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PARC receives much-needed financial boost

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The future of the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex grew several shades brighter last week, just two months after a failed millage request

cast a cloud of uncertainty over the former Central Middle School building.

PARC, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, secured ownership of the 16.6-acre property that includes the school after accepting a grant from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

The grant allowed PARC to complete

purchase of the site from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, which had agreed to sell the property to PARC once Central Middle School closed in 2015.

The PARC facility, located just northwest of downtown Plymouth, is populated with close to 30 nonprofit organi-

zations that range from cooking schools to the Michigan Philharmonic.

"This is a critical first step, but much work needs to be done to raise the funds for the renovation and ongoing operations support," PARC president Don

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Julie Sandberg gave birth to a pretty large percentage of the Penn Theatre's employees. Nick Sandberg, 24, Patrick Sandberg, 18, Catherine Sandberg, 19, and Melanie Sandberg, 22, all volunteered, then worked at the theater. Patrick is the only Sandberg currently working there. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

All in the family

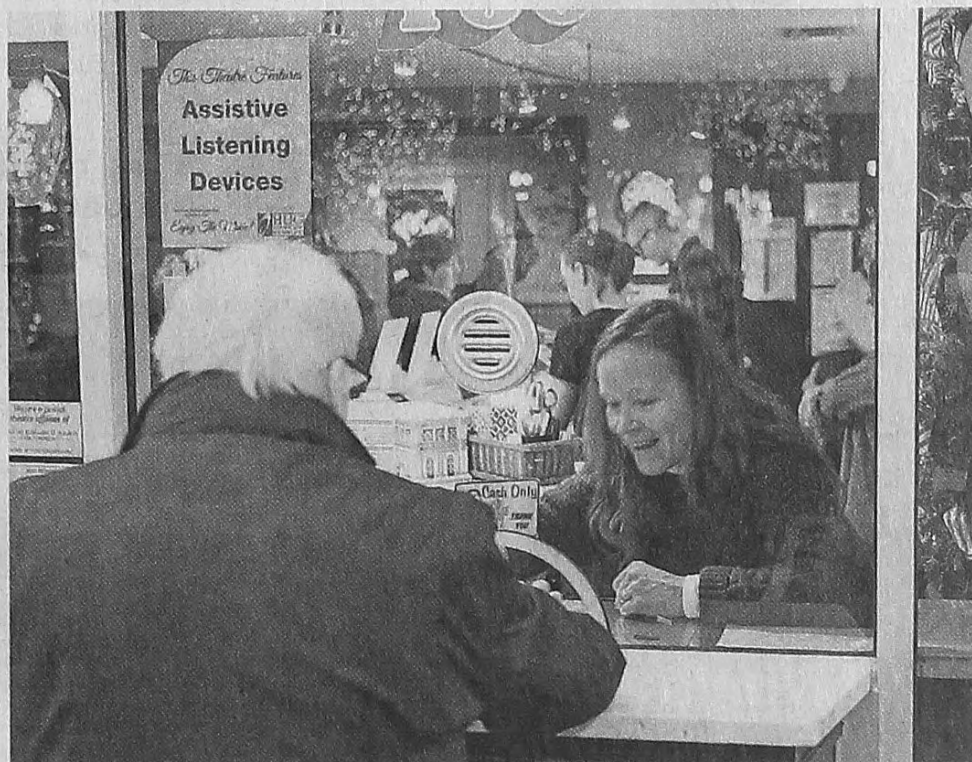
Penn Theatre connection bonds siblings with employers

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As one might expect, murals of classic movies line the hallways inside Plymouth's historic Penn Theatre.

And during holiday break, Catherine Sandberg, 19, stood in front of one of those murals — recreated by Plymouth artist Janisse Larsson — depicting "It's a Wonderful Life," the 1946 Jimmy Stewart movie that is a 21st century holiday TV staple.

For Sandberg and three of her siblings, life indeed has been wonderful over the past decade volunteering and then working at the Penn. Her older brother Nick, now 24, started a family trend in 2008 that continues to this day — with 18-year-old Patrick finishing his senior year at Plymouth High School and, with that, closing out a fun, frenzied and popcorn-littered chapter in the family's life.



Ellen Elliott, executive director of Friends of the Penn, works the ticket window one recent night. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Five local social media accounts to follow in 2019

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Everyone is on social media, but not everyone has something worthwhile to say.

Make it one of your new year's resolutions in 2019 to find some new, interesting accounts to follow on social media. I've found a few accounts local to the Hometown Life areas of western Wayne and Oakland counties that are more than worthwhile of a "like" or a "follow" in the new year.

There's plenty of accounts that provide useful info and we looked more so at accounts that aren't "official" community or business accounts. While accounts for cities like Livonia, Westland and Novi provide plenty of useful info, I didn't include them here because it just seems a little too obvious.

Here's who's worth keeping tabs on in the new year that's a little more off-beat.

The Birmingham Museum on Twitter (@bham_museum)

While it's technically an account run by the city, this account has by far become my favorite local account to follow in 2018.

It brings history to life for the community — which marked its 200th anniversary this past year — in a way that your grandmother may not always recognize.

Operated by the staff at the museum at the intersection of Maple and Southfield in downtown Birmingham, the Twitter account @bham_museum launched in 2017 and quickly jumped into a national conversation that got a reaction that led to the modern-speak form it's in today.

"On November 3 of 2017, the National Museum of African American History and Culture organized a hashtag event call #smithsoniancyther which was basically a museum rap battle. I posted two lines from "Ice Ice Baby" about Martha Baldwin and the response was more than I had ever dreamed of," Caitlin Donnelly, a museum assistant, wrote in an email. "As a staff we discussed it and came to the conclusion that we might as well just go all in and get funny and weird with it and see what happens. And it's been working so far."

Today, it's not uncommon to see the museum riff on historical events using

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AREA EVENTS

Send calendar items to LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com. Items must be received at least two weeks prior to the event.

Socks and underwear drive

The annual socks and underwear drive to support the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district Clothing Bank is accepting donations through the end of January. A donation box, sponsored by the Ply-

mouth Democratic Club, is located in the lobby of the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, through the entire month.

In addition to the donation box in the lobby, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Martin Luther King Day (Monday, Jan. 21), there will be a special collection in the Friends board room at the library. This day, along with new socks and underwear, new or gently used clothing of all types, for all ages, will be collected. All donations are tax-deductible and receipts will be provided that

day.

Evalino Productions open house

Evalino Productions, newly formed theater company at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton will host an open house Sunday, Jan. 13. The event includes a lobby reception at 3 p.m.

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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.

Starfish Family Services Early Literacy Workshops

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

Details: SFS provides free, high-quality, 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 HighScope Educational Research Foundation.

Teen Boredom Busters

When: For 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.

NHS Tutoring

When: 1-3 p.m. each Sunday and 6-8 p.m. each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Details: NHS students from P-CCS provide homework help for students in grades 3-12.

Computer Skills Help for Beginners

When: 9-11 a.m. each Saturday, 3:30-5:30 p.m. each Sunday and 5-7 p.m. each Wednesday

Details: Experts are on hand to answer questions or connect you to additional resources.

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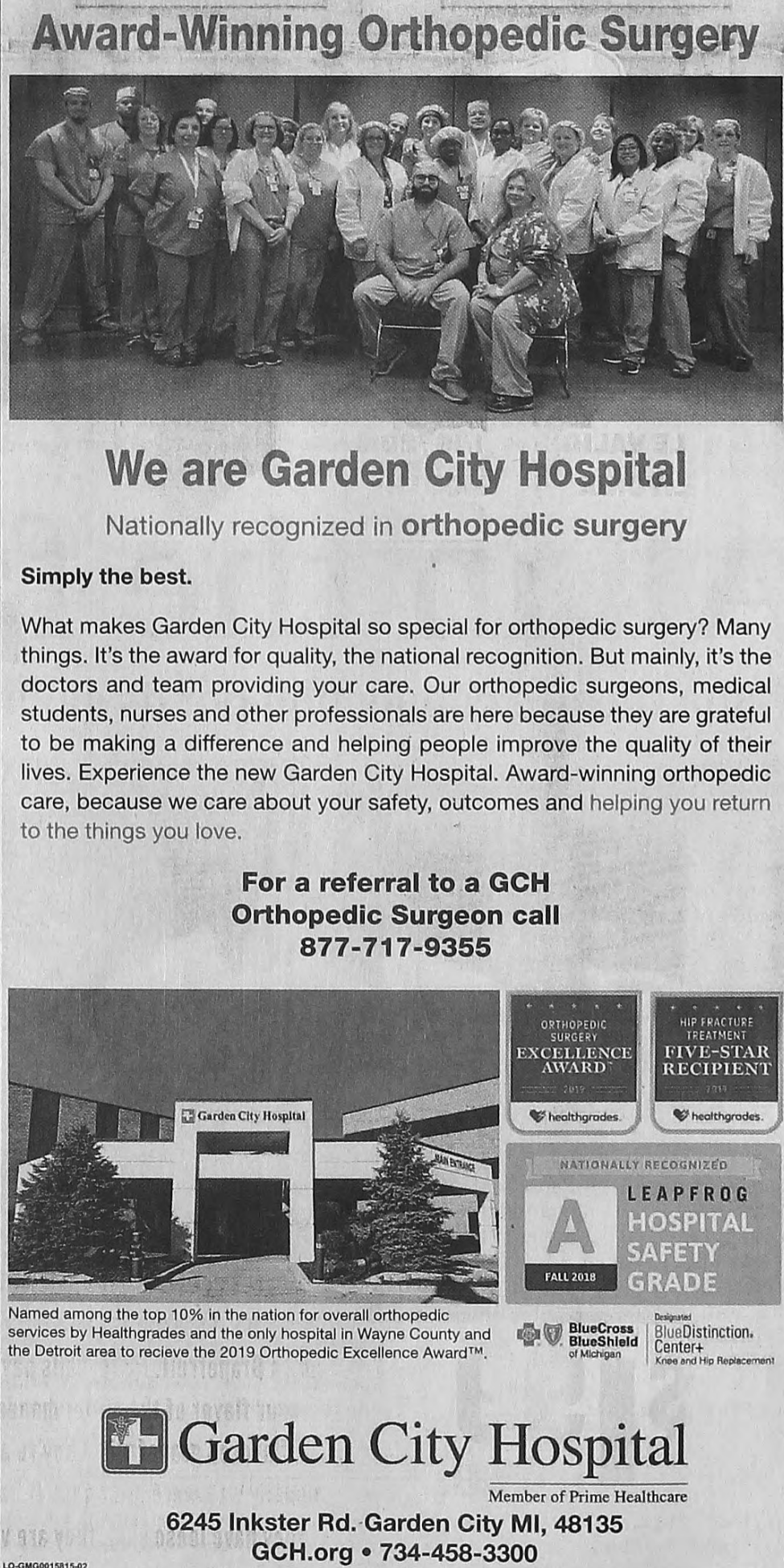
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Soenen said. He declined to disclose the amount of the grant.

PARC was injected with a double dose of good news as the Wilcox Family Foundation contributed \$200,000 of a \$1 million multi-year pledge.

A portion of the donation will be designated to provide an upgraded 150- to 200-seat theater in the PARC facility that will be named after Jack Wilcox, Soenen added.

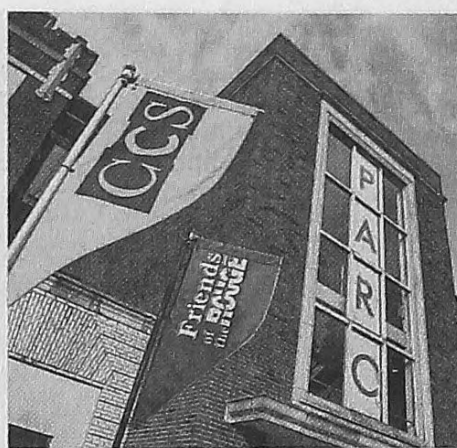
On Nov. 6, Plymouth residents rejected a 0.75-mill tax hike over 20 years that would have funded the building of an 800-seat performing arts theater on the PARC property, in addition to funding

much-needed maintenance to the 100-year-old building.

Plymouth residents are encouraged to attend a public meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, when more information will be revealed on the future plans for PARC.

"With the loss of the millage making the viability and survival of PARC so uncertain, we are delighted and grateful to have found a way forward that will keep the historic building alive with such great organizations and activities for the benefit of the community," said Mark Malcolm, who along with his wife Patty financed the initial purchase of the property for PARC.

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The Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex will be around for the foreseeable future after donors gave the nonprofit a much-needed financial boost. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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On the Spot Tech Help

When: 5-7 p.m. each Wednesday
3:30-5:30 p.m. each Sunday

Details: Tech-savvy volunteers lend a hand with computer and smartphone problems that you just can't figure out.

Board Gaming League of Canton

When: Noon first Saturday of each month

Details: Drop by to play some of the hottest games, sharpen your mental skills and meet new folks.

ELL Conversation Groups

When: 9:30-11 a.m. each Thursday and Friday

Details: Practice speaking English in an informal setting with Community Literacy Council volunteers.

Digital Download Drop-In Help

When: 10-11 a.m. each Friday

Details: Get one-on-one help from our information desk. Bring your device and, if you are a Kindle user, your Amazon log-in information.

ELL Reading Group

When: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday

Details: Beginning or Intermediate English Language Learners are invited to read together and discuss short articles, etc., in English with a tutor.

Preschool Storytime

When: 10-10:30 a.m. each Monday and 1-1:30 p.m. each Friday

Details: Preschool storytimes feature longer books, flannel board and rhymes designed for children ages 3½-5. Children must be able to sit independently and be attentive for 30 minutes. Parents may attend to help transition their child to this program. All parents must remain in the children's department. Registration required.

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and a performance at 4:30 p.m.

The complimentary event will include a lobby reception with hors d'oeuvres provided by local restaurants. The performance will include a special announcement of the company's first production, a children's musical with more than 21 available roles for kids ages 17 and under that will perform the first week of May in the Biltmore Studio at The Village Theater.

For more information, go to www.cantonvillage theater.org or call 734-394-5300.

Music at the Elks

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

The R.J. Spangler group Planet D Nonet is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 29, featuring Spangler on drums, Justin Jozwiak on sax, Jim Holden on sax, Goode Wyche III on sax, James O'Donnell on trumpet and vocals, Charlie Miller on trumpet, Michael Zaporski on keyboard, TBone Paxton on trombone and vocals and Jeff Cuny on bass.

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.

New exhibit at Village Theater

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton will host exhibit the collaborative exhibit, "All of the Tree," featuring a combination of works by Stephen Kolpacke and Jennifer Lanzilotti, through Jan. 30.

This exhibit at the Gallery@VT is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, one hour prior to and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment. For more information, call 734-394-5300 or go to www.cantonvillage theater.org.

Literacy council seeks volunteers

The Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council, a volunteer, nonprofit organization aiming to improve English literacy skills for adults in Western Wayne County, is seeking volunteer tutors. CLC provides free one-on-one tutors and conversation group tutors throughout the Plymouth-Canton community. The next training classes are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2 and May 18.

Volunteer literacy tutors do not need any prior experience. Tutors receive

comprehensive training before volunteering in a setting of their choice for up to two hours each week. There is a \$30 charge for each tutor to cover the cost of training, materials and refreshments. Advance reservations are required and can be made online at www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org/get-involved or by calling the literacy council at 734-589-0011.

FAN support group

The Families Against Narcotics support group holds meetings 6:30-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Canton Municipal Complex, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

FAN is a support group for families with a loved one addicted to drugs or alcohol. Meetings feature whole group discussion, followed by small conversational groups centered on individual concerns. For more information, email jacalynsanders@aol.com.

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.

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"Yes, it is the end of an era," Catherine said with a chuckle. "But it is a great place and I know everyone will keep it going. Everyone loves it here. I'm not worried about it too much."

Tearing it up

All four of the Sandbergs (the family theater tree also includes 22-year-old Melanie) began as volunteers during middle school in order to garner class credits.

They tore tickets for Ellen Elliott, executive director of Friends of the Penn, which operates the popular 501(c)3 movie house located at 760 Penniman Avenue, opposite always-buzzing Kellogg Park.

She kept them on as paid employees during high school, when the Sandberg kids could fill buckets with what they call "the best movie theater popcorn in town," serve pop and candy and handle cash.

Elliott welcomed the siblings (Catherine is now at Michigan State and Nick and Melanie are embarking on careers) along with their mom, Julie Sandberg of Plymouth, to reminisce about a unique tale of community service that is nearing the end credits.

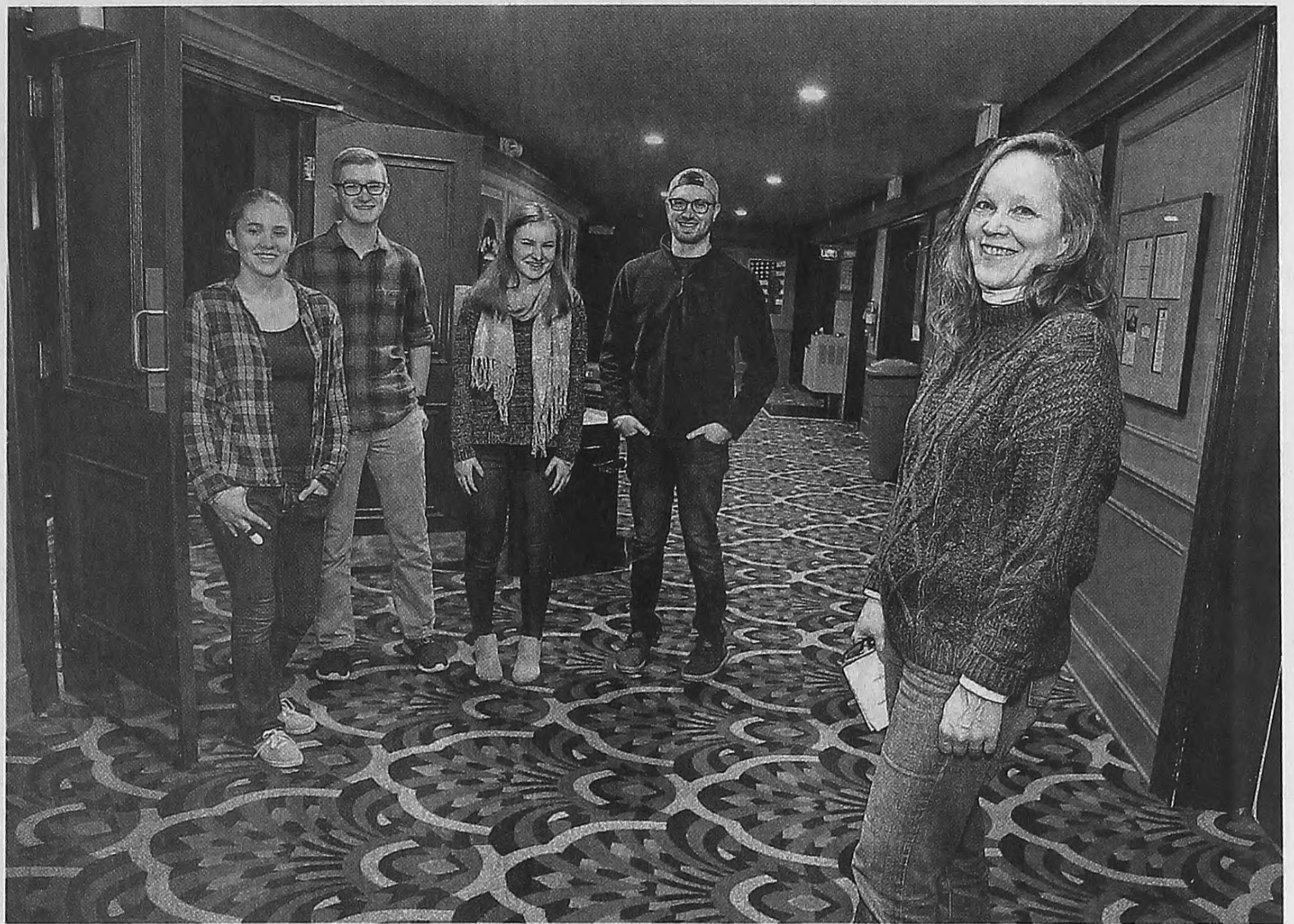
"It's really interesting to have a family that comes in like the Sandbergs and they're just devoted to the Penn," said Elliott, who considers all of her young staffers part of a big family. "They're all different, all different personalities. Great kids, great ambition."

"And it's been a joy to work with them. ... I wish they had more kids, because I would like to just keep pulling Sandbergs in to work."

"When Nick started, he was a young kid and he saw an opportunity to volunteer and get involved and he did. His brother and sisters saw that same opportunity ... to become involved in the community and that's what we hope to provide for anyone else who comes in. We have other families that have done something similar, not with as many kids."

Julie Sandberg shook her head about the family feat.

"It's been a wonderful experience for all the kids and Ellen has been wonder-



Penn Theatre boss lady Ellen Elliott has great things to say about Melanie, Patrick, Catherine and Nick Sandberg. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ful," she said. "The kids learned to work with the public, food and money."

First in line

Launching the Penn-Sandberg connection was Nick Sandberg, a 2012 Plymouth alum who graduated from Central Michigan University with a degree in secondary education. He is now living in the Nashville, Tenn., area.

But more than a decade ago, when Nick was a student at West Middle School, his thoughts were about baseball (he later was a varsity player for the Plymouth Wildcats) and finding a way to fill class requirements for a certain number of community service hours.

"One of the requirements of the class was to get 15 hours of community service," he said. "There's a lot of places in Plymouth, but I wanted something that

was fun, entertaining and something great to do. So I did the Miracle League, which was great and everything, but I had a neighbor who did volunteering here and he said he absolutely loved it."

"I went ahead and called Ellen and it all started from there, just volunteering once a month and then it turned to twice a month. After middle school, she offered me a job working one day a week."

Once he was a paid employee, Nick (volunteer 2008-09, staff 2009-13) began "scooping popcorn and I did that for four straight years. This is the best popcorn here, so I can't complain at all."

And that was the basic template followed by Melanie, Catherine and, now, Patrick.

Warm feelings

Melanie Sandberg's volunteer efforts

went from 2009-12 and she began a two-year stint as a paid employee in August 2012.

"I'd say it (experience working at the Penn) was a 10 (out of 10)," said Melanie, a recent graduate of Grand Valley State University in criminal justice. "It was definitely very enjoyable and it was easy to get along with my co-workers. It was an easy job."

Standing inside the Penn again, she couldn't help but have warm feelings about her time volunteering and working there.

Melanie recalled serving buttery popcorn and helping little kids choose items from the candy case as favorite memories: "Just seeing all the kids coming up to the counter, watching them look at the popcorn, look at the candy

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Thousands mourn Abbas family at visitation

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Roads were clogged with bumper-to-bumper traffic for a mile Monday night around the sprawling Islamic Center of America amid floodlit clouds in the mournful darkness.

Inside, an estimated 2,000 people filed through a crowded room to view the five closed caskets of an Arab-American family from Northville, formerly of Canton and Dearborn, wiped out in a fiery weekend crash on I-75. Many stopped to listen to eulogies and prayers.

In the front row of the stark white room were Dearborn Mayor Jack O'Reilly and Chief of Police Ronald Haddad.

Speaker after speaker spoke of the goodness of the family: Issam Abbas, 42, a real estate agent, his wife, Dr. Rima Abbas, 38, a doctor beloved by her patients, and their children Ali, 14, Isabella, 13, and Giselle, 7.

"If there's anything we can take away from these five caskets, it's that life is short — life is a privilege," said Ali Abdullah, a lawyer and business partner of Issam Abbas, speaking to the crowd from a podium stacked with surviving close friends and relatives.

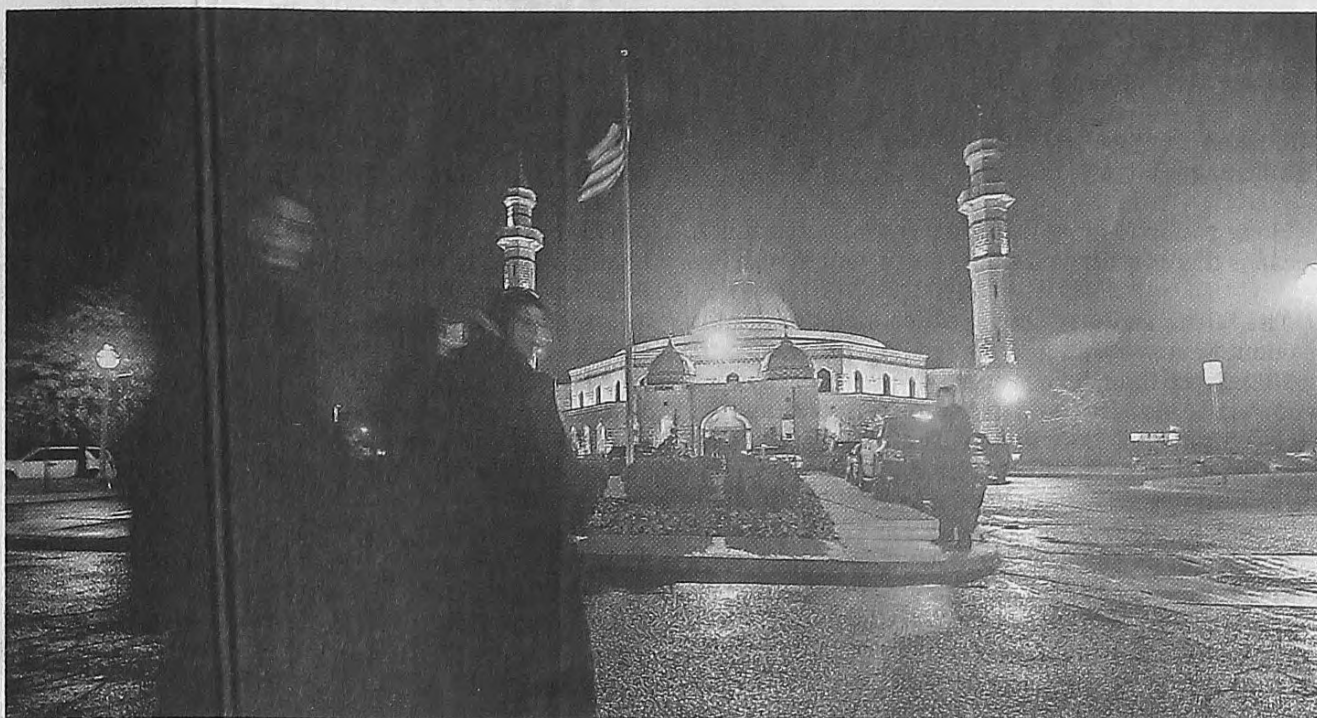
"A gift!" called out mourner Walid Azar of Algonac, who said he was the brother-in-law of Issam Abbas' sister.

Abdullah went on with his eulogy: "So live your life like it's a privilege and give back, like Issam and Rima. ... People have called us from all over the world. This is a true tragedy."

Speaking of each deceased child, briefly recounting their personalities, Issam Abbas' older sister said: "May you rest in heaven" before weeping.

The family's car was struck head-on by a pickup driven by a man who police said was drunk and who also died in the fiery crash. He was identified as Joey Lee Bailey, 41, of Georgetown, Ky.

More than one speaker lashed out against what



Community members, friends and family participate in visitation services at the Islamic Center of America in Dearborn. MANDI WRIGHT | DETROIT FREE PRESS

they characterized as the unchecked threat of intoxicated drivers on American highways.

"The alcohol industry has had carte blanche to do its will," said Adnan Chirri, Rima's uncle, who was the lay leader of the memorial service.

"Whatever it is — beer, wine, whatever — we allow this abuse to go on," he added. "It's about time this country came to its senses and faces this critical, life-ending problem. I ask our Legislature to put new controls on this industry, and I urge them to call it the Abbas bill."

Chirri looked out across the crowd, then down at the caskets, and then said quietly: "How're you going to

tell their grandfather, 'You no longer can pick them up at school?'"

Relatives ask that, in lieu of flowers, donations go to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Chirri said.

Wayne County Commissioner Sam Baidoun said he was stunned with grief by the family's loss because their parents were from the same village in Lebanon.

Baidoun said he favored "any type of technology" that would stop drunken drivers before they endanger others.

"More than 10,000 people in this country die in drunk driving accidents every year. We just shouldn't accept this," he said.

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and trying to figure out which one they wanted."

And the job also helped her become more comfortable talking with others, whether co-workers or customers. Now that she wants to begin a career as a juvenile probation officer, having those attributes is essential.

"Being in criminal justice, I deal with people all the time," Melanie said. "And having this opportunity really helped me to open up and know how to deal with the public."

The path to follow

According to Catherine Sandberg, a 2017 Plymouth grad now studying at MSU for a degree as an athletic trainer, the path to the Penn that her siblings started was something she was happy to follow.

"Nick volunteered, which then turned into a job. Melanie did the same thing," Catherine said. "I did that, as well. We all needed community service for our middle school and high school, all that kind of stuff."

"I really enjoyed it,

really liked the Elliott family. All the Elliotts were working here, so it felt like a (big) family. It was a really great place to work in."

When her volunteer period began in 2012, it was all about making sure to keep up with each day's job duties. When she left in 2017 to go to college, she had a much larger view of the Penn's place in the community.

"I'd say at the beginning, I didn't know much about it," Catherine said about how much the 77-year-old Penn matters to downtown Plymouth. "It was just something fun we did when we were younger, with all the kids shows in the summer."

"And now I see there's a whole community behind it supporting it, lots of love goes into it. It's an important part of downtown Plymouth."

For her, memories of doling out "the best movie theater popcorn" and watching little kids go crazy when packing the Penn to watch "Frozen" make Catherine beam. So does having the chance to make lasting friendships.

"I actually am rooming with one of the girls who also worked here," Catherine said. "We're rooming at Michigan State to

gether next year. Just the friendships, they're still there. We still get together when we're home, get lunch with together, all that kind of stuff."

Favorite place to be

The youngest and last of the family to join the Penn is Patrick, a senior who loves golf (he plays for the varsity Wildcats) and wouldn't mind a Penn screening of his favorite flick — Adam Sandler's "Happy Gilmore."

"I don't think we've ever shown it here," Patrick said. "But it would be cool if we did."

A volunteer in 2015-16 who then began as a staffer, Patrick insisted that there was no Sandberg peer pressure to join the Penn.

"No, I knew going into this that I was eventually going to get asked," Patrick said. "I wanted to do this as my personal choice."

Patrick said interacting with the public and soaking up the classic movie ambiance remain some of his favorite moments working at the Penn.

"I would say the design or the decoration we always have right in front where we sell tickets,

there's always something changing," Patrick said. "It's all seasonal, something different and unique for the holiday. People get engaged in that."

Although he wants to go to college for an education in computer science — and not to learn about running a movie house — Patrick said he will always have a soft spot in his heart for the Penn Theatre.

"There's been other theaters out there struggling to keep a one-room theater open," Patrick said. "And it's definitely, I know members of my family work hard and they definitely help this place keep going. All their hard work has definitely been a good part of this."

What an extended family

Ellen Elliott certainly agrees with that sentiment. She also credits families such as the Sandbergs for helping keep the Penn Theatre relevant in the era of multiplexes. In 2005, Friends of the Penn was formed to help save the theater from the wrecking ball.

A strong and steady stream of volunteers stepped up to the plate in ensuing years and blast-

ed the ball over the fence. All but about 50 or so of the Penn's 402 seats have sponsored seat plaques (seat Q-105 is the Sandbergs') and annual silent auctions not only help pay the bills, but keep memories and hopes alive.

"We've got a great group of volunteers, we've got a great group of patrons who support us every week," Elliott said. "And support us during our auction time. We've just been able to really build up because of people like the Sandbergs."

"It all comes together and people like to come here. And obviously, the price (\$3 a ticket) doesn't hurt either."

When Elliott was asked whether she thought the Sandbergs might someday realize how much they helped keep a Plymouth landmark going strong, she briefly paused before answering.

"I think a lot of times they won't even realize what that is until later in their life," Elliott said. "You know what I'm saying? As they move on and do different things, that's when they see. I think a lot of it (realization) doesn't happen until later."

As for now, Elliott said

the Sandbergs "can call me if they need something, all the kids know that. They're my kids and that's what I've always said. I'm very protective of all the kids that have worked here. I only have two biological children, but I have *many, many* children."

And all those Penn Theatre children have a taste for great popcorn, iconic movies that never get old and pure friendship.

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Social

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modern-day gifs, including this one about how Woodward Avenue got its name:

Michigan Burger Boys on Twitter (@miburgerboys)

Hope you're reading this after you've eaten lunch, because this account will surely make your mouth water.

The Michigan Burger Boys, which includes Canton resident Kevin McCown, launched its Twitter account in 2012. Since then, it has served up plenty of reviews, write-ups and tasty-looking photos for years as they survey for the best hamburger. Their taste buds have been helpful in storytelling, including McCown serving as a source on a story we did in 2017 about slider joints across the region.

Be it a national chain like Five Guys or a small, local joint like the one the two call their home (the Bridgewater Bank in Bridgewater Township, located in southwest Washtenaw County), the accounts are not afraid to share their love of all things burgers. In addition, they encourage feedback as they look for the next great burger, often retweeting those who share a great meal.

The duo hope to garner even more attention in the

new year with a launch of a new website. Check them out at michiganburgerboys.com.

A parody Livonia Spree Twitter account (@livonia_spree)

If you seek out info on the biggest celebration in Livonia every summer on Twitter, chances are you've stumbled across @livonia_spree. But be warned: that underscore makes all the difference.

The @livonia_spree account is a parody of the giant celebration that takes place each June at Ford Field in Livonia. Run by an anonymous account holder, the PG-13 account pokes fun at the annual celebration and its stereotypes while still celebrating what makes the festival great.

There is an official Spree Twitter account, @livoniaspree, though there aren't many tweets coming from it. Most people who seek out the real thing stumble across the parody account, which the account holder says tries to lead them to their answers.

"I've had people driving from out of town asking what time they open. I even had a food truck ask how they could get a permit to sell tacos," the account wrote in a message. "Those folks get a Direct Message. I can't mess with them."

During the other 11 months of the year, the account goes fairly quiet, commenting on local issues such as the Merry and Bright Parade held in December and even local elections.

For the Love of Louie on Facebook

If you've ever lost a pet or found one wandering the streets, you may be familiar with For the Love of Louie.

The Facebook page is designed to connect pet owners with their lost dogs, cats, birds or other pets. The Michigan page has grown to more than 187,000 followers since it launched in 2011.

Launched by Ferndale native Leah Doslea, For the Love of Louie has page administrators from all across the state, including some in the western suburbs of Detroit.

The pages continue looking for volunteer administrators to assist with helping pet owners locate their lost pets from across Michigan. Those interested can send an email to loveoflouie13@yahoo.com.

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Obituaries

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Melvyn Merle Albirte

LIVONIA - Mel Albirte, 86, passed away on January 3, 2019. Mel was born in Midland, Michigan and resided in Livonia for over 55 years. Mel is survived by his son Brad Michael Albirte of Traverse City, MI; his daughter Kristen Amy Albirte Schonberg (Mike) of Allen, TX and grandchildren Megan, Matthew and Amy Schonberg. Mel was preceded in death by his loving wife of 51 years, Beverly and his eldest son Jeff. A memorial service will be held at the Fred Wood Funeral Home 36100 Five Mile Rd. (E. of Levan) in Livonia, MI on Friday, January 11, 2019 1:00pm gathering, 3:00pm service. <https://www.fredwoodfuneralhome.com/>. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society.



May you find comfort in family and friends

Dr. David Alan Doidge

-- Dr. David Alan Doidge, age 79, passed away January 3, 2019. He was born November 11, 1939 in Saginaw, Michigan, son of the late W. Alan and Ferne Doidge. David enjoyed hiking, boating, traveling and spending summers amongst family and friends at Bay View in Petoskey, Michigan. He spent 35 years with Oakland Community College beginning as an educator and retiring in 2001 as Dean of Academic Services. Following his retirement, David and Mary moved to Hendersonville, North Carolina where they lived for 14 years until moving back to Michigan three years ago. David is survived by his beloved wife, Mary of 54 years; his children: Amy (Talon) Harvey and Michael (Joanne) Doidge; and his grandchildren: Jack, Lucie and Travis. David is also survived by his brother, James (BarB-Ann) Doidge, his sister, Ruthanne (the late Kenneth) Rape and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Daniel in 2007. The family will receive friends on Saturday, January 12 from 9:30AM until the time of the memorial service at 11:00AM at First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial donations may be made to Bay View Association of Petoskey, Michigan, www.bayviewassociation.org.

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Corella Teresa Ellen "GG" Kaufman

SPRINGFIELD, OH - Corella Teresa Ellen "GG" Kaufman, 88, of Springfield, Ohio, passed away in her home on Sunday evening, December 30, 2018. She was born in Springfield on March 16, 1930, the daughter of the late Delmar L. and Jessie M. (Hunter) Stalder. Corella was a 1948 graduate of Springfield High School and was the secretary/treasurer of Stalder Spring Works since 1982. She is survived by her sons, Damon (Sue) Kaufman of Springfield, Dana Kaufman, with whom she made her home, and Dennis (Sherri) Kaufman of S. Portland Maine; grandchildren, Damon L. Kaufman, Daniel Kaufman, David (Leanne) Exelby, and Michael (Kelly) Exelby; great-grandchildren, Allasyn, Kris, Seth, Evan, Matthew, John, Joey, and Zachary; and her best friends, Jane Adrian and Mary Lou Ridder. She was preceded in death by her husband, Damon Kaufman Jr. in 2005. Corella's funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday in the Littleton & Rue Funeral, Springfield, Ohio with Pastor Linda Jones presiding. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Ferncliff Cemetery.

Sara Mae Mathers

LIVONIA - Sara Mae Mathers, age 84, died on Monday Dec. 31, 2018 at the Livonia Woods Nursing Center, a caring and loving community where she resided for five years due to the development of Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. She was born in Mishawaka, Indiana on March 9, 1934 to Mildred and Albert Stanley. She had an older brother named John.

Sara attended Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana to become a nurse. There she met Bob Mathers and they married August 17, 1957. Bob and Sara raised two children together in Livonia, Linda and John, and later fostered a daughter named Dorilee.

Sara worked at St. Mary's hospital. Sara was very involved at Ward Church attending and leading many woman's ministry groups and Bible studies. She also as chairman, led the EPC woman's missionary committee for the State of Michigan. After sailboat racing with Bob for three years, she decided that she preferred gardening. She loved her garden and called it the closest place to heaven on earth. Her and Bob shared a love of dachshunds and their yearly trips to Florida for twenty years as snowbirds.

Sara was preceded in death by her parents and her brother. She is survived by her husband Bob, daughter Linda (Chris), son John (Cathy), and Dorilee (Dan). Also survived by 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 10:00 - 11:00 AM and a Celebration of Life Service at 11:00 AM on Saturday January 12, 2019 at Ward Church on 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan in the Chapel.

Special thanks to the staff at Livonia Woods.

We all remember Sweet Sara as, loving, funny and caring with a gift of hospitality. Sara was always able to bring a laugh, encouragement or a compliment to those around her.

Her very favorite verse was Isaiah 40:31 Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

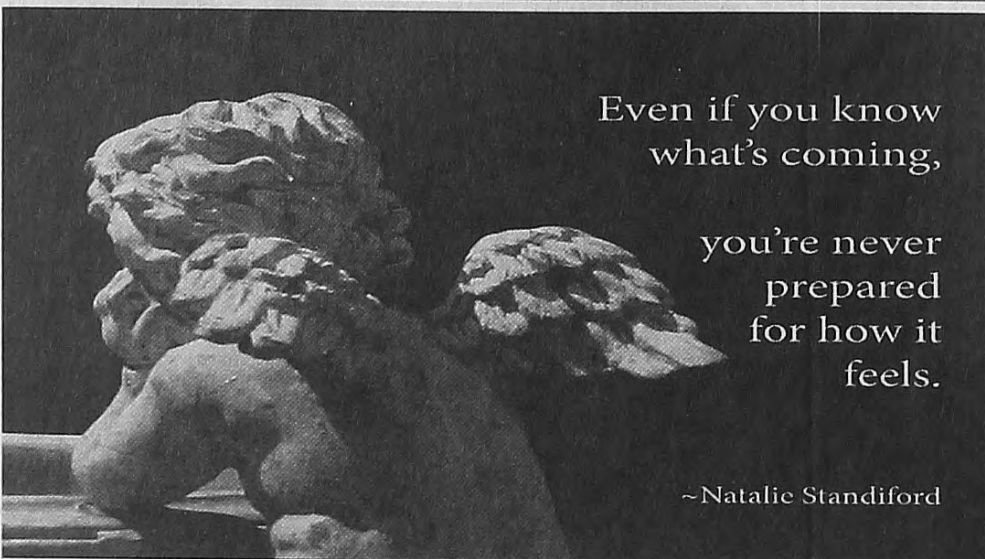
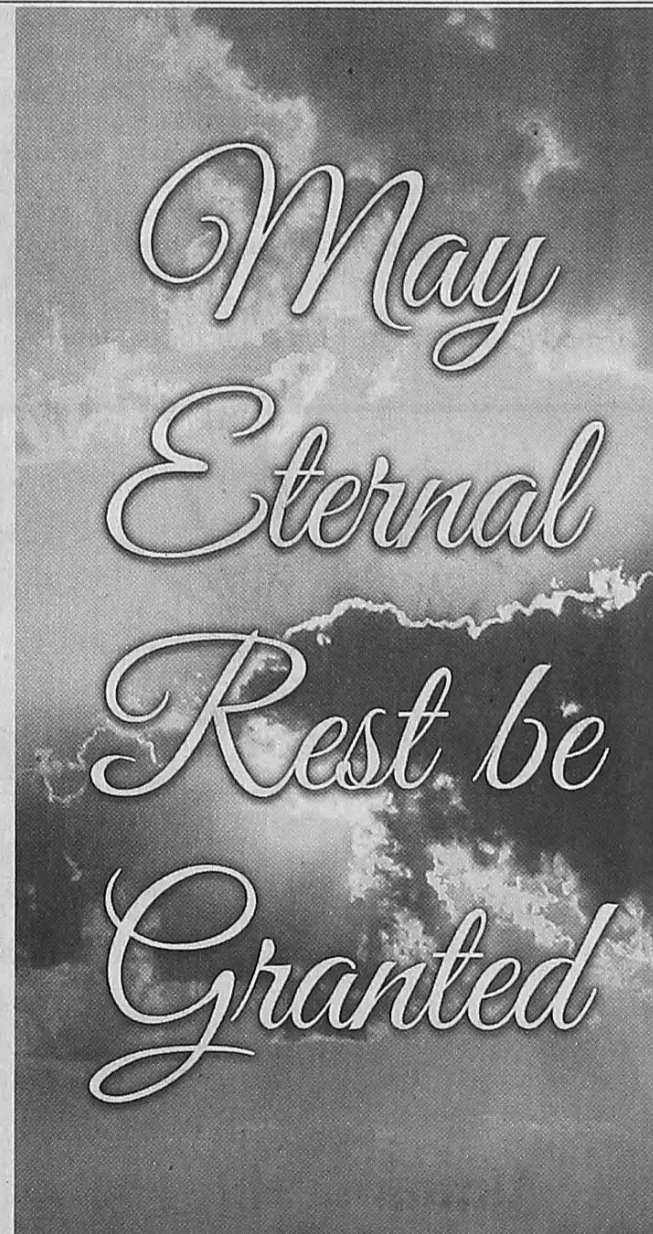
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Lucille Thielen

LIVONIA - Thielen, Lucille age 89 of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Peter. Cherished mother of Peter, Michael (Peggy), Mary Ellen, David. Loving grandmother of Allison and Nickolas and great-grandmother of Layla and McKenna. Dearest sister of Arthur Kalagian and the late Jack Kalagian. Visitation will be held on January 3, 2019 at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 Five Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan) from 2-8PM with a 7pm scripture. Funeral will be held on January 4, 2019, at St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Catholic Church 29015 Jamison St, Livonia. In-State 10:30AM, Mass at 11AM. Please visit online guestbook Fredwoodfuneralhome.com



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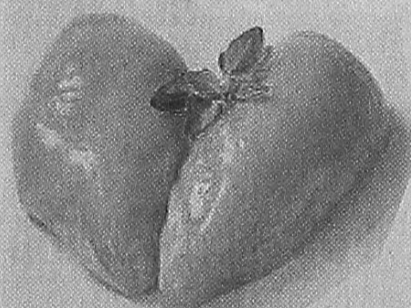
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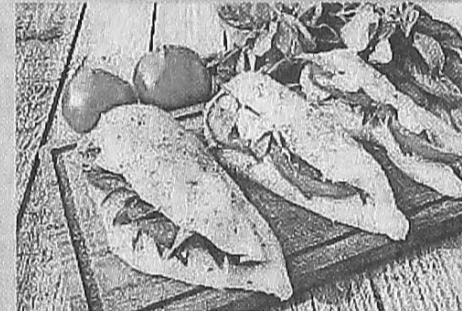
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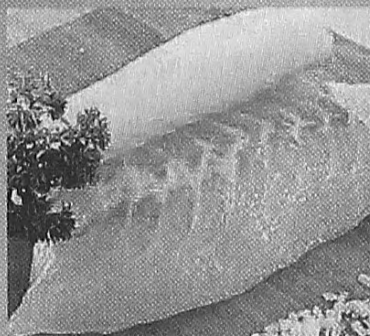
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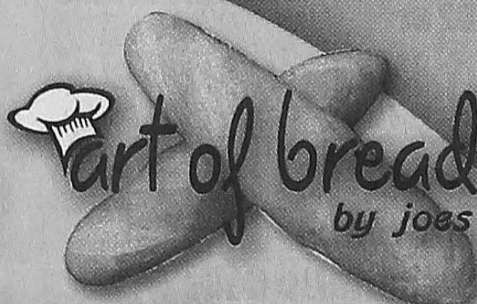
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OBITUARY

Community mourns late Mike Humitz

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Knowing his father Mike was gravely ill and fighting cancer in hospice, Lake Superior State's Max Humitz still laced up his skates and played his heart out during the two-day Great Lakes Invitational at Detroit's Little Caesars Arena.

His father wouldn't have had it any other way.

The junior left winger from Livonia helped the Soo Lakers capture their first-ever GLI crown with a goal and two assists during a 6-3 championship win New Year's Eve over Michigan Tech after scoring a goal the previous day in a 4-3 overtime victory against Michigan State.

But sadly, the following day, Mike Humitz died on New Year's Day morning at age 54.



Humitz

"It was tough, but I knew he was there watching ... he's taught me how to play hockey, so I just knew what to do," Max Humitz said. "I knew he was helping me, even though I knew he wasn't at the game like he usually is. I was looking for him in the stands ... he always sat in the

same seat. It was tough, but I'm glad I was able to do it for him before he passed away. He was in my mind after

every shift. Every time I went out there, I knew he was thinking of me and I was thinking of him."

Mike Humitz, who coached at Livonia Stevenson High for three seasons (2004-07), not only left a legacy in hockey, but also in education as an assistant principal at Redford Union High School.

Humitz, a resident of Livonia, is sur-

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BOYS HOCKEY



Stevenson forward Brenden Heard (left) attempts to get around Salem defenseman Joey DeRose. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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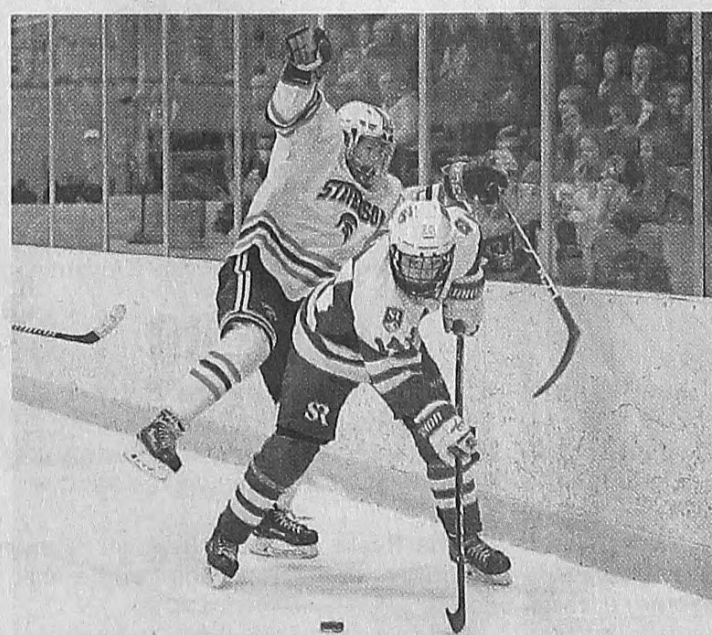
Lause's return sparks Stevenson to win against Salem

Brad Emons
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Seth Lause's presence back in the lineup appears to make a good Livonia Stevenson boys hockey team even better.

The third-year junior forward, in only his third game back after suffering a preseason sprained ankle and a partial broken tibia, was his old self again as he scored a goal and added two assists in a convincing 5-1 KLAA crossover victory Friday over visiting Salem at Edgar Arena.

The Spartans, who jumped out to a 3-0 first-period lead, improved to 10-1-1 overall and 7-0 in the KLAA East Divi-



Salem defenseman Nick Brosky (front) takes the puck from a Livonia Stevenson player. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Plymouth High grad Jordan opts for NFL draft

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Plymouth High's Michael Jordan, who started all 40 games on the offensive line during his career at Ohio State, decided Friday that he is bypassing his senior season and will enter the 2019 NFL Draft.

Fresh off a 28-23 Rose Bowl victory over Washington, the 6-foot-7, 312-pound center announced on his Twitter feed: "It was not an easy decision, but the right one for sure. Thank you everyone for your support!"



Jordan

Jordan, who lives in Canton, became the first true freshman to start on the OSU offensive line in 23 years, since NFL Hall of Fame player Orlando Pace did it in 1994. And he is one of only six Buckeyes to start an opening game as a true freshman.

"First, I want to thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed on me and my family," Jordan continued on his Twitter account. "The journey that led to this point, where I announce for the 2019 NFL Draft, has been truly unforgettable. My parents, who have unselfishly and lovingly guiding me every step of the way, leading me to this crossroad. My girlfriend for all your love and support each and every day. I would also like to thank my pastor for his loyal counsel and prayer. After a lengthy discussion with my parents and loved ones, coaches, I feel ready to take on the next challenge."

Jordan, named first team All-America by Sports Illustrated, switched from guard to center this season. He also earned Associated Press second team all-Big Ten and third team AP All-America as the Buckeyes finished 12-1 overall and captured the Big Ten championship in Indianapolis with a victory over Northwestern.

In 2017, he was named first team all-Big Ten (coaches) after earning 2016 freshman All-America (Football Writers Association of America).

Jordan is rated by third best center on Mel Kiper's ESPN Draft Big Board. His versatility as an offensive lineman will be a plus.

"In my heart I know I'm ready for

See JORDAN, Page 3B



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Humitz

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vived by his wife of 27 years, Celeste, along with Max and a daughter Colette. He was the dear brother of Nicole Humitz (Dave) and Jeff (Mary). Michael was the cherished son of Michael and Rose Humitz.

Mike Humitz graduated from Dearborn Fordson High School and played hockey at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He worked in the private sector before earning a master's in educational administration. He was also employed as a professor at Schoolcraft College in addition to his duties at RU.

Humitz coached many youth hockey teams, including Honeybaked and the Livonia Knights.

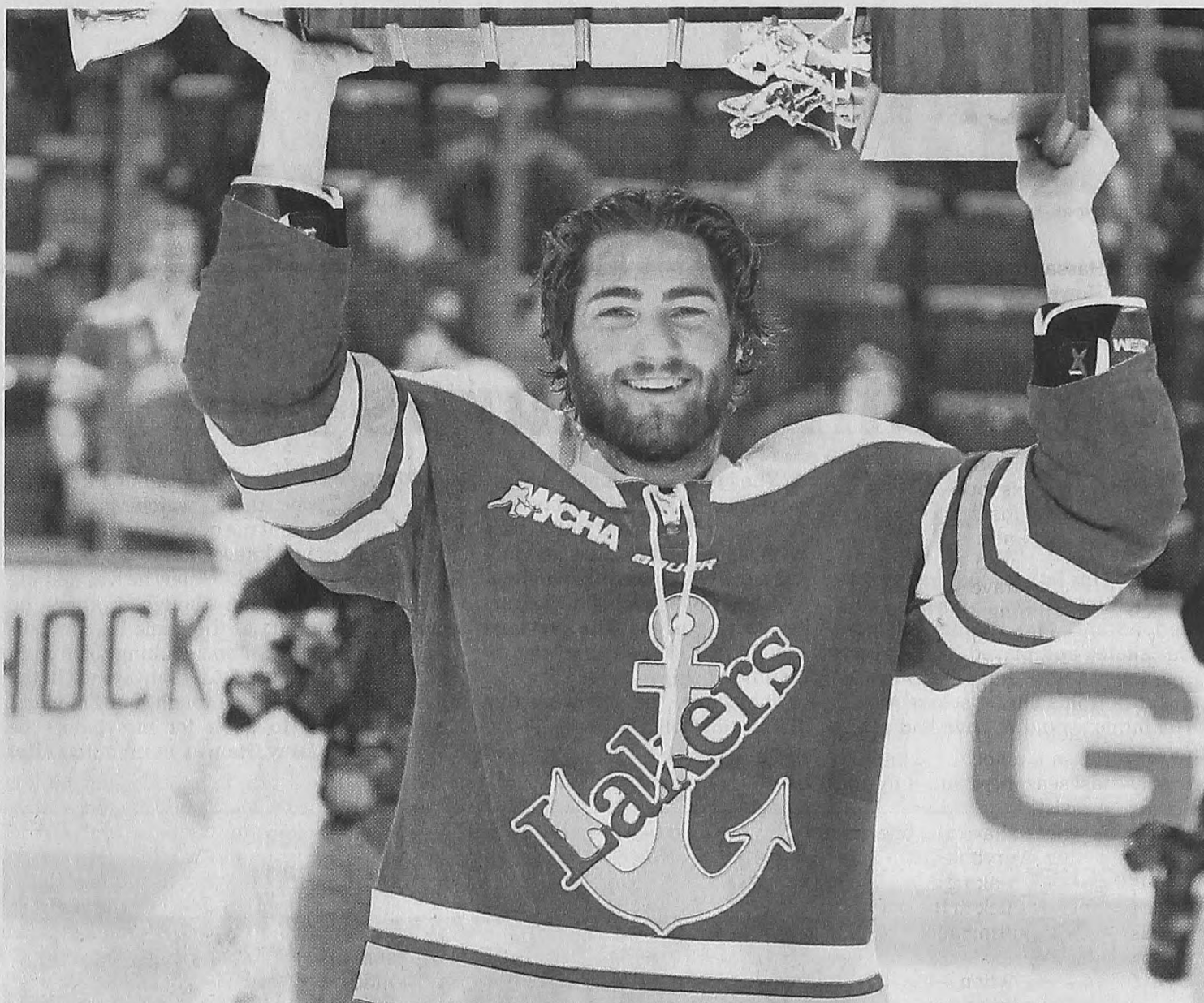
"He was the coach when other coaches were coaching me," said Max Humitz, who played hockey at Stevenson. "He coached me until I left for juniors when I was 17. Except for one year, he was my coach. He just wanted the best for everybody, expected the best. He was always there for people, even good times, bad times, he always had an open door policy and was always there to listen. Even if you were struggling, he was always there for you. He was always there for me. He made me the man I am today. I glad he was able to push me through all the hockey things that I've had. He pushed me to do the best in education and he's just the best father anybody could ask for."

Humitz's funeral mass was held Jan. 4 at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia.

"He was more like a brother to me than a cousin," said former Michigan State hockey coach Tom Anastos, who was the best man in Mike Humitz's wedding. "He was a block-and-a-half away growing up — Mike, his brother (Jeff) and his two other cousins ... so my mom, his mom and my brother lived within a block-and-a-half. So we did everything together growing up."

Hundreds of mourners also paid their respects to Humitz on Jan. 3 at Griffin Funeral Home in Northville.

"He wasn't a guy who sought notoriety," Anastos said. "He didn't try to make himself this super-visible guy. He



Max Humitz hoisted the Great Lakes Invitational trophy just a day before his father Mike died at age 54. MARK VASEY | LAKE SUPERIOR STATE ATHLETICS

just went about his way. He had different points of his career. He started in hockey, got out of hockey, went and got his M.B.A., I think he was a C.P.A. at one time. He found different things, but he ultimately gravitated toward being an educator. And I think at the end, that was really his calling. He loved working with kids. He loved coaching kids. And he was hard on kids. He wasn't easy to play for, but there aren't too many kids I know — even though he was super-tough on them — that don't really love him and admire him for what he did for

them. His legacy will be he's passionate about the game and he just loved the game as he did as a little kid. Super-loyal, dedicated husband, great family ... to me there's nothing better than that, to be known as a great dad and husband."

Anastos, who delivered the eulogy as a tribute to Humitz, remembers the time when they attended an Adray breakfast together early in their careers while coaching at UM-Dearborn.

"They had a really big amateur hockey league and, at that breakfast, Ted Lindsay was the featured speaker,"

Anastos said. "I don't know how old Ted was at that time ... it's got to be 30 years ago. I don't know why he was on this subject, but he was talking about if you have five friends when you die, you're really a fortunate person. And it really stuck with me. And I'll bet you that a huge number of people who come here today, Mike would be in their top five list as closest friends. It's pretty amazing when you think about it."

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Stevenson

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sion. They have not lost since the season opener Nov. 16.

"Tonight was awesome, obviously," said Lause, one of Stevenson's two captains. "It took me a while to get my legs back, a couple of weeks of practice. The first couple of games, the coaches eased me into it, kind of limited me in terms of my shifts and stuff but, obviously, today I feel very good ... 100 percent, feel back in shape."

Lause opened the game with an unassisted goal at 4:30 of the opening period. That was followed by a Josh Suzio goal from Stephen McDonald at 8:42 to make it 2-0. McDonald then added a short-handed goal at 13:38 of the same period from Lause to give the Spartans a three-goal cushion.

"The guys came out strong," Lause said. "We came out from the drop of the puck. We had quick feet. We were all over the ice, moving the puck very well, I thought. Our offensive zone time was great, the forecheck was on ... D-zone was going, locking down in the neutral zone. I thought we played a solid game all the way around."

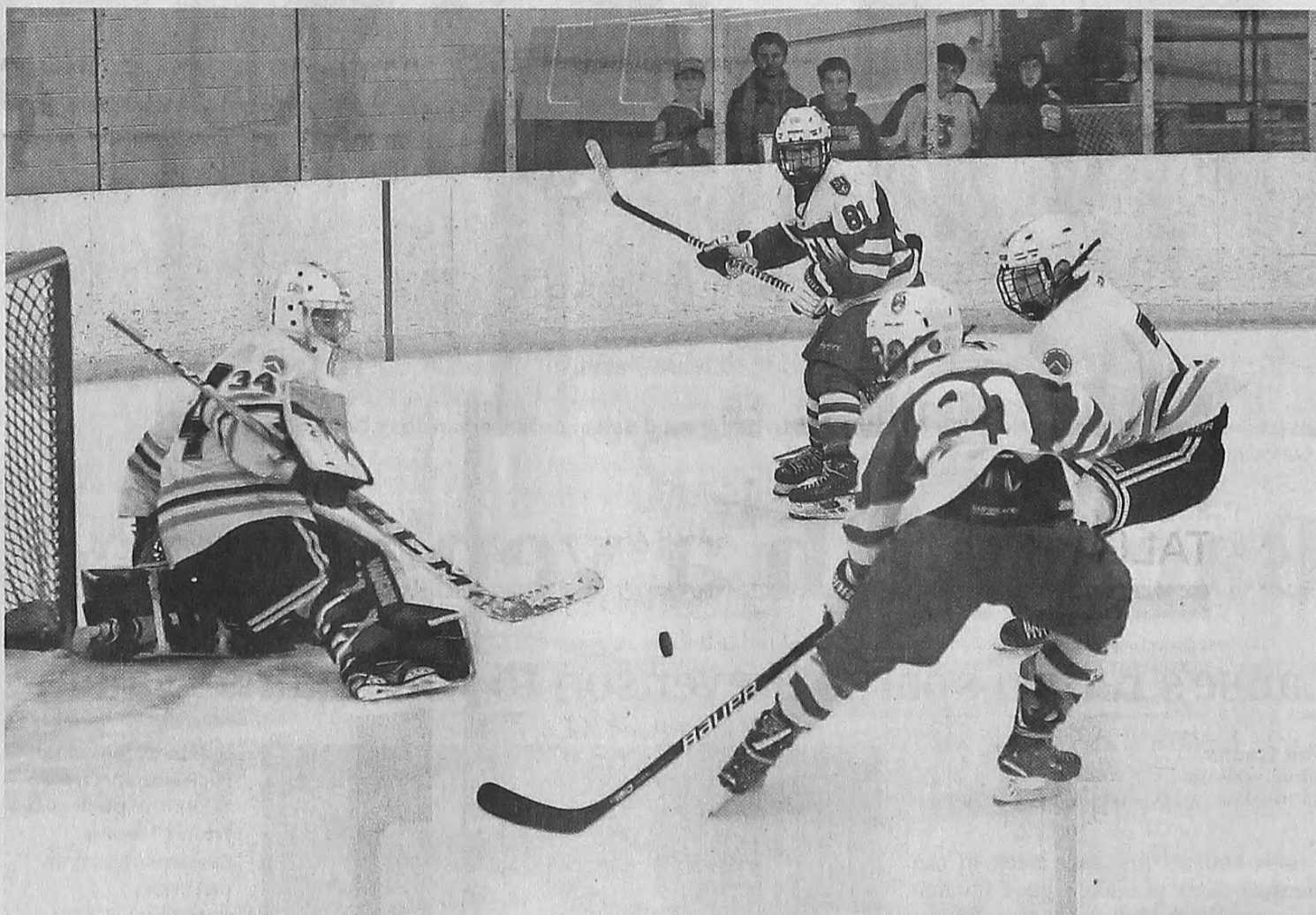
While Stevenson dominated the opening period, things evened out during the second as Dante Doue put the Rocks on the board by converting a two-on-one with Sean Sugrue assisting at 7:24.

But the Spartans answered with a back-handed rebound goal from Steven Hunt with only 1:10 left in the second period, with assists going to Adam Hillebrand and Lause.

"Anytime you can get points and help your team, it's good," Lause said. "It wouldn't have happened out there without the linemates I have giving me that chance. They were in the right spot, they fed me the puck and they were in the spot, obviously, to shoot the puck, so I was able to get it to them. It was an all-around team effort with my line ... Hunt and (Hillebrand) probably played the best hockey I've seen in a very long time. They played their hearts out and I was able to compete with them and it was good we had that level of intensity tonight."

Things turned a bit chippy in the final period, with a rash of penalties.

Stevenson's Jaydon Spears, however, put the game away by converting a five-on-three power play at 6:13 from Ethan Waldo and Joe Sharkey to make it 5-1.



Stevenson goalie Eric Polzin makes a save on Salem forward Devan Grayshaw as Salem's Nick Hanson (21) looks for a rebound. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The Spartans outshot Salem 36-13 on the night.

"It was a good start ... (Salem) kind of pushed back in the second period," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We're sharing the puck a lot more and we're playing with a little more speed. When we do that we have some success. So we've been working on playing fast and moving the puck fast. And at times we did that tonight, so it was a good team win against a top-notch opponent."

Salem (7-6, 5-2 KLA West) was coming off a 2-1 weekend trip in Traverse City with victories coming against Midland (5-0) and Traverse City West (7-1). The Rocks lost to last year's MHSAA Division 1 state runner-up Saginaw Heritage (5-1).

"There were seven or eight minutes in the second period where we showed some life and skate and so, hey, this is what we can be, this is what it looks like," Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "We just haven't been able to bottle

it and beat the good teams. Every single team that's ranked ahead of us, we've lost to, and every single team below us, we've beat. That's why we are what we are."

The Rocks are searching for some identity at the midway point of the season.

"It's a growing process," Ossenmacher said. "Learning how to win is not something that just happens. Winning is hard. We just haven't figured out how to do it yet against teams that are as good as us or better. If you look at the scores, we don't score goals against quality hockey teams. We don't find ways to win 50/50 pucks. We bounce it in front of the net and don't get second opportunities at them. And that's why if you look at our scores, they're pretty consistent against good teams. It's not a mystery. It's not the first time it's happened."

The Rocks took a total of 10 penalties to Stevenson's five. Salem goalie Austin Goleniak had 31 saves, while Steven-

son's Eric Polzin had to make only 12.

"They were better than us in every facet of the game," Ossenmacher said. "I don't know if I can find one aspect of the game that we were better than them at. So that's what happens. That's the result you get and deserve."

Meanwhile, Mitchell believes there's much room for improvement on the Spartans' end.

"You know me well enough ... there's always things to clean up," he said. "We've got to continue to move the puck faster, not hang onto it so much at times. When they pushed back a little bit we were on our heels, which good teams will do that. And we need to make sure when we're back on our heels to not stop playing. We'll go back and watch the film. We'll make some changes, learn from it and grow."

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BOYS HOCKEY

Howell star gets hat trick vs. Churchill

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Graham Hassan recognizes his importance to Howell's hockey attack, but he doesn't want to be a one-man show.

That hasn't been necessary so far this winter, though he's still capable of taking over games like he did Friday in a 6-3 victory over Livonia Churchill at Grand Oaks Ice Arena.

Hassan had his first hat trick of the season and third of his four-year career, adding an assist to boost his career total to 99 points in 88 games.

Howell (7-3) stayed sharp over Christmas break by traveling to Michigan Tech and winning the MacInnes Holiday Classic, a tournament in which seven different Highlanders scored the team's nine goals in victories over Hancock and Houghton.

They were able to win the tournament with Hassan, a second team all-state player last season, getting only one goal and one assist.

"You never want to have just one guy scoring, so having everybody chip in is great," Hassan said. "Making sure all the guys are putting the puck in the net and getting assists and putting pucks on net helps us win more."

Still, it always help when — as hockey people are fond of saying — your best players are your best players.

Hassan broke out of what, for him, qualified as a slump by scoring the



Livonia Churchill's Matt Gibboney (right) defends Howell's Jake Haggerty. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

game's first two goals against Churchill, then making it 5-2 after the Chargers caused some nervous moments for the Highlanders.

Hassan had two goals in his previous seven games. He leads Howell in scoring for the second straight year with eight goals and nine assists in 10 games.

"Up north, we had the green line with (Stefan) Frantti, Leander (Daavettilla) and (Cam) Sturos playing real well together and Josh Farr's line," Howell coach Eric Hirzel said. "Josh got the third goal tonight. That line is a very hard line to play against. They're big,

strong; it's kind of a power forward line. You've got three different lines we can play. It was nice to have Graham on the board today. They've struggled a little bit lately. He came out today and put the puck in the net for us."

Although Churchill (3-7-1) is a shadow of the team that reached the state Division 3 championship game last season, beating the Chargers was still significant for Howell. The Highlanders were 0-3 in the KLAA this season and 1-10 in their last 11 games against conference opponents.

Howell lost to Churchill each of the

previous two seasons, last beating the Chargers 5-2 on Jan. 23, 2014.

The Chargers returned only one of their top six scorers and none of their goaltenders from a team that started last season 9-11-2 before going all the way to the Division 3 title game.

It looked like the Highlanders would coast to victory, building a 4-0 lead by the 8:33 mark of the second period on two goals by Hassan, one by Farr and one by Sturos. Hirzel took out starting goalie Ethan Ryan, who had barely been tested, and put in backup Gordy Hartford with 5:42 left in the second. Just seven seconds later, Zack Vendittelli scored off a face-off to get Churchill on the board.

A boarding major by Wes Smith and a tripping penalty by Farr gave Churchill a five-on-three power play late in the second. The Chargers cashed in, making it 4-2 on a goal by Vaughn Kendall with 1:31 left in the period. Ryan returned to the crease after that goal, with Howell still in the process of killing Smith's major.

Armed with a power play of its own early in the third period, Howell got some temporary breathing room when Hassan completed his hat trick with 16:03 left. Churchill freshman Nicholas Liebau answered immediately with a goal 64 seconds later.

Howell finally put away the game on a goal by Brent Wolf with 2:57 to play.

Jordan

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the NFL, largely because I've been coached by the very best," Jordan continued on his personal Twitter. "I am immensely grateful to my offensive line coach Greg Studrawa, head coach Urban Meyer and strength coach Mickey Mariotti, who tirelessly trained me and my teammates to work hard toward achieving our goals, and have prepared me for

the next level."

Jordan majored at OSU in consumer and family financial services. He also completed a 180-hour internship with Munster Financial.

Jordan, an Ohio native, will be the third Plymouth High grad to earn NFL interest, joining kicker Kyle Brindza (Notre Dame), who had stints with the Detroit Lions, New York Jets and Tampa Bay Bucs, and outside linebacker Brennan Beyer (Michigan), who was signed by the Baltimore Ravens.

"I am also very thankful to coach

(Mike) Sawchuk from Plymouth High School, who was instrumental in me becoming a Buckeye," Jordan added on Twitter, "and coach Hendrix for igniting my fire and passion for football when I was 6 years old. Moving forward, I will always be filled with tremendous pride in my teammates and with the happiness for our great Buckeye fans that as I leave for the NFL, it is with a Rose Bowl victory!"

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Schoolcraft grades an 'A' after win over Mott

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The second semester has yet to start, but the Schoolcraft College men's basketball has already passed a big exam.

The Ocelots got off to a rip-roaring 13-0 start and staved off a Mott Community College second-half rally to earn a 92-78 victory Jan. 3 at home in a battle of unbeaten and top 10-ranked NJCAA Division II teams.

"I thought our guys were really focused early," said Schoolcraft interim coach Corey McKendry, whose No. 5-ranked team improved to 10-0 overall. "We had a couple of really good practices that carried over to the game. It was just doing all the things we've done here and followed all the principles under coach (Abe) Mashour, which is trying to play hard and share the ball. They're a good team and I think our guys kind of thought they'd go away for a minute, but we kind of found out firsthand that they're a good team even when they're a little bit shorthanded."

Shooting 17-of-31 from the floor, Schoolcraft led by as many as 18 points during the opening half before No. 4 Mott (12-1) cut it to 10 at intermission.

Schoolcraft freshman Kemon Bassett



Schoolcraft's Kemon Bassett (left) had 19 points and 11 rebounds in a 92-78 win over Mott CC. THOMAS BEAUDOIN

(Detroit King) scored 13 of his 19 in the first 20 minutes, but got into foul trouble, along with 6-foot-10 sophomore center Alex Ismail (Dearborn Heights Crestwood).

And with only eight players suiting up, the Ocelots had to pick and choose their spots, while buying some time in the second half.

With 9:01 left in the game, Mott trimmed the deficit to 70-65 on a 3-

pointer from Jordan Roland. But coming out of a timeout, the Ocelots answered with a big Gabe Simpson triple, which led to a 20-2 Schoolcraft run.

"It gave us a good cushion," Schoolcraft sophomore guard Runako Ziegler said. "So after that, we just played our game and executed it out."

Ziegler, an athletic 6-3 wing from Walled Lake Central, scored 12 of his team-high 20 points during the second half.

"Both of our big men got into foul trouble, so we got into a zone and slowed it down and just try and contest, because they're a good 3-point shooting team," Ziegler said. "We just know they're a great team. They came in 12-0. We practiced all week, preparing for them, studying film. We were very prepared for them. We just executed the game plan by our coach and got the win."

In addition to Ziegler and Bassett, also scoring in double figures for the Ocelots were Southfield Christian's Trenton Temple (17), West Bloomfield's Kenneth Harvey (15) and Ismail (10).

Bassett also grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds before fouling out late.

"I thought Trent Temple did a great job," McKendry said. "When Kemon (Bennett) and Alex (Ismail) were in foul

trouble, I thought he did a little bit of everything for us ... helped us score, did a great job defensively. That's the kind of kid he's been for us. He's just a great kid that's always ready."

Jordan Roland paced Mott and all scorers with 28 points, while Carrington Wiggins added 16. Eddie Thigpen contributed 10.

The Bears played without top scorer Henry Speight, a 6-3 sophomore who sat out the game after injuring his ankle in a 106-71 win over Kellogg CC.

Lady Ocelots win

Double-doubles by C'Erra Maholmes (Detroit East English) and Sharon Woodard (Westland John Glenn) carried Schoolcraft (8-5, 1-0) to an 83-76 Eastern Conference win Jan. 3 at home over Mott (8-5, 0-1). Maholmes finished with 16 points and 17 rebounds, while Woodard contributed 18 points, 11 boards and six assists. Megan Sandiha (Ypsilanti Arbor Prep) scored a team-high 20 for Schoolcraft, which led 48-30 at halftime and 64-47 after three quarters. Sarah Tanderys (Livonia Stevenson) chipped in with 16 points, including 10-of-14 from the foul line.

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CLUB SOCCER

Farmington Soccer Club U-17 boys win College Showcase

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The Farmington Soccer Club's U-17 boys team captured its division in the Grand Park College Soccer Showcase held Nov. 3-4 in Westfield, Ind.

The 2002 birth year FSC squad outscored its opponents 14-0 en route to a 3-0 record, with eight different players tallying goals.

"They were able to control the speed of the games with excellent ball con-

trol," said FSC U-17 coach Jeff Blair, who was assisted by Mike Bride.

Team members included Pranav Narayanan, Jassi Ajimal, Joseph Katz, Ty Blair, Danny Bass, Jake Michalski, Max Marquette, Tudor Pascutiu, Danny Hanus, Eli Bride, Ryan Miklus, Kyle Arnold, Cameron Ignasiak, Nicholas Callcut, Martin Marks, Aaron Percival, John Lentz and Joey Bass.

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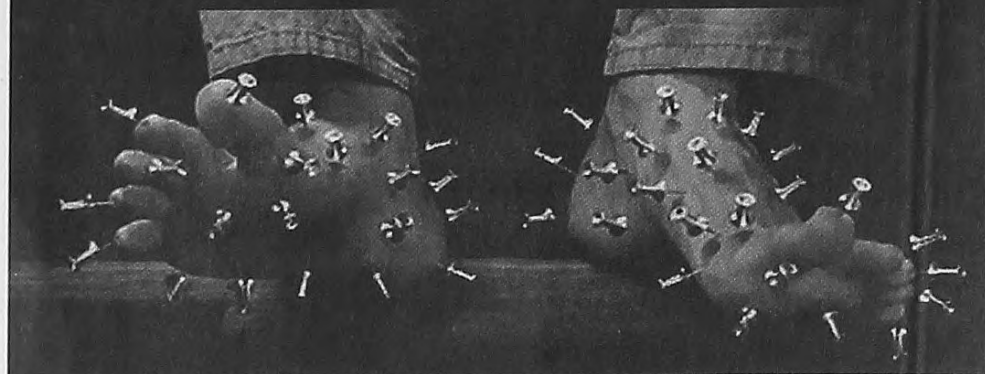
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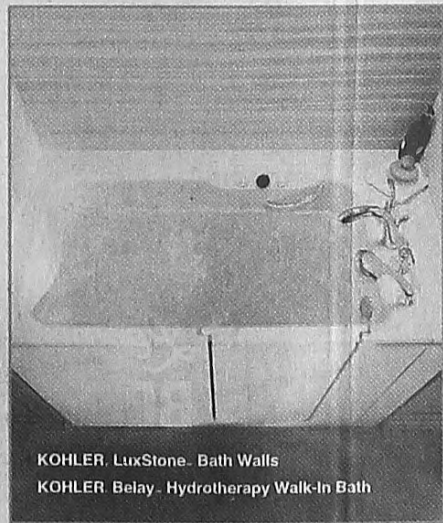


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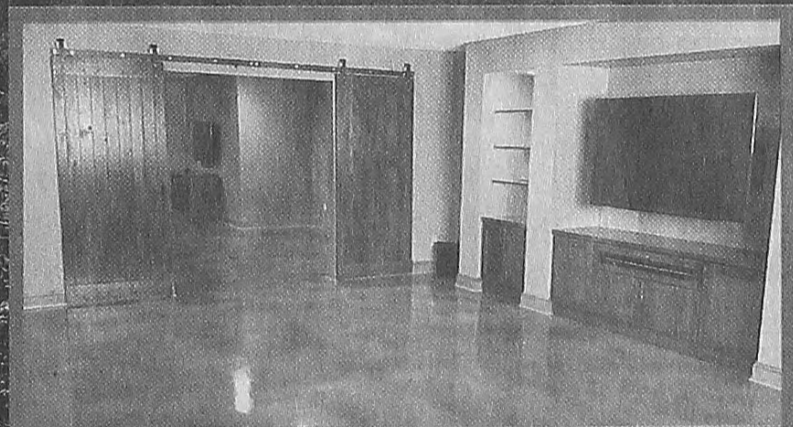
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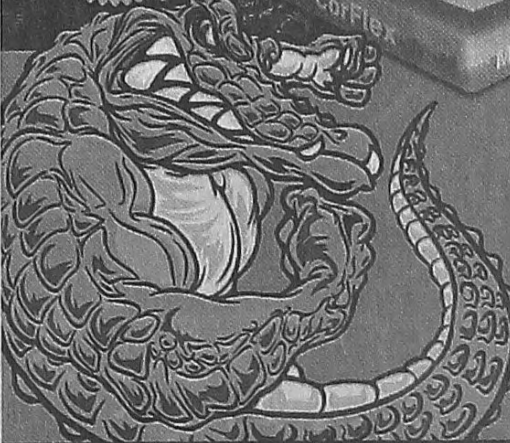
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