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Canton moves to automated recycling

GFL will switch to 64-gallon carts for residential service

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Canton is embarking on a new recycling program that is expected to start in early June — a plan officials say is likely to boost recycling efforts and send less trash to a Canton-based landfill.

Canton is scrapping its 18-gallon recycling bins and ush-

ering in 64-gallon carts for 27,500 customers served by the township's trash hauler, GFL (Green for Life) Environmental, Inc.

Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said officials have received "mostly positive" remarks from residents, though some oppose the new program amid concerns about how they will store the larger

carts in their garages or elsewhere on their property.

The changes come as Canton has increased the amount local households pay for solid waste collection from \$142 to \$155, an amount Faas said should remain in place for several years.

Under the new plan, GFL will provide the new carts to residents and spend \$1.2 million for four new trucks equipped with robotic arms to pick up recyclables.

"The driver doesn't have to get out of the truck to empty the recycling container," Faas said.

In a 5-2 decision, the Canton Township Board of Trustees voted Tuesday night to support the new program and extend GFL's contract by four years to 2024, an extension the company sought to ensure it could recoup costs.

Treasurer Dian Slavens and Trustee Anne Marie Graham-Hudak voted against the new

program, saying Canton should have gone out for competitive bidding rather than granting another extension to a solid waste contract that has been in place for 18 years. The contract has survived three trash haulers, Canton Waste Recycling, Rizzo Environmental Services and now GFL.

Some other trustees shared those and other concerns, but said the benefits outweighed

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'What did I do wrong?' An immigrant's story

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She's a single mom raising four boys, working six days a week in a job that probably doesn't pay all that much. In her spare time, she takes classes at Oakland Community College.

Sitting in a booth at a Tim Hortons off Square Lake Road in Bloomfield Township, you'd have a tough time picking her out from any other customer. Except she feels different.

She feels like America is making her an outcast.

Rafa is a Muslim refugee from Syria. She left an upper middle class suburb of Damascus four years ago after the bombs began to fall. She is afraid to give her full name, because even though she is in the U.S. legally, having been granted political asylum, her two oldest children are still waiting for their paperwork to get finalized.

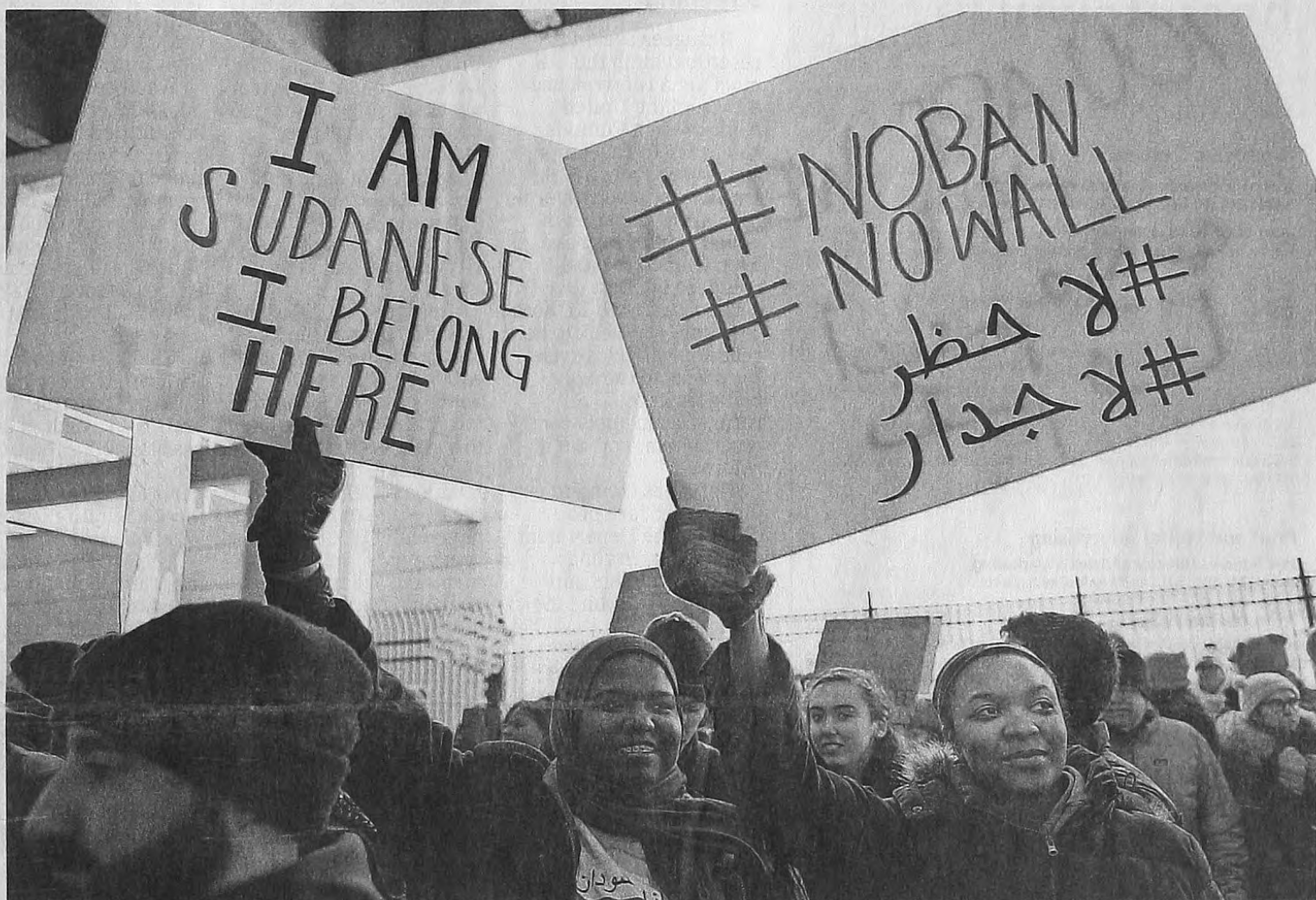
Like any other parent, she is worried something bad will happen. She wonders how far President Donald Trump will go with his immigration reform policies. She worries about the stigma these policies are placing on legal refugees like herself.

"It was not an easy process," Rafa said about gaining political asylum. "Where are we supposed to go if we're told to leave here? Going back to Syria is like a death sentence. If I did something wrong, I'd accept it. What did I do wrong?"

She never planned to leave Syria. She has a sister living in the U.S., but she never considered moving here. Maybe a vacation, but she never dreamed of leaving her home.

But the bombs kept dropping, closer and closer to her apartment in Damascus, and she knew she had to do something. She was living in a war zone. She had already separated from her husband and was

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Khadega Mohammed (left) and Julia Wicker of Canton were among protesters recently at Detroit Metro Airport.

Local man supports temporary ban on all travel to United States

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Terry Olexsy's biggest beef about immigrants is assimilation.

The Highland Township man says newcomers should learn English, venture out of their ethnic enclaves and become citizens if they plan to stay in the country.

He wants them to enter the United States legally and says policy-makers should take a

cue from Ellis Island as they consider tightening borders.

"They should have to do the same thing my grandparents did to get into the country," said Olexsy, founder of Mature Voters of Oakland County and chairman of the Highland Activity Center Advisory Council. "The people that came over



Olexsy

from Europe, they weren't guaranteed a spot in here. If they were sick, we didn't necessarily accept them. If they lied, they weren't accepted."

His grandparents emigrated from Russia and Poland, entering the country by way of Ellis Island, where millions of immigrants were turned away, detained or welcomed during the first half of the 20th century.

"They all came in through general ports. They didn't

sneak in and cross borders," he said. "They came on ships and they didn't come first class. Nobody helped them. They didn't get free housing, free medical care. They counted on people they knew or fellow immigrants to help them."

"They stayed in tenements, group housing and they were happy to be there. These people had to bust their backs once they got there. They had noth-

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Canton Democratic Club elects new leadership team

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Emboldened by strong wins in the November election, the Canton Democratic Club has announced new leaders as it moves to strengthen its voter base and "fight for the Democratic principles of inclusion, opportunity, justice and equality."

The club's latest announcement came after Canton Democrats in November won five of seven seats on the Canton Township Board of Trustees, reshaping what had been a 6-1 Republican majority. One of



Foster

the new trustees, Sommer Foster, has been chosen to serve a two-year term as Democratic club president.

Going forward, Foster said Canton Democrats "plan to contest every (township board) seat in each election" and also support candidates for what are now Republican-held offices such as the 20th District state House and 10th District

Wayne County Commission. "We will be concentrating on getting Democrats out to vote to help Democrats across the board," Sommer said Monday.

The club issued a statement saying it will strive to grow its membership, currently about 110, as it focuses on the 2018 and 2020 election cycles, vowing to hold elected officials accountable and engage "the

greater Canton community in the face of a Trump administration."

The club chose new leaders after the Canton Republican Club in January also elected new officers, including 21-year-old Austin Deljevic, an Eastern Michigan University political science student, as its new

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Refugees to U.S., Michigan: Some facts

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Public attention has turned more intently to the world's refugees, particularly those settling in or heading to the U.S., since President Donald Trump last month announced a moratorium on travel into the country by people from seven countries in which the majority of the population is Muslim.

Enforcement of the so-called travel ban — applying to people from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen — was later blocked by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, but a revised order is expected from the White House this week.

Meanwhile, using federal and state government sources, we looked at refugees who arrived in Michigan in recent years to find where they came from, what kind of process they went through, how they're

being helped, how much it costs and how many are here.

Who is a refugee?

According to the Department of Homeland Security, refugee status is a legal status that can be granted to people who have been persecuted or fear they will be persecuted because of race, religion, nationality, politics or membership in a particular group. Applicants must be of "humanitarian concern" to the U.S. and show they were persecuted or fear persecution due to race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a certain group before they are given refugee status. They also must be found admissible to the U.S. and cannot be settled in another country.

An asylum-seeker is a refugee who has already traveled to the U.S. and is applying for asylum at a port of entry.



Taosif Alam of Farmington Hills protested Jan. 29 at Detroit Metro Airport.

84,995 refugees admitted to the U.S. in the 2016 fiscal year, according to the state department.

Help in Michigan

Refugees in Michigan find places to live through resettlement agencies such as the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants and Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan; those agencies are eligible for state department resettlement grants of \$2,075 per refugee for their costs, the department spokesman said.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services provides refugees with temporary financial assistance, with the goal of having them become self-sufficient. In addition, social service agencies, often faith-based groups, help refugees with finding employment, getting health care, providing education for their children and other needs. For the 2017 fiscal year, the state received \$4.8 million in federal grants to pay such organizations for providing refugee services, said Bob Wheaton, the MDHHS communications manager.

Adult refugees without children in Michigan are entitled to cash assistance and medical assistance for up to eight months, and the average payments are \$306 a month in cash assistance and \$54 a month in medical assistance for an individual, Wheaton said.

Children and adults with children are eligible for other types of state assistance, such as cash assistance for food, that are also available to the general public if they meet eligibility criteria, Wheaton said.

The MDHHS refugee program, including cash assistance, health screenings and administrative costs, are completely

reimbursed by the federal government, Wheaton said. That reimbursement totaled \$18 million for the last fiscal year, he said.

By the numbers

Over the last five fiscal years — 2012 through 2016 — 19,536 refugees from around the world have resettled in Michigan, according to state department figures provided to MDHHS. Many were from some of the countries included in Trump's travel ban, but there were also refugees from Afghanistan, Burma, Nepal, the Ukraine, Zaire and many other countries.

For the 2016 fiscal year, three resettlement agencies — U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, Samaritas and Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan — reported placing 333 refugees in Oakland County and 1,295 in Wayne County.

In the same fiscal year, there were 2,802 refugees resettled in Michigan from six of the seven countries named in the travel ban: Syria (1,372), Somalia (256), Iran (9), Iraq (1,108), Sudan (55) and Yemen (2), according to MDHHS. That number was nearly 66 percent of the 4,254 refugees placed in Michigan that year. There were none listed from Libya.

Among the 15,282 refugees resettled in the state in fiscal years 2012 through 2015, state department records show, 8,035, or nearly 52.6 percent, were male, and 7,242, or about 47.4 percent, were female. About 34.1 percent were under the age of 18, 61.6 percent were ages 18 to 65, and 4.2 percent were 65 or older.

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Application and screening

Refugees seeking resettlement in the U.S. must get a referral, usually from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, or sometimes from a U.S. embassy or a nongovernmental organization in which employees have been trained to handle refugee referrals. In some cases, such as those of people who seek to be reunited with close relatives who are already refugees in the U.S., refugees can apply for resettlement without a referral.

Refugees trying to get into the U.S. are processed by the Department of State, which funds nine resettlement support centers around the world.

Applicants' registration is the first of a multi-step process that includes interviews with state department and

Homeland Security personnel, security checks by several federal departments, including the FBI, the Department of Defense and intelligence agencies, fingerprint collection and screenings, a cultural orientation class and a medical check. Resettlement applicants are rejected if they do not pass the security and medical screenings.

Refugees' travel to the U.S. is booked through the International Organization for Migration, which provides loans to cover airfare. According to a state department spokesman, the average IOM loan is \$1,100 and the average monthly loan payment is \$85. Loan repayments, the spokesman said, are funneled back into the program to help other refugees.

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Protesters, including Hussam Saleh, 6, of Canton, initially protested President Trump's travel ban, which has now been slowed by the courts.

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basically on her own. "My visa was about to expire, so I left," she said. "It was a hard decision to make, because I could only take my two youngest ones. I was separated from my two oldest boys for over two years."

She spoke of witnessing the massacre in Darraya and of tanks stopping directly in front of her apartment. She said the military wanted to take her 16-year-old son and force him into the army, but she managed to pull him back.

Her two oldest sons, both in their early 20s, are now in the U.S. attending college and working full-time jobs.

"They're scared," she said. "They're afraid to go out and drive, that someone might stop them and question them. They have exams right now and they're having a hard time focusing."

She understands the

"It was not an easy process. Where are we supposed to go if we're told to leave here? Going back to Syria is like a death sentence. If I did something wrong, I'd accept it. What did I do wrong?"

RAFA
Muslim refugee from Syria

fears over illegal immigration and terrorism, but she feels there are many individual Muslims who are being lumped together into one large negative stereotype. They're being convicted of a crime they never committed.

Ultimately, she believes these policies will empower the extremists. Muslims caught in the middle will be forced to take sides. She stresses again that she is in the U.S. legally and so are her children.

It would be easy to say she has nothing to fear and that might well be true. But put yourself in her shoes.

"All we're trying to do is build a better future,"

she said. "We didn't come here to beg ... we came here to be productive citizens."

She pauses, worried she has said too much already. She never intended to become a spokesperson. Just a few years ago, she was living in a large apartment in Damascus. Her family was nearby and so were her friends.

Now she's huddled behind a cup of coffee in a Tim Hortons, frustrated and alone.

She is not the enemy. Don't treat her like one.

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The Village Arts Factory project in Canton has received a new \$19,500 grant.

MotorCities NHA awards grant to Village Arts Factory

The MotorCities National Heritage Area, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the historic preservation of the automotive industry, has completed its current Challenge Grant cycle, awarding more than \$65,000 to groups telling the story of how "We put the world on wheels."

One of those recipients, the Canton-based Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, was awarded \$19,500 for the Village Arts Factory site in Canton's Cherry Hill Village. The project is expected to house art studios and galleries, arts education courses, healing programs for U.S. veterans and, possibly, a brewery and restaurant — all located on a former Henry Ford site where disabled World War II veterans lived and assembled auto industry parts by hand. The property also will have trails for walking or riding bikes.

This year's MotorCities grant recipients include a diverse assortment of projects, from physical restoration to historically significant buildings once owned by Henry Ford to an interactive display of a Model A engine. These projects

represent the best in historic preservation for the auto industry and labor story — both such vital pieces to the area's industrial legacy, the organization said in a press release.

"National heritage areas are large, lived-in landscapes and MotorCities is no exception," said Shawn Pomaville, MotorCities Executive Director. "It encompasses 16 counties and approximately 6 million residents. Our grant program reflects this expanse and is an important component to protecting this enduring cultural and economic story."

Other projects winning include:

» Second Shift: From Crisis to Collaboration (Lansing) — \$18,000.

» SciEngiMathePloration Show (state what's automotive about it) (Southfield) — \$3,436.

» Building updates for Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum (Ypsilanti) — \$1,206.

» Worker's Row House, Corktown Experience (Detroit) — \$2,000.

» Sharing our Automotive Heritage, asbe Foundation (Rochester) — \$2,900.

» Interactive Model A

Starting Display, Model A Ford Foundation in partnership with the Gilmore Car Museum (Hickory Corners) — \$5,500.

» Raise the Roof, Ford Piquette Avenue Plant (Detroit) — \$6,600.

» Haven Hill Edsel Ford Barn Exterior Plant, Friends of Highland Recreation Area (White Lake) — \$600.

» Documentary film: "R.E. Olds and Industrial Lansing," R.E. Olds Transportation Museum (Lansing) — \$7,287.

The MotorCities Challenge Grant program has been funding historical and cultural preservation projects in southeast Michigan since 1998, when Congress passed the Automobile National Heritage Area Act. Since that time, MotorCities, an affiliate of the National Park Service and the state's only National Heritage Area, has awarded nearly \$1.4 million in grant monies to hundreds of projects.

For more information on MotorCities, go to www.motorcities.org, follow it on Twitter and Instagram (@motorcities) or find it on Facebook.

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the drawbacks.

"I still think it's something that's good for our community," Trustee Steven Sneydeman said.

Trustee John Anthony said the new plan is expected to reduce the amount of solid waste going to a Canton-based landfill operated by Republic Services.

"If that landfill fills up," he said, Canton would have to find an alternate site "and we're all going to be paying for it."

Based on 2016 projections, Faas said the landfill is expected to not

reach capacity for another 20 years. However, some residents said the landfill operator is likely to seek new customers to compensate for any reduction in business due to Canton's new recycling program.

"I don't think that was a very good argument to entice us into this plan," resident Kathy Filas said during Tuesday's meeting.

Meanwhile, Faas said the new plan also is expected to reduce the amount of recyclables that end up littering Canton streets on windy days. The 64-gallon carts will have lids, whereas the 18-gallon bins don't.

Sneydeman was among the trustees who said

Canton still may need to revisit the issue of cart size for certain residents who need smaller containers.

Canton residents already have made big gains in the amount of solid waste they recycle. In 2007, Faas said, less than 5 percent of Canton's solid waste was recycled, an amount that more than tripled to 17 percent by 2015. Faas said the new plan could gradually push that closer to 30 percent, the goal set by Gov. Rick Snyder for Michigan communities.

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chair. He has said he hopes to tap into Canton's diversity to expand the GOP.

Serving alongside Foster, meanwhile, are Trevor Tutro-Anderson, vice president; Patti McCoin, secretary; Hassan Ahmad, treasurer; and Ammara Ansari, membership chair. Trustees are Kate Borninski, Samantha Carducci, Richard Johnson, Kristy Pagan, Sonia Patel, Michael Siegrist, Dian Slaven and Denise Smith.

Some club leaders hold local or state offices: Borninski is vice president of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education; Pagan is 21st District state representative, Siegrist is Canton Township clerk and Slaven is Canton treasurer.

The Canton Democratic Club formed in 2013 after its former president, Steven Sneydeman, surprised many political observers in

2012 by becoming the top vote-getter among an otherwise GOP field of candidates who won part-time trustee seats on the township board. He won a second term in November.

Political observers have said Canton has been trending Democratic amid changing demographics, with groups such as Asian Americans and African Americans increasing in numbers during the last U.S. Census.

The club's statement released Monday said local Democrats "believe our diversity is our strength" and that Canton can lead the way for the state and the nation in becoming a community that "welcomes and accepts all who seek to make Canton their home."

Ansari, the new membership chair, was campaign organizer last year for the Michigan Coordinated Campaign in Canton and Plymouth, a move to help Democrats. She vowed to help the community, including minorities, become more

politically engaged for upcoming election cycles.

"It's important now more than ever that our local government officials represent Canton's fast-changing demographics," she said. "It is also just as important for people from all backgrounds to actively resist Trump's disastrous agenda."

Foster said that, during the last two election cycles, Democrats carried Canton in 75 percent of races that had a Democrat on the ballot. She said they did it by registering voters, talking to neighbors, educating citizens and recruiting the best candidates, and "we will continue to elect progressive leaders at all levels of government."

Foster said the level of motivation among Democrats in Canton is "astounding."

"We haven't seen anything like this since the Obama campaign in 2008," she said.

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Emagine Entertainment hosts contest

Emagine Entertainment is hosting a "Hush Reel" video contest open to all metro Detroit high school students. Participants are asked to film a light-hearted 30- to 50-second video asking audience members to silence their mobile devices during the movie.

"I have a lot of fun filming our policy videos now and wanted to open the experience to local high school students, giving them a chance to highlight their creativity," CEO Paul Glantz said. "We believe in playing an active role in our community and want to get the kids involved."

Students will have until April 10 to film and

submit their videos. The winning video will be played before movies at Emagine for 60 days and the grand prize winner will also receive:

» A private movie screening for up to 50

» A season pass for unlimited movies for two in 2017

» A \$500 donation to a school program

» A backstage pass for four to Mojo in the Morning

All entrants will receive a participation prize, but the grand prize winner will be determined by social media voting and a panel of judges. A premiere-style party to announce the winner will take place May 10 at Emagine Royal Oak. Finalists will have

the opportunity to stroll down the red carpet, get their picture taken and watch their video play on the big screen in a private theater.

Emagine, which owns and operates 10 theaters in Michigan, frequently partners with local businesses and organizations across southeast Michigan.

"Too often businesses think of 'giving back' as a fundraising game — it's more than that," Glantz said. "We want to give our young people an opportunity to showcase their skills and gain experience in the film industry."

For complete rules and to submit a video, see the Emagine Theatres Facebook page.

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ing. They lived a hard life in the beginning and they earned their right to be U.S. citizens."

He said those early U.S. immigrants, including family members, had to "change dramatically" as they became a part of the country's melting pot of culture and ethnicity. They learned English and eventually moved beyond the close-knit ethnic communities they initially depended on.

"They gave up old-world fashions to fit in as Americans," he said.

Americans first

Olexsy, a retiree, said he believes some immigrants that don't assimilate want Americans "to change" instead. He suspects some newcomers take advantage of the public's goodwill and that illegal residents are getting government benefits, such as food stamps and housing.

"They know how to work the system," he said. "Why should our

government be giving away (benefits) and yet we have homeless veterans on the street? Our priority should be American citizens."

Olexsy wants better vetting and government oversight to ensure foreigners don't stay in the country longer than allowed. He said he believes President Donald Trump will build a wall along the U.S.-Mexican border and make Mexico pay for it.

He's not against giving migrant or seasonal workers from foreign countries temporary work visas, but says they also should be required to learn English and assimilate into American culture.

"Give them a temporary card as long as they can speak English," he said. "They can work three to six months out of the year and make money for their family. We should have compassion for these people, as long as they are legitimate."

Olexsy had a mixed reaction to Trump's executive order Jan. 27 that banned citizens from Iran, Iraq, Libya,

Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen from entering the country for 90 days. The order also barred refugee admissions for 120 days and stopped Syrian refugees from entering the country indefinitely. The directive sparked confusion at airports across the country as the new rules took effect.

"The people who had a green card and were working here should have had a right to come right in. They shouldn't have been held up," Olexsy said.

A federal appeals panel earlier this month rejected Trump's request to reinstate the travel ban after a federal district judge struck it down.

Trump is expected to roll out a new travel ban this week. Olexsy hopes it's more rigorous than the first, giving the government time to revamp immigration policy.

"I think if we're banning seven (countries), we might as well ban them all temporarily," he said. "It should be everyone for 60 or 90 days."

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Canton Book Project seeks book lovers

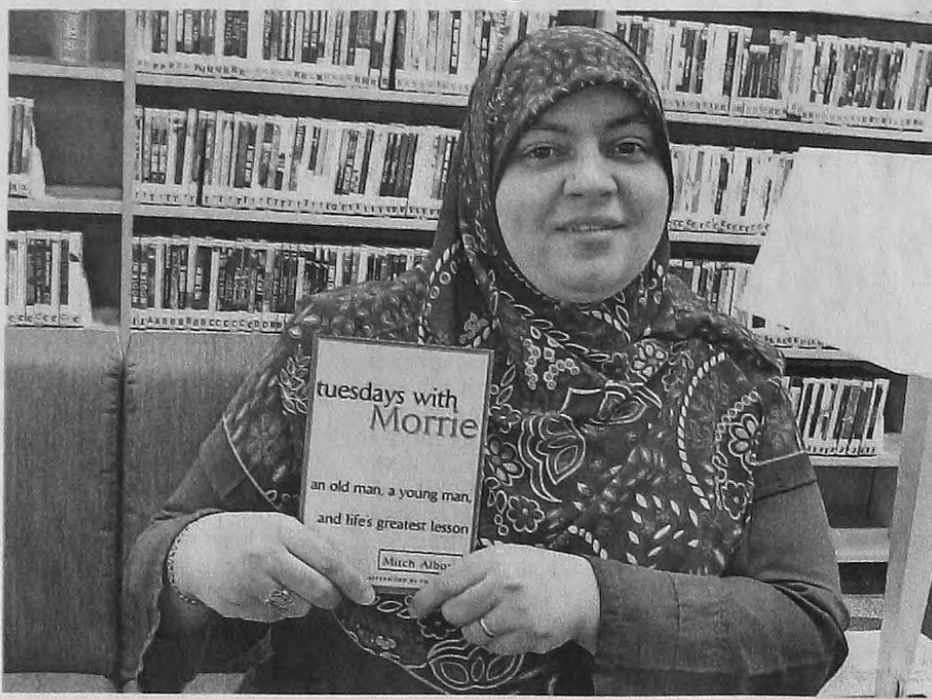
Is there a book you know and love? A title you find yourself recommending over and over again? Maybe it changed your life, your outlook or maybe it could make a difference to someone else. Welcome to the 2017 Canton Book Project.

The Canton Book Project is your chance to share your love of reading by giving out books to people in the community who, for whatever reason, don't read for pleasure or own books.

"The Canton Book Project is valuable to me because it allows me to share my enthusiasm about reading with kids who aren't as interested in it," said Ryen O'Meara, a 2016 Canton Book Project participant who distributed copies of "I.Q." by Rowland Smith.

Zainab Elsarawy, who distributed "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom, was glad to be involved in the project because she was able to do a great service to the community by spreading knowledge and fun at the same time, she said.

"I work all around the metro area and I have met people who never stepped a foot in the library," she said. "When I gave them a book from the project, that was a



Zainab Elsarawy distributed "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom.

conversation starter about that, and a reading boost and encouragement for them and their families to read," Elsarawy said.

Susan Kennedy, a 2016 Canton Book Project participant, teamed up with a local shop owner to find perfect recipients for the book she chose, "Go Dog Go" by P.D. Eastman. The shop owner Kennedy linked up

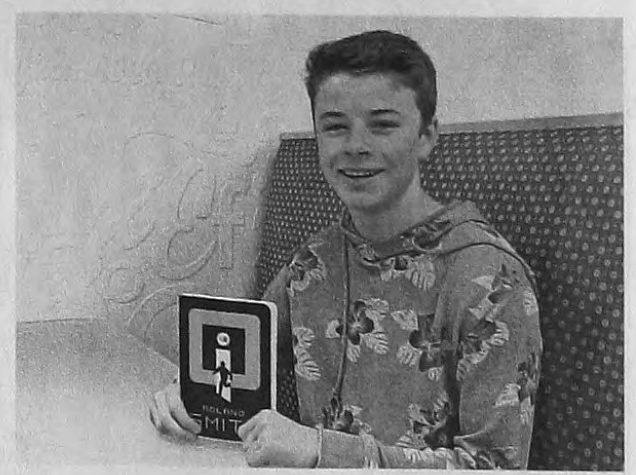
with works around the corner from a number of low-income apartment buildings.

"I asked him to help me pinpoint families with young kids that might not have a ton of access to new books," Kennedy said. "I love that he was involved and very choosy about which families got the books, ones he knew would really benefit." Applications are now

being accepted from those interested in being book givers. Readers of all ages are encouraged to apply and books can be of any reading level.

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Ryen O'Meara, a 2016 Canton Book Project participant, distributed copies of "I.Q." by Rowland Smith.

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Applications are due by 9 p.m. March 15 and book givers will be announced March 31.

Those interested can find more information and the application at www.cantonpl.org. For any questions, comments or concerns, contact Laura Fawcett at fawcett@cantonpl.org or 734-397-0999 ext. 1079.

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'Singin' in the Rain' hits Spotlight on Youth stage

Imagine 40-plus kids on stage, tap-dancing and singing their hearts out! Bring the whole family to this youth production of "Singin' in the Rain Jr.," March 16-19 at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Spotlight on Youth will stage the show, set in the 1920s, when silent films gave way to the new movies called "talkies," two of the most famous silent film stars Don Lockwood and Lina Larmont have to change with the times. The plot thickens when it's discovered that Lina's voice is as

squeaky as Mickey Mouse's along with Don's chance meeting with a hard-working gal with a great voice, said director Barbara Bloom.

Grandparents who remember the 1950s film all the way up to young kids will delight in this shortened version (for little ones who can't sit still long). Many of the classic songs from the iconic 1950s film starring Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds are included such as "Good Morning" and "Singin' in the Rain."

Show dates and times are 7 p.m. Thursday

through Saturday, March 16-18; and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 18-19.

Spotlight on Youth hosted a special "Tap" workshop in December that was attended by more than 50 youths and adults to teach some tap basics which we have incorporated in the choreography for the show. Parents have banded together to create the build and create the sets.

Tickets are \$15 at 734-394-5300 or go to www.canton-mi.org/village-theater.



The cast rehearses for opening night.

AREA CRIME WATCH

CANTON

Ex-hubby shares intimate photos of wife

A 51-year-old Canton woman told police her ex-husband has been harassing her and also sent out by email some intimate photos she had shared with him when they were dating.

The woman went to the police station Feb. 23 and said her husband shared the photos with 20 recipients on his email list. She also said he has been harassing her by sending texts, at times saying he wanted to mend their relationship and at other times voicing anger and calling her derogatory names.

The woman told police she believes the ex-husband, 52, has a problem with alcohol and drugs and may be mentally unstable. She also said he has posted comments about her on Facebook and that he has sent texts to her family and friends.

The woman told police she wasn't afraid of the ex-husband and doesn't want to prosecute for now. She only wanted to document the incidents.

Police contacted the ex-husband and warned him to cease contact with the woman.

Wooden barrel fire

Police went to a bar in the 39600 area of Michigan Avenue amid reports that a wooden barrel, used by patrons to dis-

pose of cigarette butts, had caught fire.

That's right, it was a wooden barrel, a police report said.

Police were called to the bar Feb. 26 and saw the wooden barrel engulfed in flames just west of the front door, a police report said. An officer used a fire extinguisher from his patrol car to douse the flames, but the embers kept reigniting, the report said.

Firefighters arrived shortly and put out the fire with their equipment.

LSD citation

Police making a routine traffic stop took a 22-year-old Ypsilanti woman into custody and ticketed her for having five hits of LSD and marijuana, a police report said.

Police also arrested a 26-year-old Plymouth man who was driving the

vehicle, saying he was wanted in Dearborn Heights on a warrant for driving while his license was suspended.

The incident unfolded shortly after 1 a.m. Monday, when a police officer ran the license plate of a silver Ford Taurus on Michigan Avenue and learned the driver was wanted in Dearborn Heights. He was taken into custody to be turned over to Dearborn Heights authorities.

Under questioning by police, the female passenger admitted she had marijuana in her pocket and more in the car's glove box. She also had a glass pipe.

During a search back at the police station, it was discovered that the woman had five hits of LSD. She was ticketed for possession of a dangerous weapon and possession of marijuana.

Stolen identity

A 51-year-old Canton woman told police someone had filed for unemployment using her name and Social Security number, a report said.

She works in sales and marketing and reported Feb. 12 that someone had stolen her identity to file an unemployment claim.

PLYMOUTH/PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

Erratic driver

Police arrested a 26-year-old Detroit man who was seen driving erratically in downtown Plymouth, changing lanes and crossing the center line, a police report said.

The incident happened about 2:15 p.m. Feb. 14, when a patrol officer spotted the erratic driver near South Main and Ann Arbor Road, the report said. He also made an illegal right turn while a traffic light was red.

The driver told police he has been trying to take care of some tickets that he hadn't paid. He was taken into custody. There was no word in the report of whether he had been drinking.

Warrant arrest

Police went to a store in the 15100 block of Shel-

don in Plymouth Township amid reports that a woman had concealed alcohol under a blanket in a baby carriage, but then placed it on the counter and walked out. An employee notified police because it wasn't clear if she still had hidden merchandise.

Police found no stolen merchandise. However, the investigation was continuing after police learned she had warrants for her arrest.

Stolen wallet

An 18-year-old Plymouth woman's wallet was stolen from a vehicle while it was parked in a driveway between 8 p.m. Feb. 14 and 6:30 a.m. Feb. 15, a report said.

The location of the incident was redacted from the report.

The woman's wallet contained her driver's license, a credit card and gift cards to various restaurants. She learned that her credit card had been used three times in Detroit at places such as gas stations.

Police reviewed a surveillance camera from one of the gas stations and saw a suspect driving a dark colored Dodge pickup truck. The investigation was continuing.

— By Darrell Clem

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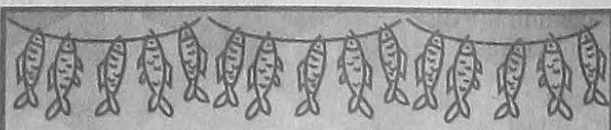
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Firefighters honor local TV newsman

Fox 2's Savage was also Milford firefighter

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Milford firefighters stationed a firetruck outside their department Monday in memory of Ron Savage, Fox 2 News anchor and a paid-on-call firefighter who died Saturday after participating in a training session.



Savage

An American flag fluttered in the wind as it hung from the rig's extended ladder over Huron Street, a reminder that Milford firefighters had lost one of their own. The front of the truck, decorated with flowers and firefighting gear, had been turned into a makeshift memorial.

"Ron was a dedicated member of the Milford Fire Department since 2014 and this loss will truly be felt," Milford



The front of the fire truck is decorated with flowers and gear as a memorial to Ron Savage, a Milford firefighter and Fox 2 News weekend co-anchor who died last weekend.

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Fire Chief Thomas Moore wrote in an email to the Milford Times. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Mitzi and son Ronald Jr., as well as to his Fox 2 family. Ron's generosity

and his dedication to many community causes touched many. Rest in peace, Ron Savage."

Savage, who was 63, suffered a cardiac arrest, according to WJBK-TV (Channel 2).

The Milford resident was an Emmy Award-winning journalist and weekend co-anchor who also produced the news-cast's "Michigan's Most Wanted" segments, which highlighted un-

solved crimes.

During his 25-year firefighting career, he earned two citations for outstanding performance above and beyond the call of duty.

He served in two fire departments while living in North Carolina, from 1992-99, then attended fire academy in Michigan and worked with Walled Lake's fire department from 1999-2000, according to Brighton Area Fire Authority Chief Michael O'Brian.

He spent 13 years as a paid-on-call firefighter in Brighton.

"Ron had a unique schedule because of TV, his primary employment," O'Brian said. "He'd help with training of new firefighters. He'd help with public education events. Because of his schedule, he was available during the day and went on a lot of calls for us."

O'Brian said Savage was promoted to sergeant during his tenure with the Brighton department. He was a "first line supervisor," responsible for the rig and crew

while responding to an emergency.

"Ron was an asset to the organization, both emergency runs and non-emergency," O'Brian said. "He had a caring heart."

According to Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Savage was a lector at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, volunteered with Crime Stoppers, The Humane Society, the Autism Society of Michigan, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the American Lung Association.

Visitation is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce Road., Milford. Mass will be celebrated at the church at 4 p.m. Thursday. Memorials may be made in his name to The Ronnie Savage College Education Fund, with checks payable to Ronnie Savage, c/o Lynch & Sons, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, MI 48381.

For more information, call 248-684-6645.

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'Fairy Tale Courtroom' hits Spotlight Youth stage at Village Theater

Bring the whole family to enjoy Spotlight Youth Player's production of "Fairy Tale Courtroom" March 9-12, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

This comedy, which will be performed in the Biltmore Studio, showcases the other side of several familiar fairy tales when two of their biggest villains, the Big Bad Wolf and the Wicked Witch, are brought to trial. The Wolf and the Witch have been frolicking from fairy tale to fairy tale wreaking havoc as they try to prevent the general public from living happily ever after.

Hear the personal accounts of what happened, told in testimonies and flashback sequences, from characters such as Snow White, Dorothy, Sleeping Beauty, the

Three Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood and many others, including the Witch and the Wolf themselves, as each trial unfolds. Fairy Tale Courtroom director Anton Koyton got his start with theater while attending college at Eastern Michigan University where he was part of a theater troupe, CloseUp. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Theater Arts. Since graduating he has gone on to be part of productions such as "Chicago," "The King and I," "Guys and Dolls" and "The Drowsy Chaperone." Koyton has also directed two children's shows with Spotlight Youth Players: "Harry's Hotter at Twilight" in 2014 and "Winnie the Pooh" in 2016.

As a big fan of fairy-tales, deciding to be the

director of this show was a "no brainer" for Koyton. He also loves to teach kids theater basics. "Many of the kids I have directed in the past have only done musicals or haven't done theater at all. I want to teach them something new in theater," Koyton said. "How amazing it is to see what these kids bring to the table. Join us as we get justice for the Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood, Snow White and many more."

Assistant Director Kayla Thompson is excited to be a part of her second Spotlight Youth Players production. She is also very eager to be taking on a larger role this year as the show's producer. Last spring she had the opportunity to assistant direct "Winnie the Pooh." Thompson has been on stage since a very young age, but theater and acting came later while she was in high school. After taking a hiatus from theater to attend college and then move to Michigan, she was excited to find so many different community theater companies in the area.

Thompson is most excited to see what an amazing show the kids will put together with a little help. When asked why people should come to see the show, she said, "This show has a very funny storyline. It is full of puns and jokes that keep you on your toes and laughing until you cry! Plus, the audience gets to be the jury which

means there can be a different outcome for each show! Two possible endings!"

Tickets are just \$16 for adults and \$14 for seniors and youth. Get yours today by calling The Village Theater box office at 734-394-5300 or at www.cantonvillagetheater.org. In addition, tickets can be purchased at The Village Theater box office, which opens one hour prior to show-time.



Spotlight producer and assistant director Kayla Thompson practices lines with a young actor.



Spotlight Players director Anton Koyton at work.

United Way partners with businesses to benefit community

The Plymouth Community United Way is partnering with two organizations to raise money to give back to the community. Serving the Plymouth, Canton and Western Wayne County area since 1944, Plymouth Community United Way addresses human service needs of individuals and families.

Tony Sacco's of Canton, Just Say'n Hand-painted Signs and Plymouth Community United Way are partnering to raise funds for community outreach programs.

Tony Sacco's will donate 20 percent of your total bill back to the community. The event will run from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday, March 8. You will need to present a flier to donate the 20 percent back to Plymouth Community Unit-

ed Way. Fliers can be downloaded directly from www.plymouthunitedway.org, or shown on your mobile device.

Just Say'n Hand-painted Signs is also helping out by donating \$5 from each sign that is painted during the painting class held 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at Tony Sacco's. Signs are \$25 to make, all the supplies are provided.

You must register in advance for the painting class. To learn more, go to www.facebook.com/plymouthunitedway, look under the events tab and follow the link, call Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 5, or email randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Plymouth Community United Way will also partner for Comcast Cares Day, S.O.A.P. Metro Detroit, and Pearls of

Great Price Coalition to host a community discussion about human trafficking. "Soapers" will learn what human trafficking is, hear from a survivor, and be able to join the initiative by helping to label bars of hotel soap, that will be distributed at a later date.

The event will be held at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 22. Check-in will begin at 8:45 a.m. Volunteers must pre-register for this event, as space is limited to 160 "soapers."

You can register via the events calendar at www.plymouthunitedway.org, via the event posting on www.facebook.com/plymouthunitedway or call Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 5.

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Plymouth troop honors five new Eagle Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 1539 of Plymouth recently recognized five new Eagle Scouts at a Court of Honor in January.

William Gardner began his scouting career in first grade when he joined Cub Scouts, during which he earned the Arrow of Light and the Super Achiever award, the two highest honors in Cub Scouts.

Gardner then joined Boy Scout Troop 1539 in Plymouth. In Boy Scouts, he has served as quartermaster, assistant senior patrol leader and is currently senior patrol leader of the troop. In addition to his work within the troop, Gardner has served in the Southeast Michigan Regional Contingent of the Mackinaw Island Scout Service Camp for the past two years. Gardner also attended Northern Tier National High Adventure in 2015.

For his Eagle Scout project, Gardner raised money and purchased supplies for the creation of 60 boxes of non-perishable food for St. Christine's food pantry in Detroit. Each box consisted of five ready to eat meals.

Outside of Scouts, Gardner is a junior at Churchill High School in



Boy Scout Troop 1539 of Plymouth recently recognized five new Eagle Scouts at a Court of Honor.

Livonia. He participates in the math, science and computers program and plays trumpet in the Churchill marching band and wind ensemble. Gardner plans on attending college for aerospace engineering and is considering attending Purdue University or Georgia Institute of Technology.

Zachary Beculheimer first joined scouts with Cub Scout Pack 852 before earning his Arrow of Light and crossing over to Boy Scout Troop 1539. Beculheimer made the most of his time in scouts, taking part in countless camps and adventures during his time with the troop, including serving as a part of the Governor's Honor Guard on Mackinac Island, and attending

Northern Tier, a week long high adventure canoe and portage trip. Beculheimer also grew as a leader, serving in positions such as patrol leader, junior assistant scoutmaster, senior patrol leader and several others.

For his eagle project, Beculheimer worked with Frost Middle School to build a deer enclosure and plant more than 100 white pine saplings to help preserve the school's small forest. With the help of countless volunteers Beculheimer constructed a 10-foot tall, 45- by 45-foot fenced enclosure to preserve a small section of the forest and act as an educational tool. Inside the gated enclosure is a diverse array of plants from the area and

several of the hundred white pine saplings planted that day.

Beculheimer is a senior at Churchill High School and enjoys staying involved as a National Honor Society vice president, a four-year tutor with Success Strategies and a bassist in the school orchestra. He plans on studying economics and political science in the fall and is waiting to hear back from several colleges. So far, he has been admitted to the James Madison Program at Michigan State and Ohio State University.

Evan Zobel began his scouting journey in Cub Scout Pack 852 of Livonia, before advancing to Boy Scout Troop 1539. He has enjoyed many years of scouting adventures

and leadership positions, including patrol leader, troop guide, assistant senior patrol leader and the Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp. For his Eagle Scout service project, Zobel designed and built seven learning and development toys for the children's section of the Livonia Public Library. He, along with the numerous volunteers he coordinated, created three activity cubes with unique sides, refurbished a large activity cube and built three latch boxes for small motor coordination development. The new learning toys have been well-received by young library patrons.

Zobel is a senior at Churchill High School and enjoys participating on the Livonia Warriors Robotics team. Upon graduation, he plans to study physics or engineering at either Michigan State University or the University of Michigan.

Jarod and Collin Parker are identical twins who started their scouting path in first grade in Cub Scout Pack 852. It started as a fun way to explore their world and spend time together as brothers. They joined Boy Scout Troop 1539 in fifth grade. Their ad-

ventures in scouts has prepared them well for life and the Scout Oath and Law will always inspire them to do their best and help others.

Jarod's Eagle Scout project involved directing a team of adults and scouts to repair and paint a trellis structure on the grounds of Livonia's Greenmead Historical Park. The trellis stands in the gardens of Hill House. The gardens provide a quiet place to walk and enjoy a piece of Livonia's past.

Collin's Eagle Scout project involved documenting the tombstones in the Livonia Center Cemetery for Greenmead Historical Society. He directed his troop to take pictures and record dates and names from each tombstone. Then he compiled this information into an Excel file. This provided Greenmead with an updated record for this historic cemetery.

The brothers are seniors at Churchill High School and play trumpet in the Churchill marching band and wind ensemble. After graduation, they plan on attending Michigan State University in the engineering program.

Local authors showcased at annual Plymouth Library Author Fair



Linda McLean's "Wanda and Winky" will be part of the author fair.

The Plymouth District Library will again host its popular annual author fair 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 11. Showcasing literary talent from Plymouth and surrounding communities, the author fair provides a forum for authors to meet each other and the reading public. Attendees will enjoy browsing and conversation with a wide variety of authors. Books will be available for purchase and signing across

various genres and for all ages.

Participating authors in each category include: Writing for children: Jack Leyden, "Tom Bunker and the Start of a Strange Experience;" Linda McLean, "Wanda and Winky;" Ian Moore, "Zo&rsar;" Stephanie Neilan, "The Cinderella Connection;" Tirsa Tan, "Golden Cucumber, an Indonesian Fairy Tale;" and Carol Trembath, "Water Walkers."

Writing for teens: Teresa Lee / Brian Webster, "Black Ice;" Anthony Fielek, "Death of the Republic;" Gary Rembisz, "Black Feathers in Black Hats;" and Michael J. Schultz, "The Vela Project."

Writing for adults: Brian Anderson, "Chip Dip;" K. M. Guerin, "La Reyna;" Donald Levin, "Guilt in Hiding;" Jon Milan/ Gail Offen, "Iconic Restaurants of Ann Arbor;" Antoinette Pear-

son, "Truth Transforms Education: A Framework for New School Leaders;" Terrance Puryear, "Does Your Net Work: Exceptional Leadership through Biblical Principles;" Bill Rapai, "Lake Invaders: Invasive Species and the Battle for the Future of the Great Lakes;" Pam Rossi, "Over Easy Conversations with Pam Rossi;" Kathleen Shepherd Sleek, "Ghost by the Side of the Road: The Legacy

of an Old Saltbox Farmhouse;" Monica Starkman, "The End of Miracles: A Novel;" P. K. Summer, "Behind the Faces of Suicide: Stories of Grief & Hope;" Cheryl Vatcher-Martin, "One Room School: Vanishing One Room Schools."

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Constituents push Trott for town hall

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A local congressman drew criticism Thursday as constituents alarmed by the policies of a new administration continued to call attention to their campaign to meet with him in person to voice their concerns.

More than 200 people packed a room at the Novi Public Library on Thursday evening for the event, billed as a David Trott town hall without David Trott. Trott, a second-term Republican from Birmingham, was part of a congressional delegation visiting India during this week's recess, a member of his staff confirmed.

Organizers accused Trott of ducking constituents who might disagree with him on President Donald Trump's agenda. A new crackdown on immigrants who are in the country illegally and the planned repeal of the Affordable Care Act were the most-discussed issues Thursday.

Trott should be having "vibrant dialogue" with a "well-informed and engaged" citizenry, said one of the speakers, attorney John Janiszewski.

"Constituents deserve much better," Janiszewski told the crowd. "We deserve to have individual opportunities to air our grievances."



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The audience applauds a speaker during Thursday's standing-room-only town hall at the Novi Public Library. Organizers said they want U.S. Rep. David Trott, R-Birmingham, to meet in person with constituents.

Janiszewski, an assistant Michigan attorney general, emphasized he was speaking on his on behalf and not representing his office.

He rejected the idea, promoted by Trump, that people packing town halls across the country are paid activists and refuted the comment earlier in the week by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., that "winners make policy and losers go home."

"I can assure you, we are not all losers," Janiszewski said. "We are simply citizens who ask to be engaged."

Trott should face the public and explain where he stands on Trump's policies and serve "as a check on executive overreach," Janiszewski said. "Your silence serves

as a breeding ground for discontent and damaging assumptions," he said.

Trott communications director Katie Vincentz said Friday that Trott has attended 1,000 public events since taking office, including 40 town halls, public forums and coffee talks. She said a busy legislative calendar so far this year has limited his ability to meet directly with constituents, but that public events are being planned.

Representatives of the Michigan People's Campaign, one of the groups behind Thursday's event, have met with Trott staffers several times and their concerns were relayed to Trott, Vincentz said. Trott, she said, has also responded in writing to more than 6,500 questions and concerns from



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Some of those who gathered at the Thursday meeting at the Novi Public Library wrote their hometowns and ZIP codes on badges to show they were in U.S. Rep. David Trott's district.

constituents.

Other speakers Thursday addressed diversity and tightened immigration policies.

Fatima Abdrabboh, a lawyer and director of the American Muslim Advocacy League, said non-Muslims and Muslims shouldn't be afraid to break the ice and have conversations about cultural differences.

"Those are the real questions," she said, drawing laughter when she spoke about being asked if she has hair underneath her hijab. "It's not ignorant. People want to know."

Islamophobia, or the irrational fear of Muslims, is "an industry" from which some profit, she said.

"It's easier to have a bogeyman than to deal with our own stuff," she said.

Abdrabboh said her travels to other parts of the world helped confirm that that U.S. is "the greatest" country.

"Do not take that for granted," she said. "Complacency is not something we can afford to have."

Also speaking were Jayesh Patel, a lawyer and the founder of Street Democracy, an advocacy group that works on legal issues on behalf of impoverished people, and Nada Dalgamouni, director of global education at the International Institute of Detroit.

Patel jokingly said that Trump's immigration policies means that "people who look different and have funny names" have to worry about being detained, even if they are naturalized citizens or were born in the U.S.

They also, he said, have to worry about being the targets of harassment and violence.

"People who haven't had to think about these issues are now having to," he said. Patel's parents immigrated from India; he said that, among his extended family of 28 people, 27 are native-born or naturalized citizens.

Dalgamouni, who was born in Jordan, made a

case for more liberalized immigration policies for people who want to enjoy freedom and improve their lives.

"Immigration is what made this country a great country," she said.

Meredith Quinlan of the Michigan People's Campaign urged the crowd to keep the pressure up.

"Every call, every meeting, every email, every action is making a difference," she said. Members of Congress, she added, "are scared" that they will lose their seats.

Sherry Masson of Milford, who introduced each speaker, said the town hall was organized by herself and two other women who met on Facebook, in conjunction with the MPC. She and others, Masson said, personally invited Trott on Feb. 14 by speaking with staff members at his district office in Troy.

Trott's 11th District includes many communities in western Wayne County and northern and western Oakland County, including Livonia, Plymouth and Northville, Canton townships, Birmingham, Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Corned beef and cabbage

The Garden City Women of the Moose are holding a Corned Beef & Cabbage dinners 5-7 p.m., March 7-8, or until they run out.

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Meet with the supervisor

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise will hold his monthly "Coffee with Kurt" 9-10 a.m., Monday, March 6, at the Grand Traverse Pie Company, 41640 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township. Coffee and breakfast snacks will be provided.

Praise and worship

St. Edith Church will have a Praise and Worship Concert on Sunday, March 12, 2017 from 4pm-5pm. Come and sing along to your favorite Christian Rock hits. The music will be provided by In Praise and a small fellowship will follow in the Gathering Area. This is an excellent event for Lent. For more information please see our website. www.stedith.org

Health screening for Livonia students

Registration is required for the screening 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 4, St. Mary Mercy Livonia North Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The cost is \$10 per student. Each student will receive: Healthy heart questionnaire reviewed; Blood pressure check; 12-lead ECG; Heart sound check; Echocardiogram, if indicated. To register and



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for more information go to: www.stmarymercy.org/heartscreen or call 734-655-8240

Annual Mystery Purse Auction

Faith Community's Women of Faith will host the auction at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 11, at the church, 14560 Merriam Road. This is a fun event where everyone (that means men, too) can bid on purses or bags or totes that are filled with mystery items. Light refreshments will be provided. Contact: Melissa @ 734/765-1827

Livonia Towne Club

The Livonia Towne Club, a non-profit women's organization bringing together women for social interaction meets the 4th Thursday of each month from September through May (except in November & December when it's held on the 2nd Thursday).

We meet for lunch and a program at different restaurants in Livonia and surrounding areas. Our program could be an informative speaker, bingo, fashion show, music entertainment & more.

Our next luncheon is March 23. The program will be the 3rd annual fashion show. For more information, call Vicki at 734-591-3254.

Eat better

Plymouth Seventh-Day Adventist Church will host Dr. Arthur Weaver to speak on diet and cancer prevention. Attendees will complete a meal, watch a demonstration and provide recipes. The event is at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 19 at the church fellowship hall, 4295 Napier Road, Plymouth. Call 989-965-4861 to register by March 16. Admission is FREE, donations are welcome!

Lenten Fish Fry

American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, will host its annual Lenten fish fry 5-8 p.m., every Friday through April 29. Cod dinners are \$10 and perch will return. Baked items will be sold for \$1 each. The meals are open to the public

St. Bellarmine Fish Fry

St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club will host fish frys every Friday during Lent with drive-thru service available. The dinners are available every Friday, 4-7 p.m. St. Robert's is at the corner of W. Chicago and Inkster roads in Redford.

Lenten Fish Fry

St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne will host its Lenten Fish Frys again this year. The weekly Fish Frys will start on Friday, March 3, 4-7 p.m., and run for seven weeks through Good Friday, April 14. We are offering our delicious \$7 or \$10 dinners. You can choose from fried or baked fish, shrimp dinner or Mac-N-Cheese. Each meal comes with French fries or baked potato, cole slaw, roll and lemonade, water or coffee. For an additional small charge desserts and pop are available. You certainly will have plenty to eat and good conversation with your neighbors and parishioners or you can

have your meal ready to take out.

Westland American Legion Post 251

Post meetings are the first Wednesday of each month. Anyone with an honorable discharge and meets service requirements is eligible to join the American Legion.

Created in 1917 Blue Star Service Banners were a common sight during World War I and World War II. Resurrected by the American Legion in 2001, the banner is displayed to show that a family member is currently serving in the Armed Forces. Gold Star Service Banners are displayed to show that a family member has died while serving. Each star represents one family member. Any family who would like a Blue or Gold Banner to display can call Adjunct Ron Nickels at 734-455-3415 or the Post Commander Bill Acton at 734-776-5491. There is no cost to the family. For more information, go to www.post251.org.

Spring coin show

The North West Detroit Coin Club 55th annual Spring Coin Show is 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington. It will feature U.S. and foreign coin dealers, free admission and a snack bar. You can get your coins, currency or other numismatic items appraised or you can turn them into cash.

The NWDCC meets at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Livonia Senior Center, featuring a coin auction at every meeting, discussions, speakers and everyone in metro Detroit is invited to join. Facebook is North West Detroit Coin Club-Michigan and website is nwdcc.org

Community craft-making gathering

The public is invited to gather and do your own special crafts with others, enjoying the fellowship and fun and having an opportunity to see what crafts others are involved in creating. This is a free event and you are to bring all your own craft materials. This

event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, near the intersection of Eight Mile in Livonia. For more information, all 248-434-3444 or email the church at clarencevillechurch@gmail.com.

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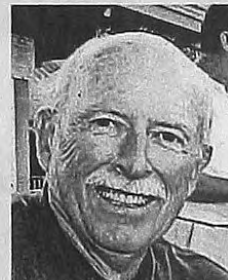
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FRANK ANTHONY 82, was born September 24, 1934 in Detroit, Michigan and died February 24, 2017, at his home on Burt Lake in Alanson, Michigan. He is survived by his wife Diane (Dalton) and his children with Ruth Ann: Nina (Mike Cedar), Tony (Denise Gaumer), Victor (Sally Clement) and Anna. Surviving grandchildren are: Jessica (Jason Glass), Michael, Nicole (Ken Smerecki), Richard, Hannah, Bridget, Spence and Emi and his great-grandchildren are Sidney, Joe, Wyatt and Weston. Also surviving are his sister Dorothy (Tsolis), and nearly 50 nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Anthony Bairdi and Mary Rocco, brother Joseph, sister Delores Sager and son Vincent. He lost his first wife, Ruth Ann (Dockery) in 1984. A viewing is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2PM-8PM at Heaney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd, Farmington, MI 48336. A service and final viewing at the funeral home, Friday, March 3 will be at 10AM, followed by a procession to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Manna Food Project, 8791 McBride Park Dr, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

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RENEE Age 87, beloved mother, identical twin to Elaine Gelda, former Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood leader, avid bridge player in a dedicated group of friends who continues playing to this day, passed away peacefully at home asleep during the early evening Friday, February 24, 2017. By her side, eldest son Laurence, middle daughter Laurene, and youngest son Marshall. Husband Bernie laid to rest in 1997. However, this local family tree nowhere near describes a full story. Her deep New York roots spanned from Ohio to Michigan, clear across the country, and around the globe. No matter where any of us traveled, "mom always said, "While you are (...), you must call (...) and say hello." Thanks to Renee's lifelong friends, Ed and Joyce Welford, her world included a wondrous 20-year romance with Lloyd Strausz (recently departed). Lloyd's children Jo and Richard, Richard's wife Brenda, Lloyd's grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all lovingly enveloped Renee as one of their very own. Constantly armed with advice to better one's life, immaculate dresser, patron of the arts, excellent cook, fine food aficionado, Grandmother to Sasha, a mother-in-law who treated Marshall's wife Shelley and Larry's partner Vicki as daughters. Unfortunately, these words simply do not do justice to a lifespan filled with deep love, friendship, and affection for everyone she met. We wish we could name all who touched our mother's life, but to do so would end up taking over the entire newspaper. Voluntary donations can be made in Renee's honor at Temple Emanu-El, Lillian Greenwald Oneq Fund, 14450 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park, MI, 48237, Telephone (248) 967-4020, or trees can be planted in her name in Israel. The family plans an unveiling at Mount Ararat Cemetery, New York, February 2018.

Detroit police seek pair after shooting death of teen

Elissa Robinson
Detroit Free Press

A Garden City teenager was fatally shot Friday and police are seeking two people they believe may have some answers in the case.

According to the Detroit Police Department, the 17-year-old victim and his friend were walk-

ing in the area of Plymouth and Meyers when someone inside a black SUV fired shots, killing the teen.

WDIV-TV reports the victim was a student at Garden City High School.

The department released surveillance footage of two persons of interest that may have information about the

crime.

The first person of interest is described as a black female with shoulder-length black hair, wearing a black zip-up jacket with a burgundy top underneath, gray pants with black and white writing on the side and black and white gym shoes.

The second person of

interest is described as a black male with short black hair, wearing a blue hooded jacket zip-up with black pants and black shoes.

If you recognize these individuals, call Detroit Police at 313-596-2260 or Crime Stoppers at 800-SPEAK-UP.

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BOYS HOCKEY PRE-REGIONAL



Plymouth's Jack Chumley fights Salem's Matthew Davis (left) and Matt Schaumburger (right) for the puck.

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KNOCKOUT PUNCH

Plymouth pulls tournament rug out from under Salem in battle of state-ranked teams

Tim Smith
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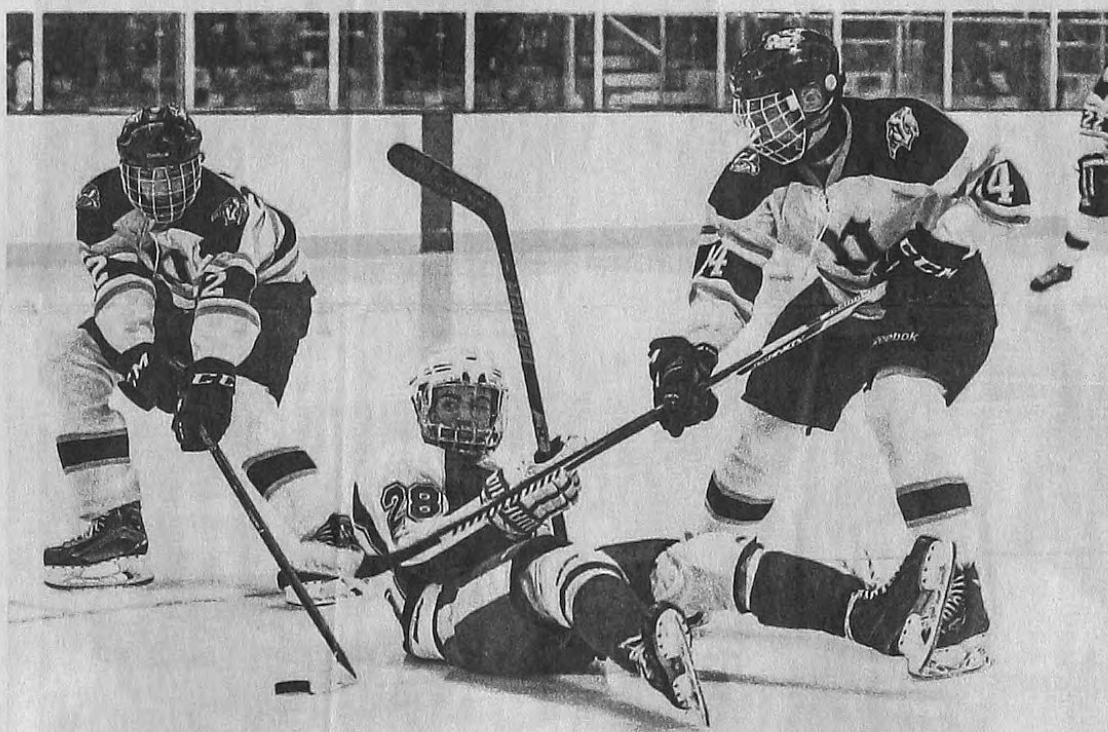
The Plymouth Wildcats stepped onto the ice Monday with one main task in mind — to shut down Salem senior sniper Matt Schaumburger and his dangerous linemates.

And for the most part, that's exactly what happened in Plymouth's 5-3 boys hockey Division 2 pre-regional win over the Rocks at Plymouth Cultural Center.

Schaumburger collected an assist on senior forward Jake Saunders' goal with 2:44 left in the contest, which turned out to be the final one of the night.

"He's a dynamic player and it's not an easy task," Wildcats head coach Gerry Vento said. "But we knew if we let (Schaumburger) roam free, we were not going to win this hockey game."

"Every line, when they were on the ice and they found him, they had to account for him and make sure



Salem's Shawn Weldon ends up on the ice as Plymouth's Adam Rebecca (left) and Luke Kaledas (right) snag the puck.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

we put a body on him. And then follow up with another body, because he's that dangerous. It wasn't just one or two guys." Salem head coach Ryan

Ossenmacher tipped his hat to the Wildcats' game plan. "They did a good job, they were keying on (Schaumburger), matching up with him every time he was on the ice,"

Ossenmacher said. "He generated some opportunities."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Quick exit for Plymouth

Novi pulls away in second half, wins 51-29

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

It was a tale of two halves Monday for the Plymouth Wildcats and, ultimately, the team's season came to an end as a result.

Novi played a complete game in the girls basketball Class A district opener at Salem High School and came away with a 51-39 victory.

"The first half was everything you expected," Plymouth head coach Ryan Ballard said. "Two teams battling in the state tournament like every possession mattered. Unfortunately, the second half was a different story."

"We got punched in the mouth and chose not to compete. Novi made us pay for it."

Plymouth trailed by only three points at halftime, 31-28.

Chantal LeDoux led Plymouth (9-12) with 13 points, with other contributions from Angela Schmidt (five points), Sydney McCaig and Gabby Chouinard (four points each).

Top Novi performers were Ellie Mackay and Cara Ninkovich, with 18 and 16 points, respectively.

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PREP BOWLING

Super: Park bowlers qualify for states

Salem boys, girls teams in top three; Canton's Macunovich wins girls individual title

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

There's nothing like the so-called "home-court advantage" and that provided a welcome backdrop for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park boys and girls bowling teams last weekend.

On Friday at Super Bowl in Canton, Salem's boys team finished second and the girls third at the MHSAA Division 1 team regional. Both teams qualified for this Friday's team final, scheduled for Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights.

And several P-CEP performers came back Saturday and earned a spot at the individual finals.

Leading the way was Canton senior Meghan Macunovich, who rolled a six-game series of 1,152 to finish in first overall. She capped off her big day in style, registering 225 in her final game of the afternoon.

It was the third time in four seasons with the Chiefs that Macunovich took home the championship trophy.

Also qualifying on the girls side were Plymouth sophomore Madalyn Harden (fifth, 1,079) and Salem freshman Lexis Silverman (10th, 1,037).

Other area qualifiers included Westland John Glenn juniors Julianna Dietz (sixth, 1,068) and Sarah Hayes (seventh, 1,067).

In the boys individual re-

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BOYS SWIMMING

Novi tops tough field in Kensington meet

Canton's Mullen, Plymouth's Groves win respective events

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

For the first time in school history Novi swimmers, divers and coaches took the customary victory dip following their conquest of the KLAA Kensington Conference meet.

The host Wildcats, getting another sterling performance from senior Camden Murphy, captured the team title Saturday with 997 points to unseat defending champion Northville, which took runner-up honors with 895.

Rounding out the 10-team field were Livonia Stevenson (578.5), Canton (565.5), South Lyon Unified (491), Salem (365), Plymouth (295), Livonia Churchill (275), Westland John Glenn (134) and Wayne Memorial (125).

"This was a tough weekend for us, actually," Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said. "We got guys who are training for state meet, who haven't done that before. And trying to swim fast at this meet, when you're train-



Canton's Kyle Amick on his way to winning the eighth heat of the 100-meter freestyle at the Feb. 24 KLAA boys swimming championships at Novi High. Amick won in 48.32.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ing for the state meet and have never done it before, it takes some experience. We had a lot of guys tapering for the state meet who didn't light it up the way we usually do here."

But the University of Georgia-bound Murphy, one of the nation's top junior swimmers, made the most of his one and only Kensington Conference meet after opting to train strictly with his Waterford Kingfish Aquatic club team

during his first three high school years.

Medley champs

Murphy teamed with Joey Berman, Daniel Chung and Phillip Billiu for a meet record and All-America consideration time of 1:35.22 in the 200-yard medley relay.

The senior also posted an All-America consideration time by winning the 200 individual medley (1:50.83) as well

as his specialty, the 100 butterfly, when he clocked a meet and All-America time of 48.62 after going 48.62 in Friday's prelims.

And to top the afternoon off, Murphy teamed with Berman, Siddharda Kareddy and Alexander Yuan for a victory in the 400 freestyle relay (3:11.07). Meanwhile, Berman added a victory in the 100 backstroke

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Canton girls bowler Meghan Macunovich won an individual regional championship for the third time in four seasons.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BOYS BASKETBALL

Chiefs roll past Mott; Garden City battles to the end

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Canton's varsity boys basketball team came out flying Tuesday and pinned a 55-25 defeat on Waterford Mott in a KLA A tournament contest.

The Chiefs were on target from the opening tip-off, outscoring the Corsairs 13-3 and 13-4 in the first two quarters, respectively.

Canton connected on 21-of-42 field-goal attempts (50 percent) and also owned the glass by a 40-12 margin.

Scoring 16 points for the Chiefs (12-7), who have one more tourney tune-up before next week's Class A districts, was Eiah Barker.

Adding 10 points each were Jake Cesarz and B. Artis White, while Colin Troup and Chase Meredith both scored six. Troup and Danny Lanava both pulled down nine rebounds.

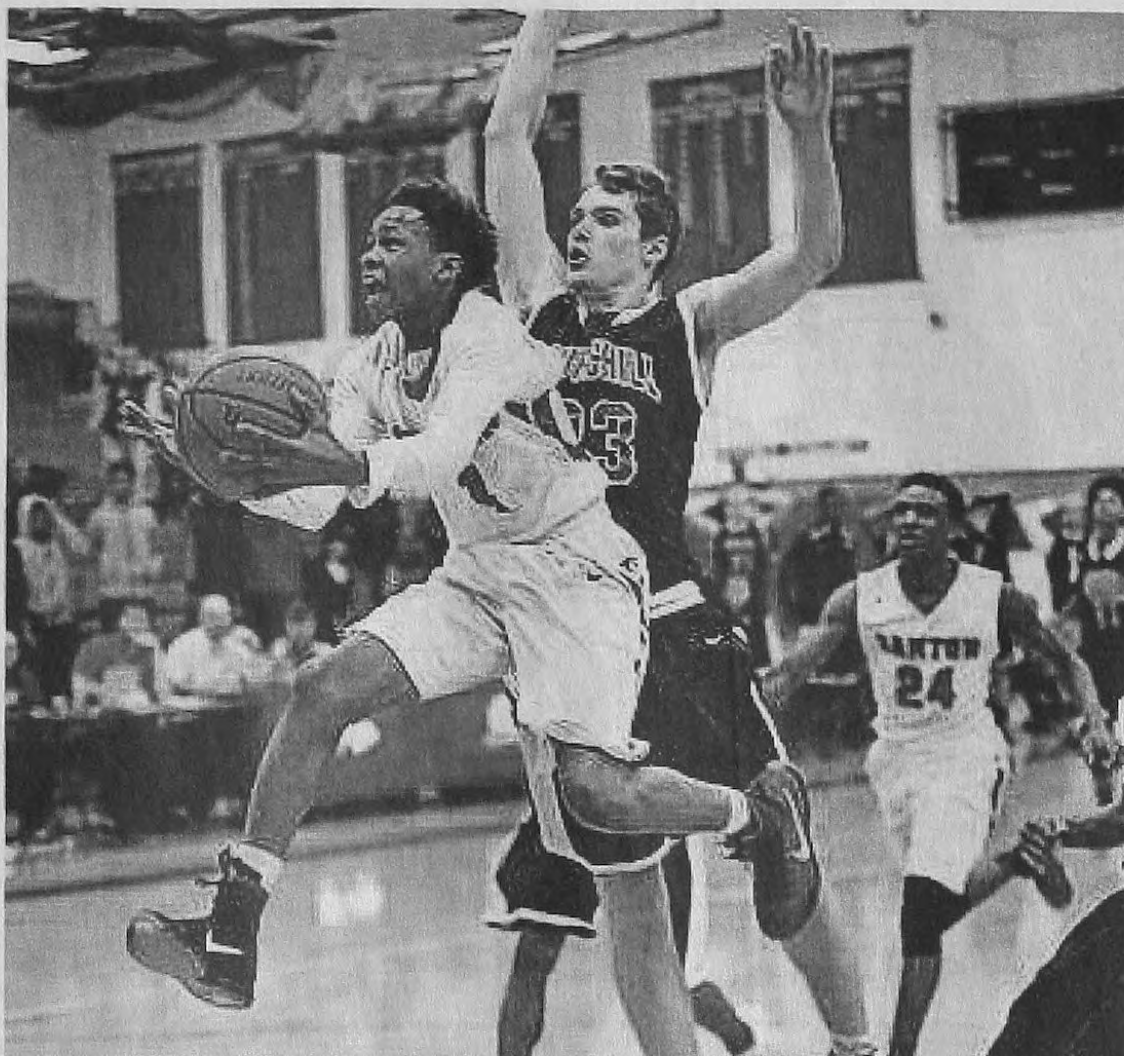
Mott's record dropped to 8-11.

Cougars edged

On senior night for Garden City, a valiant effort in the second half came up just short for the Cougars, who dropped a 63-61 decision to Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Garden City (4-15) trailed 39-26 at halftime, but began chipping away with a 17-6 third quarter. The Cougars kept on pushing in the fourth, but Dearborn Edsel Ford (led by Jalal Beydoun's 24 points) hung on.

Colin McHugh led the Cou-



Canton's B. Artis White, shown in this undated file photo, was a key contributor in Tuesday's victory over Waterford Mott.

JOHN KEMSKI

gars with 16 points, with four triples accounting for 12 of

those points. Helping the cause were Cameron Walter (13

points), Brad Russell and Jake Sadowski (10 points each).

Walter tied the game on a layup with 16 seconds remaining, but the Thunderbirds answered with a baseline jumper with 2.3 seconds remaining.

"I am very proud of our seniors tonight," Garden City coach Rick Morton said. "They battled and got themselves back into the game in that third quarter. It was a very entertaining game, I just wish that we could have finished it off. This group of seniors deserved one for their effort, but it wasn't to be."

REDFORD UNION 66, SUMMIT 44: Jacob Gagnon scored 12 points and Amir Huston added 11 Tuesday as host Redford Union (10-9) pulled away in the second half for a non-conference senior night win over Romulus Summit Academy North (8-9).

In the team's final home game, RU coach Randall Taylor started all five seniors: Dominic Slaughter (eight points), Leon Hudson, Antonio Boswell, Anthony Johnson and Justin White.

The Panthers led 24-23 at halftime before outscoring the Dragons 19-11 in the third quarter keyed by Slaughter, who contributed a pair of 3-pointers.

"Dominic played well and he's been contributing lately," Taylor said. Keon Wright and Zoe Hecke paced Summit with 14 and 13 points, respectively.

Both teams struggled mightily from the foul line, with RU going 3-of-16 and Summit 6-of-18.

CARLSON 58, THURSTON 53: Tyler Koons scored 22 points and Jaylyn Franklin added 17 as Gibraltar Carlson (12-8) pulled out a non-conference win Tuesday over host Redford Thurston (7-12).

Thurston led 17-14 after one quarter before the Marauders pulled even at halftime, 26-26.

Malik Hill and Karlos Berry paced the Eagles with 13 and 10 points, respectively. Thurston was 2-of-6 from the foul line.

"(Carlson) deserved to win the game," Thurston coach Brian Bates said. "They made their free throws (15-of-21) and executed really well."

MADISON 62, CLARENCEVILLE 21: Gregory Allen poured in 20 points to propel Madison Heights Madison (9-10) to a non-conference win Tuesday at Livonia Clarenceville (0-20).

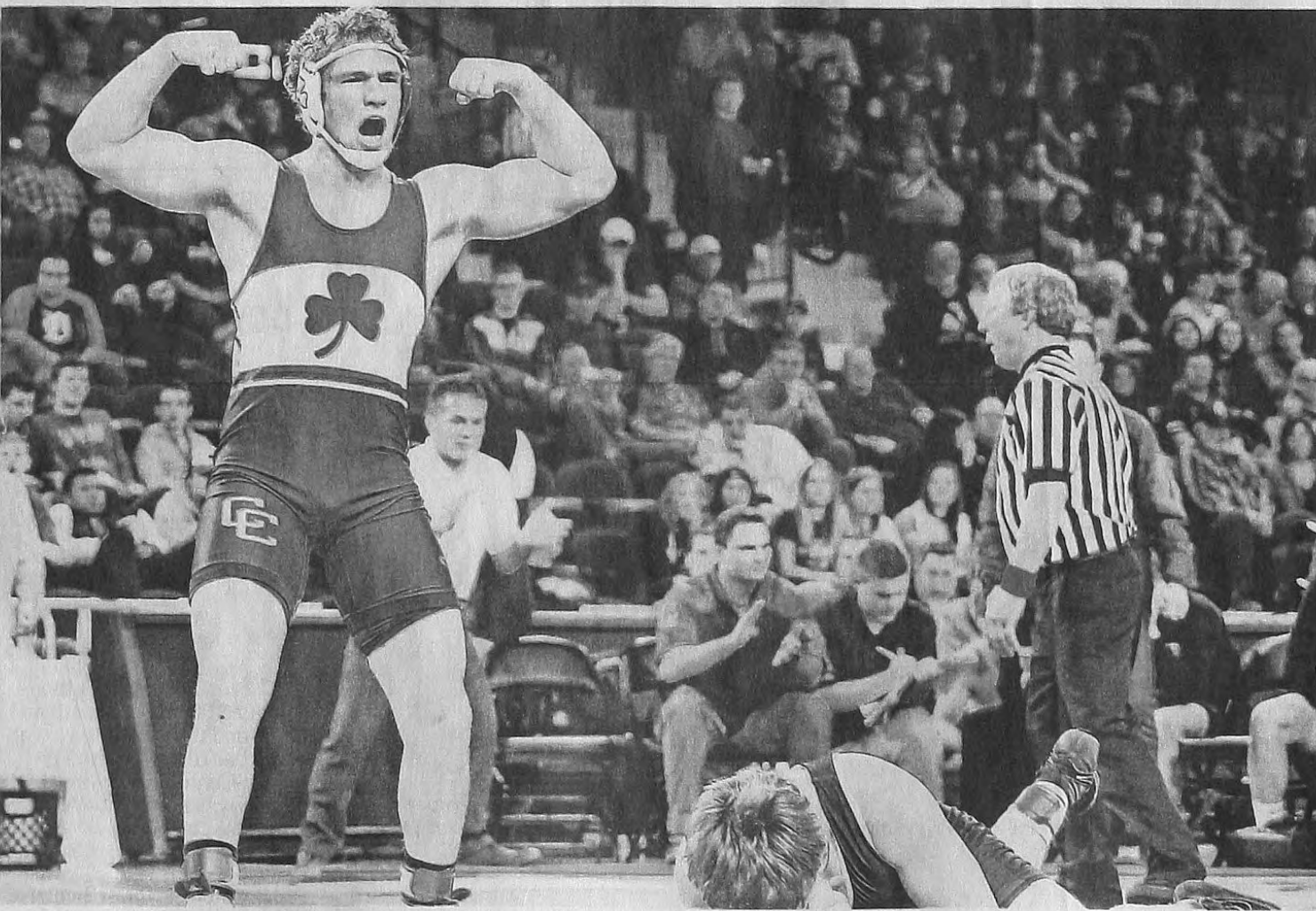
Torre Bowen scored eight points for the Trojans, who trailed 38-8 at halftime.

Clarenceville was 2-of-8 from the foul line, while the Eagles made 11-of-19.

PCA 82, FRANKLIN ROAD 55: Junior Matt Malcolm scored 23 points Friday to spark Plymouth Christian Academy.

Other strong showings were turned in by Max Okolo (15 points), Jayme Fadden (11 points), Layne Pries (10 points) and Levi Yakuber (nine points).

MHSAA DIVISION 1 TEAM STATE FINALS



Catholic Central 215-pounder Jackson Ross celebrates after pinning Davison's Colton Cunningham.

SCOTT CONFER

Shamrocks claim sixth team state crown

Tom Lang
Detroit Free Press

Earlier in the week, Davison coach Roy Hall said Novi Detroit Catholic Central's lineup looked great on paper.

The Shamrocks looked even better on the wrestling mat Saturday at Central Michigan University's McGuirk Arena.

CC won its sixth Division 1 team state championship since the dual format was instituted 30 seasons ago, with a 35-22 victory over the Cardinals, who beat CC in last year's semifinals. CC won three straight titles in 2012-14.

"I'm so absolutely proud of our group of kids and the coaching staff and our community, our students for showing up here, sharing the brotherhood," Shamrocks coach Mitch Hancock said. "It's a remarkable moment for our guys. A special, special moment."

"I've got to tell you, that hurt," Hancock said about losing to Davison last year. "But we didn't do our best and compete and our guys is year used that as motivation and they did a remarkable job. It's been a whole year of motivation."

Davison (26-4) got off to a solid start, when Brenden McRill earned a tech fall over Connor Curnutte at 189 pounds, before Jackson Ross

put CC ahead with a pin at 215 in 1:43. The Shamrocks then won four of the next six matches to build a lead.

"Jackson Ross did a fantastic job, (Benjamin) Kamali did his job (at 112)," Hancock said. "How about Derek Gilcher being down 4-1 and kept building back (to win, 9-8, at 119)? And Aidan Wagh sealed the deal there at 145 (with a 7-3 victory). The guys wrestled really, really tough all weekend. To beat a good Brighton team like that (in Friday's quarterfinals) and a darn good-coached Hartland team, then a Roy Hall-coached team like that, I'm very proud of our guys."

Wagh's win gave CC (31-1) a 29-16 edge, though Davison still had a chance to win the championship mathematically. Three-point victories in the next two weight classes kept the Cardinals in the hunt and trailing by seven with one match remaining.

CC senior and defending state champ Tyler Morland then erased all doubts by finishing off the contest with a pin in 30 seconds at 171 for the final score.

"I just wanted to finish out my career with the Shamrocks, ending it the right way," said Morland, who is undefeated. "My goal is to pin every time I go out there, but it was cool just to finish it the way we did. It was a lot of fun."

Morland, who will wrestle next year at Northwestern, said going last is not hard on him, even if it means waiting two hours in the rotation.

"I wouldn't have wanted it any other way, as a senior," he said, "because if it came down to my match, I wouldn't want it to be on anybody but myself."

"That's a great team we just wrestled," Hall said of CC. "Our kids wrestled wonderful this morning (in the semifinal win over Macomb Dakota) to put us in this situation. They are very disappointed, but I think one day they'll realize they put themselves in that great opportunity. We were outgunned a little bit, but I thought or kids fought hard."

"Heck yeah, they are tough to beat on paper (with 14 state qualifiers). They're impressive on paper and they look great as a team. And next year, our guys are going to be back."

Earlier in the day, CC ousted defending state champion Hartland, 54-10, after downing Brighton in Friday's quarterfinal, 55-3.

CC outscored its six state tournament opponents by an impressive combined total of 380-35.

Novi News-Northville Record Sports Editor Brad Emons also contributed to this report.

DUAL MEET SUMMARIES CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL (Feb. 24) DETROIT CC 35, DAVISON 22

189 pounds: Brenden McRill (D) won by technical fall over Connor Curnutte, 28-13; **215:** Jackson Ross (CC) pinned Colton Cunningham, 1:43; **285:** Nick Jenkins (CC) decisioned Aaron Gilmore, 3-1; **103:** Andrew Chambl (D) won by major dec. over Devon Johnsen, 9-1; **112:** Ben Kamali (CC) dec. Steve Garty, 13-7; **119:** Derek Gilcher (CC) dec. Jaron Wilson, 9-8; **125:** A.J. Facundo (D) dec. Stone Moscovic, 7-3; **130:** Kevon Davenport (CC) p. Marc Shaeffer, 3:00; **135:** Jay Nivison (D) won by major dec. over Joe Urso, 13-5; **140:** Cameron Amine (CC) won by tech. fall over Greyson Robart, 20-3; **145:** Aidan Wagh (CC) dec. Ryan Schlak, 7-3; **152:** Brian Case (D) dec. Brendin Yatooma, 3-1; **160:** Cal Stefanko (D) dec. Rory Cox, 7-4; **171:** Ty Morland (CC) p. Trevor McGowan, 0:30.

Final dual meet records: Detroit CC, 31-1 overall; Davison, 26-4 overall.

SEMIFINAL MATCH (Feb. 24) DETROIT CC 54, HARTLAND 10

125 pounds: Stone Moscovic (CC) won by major dec. over Carter Hankins, 9-1; **130:** Kevon Davenport (CC) p. Josh Latham, 0:48; **135:** Joe Urso (CC) dec. Hayden Culver, 8-2; **140:** Cameron Amine (CC) p. Nik Masters, 0:34; **145:** Aidan Wagh (CC) p. Tanner Culver, 3:22; **152:** River Shettler (H) dec. Brendin Yatooma, 7-5; **160:** Joey Livingston (H) won by major dec. over Rory Cox, 9-1; **171:** Easton Turner (CC) won by major dec. over Reece Anguish, 15-6; **189:** Ty Morland (CC) won by major dec. over Andrew Spisz, 12-1; **215:** Jackson Ross (CC) p. Jon Hartman, 2:53; **285:** Nick Jenkins (CC) p. David Dunville, 1:29; **305:** Wyatt Nault (H) dec. Devon Johnsen, 8-7; **112:** Ben Kamali (CC) p. Corey Cavanaugh, 1:04; **119:** Derek Gilcher (CC) dec. Kyle Kantola, 7-1.

Dual match records: Detroit CC, 30-1 overall; Hartland, 33-4 overall.

QUARTERFINAL MATCH (Feb. 23) DETROIT CC 55, BRIGHTON 3

160 pounds: Rory Cox (CC) dec. Jake Soop, 2-1; **171:** Ty Morland (CC) p. Jack Ireton, 0:58; **189:** Connor Curnutte (CC) dec. Greyson Stevens, 4-2; **215:** Jackson Ross (CC) won by major dec. over Eric Halonen, 1:04; **285:** Nick Jenkins (CC) p. Colby Ford, 1:03; **103:** Devon Johnsen (CC) dec. Ben Manly, 10-3; **112:** Rhiatt Newton (CC) p. Logan Kehres, 3:25; **119:** Ben Kamali (CC) won by tech. fall over Eddie Homack, 26-11; **125:** Stone Moscovic (CC) dec. Seth Soto, 3-0; **135:** Joe Urso (CC) won by major dec. over Dave Donabedian, 10-0; **140:** Cameron Amine (CC) dec. Lee Grabowski, 5-1; **145:** Harley Berne (B) dec. Brody Burke, 6-1; **152:** Brendin Yatooma (CC) dec. Nick Bleise, 5-0.

Dual match records: Detroit CC, 29-1 overall; Brighton, 16-9 overall.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Churchill graduate Cameron catches on

Shenandoah senior catcher bouncing back

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Daniel Cameron has a penchant for power and perseverance.

The Livonia Churchill alum also is a pretty good catcher and he is off to a fast start for Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va.

On Saturday, the Hornets opened the season in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference with a doubleheader against Misericordia (Penn.) and Cameron demonstrated he is fully healed after suffering a broken hand last year that stopped his career season.

Cameron hit a three-run homer in two official plate appearances (he also walked and had a sacrifice bunt) in Game 1 of the twinbill. He sat out Game 2, but came back Monday with a 2-for-3 afternoon to help Shenandoah (ranked 16th in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Division III poll) defeat No. 4-ranked LaRoche.

The broken hamate bone sustained during an at-bat last season interrupted a standout year. Cameron was batting .385 with 18 runs scored and started every game behind the plate until the injury.

Shenandoah went 35-12 in 2016 and won the regular-season championship.

In addition to his prowess in the batter's box, Cameron was a defensive standout, ably handling the pitching staff.

At Churchill, he was the starting catcher his last three seasons and earned all-conference, all-district and all-region honors in his senior season (2013) while garnering the Chargers' Most Outstanding Player award.

Cameron then further distinguished himself with two strong seasons at Henry Ford College in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

He made the all-MCCAA third team in his sophomore year and then continued to shine as a junior at Shenandoah.

Now, he would like to close out his college career with a healthy and productive season.

Cameron also is an outstanding student, having been named to the dean's list every semester at Shenandoah.

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USA HOCKEY

Tkachuk rewarded for hard work in 5-3 win

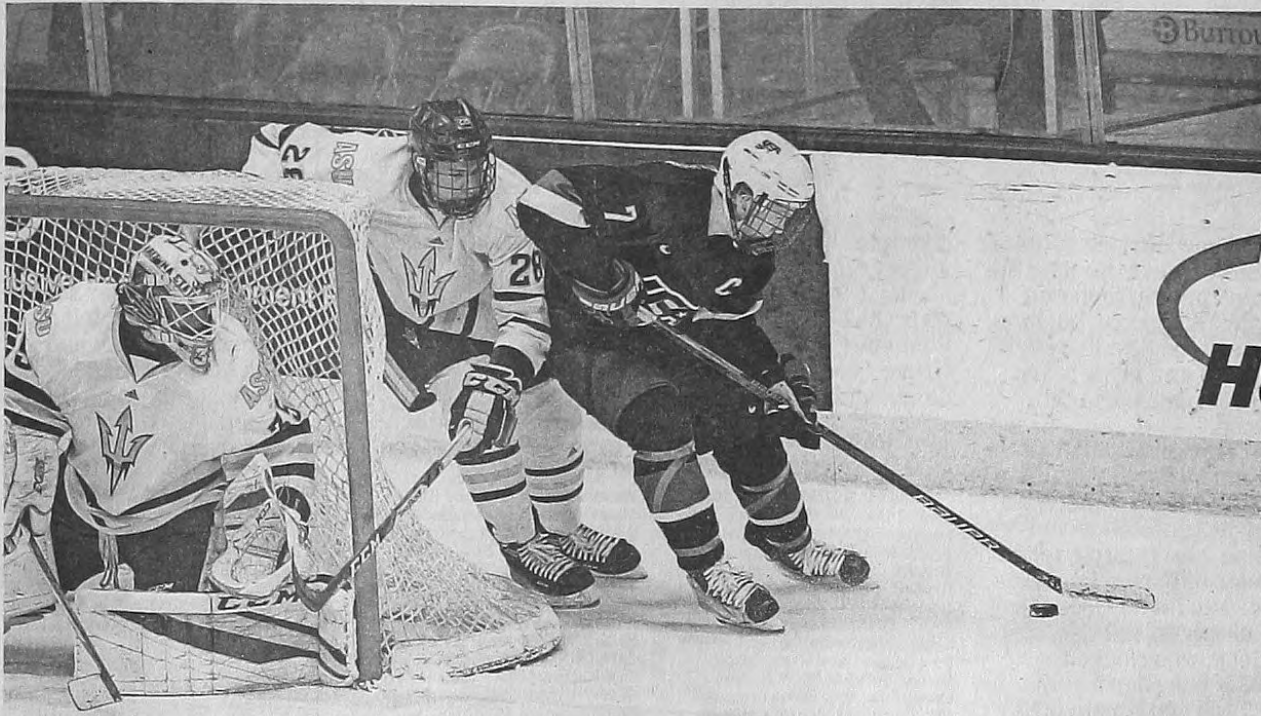
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Shortly after the U.S. National Team Development Program's Under-18 team made it eight straight wins, with Friday's 5-3 victory over Arizona State University, Brady Tkachuk walked out of the locker room wearing a smile and a special hat.

Tkachuk wore a khaki hard hat after being named by teammates and coaches as the Hardest Working Player in the game at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. He scored two breathtaking goals to take the wind out of the sails of ASU and was all over the ice.

"He could get it (the hard hat award) every night, the kid's relentless," NTDP U-18 head coach John Wroblewski said, adding that Tkachuk's goal at the one-minute mark of the second period set the winning tone. "I thought that was a great stretch pass by (defenseman Quinn) Hughes, off the line change. That was pivotal. "I thought we had some fortunate breaks tonight, but coming out in that second and getting the two right away was huge, obviously, for the tempo and the finish for the game."

The victory enabled the U18 squad to continue a torrid streak that began Jan. 21 against the Chicago Steel and extended to Europe and back. The squad won all four games of the 2017 Under-18 Five Nations Tournament in Sundsvall, Sweden (Feb.



Brady Tkachuk (right) of the U.S. NTDP Under-18 team carries the puck around the Arizona State goal. Tkachuk scored two goals Friday.

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5-13), to win an international tourney for the second time this season.

Getting the scoring started at 3:54 of the first was Tkachuk, a 6-2, 194-pound Boston University commit. He got the puck off the face-off and wired a high shot past Arizona State goalie Joey Daccord.

Setting up the goal were Oliver Wahlstrom and Nate Knoepke.

"It was a great play from Oliver Wahlstrom on the first one, I was just lucky enough to get it through," Tkachuk said. "Had my head down the whole time."

ASU evened the game late in the first period,



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Brady Tkachuk can't help but smile about wearing this hat, after being named Hardest Working Player during Friday's win.

but Tkachuk did his thing again right after the second frame got going and it put the U.S. in front to stay.

He took a breakout

pass from Hughes and shot up the middle of the rink right at Daccord, ultimately depositing the puck into the net after a forehand-backhand maneuver.

"Second one, what a look by Quinn Hughes, saw me all the way down the ice," Tkachuk said. "Just deked the goalie and put it on the ice."

Just 59 seconds later, Josh Norris made it 3-1 (from Wahlstrom and Knoepke) and the home team enjoyed a three-goal lead with about eight minutes left in the period, thanks to a goal by forward Joey Cassetti. Earning assists were defenseman Tommy

Miller (West Bloomfield) and forward Sean Dhooghe.

Before the end of the period, ASU got one back when Louie Rowe beat U.S. goalie Adam Scheel, who played well while making 26 saves.

The teams traded goals in the third period, with winger Joel Farabee scoring at 1:46 on a play started by Dhooghe and defenseman David Farance.

The game's final goal came at 10:33, when Tyler Busch registered his second of the contest.

Wroblewski said the team also is gaining confidence playing college teams; the U18 team is

now 7-8-1 against NCAA opponents.

"I give Arizona State a lot of credit, they came out with a lot of speed and tenacity," Wroblewski said. "A lot of quality scoring chances, good skill level from their club. Without a couple key individual performances from our side, we would have been in a dog fight."

He also emphasized how important having success at the Five Nations Tournament has been for the team, not only on the winning streak, but as it plays the next six weeks ahead of the final tournament of the season (April 9-22 at the IIHF Under-18 World Championship in Slovakia).

"It's been fun," Wroblewski said. "It's interesting. At the program, you don't necessarily worry about the wins and losses. A big part of it is where the team's going (developmentally) and how individuals are progressing. A lot of times, the wins and losses take care of themselves."

"We've had a good committee the whole way along, a lot of guys playing consistent. That's what this team needs, there's not Auston Matthews on this team or Jack Eichel. We need a group of players and I think we have an awesome identity as a team."

But there is Tkachuk, who is becoming a star in his own right.

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Big moments

When the Rocks did get something going — especially during a frantic rally in the third period, with their goalie pulled for most of the final six minutes — Plymouth junior goaltender Brendan Olepa was equal to the task.

He finished with 25 saves, many of the clutch variety. And right after the final horn sounded, a stream of Plymouth players zeroed in on Olepa and pounced on him during a celebratory dog pile.

"It's the game of hockey, right?" Olepa said when asked about that scene. "Anytime there's a big win like that, you love spending those moments with the boys. We're not going to get many more of them with the season coming to an end, but I'm expecting a lot more games out of these boys."

"This is a great group of guys and we've been pushing it from day one to do the best we can. I'm just glad to be part of this team and part of the success we've had this season."

Plymouth never trailed in the hard-hitting match-up played before a capacity crowd featuring students from both schools. A nifty three-on-one led to the ice-breaker, when senior forward Colton Borke tapped a back-door shot past Salem starting goalie Austin Goleniak with 4:16 to go in the first.

Borke, senior defenseman Joseph Fontana and junior forward Timothy Baldwin worked a tic-tac-toe that left Goleniak in no position to make a save.

"I thought Colton Borke had the best game of the year and it's not surprising from him," Vento said. "He's a senior and he wants us to go as long as we can. He was outstanding."

Back to back

Vento also said senior forward Alex Chartrand was just as strong. Chartrand scored two goals, including one just 30 seconds into the second period to make it 2-0.



The puck slides away as Salem's Matt Schaumburger (top) takes a hit from Plymouth's Zachary Gallaher.

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Forward Josh Weber centered a pass that Chartrand ripped home from between the circles.

Just over three minutes later, Plymouth scored again to chase sophomore goalie Goleniak.

Baldwin took a pass along the left boards, walked into the middle of the ice and wristed a shot past a screened Goleniak.

"The puck just got chipped out a little by (senior) Nick Yankee," Baldwin said. "I just came out and picked it, went around the top of the circles, opened up and just ripped the shot."

Ossenmacher, looking to change the momentum, then switched goalies, with senior Tristan Rehling taking over.

"The first three goals that went in were not his fault at all," Ossenmacher said. "But at that moment, you've got to try and find a way to energize the team."

But Plymouth made it 4-0 instead, when Chartrand jammed a loose puck past Rehling after forward Jack Chumley's laser hit the crossbar.

Last-second spark

Salem got a spark in the final seconds of the second period, however when junior forward

Tyler German and senior linemate Marty Mills went in on an odd-man rush. Mills launched a shot from the left circle that beat Olepa with 4.9 seconds to go.

That momentum carried over into the third, when the Rocks sliced the deficit to 4-2 with 12:52 remaining.

Senior defenseman Austin Marthaler took a shot from the boards that Olepa stopped but could not corral; sophomore forward Colin Goleniak was able to nudge the rebound into the Plymouth cage.

The Wildcats regained their three-goal cushion at 9:19, when forward C.J. Mullenax one-timed Borke's centering feed.

Ossenmacher lifted his goaltender for the extra attacker soon thereafter.

Plymouth missed the empty net a handful of times to give the Rocks a glimmer of hope and then Saunders got the game to within two in the late stages.

It wasn't enough for Salem, of course.

"We definitely didn't have our legs the first half of the game and I'm not really sure what to attribute that to," Ossenmacher said. "We had three tough games last week, but that's the schedule we've played



Plymouth's Colton Borke makes a shot on goal under pressure from Salem's Marty Mills (left).

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the last two years and I think it's done well for us. So some days you have it and some days you don't.

"I thought the first period we fought it, they were on top of us pretty quick. But we came back and I thought the second half of the game we played fairly well. We had a lot of chances."

One and done

Plymouth and Salem have squared off in each of the past five seasons, with the Wildcats now enjoying a 3-2 edge.

Plymouth (15-10-1) was scheduled Wednesday to face Canton (7-16-1) in the regional semifinal. "Last year they beat us 5-2. It was 5-3 today, a

much closer game," Vento said. "Those last six minutes were pretty tense for us; we're just happy to get the win."

"It's unfortunate for Salem. The fact that we have to meet this early year after year and one of the losing teams is a top 10 team ... is a shame."

Ossenmacher said he wasn't "bitter" about the reality of how the state tournament is set up, emphasizing that the Wildcats played better and deserved the victory.

But he didn't mince words about the fact a team worthy of a long postseason ride barely got into the car. Salem was ranked No. 8 in Divi-

sion 2 before the game and wound up 13-10-2.

"It does a disservice to both of our programs, it does a disservice to these kids," said Ossenmacher, who talked with Vento about the situation during the post-game handshake. "It's a fairly ridiculous set-up to allow teams that are in the top 10 — and we're not the only situation, there are others out there — to play each other in the first round and knock each other out the first night of the tournament."

Wednesday's winner will play in the regional final, set for 7 p.m. Saturday at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton.

Saying thanks

Meanwhile, Ossenmacher said he had the easiest end-of-season chat he's ever had at Salem, namely because of a stellar group of seniors led by Schaumburger.

"I just told them, they're an easy group to coach," Ossenmacher said. "The biggest thing I told them is thank you."

"As a coach, you expect difficulties throughout the year. Even when we weren't playing well, this group had the ability to stay together, lean on each other and that goes a long way. Your younger guys learn from your seniors. This is a pretty good group to learn from."

Schaumburger — called one of the state's best players by his coach — tried to choke back emotion following his final game wearing the blue and white.

"It was the three best years of my life," said Schaumburger, who wound up with 17 goals and 24 assists for 41 points in 26 games. "I had unbelievable support from the 60 brothers I made through the three years I was here. My coaches were unbelievable."

"Brendan Scero, Aaron Cheesman, Nick Hayes, (trainer) Nate Caladio and, especially, coach Ryan Ossenmacher. He did so much for me; he was always there for me. I can't thank all of them enough."

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(52.08).
 "We held our own, I'm so happy for the guys," Pohlonski said. "We didn't really light it up and have big, huge drops like we normally do. It wasn't pretty, but we got it done. We had some great moments, a whole bunch of them. Our relays were great today. We knew that was going to be the key and Camden was amazing, as always. Joey (Berman) was great. Max Robbins going 4:48 in the 500 (freestyle) as a freshman, that's just amazing."

Spartans' standout

One swimmer who proved special was Stevenson sophomore Benjamin Rojewski, who set a conference record in the prelims in the 500 freestyle (4:36.49) before winning it Saturday with a 4:38.86.

"It's kind of hard to explain, but he just keeps getting faster and faster," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "His technique needs some work, but he's got a heart that you can't stop. He just keeps going and going. I think we've only tapped what he can do. He is surprising. He came in last year at 5:19



Salem High's Nathan Budnick swims at the Feb. 24 KLAA championships.

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and now he's one of the top couple in the state. I can't put my finger on why he's so fast, but he's one of the best I've ever had. It's all in his heart. He's going to be real good."

Stevenson will take eight Division 1 qualifiers to the state meet, led by its conference-winning 200 freestyle relay team of Parker Wasielewski, Adam Goeddeke, Luke Santi and Connor Beck, who clocked 1:27.60 to edge Novi's 1:27.63 and Northville's 1:27.86.

"That was the only relay we had a shot with," Shoemaker said. "We played around with an order with about five kids we were choosing from and went with this. The boys wanted it and we had an anchor (Wasielewski) go 20.77 and come through. It was a good relay."

KLAA South Division

champion Canton got a victory from Daniel Mullen in the 200 freestyle (1:42.86), while Plymouth's Jordan Groves won the 1-meter diving with 393.30 points.

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET Feb. 24-25 at Novi H.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi 997 points; 2. Northville 895; 3. Livonia Stevenson 578.5; 4. Canton 565.5; 5. South Lyon Unified 491; 6. Salem 365; 7. Plymouth 295; 8. Livonia Churchill 275; 9. Westland John Glenn 134; 10. Wayne Memorial 125.

FINAL HEAT RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Novi (Joey Berman, Daniel Chung, Camden Murphy, Phillip Billiu) 1:35.22 (meet record); 2. Northville (Arthur Greenlee, Nikolai Arton, Kirk Malbach, Cameron Heaven) 1:36.45; 3. South Lyon (Logan Boals, Brandon Bell, Max Kempisty, Christian Etryre) 1:37.96; 4. Salem 1:40.36; 5. Stevenson 1:40.36; 6. Canton 1:42.06; 7. Churchill 1:50.41; 8. Plymouth 1:52.61.
200 freestyle: 1. Daniel Mullen (Canton) 1:42.86; 2. Benjamin Rojewski (LS) 1:42.94; 3. Berman (Novi) 1:43.91; 4. Max Robbins (Novi) 1:45.56; 6. Jason Nitkiewicz (Nville) 1:45.96; 7. Derek Goderis (Canton) 1:46.04; 8. Trevor Degroot (Nville) 1:49.15.
200 individual medley: 1. Murphy (Novi) 1:50.88 (meet record); 2. Travis Nitkiewicz (Nville) 1:55.67; 3. Joel Kotyk (Novi) 2:01.23; 4. Brian Son (Novi) 2:01.48; 5. Kevin Taylor (LC) 2:02.05; 6. Isaac Fong (Canton) 2:01.10; 7. Erik Halboth (Novi) 2:02.48; 8. Adam Carozza (Novi) 2:03.48.

50 freestyle: 1. K. Malbach (Nville) 21.69; 2. Billiu (Novi) 21.75; 3. Parker Wasielewski (LS) 22.05; 4. Adam Goeddeke (LS) 22.11; 5. Bell (SLU) 22.26; 6. Kyle Amick (Canton) 22.39; 7. Greenlee (Nville) 22.44; 8. Alexander Yuan (Novi) 22.67.

1-meter diving: 1. Jordan Groves (Ply) 393.30 points; 2. Patrick Holton (LC) 332.25; 3. Jack McClure (Novi) 321.75; 4. Benjamin Kirchoff (Ply) 299.65; 5. Thomas Rys (Nville) 291.50; 6. Charles Carey (Canton) 273.70; 7. Jack LeFevre (SLU) 271.75; 8. Tobias Artman-Chance (Canton) 260.65.

100 butterfly: 1. Murphy (Novi) 48.12 (meet record); 2. Siddhardha Kareddy (Novi) 50.80; 3. Boals (SLU) 53.12; 4. Kempisty (SLU) 53.36; 5. J. Nitkiewicz (Nville) 53.38; 6. Nathan Budnick (Salem) 53.95; 7. Preston Harrell (Novi) 54.16; 8. Tristen Shao (Canton) 55.20.

100 freestyle: 1. K. Malbach (Nville) 47.25; 2. Goeddeke (LS) 47.96; 3. Billiu (Novi) 48.02; 4. Amick (Canton) 48.07; 5. Goderis (Canton) 48.51; 6. Yuan (Novi) 48.70; 7. Budnick (Salem) 50.68; 8. Heaven (Nville) 50.71.

500 freestyle: 1. Benjamin Rojewski (LS) 4:38.36 (set meet record 4:36.49 in prelims); 2. Mullen (Canton) 4:48.68; 3. Robbins (Novi) 4:48.92; 4. Degroot (Nville) 4:51.99; 5. Etryre (SLU) 4:54.90; 6. Benjamin LaPorte (LS) 4:58.38; 7. Taiyo Ichikawa (Nville) 5:00.98; 8. Nolan O'Dowd (LS) 5:43.55.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Goeddeke, Luke Santi, Connor Beck, Wasielewski) 1:27.60; 2. Novi (Billiu, Maxwell Williams, Kareddy, Yuan) 1:27.63; 3. Northville (K. Malbach, Greenlee, Craig Malbach, Arton) 1:27.86; 4. Canton 1:28.68; 5. Plymouth 1:31.73; 6. Salem 1:31.80; 7. South Lyon 1:32.40; 8. Churchill 1:33.39.

100 backstroke: 1. Berman (Novi) 52.08; 2. Williams (Novi) 53.23; 3. Boals (SLU) 54.08; 4. Eugene Li (Salem) 54.50; 5. Shao (Canton) 54.89; 6. Greenlee (Nville) 54.90; 7. Halboth (Novi) 54.92; 8. Bryan Reppenhausen (LS) 55.58.

100 breaststroke: 1. T. Nitkiewicz (Nville) 58.30 (meet record); 2. Arton (Nville) 59.21; 3. Bell (SLU) 59.79; 4. Chung (Novi) 1:01.44; 5. Haotian Jiang (Nville) 1:02.30; 6. Hans Anderson (LS) 1:02.70; 7. Kotyk (Novi) 1:03.52; 8. Roman Grossi (Nville) 1:03.69.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Berman, Kareddy, Yuan, Murphy) 3:11.07; 2. Stevenson (Goeddeke, Santi, Rojewski, Wasielewski) 3:13.25; 3. Canton (Amick, Shao, Mullen, Goderis) 3:13.52; 4. Northville 3:17.48; 5. South Lyon 3:19.52; 6. Salem 3:21.73; 7. Churchill 3:26.70; 8. Plymouth 3:27.01.

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MICHIGAN PRESS ASSOCIATION CONTEST

Observer sports editor wins two MPA awards

Stories were from 2016 series about lack of respect for youth and high school officials

Two stories from last spring's Observer series on the growing lack of respect for youth and high school officials, "Blowing the Whistle," netted awards in the 2016 Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Contest.



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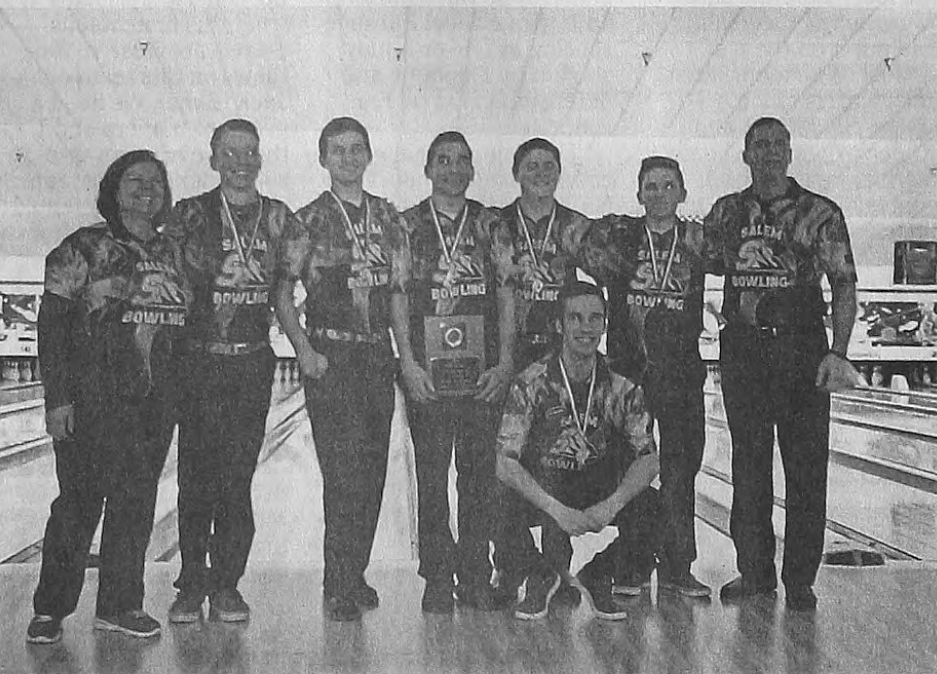
Veteran Observer sports editor Tim Smith won second place in the Sports Feature — Weekly category for his story titled "Kick in the Gut," which ran March 31 2016.

The piece was about how local soccer referees deal with a culture of disrespect, a troubling trend leading to fewer and fewer officials signing up to call games. "Great look into a job

we often don't see the inside story on," MPA judges noted. "It is a needed call for parents to chill and the wish that all could officiate one game is an excellent one."

Smith also earned an honorable mention award in the same category for "You call that a strike?" from April 7, 2016. That story delved into how the onslaught of criticism from fans and coaches made the job of umpiring not worth the trouble for a teenager.

Smith, 60, is a Livonia resident who has won a number of MPA and Suburban Newspaper of America awards during his 31-year career at the Observer & Eccentric. He also is a published author ("Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies," from 1999) and was 1998 O&E Journalist of the Year.



Salem's varsity boys bowling team finished second at Friday's MHSAA Division 1 team regional at Super Bowl.



Salem will send its varsity girls bowling team to the state finals after the team finished third at Friday's team regional.

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gional, Salem senior Mitchell Rusinek parlayed a 297 final game to a third-place finish with a total of 1,257.

Joining Rusinek from

the Park at individual state finals will be Canton junior D.J. Jablonski (sixth, 1,204) and seniors Andrew Nosay (seventh, 1,201) and Dominic Dimaya (eighth, 1,191).

Coming up just short for the Rocks was Alex Mattson. He finished in a deadlock with Westland

John Glenn senior Michael Pizzuti, but dropped a one-game roll-off, 192-189.

Plymouth's top finisher was junior Mike Koski, who finished 17th with a 1,144 series. The top 10 finishers automatically qualify.

The first-place fin-

isher was John Glenn junior Matt Essa, who enjoyed 244, 236 and 257 games en route to a 1,308 tally. Other Rockets qualifiers were seniors Jared Stevens (fifth, 1,233) and Michael Pizzuti (10th, 1,181).

In the boys D1 team regional, Belleville won

with 4,101 pins, followed by Salem (4,038) and Wayne Memorial (3,994).

Sparking the Rocks were twin brothers Shane Rusinek and Mitchell Rusinek, with respective scores of 620 and 617.

Winning the girls team regional with 3,512 pins

was Farmington Harrison, followed by Belleville (3,353) and Salem (3,320).

The girls were led by Lexis Silverman with a 556 series and Leah Boucha with a 518 total.

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JOHN KEMSKI

Plymouth senior Alexa Ebeling (middle) vies for a rebound against Novi players during Monday's game.

PLYMOUTH

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Novi played Northville in Wednesday semifinals, while the host Rocks played Canton.

FRANKLIN ROAD 39, PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 22: Daria Bobec's 17 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks proved to be the difference Friday as host Novi Franklin Road Christian

(16-4, 6-2) rolled to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win over Plymouth Christian (10-10, 3-5).

Senior guard Danielle Fusco added eight points for the Warriors, who jumped out to a 17-2 first-quarter advantage and never looked back.

Franklin Road made 4-of-6 free throws.

Robin Albert scored six points for the Eagles, who went 6-of-10 from the foul line.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICTS

Good tournament tip-off for Chargers

Churchill off to winning start; Glenn, RU, Warriors also prevail

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A good, balanced offense spearheaded Livonia Churchill to a 45-38 win over Livonia Franklin in Monday's girls basketball Class A district opener at Westland John Glenn.

The Chargers (7-14) were paced by Macey Reese and Annie Yost, with 12 points each, while Shae Smith chipped in 10 points.

Senior Sarah Channey scored eight points for Franklin, plagued by trouble at the free-throw line (9-of-23).

Churchill broke out to a 12-2 lead after one quarter, padded it to 32-10 at halftime and never looked back.

"Tonight was a good win for us," Chargers head coach K'Len Morris said. "At this point in the year, it's not about style points, it's about getting the win by all means necessary and tonight we did that."

"Macey played great for us off the bench, leading the team with 12 points. Annie Yost dominated the post again. Shae Smith ... did a good

job controlling the tempo of the game, especially in the second half."

Churchill was scheduled Wednesday to face Livonia Stevenson in the semifinals. The host Rockets were scheduled to play Garden City.

JOHN GLENN 71, THURSTON 30: Freshman Jasmine Edwards poured in a game-high 24 points Monday to launch host Westland John Glenn (8-13) to a lopsided first-round Class A district victory over Redford Thurston (10-11).

Juniors Sharon Woodward and Carly Loving both added 16 points for the Rockets, who led 37-20 at halftime and 59-24 after three quarters.

Junior center Bryanna Burton led Thurston with 13 points.

Glenn made 5-of-8 free throws, while Thurston was 5-for-13.

LUTH. WESTLAND 69, DPS ACADEMY 32: Lutheran Westland advanced to Friday's Class D district final with Monday's decisive win over Detroit Public Safety Academy.

Leading the Warriors, who connected on 59 percent of their shots from the field, were Rachel Reddeman (27 points, 14 rebounds) and Taylor Jones (22 points). Contributing six points each were Faith Mcloed and Makayla Wylly.

"We did a lot of good things tonight," coach Sandi Wade said. "On offense our transition game was key tonight. However we did have an advantage inside and we were making the extra pass we needed to the open player for the higher percentage shot. Proud of my girls for their effort, energy and teamwork."

LADYWOOD 55, CANTON PREP 27: Ten of 15 players scored, with senior guard Brienne Rogers leading the way with 15 points, as Livonia Ladywood (5-16) rolled past Canton Prep in a Class B district opener Monday at Ypsilanti Arbor Prep.

The Blazers, who led 26-15 at halftime and 40-22 after three quarters, also got eight points from junior guard Amy Babon.

"It was a very good team win and we got very balanced scoring," Ladywood first-year coach Sam Lamb said. "Defensively, we executed and pressured a lot."

The Blazers were scheduled Wednesday to face Dearborn Heights Robichaud and Miss Basketball candidate Kamaria McDaniel.

REDFORD UNION 55, DETROIT CMA 36: On Monday, sophomore Johnnae Steele scored 23 points and Cassidy Sandelin added 11 as the host

Panthers (12-6) rolled in the Class B district opener against Detroit Communications & Media Arts (8-12).

Vantane Gauretl scored a game-high 25 points for the Pharaohs, who were outscored 32-16 in the second half after trailing by only four at intermission, 23-19.

RU was scheduled Wednesday to play Southfield Bradford Academy in the district semifinals.

HENRY FORD 43, CLARENCEVILLE 13: Livonia Clarenceville (1-18) kept it close for one quarter before Detroit Henry Ford (7-8) broke it open with a 15-2 second-quarter run to earn a Class B district tourney victory at Redford Union.

Krissima Matthew scored a game-high 19 points for Henry Ford, which led 33-8 after three quarters.

Clarenceville got a team-high nine points from Ashley Kato.

Henry Ford made only 9-of-22 free throws, while Clarenceville was 1-of-3.

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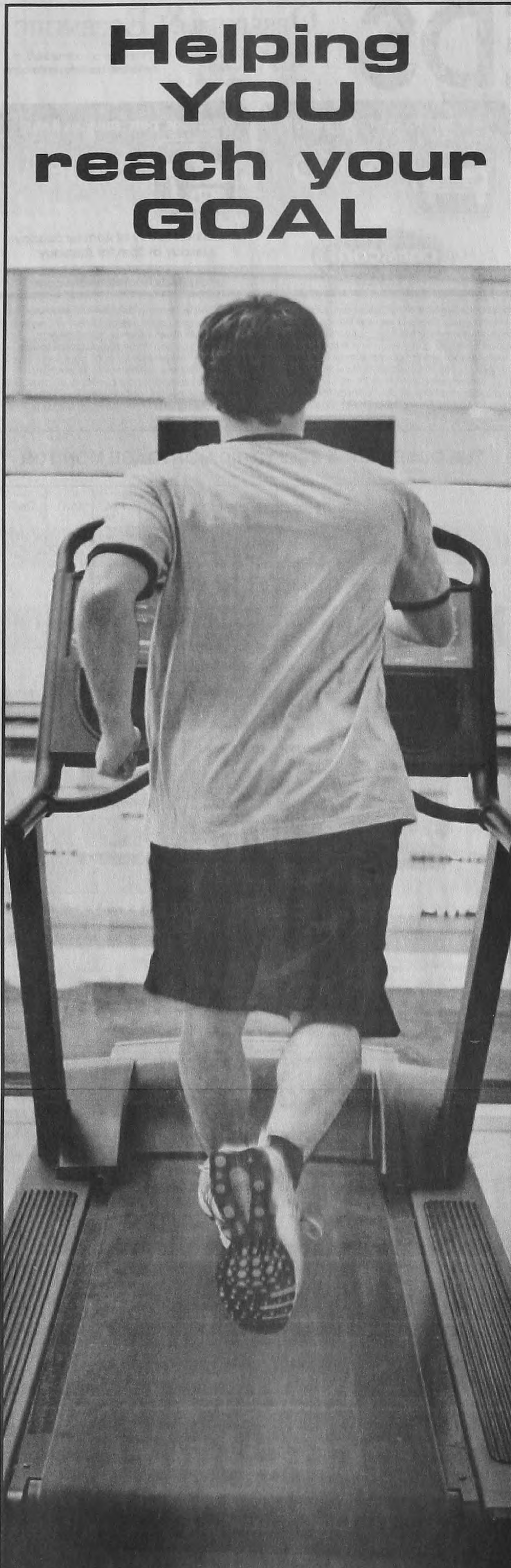
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Deceive
 - 8 Scarce supply
 - 14 Champaign's twin city
 - 20 Composer Vivaldi
 - 21 Concert bonus
 - 22 "La Cage aux —"
 - 23 What Swiss steak may be braised in
 - 25 Circular window
 - 26 Personal identity
 - 27 High-arcing shots
 - 28 "Gotchal"
 - 30 To be, in Bordeaux
 - 31 Expanded
 - 35 Ballpark snack with lots of toppings
 - 39 Amtrak stop
 - 40 Care for
 - 41 Make sad
 - 42 Title for Tuck
 - 44 Big bird that doesn't fly
 - 47 Honeybunch
 - 48 They may be sprinkled on sauteed spinach
 - 55 Partner of Porgy
 - 56 Southern French city
 - 57 Yuletide
 - 58 Quits
 - 61 Arab prince
 - 62 Mine metal
 - 64 Genie's gift
 - 66 Actor Cariou
 - 67 Actor Jacobi
 - 70 Popular cookout side
 - 73 Armour product in a can
 - 76 With 98-Down, "Hang on a minute!"
 - 77 "I'm impressed!"
 - 78 Jane of fiction
 - 80 Suffix with pagan
 - 81 Final words from Caesar
 - 82 Superstars
 - 84 Two-masted craft
 - 86 Exhorting individual
 - 87 Abnormally deep sleep
 - 90 Movie theater tubful
 - 94 Staves off
 - 97 Colo.-to-Ga. direction
 - 98 Thrashes
 - 99 Old World elk
 - 101 "'Tis a shame"
 - 104 Middy snoozes
 - 109 Specialty of Popeyes
 - 112 Cause of heartache
 - 113 Elvis' middle name
 - 114 Go — spree
 - 115 Indian tourist city
 - 117 Ride ordered by app
 - 118 Like some census data
 - 121 Rollmop's main ingredient
 - 126 Big name in online brokerages
 - 127 Alternative to PJs
 - 128 Oozing stuff
 - 129 Teeterboard
 - 130 PC-linking protocol
 - 131 Head locks
 - 4 Unlike the Atkins diet
 - 5 Ending for phenyl
 - 6 Assistance
 - 7 "I" or "J" top
 - 8 Floor model
 - 9 Empower
 - 10 Follows, as advice
 - 11 Aussie hopper
 - 12 Tire feature
 - 13 Pronoun for both genders
 - 14 Aliens' craft
 - 15 Fabled bird
 - 16 Maryland crustaceans
 - 17 Mentally alert
 - 18 Woody Allen film subject
 - 19 Sizes up
 - 24 Prehistoric
 - 29 Total up
 - 32 Schisms
 - 33 '90s veep
 - 34 "Idylls of the King" lady
 - 36 Yemeni city
 - 37 Homer's TV neighbor
 - 38 LummoX
 - 40 Sextet half
 - 43 Sleeping woe
 - 45 Lotsa
 - 46 4x4, briefly
 - 48 Judo-like exercise fad
 - 49 Financial guru
 - 50 Comparable
 - 51 Sahara-like
 - 52 Info-packed
 - 53 Lilly of drugs
 - 54 Sea dogs
 - 59 Look as if
 - 60 Termination
 - 62 Certain reed
 - 63 Program for getting clean
 - 65 Lance
 - 67 Turn loose
 - 68 Western film
 - 69 Do a 180
 - 71 Palme —
 - 72 Finches' homes
 - 74 Wavy mark in Spanish
 - 75 Bygone Ford make, briefly
 - 79 Reuben bread
 - 82 Fragrant white flowers
 - 83 Natl. voting day
 - 85 Spun traps
 - 86 Agitate
 - 87 Subway charges, e.g.
 - 88 Judge too highly
 - 89 So-so
 - 91 Ship wood
 - 92 UTEP part
 - 93 Big elevator innovator
 - 95 Nugent with a guitar
 - 96 See 78-Across
 - 100 Pi-sigma link
 - 102 Enter via the cracks
 - 103 "Life of Pi" director
 - 105 Drinks loudly
 - 106 Memoirist
 - 107 Redress
 - 108 Durable coat fabrics
 - 110 Data for a database
 - 111 Michael of "Alfie"
 - 112 Sonny
 - 116 Be still
 - 119 Mouth rinse bottle abbr.
 - 120 Writer Wallace
 - 122 Cato's 450
 - 123 33rd pres.
 - 124 Eternally, to poets
 - 125 Slinger Des'

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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!

6	1	5	7	3	4	8	9	2
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WORDS

- ACCOUNT
- ADJUSTED
- AGREEMENT
- ANNUAL
- AUTHORIZATION
- BALANCE
- BANKRUPTCY
- BILLING
- BRANDED
- BUREAU
- CARDHOLDER
- CASH BACK
- COMPANY
- CONSOLIDATION
- CREDIT
- CYCLE
- ENCRYPTION
- FEE
- FINANCE
- FRAUD
- FREEZE
- INTRODUCTORY
- LIMIT
- MEMBER
- MERCHANT
- MINIMUM
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- SECURED
- TRANSACTION
- TRANSFER
- VALIDATION
- VARIABLE
- VOID

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Word Search Answers

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