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Women's addiction facility opening

Program will include local housing and treatment

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The road to recovery for hundreds of women struggling with addiction will go straight through Canton Township.

Beginning Monday, Dec. 10, Personalized Nursing Light House began providing services to women from Wayne,

Washtenaw, Oakland and Macomb counties when it opened the doors to its new facility on Canton Center Road, just down the street from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Women accepted into PNLH's multistep program will be housed in apartments in the Canton Crossings apartment complex and transported to and from the Canton Center Road facility

five days a week for group and individualized treatment.

The recovering addicts - some of whom are homeless, others without jobs or transportation — will live with other PNLH patients in the apartment complex that is located approximately a mile-and-a-half from the office.

A PNLH employee will oversee each unit that houses patients, but the monitors will not live full time at the com-

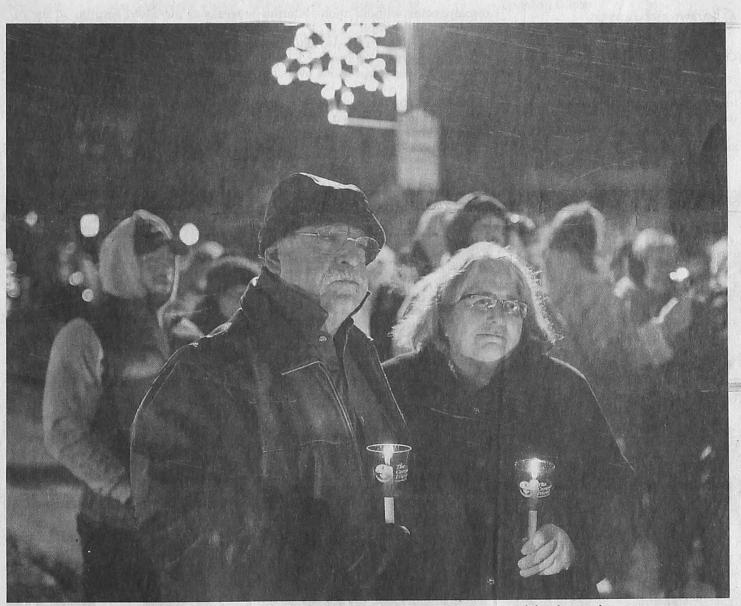
Why did PNLH select Canton as the

site of its newest office?

'There are a couple of reasons, No. 1 being that this gender-specific program is designed to serve women who have post traumatic syndrome, along with their addictions," said Stephen Wiland, the facility's clinical director. "It's a complicated combination to treat and there are no other providers in this area that provide this kind of work.

"Also, we already have a presence in

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The Compassionate Friends worldwide candle-lighting lights the skies over Kellogg Park in Plymouth. TOM BEAUDOIN |

BEACON OF LIGHT

Candlelight vigil honors children lost too soon

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Rhonda Temple believes December is one of the most important months of the year for the people who depend on The Compassionate Friends for emotional support.

The international group, and its Livonia chapter, provide support for loved ones of children who died too soon. Temple, the Livonia chapter's event coordinator, said December - with the

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Families gather in memory of loved ones taken too soon during the Compassionate Friends candle-lighting Sunday in Kellogg Park. TOM BEAUDOIN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

State shuts down Canton cemetery over remains

Elisha Anderson **Detroit Free Press** USA TODAY NETWORK

The state shuttered a Canton cemetery Dec. 6 after finding 27 containers with remains that lacked proper documentation, including death certificates, forms and burial transit per-

Knollwood Memorial Park Cemetery "demonstrated a lack of integrity to protect the public and a lack of good moral character." Michigan's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs said in a news release announcing the decision.

The discovery came amid a probe into Perry Funeral Home in Detroit and its handling of fetal remains. The state shut down the home Oct. 19 and removed 63 remains of fetuses.

Regulators accused Knollwood of receiving remains of dead infants and fetuses without authorization from a relative or person entitled to custody and said the cemetery "aided and abetted" Perry by storing remains on behalf of the funeral home.

The 27 plastic containers at Knollwood held an undetermined number of remains, the state said. They have been removed from the cemetery and state regulators said they intend to impose of fine of \$135,000.

A person who identified himself as the general manager of Knollwood declined to comment on an inspection done at the cemetery. A message was left with the funeral home after the state announced the closure.

On Dec. 5, investigators inspected Knollwood and Gethsemane Cemetery in Detroit simultaneously, police said.

"This is an extension of our criminal probe focusing on Perry," Detroit Police Chief James Craig said during a news conference Dec. 6. "They're no criminal allegations against the management companies that manage both Gethsemane and Knollwood."

Craig said investigators had received a tip alleging fetuses were improperly stored in a crypt at cityowned Gethsemane and raided it.

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western Wayne County with an office in downtown Plymouth. When we were looking to open our next office, Canton became a candidate because of the lack of the lack of good treatment in the area."

Wiland explained that PTS is often a companion to women's drug addictions due to domestic violence and prior sexual assaults.

"Many individuals try to keep (PTS) a secret the best they can, but it's actually a risk factor for developing an addiction," Wiland said. "Walking around with PTS is very uncomfortable, so if someone discovers that an opioid, for example, or alcohol takes the edge off, that predisposes them to addiction."

PNLH will start its Canton operation with three two-bedroom apartments,



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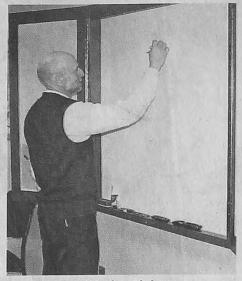
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Personalized Nursing Light House clinical director Stephen Wiland uses the Canton facility's white board. ED WRIGHT I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

with 12 total clients.

"Then we're hoping to ramp it up to another 12 soon after," Wiland said. "(Canton Crossings) has been a great partner with us since we've had the Plymouth office. We have a van that picks up the ladies on the days they have treatment here, mostly Monday through Friday.

"As they become more stabilized in our program, we encourage the women to get jobs so that they can take more responsibility in their lives."

Similar programs in neighboring communities — Milford for one — have faced resistance from residents, who fear bringing in transient people dealing with addictions could lead to increased crime or the presence of drug dealers looking to prey on the patients' fragile state.

Wiland emphasized that these fears are baseless.



Canton Chamber of Commerce president Thomas Paden (right) looks on as Personalized Nursing Light House chief executive officer Joseph Paliwoda cuts the ribbon. ED WRIGHT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"The biases these women face are based on fear and ignorance," he said. "One thing that prevents a lot of women from coming forward for help is they fear they will be looked at in a bad light.

"If you ever have a family member or friend who is struggling with an addiction, you'll be glad there is a program like ours for your loved ones."

Wiland said that statistics PNLH has compiled show that close to 70 percent of its clients are sober one year after completing the program — a significantly higher success rate than the average addiction-treatment facilities.

"It's impossible to do follow-ups on all of our clients, but the majority of the ones we can follow are staying sober, which is something we take great pride in," Wiland said.

A typical stay for PNLH clients is close to a month, with the initial three days serving as a detox phase when the patients endure acute withdraw, Wiland noted.

Clients usually stay in the residential treatment program 21-27 days.

"Depending on the client, the intensive outpatient program could last up to three months," Wiland said. "We want to see that they're getting some traction in their recovery and making sustainable gains."

Clients must agree to random drug tests.

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Cemetery

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They discovered 17 fetal remains with improper documentation and they were removed from the cemetery, he said.

Tom Shields, a spokesman for Perry, said he could not address paperwork

discrepancies without more information on what they are.

The state does not have regulatory oversight of the Detroit-owned Gethsemane Cemetery, but it has oversight

of Knollwood.

Craig said the fetuses with improper documentation at both cemeteries were connected to Perry Funeral Home.

Thursday's shutdown followed

weeks of increased scrutiny of the funeral home industry in Michigan. It started Oct. 12 with the discovery of 11 fetuses hidden above a ceiling at Cantrell Funeral home in Detroit.

"I would never have imagined a case like this and it's not over," Craig said. "Where's it going to take us next?"



Canton police seek help finding hit-and-run driver

Canton Township police officers are looking for the driver of a vehicle who struck a 15-year-old bicyclist on Canton Center Road, south of Palmer Road, at approximately 5:26 p.m. Dec. 6.

The driver of the southbound vehicle fled the scene following the crash, but is believed to have been in a 2015 or 2016 magnetic gray Ford Edge. The vehicle should have damage to the passenger side, with the outside mirror broken off.

Police said the bicyclist was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Anyone with possible information on this vehicle or the driver is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400 or at tipline@canton-

Right: Canton police are looking for help identifying the driver of a 2015 or 2016 magnetic gray Ford Edge similar to this one. CANTON TOWNSHIP POLICE



CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

The Canton Public Library is at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. For more information, call 734-397-0999 or go to www.cantonpl.org.

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 Production 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 special 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 at-

Bilingual Storytime Series

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

Details: Books, rhymes and songs will be presented in Spanish and English for children ages 0-5.

Open LEGO Build

When: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20 Details: Join us for creative play and building with our collection of Lego and Duplo Blocks. This program is intended for kids ages 7-14. Siblings welcome.

Advanced ELL Book Club

When: Noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21 **Details**: Advanced English Language Learners read and discuss books in Eng-

Preschool STEAM

When: 2-3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21 Details: This program, which ex-

plores biology through learning about penguins, is open to children ages 3-5. Sponsored by All Saints Catholic School. Registration required.

Library closed for holidays

Details: The library is closed Monday, Dec. 24; Tuesday, Dec. 25; Monday, Dec. 31; and Tuesday, Jan. 1. Our online databases, steaming services and emedia are always available. You can also check due dates, renew materials or put items on hold using My Account.

Dance Your Fanny Off

When: 10-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec.

Details: Caregivers with new walkers up to age 5 are invited to have fun and build gross motor skills through dance.

Canton Seniors Book Discussion

When: 2-3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27 Details: Recap the group's most loved (and hated) books of the year over warm drinks and treats.

Daytime Dungeons & Dragons Gaming Club

When: 2:30-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27 Details: Have fun while meeting and socializing with others who enjoy roleplaying games. All playing materials provided, but feel free to bring your own dice or Fifth Edition Character Sheet. Ages 9 and up.

When: 3:30-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29 Details: Play classic board games like chess, checkers and mancala. Ages 7 and up.

Starfish Family Services Early Literacy Workshops

When: 6:30-8:30 p.m. second Monday of each month

Details: SFS provides free, highquality, early literacy training to day care providers, caregivers and parents. They teach topics, this month's being Curiosity and Questioning: Preschool Science, developed by the independent non-profit HighScope Educational Research Foundation.

Teen Boredom Busters

When: Five or 50 minutes, any time Details: Students who need a brain break after school can learn something new, meet a friend, relieve stress and have fun in our Teen Space with passive or planned activities.

Family Storytimes

When: 10-10:30 a.m. each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and 7-7:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday

Details: Family Storytime allows caregivers to actively engage with their children under age 5. With a Youth Librarian, build early literacy skills through meaningful stories, songs, and play.



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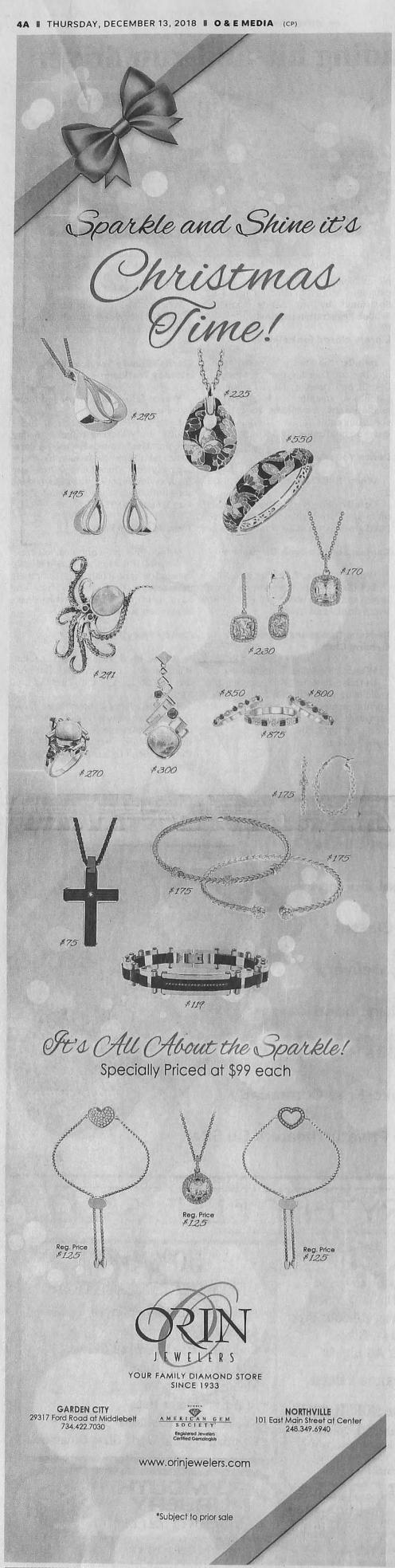


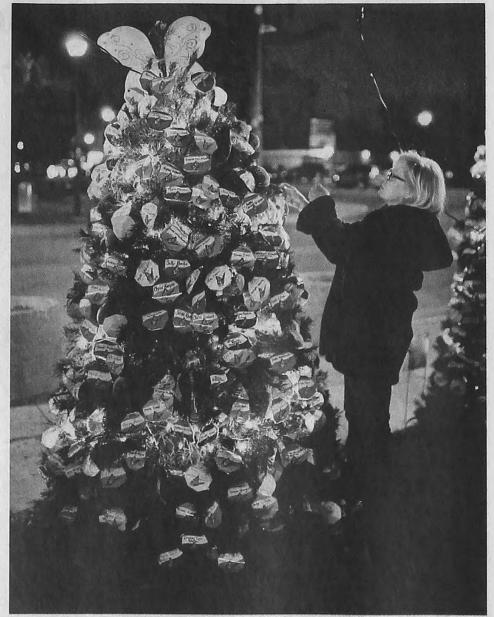
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Terry Anderson looks at her son Charlie's ornament in Kellogg Park before the Compassionate Friends candle-lighting. Charlie, 15, died nearly three years ago. TOM BEAUDOIN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Vigil

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Christmas holiday looming — is a difficult emotional period.

Temple should know. She and her husband Lee lost their daughter Alyssa to leukemia 12 years ago.

"At this time of the year, families are so torn up and grieving for the loss of their child or grandchild," Temple said. "It's so important to bring us together to remember them and let them know they're not alone in this."

The Temples were part of a crowd of hundreds of people gathered Sunday for the 22nd annual The Compassionate Friends candlelight vigil at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

The vigil, conducted the second Sunday in December by TCF International, is designed to remember all children who've died. The idea behind TCF's vigil is to create a 24-hour light around the world in honor of those children.

The event, as it always does, featured some music — Kenny Chesney's "Who You'd Be Today" kicked things off — and the reading of names submitted by loved ones from around the area.

This year's list reached some 850 names, read one by one in their honor.

One of those names was Pete Morris, who died of a glioblastoma — the same kind of brain tumor that claimed U.S. Sen. John McCain — in January. His parents, Ken and Karen Morris, found The Compassionate Friends shortly after their son's death and have found the support "wonderful."

"We're here in memory of our son," Karen Morris said. "He was a great person. If you met him once, you were a friend for life."

The Compassionate Friends also



Sisters Rachel and Brianna Blackwood remember sister Amy Louise at the candle-lighting Sunday in Plymouth.

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adorn a couple of Christmas trees in Kellogg Park with ornaments honoring the names read during the ceremony. It's a touching tribute to children who have died

"It brings us together to really remember our children, our siblings, our grandchildren who are gone too soon," Temple said.

The Compassionate Friends Livonia Chapter meets 7-9 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, in Livonia. For more information, go to tcflivonia.org or call 734-778-0800.

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AREA EVENTS

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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.Wreaths AcrossAmerica.org.

Because It's Christmas concert

The Livonia Civic Chorus will perform Because It's Christmas, a choral concert of secular and sacred music, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at Clarenceville's Schmidt Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, in Livonia. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors/students and are available from chorus members, at the Livonia Kirksey Rec Center or by calling 734-542-9071. All tickets at the door will be

Christmas dinner dance

will be held Sunday, Dec. 16, at Burton Manor Banquet Hall, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, in Livonia featuring the Mike Wolverton band. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres until dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Dance is 7:30-11:30

For ticket information, call Moondusters at 586-873-3353.

Holiday jazz concert

The Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, in Livonia will host a concert featuring local pianist John Dolph 7-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17. There is no charge to attend.

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.

Camp Swoosh in the Snow

Livonia Parks and Recreation is offering Camp Swoosh in the Snow, scheduled for Wednesday through Friday, A ballroom Christmas dinner dance Dec. 26-28 and Jan. 2-4, for youths ages 6-11. Activities include swimming, rock climbing, games, relay and obstacle courses, weekly themed projects and

For more information, call 734-466-2900

Livonia New Year's Eve party

Livonia Parks and Recreation will host its annual family New Year's Eve party at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. The event includes food, swimming, rock climbing, dodge ball, crafts, face painting, dancing and a balloon drop to celebrate the new year.

Tickets are \$7.50 for Kirksey Recreation Center members, \$10 for Livonia residents and \$13 for non-residents. Tickets are available at the Kirksey Rec-Center www.livoniaparks.org. All attendees over age 1 must have a ticket.

For more information, call 734)-466-2900 or go to www.livoniaparks.org.

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 in-

www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

New exhibit at Livonia library

The Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, in Livonia is hosting an exhibit through December on the Potawatomi Nation, Native Americans that populated Livonia and its surrounding areas before the Europeans came. The exhibit was curated by Livonia historian Joe Neussendorfer.

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Memorial Day parade planning

The Wayne Westland Veterans Parade Council will be holding planning meetings for next year's parade, which will be held Sunday, May 26, 2019. The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. the last Wednesday of most months at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/veterans.parade council or call 313-576-7268 or 734-355-

St. Mary addiction series

St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia, 36475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia is offering an ongoing series titled Addiction: What you need to know and what you can do. Classes are scheduled 7-8:30 p.m. the first three Tuesdays of each month, September through May, in Classroom II on the fourth floor. Jan. 1, 8 and 15 are the next series dates.

No registration necessary. For more information, contact Karen Bonanno at kbonanno@livoniasaveouryouth.org or 734-338-9580.





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This is a rare chance to tour new homes completed or nearly complete and take advantage of special pricing and quick occupancy," says Nadia Mekled, Regional Sales Manager for Toll Brothers. "You can tour today and be in a gorgeous new Toll Brothers home for the new year," she adds.

Several single-family homes, townhomes, and villas are available across the Metro Detroit area and are open to tour every day between 11 am and 6 pm or by appointment during this event. For directions and more information on the builder's quick delivery homes, and to view floorplans and photos, visit QuickDeliveryHomes.com/MI. Selling Fast in Canton

Hamlet Pointe and Hamlet Meadows are located within the existing community of The Hamlet offering an exceptional location close to Plymouth-Canton schools, the Ford Road Shopping District, expressways, parks and the quaint Cherry Hill Village. At Hamlet Meadows, pricing starts in the upper \$300,000s. Two-story home

Hamlet Pointe just released a new section of large home sites. Pointe homes feature side-entry garages and are priced from the upper \$400,000s. A first-floor master design is available. Several immediate and quick occupancy homes are available. For details,

designs and a new first-floor master

suite design are available.

visit The-Hamlet.com or call 734-398-5939

Move-in Ready in Canton

A 4,050 sq. ft., 5 bedroom, 5 bath home is now available for immediate occupancy at Westridge Estates, the highly-coveted new community in Canton offering resort-style amenities, including a clubhouse with fitness room, gathering room, kitchenette, locker rooms, pools, sand volleyball court, children's play park and walking paths. Westridge Estates is located just south of Ford Road west of Ridge Road, and home prices start in the low \$500,000s. For more information visit WestridgeofCanton.com or call 734-844-0279

Villas in Ann Arbor

The low-maintenance villas at Kensington Woods, located on the north side of Scio Church Road. just west of Maple Road in Ann Arbor, are nearly sold out. Final villas feature immediate to quick occupancy and an exceptional list of included features in a stunning setting with pricing from the midto upper \$400,000s. For details, call (734) 995-5503 or visit Kensington-Woods.com. The sales center is located at the builder's Trailwoods community at 229 S. Staebler Rd., just a few minutes away.

Move-in Ready in Ann Arbor

Trailwoods of Ann Arbor is Toll Brothers' newest community of single-family homes tucked into a gorgeous country setting with Ann Arbor schools, low township taxes, and city services. Two collections of homes offer all new open home designs with an impressive list of included features. Prices begin in the low \$400,000s. Two model homes are now open and immediate and quick occupancy homes are available.

For more information, visit TrailwoodsOfAnnArbor.com call (734) 995-5503. For mapping, use 229. S. Staebler Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

Townhomes and Villas in Ann Arbor

North Oaks of Ann Arbor is the region's premier resort-class community situated in a stunning 109-acre setting surrounded by towering trees and open meadows. Two collections of homes are available. Townhomes from the low \$400,000s and Villas from the low \$500,000s.

The Villas range from 2,041 to 2,631+ square feet and offer first- or second-floor master suites island kitchens, open layouts, loft space, and more. The Townhomes range from 1,861 to 2,400+ sq. ft. and include a 2-car garage and the option to add a rooftop deck. A clubhouse with a fitness center. billiards, great room with fireplace, verandas overlooking the lap and wading pools, locker rooms and a play park is now open.

Several townhomes are available for late winter/early spring movein. North Oaks is located minutes from the University of Michigan's north campus, the VA Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, and downtown Ann Arbor. Children attend Ann Arbor Schools with the elementary and middle schools just 3 minutes away. For details, call 734-224-6686 or visit North-Oaks.com.

Luxury Living in Northville

Toll Brothers at Montcaret is in prestigious Northville, on the south side of Seven Mile Road, 11/4 miles west of Beck Road just minutes from the historic downtown. A range of home designs are available with an exceptional list of features on grand oversized 1/2- to 1+ acre home sites. Prices start in the upper

\$700,000s. Call 248-924-2601 or TollBrothersAtMontcaret. com for details

Great Northville Location

Dunhill Park, on the north side of Eight Mile Road, west of Beck Road, features a highlycoveted location in Northville with Northville schools and just minutes to downtown Northville. Stunning home designs offer an array of luxury features and hundreds of options to personalize, priced from the upper \$700,000s. For more information, visit LiveAtDunhillPark.com or call 248-924-2601. The sales office is located at Montcaret on the south side of Seven Mile Road, 1 1/2 miles west of Beck Road.

Novi Villa Living

This is the final opportunity to own a luxury low-maintenance villa in the heart of Novi at Ridgeview. Several immediate and quick occupancy homes are now available with prices starting in the mid-\$400,000s. Located on the east side of Novi Rd., just south of Ten Mile Rd, the Villas range from 2,041 to 2,676 sq. ft. and most offer a first-floor master suite. Residents enjoy Novi schools and paved walking paths leading to The Sports Club of Novi, a dog park, and an ice arena. For details, visit RidgeviewVillas.com or call (248) 904-8515.

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hree events worth checking out this weekend

David Veselenak

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Has Thanksgiving really been over for three weeks? This holiday season is flying by and so is the opportunity to get out and have some fun this weekend.

If it's time for a reprieve from everything at home this weekend, check out one of these three events happening this weekend across the Hometown Life

Youth symphony orchestra concert in Livonia

It's time to celebrate a big milestone for the arts in Livonia.

The Livonia Youth Symphony Orchestra is marking its 60th anniversary this season and will hold its annual winter concert at 2 p.m. Saturday in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft.

The symphony has several members from Livonia and surrounding communities and performs two shows a year. It's a group that's attracted hundreds of musicians throughout the years.

Tickets are available the day of the concert, but are limited in number. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and \$4 for seniors. For more information, including how to audition for the spring session, go to lysom.org.

Jurassic Quest in Novi

If you need a break from holidaythemed events this weekend, head to Novi to go back in time millions of years

Jurassic Quest returns to the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Friday through Sunday. This exhibit allows children to see how the dinosaurs would have appeared more than 65 million years ago with lifelike reproductions and even ride an animatronic dinosaur.

Children can create their own fossils and do other crafts. And if they need to burn off some steam, they can jump around in one of the bounce houses or do a bungee pull.

The show runs 3-8 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets for children and adults begin at \$20 and at \$18 for seniors, with discounts given to police, fire and military families. Parking is \$5 a car. For more information, go to jurassicquest.com.

Wild Lights at the Detroit Zoo

There's nothing like the time-honored tradition of heading to the zoo at night during December.

The Detroit Zoo's Wild Lights program continues this weekend. More than five million lights take over the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile Road, in Royal Oak. Those interested can attend a showing of "The Polar Express" as well for an additional cost.

Wild Lights will run Friday through Sunday this weekend and return Dec. 20-23 and again Dec. 26-31. The zoo is open 5-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 5:30-9 p.m. Sunday. Ticket prices vary online. Zoo members will still need to purchase tickets for the special event.

For more information, detroitzoo.org.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sidhu best for school board

As a 34 year resident of Plymouth Township, a former Plymouth Township trustee (1988-1992), and State Representative (2000-2006), I want to offer my highest recommendation of Anupam Sidhu for appointment to the Plymouth- Canton School Board.

Anu has been a member of this Board of Education for the past two years and has effectively served as chair of the Student Performance and Achievement Committee. She has offered a highly knowledgeable and substantive contribution to this Board with her employment background at Wayne County RE-SA, as manager of instructional tech-

Anu is a 17-year resident of Canton with 2 years perfect attendance at PCCS school board meetings. She has received her Bachelor and Master Degrees in education. As the mother of a teenage son who attends one of the PCCS middle schools, Anu is personally and professionally devoted to the students in our school district.

Anu has made a deep commitment to

the academic success and security of each student. As a school board member, she has voted to dedicate significant resources to the safety of students and their social and emotional learning

All citizens of the community would be well-served if the PCCS school board appoints Anupam Sidhu to the vacancy on the board at the meeting on Tuesday,

John C. Stewart Plymouth

Baby Boomers and Christmas

This seems like an appropriate time of year to tackle this topic: Baby Boomers' love of Christmas. One thing can truly be said about Baby Boomers they surely do like to celebrate Christ-

This doesn't mean that other generations don't also appreciate Christmas, but for Boomers, Christmas is part of the woof and warp of their very core.

As you probably already know, Boomers were the generation born after World War II. Americans were weary of war after 1945 and decided to give baby making a try. Kids who grew up in the

1950s and 1960s experienced two of the most novel decades in American history. The sixties were especially unusual. If you weren't a male of draft age, you got to be a kid playing with G.I. Joe dolls rather than be a Joe in 'Nam. Christmas was an especially magical time, and those experiences left life-long impres-

For a Boomer, a 1960s Christmas had an unique charm which made the holiday especially endearing. One can easily identify vintage holiday decor of the 1950s and 1960s by its art style which unlike the contemporary, realistic kind was cartoonish, stylized and even kitschy, but to a Boomer, it really represented Christmas. You can see it in the representations of Santa, snowmen, elves, reindeer, etc, as well as in such things as Halloween decor.

It isn't uncommon for a Boomer to collect such vintage Christmas decor, just as they might collect almost anything from their childhood era which stokes their nostalgic fond memories of that time, including music, clothing,

toys, comic books, etc.

One of the odd yet charming pieces of 1960s Christmas decor was the window stencil. These were wax patterns which were applied to a window using a sponge and Johnson's Wax. If your Christmas tree was placed near such a decorated window, the colored lights of the tree would sparkle through the designs. When Christmas was over, the dried soapy art-work was easily removed with water. When the Johnson's company went out of business, my family used Turtle Wax as a substitute but that didn't work as well.

Another item which was indicative of the 1960s culture was the aluminum Christmas tree replete with a color wheel, famously celebrated on the classic Charlie Brown Christmas cartoon. You can actually still buy these online in both vintage and reproduction offer-

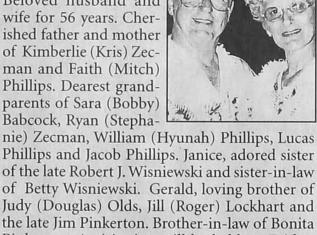
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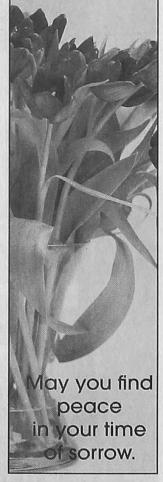
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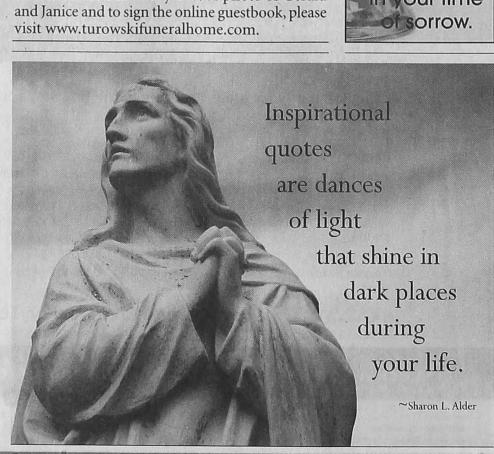
Gerald A. Pinkerton

- - Gerald A. Pinkerton, age 77, and Janice J. Pinkerton, age 75, passed away December 9, 2018. Beloved husband and wife for 56 years. Cherished father and mother of Kimberlie (Kris) Zecman and Faith (Mitch) Phillips. Dearest grandparents of Sara (Bobby)

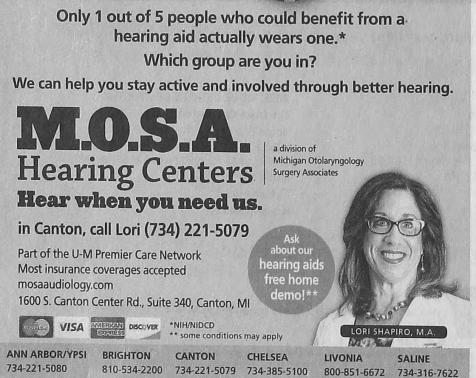


of Betty Wisniewski. Gerald, loving brother of Judy (Douglas) Olds, Jill (Roger) Lockhart and the late Jim Pinkerton. Brother-in-law of Bonita Pinkerton. A visitation will be held on Friday, December 14, 11am-1pm, followed by a funeral service at 1pm, at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Angela Hospice. To share a favorite memory and/or photo of Gerald visit www.turowskifuneralhome.com.











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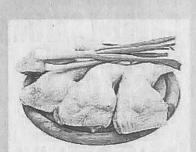
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Sports



PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Plymouth's Solomon fourth in Foot Locker meet

Brad Emons

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Carter Solomon kept creeping up. At the mile mark, the Plymouth High junior was in 17th place with a time of 4:50.4. At 1.5, he had moved up to ninth in 7:17.5. At the two-mile marker, he maneuvered into seventh in 9:55.9.

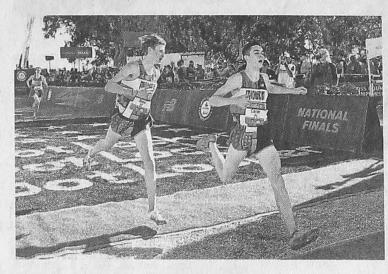
And by the finish line of Saturday's 40th annual Foot Locker Cross Country Championship National Finals at Balboa Park in sunny San Diego, Solomon found himself fourth overall with a 5,000-meter time of 15 minutes, 25.3 seconds.

Not bad considering it was his first appearance in the prestigious event, which drew the top 40 high school boys runners representing four different regions from across the country.

Solomon, who can now call himself a Foot Locker All-American, was representing the 10-member Midwest team after placing fourth (16:13.3) Nov. 24 in a muddy regional in Kenosha, Wis.

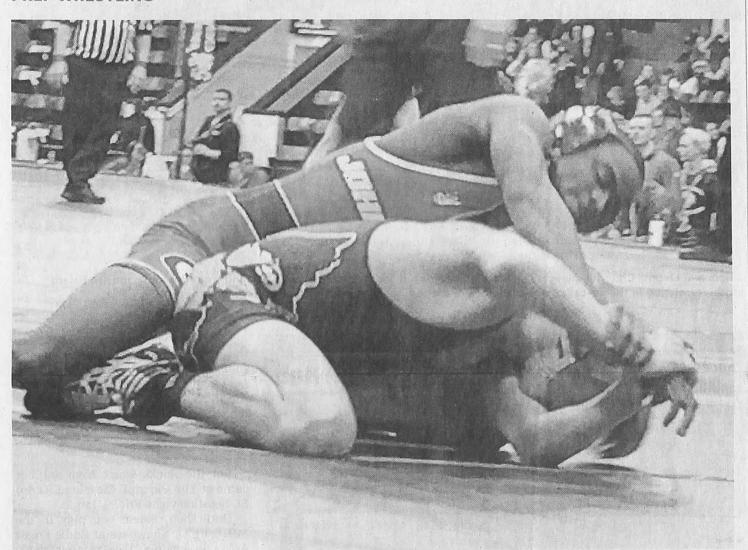
Indianapolis (Ind.) Cathedral senior Cole Hocker became the new Foot Locker champion as he posted a 5K time of 15:13.7. Knoxville (Tenn.) Catholic senior Jake Renfree was runner-up in 15:19.5.

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Plymouth junior Carter Solomon (right) hits the finish line in fourth place, just ahead of **Drew Bosley of** Thiensville, Wis., during Saturday's **Foot Locker Cross Country National** Championship. VICTAH SAILER I PHOTORUN.NET

PREP WRESTLING



John Glenn's Caleb Meekins returns after placing fourth in last year's Division 1 individual state finals. BRAD EMONS I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

John Glenn reloads for another state tourney run

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Out of the frying pan and into the fire. That's the mantra Bill Polk is sticking with entering his 21st season as Westland John Glenn's wrestling coach.

Glenn finished 25-4 last year in dual matches and reached the MHSAA Division 1 team state quarterfinals in Kalamazoo before losing a close encounter to Davison, 28-25.

The Rockets lost three state placers to graduation, including 125-pound champ Michael Mars (Michigan), 140 runner-up Anthony Gibson (Northern Illinois) and 130 Isaac Lefler, who took

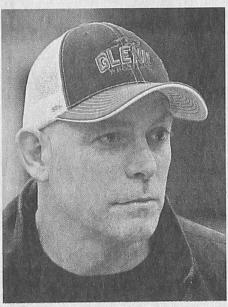
Glenn will be led by a pair of returning state placers this season in senior Caleb Meekins, who finished 50-10 en route to a fourth at 119. He'll move up to 125 this year and is ranked No. 1 preseason in his weight class by Michigan-Grappler.com.

"He had a great summer," Polk said. "We had 20 guys wrestle all summer long, but probably he probably did more wrestling than anybody. He was a high school All-American a couple of times in big tournaments, so he put a lot of time

Brenton Polk, nephew of the head coach, took eighth last year at 145 and went 41-17 overall. He will move up to 152. Regional qualifiers Shawn Brown

(145) and Ty Cowen (112) also return. The newly constructed KLAA East Division features not only John Glenn,

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John Glenn coach Bill Polk.

BOYS HOCKEY

Salem blanks **Churchill to** make it two straight at 'The Vic'

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Perhaps the Salem Rocks have found a new home-ice advantage at the Victory Ice Center in Plymouth.

Salem's varsity boys hockey team blanked defending Division 3 finalist Livonia Churchill 4-0 Saturday in the Rocks' second appearance at "The Vic," following a 6-3 win Dec. 6 over Howell.

With senior goaltender Gavin Hall perfect between the pipes for Salem, the only offense the Rocks needed came on a short-side snipe by sophomore forward Dante Doute late in the first period. That goal, with 24 seconds to go, made it 1-0. Assisting on the goal was junior defenseman Anthony Gat-

"We were running a play, go D-to-D up to the winger and then they chipped it out," Doute said. "I saw I had space, a 50/50 battle, went up there, beat him and I saw a (Churchill) guy to my left and I knew the clock was running down, I just fired it and it went in.

"Yeah, I thought it hit back bar, I'm 100-percent sure it did. I don't think everyone else did, though, but the ref was right there and I saw him signal and I was just so happy."

Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher, meanwhile, credited Hall for providing strong, athletic goaltending for the second time in two starts. In his debut, Hall defeated Brighton, the defending D-1 champion.

"I would say he's off to a pretty good start," Ossenmacher said. "He's an athletic goalie. If you were just going to watch him positionally, he's not the prettiest. But he tends to make the right save.

"And even if he doesn't put it in the right spot after the initial save, he's athletic enough to get back in position to make the second save. He did that well tonight."

Ossenmacher also likes how his team is adjusting to Victory Ice Center, which features an overhang at one end with the famous Joe Louis Arena exte-

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Salem senior goalie Gavin Hall turns aside an in-close bid by Livonia Churchill's Jack Boyk. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Salem

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rior sign and a section of red seats from the Detroit Red Wings' former home rink

"I wish we had more home games now, I guess," Ossenmacher said. "Two-for-two and we don't have another one until January. It was good, tonight's crowd was fantastic, our student section was full. I thought the atmosphere was really fun.

"You hear it all the time, but that's what high school hockey's all about, playing in front of your classmates, playing in front of friends and family."

Salem (4-2 overall, 1-0 KLAA Black Division) doubled the lead to 2-0 on a dazzling individual effort by junior defenseman Josh German with 3:13 left in the second period.

German cut into the Churchill zone, broke around a defender and roofed a shot past Chargers sophomore goalie Bryant Riley.

The young Chargers, who fell to 1-3-1 overall and 1-2-0 in the division, had a five-on-three power play late in the middle period, but could not cash in against Salem's strong penalty kick and goaltending.

Key stretch

Both coaches said that might have

been a turning point.

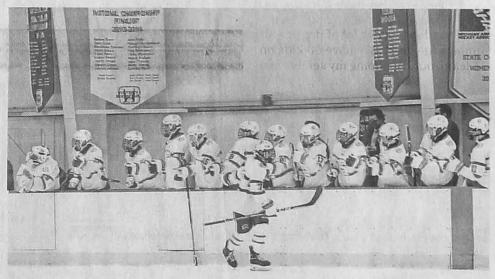
"I thought we did a better job of moving the puck around the zone," Churchill head coach Jason Reynolds said. "I thought we had some more composure, just needed to get some more shots to the net and try to get some traffic in front. I don't think we did that nearly enough."

According to Ossenmacher, "Anytime you go down five-on-three, and I think at the time it was a 2-0 game, that can go one way or the other, right? They pop a goal in, it's 2-1 and they're back on the power play and get another one (and) it's 2-2. But our guys did a good job. We blocked a couple shots, won a couple draws."

In the third period, after an apparent goal by Colin Goleniak was called off due to contact in the crease with Riley, the Rocks added a pair of goals to win



Salem and Livonia Churchill players get after it Saturday at Victory Ice Center. Watching from the end zone are Salem students, sitting in the so-called Joe Louis Arena section. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Salem sophomore Dante Doute is congratulated by teammates after scoring Saturday's first goal. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

going away.

With Salem on a power play, junior forwards Ethan Granowicz and Alex Schaumburger teamed for a goal with seven minutes left. Sophomore Devan Grayshaw drew the second assist.

Schaumburger threaded a feed from the right side in front to Granowicz, who tipped it past Riley.

Closing out the scoring with 2:48 to go was sophomore forward Nathan Zylik. He chipped a shot over Riley's trapper, with assists going to German and senior defenseman Nick Hanson.

Hall needed to come up with a pad stop in the final seconds to preserve the shutout. After the final horn, he was mobbed by his teammates. "My team was hyping me up before the game," Hall said. "They were hoping that I'd get the shutout and, as you can see looking at the score, I did it. ... I love the arena, everyone loves it. It's just like home."

Road warriors

But the Rocks won't have another game at The Vic until Cleveland (Ohio) St. Ignatius visits Friday, Jan. 11.

Until then, Salem will play in the MIHL/KLAA Showcase at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia, face campus rivals Plymouth and Canton on the road and then make the annual trek to the Traverse City Central tournament (games Dec. 27-29 at Centre Ice Arena).

Meanwhile, the Chargers hope to learn from Saturday's outcome.

"This is a gritty team, we're not a pretty team anymore," Reynolds said. "And again, this is a young group, these guys are really trying to establish an identity for themselves.

"It's good to play teams like this, but at the same time it certainly brings to light the shortcomings that we have right now."

If you have a compelling story to tell, contact Tim Smith at tsmith@hometownlife.com.

Solomon

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Grayden Morris (Aledo, Texas), the Foot Locker runner-up last year, placed third in 15:25.1, less than a second ahead of Solomon.

"Honestly, I've been ecstatic since the race," Solomon said. "It was incredible. I had expectations for myself going into the race, but finishing fourth was beyond my expectations. I couldn't be more happy with the result."

Solomon didn't know what to expect going against nation's elite runners.

"I kind of just went in to race," he said. "I didn't have any kind of strategy, because I knew everybody was going to have some kind of strategy. I kind just wanted to sit behind the leaders and close as hard as I could with 400 meters to go. I feel like I executed the plan to the best of my ability. My coach (Jon Mikosz) and my dad (Brian) both came out and kind of came up with a plan. They shared a room. They love it out here.

They're having a blast."

Conditions were more than ideal under sunny skies and 60-degree morning temperatures in San Diego, a far cry from the sub-30 temps and windy conditions in sloppy Kenosha.

"Oh my gosh, this was nothing compared to Wisconsin," Solomon said.

Afterward, Solomon was on cloud nine and was soaking up the red carpet treatment provided by the Foot Locker people. It was his first trip to California.

"They had lunches for us, just some games and then we were playing cornhole and what not, took a shower, some post-race interviews, ate some ice cream ... it's been awesome," Solomon said. "They treat us very well and the weekend still isn't over yet. Me and my buddies keep going down to the beach, because it's so beautiful down there. We can't get enough of it."

Solomon was coming off a dream cross country season, as he led the Wildcats to their first MHSAA Division 1 team state championship Nov. 3 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, where he was runner-up indi-

vidually to Ann Arbor Pioneer's Nick Foster with a time of 15:18.1

Foster with a time of 15:18.1.

Solomon also was the regional (14:59.4), Kensington Lakes Activities Association (15:07.3) and Wayne County (15:09.2) champion this fall. His personal best of 14:59.0 came Oct. 13 at the Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Invitational.

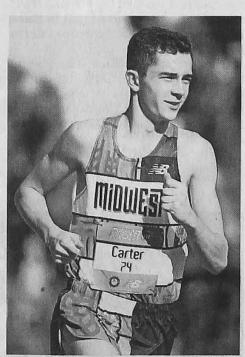
After the long cross country season, Solomon will now take a much-needed break.

"I'll do some indoor races to just kind of maintain some leg speed and then really try to pound it this outdoor track season," he said.

And with his family and coach in attendance, his first Foot Locker championship meet went beyond his wildest dreams.

"That was the happiest I've ever seen him after a race," Solomon said of his father. "When I qualified, he was just, like, over the moon. After this race, he was even more excited. It was awesome seeing. My coach (Mikosz) was just as excited."

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Plymouth's Carter Solomon comes out for the pre-race introductions at the Foot Locker Cross Country National Championships. ANDREW MCCLANAHAN | PHOTORUN.NET

Wrestling

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but also Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Wayne Memorial, Belleville, Dearborn Fordson and Dearborn High.

"I like it, I think it should be competitive," Polk said. "Belleville has some tough kids and Fordson always has some scrappy kids. I think it's going to be a good decision."

Franklin, coming off another district title under 19th-year coach Dave Chiola, should give Glenn a strong push.

The Patriots will be led by junior Jake Swirple (285), who placed eighth a year ago in the Division 1 finals while sporting a record of 49-10. Two-time state qualifier Russ Rusnell (119) also returns for his senior season.

Meanwhile, Gila Ridge, Ariz. transfer Christian Gerber, a junior who placed third in his division with a 49-II record, should also give the Patriots a boost along with three other regional qualifiers in sophomore Rocco DiPonio, Marino DiPonio and Logan Evanchuk. The Patriots also return three others who recorded 30-plus wins.

Churchill is banking on three returning regional qualifiers in Drew Bush (135), Connor McNanally (160) and Matt Wilson (215), while Stevenson will be led by regional qualifier Mitchell Plucinski (152).

Wayne Memorial has a new varsity coach as Hekima Humphries takes over for Jamie Preiss.

The KLAA West Division race is more daunting as Division 1 runner-up Brighton, bolstered by three high-profile transfers, and elite eight qualifier Hartland (No. 7), will be the teams to beat.

Brighton, the defending KLAA dual champion, pulled in state placers for this season including River Shettler (Hartland), who was runner-up at 160; Sam Freeman (Walled Lake Central), a junior who took third at 119; and Rhett Newton (Novi Detroit Catholic Central), a senior at 145.

Also trying to contend in the KLAA West is Salem, a district championship team led by state qualifier JaQuan Baker (160), who went 42-17 last year. Regional qualifier Max Hirvela (130) is also back.

Canton expects to be improved under third year-coach Billy Taylor and will led by regional qualifiers Chris Little and Dylan Slowik.

Other regional qualifiers returning include Plymouth's Andrew Attallah (189-215); Northville's Nicholas Gattoni (145) and Brandon Liu (112); Novi's Alvin Freeman (171) and Matt George (160).

Here is a closer look at the Hometownlife.com-area teams in KLAA.

East Division

Livonia Churchill

Head coach: Jake Meadows, third season.

Wrestlers to watch: Drew Bush, Sr., 135 (regional qualifier); Connor McAnalley, Sr., 160 (regional qualifier); Matt Wilson, Jr., 215 (regional qualifier); Invi Bella, Soph., 135; Garrett Englehart, Soph., 130; Aiden Haupt, Soph., 119; Mike Bragiel, Jr., 160.

Meadows' 2018-19 outlook: "The depth of our team will come from a mature sophomore group and a solid incoming freshmen class. We return eight starters to the lineup, with five returning to the same weight class from last season. With returning regional qualifiers at 135, 160 and 215, we should be able to halt any team's momentum against us. We have multiple weight classes with more than one tough wrestler, which should give us some flexibility to bump guys around. We have the potential to catch teams off guard, which should prove for an exciting season."

Livonia Franklin

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Head coach: Dave Chiola,19th season.

Titles won last year: Division 1 district.

Wrestlers to watch: Jake Swirple, Jr., 289 (eighth, Division1 placer; 49-10); Russ Rusnell, Sr., 119 (state qualifier; 47-9); Christian Gerber, Jr., 119 (transfer from Gila Ridge, Ariz.); Rocco DiPonio, Soph., 140 (regional qualifier); Marino DiPonio, Sr., 160 (regional qualifier); Logan Evanchuk, Sr., 135 (regional qualifier); Jacob Johnson, Sr., 152; Jager Kwiatkowski, Soph., 119; Erick Reaves, Jr., 189.

Chiola's 2018-19 outlook: "We have some solid kids returning this year, although we had several key people decide not to join. The big obstacle will be getting all the weights filled. We have huge depth at some weights, while other weights are very thin. I really like our freshmen this year. Some have never wrestled before, but they are learning quickly and coming on strong. If we keep everybody healthy, I think we can

have a pretty decent team. We're going to set high goals for ourselves and take it a week at a time."

Livonia Stevenson

Head coach: John McCurdy, second sea-

Wrestlers to watch: Mitchell Plucinski, Sr., 152 (regional qualifier); Ethan Barel, Soph., 112; Jared Wilkinson, Sr. 152-160; Logan Schop-

pert, Sr., 125-130; Dylan Kuschel, Soph., 160; Quincy Salter, Fr., 152; Jack Micallef Jr. 189

lef, Jr., 189. McCurdy's 2018-19 outlook: "This is my second year with the program, but we've only had one off season, but we're looking to make the next step. My goal is always the process. It's not about the destination, it's about the journey. I'm feeling like we're going to be pretty good by the end of the year. We're going to be way improved. Our numbers are way up. Last season we wrestled with 14 kids. I've got 37 in my room every day this year. We had an awesome summer. We set a team goal to wrestle 1,000 matches as a team and we did it with the 14 we had. We took a team to camp and wrestled some preseason meets. My guys have really pushed hard and I expect us to be competitive and I us to keep moving forward in the process. I think we're probably a year away from real contention because I have a lot of good sophomores and juniors, but we'll be pretty

Westland John Glenn

good this year."

Head coach: Bill Polk, 21st season. Titles won last year: Division 1 district, regional, KLAA Black Division.

Wrestlers to watch: Caleb Meekins, Sr., 125 (fourth, Division 1 placer; 50-10); Brenton Polk, Sr., 152 (eighth, Division 1 placer; 41-17); Shawn Brown, Jr., 145 (regional qualifier); Ty Cowan, Soph., 112 (regional qualifier); Kyle Borthwell, Sr., 130; Ethan Collins, Sr., 119; Graden Bowen, Sr., 160 (captain); Justin Morrison, Jr., 171; Antoine Hines, Sr., 285; Josh Mars, Fr., 103; Jalil Traylor, Sr., 140-145.

Polk's 2018-19 outlook: "I think we can be every bit as good as we were last year. My biggest concern is staying healthy because we have a real good group of kids, but there's a few weights where we don't have a lot of depth. Our numbers are great. We have 60 kids on the team, but I'm hoping my seniors can stay healthy and keep them all in the lineup so I don't have to plug those younger kids in yet."

Wayne Memorial

Head coach: Hekima Humphries, first season.

Wrestlers to watch: Kalib Linder, Sr., 152; Jalen Adams, Sr., 171; Cameron Briggs, Sr., 160; Jayvon Johnson, Sr., 189; Brianna Sexton, Sr., 112-119.

Humphries' 2018-19 outlook: "The outlook is positive as far as we're going to learn and we're going to grow. I'm looking towards the future here as I have a young team. We have a lot of middle schoolers and elementary schoolers that have been participating in our youth program, the Wolf Pups, and they'll be coming up, so the future looks bright. This year I'm looking to get those top tier wrestlers that I do have maybe contending for regional and state places."

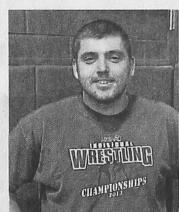
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Canton

Head coach: Billy Taylor, third sea-

Wrestlers to watch: Chris Little, Sr., 189 (regional qualifier); Dylan Slowik, Jr., 152 (regional qualifier); Mitch Winnie, Jr., 152; Sam Wolf, Jr., 130; Gabe Dicola, Jr. 125; Ahmed Alkhekani, Soph., 135; Mario Succurro, Jr., 140; Logan Hammond, Soph., 160; Brendan Watkins, Fr., 103; Dillon Vanderpool, Jr., 125; J.C. Morgan, Fr., 119; Adam Nicholas, Fr.,

145. Assistant Ty Jasman's 2018-19 outlook: "We have to improve every day that we're in the room and we always want to look at the next opponent in front of us, not towards individual districts, regionals or anything like that, just look toward the next meet and try to be the best that we can be. As of right now we have one open spot, I believe, at 285. Everything else is already covered. We have a lot of new guys this year. We have a lot of new freshman coming in. And we actually had some upperclassmen who haven't wrestled for us before come out, people who are juniors that decided that they decided to come out for wrestling. I hope for Chris (Little) and a couple of other guys as well (qual-



Henderson

ify for states). He's been working hard in the room and we hope the best for him."

Plymouth

Head coach: Patrick Durocher, first season.

Wrestlers to watch: Andrew Attalah, Sr., 189-215 (regional qualifier); Josh Kne, Sr., 285; Andy Stevens, Soph., 112; Frankie Dettore, 119; Owen Fahey, Soph., 145-152.

Durocher's 2018-19 outlook:. "We're looking for kids to go out there and wrestle hard. We're a fairly young team. I expect to do a lot of teaching this year and getting kids some good, quality varsity experience. Hopefully we'll win a district title. We've got about 35, so we can fill all the spots in our lineup."

Salem

Head coach: Jeremy Henderson, sixth season.

Titles won last year: Division 1 district.

Wrestlers to watch: JaQuan Baker, Sr., 160 (state qualifier; 42-17); Max Hirvela, Sr., 130 (regional qualifier); Dylan Fleming, Fr., 103; Kaden Cushman, Fr., 119; Collin Schultz, Sr., 125; Dustin Murphy, Sr., 140; Ty Wagner, Fr., 140; Ash Mewha, Soph., 145; Ben Bennett, Sr., 152; Sean Barnett, Sr., 152; Justin Pronyk, Soph., 189; Warren Cox, Soph., 215; Dontez Gipson, Soph., 215; Evan Kirkpatrick, Jr., 285.

Henderson's 2018-19 outlook: "Salem wrestling is looking to build on there fourth straight District title. We have a great group of seniors, along with a very up an coming batch of freshman and sophomores. Were looking to put a good group of guys to individual regionals, get a handful to 'states,' got a couple on the podium and be top 16 in the state teamwise. It starts with hard work and heart and this team has a lot of it. It's going to be a very exciting season. Most of the guys on the lineup have varsity experience, so we're looking for our seniors to lead the way and our underclassmen to follow and be tough kids on the

Northville

Head coach: Tyler Schneider, third season

Wrestlers to watch: Nicholas Gattoni, Jr., 145 (regional qualifier); Brandon Liu, Jr., 112 (regional qualifier); Grant Gattoni, Jr., 112; Demir Tagani, Jr., 285; Ibrahim Abdur-Rauf, Sr., 125; Reid Garbacik, Sr., 135; Ethan Galdikas, Sr., 171; Jack Gattoni, Fr., 103; Jacob Frost, Jr., 189; Carmen Raad, Soph., 125.

Assistant coach Todd Gattoni's 2018-19 outlook: "We're hoping to bring a handful of kids to regions this year. It's a promising, young team with some strong veterans coming back. Last year year Nick Gattoni and Brandon Liu both made it to regions, both came close to making it through to 'states,' so we're optimistic that will happen. It's a promising season for us. Our numbers are growing. The program has expanded probably three-fold the past two-tothree years. We're expecting to win probably 75 of our dual matches and be one of the contenders to our part of the KLAA this year. We're going to have a full team. We have depth at every weight. We have two or three kids competing which really makes your team a lot sharper. The old clichè 'steel sharpens steel' and that's one of the things we're trying to bring here at Northville . . . increased toughness and we're getting there. We're optimistic about a great year and a lot of support from the administration."

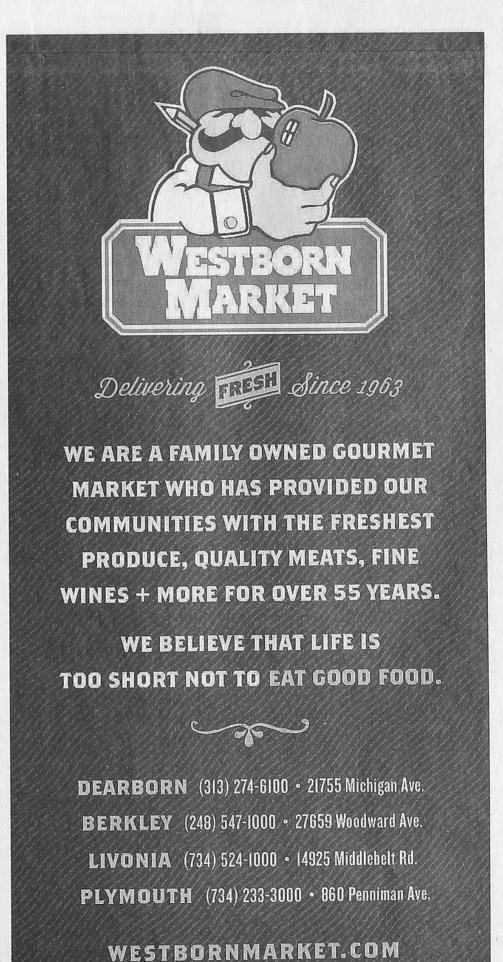
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Head coach: Joel Smith, ninth sea-

Wrestlers to watch: Alvin Freeman, Sr., 171 (regional qualifier); Matt George, Sr., 160 (regional qualifier); Ryan Heur, Sr., 152; Kyle Heslop, Sr., 215; Ryan Farris, Sr., 130; David Shim, Sr., 119; Drew Heur, Jr., 189; Michael Dragoo, Soph., 285.

Smith's 2018-19 outlook: "The team has been working very hard so far. We're looking forward to getting some competition to test our preparation. We start out the year at Birch Run where we know we know we will be tested. Oakland County is soon after, and before we know it, we will be planning for end of season. We will be leaning on our seniors for their leadership this year. Good luck to all our MHSAA teams."

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Coach gives Thurston 'A' for strong 'D' against RU

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Momentum in a high school boys basketball game can turn on a dime.

And that was certainly the case Friday at Redford Union, with the Panthers letting a big early lead slip away against Redford Thurston. The Eagles, behind 15 points and 12 rebounds from senior forward Jamar Boyd, registered a 41-35 victory in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference opener for both squads.

After spotting the Panthers a 10-2 edge in the first minute of the second quarter, Thurston started to chip away on a layup and two free throws by Isaiah Turner (10 points). And then RU had a chance to get up 12-6 when a Panther took the ball to the rack for an apparent dunk.

The player missed the slam and was called for hanging onto the rim, giving Thurston a technical free throw and the ensuing possession. All of a sudden, it was 10-10 and after that it was anybody's ballgame.

"We were down 10-2 and made a couple buckets and then got our legs under-

neath us," Thurston coach Brian Bates said. "I think that was the turning point. Even though it was early in the game, I felt that was a big turning point for us."

Boyd had a lot to do with Thurston's bounce-back effort. He cited the intensity and emotion

whenever the two township rivals square off.

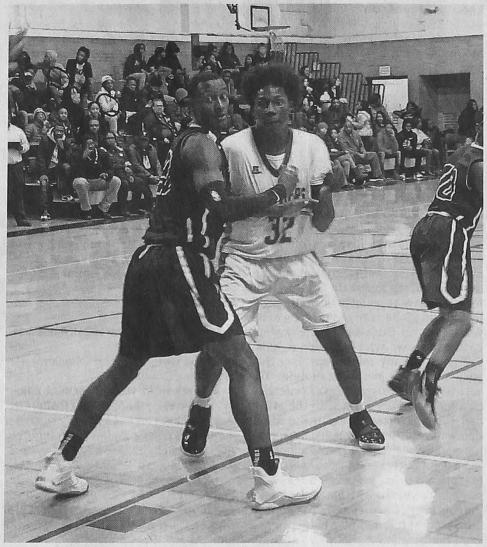
"Against RU, they're really good, we know most of the dudes on the team, it's

know most of the dudes on the team, it's really competitive," Boyd said. "But we got to go at our friends, even though we're real close with them.

"We started swinging the ball more. Communicating with each other on offense, trying not to take contested shots."

Tide-turning moment

Lamenting the momentum swing



The action gets physical as Redford Thurston's Mar'Shai Carter-Tait (left) squares off against Redford Union's David Reese. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

was RU head coach Randall Taylor.

"That's what we call a turnaround play," Taylor said. "That went from momentum for us off a simple layoff, where he missed the dunk and did a pull up (on the cylinder), which gave him a technical foul.

"And that gave them the momentum. After that, that's when things really started to change. It seemed like we started to unravel from there."

Bates credited a ferocious team defense and toughness in the paint, which forced numerous Panthers turnovers as well as important rebounds at both ends of the floor.

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"I thought we played really good defense," said Bates, whose team improved to 2-2 overall and 1-0 in the WHAC. "We got back into the game playing defense. Switched up what we were doing offensively a little bit, got some buckets off of it. But defense won the game for us tonight. ... It's just not one person, it was the entire team tonight."

The game was deadlocked 15-15 at halftime and close throughout much of the second half. But whenever the Panthers might catch a spark (such as on a basket by junior Ahmeer Cossom in the third quarter) to get to within 26-24, the Eagles responded.

Moments after Cossom's bucket, Thurston junior Marvus McWright tallied a pair of layups, off inside dishes (from Turner and Boyd, respectively) to build a 30-24 edge.

At the end of the third, Khali Freeman picked off a RU pass to keep the visiting team's student section in a boisterous mood.

And then Thurston's Davon Hedwood buried a triple while falling down in the left corner of the floor in the opening minute of the fourth quarter, making it 33-24.

Redford Union (2-2, 0-1) made a solid comeback bid that proved too little, too late.

Sophomore Nate Brown (10 points) sank a trey and junior Ahmer Cossom (nine points) scored on a put-back, slicing the Eagles' lead to 36-32 midway through the fourth.

A layup by Brown closed the gap to 37-35 with under three minutes remaining, getting hopes up for the Panthers and their fans.

But to Taylor's chagrin, the Panthers coughed up the basketball on three consecutive possessions and never added another point.

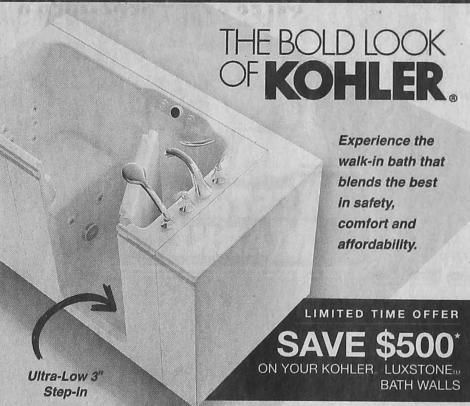
"We didn't play with any type of poise in the second half tonight," Taylor said. "Also, maybe the first quarter we played with a little bit of poise, we played under control and were up 10-2. And then we turned the ball over for lack of poise, just a lack of mental toughness.

"We also talked about playing for the fans tonight, as opposed to playing for the team. Being under control. There were times where the ball was turned over and we were out of control instead of playing smarter. But we're growing. It's a young team with some experience with some guys, and we're just growing and learning tonight."

Chipping in four points for the Eagles was senior Mar'Shai Carter-Tait, while RU junior Nahseer Cossom tallied nine points.

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World players return to Plymouth this week

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There's no time like the present for National Hockey League scouts to start filling their notebooks about players still a couple years away from draft eligibility.

And with the 2018 U-17 Four Nations Cup at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, running through Dec. 15, scouts and hockey fans alike will have the chance to see what the future might hold for NHL teams.

The home team is the U.S. National Team Development Program's U-17 squad, coached by Seth Appert. The U.S. opened with a game 1 against Slovakia, followed by games against against Switzerland and 7 p.m. Dec. 14 against favored Russia.

"I think anytime you have an opportunity to represent your country in international competition is incredibly special," Appert said. "And even though we get to wear that jersey on a daily basis, you only get three opportunities a year to do it in international competition.

"It's extremely special, our guys are chomping at the bit. And to get to play at home just adds another element to it."

Change of pace

According to Appert, whose team is getting used to the grind of facing United States Hockey League squads that are bigger, older and stronger than U.S. players, the Four Nations Cup is a timely break in the schedule. It also is a worthwhile test to gauge progress the U-17 players are making.

"We're going through a lot of the typical U-17 ups and downs," he said. "The beauty of the U-17 year is you fail a lot. And the USHL games are really hard, because you're playing 18- to 20-year-olds and you're 15 and 16.

"You constantly are going through adversity, you're constantly being tested. And the guys just keep working and getting better and they stay true to the process."

Future stars on display

Longtime play-by-play man Pete Krupsky (Plymouth Whalers, USA Hockey NTDP, Schoolcraft College) invited fans to see some of the tournament action.

"This is one of the early viewings for scouts for players that are 16, going on 17," Krupsky said, "guys that are going to be up for the 2020 and 2021 NHL drafts. Most scouts right now are concentrating on the 2019 NHL draft, so these guys are too young for that.

"For fans and the scouts that are here, they are go-



Four Nations Cup fans will want to watch rugged defenseman Tyler Kleven, one of four members of the U.S. NTDP U-17 team projected to be a future first-round NHL draft pick. RENA LAVERTY **USA HOCKEY**

ing to get an early line on the guys up for the 2020 and 2021 drafts."

Krupsky cited the "20 for 2020" list compiled by Craig Button of TSN. Four players from the U.S. NTDP U-17 team are part of that coveted group — Luke Tuch (ranked seventh), Jake Sanderson (ninth), Ty Smilanic (10th) and Tyler Kleven (15th).

Who else to watch

Other top-20 players who will skate in Plymouth include five players from Russia.

They are Yaroslav Askavov (17th and the top-rated goalie), Vasili Ponomaryov (who led Russia in scoring at the recent World U-17 Hockey Challenge in Canada), Daniil Gushchin, Andrey Bakanov and Yan Kuznetsov.

Switzerland's Jeremie Bartschi and Noah Meier also are "must-see" players.

Where to watch

Being inside the arena (14900 Beck Road in Plymouth, north of M-14) always is the best option. Ticket packages are \$15 for weekend doubleheaders (doubleheaders Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14-15).

It will cost \$25 for fans wanting to catch all four games to be played Friday (when the round-robin portion of the tournament ends) and Saturday (third-place game, 3:30 p.m.; first-place game, 7 p.m.).

For tickets, call 734-453-8400 or go to www.USA-HockeyNTDP.com/4Nations2018.

Krupsky's broadcast of all games will be available to stream at www.hockeytv.com and select contests will be aired live on Comcast Local (Channel 900).

Why watch?

According to Appert, hockey fans won't want to pass up the chance to watch some "extremely passionate" hockey between some of the world's best.

"As excited as we are to represent our country, Slovakia, Switzerland, Russia feel the same about theirs," Appert said.

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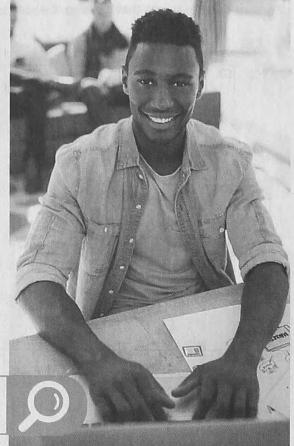
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 - 1 Mother of Helen of Troy 2 Love deity 3 Chest organ
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- 11 JFK, e.g. 12 High-strung 13 Vine-covered us") 14 Grassy area
- 15 Mom's skill, in brief 16 Fright-filled 17 Wellspring
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- 32 Japanese 33 Concerning 34 "So cute!" 35 Beer bubbles
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- 55 Wise guy 56 Cola biggie
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- 60 Root beer brand
- 62 Filmmaker Pier -Pasolini
- 63 Nile's home 64 Stephen of "Ondine" 65 Suffix with
- 29 Sorbet 66 Kick out 67 Debt slip 68 Chou En- --69 Soho stroller
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- 96 Santo -("Pray for 97 Diminutive 98 Audiophile's
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 - 108 "Over There" composer 109 Kevin of "Silverado"
- 113 Pitcher -Wilhelm 114 Central "Comrade Sicilian city
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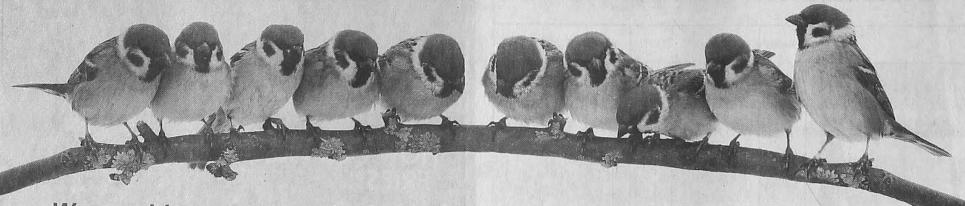
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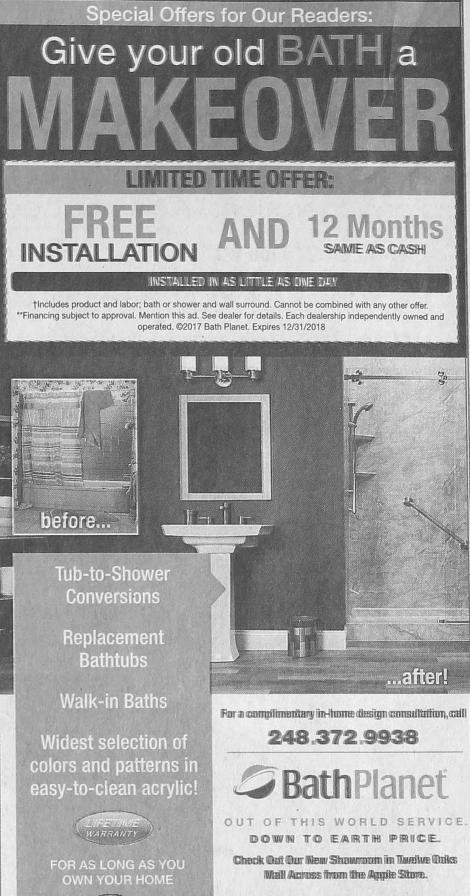
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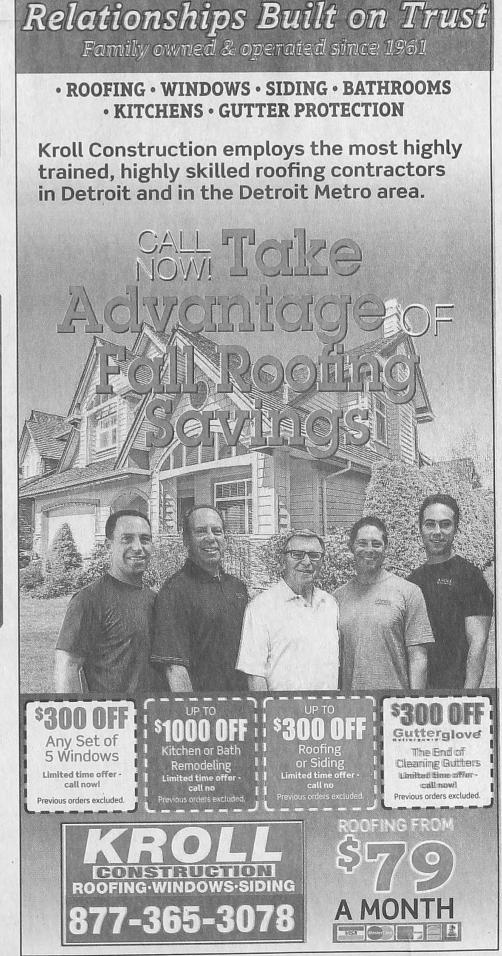






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