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Dispute fuels property rights fight

Tree cutting leads to lawsuits, proposed state law

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A dispute between Canton Township and two brothers accused of illegally clearing trees from a 16-acre site has led to dueling lawsuits and proposed state legislation that could empower property owners caught up in similar situations.

Canton's lawsuit, filed in Wayne County Circuit Court, asks that Gary and Matt Percy be forced to pay nearly \$450,000 into the township tree fund unless they rehabilitate the tree-cleared site, near Belleville and Yost roads, where they have started a Christmas tree farm. The amount listed in another court document puts the number even higher at \$550,500.

Canton claims about 1,500 trees were See DISPUTE, Page 2A

cut down without a permit.

The Texas Public Policy Foundation, a conservative think tank, filed a federal lawsuit last week against Canton Township alleging its tree ordinance violates property owners' constitutional rights and imposes excessive fees. The suit was filed on behalf of F.P. Development and its owner, Frank Powelson, who sold the land to the Percys.

Foundation attorney Chance Weldon, reached in Texas, said the lawsuit was a preemptive strike in anticipation of legal action by Canton against Powelson, who cleared some trees, vegetation and invasive species from his land, adjacent to the Percys' property. Weldon said the situation was causing flooding from a ditch and attracting mosquitoes.



A new state law, if approved, could change the way local communities are allowed to regulate the removal of trees on private business property. GETTY IMAGES | ISTOCKPHOTO



Family Video closes **Canton store**, leases site

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Community members, Boy Scouts, Elks and others joined in packaging some 850 gifts for veterans. COURTESY ELKS LODGE OF PLYMOUTH-ANN ARBOR

Elks send holiday spirit to hospitalized vets

Providing gifts - and some holiday cheer - to hospitalized U.S. veterans is a labor of love for the members of the Elks Lodge of Plymouth-Ann Arbor.

Last weekend, they exercised that labor, wrapping some 850 gifts, containing 12 items each, to be distributed to veterans in VA Hospitals in Detroit, Ann Arbor and Battle Creek, as well as three homeless shelters in Detroit.

It's a tradition the lodge has been doing for 40 years, and it has been quite the success. According to lodge spokesman Stew Israel, the lodge has packaged at least 700 gifts in each of the last 17 years, including more than 850 the last 11 years.

'We give special attention to the vets who have lost limbs, dialysis patients, and women veterans," Israel said. "Special gifts of hair products were purchased to give to our women veterans, a group often overlooked."

Basic gifts included socks, shampoo, body lotion, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothbrush holders, toothpaste, mouthwash, tissue, shaving cream and a deck of cards.

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Family Video has closed its only Canton store as the company, with about 700 stores in North America, continues to survive an economic storm that crushed competitors such as Blockbuster.

District manager Beth Kerry said the Nov. 28 closing at Canton Center and Hanford roads isn't an indication that Family Video as a company is ailing, though it was one of her slower stores for customers.

Rather, she said, Highland Ventures, Ltd., which owns Family Video and several other companies, made a business decision to accept a lease offer for an incoming salon that sought a location in the Canton Center-Hanford area.

"It was prime property for them," Kerry said.

No employees lost their jobs because of the closure, she said. They were transferred to other stores and two actually were promoted to become assistant managers, she said.

Kerry said customers at the Canton store have been encouraged to visit other locations in Westland and Livonia. One of two Westland stores is located close to Canton, at Cherry Hill and John Hix roads.

Highland Ventures made the business decision to lease out the Canton site. The decision comes after the company long ago made it a priority to own, rather than lease, most of its properties — a move Kerry said reduced long-term costs and helped keep Family Video afloat.

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Dispute

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Weldon said the donor-funded Texas foundation's litigation arm, the Center for the American Future, takes on such cases and provides pro-bono legal services, or without charge, to defendants who could be "bullied into surrendering" because they can't afford to fight the overreach of big government.

"It's a shame the way they treated the Percy brothers and Mr. Powelson in this case," Weldon said. Powelson hasn't yet received a monetary amount he may allegedly owe.

Wayne County Circuit Judge Susan Hubbard

restraining order to halt the Percys' Christmas tree-farming efforts, pending a Dec. 4 hearing on a preliminary injunction on the matter, said Kristin Kolb, Canton Township's corporation counsel.

has issued a temporary

Canton's lawsuit contends the Percys cleared the land without permission, failed to protect "landmark" trees and violated local zoning ordinances on land that is zoned for light industrial, not agricultural. Canton is seeking a legal remedy that could include a lien on the brothers' property, unless they pay into the tree fund or rehabilitate the land.

Weldon said Canton has to respond to the F.P. Development lawsuit

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within 21 days of being served the suit, which occurred Nov. 28.

The flurry of developments continued Nov. 29 as the state Senate proposed passed legislation tackling property rights. The bill, which now goes to the House, would protect large, so-called "heritage" trees while prohibiting more far-reaching ordinances pertaining to smaller trees and vegetation in business, industrial, commercial and agriculture zones.

Supporters say it's a victory for property owners, while critics say it places unfair restrictions on municipalities trying to oversee orderly development in specifically zoned areas. Canton allows property owners and developers who remove trees to replace them elsewhere on site or in places such as public parks - or pay into a tree fund.

The Senate-passed bill was sponsored by Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba, who chairs the Senate Natural Resources Committee and whose family has operated a log trucking company in the Upper Peninsula.

Outgoing state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, initially said he couldn't support the bill because it contained language making it retroactive to July 2017. He supported the measure Nov. 29 after he said he got support for an amendment to remove the retroactive provision.

Colbeck said an earlier attempt to make the proposed law retroactive would be "blatantly unconstitutional" and "not the way our justice system is supposed to work." He said the Percys should have known that they violated Canton's ordinance, regardless of its merits.

Colbeck said the retroactive provision would have been unfair.

"We're not supposed to be a time machine in the state Legislature," he said.

But Michael Pattwell, attorney for the Percys, said the brothers cleared what was "essentially blighted property in a highly industrialized area" and removed decades of trash and invasive growth, all simply to start a Christmas tree farm.

"But why they wanted to clear it is really secondary to whether they should be allowed to clear it," he said, pointing to property owner rights.

Pattwell noted that Canton previously obtained the property through foreclosure, sold it and now is "trying to get paid for it again."

Pattwell also criticized the way Canton calculated what it said the Percys owed. He said a nearby wooded area was surveyed and a list compiled of trees, some of which he alleges "were never present on the Percy property." Moreover, he said the contractor who cleared the property "got no marketable timber for his work" - and "that fact should speak loudly about what was really there."

Canton officials have said the township sought to determine what was on the Percy land by comparing it to nearby property.

Pattwell said the amount Canton alleges the Percys owe is more than the property is worth.

"If that isn't unreasonable," he said, "consider that when the Percy brothers — or any other resident or business in the state of Michigan buys property, the trees on that property are assets to the sale. You pay for them when you buy property. Then you pay

taxes to the government each year for that property. How is it fair that any local government should be allowed to get paid for a private property decision like removing a tree?"

Pattwell said the tree ordinance "makes no sense" and is an "abuse of power."

Canton Township Pat Williams said he met with officials from communities such as Romulus, Westland, Livonia and Northville Township. He said those communities and others have similar ordinances: "It's not unique."

Pattwell alleged the Percys aren't the only ones who have been treated unfairly by Canton.

"The Percy brothers are only getting attention because they have had enough and they're willing to defend themselves in court for a more reasonable result," he said, adding later, "We feel we have a strong case and we look forward to getting into a courtroom to present our defenses and counterclaims."

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The Family Video store in Canton has closed, with shelves moved into the parking lot during the process. ED WRIGHT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Closing

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Family Video's nearly 700 stores include about 100 in Michigan. It remains a destination for customers who go there to rent movies and video games. Blockbuster, meanwhile, has been reduced to just one store in Bend, Ore., down from more than 9,000 stores as the digital age crept in to

Based in Glenview, Ill., Family Video's corporate leaders have diversified the business over the years to keep it successful. It owns some Marco's Pizza and Stay Fit 24 locations, though not in Michigan, and some Total Wireless locations, in-Contact Darrell Clem dclem@hometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter: @CantonObser-

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Trivia Night

When: 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 5

Details: Feel free to bring a team or drop in on your own and connect with others.

Advanced ELL Book Club

When: Noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 and 21

Details: Advanced English Language Learners read and discuss books in English.

U-M STEM

When: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 Details: University of Michigan's Technical Communications students put on workshops designed for kids ages 11-13. Sponsored by All Saints Catholic School. Registration required.

Wood Sign Painting Workshop

When: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11

Details: Make a wintertime, rustic wood sign using vinyl stencils and paint. Ages 18 and over. Registration required.

Adult Writers Group

When: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 **Details**: Interested in writing? Share your work, get feedback and discuss the craft of writing.

American Girl Club

When: 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12 Details: Character Z Yang will be highlighted. Ages 8-12. Registration required

Yu-Gi-Oh! Card Battle

When: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12

Details: We supply the cards; all you have to do is show up and play, whether you are brand new to the game or seasoned player. Ages 11 and over.

Non-fiction Book Group

When: 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 Details: Discuss Daniel H. Pink's "When: the Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing."

Lit Lab Productions: Dragons Love Food

When: 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 Details: Take part in our Lit Lab Pro-

duction where participants build literacy skills through talking, writing, singing and playing. For families with children ages 4-9. Registration required.

Count Me In! Special Needs Storytime

When: 4-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 Details: "Happy Birthdays" is the theme for this sensory-friendly storytime filled with picture books, preschool songs and simple sign language designed for patrons of all ages with spe-

The 2018 Fasting 5K Run and Walk was held this summer at the end of a long 16-hour fast during Ramadan in 10 cities throughout the country, enabling thousands of athletes to embrace the spirit of the month by fasting, fundraising, and building community. The local Fasting 5K team selected The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, the popular after-school and summer program for ages 11-17 that features daily programming, tutoring, outreach and recreation opportunities, to receive \$12,374.56 raised from its 5K run in June 2018. Since its inception in 2013, Fasting 5K has raised more than \$250,000 to support local charities based in the participating cities. For more information about the Fasting 5K Run Walk, and go to www.facebook.com/fasting5k/. To learn more about The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center, go to www.cantonfun.org Or call 734-398-5570. FASTING 5K EVENT PLANNERS

cial needs and their families.

Adult Contemporary Book Discussion

When: 7-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17 Details: Discuss Betty Smith's "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn."

Winter Snow Spree

When: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18 Details: A reindeer, train rides, hot chocolate, crafts and stories will help us celebrate all things winter.

Library Board Meeting

When: 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18 Details: The public is invited to attend.

Bilingual Storytime Series

When: 10-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19

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Elks

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The lodge's ladies donated lap robes/afghans, which will be distributed at the same time as the other gifts.

The wrapping, which took just 75 minutes, was done by more than 85 Elks, families, Mason, American Legion, Lions, and Knights of Columbus members, as well as Boy Scouts.

"They came in every age group, giving of their time, a commodity so rarely given," Israle said. "Many hands made the work go quickly."

The 12,000 items put into these gifts are ordered from distributors, purchased from area stores, and donated by patriotic citizens of our community. Dr. Glenn Curtis of Plymouth's Morse Dentistry, donated the 850 toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss. Plymouth Dental donated toothpaste. Playing cards were from a veteran's playing card program of the National Elks. Donations came from many Elks and Elk widows. Community members recognizing the patriotic program also donated.

"The best part was the people showing their American spirit, and community," Israel said.

Israel said the activity with all the busyness of putting the packages together in an assembly line, tables busy with wrapping paper, and tape "makes the holiday spirit come alive."

"This is truly a project for God and country," he said. "Too many people only honor our veterans in words on



Some 85 volunteers helped wrap gifts to be delivered to hospitalized and homeless veterans. COURTESY ELKS LODGE OF PLYMOUTH-ANN ARBOR

social media. The people supporting this patriotic program are doing so with money, time and action. This means so much to the vet in that it shows we remem-

ber, we care, and we're doing something tangible to express our thankfulness in their time of need."

VFW Post 6696 awards scholarships

The commander of VFW Post 6696, Rick Adis, and the president of its auxiliary, Patti Brothers, have announced the winners of this year's Voice of Democracy Scholarship and Patriot's Pen Scholarship.

Maria Vena, a sophomore who attends Divine Child High School and lives in Plymouth, was awarded first place in the Voice of Democracy competition. Second place was awarded to Suhitha Katala, a sophomore at Salem High School who

lives in Canton. Grant Schils, a senior at Salem High School who lives in Plymouth, was the thirdplace winner.

The winner of the Patriot's Pen Scholarship is Michael Vena (sister to Maria), an eighth-grader at All Saints Catholic School in Canton. Second place was awarded to Joshua Rothert, a Canton resident who is in the seventh grade at All Saints. Victoria Fritz, a seventhgrade Canton resident who is home-schooled took, home the thirdplace prize.

Amy Soukup, a social studies teacher at Meads Mill Middle School in Northville, was this year's Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award recipient from Post 6695. She will now be entered into the District 4 competition, which includes posts from the Wayne County area.

The Voice of Democracy competition is open to students in grades 9-12. Applicants must compose and record a three-

to five-minute minute essay. The essays were judged on originality, content and delivery. This year's theme was "Why My Vote Matters." Each post's first-place winner advances to the district level, then the state and national competition. The national receives winner a \$30,000 award and an all-expenses trip March 2-6, 2019, to Washington, D.C., to tour the city and be honored by the VFW and its auxiliary.

The Patriot's Pen

Scholarship gives students in grades 6-8 an opportunity to write an essay expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme was "Why I Honor the American Flag." As in the VOD competition, winners from each level post, district and state advance to the national level, where the top prize consists of a \$5,000 award and a trip for the winner and his/her parents to Washington, D.C. The Smart/Maher

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ship Education Teacher Award recognizes teachers who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism. The national awards for this competition are a \$1,000 Past Commanderin-Chief John Smart award for professional development expenses, a \$1,000 award for each winning teacher's school, plaques for both the winning teacher and school and an all-expenses trip to attend the VFW national convention.

VFW posts also sponsor a Young American Creative Patriotic Art Award competition each year. Artistic students in grades 9-12 may submit original unframed art no smaller than 8 inches by 10 inches and no larger than 18 inches by 24 inches on paper, canvas, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink or oil. Entries must have been done during the current school year. Each entry



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Marty Knollenberg and his partners opened Michigan's first Sedona Taphouse two years ago in Troy. They plan to open a second location, at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, next year. SHARON DARGAY | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Sedona Taphouse to open next year in Novi

Sharon Dargay hometownlife.com

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Two years after opening Michigan's first Sedona Taphouse in Troy, state Sen. Marty Knollenberg is adding a second location in Novi.

"We'd been looking for the right location and we traveled all over the state. I didn't think it would happen this soon. I didn't think it would happen in a mall," said Knollenberg, R-Troy, who will leave the legislature in January.

"I never thought Twelve Oaks Mall would be something I'd be interested in. I didn't know the mall market. I didn't know how the mall dynamic will would work for us. We met the owners of the mall and we liked them. They actually had reached out to us. They liked us. I like Novi."

The Virginia-based restaurant chain, known for its craft beer offerings and diverse food menu, was established in 2011.

The Novi City Council recently granted the transfer of a Resort Class C liquor license to KW Novi Hospitality LLC, whose primary partners are Knollenberg, his wife, Lorraine, and Joseph West. According to information submitted to the city, KW Novi Hospitality signed a 10-year lease with options for renewal. It plans to spend approximately \$1 million renovating the former Max and Erma's restaurant at Twelve Oaks Mall.

January opening

Knollenberg said most of the restaurant's interior has been demolished and building plans for the new eatery are under review by city administrators.

"We're waiting for final building per-

The Novi location will seat approximately 160 guests indoors and 80 diners on a partially-covered outdoor patio that will be "much expanded" from what the previous tenant offered. A dining area also will be available for private events.

"There's some of the infrastructure already in place. We're going to obviously update it," Knollenberg said. "We'll have an inside mall entrance, but we're also going to add an outside mall entrance.

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He said Sedona Taphouse will be a "good fit" with the two other major eateries, California Pizza Kitchen and Cheesecake Factory, located in the mall.

Sedona Taphouse Troy has more than 500 craft beers on its menu, wines, craft cocktails, hand-cut steaks, seafood, chicken, pasta, salads, a selection of small plates offerings such as fish tacos and salmon sliders, and kids' choices. The menu also identifies gluten-free, heart-healthier, and vegetarian options.

Something for everyone

"We feel we appeal to everyone. What we're known for is high-quality food and diversity of food. We have a great variety of beer and you can get great food at the same time."

The Novi location will offer a similar menu, including the Troy restaurant's popular Steak Out for Charity on Monday. The cost of the \$18 steak Black Angus Flat Iron steak drops to \$7 and \$1 from each order is donated to a local charity.

Proposed operating hours in Novi will be 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-12:30 a.m., Friday-Saturday, and 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Sunday.

"We're excited. It's been successful in

mits. I'm hoping we'll open toward the end of January. We feel like we're pretty close. The liquor license was a step in the right direction." Troy. I think it will be very successful in Novi."

Contact Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.



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Bank of America announces open enrollment for Student Leaders program

Bank of America has announced opening of the enrollment period for its 2019 Student Leaders program, part of Bank of America's ongoing commitment to recognize youth who lead and serve in their own communities and beyond, connecting young people with the tools and resources that will help them make communities better. The program annually awards paid internships to high school juniors and seniors at a local nonprofit organization and participation in a national leadership summit in Washington, D.C.

The application process for the 2019 Student Leaders program is open until Feb. 1, 2019. High school juniors and seniors in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties are eligible to apply. Prospective Student Leaders can apply online at www.bankofamerica.com/student leaders.

"The Student Leaders program can be a pathway to success through meaningful and relevant experiences," said Matt Elliott, Michigan market president, Bank of America. "To advance economic mobility we need to develop a more diverse and inclusive society. Year after year, Student Leaders proves it can be done."

For more information, go to about-.bankofamerica.com.





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John Scanlon City Treasurer

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Ayurvedic practitioner and author Meena Puri (right) checks the pulse of client Cindy Hemingway during a recent visit to Puri's Milford business. TIM SMITH I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Food for healthy thought at heart of her mission

Tim Smith hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Before you know it the holiday season will be here, complete with all the attendant food binges.

It's an absolute green light for people to eat, drink and — seemingly — be happy. But in doing so, party-goers veer outside the lines of healthy living, indulging to the point where they won't attempt to regain inner balance until 2019 at the earliest.

But Milford's Meena Puri has the recipe for long-lasting health and happiness. She touts the deep connection between what one consumes and their "What we don't understand is the nourishment and the satisfaction and the psychological satisfaction that we get from it (food)." Meena Puri

p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6 at The Milford Proving Ground Coffees and Ice Cream Shop, located at 369 N Main St. She also will do a Facebook Live segment later that evening. As of Dec. 6 it will be available at Amazon.com and through her website, ayurvedichealingcenter.com. Go to the Author's Page for the ordering link. Not only does Puri make the case for Ayurveda living (the ancient Indian "science of life") through food, she helps clients such as White Lake Township's Cindy Hemingway through yoga and heart-based meditation. "It's not right and wrong things as much as what you need for your constitution," said Hemingway, an employee at Huron Valley Hospital who used to eat fast food on the go but now sneaks quickie meditation sessions wherever



overall well-being, and has written a new book about it. "Healing Your Relationship with Food — The Ayurveda Answer" will be published on Thursday.

"People are stressed," said the 53year-old Puri, an ayurvedic practitioner and founder of The Yoga School of Milford Ayurvedic Healing Center. "So this time of the year, they're thinking 'Okay, I'm stressed, and I this is how I can relieve my stress.'

"So the holiday eating and shopping may provide them a temporary solution. But it's the wrong problem they are solving. ... going deeper and deeper is where the solutions are. That's where I come in."

Puri will sign copies of the book 6-7 See EATING, Page 7A



Milford's Meena Puri wrote a book about the link between food and health. It will be released on Thursday, Dec. 6. COURTESY MEENA PURI



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she can get them. "Sure, I will go eat chocolate once in a while, I will go have a glass of wine once in a while. But I don't crave anything more because I don't need anything more, I feel good and I feel healthy and that's mentally, emotionally and physically.

"... Food is not just a physical thing. Exercise and yoga is not just a physical thing, it's all interconnected. When you eat the right thing, you're mentally clearer. You don't need to go to drugs or alcohol or anything else to get there because you're maybe avoiding those pitfaus."

Worth the change

Hemingway, 53, recalled being so busy and on the go that she didn't always take the time to eat properly, and truly connect with the nutrients.

"I can tell you everybody is afraid of the time commitment, and I was myself," Hemingway continued. "All of us are super busy. When I started this I had two kids who were involved in everything. I worked full time, my husband worked full time. So I was just as busy as anybody else, and it was hard at first.

"It was hard to make those adjustments on changing the way that I ate. Because I would eat a protein bar on my way to work in the morning. I would eat leftovers all the time, or whatever they had at the cafeteria for lunch. We didn't have time to make dinner all the time because we were going both ways.

"It was a big adjustment, but it was worth it. Like Meena was saying, you have to realize this is for yourself, this is about self love. You have to make those adjustments. And once you do, it's easy. It's like everything else, it just becomes habit."

Puri said a key reason why so many people go off the rails when it comes to healthy eating is they don't understand the ayurveda concept.

Grabbing a hamburger or a donut might solve a quick food fix. Gobbling a meal while watching television fits into one's crazy schedule.

But how does all that actually contribute to feeling good?

"When we think about food, we look at the physical food," Puri explained.

"What we don't understand is the nourishment and the satisfaction and the psychological satisfaction that we get from it. "That's one of the reasons if we eat on

the go, eat on the run, eat in front of a TV being really distracted, we tend to eat more because, although we have consumed all the calories, the psychological satisfaction has not yet come because we have not paid attention to it.

"So that's why taking time to eat, really connecting with the food, ... the environment matters. And can you calm down and actually just enjoy the food instead of thinking (of it) as a side thing that you just dump into your body and run."

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Tasty tips

Cindy Hemingway (left) has been a client of Milford's Meena Puri (right) for 17 years. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Her new book includes a number of recipes and tips for people to literally sink their teeth into. And a tasty byproduct of all that, she insisted, is better mental and physical health.

"We don't need exotic meals in order to cook for ourselves," Puri said. "We can steam vegetables, put salt and pepper on it, get little spices to improve the digestion. We can add grains to it, we can have soups, we can have sandwiches.

"I teach at the high schools, and I tell my kids ... 'When you get out to college, do not buy processed food.' You can always have a piece of toast with butter. You can grab some apples, nuts and a cup of tea, because nothing processed

in it."

Puri added that some might think they don't have the time or money to change eating habits.

"You don't need lot of money to get healthy," she emphasized. "It's actually the other way, because when people are eating processed food, they're getting sicker. Then they're going to the doctor to get pills for anxiety, or lack of sleep or constipation. Or not having any energy. And *that's* costing money.

"... So it actually can save you money. It can save you more than money, it will save your health in the long run."

If you have a compelling story to tell, contact Tim Smith at tsmith@hometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter @TimSmith_Sports.





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AREA EVENTS

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'Jingle Jury' at Village Theater

Spotlight On Youth will present, "Jingle Jury," a holiday musical comedy for the whole family, Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 6-9, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday through Sunday and 2 p.m. Saturday.

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the box office or online at https://sal.seatadvisor.com/sabo/servlets/EventSearch?presenter=VTCH

&event=Jury&tck=true. For more information, call 734-394-5300 or go to https://www.cantonvillagetheater.org/290/Village-Theater.

Pottery sale

The Cherry Hill Potters Guild will hold its December pottery sale Friday through Sunday, Dec. 7-9, at the Canton Human Services Building, 50430 School House Road, in Cherry Hill Village. This sale features original handmade pottery from 20 artists. Hours are 2-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday

Items include a large variety of pieces: mugs, bowls, decorative items and sculpture. For more information, go to www.cherryhillpotters.org.

Annual holiday tea

The Canton Historical Society will host its annual holiday tea 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Bartlett-Travis House, located in Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge Road. One of the oldest homes in the community, it will be decorated for the holidays in circa 1900 Christmas finery. Guests will enjoy an assortment of teas, a light meal and desserts.

Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. For more information, go to www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

'Making Spirits Bright' at Village Theater

The Canton Concert Band will present "Making Spirits Bright," a holiday concert for the entire family, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. The concert will feature Christmas music by the concert band and singing by the Fireside Singers. A special "Santa's Salute" will be a part of the show to honor those who have served and those who currently serve in the nation's military.

Also, Santa will be in the lobby at 6 p.m. until show time, at intermission and after the performance. He will be available for photos and to hear Christmas wishes from children.

Tickets can be purchased and printed at home or held in will call anytime at www.cantonvillagetheater.org at no extra charge. Tickets can also be ordered over the phone at 734-394-5300, ext. 3. If tickets are available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to program time.

Fireside Singers concert

The Fireside Singers will present a concert titled The Spirit of the Season featuring the Fireside Choir and the Canton Concert Band at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under and available at www.FiresideSingers.com or at the door. For more information, call 734-837-7785.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support appreciated

Players of the Plymouth Prep Hockey team, with the help of their parents as drivers, raised more than \$2,600 in bottle drives for local charity. The team partnered with a local family to make a large donation to Loaves and Fishes of SW Detroit who serve four inner-city pantries and to Canton's Saint John Neumann's food pantry which opened last year.

The boys did an excellent job despite rainy and cold conditions and enjoyed their time working for the greater good. But it needs to be noted, that the players success comes from the tremendous generosity of the downtown Plymouth families who so generously and so freely donated their bottles and in some cases wrote out checks as high as \$100 for the cause. Other thanks goes out to the managers of our local grocery stores in Plymouth and Canton who allowed space to return these cans and for the kind strangers who, once witnessing what the boys were doing, handed over their deposit slips or sometimes, full carts of cans to the cause. These are difficult times, with polarizing rhetoric and horrifying current events but on this wet day in the middle of fall, it was beautiful to see so many come together for such a wonderful cause.

It is clear to me and our state legislature that Canton (and other local governments) have reached too far in restricting our god-given freedoms and property rights and are moving to restrict the current over-reach. It should be noted that SB 1188 does not prevent local communities form legislating trees on residential or public property but only on industrial, agricultural, commercial and business property. This, in my opinion provides a healthy balance between private property rights and lo-

Music at the Elks

Blues @ The Elks happens 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluessociety.org). There is a \$5 donation at the door.

Erich Goebel and the Flying Crowbars will perform Tuesday, Dec. 11. The group features Goebel on guitar and vocals, Roger Noonan on bass, Darryl Pierce on drums, Joe LaBeau on sax and Mugs Benedict on harmonica.

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

Wreaths Across America

Riverside Cemetery, 660 Plymouth Road, in Plymouth will join Wreaths Across America in the effort to honor veterans laid to rest there at noon Saturday, Dec. 15. This is the second year that Riverside Cemetery will participate in this national event

The goal is to raise enough funds to place remembrance wreaths on the headstones of all local heroes. To date, enough funds have been raised to lay 200 wreaths in Riverside Cemetery. To help in the purchase of wreaths, donate by sending a check made out to Wreaths Across America to Department of Municipal Services, 1231 Goldsmith, Plymouth, MI 48170. You may also donate at the WAA website: www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org.

Living Nativity

Lake Pointe Bible Church, 42150 Schoolcraft, in Plymouth is hosting its annual free Living Nativity experience 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22. Come experience a live manger scene that includes the babe in swaddling clothes with Mary and Joseph, young shepherds watching over their flocks of sheep and goats and wise men bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The hallelujah chorus will sing praises and a fire will help keep visitors warm. Refreshments will be available. The Living Nativity will proceed rain or shine. Parking is available in the rear lot. Overflow parking is available across the street at the Plymouth Senior Station.

New exhibit at Village Theater

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will feature the unique mixed media works of artist Jeremy Rheault in an exhibit titled "On To Something," on display through Tuesday, Jan. 1, in the Gallery@VT, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Rheault attended Plymouth-Canton schools and received a bachelor of fine arts from Eastern Michigan University.

This exhibit is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, during public performances at the theater and by appointment by calling 734-394-5300. The Gallery is closed each holiday. For more information, go to www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Diabetes support group

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

Obituaries

Peggy Jean Pursell

WYANDOTTE - Peggy Jean Pursell passed away on December 2, 2018. She was born March 13, 1933 in Clarksville, Tennessee to Homer and Omega (Suiter) Brown. Peggy was preceded in death by her husband Carl D. Pursell. She is the beloved mother of Phil (Paula) Pursell, Mark (Barbara) Pursell and Kathy (Brad) Martin, proud grandmother of Kimberly (Tim) Reiher, Samantha (James) Werman, Sarah (Joseph) Maltese, Madeline Pursell, Julia Pursell, Jackson Martin and Benjamin Pursell, great-grandmother of Annabelle Werman and Eleanor Maltese. She is also survived by her sisters, Evelyn (John) Yando and Janette (Bill) Stone. She moved from Clarksville, Tennessee to Wyandotte 81 years ago. She met her beloved husband, Carl at Eastern Michigan University. She received her undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University and her Master's Degree from University of Michigan. She began her long-time teaching career at Ft. Benning in the late 1950s and eventually taught fourth grade for more than thirty years for Livonia Public Schools. Peggy loved music, sang in her Church choir and also played the piano. She was a very active member at Praise Baptist Church of Plymouth and also taught Sunday School until two weeks ago. At one time she was a member of the Business Professional Women's Club. Peggy is deeply loved and will be greatly missed by many. A Funeral Service will take place Saturday, December 8, 2018, 10AM at Praise Baptist Church, 45000 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. Friends May visit beginning at 9AM.



Our humblest and sincere thanks to everyone involved,

The Plymouth Prep Hockey Program

Protect property owner rights

Our national anthem asks the most relevant question; "Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?"

The answer in Canton Township, unfortunately, is "not so much."

The core of this conflict seems to lie in the Canton ordinance requires obtaining a permit to remove trees.

To determine whether Canton Township is guilty of government overreach it is essential to define the purpose of government. The "primary purpose of government is to secure the rights of the governed" and can be found in the preamble to our Declaration of Independence.

cal community concerns and environmental issues.

I applaud the Michigan Senate for standing up for private property rights in a responsible way and ensuring that the primary purpose of government, "the securing of rights of the governed," is properly pursued.

Hopefully this legislation will be signed into law to protect the property rights of all citizens. It is unfortunate that many/most citizens are simply not aware of the primary purpose of government and the scope and basis for their own rights. If we do not know our rights we will be unable to defend them.

Bob Cushman Lyon Township

Appreciates Election Day votes

Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote on Election Day or by absentee ballot. Regardless of how you cast your ballot, I am honored to represent you in Lansing.

My decision to run was about offering a new approach — one that puts people over special interests to deliver flourishing schools, clean water and safe roads for every Michigan family. I look forward to doing the work that will change the status quo and move Michigan in a forward direction.

I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the many supporters and volunteers who donated resources or countless hours to make our campaign successful.

I hope you will continue to let me know about the issues that matter to you most as I fight for every family in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Wayne.

Dayna Polehanki State Senator-elect District 7

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Peggy Jean Pursell to Praise Baptist Church or Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

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You'll enjoy pairing your courses with an ideal wine. Joe's Market has a large selection of wine from all over the world to satisfy every preference and pocketbook. From Champagne as a starter, to ending with the perfect port, Joe's has it all. Save an extra 10% when you purchase six or more bottles of non-sale wines.

They Cater to You

So you're not always in the mood for cooking, or you've run out of time? Joe's team has experience with this and they can make it easy for you. They can prepare complete holiday meals. Or maybe you just need an appetizer plate or fruit tray they can create that, too. Just give them a call and sit back, relax, and enjoy! You'll be glad you made the call.

• And finally, an expanded beer and wine selection has choices available to suit all palates. Just ask Paul, their wine steward, for recommendations!

Entertaining with Good Taste

To prepare for your special occasion, start with a visit to Joe's Café. They have an assortment of seasonal paper napkins, paper plates, fresh flowers, holiday-wrapped candies, and wintry pine arrangements to create a festive feeling and add a little fun to your holiday table.

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Are you creating a breakfast, brunch, lunch, or dinner? With any one of these meals, you'll need a starter beverage. Once you've greeted your guests, start them off with a festive drink. Either a glass of Champagne, prosecco, cava, or sparkling wine. For your guests who don't drink alcohol, create a refreshing mocktail with fresh-squeezed orange juice from Joe's, plus a little cranberry juice and some lime-flavored sparkling water, and a slice of lime. Bubbly can also be served after your meal.

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Ideas for appetizers are a breeze with the help of Spencer and Mike, the cheesemongers. They'll help you arrange the best cheese and charcuterie tray ever. Joe's has cured meats and cheeses for every budget and palate. They suggest serving a fresh hearth-baked baguette from Art of Bread by Joe's to accompany your tray.

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COLLEGEHOCKEY

MSU goalie DeRidder stymies U-M again

Tim Smith

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When Drew DeRidder played goal for the U.S. National Team Development Program in Plymouth, he faced onslaughts in enemy territory and prevailed.

On Saturday night at Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor, Michigan State University's 5-foot-10 netminder seemingly grew a couple inches in order to deal with a "different" kind of rivalry than the international tourneys he excelled at with Team USA in 2017-18.

DeRidder stopped 39 of 40 shots, including many in acrobatic fashion, to give the Spartans a chance to grab two

out of three available points against Michigan's high-octane offense. He turned aside all 10 shots he saw during overtime (back-to-back five-minute periods, one with teams at full strength and the other in 3-on-3 fashion).

And after stoning Wolverines' forward Will Lockwood (Bloomfield Hills) and defenseman Quinn Hughes during the shootout, DeRidder watched teammate Brennan Sanford roof a chance against U-M goalie Strauss Mann (18 saves) to clinch the shootout. Officially, the game ended 1-1 although the Spartans earned an extra point in the Big Ten standings thanks to the shootout result. 'It's two different things," DeRidder

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Michigan State freshman goalie Drew DeRidder has company around his net as he stops Michigan forward Josh Norris (Oxford). Helping out on defense are Mitchell Lewandowski (9) and Plymouth native Zach Osburn (2). RENA LAVERTY

PREP BASKETBALL



COLLEGE BASKETBALL McKendry new coach for Schoolcraft

Brad Emons hometownlife.com

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Just five games into the 2018-19 season, Abe Mashhour has stepped down as Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach for personal reasons.

Mashhour's top assistant, Corey

McKendry, will finish out the remainder of the season as head coach. The Ocelots, off to a 5-0 start, return to action on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at home against Jackson Community College.



McKendry

"We are fortunate as a college to have someone like Corey, who is a seasoned veteran with the skill sets and wherewithal to make the transition a smooth one for our student-athletes af-



Canton's Vinson Sigmon (left) and Plymouth's Bryce Amison both return this season. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Wayne, Canton lead KLAA boys basketball contenders

Brad Emons

hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

If you like good guard play, then the Kensington Lakes Activities Association is where it's at for the 2018-19 boys basketball season.

And there's no better backcourt tandem in the KLAA than the speedy Canton duo of B. Artis White, a Western Michigan University signee, and Vinson Sigmon.

They helped the Chiefs to a 19-2 record last season and KLAA Black Division title.

Sigmon tallied 27 points and White added 17 in a season-opening

69-66 loss on Nov. 26 to defending Class C state

champion Detroit Edison in the Ypsilanti Tip-Off Classic held at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center.

There are several other top-notch

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senior guards returning this year in the KLAA including Wayne Memorial's Isaiah Lewis, Westland John Glenn's Joe Moon IV, Novi's Jiovanni Miles and North-

ville's Paul Kearis. Lewis is a fourth-

year senior starter who is getting college looks and will lead a talented Ze-

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ter the resignation of Abe Mashhour," School- Mashhour craft College athletic director Sid Fox said. "We



are extremely confident that coach McKendry will enjoy similar accomplishments."

McKendry is a Livonia Clarenceville High grad and former boys varsity coach at Clarenceville where he led the Trojans to a 17-win season in 2007-08. He was an assistant under Mashhour for two years at Henry Ford CC and spent eight years working with the R.E.A.C.H. Legends, a well-known AAU boys basketball program in Michigan.

"This is something I definitely want to do long-term," said the 36-year-old McKendry said. "I just think the opportunity to do this in my hometown and where I grew up is something I always wanted to do and has been a dream of mine."

Mashhour departs from Schoolcraft with an overall record of 105-31 during his 4½ seasons, which included three Michigan Community College Athletic Association titles and three Eastern Conference crowns. He also guided the Ocelots to a pair of National Community College Athletic Association re-

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COLLEGE SOCCER

MU men's soccer team falls in NAIA Final Four

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All good things must come to end. But it was a season for the record books for the unseeded Madonna University men's soccer team, whose season ended in heartbreak Friday night in a 2-1 loss to third-seed and eventual champion Central Methodist (Mo.) in the NAIA semifinals at

OC Great Soccer Park iin Irvine, Calif.

Central Methodist (22-2-2) went on to win the National Championship with a 4-3 win over Missouri Valley College (Mo.) in the finals on Dec.

The Crusaders finished the season 19-5, the second-most wins in program history behind the 20-3 team in 1998. MU earned back-to-back Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season championships and won a game at the NAIA National Championship final site for the first time in the program's 25 years.

"Emotions are pretty raw and we've been riding a bit of a wave, that's come through some good futbol and awful lot of hard work," MU coach Mark Zathey said following the loss to *MadonnaCrusaders.com*. "I feel broken hearted, especially certainly for our seniors who don't get an opportunity to return. They gave so much for us and we are indebted to them for all their contributions."

Second-seeded Central Methodist scored 38 seconds into the match when Adrian Gutierrez intercepted an errant MU pass before playing Rodrigo Paredes down the right sideline, who struck a ball to the far side of the 18-yard box and found Andrea De Simone converting on a one-time finish from 14 yards out.

Madonna responded with renewed vigor and an unmatched intensity which quickly paid off.

With the ball in the CMU defensive third, Yuri Farkas Guglielmi (Sao Paulo, Brazil) intercepted a clear attempt at the upper left corner of the 18-yard box and had a one-touch boot off his right foot that he shaped just inside the far post for the equalizer just six minutes later for his team-leading 25th goal of the year.

After the halftime break, the Eagles dominated most of the possession and had several opportunities to score throughout the final 45, but the Madonna defense, with a little help from a post and a crossbar, held strong.



Madonna forward Yuri Farkas finished with a team-best 25 goals this season for the NAIA semifinalists. MADONNA UNIVERSITY SPORTS INFORMATION

and a corner kick during the final minutes, but the Eagles' defense was up to the task in the semifinal loss.

The Fayette, Mo. program outshot Madonna 16-8, which included a 7-2 edge in shots on frame. The Eagles had five corner kicks to the Crusaders' two while MU was called for 26 of the games' 47 fouls.

Farkas paced the MU attack with two shots, one on frame, while Costa Wells added a shot on goal. Leonardo Abonizio, Wagner Gameiro Febbe, Ludvick Asigo, Issei Ito and Carlos Martinez each added one shot apiece.

Smith, who played stellar in goal throughout the playoff run and helped lead the defense to just two goals allowed over the past four games, made five saves.

In a 1-0 quarterfinal win on Nov. 28 over Oklahoma Wesleyan, Marlon De Freitas (Jaboticabal, Brazil) made 35yard cross from the right hand side that connected with Farkas, whose header snuck by the Eagles' goalkeeper for the game-winner in the 30th minute.

"Yuri is just a different class," Zathey said. "He has that finishing touch and was the difference maker for us today and we're very grateful for that."

Smith made four saves to post the shutout.

On Nov. 27, MU topped No. 10 seed Bellevue (Neb.) thanks to the the right foot of De Freitas, whose golden goal just 17 second into overtime gave the Crusaders to a 1-0 victory.

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said. "Playing for your country is just a type of thing you can't replicate. But walking around campus, wearing the Michigan State apparel, everyone knows you're a D-I athlete. It's a really cool feeling. You get people come up and talk to you 'What sport do you play?'

"When we go back tonight, I'm sure we'll get quite a few congratulations over the next week. But it's kind of that same feeling, just fighting for your university (instead of) fighting for your country."

MSU earned two points to improve to 6-7-1 overall, 2-0-1-1 in the Big Ten while the disappointed Wolverines (6-6-3, 2-3-3-1) managed one total point in the back-to-back weekend series against their rivals from East Lansing despite a wide edge in scoring chances.

"I thought we played hard tonight," Michigan head coach Mel Pearson said. "I thought we did a good job of limiting them, we outshot them 40-19 we outshot them 46-29 last night (a 4-3 loss at MSU).

".. I thought we had opportunities tonight to get up on them, get a couple goal spread, and then it's a different game. They played a perfect road game, they had great goaltending."

About being in a zone, putting up a brick wall in front of the MSU net, De-Ridder shrugged it off. "I'm just doing what I know best, play hockey."

But he acknowledged that the intensity and atmosphere inside the historic building was something he won't soon forget.

"I've only played youth hockey games here, I haven't been here much," DeRidder said. "It's a great atmosphere, I've been to a few games before (as a fan). The student section's going. In the first period, my defense, I'm sitting behind the net, when the puck was rimmed around. Stopped it, defense trying to talk to me I couldn't even hear them."

First period recap

Michigan got on the board in the final seconds of a power play when Plymouth native Nicholas Boka onetimed a cross-ice feed from Hughes, ripping the puck past DeRidder at 8:13.

Later in the frame, Boka was penalized for elbowing after throwing a hard check into Buturs Ghafari along the left half-wall. Helping kill off the penalty was senior defenseman Zach Osburn (Plymouth), while Livonia freshman Jack Summers worked the power play from the right point for the Wolverines.

The best MSU chance during the power play was a slap shot taken by Patrick Khodorenko that sailed over the crossbar.

DeRidder had plenty of company in his crease late in the frame, when he was bowled over in the crease, knocking the net off its moorings.

Second period recap

More DeRidder acrobatics kept the Spartans close, including a flexing right pad stop on Brendan Warren on the doorstep.

That enabled MSU to net the equalizer when Taro Hirose intercepted an errant Michigan clearing attempt on the power play, and ripped a shot between the legs of Wolverines netminder Mann.

The Wolverines — who through two periods outshot MSU by a 20-11 margin — had another prime chance when Nick Blankenship cut in from below the left circle and backhanded the puck near the left post. DeRidder, hugging the side of the cage, was able to hold the puck out.

Michigan then had a power play and controlled play inside the Spartans zone for almost the entire two minutes, but could not solve MSU's strong penalty kill — which allowed just one harmless shot.

Mann kept the Spartans from taking a lead when he made a timely stop with just seconds left in the stanza.

Third period recap

Michigan came close to winning the game at the end of regulation, firing the final six shots of the period at DeRidder — to no avail.

With just under three minutes to go, a carom landed right in the wheelhouse of forward 'Josh Norris (Oxford) who slammed the puck right into the goalie's midsection.

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It looked as though the defense would force an OT, that is until a free kick was headed toward the end line and Marcos German was able to get a touch with his right foot and sneak it past a pair of defenders and MU keeper Joe Smith (Royal Oak) — just inside the near post — for a 2-1 advantage with just under six minutes to play.

Once again down a goal, the Crusaders' attack ramped up with three shots "In terms of the overall body of work, I couldn't be more proud," Zathey said. "We've got guys from nine different countries and they got along. There's different social, cultures, and norms and values . . . and there was never a clash. It took a little while for everybody to breathe the same breath. Their style of play and how they interacted with each other, and watching them grow and go on that journey was rewarding. It kind of culminated in them calling each other 'brothers' on this trip actually."

Michigan State defenseman Zach Osburn, of Plymouth, checks Michigan forward Will Lockwood (Bloomfield Hills) during Saturday's Big Ten men's hockey tilt at Yost Ice Arena. RENA LAVERTY

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gional titles and two NJCAA Division II National Tournament appearances.

"Abe's record in leading the Ocelots in men's basketball certainly speaks for itself," Fox said. "However, his capacity and motivation to move student-athletes to the four-year level also proved exceptional. The college will always be indebted to Abe for his passionate commitment to the men's basketball program and the measure of unquestionable success he achieved during his tenure."

Mashhour's full-time position is the Director for Student Services along with being the city wide athletic director for

the Dearborn Public Schools' three high schools (Fordson, Edsel Ford and Dearborn).

Mashhour said his plan was to resign at the end of last year, but decided to return for another season.

"I wasn't happy with the results at the end of last year, so I was like, 'Let me give it one more try," he said. "Last year we did not win the state, the conference and we didn't make it to the national tournament, so we were 0-for-3 where the first two or three years we had a lot of success. I wanted to come back and try to get there one more time. It just became too difficult. My (six) kids are older and they require much more time and my wife was getting spread way too thin with everything. I was trying to make it work, but it was difficult to manage everything."

With a 2½ week schedule break, Mashhour decided the timing was right to hand the reins over to somebody else instead of waiting for the second semester to start in January.

After playing Jackson on Dec. 5, Schoolcraft has only one more game (Dec. 19 at Owens Tech) before Christmas before embarking on the Eastern Conference schedule on Thursday, Jan. 3 at home against Mott.

"This way, the new coach and players will get some kind of rhythm," Mashhour said. "They'd be going into the conference schedule and that would be very difficult. So by doing it this way the new coach has time to get his system going."

The Ocelots currently have nine rostered players as they recently added Devonte Carter (Detroit Southeastern) after losing Myles Dalton (Walled Lake Western) to a torn ACL.

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"I feel bad, I feel terrible for my players more than anything because they're such great of guys and what we're able to do with the eight guys that we had has been a lot of fun, very impressive," Mashhour said. "But it was just too much and it wasn't going to be fair to Schoolcraft and fair to my players."

McKendry said two more players will become eligible at the start of the second semester.

"Corey was the top assistant for Abe, just not here, but he worked for him at Henry Ford before he came here," Fox said. "He'll finish out the year like we always do. We sit down with every coach, reappoint him, or we don't reappoint him. He'll have to the end of the year ... we're in good shape."

Former University of Michigan player Maceo Baston (1994-2008), who had stints with three NBA teams, and Vitor Imbuzeiro, will remain as McKendry's assistants.

"They both have a lot of experience at a lot of different levels," McKendry said. "Maceo's senior year at Michigan was his last year when they made a coaching change with Steve Fisher. He was able to talk to the guys from a perspective, which was good for them. Just trying to focus on taking it one day at a time ... Maceo has been great in that regard, really good for the guys."

Five Eastern Conference teams along, including Schoolcraft, are currently undefeated.

"(Flint) Mott is good, Henry Ford is good, too," McKendry said. "Delta is ranked top 15 in the country as well. I like our team, but it's going to be a challenge."

Fox manages a total of 10 men's and women's athletic teams at Schoolcraft. The school moved into the NJCAA Division III ranks for 2018-19 and does not offer athletic scholarships anymore with the exception of men's and women's basketball, which remains in Division II.

"Obviously this has been somewhat of a challenge, something that we haven't dealt with before, but the guys have been great just taking it one day at a time and trying to get better on the floor and off," McKendry said. "Just trying to continue to do the things we've always done . . . the values instilled by coach Abe of being a great teammate, taking care of your business off the floor and letting that trickle down to how we play."

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KLAA

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bras squad that is coming off a regional final loss to Belleville, a newcomer to the KLAA's East Division and a state quarterfinalist a year ago.

Wayne, with a solid front line led by 6-6 Detroit Old Redford Academy transfer Dreyon O'Neal, should in the hunt to win KLAA East Division which now includes Belleville, John Glenn, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Dearborn Fordson and Dearborn High.

Wayne, Belleville and Stevenson all won district titles last year.

Moon, another college prospect, averaged just over 22 points per game, seven assists and six rebounds per game last year as a junior for the Rockets.

"Between him and B. Artis White (Canton), they're probably the top players in the KLAA," John Glenn coach Rod Watts said. "He's still weighing his options. He's got a lot of interest from MAC and Horizon League."

Kearis, meanwhile, will lead a Northville team that could be a sleeper in the newly revamped KLAA's West Division which also includes Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Novi, Brighton, Howell and Hartland.

"We are extremely excited and optimistic about this season," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "The division should be very competi-

tive with us, Canton and Howell returning many of their key players. The game against Novi is always a war, and Jiovanni Miles is the type of player that can beat you by himself...he's that talented.

There really are no easy division games with all three Plymouths returning to the Division, and Brighton and Hartland are always tough games."

Miles

Miles, a 6-2 senior who averaged 14 points per game, is the only returning starter off a Novi team that reached the Class A semifinals last season before losing to Holland West Ottawa, 53-50.

Novi lost its season opener on Nov. 29 in a rematch of last year regional final against Ann Arbor Skyline, 72-39.

"Repeating the success of last year's team will be tough as they lost seven of the top eight rotation players and have a new coaching staff implementing new offensive and defensive systems," Novi first-year coach Chris Housey said. "Despite the lack of experience, however, players are ready to step up and fill the spots that have been vacated."

Here's a closer look at the 10 Hometownlife.com-area boys basketball teams in the KLAA.

KLAA East Division

Livonia Churchill



Northville senior guard Paul Kearis returns as a starting point-guard. JERRY REA



Senior guard Joe Moon returns for Westland John Glenn. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Senior guard Dalen Cobb is one of four Stevenson returnees off a Class A district championship team. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

basketball is ahead of them here."

Head coach: Bob Brodie, 35th season.

Last year's overall record: 6-15.

Players to watch: Ben Dierker, 6-5 Sr. F; Julius Nelson, 6-0 Sr. G.

Brodie's 2018-19 outlook: "We're looking to improve on last season's record and be competitive in the conference. We have no pure returning starters from last year, but many of our players saw quite a bit of action so they are somewhat experienced. We have decent size and speed, but are looking for someone to step forward and be our scorer this year. Teamwork, hustle, and determination will be keys to any success we may have this season."

Northville

Head coach: Todd Sander, 11th season.

Last year's overall record: 14-9.

Players to watch: Steven Morrissey, 6-4 Sr. F; Paul Kearis, 6-0 Sr. PG; Ryan Pumper, 6-4 Sr. F; Daniel McLaughlin, 6-3 Sr. F; Zach Shoemaker, 6-4 Jr. F; Grant Mathiesen, 6-0 Jr. G.

Grant Mathiesen, 6-0 Jr. G. Sander's 2018-19 outlook: "It always

Head coach: Jay McCullogh, third season.

Last year's overall record: 4-17.

Players to watch: Joel Forgacs, 6-3 Sr. F; Brandon Craddieth, 5-10 Soph. PG; Josh Guilbault, 6-4 Sr. F; Jaylen Stanley, 6-4 Sr. G.

McCullogh's 2018-19 outlook: "We will be young this year with a couple of great leaders from our seniors, so we will be competitive. We have a great group of guys that will be ready to try and make some noise in the new division. We will be exciting to watch and look forward to improving day after day."

Livonia Franklin

Head coach: T.J. Hurley, second season.

Last year's overall record: 6-15.

Players to watch: Jack Cronyn, 6-3 Sr. G; Cal Fournier, 6-1 Sr. G; Chase Crespi, 5-8 Sr. G; Vince Wheeler, 6-1 Sr. F; J.J. Carpenter, 5-10 Jr. PG.

Hurley's 2018-19 outlook: "There's great chemistry amongst this team with high potential. The keys are just staying together and continuing to play hard. We're pretty undersize, so our major things are getting out in transition and getting the ball moving, and using a little bit of our athleticism and our work ethic to point to. Our major concern is not only rebounding, but being able to handle the ball and being composed under pressure."

Livonia Stevenson

Head coach: Kareem Smartt, fifth season.

Last year's overall record: 17-7.

Titles won last year: Class A district champs.

Players to watch: Chris Mars, 6-4 Sr. F; Nick Knoph, 5-10 Sr. G; Mike Reed, 6-3 PF; Dalen Cobb, 5-8 Sr. PG; Noah Fuller, 6-2, Sr. F. **Smartt's 2018-19 outlook:** "We have four returning players from last year's team. I'm expecting those guys to set the example for the younger players we have. The goal is to be competitive in all aspects of the game. By the end of the year the plan is to win another district title and advance past regional round."

Wayne Memorial

Head coach: Nkwane Young, third season.

Last year's overall record: 17-8. Titles won last year: KLAA Black Division and Class A district champions.

Players to watch: Isaiah Lewis, 6-6-1 Sr. G; Dreyon O'Neal, 6-6 Sr. F; Kenneth Bowie, 5-8 Sr. PG; Orisis Kokoy, 6-6 Sr. F; Riccardo Covin, 6-7 Jr. C; Cartier Muse-Suber, 6-6 Sr. F; Chayce Leslie, 6-2 Sr. G; Chris Dobessi-Tindane, 6-1 Sr. G; Randy Gonzales, 6-0 Sr. G; Dontre Foreman, 6-5 Soph. F; Ricky Corwin, 6-8 Jr. C.

Young's 2018-19 outlook: "We go big and long, so we try and mix it up a little bit (zone and man-to-man defense). We didn't use it last year (zone), but we're going to use it this year because we're big. We've got the size so we've got to take advantage of it. Depending on who we play we'll mix it up."

Westland John Glenn

Head coach: Rod Watts, fourth season.

Last year's overall record: 8-11. Players to watch: Joe Moon IV, 6-1 Sr. G; Renel Thrasher, 6-0 Sr. G; Elijah White, 6-2 Sr. G; Chad Stevens, 6-2 Sr. F; Brendan Balko, 6-6 Jr. C; Ashton Nance, 6-7 Sr. F.

Watts' 2018-19 outlook: "The team has a tremendous upside. We've scrimmaged (Detroit) Cass Tech, River Rouge, U-D Jesuit, (Detroit) Renaissance, so this is a team that's not afraid to play anybody, anywhere. I think their best

KLAA West Division

Canton

Head coach: Jimmy Reddy, season. Last year's overall record: 19-2.

Titles won last year: KLAA Black Division champs.

Players to watch: B. Artis White, 5-11 Sr. G; Vinson Sigmon, 5-11 Sr. G; Ben Stesiak, 5-11 Jr. G; Kendall Perkins, 6-4 Sr. F; Jake Vickers, 6-4 Jr. F.; Liam Radomski, 6-3 Sr. F.

Reddy's 2018-19 outlook: "We continue to preach defensive and rebounding as the foundation of our program and I am excited to see the growth this team can make especially at the defensive end. We have a lot of guys with no varsity experience, so it will take some time to get the defense and rebounding where we want it. In the meantime, the backcourt that we have should allow us to be competitive. We have a great group of selfless young men who really love to compete and want to continue to get better."

Plymouth

Head coach: Mike Soukup, 10th season.

Last year's overall record: 10-11. Players to watch: Bryce Amison, 6-3

Sr. G; Devon Wisniewski, 6-1 Sr. G; Ryan Berger, 6-6 Sr. F.

Soukup's 2018-19 outlook: "We have a lot of returners who were on the team last year, but are not real heavy with experience as far as minutes played. It will be a big key for us to gel together quickly as a group to compete with the competition in our league. I'm excited about this group ... great kids who are willing to be coached up. Playing together on the defensive end and sharing the basketball will be big keys for our group."

Salem

helps when you return so many key contributors from the prior year especially your point guard. Paul (Kearis) had a great year for us last year, and he should continue to improve tremendously. We are very solid and have balanced size that should allow us to be extremely versatile on both ends of the floor. Steven (Morrissey), Daniel (McLauglin) and Zach (Shoemaker) all present matchup problems for opposing teams because they can score from the perimeter, driving and around the rim. We are so far ahead of where were at this same point last year, and that is a credit to our players coming to work every day in practice. They bust their tails in every drill every day. We were able to get a lot of work done in the fall, and all of our returning players really dedicated themselves to getting in the gym and getting better."

Novi

Head coach: Chris Housey, first season.

Last year's overall record: 17-9. Titles won last year: Class A district and regional champions.

Players to watch: Jiovanni Miles, 6-3 Sr. G; Aryan Verman, 5-10 Sr. G; John Prisby, 6-6 Sr. C; Troy Aikins, 6-2 Sr. F.

Housey's 2018-19 outlook: "As a group, we will look to play tough defense and make our opponents work for their points. Offensively, we will look to use our athleticism to run the floor and then use our timing, spacing, and teamwork to execute our half court sets. While the team is not experienced as far as playing time on the varsity level, all players are upperclassmen who understand the value of hard work and a team concept. Overall, we will play tough and play together and use our strengths as a team to attack opponents on a nightly basis."

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BOYS BASKETBALL Catholic Central basketball enters new era

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For the first time in 12 years, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's basketball team will have a new voice on the bench.

The Shamrocks, who open their season at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 against Romeo in the Calihan Challenge at the University of Detroit Mercy, boast a veteran team under new coach Brandon Sinawi.

CC finished 12-9 in Bill Dyer's 12th and final season as coach, while Sinawi spent the previous four seasons at Novi where he guided the Wildcats to a 17-9 record last year and the school's firstever Class A semifinal berth.

Sinawi got a read on his team during a four-way scrimmage against Clarkston, Roseville and Davison followed by a three-way against Toledo Whitmer and Cincinnati Hughes.

"It's a change for everybody, it's a new approach for me with new guys and they have a new coach, just trying to get them to play together, not focusing too much yet on our opponents, just focus on ourselves," Sinawi, who is 91-70 in seven seasons, including a three-year stint at Livonia Stevenson.

The Shamrocks boast a tall front line in 6-7 senior Davis Lukomski, 6-7 senior Justin Rukat and 6-5 senior Mike Harding, while 6-8 junior Nick Smulsky and 6-3 senior Connor Ebben will come off the bench.

The starting backcourt will consist of returnees Keegan Koehler, a 6-foot senior, and Jacob Woebkenberg, a 6-2 senior, along with 6-7 senior Brendan Downs, who will be in reserve to start off the season.

"We are senior led, no question about that, and we have size and talent at each position," Sinawi said. "In order for us to be successful however, we have to be able to play together, on both ends, for 32 minutes.'

Getting through the Catholic League's Central Division schedule will not be an easy task as it features a pair of Detroit Free Press preseason top-20

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Catholic Central's Justin Rukat (with ball) returns for his senior season with the Shamrocks. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM





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teams in University of Detroit Jesuit (No. 1) and Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep (No. 20). Also in the mix is Warren DeL-Salle, a Final Four team a year ago, and longtime rival Birmingham Brother Rice.

"Our league is daunting," Sinawi said. "A ton of talent on the floor and on the sidelines each and every night. If we prepare the right way, trust in the process and are consistent with our effort, we can have a great season."

Sinawi plans to start the season with an up-tempo approach.

"We're going to get up and down when we can, but when we recognize we have to slow it down, we'll slow it down, and hope we play some good defense in the process," the first-year CC coach said.

After the season opener, CC will take on small school state power Southfield Christian on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at home followed by game on Friday, Dec. 7 at Livonia Stevenson.

"We have a tremendous opportunity to take the next step with this basketball program, especially this varsity team," Sinawi said. "Coach Dyer did an outstanding job in helping prepare these kids, especially our seniors, and I hope I can continue to work with these guys and put them in a position to win some games."

Here's also a look at four Hometownlife.com-area schools in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

Redford Thurston

Head coach: Brian Bates, 20th season.

Last year's overall record: 10-12.

Players to watch: Darrell Anderson, 6-0 Sr. G; Davon Hedwood, 6-0 Sr. G; Khali Freeman, 5-11 Jr. G; Jamar Boyd, 6-4 Sr. F.

Bates' 2018-19 season outlook: "I'm hoping to be improved. We are working hard to improve at both the offensive and defensive ends of the floor. So far the team's effort has been great. If we continue to work hard and want to improve, we have a chance to be a good basketball team by the end of the year."

Redford Union



Thurston's Khali Freeman (left), guarded by Franklin's Chase Crespi, returns this season. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"We are senior led, no question about that, and we have size and talent at each position. In order for us to be successful however, we have to be able to play together, on both ends, for 32 minutes."

Brandon Sinawa Catholic Central coach

Head coach: Randall Taylor, seventh season.

Last year's overall record: 16-5.

Players to watch: Ahmeer Cossom, 6-4 Jr. F; Nasheer Cossom, 5-9 Sr. G; Darion Gould, 6-4 Sr. F; Nate Brown Jr., 6-0 Soph. G; Reiven Holt, 5-11 Sr. G; Malik O'Neal, 6-2 Fr. G; Donjae Ollie, 5-6 Sr. G; Dewar Gibson, 6-0 Jr. F.

Taylor's 2018-19 outlook: "The teaching moment (after the first game vs. Wayne Memorial) was that we can't turn the ball over and we have to play harder. I knew coming into the season that with this team being so much

younger and inexperienced compared to last year where we graduated seven seniors from that team, and this year having an entire new group of guys with only four players back, this is something we can grow from. I believe we're going to get betterm and grow, and grow, and grow, and just learn from there."

Garden City

Head coach: David Arnold, second season.

Last year's overall record: 2-19.

Players to watch: David McDaniel, 6-2 Sr. G; Angelo DiMichele, 6-0 Soph. F; Kevin Widmer, 6-2 Sr. F; Alphonso Butler, 6-1 Sr. C.

Arnold's 2018-19 outlook: "After dealing with the typical struggles of a first-year coach new to a program, we're a better team. So far, the collective attitude is much better and the spirit and energy in our practices is greatly improved. We're just focused on getting better every day and learning to enjoy the process of becoming a solid, competitive team. Any potential success rests squarely on the shoulders of our players continuing to buy in to this philosophy. At this point, players are still establishing roles and finding the ways they can best contribute to our success.



Novi Detroit Catholic Central coach Brandon Sinawi embarks on his first season after stints at Novi and Livonia Stevenson. SUBMITTED PHOTO

As always, there are some strong teams in our conference. We're looking to take a step forward this year and be competitive from the outset rather than waiting for the pieces to come together in January. With the schedule change we have eight games, nearly half our schedule, in 25 days before the holiday break, so it's important we find some solutions quickly."

Livonia Clarenceville

Head coach: Raymon Moore, first season.

Last year's overall record: 2-19.

Players to watch: Zachary Topolewski, 5-8 Jr. G; Jauwan Ward, 5-9 Jr. G; Tavian Cruz, 5-8 Jr. G.

Moore's 2018-19 outlook: "I'm really looking forward to seeing all the changes we put in place this year in action. We changed the pace of the offense and defense. We are working hard to push for more stops on the defensive side and I'm excited to see how that transitions into a more fluid scoring offense. The group of players that I have this year are very dedicated and hardworking. I look forward to seeing their hard work pay off this coming season. The goal is to get them play great basketball within the system."





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Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Bid Package #16, consisting of **Canton HS Servery Remodeling Plymouth HS Domestic Hot** Water Boiler Replacement

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will be received at the office of Ms. Deborah Piesz, Chief Finance and Operations Officer, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until 1:30 P.M., local time on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at which time they will be opened, read publicly and tabulated.

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

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

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

- 103: Selective Demolition 106: Masonry
- 108: Carpentry / General Trades 115: Metal Studs / Drywall
- 117: Acoustical Treatment 116: Hard Tile
- 137: Food Service Equipment 120: Painting
- 140: Plumbing 142: HVAC
- 143: Electrical

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

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, November 26, 2018 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of ½ size bidding documents beginning at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, November 26, 2018, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400.
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.

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

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 1:30 P.M. at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

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

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

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

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SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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This Project will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions of work: 101: Earthwork / Site Utilities 102: Asphalt Paving / Site Cond 105: Concrete (Alternate #1) 108: Carpentry / General Trades (Alternate #1) 166: Synthetic Turf 167: Track Surfacing

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