June," Fenech said. "These experiences will also help them in their new buildings. We're embracing them and challenging them more than ever. Just because we're closing doesn't mean we aren't going to help them succeed, more than ever."

Gallimore parent Rosemary Ellinger said the Gallimore community is "sad" to see the school closing although, like Fenech, she believes most people expected it.

Wonderful staff

Ellinger, an active parent who is co-president of the school's PTO, has two kids at Gallimore, a kindergartner and a second-grader with special needs. Both kids will move - along with the vast majority of Gallimore families - to Miller Elementary next year (smaller groups of students will move to Isbister, Tonda or Dodson elementary).

Ellinger said the Galli-

more staff has "been wonderful" with her kids, especially the second-grader.

"The progress he's made in the two years he's been there has been amazing," Ellinger said. "We've heard Miller is a great school, so I wouldn't say we're worried. I'm sure the change will be different for both kids, but the good thing is the bulk of Gallimore is moving to Miller. As far as the transition goes, I think a lot of their friends will be with them."

Alesha Peck understands what losing the school means, considering she has three students going there now. Her first- and third-graders will shift with the majority of Gallimore students to Miller, while the eldest, currently in fifth grade, will continue on to Discovery Middle School.

Small-school feel

And while she's confident everyone will adjust, Peck, like the other Gallimore families, is going to miss the cozier, small-school feel the 300-student Gallimore offers.

"It's a great small-school family feel," said Peck, who coaches one of Gallimore's robotics teams and serves as a lunchtime parapro at the school. "You walk down the halls and the teachers know all the kids and the kids know the staff. That's kind of what I'll miss and I'm hoping (Miller) will be the same way."

The district hasn't said what's going to happen with the teachers, other than to say they'll have a chance to move with their students when possible.

For now, though, it's business - and learning - as usual at Gallimore.

"We want our kids to be prepared to succeed in any one of these four schools," Fenech said. "We need to stay the course and make sure that happens at all four schools. We're focusing on staying the course and focusing on student achievement and relationships. We want to make sure students feel safe and supported and know they'll be just fine in their new buildings."

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surgery for epilepsy, and other relatives work each year with Canton Leisure Services to promote Turkey Trot for a Cause, which has raised about \$106,000 since 2003. It brought in nearly \$24,000 last Thanksgiving, alone.

The event has grown over the years. It started with nearly 100 people who walked or ran and last year drew close to 1,500 participants.

"I think that is progress," Murray said. Turkey Trot starts at



Crowds get ready to run during a previous Turkey Trot for a Cause in Canton.

Summit on the Park and winds through places such as Pheasant Run golf course and Heritage Park before returning to the Summit. It starts at 8 a.m. Thanksgiving Day with race-day registration and includes a 9 a.m. children's one-mile run/walk and a 5K run/walk.

Fees range from \$15 to \$25 depending on the race/walk. To register in advance, go to www.cantonfun.org, click on Register for Programs and simply type Turkey Trot in the search engine. Same-day sign-up is welcome at the

Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway. For more information, call 734-483-5600

Thompson, after having surgery and overcoming his seizures, has participated for several years. He'll be there again. He is a senior at Eastern Michigan University studying product design and development. He also has taken up hobbies such as archery hunting.

"If you reach for the stars and follow your dreams," he said, "you can get whatever you want to achieve. I have been reaching for the stars."

Even though he said he still has some weaknesses, he doesn't let them hold him back: "I don't let anything stand in my way."

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WATER

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for me," he said, with the goal of reducing water rates. "It's a common-sense action that must be taken."

LaJoy has estimated Canton could shell out as little as \$1 million for an agreement with DWSD, compared to \$10 million or more to build a new facility.

During talks in September, officials indicated the two sides could potentially reach an agreement to implement within two years, allowing Canton to manage its water flow and strive to

ease consumer rate hikes.

DWSD also could save money by having Canton oversee the site at Joy and Morton Taylor.

DWSD has a pair of five-million-gallon reservoirs and a pump station on the site. McCormick has called it "absolutely possible" DWSD could lease or sell a portion of the site to Canton.

Canton residents, much like consumers across southeast Michigan, have long sought relief to rising water rates. Officials say the latest plan would allow Canton to better regulate its own water flow and avoid sharp spikes during peak morning and

evening hours.

James Fausone, a Canton resident who chairs the Board of Water Commissioners for DWSD, helped to arrange the discussions between Canton and DWSD. He has said the proposal would save Canton money while trimming DWSD's costs by \$2 million or more a year.

Talks involving Canton and DWSD come as Fausone said a new regional water authority also holds promise to address problems that have long plagued DWSD.

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Plymouth-Canton Marching Band members on the field at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

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were the most focused and intense of any group I've seen in the last four years."

Kayla Ward, clarinetist and junior at Canton High School, said, "We all loved this year's show and worked really hard all season, so we were determined to make semifinals our best performance so far and we did."

Though the marchers poured heart and soul into their performance, it was not enough to earn one of the 12 spots in the finals competition.

"I am extremely proud of you," Thomann said to the marchers. "You had your best show of the season, so hold your heads high. You might not have won a championship today, but you won the hearts of everyone who saw you perform. It is an honor to work with you."

Though the marchers were disappointed not making finals, their attitudes reflect PCMB's long-held philosophy: It's not about winning, but effort and personal best.

"My pride is through the roof," said Canton High School senior Kyle Cochran, bass clarinetist. "Not making finals is OK because I loved this show and it was the best performance we've had the whole season. In fact, it is the best performance in the last four years I've been in band. Though this is my last year with PCMB, the friends I made are life long."

Melissa Lentine, clarinetist and senior at Salem High School, said she'll "never forget that moment when I looked into the crowd after our semifinals performance and saw so many people on their feet, screaming and clapping."

"PCMB is my second family and I am so unbelievably proud of each and every person this season," she added. "We may not have made it to finals, but our finale was one that will stay with me forever."

About Grand National

The Bands of America Grand Nationals Championship is the largest national high school marching band competition in the nation. It culminates a season of 19



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PCMB Drum Major Katie Wolf receives the award for semifinals at the Bands of America Grand National Championship.



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Mimes played an important role in the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's 2014 show "Don't Bother They're Here."



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The brass section performs during Grand National Competition.

regional championships held throughout country this fall with more than 500 participating high school bands. A panel of nationally recognized music educators and marching arts experts judges the bands.

Coming in 2015

The PCMB marchers will begin their new season in April with member recruitment and show design. Rigorous practice for the members begins in July and continues until the competitive season ends in November. However, next year the marchers will be practicing well into the end of the year in preparation for their appearance in the 2016 Tourna-

ment of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif.

Bands are selected by the Tournament of Roses based on a variety of criteria, including musicianship, marching ability and entertainment or special interest value. In order to be considered, band representatives submit detailed applications, which included photos, video footage and letters of recommendation. Bands are required to raise all necessary funds for travel and accommodations. In addition to marching in the five-mile long Rose Parade on New Year's Day, bands also perform in one of three Bandfest events at Pasadena City College.

Plymouth YMCA serves Northville well, too

By Linda Rose
Correspondent

With the fall sports season in high gear, many youth in the Northville community were seen taking to neighborhood drive-ways, open fields and local playgrounds, running, kicking and shooting their way to a great deal of fun. As the Plymouth Family YMCA operates its fall lineup for kids who might be looking for a little organized fun, organizers want Northville residents to know that its youth sports programs are open to Northville residents as well.

"In fact, Northville is part of the geographic area we serve as a Y," said Sage Hedgal, executive director for the organization. "The name can sometimes be confusing and people from surrounding communities often ask us if they can participate. The Plymouth Y has been serving Northville residents for more than 20 years, with a variety of programs. We often run basketball leagues in the Northville Community Center. We also offer our Girls on the Run and STRIDE programs in some of the Northville elementary schools."

Girls on the Run is an empowerment program that teaches girls life skills through interactive lessons and running games. STRIDE is its counterpart for boys, a 10-week program where boys are mentored through a physical curriculum, encouraging goal setting and developing life skills. Both programs are designed to build confidence and encourage kids to make healthy



Will Dobrowolski of Plymouth and Olivia Lockmond of Canton both enjoy participating in YMCA soccer each Saturday morning.

choices.

"As a parent, I like the fact that the Y really puts an emphasis on sportsmanship," Jamie Dobrowolski said. "Both my son and daughter have been part of sports at the Y and we really appreciate the team atmosphere."

Karen Childs of Plymouth is no stranger to YMCA youth sports, both as a parent and a coach. Watching her enthusiasm and support for her latest soccer team, it is clear to see she why she is involved.

"This is my eighth year coaching," Childs said. "I get a kick out of teaching kids how to play soccer. At one point, I was coaching both my children's teams and loving it. I get out there and play

like a kid myself."

Northville residents recently participated in both the youth soccer and volleyball leagues, according to Josh Borg, community program director for the Plymouth Family YMCA.

"We offer these programs for kids ages 3-12 to learn necessary sports skills and improve upon the fundamentals through fun and innovative drills and games," Borg said. "We are currently running basketball and planning our school-break camps. We hope many Northville families join us."

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Halloween City embezzling case heads to circuit court

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

An Ann Arbor man accused of embezzling money from the now-closed Halloween City store in Canton and lying to police has been ordered to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Barring a plea deal, 39-year-old Jeramy Harrison Matthews is facing trial on charges of embezzling \$1,000 to \$20,000, larceny in a building and making a false police report involving a felony. The latest developments came Friday as he voluntarily waived his preliminary examination in front of 35th District Judge James Plakas, court records show.

Matthews was charged following allegations he claimed he was robbed of \$9,108 outside the seasonal store by a knife-wielding bandit as he was leaving to make a bank deposit. Canton police Lt. Mike Steckel has

said Matthews alleged he was robbed Halloween afternoon, but then brought the money



Matthews

to the police station the next day, claiming he mistakenly left it at home. "He gave several versions that were all inaccurate," Steckel said.

Matthews' defense attorney, Andrew DiMaggio, declined to comment while the case is pending. Matthews, who has been released on bond, could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison if he is convicted of the embezzling charge. The other two counts are punishable by four years behind bars.

Canton police went to the Halloween City store on Ford near Lotz after receiving a 9-1-1 call Halloween afternoon that an employee had been

robbed outside the store before he could get inside his car.

Police reports say Matthews gave a detailed description of an assailant who was dressed in black, wearing a bandana over his mouth and driving a black sport utility vehicle.

A police investigation revealed the cash was among a larger batch of Halloween Eve receipts totaling some \$31,000.

As police continued their probe, Matthews was accused of saying he had taken the money home to safeguard it overnight until he could deposit it the next day, rather than leave it in the store. According to police reports, he had indicated he didn't leave the money on site because he didn't trust another employee.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Home intruder

A 34-year-old Canton woman sought help after her boyfriend, no longer welcome in her home, climbed through her bathroom window and walked down the hallway toward her, a police report said.

Police arrested the 31-year-old Farmington Hills man for unlawful entry during an incident that occurred about 2:30 a.m. Monday at Sherwood Village, a mobile home community southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty on Canton's southeast side.

Initially, a neighbor called police to report seeing a male suspect climb through a window of a home. When police arrived, the victim came outside, said her boyfriend had broken into her residence and wasn't welcome.

A police report described the suspect as visibly intoxicated. He claimed the victim had sent him a text asking him to visit. He said he became worried when she didn't answer the door so he climbed inside the house, damaging a window and screen during the process, a police report said.

Police found a bench and a bottle of liquor outside the

window. The victim told authorities she wanted to prosecute for unlawful entry. She also asked police for information about obtaining a personal protection order.

Gun, ammo seized

Canton police confiscated a pistol and 10 rounds of .22-caliber ammunition after making a traffic stop about 12:30 p.m. Nov. 11 near Ford and Hix, after trailing the car a short distance.

A police report indicated the traffic stop was made because a 2006 Dodge Charger had windows that were darkly tinted. Under questioning by police, the 31-year-old female driver from Farmington Hills said she had a concealed pistol license and a pistol inside her purse on the passenger seat.

Police indicated the woman did have a permit to get a pistol, but had never actually registered a gun. She was issued a ticket and released for possession of an unregistered pistol after being given a date to appear in 35th District Court. In the meantime, police took the pistol and ammunition from her.

— By Darrell Clem

Canton woman's body found in G.C. yard

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

The body found Tuesday morning in Garden City has been identified as a 53-year-old Canton woman.

Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery is declining to identify the woman whose body that was found in the backyard of a home in the 31900 block of Alvin.

The police and fire departments responded to a call from a citizen at about 10 a.m. Tuesday.

"The man, a resident in the 31900 block of Alvin, reported seeing either a blow-up doll or a body in his backyard," Muery said. "When first responders arrived, they dis-

covered the body of a white female who appeared to be in her late 40s. Also found at the woman's side was a small breed dog."

The dog was taken to Lucky Dog Day Care in Garden City and scanned for a micro chip hoping it would lead to identifying the woman, who had no identification with her.

"The micro chip did provide the name of the breeder, but not the present owner," Muery said. "The breeder was contacted by investigators and they were able to obtain additional information."

Muery said that he is not releasing the name or any other information on the

woman until a positive identification has been made.

"Officers are continuing to investigate how she came to be in this area of Garden City, but do believe they have identified a family connection within the immediate area," Muery said.

At this point, Muery does not believe the death was the result of a criminal act, but investigators are keeping an open mind as the query continues.

"We will not comment on the condition of the body or clothing at this time," Muery said.

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PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Ohio woman arrested in shoplifting

Police arrested a 38-year-old woman from Sandusky, Ohio, on Friday after she was reportedly seen putting hair-care and nail-care products in a plastic bag and a purse at a Plymouth Township drug store.

The incident occurred around 11:30 p.m. at the CVS on Sheldon at Ann Arbor Road, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. An officer dispatched to CVS on a report of a shoplifting in progress found the suspect yelling that she would pay for the items, the report said.

A witness told police the woman had put merchandise in a purse and in a plastic bag and had put on a store shelf an

empty bottle of a hair-care product that CVS doesn't sell.

When a clerk asked the woman for a receipt for the items, the report said, she got upset and began to yell that she was being accused of stealing.

Police also spoke with a CVS pharmacist, who had refused to fill the suspect's prescription for a painkiller. The prescription was from a doctor in Ypsilanti, which the pharmacist found unusual given that the woman was from Ohio, the police report said. It was too late to call the doctor to verify the prescription, the pharmacist said.

The suspect was later released, with a retail fraud citation, on a \$300 bond.

— By Matt Jachman

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Dr. Irby-Johnson received her medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine and is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON
BUSINESS BRIEFS

CANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

GRAND OPENING: A ribbon-cutting was held Thursday, Oct. 16, by Serenity Day Spas to announce its grand opening. Serenity Day Spas is at 4101 S. Canton Center in Canton. Family members, customers, employees, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and residents were all among the attendees.

Stopping hunger

The Cellular Connection announced 300 of its stores will be donating and volunteering at local food banks through its "Stop the Hunger" initiative this holiday season in a joint effort with its customers.

Through Friday, Dec. 12, participating TCC stores across the U.S., including the Canton store, are encouraging local families to bring in canned and boxed food, which will be delivered to the community's food bank.

The participating store in Canton is at 46540 Michigan Ave.

In addition to the food drive, each participating store will donate funds and employees will volunteer at local food banks until the end of December.

"Stop the Hunger" is the newest initiative under TCC's 'Culture of Good' movement, which empowers our employees to make a positive, charitable impact in their communities," said Scott Moorehead, president and CEO of TCC. "It's how our company gives back to every community where we do business. We're honored to have the ability to help families and children in need this holiday season by donating to and volunteering at local food banks throughout the U.S."

To learn more about TCC, go to cellularconnection.com. Consumers can also find more information about the company at facebook.com/tcctalk and twitter.com/tcctalk.

New agent

Shelly Smith of Plymouth has joined Farm Bureau Insurance as a new agent serving the area. She is working out of the Farm Bureau



Smith

Insurance office at 137 Cady Centre in Northville. Smith recently completed an extensive career development program for new agents, which prepared her for the state licensing examination and provided instruction in all areas of property/casualty and life/health insurance.

Smith also attended training at the Farm Bureau Insurance home office in Lansing. Farm Bureau Insurance agents are licensed to sell all lines of insurance, including

life, home, auto, farm, retirement, Lake Estate® and business.

Prior to joining Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent, Smith held a career in insurance sales and service.

Smith joins a statewide force of more than 400 Farm Bureau Insurance agents serving nearly 500,000 Michigan policyholders.

Atlas winners

DMS Moving Systems, Inc., of Canton was among 53 Atlas Van Lines movers named as recipients of the annual Milton M. Hill Quality Award.

Demonstrating industry superiority and uppermost quality of customer service, Atlas officials said those recognized have "proved continuous success in providing harmonious moving experiences" for their customers. As part of the Atlas network, these agents have showcased allegiance to remarkable warehouse and hauling operations and are presented one of the industry's most prestigious accolades.

The agencies who earned the Milton M. Hill Quality Award represent an elite group that displayed excellence in superior warehouse rating, hauling excellence and world-class commitment.

"The award is the definitive mark of distinction for Atlas Agents," said Glen Dunkerson, chairman and CEO of Atlas World Group. "They are truly the best of the best and I am honored to work alongside such dedicated individuals."

Christmas concert

The Ford Motor Co. Chorus presents a Christmas concert, "Jingle All the Way," at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail.

Among the music to be performed will be *Walking in the Air*, *Do You Hear What I Hear?*, *The Little Drummer Boy*, *Peace on Earth*, *Pavane for a Silent Night*, *Waltz for an Open Sleigh*, *The Twelve Days After Christmas*, *Mid-Winter*, *Shepherds Echo Carol* and *Joy to the World*.

For more information, contact Bill Curtiss at bcurtiss@ford.com.

United Home Health
Services nabs honor

United Home Health Services, Inc., announced it has been named a Top Agency of the 2014 HomeCare Elite, a recognition of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States.

Now in its ninth year, the HomeCare Elite identifies the top 25 percent of Medicare-certified agencies and highlights the top 100 and top 500 agencies overall. Winners are ranked by an analysis of publicly available performance measures in quality outcomes, best practice implementation, patient experience, quality improvement and consistency and financial performance.

In order to be considered, an agency must be Medicare-certified and

have data for at least one outcome in Home Health Compare. Out of 9,994 agencies considered, 2,501 are elite.

The award is sponsored by OCS HomeCare by National Research Corp., the leading provider of home health metrics and analytics, and DecisionHealth, publisher of the most respected independent newsletter in the home health profession, Home Health Line.

"The 2014 HomeCare Elite winners demonstrate a commitment to providing high quality care in their home health communities and we recognize them for their remarkable achievements," said Mary Oakes, senior vice president of post-acute at National

Research. "We congratulate United Home Health Services on being recognized as a top home care agency."

Michael Hall, UHHS administrator, credits a relentless focus on delivering quality care and exceeding patient expectations with the agency's ability to achieve recognition as one of the HomeCare Elite.

"We have always delivered exceptional care, while focusing on quality results," Hall said. "We are very proud of this achievement."

The entire list of 2014 HomeCare Elite agencies can be downloaded by visiting the National Research Corp. website at www.nationalresearch.com/homecareelite.

Cosmetic
center
opens in
Plymouth

The Center for Cosmetic Enhancement has opened its doors in Plymouth.

The Center for Cosmetic Enhancement is owned by Dr. Kyle Farr, a board-certified family nurse practitioner whose clinical background began with working in surgery and internal medicine.

Farr has received extensive training in aesthetic medicine through the Esthetic Skin Institute, the pioneer in the hands-on training model for aesthetic education.



Farr

The Center for Cosmetic Enhancement offers botulinum toxin Type A (Botox) injections, dermal filler injections, micro needling and platelet-rich plasma therapy for skin rejuvenation and a full line of medical grade chemical peels.

The center also features a full line of cosmeceutical products, BioPelle, made in Ferndale. The center is at 44433 W. Ann Arbor Road, Suite 103, in Plymouth.

For more information, call 734-259-2804 or go to www.enhanceMI.com.

Credit report, credit score:
Know how to acquire both

At a recent library talk I gave, one of the topics of conversation dealt with credit scores and credit reports. One of the guests was retelling a horror story of being denied credit based upon problems in a credit report.

I told him he was in good company, because former Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke had also recently been rejected in his attempt to refinance.

I realized that many people don't understand the difference between a credit score and a credit report. Although they are related, they are not the same.

There are three major credit reporting agencies: Equifax, TransUnion and Experian. They each independently accumulate data and prepare a credit report. Therefore, most of us have three different credit reports.

The purpose of a credit report is to provide a detailed account of your credit history. These reports will include such things as your payment history, how much credit you have available and how much you use, credit inquiries and bankruptcies.

This information is accumulated and assembled into a report of this raw data. There is no number associated with a report and there is no opinion as to your credit worthiness. It is an accumulation of relevant data.

Your credit score is not determined by the credit reporting agencies but rather, by an independent company.

The company that most in the financial world use to compute scores is the Fair Isaac Co. Your FICO score is a mathematical equation that evaluates the information on your credit report. A FICO score can range from 300-850.

Since the information on your credit report can be different depending upon the credit reporting agency, consumers may also have a different FICO score.

In other words, your FICO score at Equifax can be different than your FICO score at TransUnion. As information in your credit report changes, so does your score.

There are nuances as to how your FICO score is calculated but basically, it's based upon the following:

1. Payment history — 35 percent
2. Total amounts owed — 30 percent
3. Length of credit history — 15 percent
4. New credit — 10 percent
5. Type of credit used — 10 percent

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It is your FICO score that many banks and lenders use to determine whether you're eligible to borrow money, how much you can borrow and at what interest rate. The lower your FICO score, the greater your interest rate. The higher your FICO score the lower the interest rate.

You are entitled to receive a free copy of your credit report annually from each agency.

Go to annualcreditreport.com. However, the free report does not include your FICO score — that you have to pay for.

If you are in the market to obtain credit, your credit report and score are important. So if you haven't gotten a copy of your credit report lately, now may be a good time to do it. And make sure the information is accurate.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Canton Rotary Club
exceeds food drive goal

The Kennedy Nemier Insurance Agency in Plymouth teamed up with the Canton Rotary Club and opened its doors to be a "Drop Stop" to assist with the Salvation Army's Holiday food drive.

Rotary set a goal of collecting 400 boxes of stuffing for the Thanksgiving food baskets. In addition, the agency will collect canned and

boxed food items for the food pantry during the holiday season.

"Our Rotary exceeded the goal of 400 boxes of stuffing, collecting 416," agency co-owner Lisa Kennedy said.

For more information, the Kennedy Nemier Insurance Agency can be reached at 734-454-4058 or online at www.kennedynemier.com.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Joshua Vandenberg from Canton High School helps clean up a large lot in Canton during the United Way cleanup Saturday.

YARD WORK

United Way rakes in volunteers for area seniors

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Helen Griffin of Plymouth had signed up last year for the Plymouth Community United Way's "rake-and-go" program - where volunteers assist senior citizens with yard work and other light chores - but when the program rolled, around her leaves hadn't fallen yet.

That wasn't a problem this year.

Griffin's Green Meadows home in Plymouth Township was one of many where volunteers worked Saturday, raking leaves and trimming bushes. When they were done, Griffin said, volunteers had raked some 80 bags of leaves from her front and back yards.

"I have a normal front yard, but I have a big back yard," Griffin said. "I used to do it all myself, but I can't do it anymore."

Griffin wasn't the only beneficiary Saturday. Dozens of seniors in Plymouth and Canton got help from volunteers Saturday as part of the twice-a-year program run by the United Way as a means of helping area seniors.

Marie Morrow, director of the PCUW, said the program solves the needs of two groups: the seniors and the volunteers.

"There are a lot of disadvantaged seniors who can't get out and clean their yards and there are a lot of people who want to give back to the community," Morrow said. "(Rake-and-go) serves a dual purpose. It serves both needs."

It certainly served a need for Canton resident Virginia Johnson, who owns a one-acre lot on Sheldon about halfway between Palmer and Michigan Avenue.

She said the lot has "a quite a few big maple trees" which shed a lot of leaves. In previous years, she said, volunteers have raked nearly 20 bags worth of leaves.

The 20 or so volunteers who did the raking Saturday didn't bag them, though. At Johnson's request, they raked them over a ridge at the back of the property. Still, Johnson was glad for the help.

"They did a great job," Johnson said of the volunteers. "I don't know what I'd do ... I'd have to hire someone, I guess, so I really appreciate what they do. They were wonderful."

To show her appreciation Johnson, who has had the United Way's help for several years, generally bakes cookies. This time, though, she was worried she hadn't baked enough.

"That's the most (volunteers) I've ever had," she said, adding with a chuckle, "I wasn't sure I had enough cookies."



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Canton High School Lighting Robotics No. 862 team members Jerry Nicklas, Andrew Pascaris, Ian Merner, Ryan Wu and Michael Munoz tackle a one-acre lot on Sheldon Road as they help with the United Way cleanup Saturday.



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Mona Moore from Canton joins the teens as she bags leaves at a home on Sheldon Road during the United Way rake-and-go event Saturday in Canton and Plymouth.



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Plymouth-Canton student Leah Beach keeps smiling as she helps rake leaves Saturday in Canton.



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SKF USA volunteers Elaina Emery and Zoey Degenfelder help pack down leaf bags at a home on Elmhurst in Plymouth during the United Way event Saturday.



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Johnson Controls employee Eric Sha cleans up leaves along Elmhurst Street on a brisk fall morning during the United Way rake-and-go in Plymouth.

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By Greg Mullin
Staff Writer

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"There are numerous benefits of purchasing a Lincoln MKS, including the outstanding warranty that comes with the vehicles," conveyed Jere Law, Varsity Lincoln's General Sales Manager and Pre-Owned Director. "The 100,000-mile free bumper to bumper war-



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This model defines luxury that is incomparable in this price.

With Lincoln, most premium luxury features come standard, as opposed to paying additional for similar features on other comparable brands. "The Lincoln MKS stands alone in its class of vehicles," Law emphasized.

Drivers will also enjoy peace of mind from knowing that the Lincoln MKS will hold its value.

"This model holds its value more than other

models for many reasons," Law said. "Any depreciation has already been taken on by the previous owner. Plus, the advanced styling and dependability are advantageous add to the Lincoln MKS's value."

The MKS-A-Thon event showcases the Lincoln MKS which get an EPA-estimated 27 MPG and features models with EcoBoost.

"The Lincoln MKS's gas mileage, dependability and warranty make for a solid modern vehicle and overall excellent experience," Law stated.

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Varsity Lincoln is the number one dealer in the nation, based on 2013 Total New Retail Sales and Service Customer Satisfaction, per a Lincoln sales report.

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Turkey farm owners pass on holiday bird



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Christine Roperti gives grandson Maverick Roperti a few tips before he shows the photographer around the farm.

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

The Roperti family of Livonia will dress 4,300 to 4,400 turkeys for Thanksgiving Day, but won't eat a single one.

The Ropertis, who own and operate Roperti's Turkey Farm at 34700 Five Mile, will have had their fill of the holiday bird by then, having taste-tested several smoked turkeys as they perfect the process for their customers.

Instead of turkey, they will eat crab claws, filet mignon and a pasta dish like lasagna, followed by key lime pie for dessert.

"It's tradition for us," said Ferida Roperti, daughter-in-law of farm owner Christine Roperti. "We're so sick of eating turkey."

Christine Roperti prepares the filet mignon and pasta; the key lime pie comes already prepared from Florida along with the crab claws, which only require brief cooking in a pot of boiling water.

It isn't a sit-down meal at a fancy-laid dining room table like that in a Norman Rockwell painting, either.

"It's grab and eat," Ferida Roperti said, because there are still chores to do: lots of paperwork, laundry, clean-up

and the occasional customer to wait on who forgot to pick up their turkey the day before.

"We have to wash aprons, coats, towels. We're still doing that the whole next day," Ferida Roperti said.

They also sleep in Thanksgiving for the first time in many weeks or try to take a nap in the afternoon. Leading up to Thanksgiving Day, the family puts in 10- to 15-hour work days every day. "We're just so dead tired," Ferida Roperti said.

But it's well worth the effort. Christine Roperti said she takes pride in delivering free-range, grain-fed, chemical- and preservative-free turkeys to her customers, just like those her father, Tom Roperti, raised back in 1948 when he started the farm.

"I'm putting something good into my customers' stomachs," she said, adding the sales are all based on word of mouth.

Christine Roperti, 69, said the family farm is entering its third generation with grandkids Merida, 13, and Maverick, 10, now helping out. Christine Roperti's husband, Wesley Bates, and two sons, along with Ferida Roperti, are also involved in the day-to-day running of the farm.



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Tom turkeys grow larger than hens.

The family sells almost all of its turkeys for Thanksgiving, freezing or smoking the few that are left over. There is little demand from the public for turkey for Christmas, Christine Roperti said.

That means the Ropertis can relax and actually enjoy celebrating Christmas. Typically, they go to Ferida Roperti's sister's home for dinner.

Christine Roperti always brings along one of her turkeys. By then they're ready to eat turkey again.

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Ten-year-old Maverick Roperti has worked on the farm since he was 8.



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ART SALE

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Community Arts Council announces its second Holiday Art Sale. There is no admission fee, although donations to the PCAC Program fund will be accepted. The sale will include juried, one-of-a-kind art pieces by PCAC artist friends and instructors. Among the offerings: Gift pottery and ceramics by the Western Michigan University Ceramics Guild; hand-illustrated holiday ornaments; original wire-work and watercolor jewelry designs; card sets for sending or giving; photographic kaleidoscope coasters and trivets; fused glass pieces and cork wine charms; needle-felted mittens, hand-knit hats and much more. Cash, checks and all major credit cards will be accepted with a single common checkout area.

Contact: For additional information, visit www.plymoutharts.com or call 734-416-4278.

COLLEGE WORKSHOP

Date/Time: Thursday, Dec. 4, 7-8:30 p.m.
Location: Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, Canton
Details: A free workshop on funding a student's college education features Robert Hoger, certified college planning specialist with Michigan College Funding LLC. He will be discussing such topics as how to send kids to the school of their dreams without going broke; how to increase eligibility for aid; how to find scholarships and grants. Admission is free, but seating is limited by the size of the room.

Contact: Call 248-662-1300 to reserve a seat and for more information.

PCA AUCTION

Date/Time: Friday, Nov. 21, 6 p.m.
Location: Butler Gymnasium, 43065 Joy Road, Canton
Details: Plymouth Christian Academy hosts its annual auction, themed "An Evening in Paris." The silent auction and catered dinner start at 6 p.m.; the live auction and entertainment starts at 8 p.m. Child care is available in a Fun Center set up in the church building starting at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Register online at plymouthchristian.org/paris.

Contact: For more informa-



'STEEL MAGNOLIAS': The Spotlight Players present "Steel Magnolias" for their final weekend Nov. 21-23 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. "Steel Magnolias" takes place in Truvy's beauty salon in Chinquapin, La., where all the ladies who are anybody come to have their hair done. The play follows six southern belles through laughter and tears that will touch your heart. "Steel Magnolias" takes in the Biltmore Studio; Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$14 to \$16. Call 734-394-5300.

tion, call 734-459-3505.

HEISE HOURS

Date/Time: Friday, Nov. 21, 7:30-9 a.m.
Location: Panera Bread, 400 S. Main (at Ann Arbor Trail), in downtown Plymouth
Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise hosts coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally and discuss state or local issues. No appointment is necessary. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

Contact: Residents are invited to call toll free 855-REPKURT or email kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

FOOD DRIVE

Date: Month of November
Location: Plymouth Comfort Keepers
Details: According to the Mayo Clinic and the American Dietetic Association, more than one in three seniors in the care of others is at risk for under- or malnutrition. The Plymouth office of Comfort Keepers will be conducting a food drive through November. Nonperishable food items can be dropped off at the Plymouth District Library (223 S. Main), the Plymouth Cultural Center (525 Farmer) and the Canton Community Foundation (50430 School House Road, Suite 200). The Senior Alliance and the Salvation Army of Plymouth will assist Comfort Keepers in distribution.

Contact: For more information, contact Comfort Keepers at 734-771-7404 or go to www.ComfortKeepers.com

NEW SCHOOL MEETINGS

Dates/Times/Locations:
 » Sunday, Nov. 23, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, 1-3 p.m.
 » Monday, Dec. 1, at the Plymouth Township offices, 9955 N. Haggerty, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Details: New School High, a community-based, teacher-led, self-managed, tuition-free public school academy opening in Plymouth in fall 2015, is hosting informational meetings. Interested families may also visit the website at new-schoolhigh.org or the New School High Facebook page.

Contact: School leader Cyndi Burnstein at cburnstein@new-schoolhigh.org.

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Nov. 25, 7-10 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Jazz @ The Elks happens the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. This event features Ann Arbor's Paul VornHagen Quartet with Paul on sax and flute, Chuck Shermataro on keyboard, Pete Siers on drums and Kurt Krahnke on bass.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthannarbor-

relks325.com or email jazzat-theelks@gmail.com.

THANKSGIVING CONCERT

Date/Time: Sunday, Nov. 23, 4 p.m.
Location: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth
Details: More than 100 voices will join in celebrating Thanksgiving with a music festival featuring choral anthems accompanied by hand bells, organ and piano, as well as audience sing-along of familiar Thanksgiving hymns. The combined adult choirs of Plymouth churches will present a Thanksgiving Choir Festival. Admission is free; an offering will be received to benefit the Salvation Army.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-5280.

ANNUAL WCGH REUNION

Date/Time: Tuesday, Dec. 9, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Location: Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet, 6539 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: The 30th annual Wayne County General Hospital employees holiday reunion will be held in the party room of the Hibachi Grill Supreme. There is a large choice of food selections and a senior discount. All retirees and former employees are invited to attend. No reservations are needed. You can pay at the door.

Contact: For questions, call the restaurant at 734-729-5688.

Give something that means something: blood

The American Red Cross is asking eligible donors to give something that means something this holiday season – a lifesaving blood donation.



Blood donations often decline this time of year when donors get busy with holiday festivities and travel. Severe winter weather and seasonal illnesses, like the flu, can also have a serious impact on blood donations, but the need for blood remains steady. On average, the Red Cross must collect 15,000 blood products every day for patients across the country.

Eligible donors with all types are needed, especially those with O negative, A negative and B negative. To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, go to redcrossblood.org or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

- Farmington Hills – Dec. 9, 1-6:45 p.m., St. John Lutheran, 23225 Gill Road.
- Milford – Dec. 2, 8 a.m. to 7:45 p.m., Milford YMCA, 300 Family Dr.
- Novi – Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Prime Care of Novi, 39555 W. 10 Mile.
- Royal Oak – Dec. 4-5, 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Beaumont Health System, 3601 W. 13 Mile Road; Dec. 14, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Shrine Catholic Grade School, 1621 Linwood Ave.
- Southfield – Dec. 15, 6:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Providence Hospital, 16001 W. 9 Mile Road.
- Canton Township – Dec. 15, 2:30-8:15 p.m.,

Blood donations often decline this time of year.

- Gallimore Elementary, 8375 Sheldon.
 - Livonia – Dec. 11, 6 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile; Dec. 13, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Eddie Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon; Dec. 14, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail.
 - Westland – Dec. 7, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., St. Damian Catholic Church, 29825 Joy Road.
 - Farmington Hills Blood Donation Center – Monday and Thursday, 12:45-6:45 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 31150 Haggerty, Farmington Hills.
 - Livonia Blood Donation Center – Monday through Thursday, 12:45-6:45 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 36650 Five Mile Road, Livonia.
- A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are age 17 (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.
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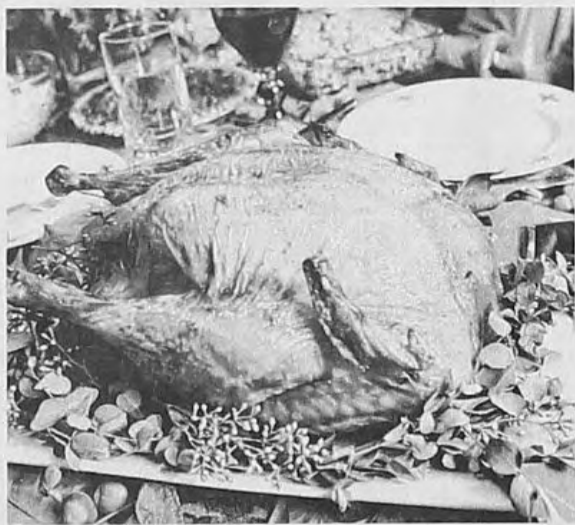
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There is always room for an extra place setting at the Thanksgiving table.

Enjoy some extra face time at the Thanksgiving table

All the hubbub about shopping and Thanksgiving Day isn't new to the holiday.

While this year some retailers are promoting special hours for early shoppers on Thanksgiving, others are declining what appears to be a growing trend. With a favorable response from buyers in prior years to opening on Thanksgiving, more retailers are responding by opening on the holiday or increasing the number of hours they are open. The enticement, of course, are special deals.

The enticement back in 1939 for President Franklin D. Roosevelt was not necessarily special deals, but the need to kick-start the shopping season – and the U.S. economy – by changing the date for Thanksgiving to the second to last Thursday in November.

That lasted until 1941; since 1942, the holiday has been celebrated the last Thursday of November, a date set by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

Maybe we should be thankful that there is a Thanksgiving Day at all. The pilgrims had a pretty tough time their first winter in Plymouth, with more than half dying, according to various online websites. They could have been wiped out, if it weren't for the Wampanoag Indians, who traded their food in exchange for defense against rival Indian tribes.

That first Thanksgiving in 1621 reportedly featured a lot different menu – no cranberries nor potatoes, for instance, but plenty of seafood – than today's feast.

What was the same was that the pilgrims had guests over, namely the Indians, and that it was a celebration to mark the pilgrims' first autumn harvest.

Those traditions continue today, as families pull up extra chairs and put a "leaf" or two in the table to extend its length and accommodate guests and special dishes, though not quite the five deer that the Indians brought to the original feast.

What has become tenuous for this holiday is the part about giving thanks and, for some families, that there is a Thanksgiving dinner at all. In this economy, even if you do have a job, it likely pays less or you are underemployed, meaning maybe not working full time or working at a low-paying job.

Enter Scary Mommy Nation. No, this is not some video left over from Halloween, it is a 501(c)3 charitable online organization that arose out of the concern of some mothers who worried that they would not be able to put much of anything on their Thanksgiving tables.

The result is that in just a few years, through online donations, the group has helped about 4,500 families survive Thanksgiving. Now that's talking turkey.

The number of those who could use some help, whether through a local church pantry or the more comprehensive Forgotten Harvest, can be overwhelming. But as Mother Teresa said, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

This Thanksgiving, there are families and individuals in our hometowns who would consider it a really big deal of a different sort to have a hot meal.

There is still time to make a donation to that food pantry or to extend an invitation to a neighbor to join in the family fare. There is always room for one more plate.

Thanksgiving continues to evolve. Most of the food we eat we have not grown or raised ourselves, but the constant – and real point – of Thanksgiving is a celebration that involves family and friends.

And that is something to be thankful for. After all, all that shopping on Thanksgiving would be pointless if there were no people to receive those gifts.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recall 'Big Four'

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees just doesn't seem to understand that the people of the township wish to be heard. We feel as though the board is turning a deaf ear to the voices of the people.

The pleas to reconsider the amphitheater project in the park, the desire to cooperate with the city, the rights of the citizenry to have their public comments heard and recorded have all fallen on deaf ears. These points are all contributing factors for the upcoming recall.

We don't understand why Conzelman has banned the recording of public comments from the minutes. They no longer record the names of people from the community who have legitimate concerns. They don't want to know the names of people addressing the board. It appears as though the citizens and their comments don't even exist.

The citizens moved here, in large part, because of the proximity of the wonderful city of Plymouth. The board, however, wants to segregate us from the city. We resent the personal vendetta of Ron Edwards and other board members who have said (and voted 4-3) not to have anything to do with the city. This is not what the people in this community want.

The current recall efforts against Edwards, Reaume, Conzelman and Arnold have been a long time coming. I have been appalled by the behavior and lack of respect by this board. The arrogance of this board and its dismissive attitude toward the citizens is unbelievable.

They have totally ignored the will of the people who elected them (and pay three of them six-figure salaries). The public has pleaded with them to listen. We don't want the excessive spending on the park projects.

This park improvement program has taken priority over public safety. The board voted to close the fire station in Lake Point and lay off firemen, claiming there was no money for that. Then they issued a bond for \$1.9 million for their pet projects? The citizens who will have to pay back that debt had no say in

the matter. These board members have demonstrated their priorities are totally misplaced.

The recent maneuvers by Supervisor Reaume to file recall papers against the three board members who don't vote the way he likes, but who listen to the people of the community, is just another example of the absurd behavior of this board. It is time the people of Plymouth Township stood up and said we will not sit by and allow this bizarre conduct to continue.

And so the time has come. Recalling these four is our only recourse, since they don't respond to the citizens. Perhaps they might listen to a recall when those large salaries are threatened.

Jackie Peters
Plymouth Township

Selective charities

Local charities have become quite selective on behalf of those in need.

We are a small group of senior ladies who have been using our time, talents and resources to give back to our community in a variety of ways. After several years (10-plus) of providing thousands of handmade hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves to Goodfellows, we were told, "We don't want them."

We reached out to the Salvation Army and were told, "We are looking to move away from knitted hats, gloves and scarves." We found it ironic that the lead for the Nov. 6 article reads "Salvation Army seeks hats, scarves, mittens." Be aware that they are selective as to the type of item; in other words, it must be store-bought.

It is a sad commentary that machine "Made in China" is preferred over hand "Made in Michigan."

Kathy Muir
Canton Handcrafters

Asinine comment

This morning, while driving to a shopping mall on Haggerty, I decided it was time to visit the Fallen Heroes Monument on Hines Drive.

There, etched in stone, I found the names of four of my fellow Wayne County Sheriff deputies, two who were dear friends of mine. All had been

killed in the line of duty.

After returning home, I picked up my copy of the *Canton Observer* (Nov. 13) and read a letter from one Edward Collins that was, coincidentally, about the monument.

Mr. Collins takes umbrage with this tribute. He makes the most asinine statement I have ever seen in print when he writes, "The police protect the city's interests, not the citizens' interests."

All those names on that monument belie that assertion. Those men and women died protecting the public. They were the ones who ran toward danger while others were running away.

Now, I don't know if Mr. Collins is just a disgruntled motorist who has received too many tickets or if he has, at some time in his life, actually put (something) on the line for the community.

If it is the latter, I wish him well. But considering the content and tone of his letter, I find that highly unlikely.

James Huddleston
Canton

Voters haven't spoken

It used to be after an election, I would say to myself that the people have spoken, live with it. Whether my candidate won or lost. But now, with PACs, like labor unions and the Koch brothers, spending billions of dollars on elections, the people have not really spoken. The special interests have.

This isn't a knock on the electorate either. How does anyone avoid the negative ads, they're everywhere. The thing that bothers me most is, no one talks about what they will bring to Lansing or Washington, they only talk about what a bad, evil person their opponent is.

Now we have lost any chance of compromise in Washington, we have to live with every decision or lack thereof that comes out of Lansing and the 2016 political ads start next week. Let the fun begin.

Skip Wehrle
Garden City

GUEST COLUMN

Court ruling doesn't end marriage equality dream

A few years ago, a family vacation in Ohio nearly ended in a fatal car crash for April DeBoer and Jayne Rowse. They had their three adopted children with them and the close call made them realize their family had no protection under Michigan law if something happened to one or both of them.

Michigan's adoption laws prevent same-sex couples from adopting. When the case was presented to U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman, he encouraged them to challenge the Michigan Marriage Amendment, because that was the root of their problems. They did so.

On March 21, Friedman, a Reagan appointee, ruled that prohibiting same-sex couples is unconstitutional. In his decision, Friedman said, "the state cannot use its domestic relations authority to legislate families out of existence."

Gov. Rick Snyder and Attorney General Bill Schuette appealed the ruling to the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. On Nov. 6, the circuit court overturned the ruling, delivering a rare defeat in the courts to the freedom to marry, which has seen 49 victories in the courts since June 2013. The appellate court issued its decision three months after hearing same-sex marriage cases from all four states.

In each of those states, federal judges had struck down same-sex marriage bans on constitutional grounds. This ruling will be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In the majority opinion, the circuit court said that same-sex marriage in every state is for the people of the states, not for judges, to decide. I would argue that goes against the arc of history and, in her dissent, Judge Martha Daughtrey said:

"Despite a civil war, the end of slavery and ratification of the 14th Amendment in 1868, extensive litigation has been neces-



Sommer N. Foster

GUEST COLUMNIST

sary to achieve even a modicum of constitutional protection from discrimination based on race, and it has occurred primarily by judicial decree, not the democratic election process. My colleagues seem to have fallen prey to the misguided notion that the intent of the framers of the United States Constitution can be effectuated only by cleaving to the legislative will and ignoring and demonizing an independent judiciary. If we in the judiciary do not have the authority, and indeed the responsibility to right fundamental wrongs left excluded by a majority of the electorate, our whole intricate, constitutional system of checks and balances ... prove to be nothing but shams."

Civil rights should not have to be put up for a vote; courts have always decided civil rights issues. In today's mass media, Super-PAC driven election cycles, the idea that a majority of voters get to define the rights of a minority of people is repugnant to the concepts of equality and fairness. The U.S. Supreme Court has held that "Marriage is one of the 'basic civil rights of man,' fundamental to our very existence and survival." When faced with issues of equal protection under the law and guaranteeing basic civil rights, it should be the responsibility of the courts to decide. The circuit court should not have ruled that a decision of this magnitude, affecting so many families, should be left up to the purview of the voters.

Currently, 32 states plus Washington, D.C., enjoy equal marriage rights and a record number of Americans live in states that recognize relationships between same-sex couples.

More than 64 percent of the U.S. population will soon live in a state with the freedom to marry for same-sex couples. Nearly 59 percent of the U.S. population lives in a state currently issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples statewide.

It is unconscionable that same-sex couples married in Utah have legal protection in Utah and 31 other states, but if they were to move to Michigan for any reason they would lose all legal protections. They would be able to claim federal tax benefits, but they would lose their Social Security spousal and survivor benefits and all state tax relief afforded to other married couples.

There are more than 1,000 rights and benefits associated with marriage, but more importantly, marriage provides safety and stability for children and families.

Although this ruling means couples like April DeBoer and Jayne Rowse will continue to be excluded from the protections and responsibilities that come with marriage, we will continue to fight to ensure that their families and the 14,598 other same-sex couples in Michigan have the respect their relationships deserve and the legal protections that are afforded by law. Polling shows that 56 percent of Michiganders are ready to join the majority of their fellow Americans in allowing the freedom to marry.

Equality Michigan will continue to support April and Jayne, as well as their legal team, as they pursue the next step in the appeals process. We will not give up on our dream of equality for all of Michigan families.

Canton resident Sommer N. Foster is director of political advocacy for Equality Michigan, the state's only anti-violence and advocacy organization serving Michigan's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and HIV affected communities.

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ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Wheels fall off fast for Whalers

Young Plymouth defense pummeled 8-1 by Soo Greyhounds' attack

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For one period Saturday night, the Plymouth Whalers gave Sault Ste. Marie something to think about.

The Ontario Hockey League game was deadlocked 1-1 entering the middle frame at Compuware Arena.

But then the Greyhounds scored once, twice, ... six times to take a commanding 7-1 ad-

vantage as the Whalers' depleted, young defense had no answer for the Soo's potent power play.

Plymouth ultimately lost 8-1 before 2,747 spectators in a lopsided home loss not seen in a while. The Greyhounds netted four goals on the power play and another on a penalty shot.

"You expect it, but you hope you can deal with it," said Whalers' head coach Don El-land, about the Greyhounds' high-octane power play. "It's 1-1 after one and we quit playing. When things got a little difficult we didn't push back. "When you don't finish

checks, ... and you let guys with great skill do what they want that's what's going to happen."

Leading the charge for Sault Ste. Marie (14-5-0-0) was center David Miller, with a three-goal hat trick. Seven other players tallied multiple points for the Greyhounds.

Scoring the lone goal for Plymouth (8-11-1-0) was center Mathew Campagna, a power-play tally with 3:48 to go in the opening stanza to briefly put the Whalers up 1-0.

Campagna one-timed a cross-ice feed from defense-



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Sending a shot on goal for the Plymouth Whalers is right wing Connor Sills. Making the stop for the Greyhounds is goalie Brandon Halverson.

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BOYS HOCKEY PREVIEW



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One of the mainstays on Plymouth's blue line is senior Jake Zaborowski, shown from a game last season.

READY TO POUNCE

Wildcats won't miss a beat with strong returnees, influx of prep players

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

This year is Gerry Vento's fourth at the helm of Plymouth's varsity boys hockey team — and nothing has changed.

The Wildcats (15-11-2 in 2013-

14) will yet again be a hard-nosed, hard-working team that stresses defense and doing things right all over the rink.

That blueprint has worked pretty well for Vento and the Wildcats, who the past two seasons have won their regional only to fall to Novi Detroit Catholic Central in the Division 1 state quarterfinals.

"Our guys know it's the little things that matter the most," Vento said. "If you can't play the defensive zone, you can't

play here. Nothing's going to change there."

The coach did cite the graduation of key players, such as forwards John VanDenBeurguey, Michael Scarpello, Zach Tavierne, Corey Smith and Mike Schultz and defensemen Kyle Bauer, Colin Staub and Zak Fadden.

Those losses won't be insurmountable, the coach noted, because of a strong group of

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BOYS HOCKEY PREVIEW

Familiar faces all over lineup ease transition for Salem team

Younger brothers of recent stars ready to contribute this season

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Despite several prominent losses to graduation, the Salem varsity boys hockey team looks to again be a competitive juggernaut in the KLASA South Division in 2014-15.

In the fact, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Veteran head coach Ryan Ossenmacher won't have last year's offensive stars (Jake Sealy, Jack Driscoll and Jason Newel), but he has a Sealy, Driscoll and Newel on the roster.

That would be younger brothers Dan Sealy (sophomore defenseman), Joey Driscoll (sophomore forward) and Evan Newel (returning junior forward). Another new-old connection is sophomore defenseman Austin Marthaler, whose older brother Adam is a former varsity performer.

Of course, the newcomers won't need to duplicate the offensive firepower their older siblings provided for the 2013-14 Rocks (11-15-1, but tough-luck losers to Plymouth in the regional).

"We lost over 70 per-

cent of our scoring from last year, between (Jason) Newel, (Jake) Sealy and (Jack) Driscoll," Ossenmacher said. "It's going to be tough to replace those guys. But I think we'll be more balanced this year."

"Our younger guys coming in, they might not have the size of some of the guys we lost, but the overall skill level is pretty high. We'll just see. It's going to take a few games to see if they can handle the physicality of the high school game."

For the Rocks, scheduled to open the season Wednesday at Plymouth Cultural Center against defending state champion Trenton, the top line includes senior Liam Walker, Evan Newel and senior Noah Willer.

"All were top-six forwards last year, so they know what it's all about," Ossenmacher said.

"They've been successful at this level and we're going to need them to take the next step this year."

"Really, I don't have any questions that they'll be able to. I think it will be one of the better top lines around."

Youngsters Matt Schaumburger (sophomore forward) and Zach Goleniak (junior forward) are "pretty pure goal scor-

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FILE PHOTO
Salem's captain last year, Jake Sealy, isn't on the 2014-15 team. But his younger brother Dan is.

GIRLS HOCKEY PREVIEW

Penguins look to extend recent string of success

New PCS coach Donnelly optimistic about team's chances in 2014-15

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Jenna Donnelly has some big shoes to fill, taking over the coaching reins of the defending state champion Ply-

mouth-Canton-Salem Penguins varsity girls hockey team.

Donnelly — a 2004 graduate of Canton High School — takes over from Mary Beth Smith and Brad Johnson, who left the team after guiding the Penguins to the Division 2 Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League crown.

But she is ready for the challenge and likes the potential of the 2014-15 team, which



Donnelly

was scheduled to open the season Wednesday night at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook. The Penguins will skate in their home opener at 6:30 p.m. Friday against Ann Arbor Pioneer at Arctic Edge.

"We have a strong return-

ing class, mostly freshmen (last year) that are now sophomores," Donnelly said. "And we picked up six new girls. They're very strong. We've got a good group."

The fact a number of players were part of the championship run will be instrumental in helping newcomers understand what will be expected of them, she said.

"We've talked it a hundred

times, the (returning) girls know what it's going to take to win," Donnelly said. "And they have to set the pace for the new girls that don't know what it's like to win and what they have to do."

Strong leaders

The leadership group features captains Megan Brace

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GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

ROCKS READY FOR STATE FINALS

Zhang twins lead cast of seven Salem state qualifiers

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem's uber-talented Zhang twins — Linda and Lisa — are just two of the Rocks' impressive contingent of girls swimmers who will compete at Saturday's Division 1 state finals, hosted by Eastern Michigan University.

In addition to the Zhangs, who are juniors making their third trip to the finals in their Salem careers, making the trek to EMU from veteran coach Chuck Olson's squad are senior Stephanie Solterman, junior Patricia Freitag, sophomores Molly Rowe and Katie Xu and freshman Jenna Chen.

Salem swimmers qualified in 11 individual events and as part of three relays (200 medley, 200 freestyle, 400 free-style).

Following is a run-down at the seven qualifiers and what they have on their plates Saturday:

» Linda Zhang qualified in four events, including the 100 breaststroke (1:05.04), 200 IM (2:11.04), 100 backstroke (59.11) and 200 medley relay (1:49.30).

» Lisa Zhang also made the cut in four races. She qualified in the 100 backstroke (57.33), 100 butterfly (56.74), 200 medley relay (1:49.30) and 400 free relay (3:34.31).

» Solterman is slated to compete in the 200 free (1:58.00), 100 backstroke (59.54), 200 free relay (1:42.34) and 400 free relay (3:34.31).

» Freitag qualified in five events, including the 100 butterfly (59.95), 100 backstroke (1:00.06), 200 medley relay (1:49.30), 200 free relay (1:42.34) and 400 free relay (3:34.31).



Salem's qualifiers for the Division 1 girls swimming and diving state finals include (from left) Lisa Zhang, Molly Rowe, Jenna Chen, Stephanie Solterman, Katie Xu, Patricia Freitag and Linda Zhang.

(3:34.31).

» Rowe is set to compete in four events, including the 100 backstroke (1:01.04), 200 med-

ley relay (1:49.30), 200 free relay (1:42.34) and 400 free relay (3:34.31).

» Xu qualified in the 200 IM (2:11.04), 100 back-

stroke (59.11), 200 medley relay (1:49.30) and 200 free relay (1:42.34).

» Chen, meanwhile, qualified in the 200 med-

ley relay (1:49.30), 200 free relay (1:42.34) and 400 free relay (3:34.31).

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GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

Plymouth quintet set for EMU

PLYMOUTH SWIMMING
Headed to Saturday's Division 1 girls swim state finals at EMU are (from left) Plymouth's Allison Lennig, Isabella Giacobone, Kathryn Waters, Caylin Waters and Alexa Earls.



Wildcats gear up for Division 1 state swim finals

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Eastern Michigan University's natatorium awaits a talented quintet of athletes from Plymouth's varsity girls swimming and diving team.

The Division 1 state finals at EMU are slated for Saturday and the Wildcats will have a worthy contingent competing for awards and accolades.

Leading the way for Plymouth will be seniors Alexa Earls and Caylin Waters.

They are joined by junior Allison Lennig and sophomores Isabella

Giacobone and Kathryn Waters.

Earls is a fourth-year varsity swimmer and veteran state qualifier for the Wildcats. She will swim the 100 backstroke.

Although Earls also qualified in the 200 freestyle relay, she chose to relinquish her spot to Giacobone (who also qualified in the 200 free relay).

Caylin Waters joins Giacobone, Kathryn Waters and Lennig in the 200 free relay. All but Lennig are first-time qualifiers.

Meanwhile, Lennig, a second-year qualifier, will swim the 100 freestyle and 200 freestyle

events in addition to the relay.

» Five members of Canton's varsity girls swimming and diving team will be competing at EMU.

Seniors Emily Hujan (100 breast, 200 medley relay), Claire Green (100 breast, 200 IM, 200 free, 500 free), Jocelyn Moraw (medley relay) and juniors Emily Downs (medley relay) and Emily Osika (100 fly, mdley relay) all qualified from the KLA South Division champion Chiefs.

A photo of the Canton qualifiers ran in Sunday's Observer.

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CATHOLIC LEAGUE SWIMMING & DIVING

Mercy extends Catholic League championship streak to 24

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Farmington Hills Mercy gave another dominating team performance Saturday afternoon in the Catholic League girls swimming and diving championship meet.

The Marlins won their 24th consecutive competition and 47th in the last 48 years — a streak that began in 1967.

Mercy scored 673 points at the Livonia Community Recreation Center and finished well ahead of arch-rival Bloomfield Hills Marian, the runner-up with 525.

"Marian is a terrific team, so it's always fun to compete against them," coach Shannon Dunworth

said. "They certainly did an excellent job again this year."

"Both of us to some degree look past the league meet. For a good portion of our kids, it's hard to focus a little bit."

The reason is the state meets are the following weekend and swimmers on both teams have been pointing for for those season-ending events.

Mercy will compete in the Division 1 meet at Eastern Michigan University, Marian in the Division 2 meet at Holland Aquatic Center.

"Considering they do have bigger fish to fry, I think (the Mercy girls) did pretty well," Dunworth said. "These kids appreciate the rivalry we have with Marian."

Dunworth never emphasizes the winning streak with his teams. He considers each team unique and each team makes its own success.

"They realize they don't inherit success; they inherit responsibility," he said. "With that inheritance comes the tendency to have a little bit of a burden and I think they enjoy having that burden."

The No. 1-ranked Marlins won six events, including the 200-yard medley relay in record time.

Freshman Katie Minnich, senior Maddy Loniewski, sophomore Alaina Skellett and senior Roxanne Griffore set a league record with their winning time of 1:44.66.

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BOYS HOCKEY PREVIEW

Fresh start: Chiefs eager to turn page

Canton icers look to rebound from tough 2013-14 season

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Other than being part of a great winter extravaganza at Comerica Park, there wasn't much for Canton's varsity boys hockey team to write home about in 2013-14. Mind you, the Chiefs were trounced in that Hockeytown Winter Festival match-up against Plymouth, so even that wasn't such a great experience.



FILE PHOTO
Coach Brad Barath (foreground) is hopeful Canton's varsity boys hockey team will rebound in 2014-15.

But second-year head coach Brad Barath and those players who are back for another opportunity can't wait to turn things around, beginning

with the 2014-15 season opener at 8:30 p.m. Friday against Chelsea at Arctic Edge Arena. "We should be all right," Barath said. "We should hold our own and it should be getting back to what Canton Chiefs hockey is really like — being competitive, in every game, hard-working. Not the things we saw last year, where you just showed up and you knew we were going to get beat." Three players who would like nothing better than to go out on a positive note are senior co-captains Tommy Kiddle (forward), Hunter

Schlapp (defense) and Connor Wherrett (forward). "Those three guys who went through it last year, as seniors and as captains, they definitely want to put it (last year) behind them and put it behind this program," Barath said. Senior goalie Nick Borg won't have a letter on his uniform, but he is just as crucial to the team's chances. Last winter, he faced a barrage of shots and on many nights kept the Chiefs from being embarrassed. "He was in there every game, did his best to

hold us in games," Barath said. "I'm looking forward to giving him a little bit of support this year." Backup netminding duties will go to sophomore Bailey Dugan. Other returnees Barath expects to contribute include senior forward Jon Winberry, senior forward Cooper Rice, senior defenseman Bryan Eastman, sophomore forward Matt Eastman and sophomore defenseman Michael Gaffka. Barath added that "six or seven new JV guys" are showing promise, including junior forwards James Tucker,

Marcus Cook and Nick Harwell and junior defensemen Xavier Reinders and Erik Wafer. Rounding out the roster are junior defenseman Spencer Rochowiak, junior forward Brian Oldani, senior forward Seamus O'Hare, sophomore forward Emerson Taylor and sophomore blue liner Michael Testani. "We've got a good group of guys," Barath said. "They want to learn, they want to play hard. I'm looking forward to it."

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RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS
Plymouth Whalers defenseman Alex DiCarlo (right) upends Sault Ste. Marie's Jean Dupuy during Saturday's game.

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returnees augmented by a slew of youngsters up from Plymouth's prep (JV level) team, winner of a state title last year. "We lost some key players, but we got a nice returning group back," Vento said. "Both senior goalies (Jared Maddock and Erik VandenBosch) are back. We got a great influx of prep players that won a state title at their level, so they're used to winning and competing." Vento said the prep team, coached by Darrin Silvester, continues as a reliable feeder system. "Darrin Silvester does a fantastic job," Vento said. "He gets them ready, gets them excited to play for the school and it kind of just feeds itself." "I couldn't be more fortunate. I don't even worry about it. It's a smooth transition." Joining the varsity from the prep squad are junior forwards Zack Wiener, James Baldwin, Jake Silvester and Ricky Covault, junior defensemen Kyle Kozler, Matt Barno and Derek Szczepanik and junior goalie Trevor McManus. Seniors who are new to the varsity are defenseman Parker Lazorka and forwards Drew Brace, Max Chumley and Simon Nesich. The lone returning junior is forward Alex Bump. The Wildcats will feature solid goalkeeping in Maddock and VandenBosch, with promising McManus pushing them for ice time. "I think in net is where we're strongest," Vento said. "Not that we're weak anywhere in particular."

Tough on 'D'

Plymouth's blue line figures to be a tough one for opponents to crack, what with senior return-

ees Jake Zaborowski, assistant captain Ben Chafin and assistant captain Jared Merandi leading the depth chart. "Those three will be called upon when the season starts to bring the other three along," Vento said. "But we have a good three from the prep team (Kozler, Barno, Szczepanik) that will be ready to go when the puck drops." The Wildcats' attack and power play will again include major contributions from senior forward and team captain Josh Smith, who was a second team all-state selection and Plymouth's MVP last season. "He was upper 40s in points," Vento said. "But we're really looking for him to lead the charge." Another key forward will be senior Andrew Jossey, with senior Mitch Lopetrone also back up to fill out one of the forward lines. "It's a nice blend of players. Nice depth and guys fighting for ice time," Vento said. "We've got a lot of players that are just complete hockey players, who play both ends of the ice. I think all four lines will be able to chip in with the scoring." "It's not going to be so much relied upon one or two guys." The 2014-15 campaign was scheduled to open Wednesday night against Dearborn Divine Child and continues Saturday against Livonia Franklin at Arctic Edge in Canton. Vento also stressed that the team is fully aware there is no such thing as a gimme in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. "Like every year, our league is one of the toughest in the state," Vento said. "There's really no nights off. If you think you've got an easy one, you're going to be looking at a loss at the end of the night."

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MICHELLE BAUER
Senior goalie Jared Maddock, shown from a 2013-14 game, likely will split goaltending duties for the Plymouth Wildcats with senior Erik VandenBosch.

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man Mathieu Henderson past Soo netminder Brandon Halverson (37 saves). Also assisting was Sonny Milano. But it didn't take long during the second period for the Greyhounds to get things rolling against the Whalers' relatively inexperienced defense. Sault Ste. Marie broke the deadlock and went ahead to stay at 1:25 of the stanza when Miller finished a nifty 2-on-1 rush with linemate Michael Bunting. The Greyhounds needed only 29 seconds to strike on the power play, which was ranked sixth in the OHL entering the night. Winger Sergey Tolchinsky threaded a pass from the left point to defenseman and Edmonton Oilers prospect Darnell Nurse at the right point. Nurse blasted a shot that cleanly beat Whalers' goalie Alex Nedeljkovic, who stopped 26 of 33 shots in 40 minutes.

Backup Zack Bowman finished the game for Plymouth. Two minutes later, Tim Gettinger banged in a centering pass from Gabe Guertier for another power-play tally to make it 4-1. The Soo surge continued at 12:46, when Miller netted another goal with the extra man. Bunting's shot was stopped by Nedeljkovic, but the rebound slithered to the wide-open Miller at the left post for an easy tap-in. Miller's hat-trick goal at 17:42 put the Greyhounds up 6-1 and — to add insult to injury — a penalty shot was awarded to Tolchinsky after he was hauled down on a partial breakaway with 21.7 seconds remaining in the period. Tolchinsky skated in on Nedeljkovic and buried a shot low to the stick side for Soo's sixth goal of the period. Bowman took over in goal for the third and he stopped 13 of 14 shots, only allowing another power-play goal (by Charlie Graaskamp) with 1:15 left.

Caught shorthanded

Elland acknowledged that the team's youth and inexperience on defense showed itself against the Greyhounds. "You can only go so long with having as many injuries and suspensions as we've had," Elland said. "Every once in a while you get caught up in it, guys are playing minutes that they're not normally used to playing, or should be playing at this level." "It's not their fault, they've been pushed into these situations. We're just going to have to deal with it until we get everybody back. Tonight we didn't deal with it very well." Injuries continue to mount for the Whalers, with leading scorer Matt Mistele (hip) out of the lineup for the second straight game. Pesky forward Danny Vanderwiell left Saturday's contest in the first period with an undisclosed leg injury. Still out for another few weeks is center

Victor Crus Rydberg (broken finger). Meanwhile, the team's best defenseman — captain Alex Peters — is likely out for the season after sustaining a knee injury and veteran D-man Gianluca Curcuruto remains out as he serves the final games of a lengthy suspension. Yet Elland emphasized that injuries are no excuse for the team's lackluster showing against the Greyhounds. "We get Chinner (Curcuruto) back next weekend, so that will help," Elland said. "Hopefully, Misty (Mistele) will be back Wednesday in Erie. Victor is another three or four weeks away and Petey's out for the year. "This team that we have is the team we have to play with. We have to find a way to be better." Plymouth follows Wednesday's game at Erie with a Friday road contest against Guelph before returning to Compuware Saturday for a 7 p.m. game against Niagara.

PENGUINS

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(junior forward), Lizzie O'Donohue (senior forward), Loren Hitch (sophomore forward) and Cece Hitch (senior defenseman). "Megan's a leader, she's got a good attitude," Donnelly said. "She's positive. She goes out and does everything I ask her to do and she does it upbeat and she kind of sets a pace." "Lizzie is one of our four-year returnees. She also has a really good attitude. They all have great attitudes, to be honest." Donnelly added that

Loren Hitch "comes in and she works harder than anybody I've ever seen. She does everything we ask her to do and more. She's a sophomore, so she's a leader we can see being in that locker room for a while." Cece Hitch, she continued, is another four-year player and "a quiet one, but she leads by example." The Penguins will be counting on newcomers Shannon Chuit (senior forward) and Michelle Cirino (freshman forward) to lead the attack. "They grew up playing AAA hockey," Donnelly said. "Shannon Chuit and Michelle Cirino, they're playing to-

gether on a line. "They'll see time with all three of our centers (on a rotating basis)." Loren Hitch and O'Donohue are two other key forwards the Penguins will look to for scoring. **Solid potential** Called upon on defense will be Cece Hitch, sophomore Brianna Waggoner and freshman Morgan Gagnon. The latter is intriguing, the coach noted, because "she's getting better every skate. I think she's going to be one of those 'D' that four years from now is going to be a very, very

important player. But all six of our 'D' are really good." In goal will be sophomore Kaitlyn Isom and junior Natalie Nowicki. Both are first-time goalies, but Donnelly said they are learning fast and showing good potential. "We really want to grow this program into something bigger," Donnelly said. "I graduated here in '04; the team came out when I was a junior. "I want to see them 10 years from now (be) even higher up, maybe Division 1." tsmith@hometownlife.com
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SALEM

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ers" who will carry the load on the second line. Sophomore forward Shawn Weldon likely will round out that unit. "It just remains to be seen if they (Schaumburger and Goleniak) can do it at this level," Ossenmacher said. **Big loss** Others in the mix up front will be junior Nick Callegari, Joey Driscoll, sophomore Marty Mills, junior Miles Dougherty and senior Zach New-

som. Salem's roster includes senior forward Rich Corso, although Ossenmacher doesn't expect him to return from knee surgery until early 2015. "We're hoping to get him back the end of January, beginning of February," Ossenmacher said. "He's a big part of our team, a returning center from last year who we had penciled into our top six." "But that happens and the next guy up has to make the most of the opportunity." The Rocks will have a relatively experienced

back line, led by seniors Noah Saad and Nate West and junior Bailey Thompson. "Half of our defensive corps played with us last year," the eighth-year coach said. "They're experienced and I don't expect any letdowns from them. If anything, we should be a little steadier back there than last year." Newcomers on defense will be Dan Sealy, Austin Marthaler and senior Eric Borg. "So we have a couple of legacy guys and a senior," Ossenmacher said. "I don't expect too much of a drop-off from

them." **Tough in goal** Goaltending duties will be shared by senior returnee Dillon Phillips (a backup to 2014 grad Parker Godfrey last season) and senior newcomer Nathan Blank. "I don't expect a drop-off in net this year," Ossenmacher said. "I think Dillon has the opportunity to be one of our better goalies we've had. Nathan's from the prep team; he was on the prep team for a couple years. He's a smaller goalie, but he's athletic. He can be a big-time goalie." Like Plymouth, the Rocks rely on strong players moving up from the junior varsity prep team. "It's been around for five years and the majority of our incoming kids, I'd say 75 percent over the last three years, have come from our prep team," Ossenmacher said. "That's good success. That's really what we're looking to do with the prep team, wins and losses aside, is develop kids to be ready for the varsity team. Those numbers are testament that it's working." Meanwhile, Ossenmacher emphasized that

expectations won't change even though it is a bit of a transitional season. "We've won four or five of the (past) seven KLA South Division championships as well as Lash Cups," he said. "Just because there's new players here, the expectations don't change." "They just have to rise to that occasion. I don't see why we don't put ourselves in position, if we play well, to go for another division title and hopefully beyond that." tsmith@hometownlife.com
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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Hawks hope to torpedo Sailors

Harrison to meet mighty Muskegon Mona Shores in Division 2 semifinal football game

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Farmington Harrison's defense has been outstanding this season and it will have to be all of that and maybe more Saturday when it goes up against Muskegon Mona Shores.

The Hawks will face one of the state's most prolific offenses when they and the Sailors meet in a Division 2 semifinal game. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. at Howell High School.

"It's going to be a challenge, because their skill players are all so good," Harrison coach John Herrington said, adding that Mona Shores can run and pass equally well.

"They are very, very good. They're the No. 1 team in the state now that (Brother) Rice is gone. They've been No. 2 all year.

"It will be a tremendous task to stop them. It will take a mistake-free game and a great effort, but we think we'll be ready to compete."

The Sailors (11-1) are led by senior quarterback and four-year starter Tyree Jackson, who has committed to play at the University of Buffalo.

The 6-foot-5, 215-pound Jackson has passed for approximately 2,000 yards and rushed for nearly 1,000.

"He's one of the top quarterbacks in the state along with (Brother Rice senior and U-M commit Alex) Malzone," Herrington said. "He has a cannon for an arm."

Offensive power

The Sailors are yet another spread-option team. Nearly every team Harrison (10-2) has

played has run that wide-open offense.

"It's nothing we haven't seen, but they do it a little better than teams we've seen," Herrington said. "They're probably closest to Clarkston with the read option and they've got the great passer in Jackson, who's been tearing everybody up."

The Sailors' top receiver is junior Hunter Boersma (6-1, 180), a good athlete who also returns kicks. He's their best defensive back, too.

The go-to receiver on a lot of deep routes is senior Matt Schuitman (6-2, 180), who "really can go and get the ball," according to Herrington.

Senior Deontay Mofett is the main running threat. The 5-9, 205-pound back hits the hole hard and is tough to bring down.

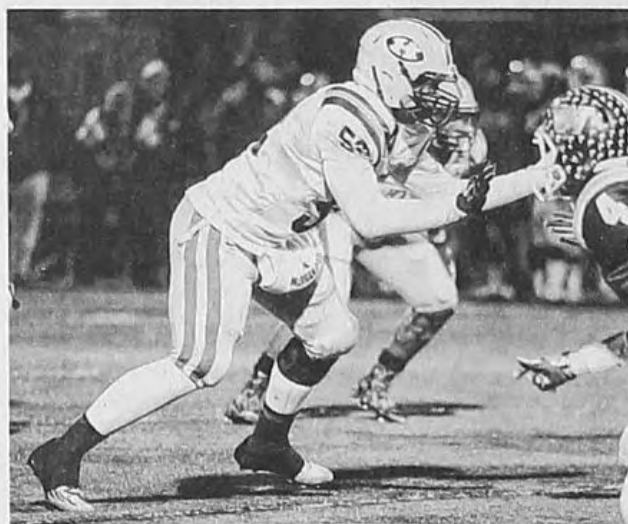
Harrison defense

Mona Shores averages a little more than 40 points per game, Harrison 34. The numbers are very similar on defense as the Sailors allow 13 per game, the Hawks 15.

"I think it's one of the best defenses we've had at Harrison," Herrington said. "Basically, it's strong at every position. We've had guys improve tremendously during the year."

"The key is we have very good speed and we're able to play a five- and four-man front effectively. Once (quarterback) Jevon (Shaw) went down, they've really stepped up and led our team."

"Coaches (Dave) Thorne and (Jon) Herstein have done a great job of preparation. They've spent countless hours looking at film of



Senior Dorian Williams has been a standout, two-way tackle for the Hawks.

OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

SATURDAY, NOV. 22 ED WRIGHT DAN O'MEARA TIM SMITH

Farm. Harrison (10-2) vs. Musk. Mona Shores (11-1)

Division 2 state semifinal game: 1 p.m. at Howell High School.

Last week's record	0-3	2-1	1-2
Overall record	95-33	110-18	83-45

our opponents to have them well-prepared."

Herrington added the Hawks will miss junior safety Todd Lyte, especially against a good passing team like Mona Shores.

Lyte was ejected in the second half of Harrison's 23-10 win over Flushing in the regional championship game Saturday and has to sit out this one. Herrington said Lyte was punched in the stomach and he retaliated.

"Most good refs, when there's a little skirmish after a touchdown, would separate the kids and say, 'Hey, you have another game coming up, get off the field,'" Herrington said. "Instead, we lose a kid for a tournament game."

Junior Ian Ronan and senior Josh Scott will rotate in place of Lyte.

The others in the Harrison secondary are senior corner Donte Eubanks, senior strong safety Devon Cook and sophomore halfback Kordell Agee.

Who will play QB?

The Hawks will have to be good enough on offense to prevent the Sailors from having the ball all the time, Herrington said.

Junior quarterback Anthony Giovanni, who made his varsity debut last week, will likely get the start again.

"I thought he played very well," Herrington said. "If there hadn't been 18 penalties against us and three on them, I think the game and score would have been a lot different."

There is an outside chance Shaw could play, too. He was to be fitted for a knee brace and was

given a doctor's permission to play.

Shaw rushed for more than 1,000 yards and 16 touchdowns and passed for nearly as many yards before he was injured in the first playoff game at Fenton.

"The trainer said she wants to see how much stability he has in the knee and how much he can do," Herrington said.

"He wants to play so bad. I wouldn't risk it if I thought he'd get hurt more. He has a scholarship to Ferris State. But we'll see what happens."

Shores on defense

Mona Shores has an aggressive defense that gets to the ball, he added. The line is anchored by senior nose guard Tyler Tippins (5-8, 255) and senior end Noah Dykstra (5-11, 220).

Junior Dom Shermeta (5-11, 210) and senior Mike Smith (6-0, 185) are the inside linebackers. Junior safeties Kobe Burse (6-2, 190) and Tyler Trovinger (5-11, 185) are good hitters, too.

GRID EXTRA: Mona Shores had major victories in the first and ninth games of the regular season, beating a pair of state semifinalists — Division 1 Saline (31-28) and Division 3 Muskegon (48-27).

The Sailors, who won the Ottawa Kent Conference Black Division, beat three league champions by lopsided margins in the playoffs — Caledonia, the OK White co-champ with Lowell; Midland Dow, Saginaw Valley Blue; and Battle Creek Lakeview, Southwest Michigan East.

Two of the four semifinalists in Division 2 are from the OAA White Division — Harrison and Southfield. They were tri-champions with Oak Park.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MU women surprise No. 24 Eagles

Crusaders men nipped by No. 11 Cornerstone

The Madonna University women's basketball team pulled off an upset early in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference season Saturday at home by stunning No. 24-ranked Cornerstone University, 65-58.

Oakland University junior transfer Michele Hayes (Southfield-Lathrup), a 6-foot guard, scored a career-high 17 points to lead the Crusaders, who improved to 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the WHAC.

Freshman Lindsey Hernden (Romeo) chipped in a career-best 13 points, while sophomore Lizzy Otten (Grandville) added 12.

Senior Rachel Melcher (Birmingham Marian) rounded out the quartet in double figures with 10 points, six rebounds and five assists. Sophomore Justice Dean (Garden City) pulled in a career-high 14 rebounds to go with her seven points.

The two sides traded the lead over the first 20 minutes until a triple from Hernden with 2:20 left in the opening half gave MU a 22-21 lead it would not relinquish the remainder of the game.

After leading by four at halftime, the Crusaders opened up a 10-point advantage, 59-49, with 3:01 left after two Otten free throws.

The Golden Eagles cut the lead in half, 60-55, with 1:12 left, but could not get any closer as the Crusaders knocked down four of their five free throws over the final 40 seconds to seal the WHAC opener.

Ellery Mast paced Cornerstone (2-2, 0-1) with 14 points, while Jill Hendrickson pulled down 10 rebounds.

Madonna returns to WHAC action beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at home against Marygrove College.

CORNERSTONE 76, MADONNA (MEN) 74: A Madonna University (2-4, 0-1) late rally fell short Saturday as No. 11-ranked Cornerstone University (4-1, 1-0) held on in the WHAC season opener for both teams.

MU sophomore point guard Khalil Malone, hitting 11-of-16 free throws, scored a game-high 23 points and grabbed six rebounds in the setback. MU, which trailed 73-61 with 3:59 remaining, pulled to within one, 76-74, when Malone hit the first of two free throws. He missed the second, but Chris Dierker (Salem) grabbed the 10th rebound of the night and fed teammate Tyler Stewart (Salem), who missed the go-ahead three-pointer at the buzzer.

Stewart and freshman Austin Johnson added 11 and 10 points, respectively, for MU, which trailed 35-33 at halftime. Senior center Donald Owens snared a team-best 11 rebounds, while Dierker added eight points.

Ben Lanning and Cory Cox (off the bench) paced the Golden Eagles with 17 points apiece, while Justin Pepper, Kyle Steigena and Michael McLaughlin each added 12.

MU returns to WHAC action at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at home against Marygrove College.

SCHOOLCRAFT ROUNDUP

Cage squads sweep twin bill over Sinclair

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College basketball fans enjoyed what they saw no matter when they showed up Saturday afternoon.

After the women's basketball team earned a 75-48 victory over Sinclair Community College, the men's squad followed suit with an 80-58 win.

Leading Schoolcraft's men's team to the non-conference victory was guard Lito Booth, who tallied 17 points.

Also in double figures for the Ocelots (4-1) were Ja'Christian Biles and Marcus Williams (12 points each), Tyler Johnson (11 points) and DeShawndre Black (10 points).

Anthony Wartley-Fritz led the way in rebounding with 11, including five on the defensive glass. Aveon Simmons chipped in with six boards.

Schoolcraft rode some hot outside shooting en route to a 40-24 halftime lead over Sinclair (2-2).

The Ocelots connected on 23-of-55 chances before halftime. That included 37.5 percent from beyond the 3-point arc (6-of-16).

In the second half, the Ocelots kept the shots falling, to the tune of 22-of-45 overall (and 6-of-12 from beyond the arc).

SCHOOLCRAFT (WOMEN) 75, SINCLAIR 48: The Lady Ocelots only led Sinclair 31-29 at the break, but poured it on with a prolific scoring surge in the second half to coast to this win.

In the second half, Schoolcraft sank 18-of-41 field-goal opportunities (including 4-of-10 from 3-point range).

Scoring 24 points to pace Schoolcraft (4-0) was Wayne Memorial product Ashley Bland.

Double-doubles by Elise Tolbert (18 points, 13 rebounds) and Tera Nesbitt (11 points, 11 rebounds) also sparked the Lady Ocelots.

Adding eight points was Sara Gammoms, with Rikki Sherdt and Iavona Tucker each tallying seven points.

CROSS COUNTRY: Although the season ended Nov. 8 for Schoolcraft at nationals, four team members excelled at Sunday's Kona Chocolate Run in Plymouth.

With temperatures below 40 degrees, Ethan Levack (Plymouth Christian), who had a fine time at nationals, ran his best-ever 37:29 for the 10K course (6.2 miles).

Levack won his age group and was 11th overall out of 2,192 participants.

Two of Schoolcraft's women runners competed: Grace Doolittle (11th woman to cross the finish line, 43:18) and Audrey Baetz (fifth in her age group, 48:23).

Liam Cardenas (Plymouth) ran the 5K. He finished sixth overall and second in his age group with a time of 18:23.

There were 2,489 runners in the 5K.

SCHOOLCRAFT WOMEN'S SOCCER

Carver to take helm of Lady Ocelots

Schoolcraft College has selected Dave Carver as its new women's soccer coach, succeeding Deepak Shivraman.

Carver currently is an assistant coach for the Schoolcraft men's soccer team, a position held since 2011.

He also serves as head coach for the AC Milan Detroit Soccer Club, which gives him comprehensive experience with age group programs designed to meet the needs of U7 to U18 boys and girls, according to a press release distributed



Carver

by Schoolcraft.

"I am ecstatic about Dave accepting this position given his breadth of

soccer proficiency originating in England and now being exhibited in the Livonia area," Schoolcraft athletic director Sid Fox said in the release. "His level of enthusiasm and passion for the game is only

matched by his qualitative teaching and coaching skills, which sets him apart from his peers."

Carver, a Novi resident, relished his time as a student-athlete while participating on the soccer team at Schoolcraft College in 2009.

As a student-athlete that year, Carver led the Ocelots to the NJCAA National Championships. He also served as team captain in 2010 before graduating with an associate's degree in liberal arts.

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NOVEMBER CHRISTMAS CAMP

Time/Date: 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Details: Open to children preschool and up, must be potty trained; \$20 for the first child and \$15 for each additional siblings. Parents can drop them off for crafts, games, movies, and pizza while they Christmas shop
Contact: 734-427-3660

DISCUSSION

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20
Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills
Details: Rabbi Mark Miller presents a discussion, "The Jews of Cuba." The program is open to seniors and will include refreshments. Free; RSVP requested

ST. NICHOLAS PARTY

Time/Date: 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29
Location: Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: Children will meet St. Nicholas and receive a gift while their parents take their pictures. The party includes a craft project, carol sing-along and refreshments. Youngsters can have their picture taken with a live reindeer, noon to 1 p.m. Free

Contact: Richard Shebib at 248-345-9346 or pascha-books@sbcglobal.net

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: Sermon theme is Thanksgiving is a Time to Remember

Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

THANKSGIVING WEEK SERVICES

Time/Date: 10 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 23 and 30
Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

Details: Intergenerational service on Nov. 23 will honor ancestors. The sermon on Nov. 30 is about the evolution of human singing
Contact: 248-0354-4488

DECEMBER

ADVENT REFLECTION

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 2-3

Location: St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Craig Pohl, Director of New Evangelization for Lansing Diocese, speaks on "Men's Night," Dec. 2; Sr. Mary Finn of Sacred Heart Seminary speaks on "Women's Night," Dec. 3. Both events begin with dinner and child care is provided. Register in advance for child care
Contact: 734-455-5910

ADVENT SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, 10 and 17

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: The meditation theme is "Waiting With The Old Testament Church"

Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7
Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, Redford

Details: Excerpts from Bach's Magnificat, along with carols and other songs; tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for seniors and students

Other concerts: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, Farmington Hills
Contact: www.detroitluth-eransingers.com

DVD COURSE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Dec. 3

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Mark Berkson teaches a 24-part course on Cultural Literacy for Religion: Everything the Well-Educated Person Should Know. Free, walk-ins welcome
Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931 or e-mail nancyel-len879@att.net

WINE & CHOCOLATE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6

Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills
Details: Wine and chocolate tastings, musical entertainment and silent auction. Tickets are \$18 per person. For reservations, make checks payable to Sisterhood of Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301.
Contact: Harriet Cooperman, at 248-321-9023 or hcooperman@sbcglobal.net.

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed
Contact: info@cantoncf.org

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiwasse, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.

Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SUPPORT

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

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BOOTH, Margaret A.
 November 16, 2014, age 75 of Wayne. Wife of the late Keith. Dear mother of David (Loretta), Sharon, and Douglas (Robin) Booth. Sister to the late Willard Miller. Grandmother to five, great-grandmother to seven, and great-great-grandmother to one. Memorial service at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, Saturday 7 p.m. Family accepting visitors from 4 p.m. until time of service. Cremation rites have been accorded. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com.



CATALLO, MARGARET A.
 Beloved wife of the late Leo. Loving mother to Albert Lee (Julie), Thomas Dale (Pauline), and Cathy Christine Catallo (Mark McAlpine). Grandmother to Darren (Casey), Heather, Kevin (Alexandra), and Katie Catallo (Markus Bauman). Great-grandmother of five. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia 48154 Saturday from 2-4:30. A memorial contribution may be directed to Leader Dogs for the Blind. Please share a memory of Margaret by signing her guestbook at: www.rgharris.com



CLEVENGER, MARY FAYE
 Age 82, died Sunday. Devoted mother of William (Victoria), Carolyn "Sis" Morrison, Diane (Tony) Mayberry, Janet (Dennis) Rowe, Michael (Lisha), and Robin Bush. Loving grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of 12. Cherished sister of Uni Dargie, Zula Scott, Pearl Kirkland, and Louise Bradley. Preceded in death by husband William Robert "Bob" Clevenger; two sons-in-law Keith Bush and David "Turk" Morrison; two sisters Dorth Brown and Novell Bivens; also three brothers Vamell, Coy, and Tralve Williams. Visitation 2-8 p.m. Wednesday with an 11 a.m. Funeral Thursday, November 20, 2014 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.
 www.davidcbrownfh.com

CORNISH, CHARLES R.
 Age 78 of Durand, passed away at his residence on Sunday, November 16, 2014. Cremation has taken place and there will be no services at this time. Charles was born June 30, 1936 in Wayne County, the son of Charles Howard and Anna Marie (Lundin) Cornish. He married Barbara Travis in Detroit on September 8, 1956 and together raised 3 children. Prior to his retirement in 1989, Mr. Cornish was a Fireman on the Detroit Fire Department, while assigned to the Fireboat he received the Medal of Valor from the department. Charles is survived by his wife of 58 years, Barbara; three children: Judith Tisher of South Lyon, Steven (Jeanine) Cornish of Durand, Beverly (Frank) Laway of Cheboygan; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by both parents and his two sisters: Katherine Secord and Elaine King. Memorial contributions given in Mr. Cornish's name are suggested to the Detroit Fireman's Fund. Online condolences may be sent to his family by going to www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com

Community Farewell

FORD, ARNOLD MICHAEL

His Legacy... Arnold Michael Ford, age 70, passed away on November 14, 2014. He was born October 9, 1944 to Arnold and Carol (Roughley) Ford. A. Michael married the love of his life, Cynthia Kessler, on August 13, 1966 in Detroit, MI. He was the CEO and President of T & M Asphalt Paving until his retirement this year. A. Michael was a collector of many things, including coins. In his spare time, he enjoyed boating, hunting, fishing, grilling, and traveling. Most importantly, A. Michael loved spending time with his family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.
 His Family... A. Michael leaves behind his wife, Cynthia; daughters, Michelle (Dean) Arndt of Avon, Ohio, Debbie (Dean) Ditto of South Lyon, Michigan; sons, Scott (Sara) of South Lyon, MI, Tim of South Lyon, MI; grandchildren, Mackenzie, Brendan, Gabrielle, Zachary, Lucas, Mason, Audrey, and Anthony. He is also survived by his brother, Jack (Sharon), Thomas (Susan), and sister-in-law, Sharon Marie. A. Michael is preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Carol.
 His Farewell... A. Michael's Community Farewell will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2014 gathering from 10a.m. - 12 Noon, Farewell Service at 12 Noon at Shalom Lutheran Church, 1740 E. M-36, Pinckney with Pastor Kurt Hutchins as celebrant. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Michigan Humane Society or Tuberosus Sclerosis Alliance. Please leave a message of comfort to the Ford family by calling 1-877-231-7900 or sign his guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.



PALAC, REBECCA J.
 November 16, 2014. Age 61 of Westland. Beloved wife of Daniel. Dear mother of Jeromey (Tammy) Cosby, and Derek, Clifford, and Ashley Palac. Daughter of the late Edward and Evelyn (Nichols) Ojibway. Sister to Phillip, Joseph (Susan), Kenneth, Rita, and Connie Ojibway, and Ellen (Frank) Quinlivan, Debbie (Chris) Larcinese, and the late Ruth Lamontte. Grandmother to Cameron, Calvin, and Evan Cosby. Rebecca worked at Oakwood Hospital for over thirty years as a dispatcher and belonged to New Horizons Band of Canton and played at Evola Music. Funeral services from The Uht Funeral Home, Westland, Saturday 10 a.m. Visitation Friday 2-9 p.m. Cremation rites will be accorded and burial of cremains to take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery at a later date. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com.



TROSIEEN, MARY ALICE

Age 88, of King George, Virginia, formerly of Livonia, Michigan, was called home to her Heavenly Father on November 6, 2014. Beloved wife of Elmer Trosien for 56 years, prior to his passing in 2006. Loving mom, grandma and great grandma of Pam Treven, Deb (Pat) Machusak, Dawn Voigt, Marc (Margaret) Trosien; Grandchildren Eric (Karah) Treven, Kurt Treven, Brian Treven, Ryan (Milissa) Machusak, Kara (Mark) Johnston, Chad (Tashina) Machusak Marc (Beka) Setzer; and great grand children Sierra, Avalon, Kaden, Ryleigh, Kala, Easten, Brailyn and Emmalee. Mary Alice will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Family and friends will gather on Saturday, November 22, 2014 10:00a.m. at Newburgh United Methodist Church, Livonia, MI to celebrate her life. Memorial contributions may be made to: Newburgh United Methodist Church "Elmer and Mary Alice Trosien Scholarship Fund".



May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



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Good mix: Buy unique gifts at holiday art sales in Plymouth, Farmington Hills

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Teera Losch is convinced that “everyone loves a good mug.”

She’ll have plenty of them — for shaving and drinking beer — at the annual Village Potters Guild holiday sale Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 20-23 in downtown Plymouth.

“I’m a new potter, so I make functional items...bowls, beer mugs. I’ve made shaving mugs — they’re coming back in style,” said Losch, who will participate in her first Guild holiday sale, along with 24 other potters, this weekend. “People do coffee mugs and tea mugs. We also have great sculptural art that people make. We get a good mix of decorative and functional art and have a great price range. Anyone and everyone can find something in their price range.”

Shoppers will find ceramic items from \$4-\$200 at the sale which runs 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at the Guild studio, 340 N. Main, located behind the Crossings Restaurant.

“I think the best part is when you make something, you’ve put effort into it and someone appreciates it and wants to buy it,” said Losch, who is looking forward to her first holiday show. She also sells her work through etsy.com/shop/CrazedClay and shows it on facebook.com/crazedclay.

The Illinois native, a hormone researcher at the University of Michigan, began taking pottery classes at the Guild two years ago, after she and her husband moved to Michigan.

“Being someone who moved from a different state, I didn’t know anyone and I didn’t have any friends. I knew I wanted to do a hobby. I took a small pottery class when I was getting my master’s degree. I knew I wanted to get back into pottery.”

Losch loved it so much that



Teera Losch, a hormone researcher at the University of Michigan, loves to work with clay in her spare time at the Village Potters Guild, in Plymouth.

she applied for membership in the Guild and is in her first of two years as a “guest” member. Afterward, she can apply for regular membership.

“I work full time, so pottery is my hobby. I can only get into the Guild on weekends and after work,” she said. “I’m in my 20s, so I’m definitely the youngest one in the Guild.”

Knitting, pendants

Two young artists also will sell their works Saturday at the Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) holiday sale. Beatrice Savage, 10, of Plymouth, will be on hand with her knitted hats and Heather Graham, 17, of Livonia will sell pendants that sport small watercolor paintings under glass. Graham, who has taken classes at the PCAC also will show her wire-work jewelry.

“Instead of an open call for artists, I decided to do it by invitation,” said Lisa Howard,

PCAC executive director. “All of the artists were invited and all have some sort of relationship with the PCAC.”

“I have a church group that meets here on Sunday — Friends of Unity — and they have a women’s group that will be selling some of their pendants. One woman makes recycled wool mittens. Nick Bair, who taught here in the summer, hand illustrates glass ball ornaments. He draws right on the glass. They are just beautiful.”

The show, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, also will include card sets, coasters, trivets, fused glass pieces, cork wine charms, ceramics and more. PCAC gift certificates will be available and National Honor Society students will sell baked goods at the event.

“It was well-received last year and we had put it together

at the last minute. Last year it was just a two-hour event, but we had an art show opening in the main gallery at the same time,” Howard said.

This year, the holiday sale runs in conjunction with an exhibit of mixed media paintings by Sunanda Mallick of Northville and acrylic paintings by Charles Stout of Plymouth.

“They are all for sale, along with instructor art. People can buy it right off the walls.”

Winter Market

The Michigan Weavers Guild also runs an exhibit in conjunction with its annual holiday sale. Six members of the Guild will sell fiber art, including wearable items, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. The exhibit runs Friday, Nov. 21-Jan. 9, 2015.

“We’ve been doing the ex-



Plymouth potter Teera Losch makes functional items, such as these tea cups. She’ll sell her art at the Village Potters Guild holiday sale, Nov. 20-23 in Plymouth.



Woven garments, such as this red vest by Michigan Weavers Guild member Nancy Peck, and other fiber art, will be sold at the Winter Market, Saturday, Nov. 22, in Farmington Hills.

hibit nine or 10 years,” said Judy Boesky, publicity chair. “Anyone (in the Guild) can participate and we have many talented members. We have anything from hand-weaving to beading, basketry, sculpture, jewelry and wall hangings. You’ll see the breadth of what the Guild does.”

Boesky said most of the items in the exhibit also are available for purchase.

Visit the organizations’ websites at michiganweavers-guild.org, plymoutharts.com, and villagepottersguild.org.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking.

Wildlife art: The Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition — a collection of images from the world’s largest and most prestigious wildlife photography competition — makes its U.S. debut at the Detroit Zoo’s Ford Education Center, Saturday, Nov. 22. The show runs through March 23, 2015, and is free with Zoo admission. It features 100 images from winners of the 2013 competition. **Contact:** 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 21-Jan. 9, 2015

Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Michigan Weavers Guild exhibit includes a holiday sale with works by six Guild members, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22

Contact: 248-473-1859

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Dec. 6

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: 2014 International Mosaic Exhibit and Auction includes 141 mosaic artworks from artists representing 13 countries.

Northville Camera Club: “The Art of Light,” through Dec. 6 in the lower level gallery

Contact: 248-344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday, through November

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: “Levels,” a solo exhibit of works painted in acrylics, by Charles Stout

Contact: plymoutharts.com; 734-416-4278

VILLAGE THEATER AT CHERRY HILL

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Nov. 30



OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE THEATER DEPARTMENT

Oakland Community College performs *Godspell* through Nov. 22 on the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: “He Was the President: John F. Kennedy 1960-61” features more than 40 black and white photos of John F. Kennedy, taken by Tony Spina, who spent more than 40 years as a *Detroit Free Press* photographer

Contact: 734-394-5308

COMEDY

JOEY’S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20 and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 21-22

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Kevin Bozeman; \$12 for show only or \$22 with dinner, Thursday; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday-Saturday

Contact: 734-261-0555; catchthefunny.com

MARK RIDLEY’S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20 and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 21-22

Location: Fourth and Troy streets in downtown Royal Oak

Details: John Heffron; tickets \$20 Thursday, \$25 Friday-Saturday

Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

DANCE

SOCK HOP

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21

Location: Italian American Club of Livonia Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Music from the 50s and 60s for dancing, raffle prizes, ice cream treats, and more. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$8 for children, 5-11, and free for children, 4 and under. All tickets must be paid in advance

Contact: Helene LaRussa at 313-598-0150

FILM

MARQUIS THEATRE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22

Location: 135 E. Main, Northville

Details: See *Elf* for free

Contact: 734-453-8110

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 21-22 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 23

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *My Old Lady*, admission \$3

Coming up: *The Boxtrolls*, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 29-30

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 and 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of



Indestructible Noise Command performs Friday, Nov. 21 at the Token Lounge in Westland.

Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: *A Christmas Story*; \$7. Includes appearances by five of the film’s cast members—Zack Ward, Scott Schwartz, Yano Anaya, Patty Johnson LaFontaine and Drew Hoyer. VIP event at 5 p.m. Saturday, costs \$25 and includes desserts, and a chance to meet the stars personally. Santa also visits the theater

Coming up: *Christmas Vacation*, 8 p.m. Dec. 5 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 6; \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481

HISTORY

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Dec. 28

Location: Second floor in the Community Gallery at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Details: Fourteen stained glass windows that were installed at the original St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, built in 1929 and closed in 2005 in Farmington Hills, are on display. Admission is free

Contact: 313-833-7935

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas exhibit runs through Jan. 11, 2015. The exhibit features scenes from stories and movies, such as *Elf*, *Polar Express* and *A Christmas Carol*. The Museum’s Main Street also is decorated for the holidays. Beginning Nov. 29, Santa visits

every Sunday until Christmas and will be on hand for the annual craft bazaar and open house, 10-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

Contact: 734-455-8940

HOLIDAY LIGHTS LIGHTFEST

Time/Date: Grand opening, 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20; Lightfest hours 6-10 p.m. Friday-Sunday, through Dec. 31, excluding Dec. 25

Location: Along four miles of Hines Drive; enter at 7651 Merriman, between Warren road and Ann Arbor Trail, in Westland

Details: Drive by 55 holiday light displays; admission is \$5 per car. Opening night will feature music, entertainment, refreshments and fireworks

Contact: 734-261-1990; parks.wayne-county.com

WILD LIGHTS

Time/Date: 5:30-9 p.m. Nov. 22-23 and 28-30 and Dec. 5-7, 11-14, 18-23 and 26-31

Location: The Detroit Zoo, located on the I-696 service drive at Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak

Details: More than 5 million lights illuminate buildings, trees and animal sculptures through a portion of the Zoo. Admission for ages 2 and older is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the gate; parking is \$6 per car. Buy tickets online at detroitzoo.org/events/wild-lights, at Detroit Zoo main admissions, or Kroger stores

Contact: 248-541-5717

POTATOES PACK A NUTRITIONAL PUNCH

The average person's caloric needs have decreased since the 20th century when lifestyles were more active, yet nutritional needs are generally the same. Getting the nutrition you need without consuming too many calories can be as simple as incorporating nutrient-dense foods, such as potatoes, into your diet.

Not only are potatoes a cost-efficient kitchen staple, there are dozens of quick and easy ways to prepare this ultimate comfort food while taking advantage of an extra helping of nutrition.

A medium-size potato (5.3 ounces or 148 grams) has only about 110 calories, 4-5 percent of the average adult's total daily calories, but provides much higher percentages of many nutrients.

The potato actually delivers a wide spectrum of valuable nutrients. For example, the potato is an important source of complex carbohydrates, often lacking in the American diet. The potato also is a good source of vitamin C and hard-to-get B6 and has long been known to be a storehouse of minerals. The potato contains valuable supplies of essential trace elements such as manganese, chromium, selenium and molybdenum.

Falsely fattening image

Although you may think of the potato as a bulky vegetable, it is 80 percent water — just a little less than milk. However, its association with high-calorie toppings like butter, sour cream, gravy and mayonnaise gives the low-calorie potato a false image. In fact, just one tablespoon of butter doubles the calories in a baked potato.

There are many low calorie ways to prepare potatoes deliciously. Here are just a few tasty low or no calorie topping ideas:

- » Toasted sesame seeds
 - » Whipped butter and poppy seeds
 - » A spoonful of stewed tomatoes and a bit of grated cheese
 - » Melted butter or margarine thinned with lemon juice
 - » A mix of dried herbs: parsley, chives, basil or dill
 - » Mock sour cream (cottage cheese and lemon juice whipped in a blender)
 - » Chopped onion with coarsely grated black pepper
 - » Chive-spiked yogurt
 - » Prepared horseradish
 - » Heated marinara sauce
 - » Low calorie dips or salad dressings
- For more recipes and tips for preparing nutritious and appetizing potato dishes, visit www.eatwisconsinpotatoes.com.

Courtesy of Family Features

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 1 potato (148g/5.3oz)

Amount Per Serving

Calories 110 **Calories from Fat** 0

% Daily Value*

Total Fat 0g **0%**

Saturated Fat 0g **0%**

Trans Fat 0g

Cholesterol 0mg **0%**

Sodium 0mg **0%**

Potassium 620mg **18%**

Total Carbohydrate 26g **9%**

Dietary Fiber 2g **8%**

Sugars 1g

Protein 3g

Vitamin A 0% • Vitamin C 45%

Calcium 2% • Iron 6%

Thiamin 8% • Riboflavin 2%

Niacin 8% • Vitamin B₆ 10%

Folate 6% • Phosphorous 6%

Zinc 2% • Magnesium 6%

*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

BAKED FRIES WITH SALSA

Servings: 4
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes

- 3 medium russet potatoes (5-6 ounces each)
- 1 tablespoon canola or other vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon dried Italian herb seasoning
- ¼ teaspoon salt (or to taste)
- Salsa, optional

Heat oven to 450°F degrees. Slice potatoes lengthwise ¼ inch thick, then cut each slice into ¼-inch-long sticks. Place in large bowl. Drizzle with oil and sprinkle with herb seasoning and salt; toss to coat evenly. Arrange potato pieces in single layer on nonstick baking sheet or baking sheet coated with vegetable cooking spray. Bake 20-25 minutes, until potatoes are golden brown, turning once after 15 minutes. Serve immediately, with salsa for dipping if desired.



MEDITERRANEAN POTATO SOUP

Servings: 4
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes

- 1 ½ teaspoons olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 4 cups low-sodium chicken broth (or vegetable broth)
- 2 cups water
- 3 medium red potatoes, unpeeled and cubed
- 3 carrots, sliced
- ¼ teaspoon ground pepper
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1 (15-ounce) can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup (2 ounces) whole wheat noodles, uncooked
- 2 cups fresh spinach (or 1 cup frozen spinach)
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oil in 2-quart pot; saute garlic and onion about 3-4 minutes. Add chicken broth, water, potatoes, carrots and seasonings; cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes. Add kidney beans and noodles. Bring to boil again; cook until noodles are soft. Remove from heat. Just before serving, add spinach to pot and stir gently. Ladle into bowls and serve with Parmesan cheese.

QUICK AND HEALTHY CHILE LIME TACOS

Servings: 4 (two tacos each)
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

- ½ pound Wisconsin Yukon Gold or red potatoes, cut into bite-size cubes
- Olive oil cooking spray
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ½ pound diced boneless, skinless chicken breast
- ¼ cup finely chopped poblano, Anaheim or bell pepper
- 1 teaspoon Mexican seasoning blend
- ½ cup red chile enchilada sauce
- ½ cup shredded reduced-fat Monterey Jack cheese
- 8 small corn tortillas, warmed or crunchy taco shells
- Optional toppings: shredded cabbage or romaine lettuce, diced tomato, diced avocado, thinly sliced radishes, fresh cilantro leaves and salsa
- 8 lime wedges

Place potatoes in microwave-safe bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Microwave on high 5-7 minutes. Spray large skillet liberally with cooking spray. Add potatoes and onion; cook over medium-high heat 5 minutes, stirring and coating with cooking spray occasionally. Stir in chicken, pepper and seasoning, and cook 5 minutes more. Add red chile enchilada sauce and simmer 5 minutes. Place equal amounts of cheese on each tortilla and heat in skillet until cheese is melted. Add potato mixture and any other desired toppings. Serve with lime wedges.



Realtor survey: Obstacles real for young adults in buying home



Despite an improving job market and low interest rates, the share of first-time buyers fell to its lowest point in nearly three decades.

ance premiums.” Yun adds, “Stronger job growth should eventually support higher wages, but nearly half (47 percent) of first-time buyers in this year’s survey (43 percent in 2013) said the mortgage application and approval process was much more or somewhat more difficult than expected. Less stringent credit standards and mortgage insurance premiums commensurate with current buyer risk profiles are needed to boost first-time buyer participation, especially with interest rates likely rising in upcoming years.”

The household composition of buyers responding to the survey was mostly unchanged from a year ago. Sixty-five percent of buyers were married couples, 16 percent single women, 9 percent single men and 8 percent unmarried couples.

In 2009, 60 percent of buyers were married, 21 percent were single women, 10 percent single men and 8 percent unmarried couples. Thirteen percent of survey respondents were multi-generational households, including adult children, parents and/or grandparents.

The median age of first-time buyers was 31, un-

changed from the last two years, and the median income was \$68,300 (\$67,400 in 2013). The typical first-time buyer purchased a 1,570 square-foot home costing \$169,000, while the typical repeat buyer was 53 years old and earned \$95,000. Repeat buyers purchased a median 2,030-square-foot home costing \$240,000.

Financing the purchase

Nearly nine out of 10 buyers (88 percent) financed their purchase. Younger buyers were more likely to finance (97 percent) compared to buyers aged 65 years and older (64 percent). The median down payment ranged from 6 percent for first-time buyers to 13 percent for repeat buyers. Among 23 percent of first-time buyers who said saving for a down payment was difficult, more than half (57 percent) said student loans delayed saving, up from 54 percent a year ago.

Ninety-three percent of entry-level buyers chose a fixed-rate mortgage, with 35 percent financing their purchase with a low-down payment Federal Housing Administration-backed mortgage (39 percent in 2013), and 9 percent using the Veterans Affairs loan program with no

down payment requirements. “FHA premiums are too high in relation to default rates and have likely dissuaded some prospective first-time buyers from entering the market,” says Yun. “To put it in perspective, 56 percent of first-time buyers used a FHA loan in 2010. The current high mortgage insurance added to their monthly payment is likely causing some young adults to forgo taking out a loan.”

Characteristics of sellers

The typical seller over the past year was 54 years old (53 in 2013; 46 in 2009), was married (74 percent), had a household income of \$96,700, and was in their home for 10 years before selling a new high for tenure in home. Seventeen percent of sellers wanted to sell earlier but were stalled because their home had been worth less than their mortgage (13 percent in 2013).

Yun attributes the increase in seller’s age and tenure in home to rebounding home prices. “Faster price appreciation this past year finally allowed more previously stuck homeowners with little or no equity the ability to sell after waiting the last few years,” he said.

Sellers realized a median equity gain of \$30,100 (\$25,000 in 2013) – a 17 percent increase (13 percent last year) over the original purchase price. Sellers who owned a home for one year to five years typically reported higher gains than those who owned a home for six to 10 years, underlining the price swings since the recession.

The 2014 NAR Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers can be ordered by calling 800-874-6500, or online at www.realtor.org/prodser/nsf/Research. The study costs \$19.95 for NAR members and \$249.95 for nonmembers. Highlights of the report are available at no cost.

Protect your rights in oil, gas drilling issues

Q: Our municipality seems to be doing nothing about the possibility of oil and gas drillers coming onto our properties or adjacent properties to drill oil and gas. I am wondering what our association can do to stop it.

A: If you live in a subdivision or condominium, you should get your association to retain counsel to deal with this matter, both legally and politically. You should band together with other associations to put pressure on the municipality as well as the gas and oil companies to insure you have adequate protections for your property. This is an ever-increasing problem that must be dealt with aggressively and forcefully by community associations that are potentially adversely affected.

Q: The United States Constitution guarantees freedom of expression, freedom of religion and the right to bear arms. However, state legislatures, I am told, from Arizona to Massachusetts have been granting new and, in many cases, previously unheard of rights to marijuana and firearm retailers. This is, I am told, rapidly drawing planners and zoning practitioners into the debate over how these businesses best fit into their communities and whether their communities are legally obligated to accommodate these uses in the first place. What can we do about the situation?

A: It sounds like it is more a political than legal issue, but one has to be concerned about the fact that legislation might be passed that impacts adversely on the rights of community associations to protect their own interests. It may well be that a state statute preempts any particular Association Bylaw depending on the circumstances and you are best advised to get your board to activate its efforts to protect the interests of the association and to ensure that their documents are foolproof to the extent possible from areas which are adverse to the interests of a majority of the members.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

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RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 7-11, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

16011 Amherst Ave \$372,000
17810 Beverly Rd \$225,000
31384 E Rutland St \$244,000
16250 Locherbie Ave \$220,000
21617 Meadow Ln \$260,000
18414 Warwick St \$8,000

BIRMINGHAM

990 Canterbury St \$420,000
523 E Southlawn Blvd \$232,000
1920 Graefield Rd \$126,000
1235 Lyonhurst St \$754,000
309 N Eton St # C \$95,000
637 N Old Woodward Ave \$300,000

1767 Norfolk St \$860,000
1546 Penistone St \$215,000
776 S Bates St \$1,075,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave \$177,000
Unit 1013
411 S Old Woodward Ave \$406,000
Unit 824

998 Sufferd Ave \$665,000
268 W Brown St \$879,000
277 W Brown St \$1,425,000
2344 Windemere Rd \$220,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

1171 Kemper Ave \$119,000
6875 Castle Ct \$250,000
125 Guilford Rd \$592,000
2390 Hickory Glen Dr \$410,000
401 Lone Pine Ct \$1,999,000
2108 Park Ridge Dr \$260,000
1835 Stonycroft Ln \$238,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

4056 Augusta Ct \$440,000
454 Fox Hills Dr N # A-6 \$70,000
300 Kendry \$140,000
3750 Peabody Dr \$525,000
5755 Raven Rd \$356,000
4896 School Bell Ln \$340,000
2940 W Hickory Grove Rd \$1,157,000
5516 Westwood Ln \$238,000
364 Woodedge Dr \$280,000
42160 Woodward Ave \$130,000
Unit 54
3673 York Ct \$475,000

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9374 Boncrest St \$97,000
9427 Boncrest St \$535,000
2442 Charms Rd \$229,000
4474 Darlene Dr \$380,000
3793 Gulfwood Dr \$489,000
3931 Lakes Edge Dr \$489,000
3591 Loch Bend Dr \$700,000
1291 Sleeth Rd \$143,000
4630 Sundew St \$221,000
1532 Trace Hollow Dr \$300,000

FARMINGTON

22627 Brookdale St \$213,000
22820 Floral St \$138,000
21016 Larkspur St \$138,000
32282 Leelane \$170,000
32340 Shiawasse Rd \$179,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

22293 Acadia Way \$83,000
23332 Barfield St \$144,000
27460 Beacon Sq \$213,000
28225 Bellcrest St \$186,000
35273 Caryn St \$191,000
26320 Drake Rd \$250,000
29279 Earth Ln \$110,000
30160 Fox Club Dr \$380,000
22147 Harsdale Dr \$413,000
33547 Heirloom Cir \$430,000
30324 Le Mans Dr \$200,000
30793 Oak Valley Dr \$330,000

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29915 Old Bedford St \$183,000
21625 River Ridge Trl \$210,000
29404 Shenandoah Dr \$302,000
29484 Shenandoah Dr \$327,000
26196 Valhalla Dr \$296,000
30873 W 11 Mile Rd \$173,000
30074 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 115 \$48,000
28001 W 13 Mile Rd \$316,000
28400 W Nine Mile Rd \$175,000
21566 Waldron St \$75,000
30398 Wicklow Rd \$225,000

FRANKLIN

30860 Hickory Ln \$475,000

HIGHLAND

2585 Briar Cliff Dr \$210,000
766 E Wardlow Rd \$145,000
350 Mcpherson \$88,000
3390 Ridge Rd \$165,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

17385 Avilla Blvd \$120,000
18970 Eldorado Pl \$170,000
28411 Eldorado Pl \$175,000
18231 Santa Ann Ave \$175,000

MILFORD

2020 Burns Rd \$185,000
1313 Yellowstone Valley Dr \$316,000

NORTHVILLE

38170 Connaught Dr \$365,000
808 Revere Ct \$134,000
43524 Scenic Ln \$449,000

NOVI

22573 Brookforest \$241,000
50721 Calvert Isle Dr \$715,000
45928 Crestview Dr \$292,000
29561 English Way \$316,000
50652 Glades Ct E \$623,000
21901 Greentree Ln \$305,000
44454 Gwinnett Loop \$232,000
41600 Hamlet Ln \$160,000
25922 Island Lake Dr \$550,000

REDFORD

25301 Five Mile Rd \$8,000
12960 Beech Daly Rd \$94,000
26014 Grand River Ave \$13,000
18287 Macarthur \$81,000
16701 Norborne \$60,000
9161 Rockland \$90,000
26536 Vassar Ave \$50,000
8911 Woodbine \$70,000
14383 Wormer \$75,000

WAYNE

35405 Glenwood Rd \$135,000

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1190 Abbey Ct \$150,000
33118 Arcoyala Ct \$25,000
31214 Cooley Blvd \$110,000
32337 Glen St \$30,000
421 Lansdowne Dr \$160,000
32224 Mackenzie Dr \$135,000
8203 Milburn St \$90,000
6025 N Crown St \$61,000
38224 N Rickham Ct \$135,000
30801 Stephen Ct \$131,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 28 through Aug. 1, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

42930 Barchester Rd \$185,000
4042 Bruton Ave \$188,000
7758 Charrington Dr \$245,000
6532 Edgewood Rd \$265,000
50906 Federal Blvd \$77,000
1427 Hampshire Dr \$130,000
49273 Ivybridge Way \$135,000
2412 Lexington Cir S \$260,000
2025 Lincoln Dr \$255,000
1809 Manton Blvd \$220,000
50472 Monroe St \$340,000
2230 N Woods Ct \$227,000
4490 Napier Rd \$443,000
47604 Ormskirk Dr \$135,000
47950 Pavillon Rd \$425,000
43443 Proctor Rd \$190,000
42731 Salth Rd \$180,000
3470 Shepherd Ct \$211,000
41791 Singh Dr \$358,000

GARDEN CITY

31449 Alvin St \$83,000
29949 John Hawk St \$95,000
32661 Marquette St \$113,000
6714 Schaller St \$110,000

LIVONIA

38188 Ann Arbor Trl \$50,000
18543 Bainbridge Ave \$195,000
27732 Bobrich St \$119,000
37073 Bristol St \$208,000
39097 Dover St \$171,000
10041 E Clements Cir \$118,000
37471 Eagle Dr \$295,000
30725 Fargo St \$78,000
11866 Farmington Rd \$123,000
8883 Knolson Ave \$245,000
36420 Ladywood St \$235,000
18147 Levan Rd \$98,000
8900 Louise St \$45,000
15033 Marsha St \$177,000
9166 Newburgh Rd \$177,000
35493 Oakdale St \$200,000
14665 Park St \$174,000
19356 Pollyanna Dr \$245,000

NORTHVILLE

16342 Brookwood Ct \$279,000
42337 Chatterton Ct \$274,000
39481 Edgewater Dr \$309,000
39722 Muirfield Ln \$290,000
49432 N Glacier \$400,000
17599 Parkshore Dr \$980,000
15874 Portis Rd \$338,000
351 S Rogers St \$240,000
19460 Scenic Harbour Dr \$261,000
39650 Southwind Ln \$295,000
45667 Tournament Dr \$115,000
20568 Woodbend Dr \$465,000

PLYMOUTH

9177 Baywood Dr \$260,000
13477 Cambridge Ct \$335,000
1150 Dewey St \$355,000
40519 Micol Dr \$195,000
10163 N Canton Center Rd \$330,000
47060 N Territorial Rd \$999,000
1340 Ross St \$138,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd \$48,000

REDFORD

12026 Talltree Dr \$324,000
48672 Timber Crest Ct \$385,000
46645 W Ann Arbor Trl \$350,000
1064 William St \$635,000

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- Gator Bowl site
 - Make an offer
 - Good buy
 - Puny pup
 - Lemon cooler
 - Bride in "Lohengrin"
 - "Beetle Bailey" pooch
 - Persistence
 - Colorful annual
 - Districts
 - Hearty laugh
 - That woman
 - Nutritional supplement
 - Bouquet
 - Galley mover
 - Kind of pal
 - Eur. country
 - Changed drastically
 - Copal or mastic
 - Winery feature
 - Runner
- DOWN**
- To's opposite
 - Figure-skating jump
 - Not pro
 - Tie-dye cousin
 - Lightbulb, in comics
 - Hibernation location
 - Judicial order
 - Newsman
 - Abel
- Answer to Previous Puzzle**
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SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

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EDUCATION WORD SEARCH

H	J	D	A	U	F	V	S	C	S	N	G	P	M	O	R	D	H	O	I	
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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

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