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Trustees split on new appointees

Williams has difficult time filling vacant seats

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In split decisions, Canton Township trustees Tuesday rejected a majority of Supervisor Pat Williams' proposed appointees to fill vacant seats on local boards and commissions, calling for stepped-up efforts to draw from a wider field of applicants.

Some of the votes fell along political party lines, with five Democrats opposing certain appointees and the township board's two Republicans — Williams and Trustee John Anthony — supporting them.

Williams, disappointed that "excellent" candidates were rejected, implored trustees to quickly help him find other applicants because some

boards, such as the Board of Review that hears property assessment appeals, begin their work as early as March.

"If you want other candidates," Williams said, "help me find them."

Trustees indicated they already have been approached by potential new appointees



Williams

who could bring a fresh perspective to local boards and commissions.

The split decisions came after the township board in the November election shifted from a 6-1 Republican majority to a 5-2 Democratic majority.

Trustee Steven Sneedman and others said word of the vacant appointee positions hadn't been adequately circulated to all segments of the Canton community.

"We have a big community

here," he said. "I think that we should be reaching out into the community."

Treasurer Dian Slavens agreed, saying, "We should be casting the net out" to reach a wider field of candidates.

Trustees who rejected Williams' appointees said it's possible they may end up supporting them anyway, after an effort has been made to attract more candidates. The board is

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Locals enjoy trip to inauguration

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Will Govan of New Hudson wasn't planning on attending President Donald Trump's inauguration last week.

But tickets became available at the last minute, so Govan and some family members were on their way to Washington, D.C., to witness the swearing in of the nation's 45th president.

Govan said being able to see multiple generations of presidents and other governing officials in one place was "an honor in and of itself." But getting to see the inauguration and hear the new president speak was great.

"I really appreciated President Trump's inauguration speech, as it really seemed to speak directly to the people," Govan said. "The message was clear: He will be putting America first and working for all the people."

Carol Maynard, a retired teacher from Northville, couldn't get to Washington, D.C., for the ceremony, but did attend an inauguration party sponsored by the Macomb and Oakland Republican parties. (She and a friend did take photos standing next to a cardboard cutout of the new president — "That's as close as we got," she said.)

Maynard called Trump's inaugural address "eloquent" and was glad to hear him address issues such as trade immigration and violence.

"Trump's message is 'America First,'" Maynard said. "He will be the biggest change



See TRIP, Page A2 Stevie, Will and Dean Govan of New Hudson got last-minute tickets to the inauguration.



Paula Neys of Northville (from left), Peggy McMichael of Northville, Amber Smith of Ann Arbor and Vicki Dwelley of Northville take a moment outside the Smithsonian during Saturday's Women's March on Washington.

Area residents put government on notice with D.C. march

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People from the Detroit area joined hundreds of thousands from across the country Saturday in putting a new administration, and the entire Washington, D.C., establishment, on notice.

The Women's March on Washington, which drew a record crowd for an inaugural protest, was more than a reaction to the election of Donald

Trump, who was sworn in Friday as president. It was about, participants say, standing up for equality for women and girls, for racial and ethnic groups and immigrants and for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

Yet while individual marchers were motivated by different causes — working for educational opportunity, defending abortion rights, protecting the

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agent in the history of the United States. He will do just fine if people give him a chance.”

Like many locals who actually made the trip to D.C. for the inauguration festivities, Govan said people — even those who oppose Trump — should realize Trump “is the president now ... regardless of your political views. I encourage you to at least give him a chance.”

Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki was part of a group of some 30 people from Livonia who went down for the many festivities related to the inaugura-

tion. They couldn't get tickets to the actual ceremony, but had plenty of fun anyway.

The group hit the GOP party Jan. 19 and then the Michigan ball Friday night.

“We had an awesome time and we thought the entire weekend went well,” Marecki said. “There were many protesters, some were peaceful and some were foul and disgusting. There were a ton of people at the festivities.”

Which begets the question, what about the controversy over the size of the inauguration crowd? Marecki's reaction was fairly common: “Who cares?”

“I have no idea if Trump had more or less attendees than Obama



Jim Williams of Troy and Carole Layne of Livonia stop for a photo during the Freedom Ball held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.



The Livonia contingent gathers for a group photo at one of the inaugural balls.

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and, frankly, who (cares)?” Marecki said. “In my opinion, this is another way the press is trying to make Trump less legitimate. I can't imagine there is one Trump supporter out there who cares how big the crowd was.”

Marecki believes Trump was elected because he put a voice to the frustrated voters tired of politics as usual.

“We have voted for someone who loves the United States, loves the people of the U.S. and will listen to the people of this county,” she said. “During the campaign, he verbalized the frustration many of the voters in this country have felt the past years. There will be many people praying for him and praying he leads this county in the right direction the next four years.”

Christine Wofford of

Canton is one of them. She met her brother in Washington, D.C., and the pair went to the swearing in, inauguration concert and a ball. She believes Trump will “be a wonderful president” and “have many people praying for his success.”

Wofford went to Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, where John F. Kennedy's funeral Mass was held, to light a candle for Trump.

“Being pro-life, I think he's off to a terrific start,” Wofford said. “He will be a wonderful president and will have much prayer behind him.”

The Michigan Republican Party invited Carole Layne of Livonia to the Michigan gala, which she attended with Troy attorney Jim Williams.

Once there, the pair took in a variety of events, including a reception for education secretary nominee Betsy DeVos and parties sponsored by Debbie Dingell and David Trot, plus the



Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki, former Sen. Norm Coleman of Minnesota, Livonia City Council President Kathleen McIntyre and Livonia planning commission Chair Charlie Mahoney.

Freedom Ball.

It was Layne's first time attending a presidential inauguration. She said it was difficult to get around because of security and crowds, but nonetheless it gave her a “sense of pride” to be involved.

She believes Trump will be an effective leader.

“President Trump will, hopefully, live true to his promises and bring back American jobs to our people,” Layne said. “I am going to remain optimistic and give support, just as I would to anyone else elected to be our president.”

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Man pleads guilty to robbing Super 8

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A man has pleaded guilty to charges of robbing a Canton motel after reportedly jumping over the counter and threatening an employee at gunpoint.

Tevaughn Terrell Davis, 24, could face penalties ranging up to life in prison when he is sentenced Feb. 9 for armed robbery, being a felon in possession of a handgun, assault with a dangerous weapon, felony firearm and being a third-degree habitual offender.



Davis

In a move that averted a trial, Davis, an Ypsilanti resident, pleaded guilty to all charges against him when he appeared Friday before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Shannon Walker.

Davis was charged after police say he robbed the Super 8 motel on Michigan Avenue, near Lotz, on Canton's southeast side. No shots were fired and no one was seriously injured as the incident unfolded about 4:40 a.m. last June 10.

Authorities captured Davis one day later at an Ann Arbor hotel after receiving a tip of his whereabouts. Michigan Department of Corrections records show that he had been paroled from prison just five months before the Super 8 robbery.

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

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

Early on, Canton police Lt. Craig Wilsher had said a lone gunman escaped with an undisclosed amount of money from the motel.

A court clerk Friday said Davis remains in custody as he awaits his sentencing.

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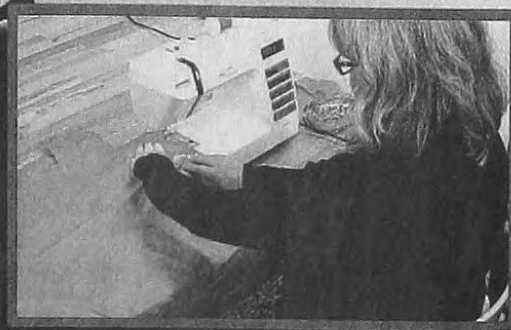
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Dodson remembered for his love of students

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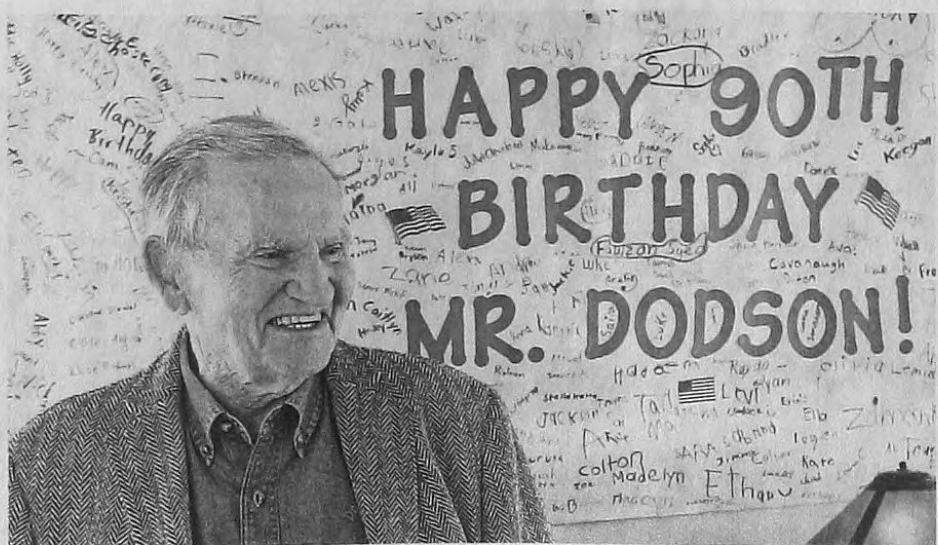
George Dodson was a consistent presence in the school named in his honor, ever since it opened in 2001.

For nearly every special event, ceremony or milestone, Dodson would be there, spending time with the kids he loved as an educator before his retirement in 1990. When the school hosted open houses, Dodson was there, greeting families at the door.

It's his love of students that might be the most missed now. Dodson died Monday morning.

"To quote Mr. Dodson, 'Love is a willingness to reach out to others and open one's heart,'" said April Quasarano, principal at Dodson Elementary School. "Mr. Dodson has opened the hearts of thousands. His impact on children throughout his years is immeasurable. He was a remarkable man who was a true inspiration to me and countless others. He will leave a void in the hearts of his Dodson family. I have tremendous admiration for such an extraordinary man."

Dodson's love of kids, of course, started with his own family. Dodson and his late wife, Melba, who passed away in December, had three children and eight grandchildren, all adored by



Legendary local educator George Dodson turned 90 recently and was honored by the students at Dodson Elementary.



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George Dodson greets returning students at Smith Elementary on the first day of school in 1989.

Dodson.

"I think probably the most important thing about him would be his sense of family and his love for kids," daughter Darcel Hall said. "He never met a kid that he didn't want to shake their hand or say hello. He was always a lot of fun to be around, always knew what to say and how to connect with them. It was a real joy of his, I think."

"He had eight grandchildren, and they're all over the world," Hall added. "He was very close to his grandkids and his kids. It's been a wonderful family. I've been really fortunate to have Mom and Dad as parents."

Dodson showed his devotion to his namesake school and its students in a variety of ways:

» He made sure he sent the staff a fresh box of apples every year during the holidays.

» He followed up with handwritten congratulatory notes to students or staff who had received recognition or awards. "He was very proud of his school, especially when the Blue Ribbon status was awarded last November," Quasarano said.

» He commissioned an artist to make special ceramic vases for the office and library.

» He insisted that there always be fresh flowers on display to

welcome visitors. One time he and his wife Melba even drove over on a terrible winter day when school had been canceled just to deliver the weekly flowers.

Dodson was a regular in classrooms, reading stories to students, and often wandered the hallways to comment on the work posted on the hall bulletin boards and to visit classrooms.

Monica Merritt, superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, said Dodson would "always have a special place in the hearts" of those in the community.

"His many years of service to the district, as an educator and adminis-

trator, inspired the lives of countless students, staff and families in our community," Merritt said. "He will be remembered for his compassion, leadership and focus on doing what is right for kids. His legacy will forever live on in the history of P-CCS through our National Blue Ribbon School that bears his name. Our thoughts go out to his family during this difficult time."

Lee Harrison worked with Dodson for only a couple of years before he retired, but was immediately impressed with Dodson's passion for students. Many of the conversations between the two men centered around how much Dodson would miss the kids.

"His ability to get along with parents, teachers, kids ... I just loved the guy," Harrison said. "He had a great attitude every day ...

there was nobody more positive."

George and his late wife, Melba Chloe Dodson, who died Dec. 9, were married for 65 years. Dodson is survived by his children, Darcel (Rod) Hall, Bill (Julie) Dodson and John Dobson; brothers Morris and Schyler Doson, both of Paducah, Ky.; sister Joyce Ann Trower; and grandchildren Elycia Morris, Zach Hall, Ashley Brown, Ben and Olivia Dodson and Michaela, Ella and Schuyler Dodson.

Arrangements haven't been made yet, but Hall said officials at Dodson Elementary School will schedule a public memorial, likely some time in April. Memorial contributions to Dodson Elementary School would be gratefully accepted.

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expected to revisit the appointments in February.

Here's a breakdown of the votes:

» The board rejected Williams' proposal to reappoint Carol Richardson, Anthony Rosati and James Malinowski for two-year terms to the Canton Board of Review. Sneedman, Slavens and Trustees Sommer Foster and Anne Marie Graham-Hudak and Clerk Michael Siegrist — all Democrats — outnumbered Republicans Williams and Anthony.

Kristin Kolb, Canton's

corporation counsel, said any new Board of Review members would be on the fast track to receiving training on property assessment and tax appeals by March.

"These people need training to best represent the township," she said.

» In the same 5-2 split, the township board rejected Darian Moore, who runs a real estate team, to serve as an alternate to the Board of Review. Moore ran as a Republican township board candidate in November, but lost his election bid.

While rejecting Moore, for now at least, trustees commended him for his leadership efforts

on Canton's latest ceremony honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

» In a 4-3 vote, the board rejected Williams' selection of Gianfranco "John" Palazzolo, who has experience in the building and construction field, to serve a two-year term on the Building Board of Appeals. Williams, Anthony and Sneedman supported Palazzolo, but were outnumbered by Siegrist, Slavens, Foster and Graham-Hudak.

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas touted Palazzolo as a good candidate.

"We think he'll be a good fit," Faas said.

Siegrist said he may, indeed, support Palazzolo,

lo, but underscored once again the need to attract more candidates.

"I hope we can get to the place where I can support his nomination to the board," Siegrist said.

» In a 5-2 vote, the board supported Williams' reappointment of Sue Dodson to the Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage. Only Sneedman and Graham-Hudak voted against her.

» In the only unanimous vote on board appointments, trustees voted 7-0 to name Foster as the township board's representative to that same commission.

"I think Sommer would do a great job," Graham-Hudak said.

Trustees who opposed Williams' appointees made it clear that they are not questioning their abilities to serve. Rather,

they said they just wanted to give the community at large an opportunity to apply for positions.

Anyone who wants to apply should send a resume, soon, to Amy Hughesdon, supervisor's assistant, at amy.hughesdon@canton-mi.org.

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Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Construction Bid Package #9, consisting of Remodeling Projects at PCCS Administration Building, Canton High School, Isbister Elementary School, PCCS Maintenance Facility, Plymouth High School, Salem High School and PCCS Transportation Building,

will be received at the office of Ms. Pamela Anstey, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until 11:00 A.M., local time on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at which time they will be opened, read publicly and tabulated.

Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

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Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room, Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), Reed Construction Data, and Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400.
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.

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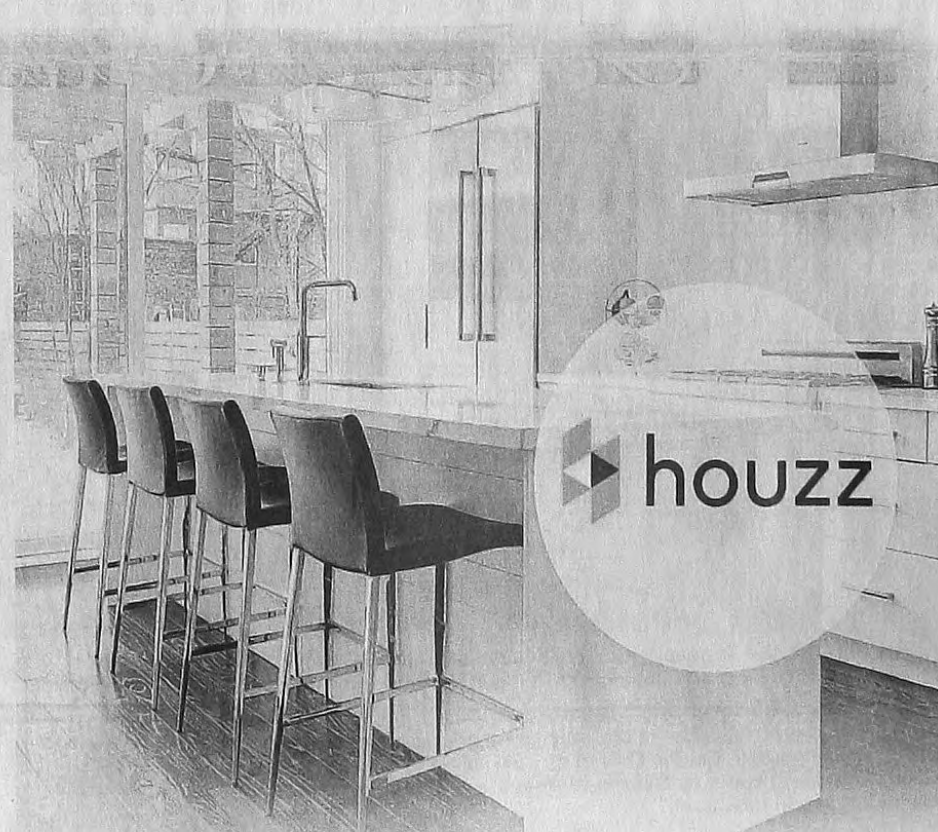
There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 2:30 P.M. at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), and the Iran Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit. The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1267 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 380.1267, and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit form may be found in section 00 42 10 of the Bidding Requirements & General Conditions Manual.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the school district is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the bid or failure of the bidder to enter a contract for performance. Further, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

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environment, supporting the Affordable Care Act and more — rejecting many of the things Trump said on the campaign trail, and since winning the presidency, was a unifying theme.

"I find Trump to be a bad example for my sons and a threat to my daughters," said Susan Greenlee, a nurse-midwife from Northville who helped organize a busload of marchers.

"I don't think he's taking us into a more civilized future," but one that is "barbaric" and "rude," Greenlee added.

Greenlee and others who went to Washington say the event was exhilarating and awe-inspiring. "It was a wonderful experience for me" as an expression "of solidarity and hope for the future," said Colleen Crossey of Novi, a community volunteer.

"I just didn't really understand how powerful this would be," said Catherine Keyes, a Westland activist who traveled on a chartered bus with more than 50 other marchers. "I got off the bus and I was just literally in tears already."

We talked to several people who marched Saturday. Here are their stories.

'Very powerful experience'

When Deborah Burke, a Detroit area teacher of psychology at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, learned about plans for the march in the days after Trump's victory, "Every cell in my body told me that Schoolcraft needed to send a bus of students," she said.

Burke organized that trip, which left from Schoolcraft with a round-trip fare of \$100 per participant. There were students and non-students, men and women and even a family on the bus, she said. Burke traveled with her mother, Ruth Rehberg.

She talked to fellow marchers about why they were making the trip.

"The big umbrella was equality, really, and justice," she said. "Nobody really said that they have a strong dislike for our new president. For my bus, at least, it was not about that."

Burke and Rehberg were too far from the stage to hear the rally speakers, but heard cheering that began with people in front of the

stage and traveled in waves through the massive crowd in and around the National Mall.

"You could just feel it and you could hear it and it would just hit you like a blast," she said.

Schoolcraft student Christian Sullivan of Livonia was able to hear the speakers and performers. "Everybody went up there, they told a story about what was important to them," he said. "Everybody was full of energy."

Later, after marching to 12th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, near the White House, Burke and her mother sat in bleachers, set up for Trump's inaugural parade, watching fellow marchers pass.

"It was amazing, just watching all these people," she said. "Just a very powerful experience."

Burke said the march will be a starting point for increased activism. "I think there are going to be so many opportunities moving forward," she said.

'Beyond a Trump thing'

Crossey, who has a background as a social worker, traveled to the capital by car with a friend.

"It was really a moving and inspiring event and it encouraged women to know their power and that they can make a difference in their government and in their lives," she said.

They were close enough to the stage to hear speakers and performers; Crossey said she was particularly inspired by filmmaker Michael Moore, who encouraged participants to contact their elected representatives daily regarding issues of concern.

"I like that he had an action-focused message," Crossey said.

Crossey said she was heartened by the demonstrations held Saturday in cities around the world.

"This went beyond a Trump thing," she said. "This became a demonstration to fight back against the hostile environment for families and for women."

'You must be involved'

Keyes traveled on a bus with longtime friend Julie Harrison of Milford.

"When we heard about this, we just decided, well this is our chance," she said.



A participant displays a Donald Trump puppet wearing a "pussyhat" — the hat is a reference to lewd remarks made by Trump — Saturday during the Women's March on Washington. —DEBORAH BURKE



Deborah Burke and her mother, Ruth Rehberg, among protesters Saturday outside the U.S. Capitol building. —DEBORAH BURKE



Julie Harrison (left) of Milford and Catherine Keyes of Westland, friends since they were 6 years old, attended the Women's March together. —DEBORAH BURKE

Keyes said showing support for women's health care and the protection of the rights of gay, lesbian and bisexual people were prime issues for her. She also wanted stand up for the futures of her three granddaughters, she said.

"I don't have the luxury of being silent, so that's what really motivated me," she said. Her protest sign read, "We rise."

Since the election, Keyes said, she's spoken with friends who were scared and wondered, "Are we going to go backwards?"

"This election has proved that you can no longer be the armchair quarterback ... after the election," she said. "It proves that you must be involved."

Like Crossey, Keyes was inspired by Moore's speech and also by the anti-Trump rap poem performed by actress Ashley Judd.

"Hopefully, they're on notice that we're not taking this lying down," she said.

Though the march was a reaction to Trump's win, Keyes said the

movement it has sparked is an inclusive one for anyone concerned about its issues.

"We don't want anybody to feel left behind," she said.

'People are watching'

For Jeannine Donigan-Hales, a moment of spontaneity illustrated Saturday's events.

Donigan-Hales and her daughter Madison were exiting the Metro station at Washington's L'Enfant Plaza on Saturday morning, part of a huge crowd on its way to the march, when someone behind them began singing a Woody Guthrie protest hymn.

"All of a sudden, the crowd broke out in 'This Land Is Your Land' and it was all ages and races and genders," said Donigan-Hales, of Farmington. "They were just all singing. It was very moving."

Donigan-Hales, a teacher, said she joined the march because, as a union member and a citizen, "I wanted my voice to be heard." Education, she said, is a primary issue for her.

Madison, a high school sophomore, is sympathetic to the LGBT com-

munity and supports marriage equality, her mother said. "She's very compassionate."

The event was "amazing" and "inspiring" for both, Donigan-Hales said.

Donigan-Hales said she and her family respect the peaceful transfer of power to a Trump administration, but that marchers have put the new president on notice.

"People want to give him a chance, but he's got to know that people are watching," she said.

Bridges, not walls

Smiles along the march route was the start of building bridges, instead of walls, for Michelle Dillon and her mother, Marianne Campagna.

The pair spotted at least two Trump supporters during the event, Dillon said, identifiable as fans of the president by articles of clothing. They were perhaps observing instead of marching, she said.

"They didn't look happy, but when we walked by them and we smiled, they smiled back," Dillon said. "That might be the start of communication

between severely divided people."

Dillon, of Salem Township, and her mother were at the march in support of immigrant rights.

"I don't want them to feel like they're not welcome in the U.S. or that they will be profiled," Dillon said. Campagna, born in China to a German woman and a Chinese man and raised in Brazil, is herself an immigrant.

Dillon also said she marched in reaction to some of the remarks Trump has made about women. "That disrespects, I'm completely against," she said. "I don't think it's something we should ignore."

She was awed, she said, that so many people, motivated by many different issues, made their voices heard.

"I was proud of our country, really proud of our country at that point," she said. "I felt like I was a patriot, because we were able to express ourselves."

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will be received at the office of Ms. Pamela Anstey, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until **11:00 A.M., local time on Thursday, February 7, 2017** at which time they will be opened, read publicly and tabulated.

Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

This Project will consist of sealed bids for the following Bid Division of work:

102: Asphalt Paving / Site Concrete

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room, Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), Reed Construction Data, and Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400.
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 2:30 P.M. at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), and the Iran Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit. **The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1267 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 380.1267, and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit form may be found in section 00 42 10 of the Bidding Requirements & General Conditions Manual.**

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the school district is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the bid or failure of the bidder to enter a contract for performance. Further, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

END OF SECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE OF OPEN ENROLLMENT

New School High, a tuition-free Public School Academy announces its Open Enrollment period for the 2017-18 school year. The Enrollment Period that began Oct. 3, 2016 will end at 6 pm on Friday, Feb. 24, 2017. Application forms may be obtained and submitted online at www.newschoollhigh.org or delivered to New School High, 46250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth MI 48170, Mon. - Fri. 8 am - 4:30 pm. For more information contact churnstein@newschoollhigh.org or call (734) 386-6601.

If applications exceed available spaces, a random selection drawing will take place at 6:30 pm on Mar. 1, 2017 at New School High, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth MI 48170. If the number of applications does not meet or exceed the number of available spaces, students will be enrolled in the order their completed applications are received until all seats are filled. New School High does not discriminate on the basis of intellectual or physical abilities, achievement or aptitude, or any other basis not permitted by Michigan's public schools.

Plymouth AAUW to stage 'Cinderella'

Joanne Maliszewski
hometownlife.com

When the curtain rises Feb. 2-4 on the Plymouth AAUW's "Cinderella" at Garden City High School, the audience will see a different kind of woman who enchants the prince.

"It's still the Cinderella story, but with a twist to it," said Laurie Kempisty, who with Kathy Kish is directing the annual AAUW play.

What the audience will witness is a, well, sort of modern woman, who not only enchants the prince and fits her foot delicately into the shoe, but one whom the prince sees as needed as the strength to maintain his kingdom — the Land of Petunia. "We try to add some lines from today's world," Kempisty said.

Performances will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 2-3 and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Feb. 4 at the high school, 6500 Middlebelt, Garden City. Tickets are \$6 online at <http://aauw-pcmi.org/list.php>.

The organization (American Association of University Women) began nationally in 1881 — 1952 in Plymouth — and empowers women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. The non-profit organization has more than 170,000 members nationwide and supports 1,000 local branches and 800 college/university partners.

When asked how long the Plymouth AAUW has staged the annual plays, a few thoughts were needed and the closest anyone could come to providing a date was at least 50 years, but maybe even 60.

Of the club, which has more than 80 members, some 25-35 women turn out to audition either as actors or ask to work behind the scenes with costumes, sets, lighting



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Cinderella (Kate Bellows) gets all gussied up for the ball with the help of the cat (Mary Anne Martin), Jac (Shirley Zaetta), Norm (Kay Paupore), mouse (Marie Mack) and Pete the cat (Becky Copenhagen).



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The Prince (Karen Stemberger) and Cinderella (Kate Bellows) lived happily ever after.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Sharon Belobraidich and Mickey Edell, as the Evil Stepmother and Step-sister Gruesue, have acted in AAUW productions for more than 30 years.

— you name it. Only women take the acting roles. Even a woman plays the prince, but with a lower voice. "This is the highlight of our year," said Kish, now a retired teacher, but who taught in the same building as Kempisty, who continues to

work. What club members love is that, for the most part, everyone has long-standing roles in the whole production. "Every year, someone else directs," Kish said. This year it was time for Kish and Kempisty. "This is all volunteer,"

Kish said. "Everyone is a member of the AAUW." And each year, the club stages the play at Garden City High School for kids. The effort begins with tryouts and plenty of rehearsal as actors memorize their lines. Costumes are made or obtained by club mem-

bers, as well. And "Cinderella" wouldn't be the same without a pumpkin turned royal carriage. The AAUW has a gentleman who volunteers and has created a carriage that is still under wraps. "He redoes everything for us," Kempisty said, referring to the props. Attendees will also have the opportunity to get up close with the AAUW actors as they come through the audience as part of "Cinderella." "Cinderella" is one of five plays that the club rotates. Other productions include "Peter Pan," "Snow White," "Alice in Wonderland" and the "Wizard of Oz" — all great fare to interest the Garden City-area kids who attend. To add more oomph to its traditions, the Plymouth AAUW has also created a night for Boy and Girl Scouts, who

attend programs on theater and learn all of its facets either from club members or the Garden City High School Drama Club. For their attendance, the Scouts earn a patch. While the AAUW once staged the plays in the Plymouth area, Garden City High School officials offered facilities free of charge other than for utilities, such as lighting and sound, the days of the performances. What really drives club members is that proceeds from the plays are used to provide college scholarships, such as to Schoolcraft College and Madonna University. Plus, members also find that they get new members from those who attend the plays. "We add new people every year," Kish said.

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P-CCS middle school musicians on their way

John McKimmy
Correspondent

The next generation of great student-musicians at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park is already on its way. Students from East, West, Discovery, Liberty and Pioneer middle schools have been selected for the Plymouth-Canton Middle School Honors Band.

The middle school students are practicing at P-CEP with Director of Bands G. Jonathan Thomann and Assistant Director Mike Wells. They are joined by some of the best high school musicians on campus. To-

gether they will perform Feb. 3 at the P-CEP student-run talent show, "Variety-Is," at Salem High School.

To be selected for the honors band, each middle school student had to audition with the directors. "The objective of this ensemble is to provide an opportunity for students to make music with other students from the other middle schools and work with some of the band students from the Park," Thomann said.

The P-CEP music program is considered among the best in Michigan and, considering the talent of these young musicians, that is likely



Director of Bands G. Jonathan Thomann in practice with the honors band.

to continue once they reach high school. "These kids are really talented and are easy to teach," said junior James Milleville, tuba section leader for the marching

band and mentor to the middle school trombone section.

The honors band includes two Middle School All State musicians. Jillian Kelly of West Middle



Jillian Kelly (left) and Anna Mueller were selected for the Middle School All State Band.

School was selected as an MSBOA Middle School All State flute player and Anna Mueller, also from West, was selected as an All State Honorable Mention percussionist. They

performed in Grand Rapids at the Michigan Music Teachers Association Conference in January.

Many of the other honors band musicians will perform later this year at the MSBOA Solo/Ensemble Festival, where it is expected they will earn top marks for their abilities. With five concert bands, three jazz bands, two orchestras, a championship marching band and world-class drum line, the incoming student-musicians have many options at P-CEP.

John McKimmy is a parent in the Plymouth-Canton community.

LETTERS

Coach offers thanks

Thank you for all of your support that the wonderful staff at the O&E has provided South Redford and Redford Union Public Schools over the many years of my service. I have decided to retire as of Jan. 27

from South Redford Public Schools. Coaching in the Redford community as a high school and middle school coach for 25 years has blessed my life with the opportunity to mentor and guide young student-athletes.

Many times I have called upon the services

of the O&E paper and staff to promote a sports team or educational project that was newsworthy. The staff of the O&E have always gone above and beyond the call of duty to project a positive story and add another pillar to a great community. It has been my plea-

sure to have such a supportive media outlet to capture the stories that might make a difference in a child's life.

It is time for me to move on and write another chapter of my life. Once more, thank you for providing a professional media outlet for our family of teachers and coaches to tell our story. Working together and coming together, we can make a difference in the growth of our community.

George Houttekier
physical education teacher/coach
Pierce Middle School,
South Redford Public Schools

Example of alternative fact: Trump — "I kept Carrier from sending thousands of jobs to Mexico."

Real fact: Trump pays Carrier 7 million taxpayer dollars to send 1,300 jobs to Mexico and top Carrier executive says that the \$7 million will be spent on robots to replace whatever workers are left.

Alternative fact: Trump — "Fiat/Chrysler is bringing back thousands of jobs because of me!"

Real fact: Sorry, comrade, the UAW and FCA negotiated that long ago.

Whether it's the smallest inconsequential thing, like crowd size or something big like your Russian connections, a lie is a lie Trump folks, so when your spokesperson Scotty Nell Hughes states, "There's no such thing as facts anymore," it justifies my position of "Not my president."

Mitch Dubanik
Livonia

can not define his own facts to support this contention. Most of his factual dispute with President Obama is simply not true.

First off, Mr. Kniebes contends that "most President Obama's policies were abject failures. Let me remind Mr. Kniebes and his fellow Obama bashers, President Obama was elected and re-elected by substantial plurality of votes of both the electoral college and popular vote.

Fact is, Mr. Kniebes and your fellow Obama bashers, Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by nearly a 3 million-vote margin over Trump.

Kniebes goes on to claim President Obama was not as gracious as President Bush in the transition to President Trump. A remarkable accusation as even Trump has repeatedly maintained through speech, Tweets and in writing how smooth the transition has been and is.

My final thought to Mr. Kniebes, is it not time to retire from demonization of President Obama? He left the presidency. What really is your point.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington

Passages

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BRUCE

DOROTHY 83 of Livonia, formerly of Benton Harbor. Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday January 28, 2017 at Manns Family Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt, Livonia 48154. Visitation will be from 10:30 to 11:30 the same day. Private Burial will be a Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. She lived in Livonia for over sixty years. Through the years she was active in various community activities and organizations. She is survived by one son, Rev. Gordon Bruce and his wife Angela of Pierce, NE. One daughter Karen Beer and husband Kevin of St. Charles, MO. Also one granddaughter Sarah Bruce of Omaha, NE and one grandson, Matthew Bruce of Pierce, NE. Also many nieces and nephews.

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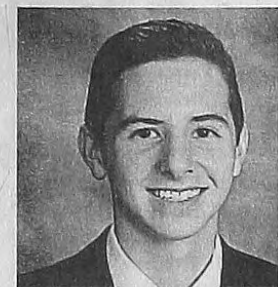
CANDACE CHRISTINE (nee WRIGHT) January 18, 2017 age 68 of Plymouth. Dear mother of William and Adam (Stephanie Lopez) Lichtenberg. Dear sister of Deborah (Renee Guilmette) Wright and John (Pat) Wright. Dear friend of Mike Lichtenberg. Loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Candace was a dedicated lifetime employee of AT & T. Arrangements entrusted to Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (Btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Devoted Barn or Michigan Humane Society. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

O'CALLAGHAN



MICHAEL C. Age 74, January 21, 2017. Dear father of Barry (Mona). Son of the late Jack and Margaret. Cherished grandfather of Madelynne and Brendan. Brother of Maureen (Robert) Giewswain, Norah Fix, Brian (Marie), Terry (Linda), Sean (Debbie), and the late Patrick. Dearest uncle of many. Visitation Wednesday 2-8 p.m. with an Evening Scripture Service at the John N. Santelii & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). In state Thursday 9:30 a.m. followed by the 10 a.m. Funeral Service at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood (at Merriman Road, 2 blocks north of Ford Rd.). Family suggests memorials to the Wounded Warrior Project.
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REILLY



PHILIP 19, passed away at the University of Michigan CS Mott Hospital on January 22, 2017 after a 15 month valiant battle with leukemia. He was a proud 2015 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School who was a happy and healthy young man in his first semester of college when he was unexpectedly diagnosed with very high risk acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) on October 12, 2015. Over the next 15 months he was hospitalized 9 months and experienced unparalleled medical challenges yet he unceasingly fought like a stoic warrior until his death. He is survived by his parents, Glenn and Lisa and his sister AnnMarie. His wake will be held on Friday, January 27 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Rosary at 6 p.m.) at O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Ave., Novi, MI 48375. Funeral Mass will occur on Saturday, January 28 at 11 a.m. (Visitation at 10 a.m.) at Detroit Catholic Central High School, 27225 Wixom Rd, Novi, MI 48374. A private interment will be held on a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to Detroit Catholic Central High School where a tuition assistance fund is being established in his name for students in need. Expressions of sympathy messages may be made at obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

TRICK



MARGARET ELIZABETH was born in Detroit to Joseph Frank and Henrietta (Strate) Buhr on January 26, 1921. In 1925 the family moved to Ann Arbor where she attended public schools and graduated from Ann Arbor High School. After graduation, she attended Michigan State and William and Mary. She continued her education by receiving a master's degree from Wayne State University in education. Her father Joseph Frank Buhr founded the Buhr Machine Tool Company. He was an inventor and industrialist. After his death, the family donated the land that would become Buhr Park to the city. Her brother Joseph Frank took over their father's Buhr Machine Tool Company in 1946 which became an international leader in it's field. In 1953 the Buhr foundation was founded which funded community needs. Our mother married Charles John Trick on January 30, 1943. She pursued teaching career when she finished college. After substituting from 1950 to 1951, she was hired in a permanent position as a kindergarten teacher at Jefferson School in Wayne Michigan. Many of her students were from disadvantaged families so each year clothes and food would be personally provided by her. Our mother's kindergarten career expanded over 34 years. Because of her commitment and excellence in teaching, she was awarded a special tribute from the Michigan State Legislature on June 8, 1983 to praise her and commend her for her excellence in teaching and her many years of public service. She was an avid bridge player and PTA chairman at her children's schools. Her love for all animals not only included the adoption of many cats but generous contributions to local and national Humane Societies. Together our mother and father were supporters and contributors to the Michigan Athletics and the U of M Hospital. She was a faithful fan of the football program and continued to attend the games until the age of 92 where you could see her doing the famous U of M wave in the stands. Her husband passed away in 2012 just short of their 69th wedding anniversary. She is survived by three children, Holly Pollock, Jacquelyn (Brian) Miller, Jeff (Clare) Trick. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Julie (John) Tulloch, Kelly (Conor) Dunston, Barret (Magan), Kristen and Elizabeth Miller, Sudan (Cindy) Bey, Lauren, Jeffery, Nicholas Trick. Great grandchildren, Oona, Sadie, Braden, Kaylie and Ayla. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. at the Nie Family Funeral Home, Liberty Road Chapel, 3767 W. Liberty Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. The family will receive friends from 10:30 a.m. until time of the service. In memory of Margaret, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Huron Valley or one's local Humane Society. To sign the guestbook and leave a memory, please visit www.niefuneralhomes.com

Alternate facts?

Alternative Fact: Alternative (adjective) awl-tur-nuh-tiv. Fact: (noun) fakt.

Definition: 1. A lie. A lie whose sole purpose and intent is to ignore a truth that is embarrassing. 2. A tool designed to further complete the dumbing down of republican America so they don't realize they've been scammed (yet again). 3. An invention of Kellianne Conway as a way to present a piece of information that seems to have objective reality in anything but truth and honesty.

What's the point?

Randy Kniebes unlashes his tirade to support his contention that President Obama POTUS exit is a "good sign." Mr. Kniebes is certainly entitled to his opinion, but

POLICE BRIEFS

CANTON

Road rage incident causes driver to hit tree

A road rage incident caused a Canton teen to lose control of his vehicle and hit a tree on Canton's west side, though he escaped serious injury, a police report said.

The 19-year-old driver flagged down a police officer at the crash scene and reported he was traveling southbound on Denton, near Proctor, when a motorist started tailgating his 2000 Ford Expedition about 10:50 a.m. Jan. 19.

He told police the other driver, described as a white male in his teens, trailed him in a black Cadillac, passed him and quickly swerved back into the lane, causing the victim to veer off the road and into Independence Park, where he struck a tree. Neither he nor his brother, a passenger, were hurt.

The Expedition had heavy front-end damage and had to be towed.

Death threats

A drunken man threatened to kill Canton paramedics during an incident that unfolded about 11:45 p.m. Saturday outside the BP gas station at Ford and Haggerty roads, a police report said.

Police went to the scene amid reports of a drunken man picking fights with customers. A police report said the suspect had scratches and blood on his head, though it wasn't clear why.

Police saw the man harassing a customer who was pumping gas. He admitted he had a lot to drink and was hanging out at the BP station, the report said.

Police summoned paramedics to treat the man, but he turned on

them and threatened to kill them, the report said. Police arrested the suspect for public intoxication. He was later taken to a hospital for an examination after he complained of shoulder pain.

Sexual image

A 16-year-old Canton girl received a sexually explicit image on her Snapchat account, prompting her father to take her to the police station to file a report.

On Friday, the teen said a man she didn't know, except as Snapchat friends, sent her a picture of a penis. His face couldn't be seen to help identify him.

The girl blocked the Snapchat user and police filed a report to document the incident.

Break-in thefts

Police were investigating after an Ypsilanti woman used her Find My iPhone app to track her stolen smart phone to College Park, a mobile home community in Canton.

The 19-year-old woman called police about 4:35 p.m. Jan. 18 after she went to the mobile home park based on what she learned from the app, a police report said. She told police her residence had been broken into the day before near Eastern Michigan University and several devices had been stolen.

Police knocked on two doors in the mobile home park, but no one appeared to be at home. The investigation was continuing.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

Expensive candy

Apparently not in the mood for doughnuts, police say a thief went inside the Dunkin' Donuts on Ann Arbor Road and stole several candy

bars before fleeing.

The incident happened about 4:20 Jan. 10. An employee told police the man — a bald, white male in his mid-40s — came into the shop with a young girl, grabbed candy bars, put them in his pocket and left without paying.

The employee told police the man is a frequent customer who has been involved in previous theft incidents. Police tracked down the man, who admitted his actions and said he made "a stupid decision" — one that could cost him more than a candy bar after he was ticketed for third-degree retail fraud.

Spartan theft

Now, it's impossible to say whether the culprit was a University of Michigan fan, but a Michigan State University fan told police her MSU flag, displayed outside her house, was missing when she returned Jan. 8 from a weekend trip up north. She said the flag bore the words Spartan Nation and had an image of Darth Vader on it.

She told police she didn't know who might have taken it.

Drug paraphernalia

Police ticketed a 19-year-old Canton man for possession of drug paraphernalia after a small amount of marijuana, a pipe and a silver metal grinder were found in his car, along with empty bags that appeared to have had marijuana in them.

The incident happened shortly before 9 p.m. Jan. 12, but the location was redacted from a police report. Police confronted the driver and a passenger after a witness reported suspicious behavior inside a 2017 Ford Fusion.

— By Darrell Clem



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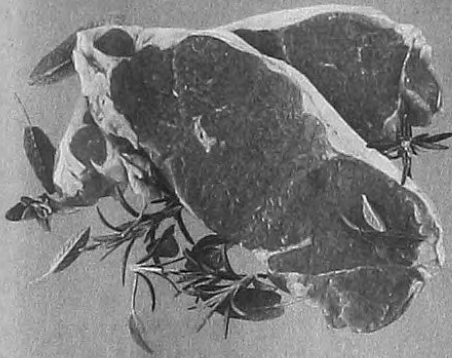
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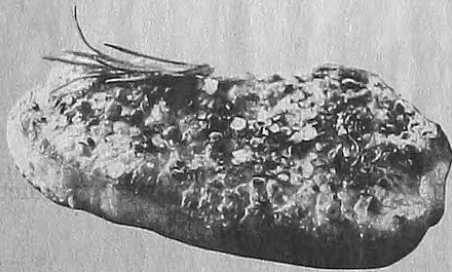
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USA HOCKEY

Thunder weather late NTDP rally

Bloomington hangs on for 3-2 win over U17 squad; Star Wars Night is Jan. 28

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Snapping the puck past Bloomington goalie Gabriel Mollot-Hill is Tyler Weiss (left) of the U.S. NTDP Under-17 team. Bloomington won 3-2 Saturday night at USA Hockey Arena.

RENA LAVERTY

There were stretches during Saturday night's game where the U.S. NTDP Under-17 hockey team seemed to grab momentum against Bloomington.

It turned out those moments were few and far between, however, as the Thunder overcame an early 1-0 deficit to skate to a 3-2 United States Hockey League win before just under 1,000 at USA Hockey Arena.

Still, U17 head coach Danton Cole saw a lot to like from his team — except the outcome, of course.

"We really liked the battle level of the guys," Cole said. "This is a tough year for them. It's hard to fight through some of that stuff and I thought they did an outstanding job with that. We know the rest will come around, as long as you're getting

the effort and attitude."

The Thunder broke a 1-1 tie late in the second and scored again early in the third for a 3-1 lead. That was enough of a cushion for the win, despite a late push by Team USA for the equalizer that never

came.

Breaking a 1-1 tie with 1:43 to go in the middle period was Ethan Somoza, who jammed a loose puck under the pad of U17

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Coaching vacancies

Canton High School athletic director Vernon Crump announced several coaching vacancies need to be filled.

Canton coaching vacancies include: distance coach for girls track and field; throws coach for girls track and field; jumps and hurdles coach for boys track and field; and varsity volleyball head coach.

For more information send an email to vernon.crump@pccsk12.com.

Reunion set for U-D men's team

The 1976-77 Detroit Titans men's basketball team that made the NCAA tournament will be honored Feb. 10 during its regularly-scheduled home game against arch rival Oakland University.

The 40-year reunion will bring together former Titans stars Terry Tyler, John Long, Earl Cureton and Terry Duerod. It is expected that some 30 players will be on hand for the ceremony, which will include an official jersey retirement for Duerod.

Cureton, a Farmington resident, attended Detroit Finney High School before starring at U-D. He later went on to play in the NBA, where he was a member of two championship teams — Philadelphia 76ers and Houston Rockets — during his 12-year career.

Hall of Fame broadcaster Dick Vitale, who coached that team, which advanced to the sweet 16, will be in town for the festivities.

New prep baseball rule

A recent ruling by the Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association will affect prep pitchers this spring.

As its fall meeting held Dec. 2 in East Lansing, the Representative Council voted to adopt a baseball rules change adopted by the National Federation of State High School Associations, which must start prior to the spring 2017 season.

The rule change requires the pitchers follow a pitch count limit instead of the previous rule that limited innings based on the numbers of outs thrown.

Pitchers will be allowed to throw a maximum of 105 pitches in one day and be required to rest three days if they throw more than 75. Pitchers must rest two days after throwing 51-75 pitches, one day after throwing 26-50, and will not be required to rest if they throw 25 or fewer pitches in one day.

'Cats holding food drive

Plymouth's varsity boys hockey team is collecting non-perishable food items to be distributed to local food pantries.

Those wishing to help can bring the items Friday, Feb. 10, to Arctic Edge Arena in Canton before Plymouth's 6 p.m. game against Salem.

OBSERVERLAND PREVIEW

GOING TO THE MAT

Annual Observerland slated for Saturday at Livonia Churchill

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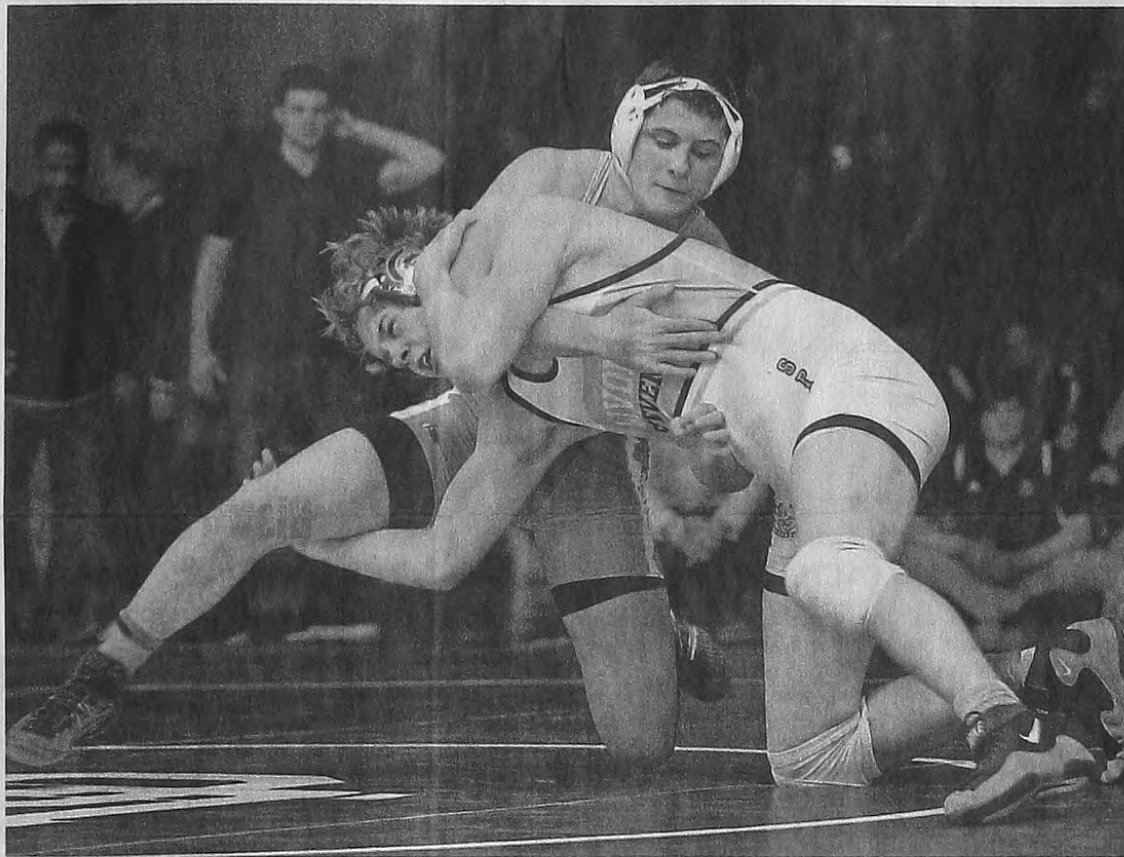
With some elite teams not attending Saturday's Observerland Wrestling Tournament at Livonia Churchill, the competition could be more wide open than in previous seasons.

But state powerhouse Novi Detroit Catholic Central — who won in 2016 with its Blue team — is scheduled to bring its White team to the 26th annual tournament, which begins 9 a.m. Saturday in the Churchill gymnasium.

The coveted "spotlight finals," when the gym lights are turned down and all the attention is on one mat, will begin about 5 p.m.

Westland John Glenn won't be there and Livonia Franklin will send only a junior varsity squad as only 15 high schools will be on hand at the Churchill-hosted event.

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Although some schools are not competing at this year's Observerland, the spotlight finals remain a highlight. In this photo from 2014, Plymouth's Hussein Youssef (top) battles Livonia Stevenson's Connor Vaughn in the championship bout at 171.

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WAYNE COUNTY BOWLING INVITATIONAL

Chiefs boys prevail with late flurry of pins

Canton comes on strong to win 24-team tournament at Inkster's Cherry Hill Lanes

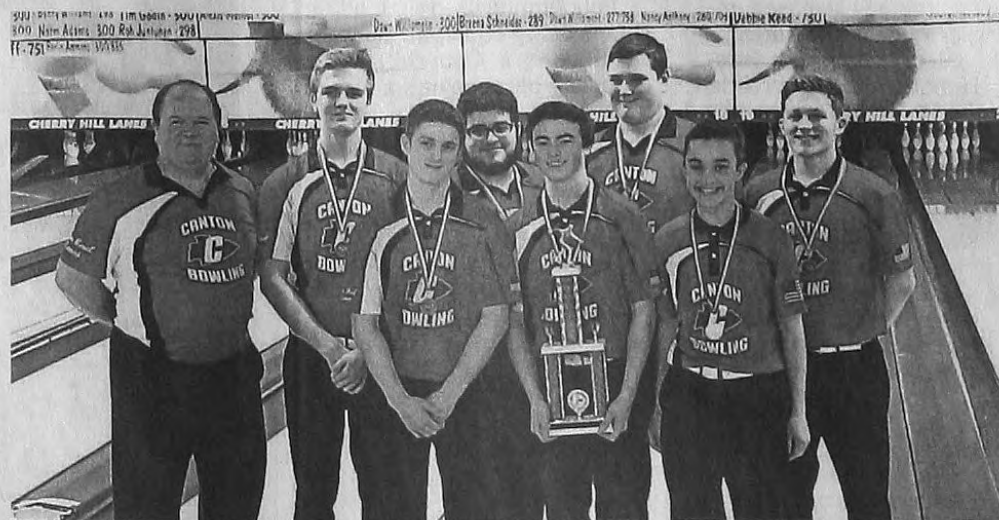
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It's not how you start, but how you finish.

Canton's varsity boys bowling team found that out, making up for early woes by defeating Redford Union in the championship match of Saturday's 12th annual Wayne County Invitational.

The fourth-seeded Chiefs took care of Redford Union (seventh seed) in the finals at Inkster's Cherry Hill Lanes. RU knocked off second seed Salem in the quarterfinals and third seed Wyandotte in the semifinals to reach the championship

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Canton's varsity boys bowling team celebrates after winning the Wayne County Invitational (from left): head coach Karl Brubaker, David Hess, Mason Mondro, Andrew Nosay, Dominic Dimaya, D.J. Jablonski, Preston Kavanaugh and Mathieu Mondro.

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U-D HALL OF FAME

Titan-ic honor in store for ex-Franklin pitcher Kasetta

The late Tony Kasetta will be inducted into University of Detroit Hall of Fame

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Former Livonia Franklin High baseball standout Tony Kasetta will be among the newest class of inductees scheduled to go into the University of Detroit Mercy Athletics Hall of Fame during ceremonies this weekend.

The U-D Hall of Fame weekend includes the induction dinner Saturday, Jan. 28, on campus at the Student Center Ballroom.

All 2017 Hall of Fame inductees will be recognized the following day during the men's basketball game against Green Bay. Game time is 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at at U-D's Calihan Hall.

Kasetta, who died in 2015 at age 62, will be joined by Teresa Emery (softball), Shireese Statin (track and field), Jack Szczepaniuk (track and field), Mark Sommerfeld (golf) and former women's basketball coach and women's athletic coordinator Susan Kruszewski, along with the 2004 Detroit Mercy women's soccer team.

Kasetta, a 1971 Franklin graduate, was the ace of the Titans pitching staff during his time and holds the school record with 25 total wins.

He ranks fourth in strikeouts in school history with 218. As a sophomore, he was 9-3 with a 2.29 earned-run average, allowing just 65 hits with 62 strikeouts in 74 2/3 innings.

As a senior, he was a perfect 7-0 on the mound, whiffing 59 batters in 56 innings, while helping the Titans to a school-record 36 victories in 1975.

Kasetta, who threw around 90 mph with exquisite control of his pitches, had tryouts with the Detroit Tigers, Chicago White Sox and Kansas City Royals.

He ultimately accepted a



DETROIT MERCY ATHLETICS

The late Tony Kasetta, former standout pitcher at Livonia Franklin, will be inducted posthumously into the University of Detroit Mercy Athletics Hall of Fame.

job as a buyer for J.L. Hudson before moving to Atlanta more than 30 years ago. He was involved in the wholesale end of the men's apparel industry at the time of his death.

Former longtime U-D baseball coach Bob Miller has fond memories of Kasetta, who he referred to as "one of my all-time best players."

"Tony had a great arm. He threw hard and he had a good breaking ball," Miller told the Observer. "Why he never got drafted (by Major League Baseball), I'll never understand.

"On Saturdays, we'd play doubleheaders sometimes against Division II or III teams like Hillsdale. When it was Tony's turn to start, he'd throw the first game and we'd win 10-0 in five innings. I'd go up to him and say, 'Tony, it looks like you haven't even broken a sweat. Do you want to throw the second game, too?' And he'd say, 'Sure.' Then he'd go out and shut them out in the second game as well."

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WRESTLING

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A key reason for some of the no-shows is about wanting to avoid competitive over-exposure during the regular season, both for wrestlers and teams.

What once was a destination event each season for area teams now is becoming a redundancy, even an afterthought, for some teams.

"We wrestle a lot of them at the Wayne County tournament at the beginning of the year," Rockets head coach Bill Polk said about skipping Observerland this time around. "And then we see every one of them in an individual dual. We see them at Observerland and, a week later, we see them all in the KLAA meet.

"When you're wrestling Observerland and you're wrestling league back-to-back, it just doesn't make any sense."

Tradition is fading

Concurring was Franklin head coach David Chiola, who will use Observerland as a way for junior varsity wrestlers to gain some key experience.

"With county, KLAA and districts, it's just too much of the same teams," Chiola said. "We've asked them (Chargers) to invite other teams, but it looks like the same ones and many aren't even varsity.

OBSERVERLAND FACTS

What: The 26th annual Observerland wrestling tournament.

When: Beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and continuing until the evening; spotlight finals are slated for 5 p.m.

Where: Livonia Churchill High School gymnasium. The school is located on Newburgh, between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy Road.

Admission: \$5 (\$3 for students).

Teams: Taking part will be Belleville, Farmington, Farmington Harrison, Garden City, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin (JV), Livonia Stevenson, Lutheran Westland, North Farmington, Northville, Novi, Novi Detroit Catholic Central (White team), Redford Union, Salem and Wayne Memorial.

"I'm not sure the tournament is necessary anymore, at least not that late in the year."

Also not attending will be Plymouth (winner in 2014) and Canton, although the Salem Rocks will be front and center to represent the Park.

"I see us being middle of the pack this year based on inexperience in the lineup," said Salem head coach Jeremy Henderson, who wrestled for the Rocks at Observerland a decade ago. "I will have a couple guys contend for the finals, but we have a lot of first-year kids in the lineup.

"We graduated 10 seniors last year and a lot of kids are stepping up from JV to varsity, so this is their first year (at Observerland). I want my kids to go out and wrestle tough. If we do that, we can be successful."

Henderson said the KLAA's loss of 10 teams in 2017-18 might turn out to be a positive for the future of the Observerland tourney.

"Ultimately, we go to this

tournament because it is what we have always done," Henderson said. "It is tradition, but we might change it in the future unless teams start coming back.

"The KLAA league change might be a good thing for this tournament, it just depends on how the cards fall."

Polk emphasized that, all things being equal, he'd have the Rockets at Churchill on Saturday because he's always valued Observerland.

"I love the Observerland tournament," Polk said. "I've always enjoyed it, it's right down the street from us. Churchill's always done a great job hosting, the spotlight finals, it's a big tournament for the area. So everybody gets into it.

"It's a shame that it's kind of turned into what it's turned into. And it's not necessarily Observerland's fault, it's what's formed around Observerland."

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HOCKEY

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goaltender Ryan Ullan.

Bloomington needed less than a minute in the third to make it a two-goal difference. Mitchell Mattson scored at 39 seconds, collecting a loose puck near the Team USA crease and sliding the puck into the net.

Team USA chipped into the deficit at 6:15 of the third period, when forward Jacob Tortora scored to make it a 3-2 game.

Both Tortora and linemate Jonathan Gruden crashed the net while defenseman Ty Emberson took a shot. Gruden — stationed in front — flicked the puck over to Tortora at the left post for the tap-in past Bloomington goalie Gabriel Mollot-Hill.

But the Thunder would not give the home team much the rest of the way, not even with an extra attacker during the final minute after NTDP head coach Danton Cole pulled Ullan.

Both teams wound up with 11 shots in the third; Bloomington enjoyed a 34-24 edge for the game.

Stepping in

Tortora, who also assisted on Team USA's first goal, played the game with the U17 squad (he has played with the Under-18 team all season) in order to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test at Ann Arbor Pioneer. In turn, Joel Farabee moved up to the U18 team for the weekend for games at Cedar Rapids and Chicago.

"It was good, you hate this time of year to miss too much hockey and this kept him in the game," Cole said. "He did a great job for us."

According to Tortora, he had "a little chemistry" with linemate Tyler Weiss, having played on a midget minor team in 2015. Also on his line was Gruden (Rochester).

"It was a good feeling, they (U17) have lots of skill and, obviously, a lot of work to do," Tortora said about joining the younger NTDP team for a game. "But we did last year, too. I think they'll get better as the year goes on."

It took a while for the U17 team to get going, not registering a shot against Mollot-Hill until 13 minutes had elapsed in the opening period. During that stretch, the Thunder had several good scoring chances, but could not solve Ullan.

Breaking the scoreless tie at

15:52 was Weiss. He took a feed in the neutral zone from Tortora, then burst up the middle into the Bloomington end before snapping a shot between the circles that Mollot-Hill had no chance on.

Bloomington drew even at 1-1 at 7:32 of the middle period, when Sean Harrison chipped in a rebound.

All of the Thunder's goals resulted from hard play around Ullan, who Cole praised for playing a strong game (31 saves).

"Ryan played a great game in net for us, he really battled hard," Cole said. "He hasn't played in a little while and he gave us a real good chance tonight."

"They (Thunder) take the puck, they go hard to the net. That's the way you got to play hockey. But I thought Ryan was outstanding."

Star Wars Night

USA Hockey's National Team Development Program will host its annual Star Wars Night on Saturday, Jan. 28, at USA Hockey Arena. The 7 p.m. game, which is sponsored locally by Hines Park Lincoln, will pit the U.S. National Under-17 Team against the Tri-City Storm of the United States Hockey League.

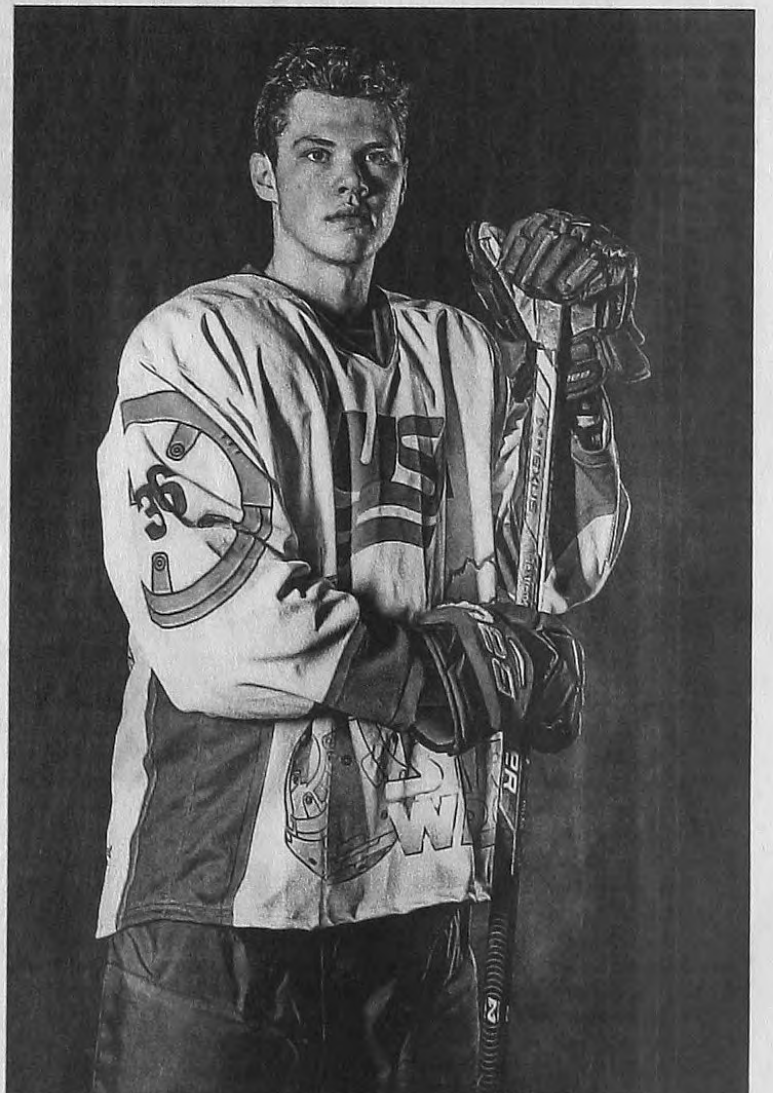
For the fourth time, Team USA will wear Star Wars inspired jerseys during this event. Previous designs included Darth Vader (2014), Han Solo (2015) and the iconic Stormtrooper (2016). This season's look will feature a fan favorite from Star Wars: The Force Awakens.

The jerseys will be auctioned off online at the NHL Auctions page. Bidding will commence Thursday, Feb. 9. Proceeds will benefit C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Last year's auction raised over \$7,300 for the hospital.

Among the festivities planned for Star Wars Night are appearances by characters represented by the 501st Legion & Rebel Legion costuming groups, as well as a ceremonial puck drop. The Under-17 Team will wear the specially designed jerseys throughout the game.

Tickets to the game are available at the USA Hockey Arena box office located at 14900 Beck Road in Plymouth by calling 734-453-8400. USA Hockey is also offering special tickets that when purchased, a portion goes directly back to the hospital.

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RENA LAVERTY

Modeling the jersey the U.S. NTDP Under-17 team will wear Jan. 28 is Patrick Giles.

BOWLING

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match before falling to Canton. "We started off really slow. We had a real bad first game, but we put it together after that," Canton head coach Karl Brubaker said. "Matt Mondro led the team."

After reaching the qualifying round (top eight teams out of 24), the Chiefs knocked off New Boston Huron, Flat Rock and the upstart Panthers.

"To me, it's huge," Brubaker

said. "Up to that point, we had started bowling a little bit better. But we weren't bowling that great early in the season.

"It (the championship) was a surprise, especially after bowling real bad that first game."

In Baker games, Canton bested Huron 243-199 and 187-181 in the quarterfinals before splitting a pair against Flat Rock (winning 222-192, but falling 226-207). Canton advanced because of a higher total.

Against Redford Union, the Chiefs prevailed 223-196 and

236-185.

For the tournament, including three regular games and two Baker games, Canton tallied 3,839 pins. Belleville (4,038), Salem (3,933) and Wyandotte (3,840) knocked down more pins during the day, but did not come away with the ultimate prize.

In the individual standings, top 25 three-game performers from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park included Salem's Josh Hall (669), Mondro (667), Plymouth's Justin O'Shaughnessy (664), Canton's Dominic Dimaya (650), Salem's Ryan

Gonyea (629), Salem's Mitchell Rusinek (626) and Canton's Andrew Nosay (618).

Rocks win PCS meet

On Jan. 15 at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton, the Salem varsity boys team topped a 14-team field at the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Tournament.

The Rocks tallied 4,085 pins, well ahead of Tecumseh (3,833), Lakeview (3,825) and University of Detroit Jesuit (3,799). In sixth place was Canton (3,703), while Plymouth came in ninth with 3,629 pins.

Teams completed six Baker

games and three regular games for the total.

Girls results

Winning the PCS meet on the girls side was Woodhaven, with 3,546 pins — edging runner-up Salem (3,505) and Jackson (3,435).

In fourth with 3,330 pins was Canton, led by individual champion Meghan Macunovich (708 series).

Plymouth took 11th with a total of 2,891 pins.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Stevenson pushes the pace in victory

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A balanced attack and up-tempo pace proved to be an impressive combination Tuesday for Livonia Stevenson's varsity boys basketball team, which earned a 86-65 victory over host Livonia Churchill.

The Spartans (10-1 overall) took control of the crossover contest relatively early, jumping out to a 24-18 lead after one quarter. The Chargers had a solid second quarter to pull to within 37-32 at halftime, but a 28-point third quarter gave Stevenson enough of a push to sustain any Churchill rally.

Four players reached double digits in scoring for Stevenson, led by Ian Knoph (14 points) and Chris Tanderys (13 points). Contributing 12 points was Spencer Eddings while George Ferguson scored 10.

Churchill (2-9) was led by Trajan Stinson (17 points) and Genesis Barnes (16 points), with Evan Cummins adding 12.

"Spencer Eddings played a complete all-around game today," Stevenson assistant coach Chris Haldane said. "Spencer was in the right position almost

all game on defense, but he made a huge impact by pushing the pace and running basket to basket on face breaks.

"Spencer beat everybody down the floor three or four times and that really helped open up opportunities for everyone else on the floor. Chris Tanderys was the benefactor of this pushed pace, as he was able to knock down three 3-pointers as Churchill's defenders scrambled back."

A strong point for the Chargers was the strong work in the paint by Avery Anderson, who Haldane said hurt the Spartans "on the offensive glass."

Warriors stopped

Lutheran Westland senior forward Zach Burk went off for 27 points and nine rebounds Tuesday, but the Warriors fell short against host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 74-54.

The Warriors dropped to 6-2 overall and 1-2 in the MIAC Red Division, while the hosts improved to 5-3, 2-1.

In addition to Burk, senior Luke Smith registered 16 points and pulled down seven rebounds for the Warriors, while

senior Kory Barikmo tallied eight points, six rebounds and five assists. The Warriors were hurt at the free-throw line, making just 52 percent of their attempts (12-of-23).

The teams were tied 16-16 after one quarter, but Lutheran Westland trailed 35-31 at halftime and 53-43 after three.

Clarenceville falls

Rickey Scott's 29 points went in vain Tuesday as Livonia Clarenceville (0-12) lost 64-56 in a non-league game against host Novi Franklin Road Christian (2-8).

Scott connected on six 3-pointers, while teammate Armen Anelija added 11 points for the Trojans, who couldn't overcome a 36-18 halftime deficit.

Rahmon Scruggs and Maxwell Holleman paced the Warriors with 22 and 19 points, respectively. Joshua Beck also added a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Franklin Road was 24-of-36 from the free-throw line (66.6 percent), while Clarenceville was 14-of-21 (66.6 percent).

Salem drops one

Livonia Stevenson scored 25 points in the fourth quarter Friday to pull out a 65-54 win over Salem in a KLAACentral Division match-up.

Salem (5-6) was led by senior Cameron Grace (19 points, 10 rebounds) and senior Camren Barden (11 points).

Ian Knoph and Devin Dunn scored 15 points each for the Spartans.

Eagles prevail

Matt Malcolm scored 30 points Friday to spark Plymouth Christian Academy to a 73-69 win over MIAC Red Division rival Oakland Christian.

Jayne Fadden also had a strong night for the Eagles with 17 points, while Max Okolo chipped in 14 points and 10 rebounds.

"We're playing well together as a team," PCA head coach Matt Windle said. "We still need to learn to finish games. Max was a beast on the boards. Matt Malcolm is doing a great job attacking the glass and hitting his shots."

Plymouth Christian improved to 7-2 overall and 5-0 in

the division, while Oakland Christian dropped to 5-2, 2-2.

Double OT

Friday's KLAACentral Division game between host Livonia Franklin and Livonia Churchill went a bit longer than usual, double overtime.

But thanks to a 25-point game by Mark Mettie, the Patriots prevailed, 74-69.

Scoring 21 points for Franklin (5-5, 1-3) was Keyon Brown, while Kemauri Heard chipped in 11. Johnny Cantrell added nine.

For the Chargers (2-8, 0-5), registering 25 points was Alan Hammett, while Evan Cummins had 22. Helping the Churchill cause was Trajan Stinson, with seven points.

Both teams enjoyed offensive runs in the first half. The Chargers built a 24-16 lead after one quarter, but Franklin bounced back in the second with a 25-14 edge to lead 41-38 at halftime.

The second half was close throughout, ending with the teams deadlocked at 62-62.

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COLLEGE GOLF

Spartans duo to golf for Crusaders

Stevenson seniors Maurier, Szabelski thrilled to choose Madonna

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For Livonia Stevenson seniors Madison Maurier and Kristen Szabelski, the choice where to play college golf was as clear as a billowing flag at the end of a short straight-away.

Both have committed to play in 2017-18 at Madonna University, just a couple of miles down the road from their high school.

But even more importantly, they are going to a university featuring the academic programs they wanted to pursue.

"Madonna has a remarkable academic program," Maurier said. "So being able to play golf is just an added bonus. College golf was one of the goals for my golf career and I cannot wait to see where Madonna takes me in achieving more."

Concurring was Szabelski, noting that she received several offers, but chose MU over Olivet College in order to earn a degree in forensic science.

"Madonna sealed the deal when they had the program I've been looking for," Szabelski said. "I think I made the right decision and I'm excited for the next four years."



Livonia Stevenson seniors (front, from left) Madison Maurier and Kristen Szabelski recently made it official — they will golf at Madonna University. Standing (from left) are coaches Matt Maurier, Scott Marzolino and Curt Hay.

Of course, both student-athlete bring plenty of golfing ability to the Madonna mix.

In the 2016 season, Szabelski registered averages of 41 strokes for nine holes and 83 for 18. Maurier averaged 43 and 86 strokes, respectively.

Szabelski is a three-time all-KLAAC performer and Stevenson record holder. She also earned MVP honors two seasons in a row.

"It has always been my dream to play college golf," Szabelski said. "I've been working hard every year and I continue to do so going into college. I've had great coaches to help me along the way and my parents are very supportive."

Stevenson head girls golf

coach Curt Hay was at a recent signing ceremony for both Spartans, as were coaches Matt Maurier and Scott Marzolino.

According to Madison Maurier, having the opportunity to attend Madonna and golf for the Crusaders caps a seven-year quest.

"It's been a dream of mine since I was 10 years old to be a college athlete, and now it's possible," she said. "Seven years later I earned my chance to play college golf at Madonna University, and I couldn't be more excited."

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PREP GYMNASTICS

Chiefs fall short in elite match-up against Unified

Farmington United has enough to edge Canton

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The MHSAA gymnastics state finals are more than a month away, but a postseason-like showdown took place Saturday between state-ranked Canton and Farmington United.

Both teams had outstanding performances at the Farmington Gymnastics Center, but United's 145.0 score narrowly bested the 143.775 turned in by the Chiefs.

"It came down to Farmington's last event, floor (exercise), where they posted the top four floor scores of the meet to overcome Canton's last event (vault)," veteran Canton head coach John Cunningham said.

Farmington United scored 9.425, 9.25, 9.2 and 9.15 on floor, just enough to offset the Chiefs' 9.5, 9.15, 9.0 and 8.65 scores on vault.

Leading the way for Canton was Kelsea Kernosek, with first on vault (9.5), balance beam (9.4) and all-around — a personal best 36.675. She finished with the best all-around score at the meet.

Other standouts for the Chiefs included Katie Dickson and Victoria Faber, with respective all-around scores of 35.475 and 35.125. Dickson placed fifth on vault with 9.0, while Faber's 9.15 on vault was good for third place.

Canton featured three performers reaching 9.0 on balance beam. Those included Rachel Socha (9.2, third), Annika Wang (9.125) and Zoe Graves (9.1).

"I kept seeing high scores on vault and the spectators were cheering loudly," United coach Jeff Dwyer said. "It created a great, competitive atmosphere as we competed on floor. Canton always comes in ready to compete and we discussed this earlier in the week."

"The coaches told the girls prior to the final event that the meet was close. I wanted them to experience some of the pressure that we will face in the future against some high ranked teams."

United was led by sophomore Kacey Noseworthy (36.525), junior Elisa Bills (36.225) and senior Jacqueline Farquhar (35.95).

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Blazers stung, Warriors earn victory

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Olivia Moore scored 12 points and Uche Ike added eight Tuesday as host Birmingham Marian (7-4, 6-3) rolled to a 45-14 Catholic League Central Division victory over Livonia Ladywood (2-11, 1-9).

The Mustangs led 23-6 at halftime and 27-8 after three quarters before putting it away with an 18-6 fourth-quarter run.

Brianne Rogers scored six points for the Blazers.

Warriors clip C'ville

Rachel Bause scored 20 points and pulled down nine rebounds Tuesday to lead Novi Franklin Road Christian (9-2) to a 53-6 non-league win at Livonia Clarenceville (1-10).

Danielle Fusco chipped in 14 points, 11 steals and three assists for the Warriors, who led 29-5 at halftime and 45-5 after three quarters.

Myla Hoskins-King scored four of Clarenceville's six points.

The Trojans were 1-of-6 from the foul line, while Franklin Road was 14-of-20.

Cougars rout Trojans

On Friday at Garden City, the Cougars built a 30-6 halftime lead and never looked back in a 52-13 victory.

The Cougars (5-6 overall) were led by Alea Montgomery (14 points), Brittany Radtke (12 points) and Haleigh Maszatics (seven points).

Helping the GC cause with five points each were Kayley Hewer and Alex Leleniewski.

For the Trojans, now 1-9, scoring eight points was Myla Hoskins-King.

Eagles hang on

Plymouth Christian Academy moved into third place in the MIAC with Friday's 46-41 triumph over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The Eagles (7-3) led 29-21 at halftime and padded that edge to 38-27 after three quarters, enough to offset a late rally by the Crusaders.

"We did a great job of moving the ball in our offense," PCA head coach Rod Windle said.

Seniors Taylor Mistele (six points, 10 rebounds) and Aliyah Pries (eight points, five boards) "stood tall in the paint, grabbing rebounds and frustrating Lutheran North-

west forwards all night," Windle said.

Lydia Chapel led the Eagles with 10 points, while Robin Albert (eight points, eight rebounds) and Harlee Collins (six points) also helped the cause.

Harrison stymied

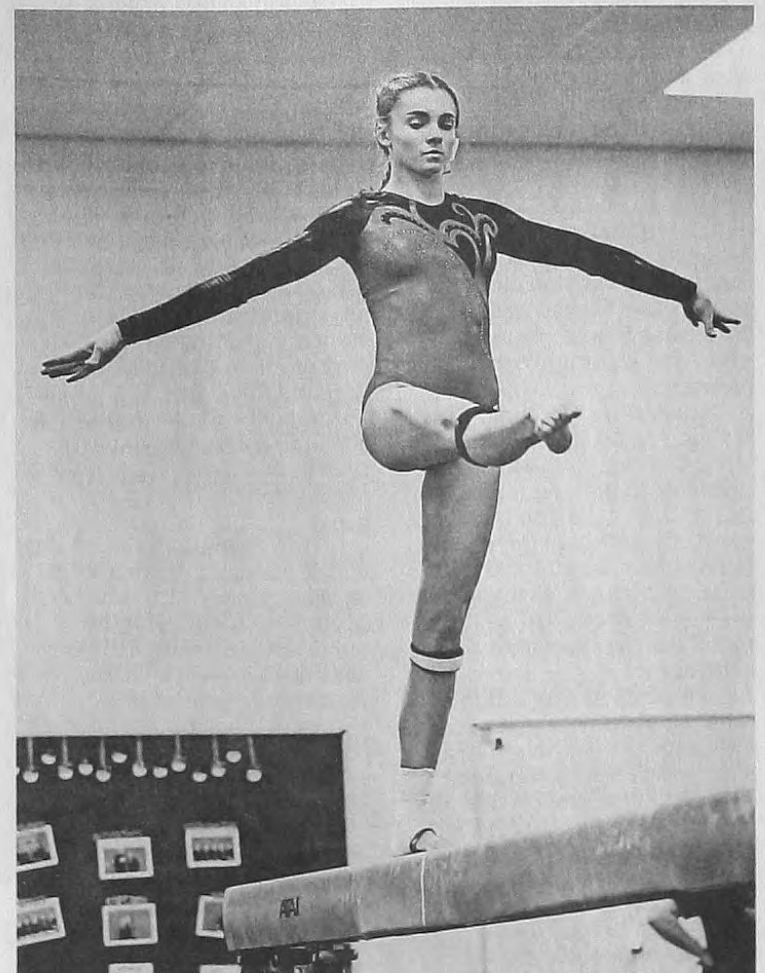
Farmington Harrison certainly has been tested in its last two OAA White Division outings. Playing the division's two top teams, the Hawks struggled through tough defeats.

Bloomfield Hills, the undefeated OAA White leader, rolled past Harrison, 61-24, last Friday. Tuesday, playing Royal Oak, the only White team which has enjoyed a lead on Bloomfield Hills this season, the Hawks suffered a 48-31 defeat.

The loss left Harrison at 4-5 overall, including a 2-2 OAA White Division record for first-year head coach Shavon Caldwell.

"We've lost two in a row now," Caldwell said. "But I don't think it's anything that's going to suffer for too long. I think we've bonded together as a team."

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Canton's Victoria Faber, a standout all season, works her routine on the balance beam.

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PRO FOOTBALL

TWIN AMBITION

Stevenson graduates Mitchell and Myles White still pursuing dreams to play in the NFL

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Since they led Livonia Stevenson High to a state runner-up finish in 2007, Mitchell and Myles White have embarked on a football odyssey that can only be described from an old Beatles tune as "The Long and Winding Road."

Both will turn 27 on March 30 and both continue their dogged pursuit of making it in the NFL. It certainly has been a "Hard Days Night" at times for the identical twins.

Mitchell, the former high school quarterback, is coming off a Grey Cup championship as a cornerback with the Ottawa Redblacks of the Canadian Football League.

Meanwhile, Myles, the wide receiver, has logged 19 games in the National Football League while finishing this past season on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers practice squad.

They were former teammates, not only at Stevenson, but also at Michigan State before Myles left for his final two collegiate seasons at Louisiana Tech.

And now during the off-season they are reunited once again at their new training home in Houston.

NFL contracts

Myles has re-signed with the New York Jets, after spending the early part of the season on their practice squad. Mitchell, meanwhile, signed last week with the Philadelphia Eagles after a magical and unpredictable season in the CFL that culminated in a 39-33 overtime win over the Calgary Stampeders for the Grey Cup title last November in Toronto.

"I guess the satisfaction I got out of it was that you get paid as a professional to win championships," said Mitchell, who spent his first two seasons in the CFL with Montreal. "And to say that we got the job done after a pretty weak season, that was really satisfying. It was an amazing feeling and I told the guys at Ottawa that I couldn't thank them enough for allowing me to join the organization and help them make that run to get over the hump. The one negative is that I won't be back there initially to help them defend that title."

With the help of his agent Steve Weinberg, Mitchell worked out and received contract offers from the Texans, Bears, Bengals and Jets. Philly showed the most interest in having him compete for a roster spot.

Mitchell played at MSU mostly as a backup and nickel back to future NFL cornerbacks Trae Waynes and Darqueze Dennard. A walk-on who earned a scholarship as a sophomore, White was a key special teams contributor for the Spartans in his four years before earning a tryout as an undrafted free agent with the Oakland Raiders.

Moving day

After being released, he wound up in Montreal for two seasons, where he made 58 tackles and an interception in 28 games for the Alouettes.

"When I got to the CFL, my whole goal was to make the NFL," Mitchell said. "It's hard, because there's relationships that I made with coaches and players (at Ottawa) and I know how much blood, sweat and tears that went into that championship."

Mitchell was in Montreal's training camp last summer, when the rug was pulled from underneath him. Signing a deal in 2016 that called on him to earn \$125,000, nearly \$40,000 higher than the average CFL salary, he was suddenly asked to take a pay cut just five months after agreeing to a contract.

"The reason why I didn't take the pay cut is that I knew I was going to be able to play somewhere else," Mitchell said. "I was willing to take that chance, but I felt if I let them cut my pay, then who's to say they wouldn't do that again? As a professional, that's something I can't stand for."

Mitchell sat idle for the first four weeks of the CFL season before the Redblacks called.

"They were actually really excited to sign me," Mitchell

said. "I spoke to a guy in personnel office in Ottawa and he said they liked the guys that they had at corner specifically, but if something happens we'll end up giving you a call. Four weeks later, they called me and were excited to bring me up there. I felt like I was a top corner in that league. It was pretty exciting."

Change of plans

In Montreal, the 5-foot-10, 185-pound Mitchell played the boundary-side corner, but with Ottawa he went to the field-side corner, where he felt more at home.

"It was a really good situation for me, because their style of play in Ottawa was an aggressive style of defense," Mitchell said. "So that was tailor-made for me. They started the season 4-0, which made me nervous because when I got to the team, we had a three-game losing streak. They're a really talented team and, offensively, they scored a lot of points and, defensively, they had a lot of man-to-man coverage, so it was a high-risk, high-reward defense. It was just very beneficial."

Mitchell White went on to excel leading the Redblacks in interceptions (three), while adding 38 tackles and making the CFL all-star team for the first time.

The transition of moving between two of Canada's major cities was also an adjustment, but turned out to be a smooth ride.

"I actually loved it," Mitchell said of Ottawa. "What's funny is that I was in Montreal the first two years, real fast-paced. It's like the Las Vegas of Canada, just a lot of stuff going on, a lot of flash and lights. Ottawa is a big city with the population, but it had a small town feel. It was a really beautiful place, in my opinion. And, obviously, winning helped, so that made the city that much more enjoyable. All the fans were nice to you. If you had ask me in 2007 if I'd be in Ottawa, Canada, playing football, I'd have never thought or be able to think that. I feel blessed and fortunate to do that."

Four NFL stops

For Myles, moving from one NFL team to another has been a challenge in itself over the past four years.

An undrafted free agent as well, Myles made an impression in Green Bay's training camp juggling time between the Packers' practice squad and 53-man roster in 2013.

He played in seven games for Green Bay and made one connection that continues to make a lasting impression on his pro career — having played with quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

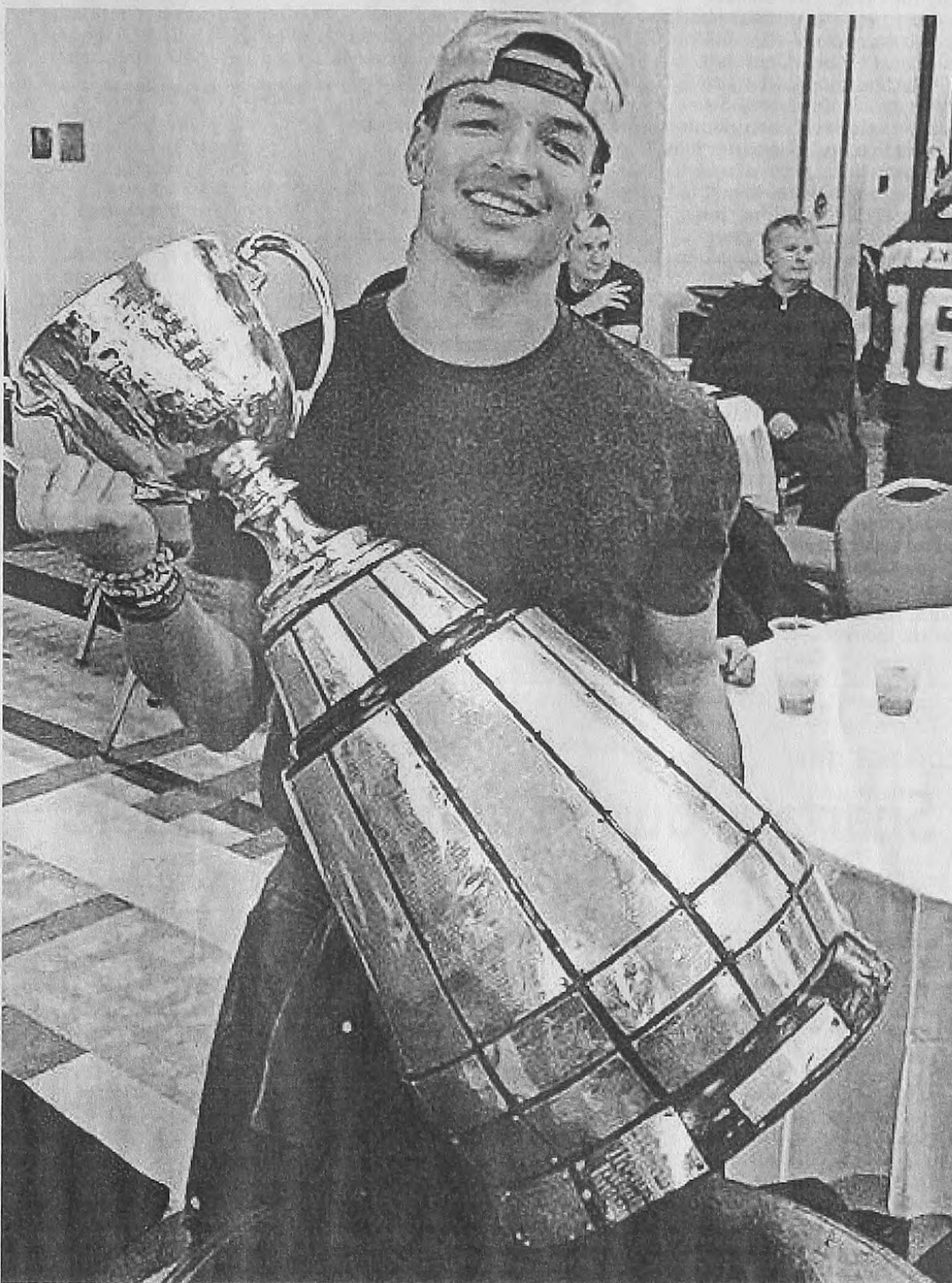
"Aaron is a unique individual in the aspect of, like, how great he really is," Myles said. "And I just don't say that because of his stats. I think he's one of those players similar to a Michael Jordan effect, where because he's playing at such a high level, the only way you can play with him is to try to see the game as he sees it and understand the offense on how he understands it. And once you do that with him, it's really a smoother part of the game. That's why I commend him at any opportunity I get. He constantly is getting people to play at his level. He's not a real, big vocal guy, but he has a standard and the standard is set and he expects you to be there. And that's what I think is what makes him really great."

After his time in Green Bay, which included another stint on the Packers' practice squad in 2014, Myles was on the move again, landing in 2015 with the New York Giants, where he appeared in 12 games while catching his first NFL touchdown pass.

New York minute

The 6-foot, 190-pound Myles, who has 16 NFL career receptions for 154 yards, returned to the Giants' roster in 2016, but was released during the preseason.

The New York Jets then signed him to the practice squad before he was picked up and signed to the Bucs' practice squad for the final six



Mitchell White holds the famous Grey Cup after winning the CFL title with the Ottawa Redblacks.



Myles White (right) goes up and makes the catch for the New York Giants in a 2015 game against New England.

weeks, making a connection with another up-and-coming quarterback.

"You see a lot of similarities with (Rodgers) and Jameis Winston," Myles said. "(Winston) has those same core values and he's a little bit more vocal and more of a natural leader, which is making him and Tampa into a competitive team."

In favor of Tampa Bay, Myles decided to re-sign with the Jets. It seemed to be the best fit for him going forward into 2017.

"I'm very confident," he said. "I loved it there and I

think I had a bigger grasp of the offense. I had a decision and I just decided to go with New York (Jets). They made some changes with the offensive coordinator and the defensive coordinator and a few assistants, but the general manager and head coach are still intact.

"Now at this point, whenever I'm on a practice squad, it's about me learning the offense. I don't think it's anything ability-wise cutting into it. These offenses are so intricate, so detail-oriented, that it just takes time to learn them. When you don't have a training camp

and you don't have OTA sessions to learn that playbook ... unless you're a guy like (Terrell Owens), Antonio Brown, it's very difficult for you to come in get right into the mix of things as a receiver."

With the average life expectancy of an NFL player less than three years, Myles knows you can be there one day and gone the next.

No guarantees

"The thing about the NFL that a lot of people don't understand or realize is that you're never going to play for just one team," Myles said. "That's what they tell you day one when you get to the NFL. Joe Montana, as great as he was, was let go by San Francisco and played for Kansas City. Look at Steve Smith, the latest example. He's a Hall of Fame receiver and is known as a Carolina Panther, but they let him go and he went to Baltimore. You have to understand and accept that if you play in the NFL, you're going to be on multiple teams and learn multiple offenses."

"For a guy like myself, who was undrafted, I'm always going to work twice as hard to prove what I can do and how I can help a team. Luckily, for my situation, I've been able to stick around because I've had practice squad eligibility. I've been able to take the time to learn offenses and then get bumped up to the active roster and then I'm ready to go."

With both entering their fifth pro season, the White twins cherish their time during the off-season while trying to soak it all in.

Myles hangs out with his with his 4-year-old son Michael as much as possible, while Mitchell preps to make Philly's 53-man roster "and help them win games."

"We've been down here three-and-a-half years training," Mitchell said of being in Houston. "It's the ideal place to train. It makes it easy to get good work in."

And like another famous Beatles tune from the "Revolver" album, when it comes to the White twins, "Tomorrow Never Knows."

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OBJECTIVES:

A) To provide the benefits of using CDBG funding directly to persons of low- to moderate-income and/or areas where 51% of the residents are of low- to moderate-income.

B) To reduce negative environmental impacts.

C) To maintain a high level of performance in the management of CDBG non-federally funded programs.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Whip material
 - 8 Complain
 - 14 Publisher
 - 20 Red-faced
 - 21 Fly a 727, e.g.
 - 22 "Heat" co-star
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 One running away
 - 26 Title for Tennyson
 - 27 Roadside stopover
 - 28 Old Glory's land
 - 29 Desktop machines
 - 30 Riddle, part 2
 - 39 Chop into small cubes
 - 40 Fit to be donned
 - 41 Tire-trapping furrows
 - 42 Sharp nudge
 - 45 Tot's "piggies"
 - 47 Glass parts
 - 48 End of many 28-Downs
 - 49 —Pro
 - 50 Riddle, part 3
 - 57 — suit (1940s outfit)
 - 59 Football Hall of Famer
 - 60 Precipitates cold flakes
 - 61 Ram's partner
 - 62 Equine animals
 - 65 Bert's buddy
 - 68 Turned in for the night
 - 70 Riddle, part 4
 - 74 Signaled incorrectly, as an actor
 - 77 Substitute for chocolate
 - 78 Force of rotation
 - 82 System of beliefs
 - 83 Horse noise
 - 86 Virginie, par exemple
 - 88 "Gross!"
 - 89 Riddle, part 5
 - 95 "Dark" quaff
 - 96 Kit —
 - 97 As regards
 - 98 Vague sense
 - 99 Pop
 - 100 Suffix with prank or trick
 - 102 Swiss franc divisions
 - 106 Squishy ball brand
 - 108 End of the riddle
 - 114 With 24-Down, drilling structure
 - 115 Lady-Tramp link
 - 116 Sargasso Sea fish
 - 117 Woody Guthrie's son
 - 118 Future revealer
 - 120 Riddle's answer
 - 127 Mosey along
 - 128 With milk, French-style
 - 129 Leading female role
 - 130 Service songbook
 - 131 Artifacts
 - 132 Result of an absent goalie
 - 8 "Catch my drift?"
 - 9 Broad street
 - 10 Pre-2001 space station
 - 11 Big mouth
 - 12 H, to Homer
 - 13 — gastea
 - 14 "— Fideles" (carol)
 - 15 Put off action
 - 16 Yoko of song and art
 - 17 Cosmetic to enhance the kisser
 - 18 Trimmed to size in advance
 - 19 Equine animals
 - 24 See 114-Across
 - 28 Virtual address
 - 31 Falafel wrap
 - 32 Revered one
 - 33 Essentialities
 - 34 Boat cover
 - 35 Singer India
 - 36 Really denounces
 - 37 "Peer Gynt" playwright
 - 38 Frizzy dos, informally
 - 42 Dixieland or bebop
 - 43 Emollient plant additive
 - 44 Cozy lump
 - 46 Like chiffon
 - 48 Sam's Club competitor
 - 51 50+ org.
 - 52 — Wars (Rome-Carthage conflicts)
 - 53 Actress
 - 54 Nast sound
 - 55 Have debts
 - 56 Poet Hughes
 - 58 — II (Gillette brand)
 - 63 Summer appliance, for short
 - 64 Charlie of "Spin City"
 - 66 — rut (stuck)
 - 67 Marsh bird
 - 69 "Just doing my best"
 - 71 Hippie-style "Got it"
 - 72 Tiniest bit
 - 73 Channel for hoops fan
 - 74 1/1,000 inch
 - 75 Prefix with lateral
 - 76 Fire safety device
 - 79 College area
 - 80 Coll. near Beverly Hills
 - 81 Managed, with "out"
 - 84 Flat race
 - 85 Tip-offs
 - 87 "For — is the kingdom..."
 - 90 Kid's racing vehicle
 - 91 Basic street layout
 - 92 Powerful auto engine
 - 93 Wild goat of Eurasia
 - 94 Former Ford auto, in brief
 - 100 Nike symbol
 - 101 Six times five
 - 102 Howard of sportscasts
 - 103 Slice of time
 - 104 Like a utopia
 - 105 Ream's 500
 - 107 Perfume bottle
 - 109 Writer
 - 110 Bridge writer
 - 111 "Argo" actor
 - 112 TV actress
 - 113 Sacred choral piece
 - 119 Cell dweller
 - 120 Hertz rental
 - 121 Shade
 - 122 Not well
 - 123 — tai
 - 124 Margaret of stand-up
 - 125 Congress mem.
 - 126 Mad feeling

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Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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EXERCISE WORD SEARCH

WORDS

ADRENALINE PERSPIRATION
ARMS PILATES
BUDDY POSTURE
CALORIES PROTEIN
CARBOHYDRATES REPETITIONS
CARDIOVASCULAR RUNNING
CLASSES SETS
EUPHORIA SPORTS
EXERCISE SPOT
FITNESS SQUAT
FORM STAIRS
FREQUENCY STRETCHING
INJURY WALKING
LEGS WEIGHT
LIFTING WINDED
MARATHON WORKOUT
MEMBERSHIP YOGA
MUSCLES

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

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Crossword Answers

RAWHIDE YAMMER ADOLPH
ASHAMED AVIATE DENIRO
WHENAWORKERWAS ELOPER
LORD INN USA PCS
SWEEPINGOUTADIRTYFLUE
DICE WEARABLE RUTS
JAB TOES RIMS COM
ALL ANDHAPPENEDTOSPOT
FOOT SEAU SNOWS EWE
ZEBRAS ERNIE RETIRED
MISCUED CAROB TORQUE
ISM NEIGH ETAT YUCK
LOOKINGRIGHTATHIM ALE
KAT INRE VIBE DAD
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Word Search Answers

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