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Hundreds pack Save Hines Park meeting

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The size of the crowd Jan. 9 packed into the Robert and Janet Bennett Library in Livonia had Northville resident Nancy Darga on the brink of tears.

She was moved with emotion over the number of people wanting to hear more about Hines Park and Wayne County's plan to sell some of the historic mills and some of the surrounding property.

"I'm trying to not tear up, because I'm so happy to see this many people," she

said. "This is an indication that the parks have a chance, because you're here to fight for it."

Darga, former chief of design for Wayne County Parks, was one of the people on stage leading the meeting, put on by the organization Save Hines Park. That group has formed to rally against the county's plan to sell some of the historic Henry Ford mills in Hines Park for commercial development. It's many of the same people who were involved in keeping the Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights a golf course when

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A full crowd came to the Save Hines Park meeting Jan. 9 in Livonia. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

A sip and a smile



Don Ferguson of Canton, a former VP with Quicken Loans, and his wife Nayana Ferguson partnered with Michael Rowoldt to produce Teeq tequila. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Canton man launches tequila brand

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If you have nothing but bad experiences when you think of the word "tequila," Don Ferguson wants to change your mind. He thinks he's got a product that will do just that.

"I love tequila. But there are different grades of tequila," said Ferguson, a Canton resident. "When you go back to your old college days and you made \$5 an hour and you can barely afford anything, you were buying, most likely, Jose Cuervo."

His new spirit, Teeq Tequila, aims to change that perception and bring tequila and non-tequila drinkers into the mix. The brand launched more than four months ago and it's already for sale in restaurants across western Wayne County and in stores across Michigan.

It's a drink unlike many cheaper tequilas, Ferguson said, aiming to be a higher-end product.

"We're a premium sipping tequila. We're a tequila that is not going to be conventional in many terms," he said. "Most of the time, from the first taste,

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"We're a premium sipping tequila. We're a tequila that is not going to be conventional in many terms. Most of the time, from the first taste, we get, 'Wow, that's smooth.' And that's what I was shooting for."

Don Ferguson
founder, Teeq Tequila

Chive Kitchen draws vegan diners from all over area

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Regulars with a diverse background, but common love for a plant-based diet, have discovered Chive Kitchen, the 100-percent vegan restaurant in Farmington. They come from far and near for chef/owner Suzy Silvestre's Portuguese-influenced creations.

Tucked into a small shopping center off Grand River, adjacent to the Cheese Lady, the intimate space one recent Friday afternoon featured a diverse clientele in both age and race. Standing by the bar that features many local craft spirits and vegan wines, Silvestre talked of her passion for not only the food she serves, but her customers.

"I really enjoy having a restaurant in Farmington where I can look out and I have very diverse dining room," Silvestre said. "I truly believe that being vegan is one thing where everybody can come together with different backgrounds and needs and enjoy something together."

Silvestre said she loves to bring the eclectic beauty of Detroit into one small place with a common goal, to eat. Customers come from all over metro Detroit, including many from Ohio and Canada.

Chive Kitchen offers a different lunch, dinner and brunch menu focusing on the best part of each day. At lunch, sandwiches include a ceitan Reuben, a Buffalo sandwich and a Greek-inspired burger with a Michigan made Northwoods soda.

Her dinner offerings show off her Portuguese culture and California Bay Area upbringing.

Bife is a Portuguese dish traditionally served with steak and fried egg. At Chive, Silvestre transformed it with portobello steaks and a vegan Hollandaise sauce instead of the fried egg. The Alentejano stew is also mushroom-based, playing off of the Alentejano pork and clams dish of Portugal. "All of the flavors are there, as well as the love and time that goes into each dish — without the meat," she said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Be thankful, and remember

Can we just take a moment to pause ?

Can we take a moment to put down the phone and look at our neighbor. A time when we can, like the proverbial saying goes, "take a walk in their shoes".

I have said for the last 10 years that we as citizens have little or no understanding about the generations and the gaps that exist. Now, during the most blessed season for most we again have controversy over old and beloved traditional holiday songs. Without listing the song or controversy lets get back to an understanding of the past.

For those of you willing to take a minute, there was a time...

There was a time when vaccines did not exist. It was not uncommon for said disease and sickness to takemany a child. In my own family my great-great grandmother had to bury 6 out of 12 children in Poland.

There was a time when pregnant women smoked cigarettes.

It wasn't until 1946 when Dr. Benjamin Spock came out with a book on babies and child rearing before parents were given a clue by anything but their parents on how to raise a child, it was know as the bible of raising a child. So when you are annoyed at any unsolicited advice from the elderly perhaps you should consider where they learned to act that way and the fact it is out of concern and love.

There was a time when boys not yet men went to war for our country scared but confident in their beliefs of country and duty. They left behind (and still do) mothers and fathers, spouses, children. If you want to talk about strong women start here with those left alone to raise children, keep the house, work and still take time to volunteer for the USO, not to mention build planes.

There was a time when neighbors knew each other and cared. We kept our homes in the smallest of neighborhoods clean and neat and felt proud. We listened to the radio, did the dishes and made our beds.

I hope every day that my fellow human beings and particularly politicians remember that "there was time," when they consider eliminating pensions of those who worked their entire life to earn them or pass public policy without considering the aging population and their experiences. A wise person once said, "the opposite of love is not hate but indifference." Can we just take a moment to pause ?

Mary Skolarus
Canton

Support Hope not Handcuffs program

My name is Alfred Brock. I am a Director with the Northwest Wayne Chapter of FAN - Families Against Narcotics. I am writing to you today to tell you about 'Hope Not Handcuffs'.

It is a mighty tool in the fight against opioids and drug addiction.

Hope Not Handcuffs was started by Families Against Narcotics (FAN). It is specifically targeted at bringing the community together with law enforcement agencies to help provide viable treatment options immediately to

people who have had enough and are crying out for help to get away from their dependency on heroin, prescription drugs and alcohol.

It is a mighty tool and a powerful solution.

It's a simple operation. Here's how it works:

A person wrapped up in any drug addiction can go to any of the participating police departments and ask for help. They can expect to be greeted with support, looked on with compassion and given their due respect. If they are taken into the program the person will be taken through a brief intake process moving toward necessary treatment placement.

Even if a participant is uninsured or has Medicaid, they can be assured the team will coordinate directly with the local Office of Substance Abuse Services for placement. If the individual has private insurance then the team can provide them with treatment options covered by their plan.

No matter what happens the main goal of our team is to strive to get that person into treatment as soon as possible. At this time more than 200 volunteer "angels" help with paperwork and provide support until a treatment option is found.

Exceptions that may make someone ineligible for the program would include felony or domestic violence warrants; being a danger to others; not having reached the age of 18 and being without parent or guardian consent; a medical condition that may need hospitalization.

Having said all that - you can even request help, right now, by visiting our website www.familiesagainstanarcotics.org/hopenothandcuffs.

Click on the "Start Here" button and we will contact you as soon as possible.

Alfred Brock
Wayne

Can't explain strange behavior

The Who once had a song wherein they sang about not being able to explain and I sometimes feel that way about some of the things I've observed over the years during my travels across Livonia. I'll mention a few of the weirder examples.

Some mysteries I've been able to solve either through explanations provided or by rational deduction whereas other things have alluded explanation. There was a deranged man living near Lyndon who'd shout out his window at anyone within ear-range but I found this out by talking to one of his neighbors. A lot of strange behavior occurs involving people and their cars. Logically, you'd think that a person would get into his car, drive to some place, enter a building or what not, conduct his business, and then drive back home - but oh no.

I have the misfortune of living near a parking lot and so I get treated to seeing a lot of moronic activity. When you see two people in a car practicing driving maneuvers, that's a parent teaching a child driving lessons. There are car pools. Then there is the lovers' rendezvous, a car pool with a naughty twist wherein an illicit couple arrives in two separate vehicles but leave in one.

Sometimes you'll see a car drive into a parking lot and drive around aimlessly for several minutes before exiting the way they came - bizarre. Sometimes some doofus will sit in a parking lot in the dark with his high-beams on, shining through residential households. Even in broiling summer or in the dead of winter, you can find some brain-dead yahoo parked in an empty parking lot, park, etc. Usually you'll never see a security guard or cop inquire into such matters although I've seen people interrogated over more innocuous matters.

I guess these 'Parking Peters' could be eating lunch or sleeping but if you approach too close, they drive away! Seems suspicious.

There are many other strange mysteries that could be included into 'Project Who Knew Book' including the guy reading a newspaper every morning by dashboard light (escaping a nagging wife?), the cab which sits for hours in the dark without a fare (who's his employer?), and the guy who drives a few houses down the block every morning to sit for a few minutes in a female neighbor's driveway (we'll call him 'sex with your ex?').

Leo Weber
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Local student earns Michigan Tech scholarship

Vaibhav Hande of Canton is one of 42 high school students entering Michigan Technological University next fall who have earned one of the highest honors Michigan Tech can give. They've been named Leading Scholar finalists. They will receive awards ranging from \$10,000 per year scholarships to scholarships covering full tuition, room and board, plus \$1,000 a year toward fees and expenses.

Three Michigan students will receive the top award. Three out-of-state students get a full-tuition scholarships. The rest of the finalists who are Michigan residents will receive an \$8,000 scholarship, while the remainder of non-resident students will receive \$17,000 toward non-resident tuition.

Hande is a student at Canton High School and is the child of Poornima Hande and Subramanya Hande.

Leading Scholars are chosen based on outstanding leadership and scholarly achievements both in and outside the classroom. Applicants must submit an essay. They are evaluated not only on the leadership experiences highlighted in their essay, but in the way the infor-



Hande

mation is communicated in writing. The quality and content of a teacher/mentor nomination is also considered. Michigan Tech receives more than 1,000 Leading Scholar applications each year.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 854 GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



Boy Scout Troop 854, based at St. Michael's Church in Canton, had a big year of contributing to the local community in 2018. More than 3,000 man-hours of service were logged during 15 different Eagle Scout projects. Eagle Scout is the highest rank in the Boy Scouts and takes years to achieve. One of the requirements for the rank is the management and completion of a major service project for an approved organization, such as a school or charity group. Troop 854 had a wide variety of Eagle Scout projects this year. They ranged from environmental projects to park beautification to social welfare. "These projects allow Scouts to gain a sense of service to the community, as well as project and financial management," said Brian Ward, Troop 854 Scoutmaster.

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 independent non-profit 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.

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.

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Three things worth checking out this weekend

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Do you have a long weekend upcoming with the kids? If so, there's plenty to keep them occupied.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend is perfect for getting out and spending time with the family. Here are three events happening around town this weekend worth checking out.

North American International Auto Show in Detroit

The biggest stage for automobiles opens to the public this weekend at Co-bo Center in downtown Detroit.

Head there to check out all the new additions coming to the automotive world, including the new, powerful 2020 Shelby GT500, Ram 2500 and 3500 HD pickup trucks and plenty more. Visitors can come check out the resurrected models many of the automakers are bringing back, including the Ford Ranger and Bronco, Toyota Supra, Jeep Gladiator and Honda Passport, to name a few.

The show is open to the public beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and runs through Jan. 27. Hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 27.

Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$7 for seniors and children and can be purchased on the North American International Auto Show's website. For more in-

formation, go to naias.com.

MLK celebration in Canton

Come celebrate and honor the legacy of King during Canton's celebration Monday evening at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The celebration at the theater, 50400 Cherry Hill, will honor King's legacy and works on the holiday named for him. A reception kicks the event off at 6 p.m., followed by the program at 6:30 p.m. Martin Philbert, provost and executive vice resident for academic affairs at the University of Michigan, will provide the keynote address, while the Dodson Elementary School choir will perform musical numbers.

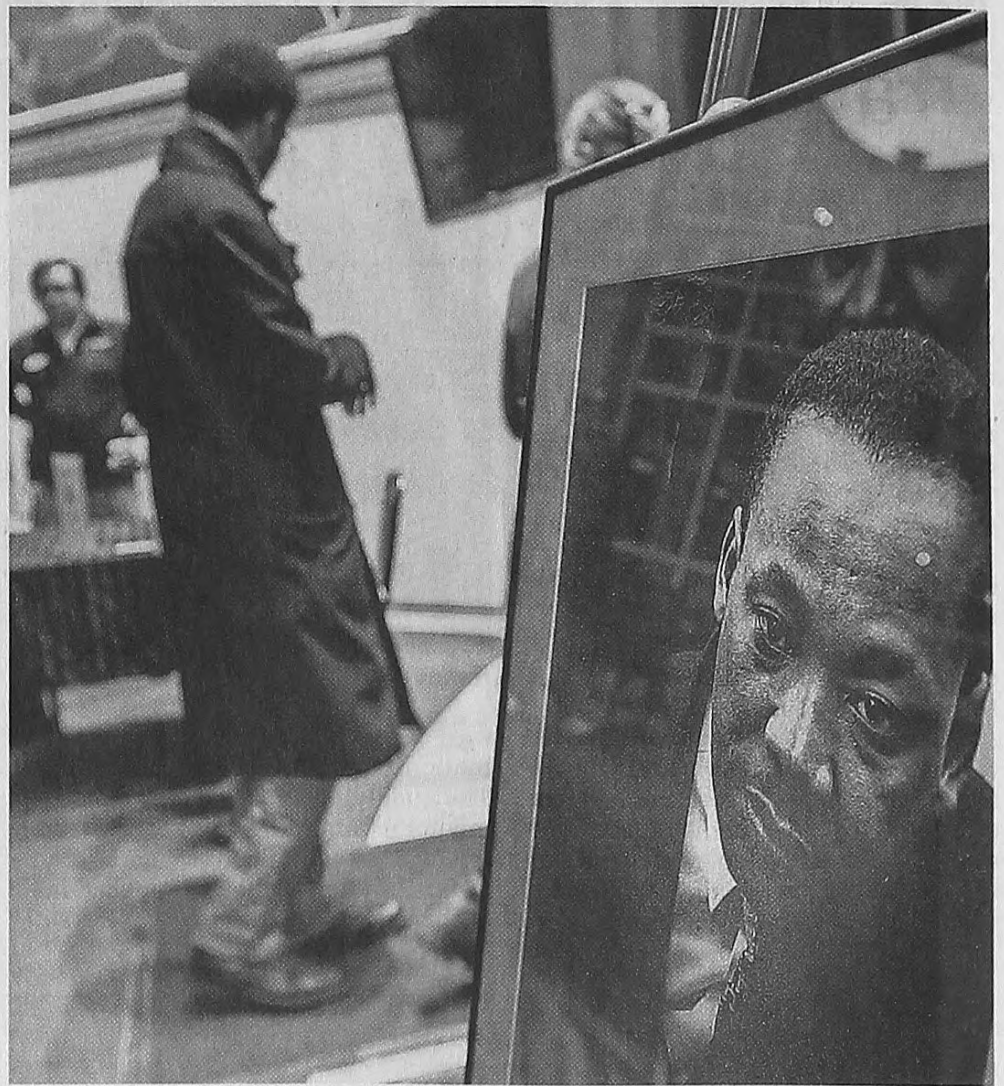
Tickets for the event are \$2 per person or \$5 per family and are available at the door. For more information, go to cantonvillagetheater.org.

Novi Hockey Challenge with Red Wings alumni

Head Friday to Novi if you're a fan of old school Red Wings hockey.

The Novi Police and Fire Benevolent Association hosts its Hockey Challenge at 7:45 p.m. Friday at the Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Nick Lidstrom Drive. There, the organization will take on Detroit Red Wings alumni team in a hockey game.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online through Novi PFBA's website.



Canton Township's celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Area property crime falls over last five years

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Property crimes in 10 western Wayne County communities fell between 2013 and 2017, while violent crime rose in some of the same communities but was down sharply in others.

New statistics from the FBI, published recently in its report "Crime in the United States, 2017," show that 10 area communities — Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Wayne, Plymouth and Northville, plus Canton, Redford, Plymouth and Northville townships — reported a combined 6,634 property crimes in 2017. That's a 26-percent drop compared to 8,968 reported property crimes in those communities in 2013.

Property crime is defined as burglary, larceny, vehicle theft and arson.

In the same communities, there were 1,104 violent crimes reported in 2013 and 1,120 in 2017. That's an increase of about 1.4 percent.

But a look at individual communities' statistics shows mixed results when it comes to violent crime: in Westland, it fell by almost 29 percent (363 violent crimes in 2013 vs. 258 in 2017) while in Redford it rose by 31 percent (244 in 2013 compared to 320 in 2017).

Violent crime is defined as murder, non-negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

Most of the 10 communities noted double-digit declines in property crime, with Westland leading the way with a 42-percent drop (2,399 property crimes in 2013 compared to 1,388 in 2017).

Westland Deputy Chief Brian Miller, who keeps track of crime statistics for the department, said the fall in the raw

Reported crimes, 2013-2017

Police agencies provide statistics reflected in the FBI's annual Uniform Crime Reports. Here are the historical numbers of crimes, in eight categories, plus the estimated population of the community.

Community	Population	Murder and manslaughter	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny	Vehicle theft	Arson
Canton Twp. 2017	90,294	0	31	15	71	94	993	57	3
2016	89,861	0	21	23	108	79	904	49	6
2015	89,628	0	19	14	86	129	915	53	5
2014	89,073	0	25	13	80	184	1,069	74	12
2013	88,958	0	18	16	60	173	968	109	8
Plymouth 2017	9,072	0	4	0	9	7	59	5	0
2016	8,865	0	2	2	1	12	65	11	0
2015	8,889	0	0	0	9	9	44	7	0
2014	8,912	0	2	1	6	10	56	4	0
2013	8,949	0	3	2	9	13	75	1	4
Plymouth Twp. 2017	26,779	0	4	5	13	27	177	22	0
2016	26,870	0	2	2	12	29	232	19	0
2015	26,933	0	3	0	20	33	210	17	0
2014	26,973	1	2	2	15	45	232	18	1
2013	27,076	0	5	3	10	46	231	19	0

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numbers was encouraging.

"We believe that a large part of this success has to do with the hard work that our officers are putting in day in and day out on the streets of our city," Miller wrote in an e-mail.

Miller also credited detectives for what he said was their persistence in pursuing cases. "This sends a message to those looking to commit crimes that the city of Westland is serious about fol-

lowup and prosecution, hopefully deterring future crime," he said.

Curtis Caid, the police chief in Livonia and the secretary/treasurer of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, said he's happy to see the city's numbers heading in the right direction, but cautioned against making too much of the improvement. The numbers, he said, can change quickly.

Livonia noted 27-percent declines in

both property and violent crime since 2013.

"Any community is going to be pleased when they see a reduction, but I'm always wary about pounding our chests and hanging our hats on those successes, because at times they can be fleeting," Caid said.

He added: "We could be up a couple ticks next year, but that's not necessarily an indicator that things are out of control."

Violent crime was up since 2013 in Garden City, Northville, Wayne, and Northville, Canton and Plymouth townships.

But several of those communities had low numbers to begin with, so a small increase appeared to be a sharp one, percentage-wise. The city of Northville, for example, had just four reported violent crimes in 2013 and six in 2017.

In the city of Plymouth, the number of violent crimes fell by one — there were 14 reported incidents in 2013 compared to 13 in 2017.

Combined, the 10 communities, home to 425,933 people last year according to estimates based on U.S. Census Bureau data, had rates of both violent and property crime in 2017 that were well below statewide rates.

Michigan, with more than 9.96 million people, recorded 450 violent crimes and 1,800 property crimes per 100,000 residents in 2017, while the 10 local communities overall saw about 263 violent crimes and 1,558 property crimes per 100,000.

The FBI issues a detailed report on national crime statistics annually, with the raw data provided by more than 18,000 law enforcement agencies.



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Plymouth Ice Festival draws thousands

Some 52 tons of ice blanketed downtown Plymouth last weekend and event planners for the 37th annual Plymouth Ice Festival couldn't have been happier.

More than 300 specially created crystal clear ice blocks were sawed, shaved and shaped into more than 100 ice carvings that were on display in Kellogg Park and throughout downtown.

There were plenty of family-friendly activities all three days and a warming area at the Gathering Place across from Kellogg next to the Penn Theatre, as well.



Chris Busuash and Paul Nuznov work on the ice bar at E.G. Nick's. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Lauren Klapar and Clinton Rich place a fish head on top of other blocks of ice for their sculpture at the Plymouth Ice Festival. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Ignore short-term market swings if you are truly an investor



Money Matters
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I'm sure that most people would be shocked to hear that the stock market is off to its best start in 13 years. Through the first seven trading days of the year, the Dow Jones Industrial Average is up nearly 3 percent, the S&P 500 is up 3.6 percent and the NASDAQ is up a whopping 5.3 percent. I suspect most people would be surprised to hear this. They would probably wonder how the stock market can do so well with all the issues we are facing, such as the government shutdown, ongoing trade issues with China and continuing issues with Brexit. The answer is quite simple: markets have a mind of their own and sometimes, when it comes to markets, good news is bad news and bad news is good news.

It is impossible to predict short-term gyrations in the market. Markets are irrational over the short run and some-

times they don't make any sense. That is why I constantly try to educate investors about making long-term financial decisions based upon short-term movements in the market, whether up or down.

When you get involved with investments, it's important to decide whether you're an investor or a trader. An investor, who most of us should be, is one that takes the long-term approach to the market. A successful investor builds diversified and balanced portfolios to survive any type of market. A smart investor is one who understands volatility in the market and is one who does not let short-term gyrations dictate their investments.

On the other hand, traders are not looking long term with their investments, but are looking for short-term movements that they can capitalize on. Traditionally, traders are willing to take greater risks for substantial rewards. Of course, traders that take substantial risks also have to accept the fact that their losses can be substantial. The way I look at it, traders are equivalent to

gamblers in the fact that their focus is short term. Typically, when a trader buys an investment, he may only be in that investment for a few days or a few weeks. On the other hand, when an investor buys an investment, they are not looking a few weeks down the road, but years down the road.

A trader is much more active in the market and constantly has to be watching their investments — not weekly, monthly or quarterly, but hourly. After all, traders are looking for those short-term opportunities that they can capitalize on. The reality of the situation is most of us are not going to watch our investments all the time and that's why, when amateurs try to be traders, the great majority of the time they lose.

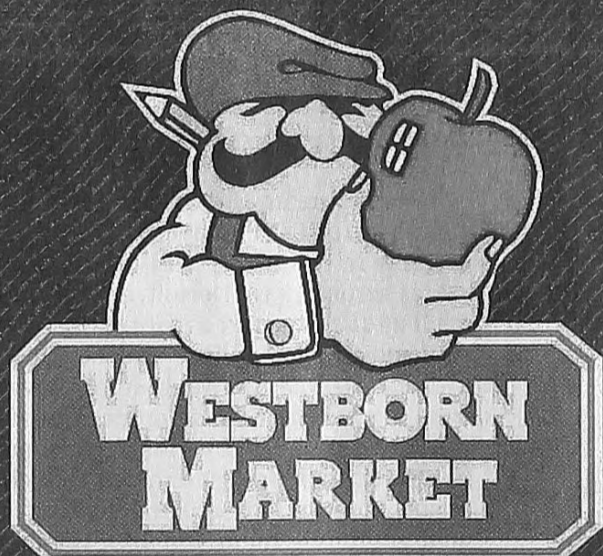
Most of us should be investors that take a long-term view of the market. It is important to recognize that the market is not a get-rich-fast scheme. It takes discipline and patience to be successful. When markets are volatile either moving up or down, it is important that an investor realizes they don't have to react to every up and down in the market. In-

vestors with patience and the discipline to take a longer-term approach are generally the ones who are going to be more successful.

Does the fact we are having a good January mean that the rest of the year will be solid? Of course not. We have no idea what events will occur that could have a positive or negative effect on markets. As I've always told investors, if you're looking one year down the road, the stock market is not for you. Markets are too volatile and too unpredictable if your goal is one year down the road. If you're looking long term, short-term gyrations in the market are going to be nothing more than a speed bump and not something you have to react to.

I've always been a believer that it is impossible to time the market. It would be nice if we could get in the market at its low point and then sell when it reaches its high. Unfortunately, you and I can't do that and no one has been able to do that successfully.

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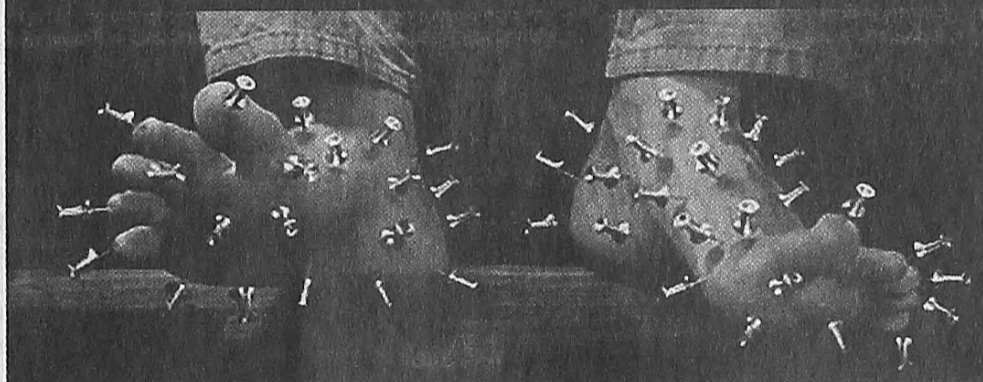
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Chef/owner Suzy Silvestre opened Chive Kitchen three years ago, a vegan restaurant in downtown Farmington that taps into Silvestre's Portuguese and western European background. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Vegan

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"I enjoy taking food that is traditionally meat-driven and making it vegan. When it comes to food, it is really about texture and flavor and the savory and the acids and bringing all those things together," Silvestre said.

Other menu offerings include a brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Sunday featuring starters, toasts and benedicts, scrambles and sandwiches. An extensive vegan dessert menu includes blueberry cardamom cake, chocolate beet cake, ice cream and more. A kids menu features hot dogs, cheeseburger, nachos and mac and cheese — all scratch made with vegan ingredients.

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Besides local spirits, Chive features Farmington-based Neu Kombucha and Ice Cream Plant vegan ice cream from Royal Oak residents Sarah and Robb Zimmerman, as well as other locally sourced non-GMO and organic ingredients.

Silvestre said folks told her she was crazy to want to open a vegan restaurant. In December 2015 — she did anyway. "I knew there were other people like myself ... even if you are not vegan or vegetarian, some people just want to eat more plant-based," she said. And three years later, she is still proving her point is valid to a growing customer base that appreciates healthy eating made with scratch ingredients.

Chive has a 4.5 rating on both Google and Yelp. For a full menu and hours, go to <https://www.chivekitchen.com/>.



House crafted Passionate Punch at Chive Kitchen is made with Hangar 1 vodka. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The Chive reuben is made with corned beef ceitan, cheese sauce, red peppers, caramelized onions, dill relish sauce, deli slaw and Detroit marbled rye. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I enjoy taking food that is traditionally meat-driven and making it vegan."

Suzy Silvestre
chef/owner, Chive Kitchen

Tequila

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we get, 'Wow, that's smooth.' And that's what I was shooting for."

Two styles are currently available: a coconut lime blanco, which Ferguson claims is the only one of its kind in the world; and reposada, tequila aged several months in whiskey barrels. The end result is a smooth taste that has left Ferguson's customers wanting more; he's been blown away by the response since the tequila was launched in late summer.

The idea has been in the works for more than a year, Ferguson said. He was employed at a large metro Detroit mortgage company and decided he wanted out of the corporate game. Being a big fan of tequila, he began exploring other options.

Speaking with his wife, who was going through her own career transition, the two looked into distilleries in Mexico before finding one they liked. They then began working on recipes, receiving shipments back and forth from the distillery with samples, before finalizing the recipe and beginning production.

The hummingbird on the label recalls the esteem many Aztecs held toward the fluttering bird in ancient times, as well as providing good luck whenever one

flies by you. That's an experience, Ferguson said, he can relate to.

"I've had a hummingbird fly by my head three times," he said. "The most recent was the day after I picked up most of these bottles. It really resonated."

On shelves, bars statewide

Since launching, his tequila has made it into restaurants such as Las Palapas in Livonia, Barrio Cocina Tequileria in Plymouth and others. It's also in liquor stores across metro Detroit, as well as served in places such as Jackson and as far north as Marquette.

Because all distilling and bottling takes place in Mexico, politics in Washington have affected business. Ferguson said his product has been impacted by the tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump's administration. It's caused some headaches, costing Ferguson some additional money, but he had enough cushion to pay them and keep his line imported into the United States.

"It created some tariffs that were unexpected, because they didn't exist," Ferguson said. "It was unexpected. We did not know. We did not forecast that."

The brand has gotten the attention of several restaurants that have begun stocking it behind their bars. Hector Ochoa, owner of Las Palapas, said he stocks about 250 types of tequila at the restaurant and has sold plenty of Teeq since stocking it late last year, with lots of local interest.

"It's actually been good," he said. "I think it's more because it's local and I think everybody's been coming in. We actually sold out for two or three weeks."

"We have regulars that have been big fans of it and they drink it regularly."

The success of the brand has exceeded Ferguson's expectations and he said he's not stopping anytime soon. He's hoping eventually his tequila can be found across the country.

"We really did not think that in four months we would have 100 stores," he said. "Because of word of mouth still, we've been able to pick up 15 more stores and restaurants."

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Hines

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county officials were looking to sell the course for housing developments several years ago.

The standing room-only crowd of more than 300 in the library's auditorium heard from several people, including Darga, Bill Craig and librarian Carl Katafiasz, who gave a presentation on the history and creation of Hines Park.

The county's plan includes selling two additional mills, the Newburgh Mill near Newburgh and Hines Drive in Livonia and the Wilcox Mill at 230 Wilcox in Plymouth. The plan, dubbed the Mill Run Project, would see those mills sold to private developers, who would in turn renovate them into usable public spaces, such as restaurants, breweries and more. The plans would require developers to keep the mills and the surrounding land usable for the public.

A purchase agreement has been reached with a local developer, Critical Mass LLC, which plans to turn the Phoenix Mill in Plymouth Township into a banquet facility and restaurant with an investment of at least \$2 million, according to Wayne County officials.

A website has been created by the county for the project. It can be found at waynecounty.com/millrun.

The Save Hines Park members are concerned over the sale of the land, which would take it out of the county's hands forever. That's a concern several elected officials expressed Monday night at the Livonia City Council meeting, where the county came to the council to request to speak more about the plans to members at a later date.

County Commissioner Diane Webb, D-Livonia, who chairs the commission's public services committee, told the Livonia council she was concerned over the county executive's staff bringing the concept of selling the mills to local government before taking it to the county commission.

"They got the cart in front of the horse," she said. "They really should be bringing decisions to be made with county assets to the county commission before they bring them to local council folks."

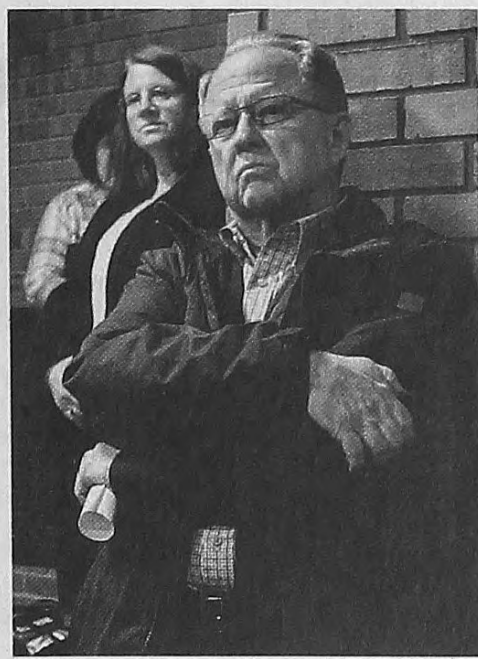
Assistant Wayne County Executive Khalil Rahal pushed back the next day on Webb's comments, saying the coun-



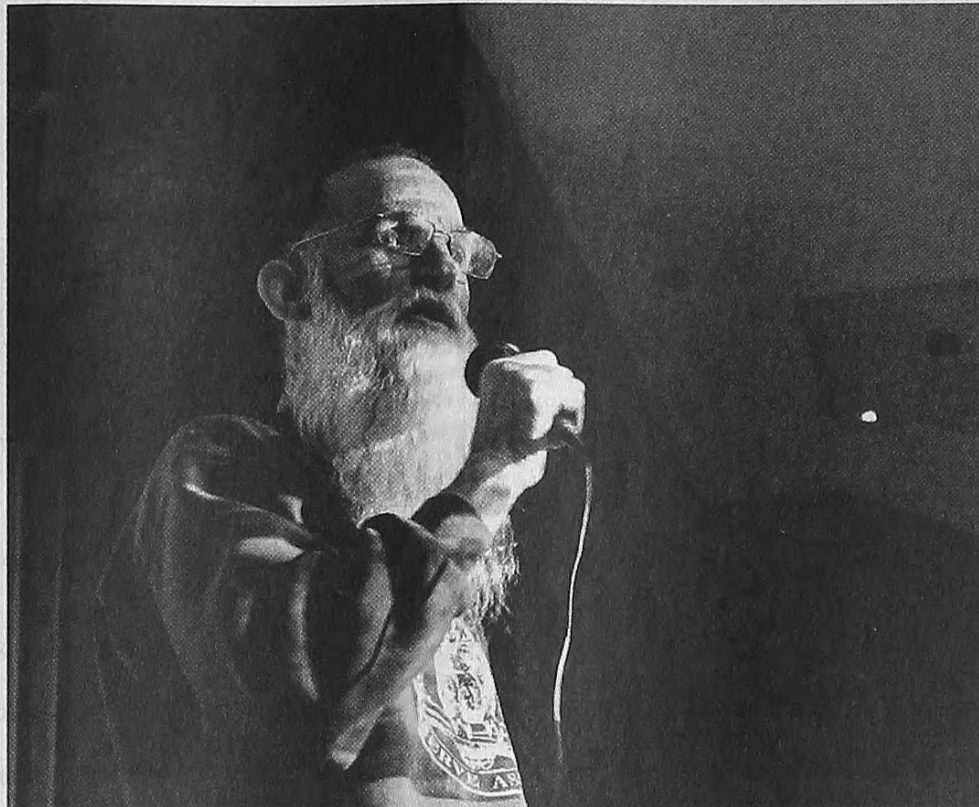
Newburgh Mill, located on Hines Drive at Newburgh Road. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



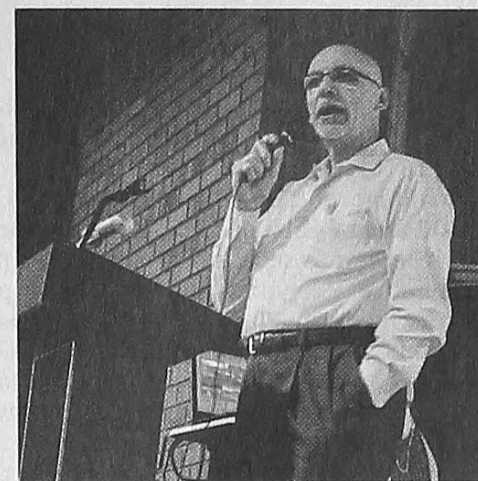
Signs on stage at the Save Hines Park meeting Jan. 9 at the Robert and Janet Bennett Library in Livonia. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Wayne County Commissioner Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, listens at the Save Hines Park presentation Jan. 9 in Livonia. Behind him is Livonia City Clerk Susan Nash. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Livonia resident Bill Craig speaks during the Save Hines Park town hall meeting Jan. 9 at the Robert and Janet Bennett Library in Livonia. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Carl Katafiasz, a librarian for Livonia, gives a presentation on the history of Hines Park. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ty has had more than 50 meetings with several local groups, including some county commissioners, ramping up to the sale of the mills.

More public meetings are planned later on, though Rahal said they are waiting to receive more detailed information on the proposals.

"Some of those meetings have been with staff at those local levels," he said.

"What we are doing now is vetting the offers before we have the public meetings."

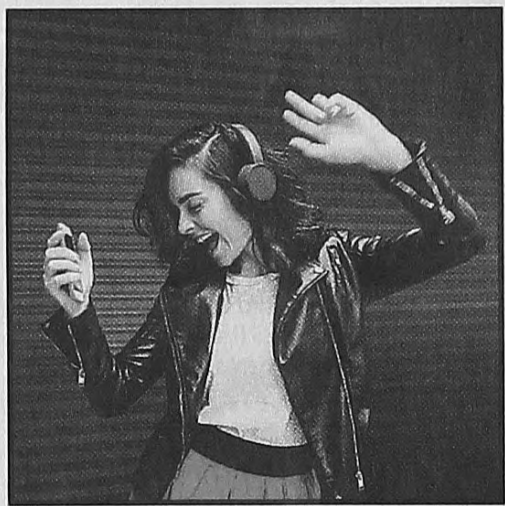
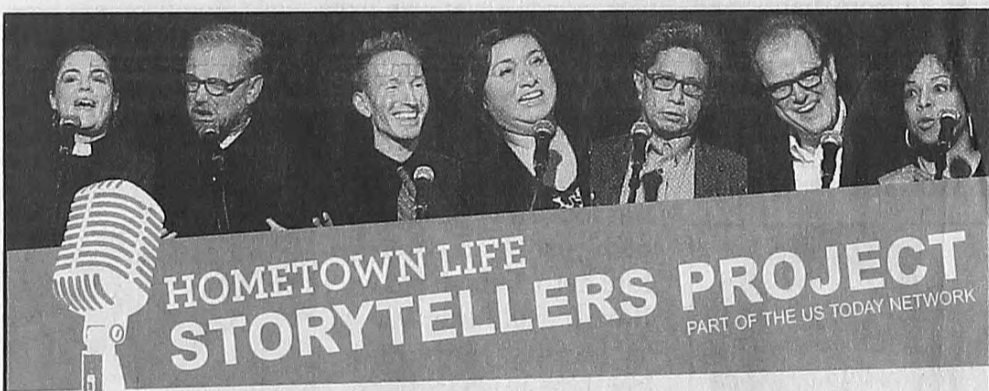
"To say that the county has not been transparent, to say she had no idea about this project is disingenuous."

County Commissioner Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, urged the Livonia City Council to be careful when receiving information on the plan, since he felt there

had been some incorrect info being spread.

"I think it's worth repeating that the process has not been transparent at this point," he said. "Dearborn Heights learned that lesson with Warren Valley with this current administration."

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Super blood wolf moon eclipse this week

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The first total lunar eclipse of 2019 — also called a wolf moon — is expected to be both a super moon and a reddish-copper blood moon.

Folks across the United States may be able to catch a glimpse of a super blood wolf moon eclipse.

In the Eastern time zone, the total eclipse will be visible from 9:36 p.m. Jan. 20 to 2:48 a.m. Jan. 21, according to an IndyStar interview with Brian Murphy, director of the Holcomb Observatory & Planetarium and Butler University professor.

Data from NASA indicates the eclipse is expected to be visible throughout North and South America.

NASA projects the total eclipse duration at about 1 hour and 2 minutes. The peak is expected at 12:16 a.m. Jan. 21, according to Space.com.

EarthSky Communications Inc., a Texas-based science website, says the Jan. 21 event is also expected to be a super moon, or a “new or full moon closely coinciding with perigee, the moon’s closest point to Earth in its monthly orbit.”

The moniker super moon sounds gargantuan and the orb may be closer than normal — a moon must come within 90 percent of its closest approach to Earth to qualify. But EarthSky writers explain that super moons don’t actually look bigger than ordinary full moons.

However, they do appear brighter and may elevate the ocean’s tides within a day or two of the event, the

site explained.

According to Space.com, the full moon will become a red-orange color as it enters the Earth’s shadow.

Murphy told the IndyStar that this red tint will be most visible between 11:40 p.m. Jan. 20 and 12:43 a.m. Jan. 21.

The first full moon of the year is also traditionally called the “Full Wolf Moon,” a name that comes from early colonial times, according to The Old Farmer’s Almanac.

Looking to spot the super blood wolf moon eclipse? The IndyStar says no special equipment is necessary.

It’s best to view in clear sky or minimally cloudy sky, but Murphy said people should get away from any streetlights and head out to their backyards to see the eclipse.

AREA EVENTS

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

MLK Day at Village Theater

Following a punch and cookie reception in the lobby, Canton Township will honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a tribute on the Main Stage at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21. The reception is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

This year’s keynote address will be presented by Martin Philbert, Ph.D., provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at the University of Michigan. The program will also feature a performance by the Dodson Elementary School Choir.

Tickets will be available at door for \$2 per person or \$5 per family (cash only). Tickets can be purchased at the box office one hour prior to event time. For more information, call 734-394-5300 or go to www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Socks and underwear drive

The annual socks and underwear and 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 Plymouth 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.

All Saints School open house

All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road, in Canton will host an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27. The school offers small class sizes, a curriculum above state standards, technology-infused classrooms, and state-of-the-art security.

For more information, call 734-459-2490 or go to www.allsaintscs.com.

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 Zaporiski 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.cantonvillagetheater.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 be-

fore 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.

Cancer fundraiser at Village Theater

“Lights. Camera. Cure.” is a special theatrical event that will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. This musical fundraiser for the American Cancer Society will feature classic film hits as sung by local performers.

The event includes the performance, dessert reception, coffee bar, a silent auction and a cash bar. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Canton-Plymouth event.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling 734-394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at the box office one hour prior to show time. All ages must have a ticket. No refunds or exchanges.

Kindermusik with Grandfriends

Educators from Evola Music of Canton will present

Kindermusik with Grandfriends, an innovative concept for bringing generations together through music and play, at 11 a.m. the first Saturday of each month at Angel Gardens of Livonia, 38910 Six Mile Road.

This monthly intergenerational program will include singing, playing, dance and and more and is open to all ages. Families receive a small gift to take home. Register by calling Evola School of Music at 734-455-4677.

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.

Obituaries

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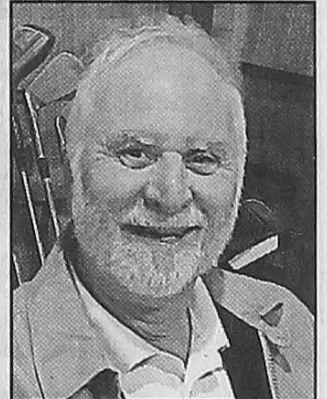
Nancy Irene McCall

PLYMOUTH - Nancy Irene McCall (Hopper) age 79, of Plymouth, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on January 9, 2019. Nancy was born March 29, 1939 in Ann Arbor. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1957. She married Clarence Ray McCall May 27, 1961. They resided in Plymouth and raised 4 children. They enjoyed their retirement years at Haas Lake Camp Ground in Lyon Twp where they had many great friends. Nancy is survived by her children: Marvel (Dennis) Vettese, Ken McCall, Elizabeth Grace Moritz and Lilly Marlene (James) Norton. She has 7 grandchildren: Dennis (Alissa) Vettese, Dain (Maria) Vettese, Matthew (Raquel) Vettese, Brittany Norton, Ashley Norton, Kyle Moritz and Abigail Moritz; 3 great grandchildren: Giovanni, Stella and Kinsley. Nancy is also survived by her brother Harold Hopper and Gary (Teresa) Hopper and many great friends, nieces, nephews and cousins. Nancy will be entombed with her husband Clarence Ray, who passed away August 21, 2018 at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or charity of your choice. www.phillipsfuneral.com



Mary Kilner

PLYMOUTH - Long-time Plymouth resident, Mary Kilner, passed away January 6th, just 25 days before her 107th birthday. Born in Fall River, Massachusetts, Mary and her late husband Joe raised their children in Cleveland, Ohio. Mary moved to Plymouth in the early 1980s and was a resident of Tonquish Creek Manor until she was 105 years old. Mary was the mother of three children, her beloved daughter Joan (late Robert) White and sons (late) Joe (Jo Ann) and John Kilner. Mary was also the grandmother of seven, great-grandmother of three, and great-great-grandmother of five ranging in age from 2 to 24. Well into her 90s, Mary enjoyed crocheting, puzzles, and gardening and had a lifelong love of dark chocolate, eating a piece every day. Mary’s family will remember her privately.



Daniel T. Grippo

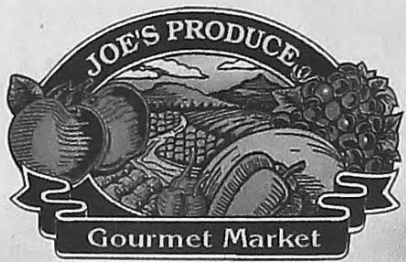
FARMINGTON HILLS - age 72; died January 4, 2019. Beloved husband of Julie, the love of his life, for 30 years; loving father of Sam, Bec, and Scott; dear grandfather; fond brother of George (Terry) Grippo, Patricia (Dave) Cardinali and dear brother-in-law to Michelle (Jay) Horowitz and Arlene (Bob) Cook; devoted son of the late Betty and George Grippo and incredibly compassionate son-in-law to Martin Abel. An avid golfer and lover of the Florida sun, he was a walking book of facts. He devoted his days, and much of his big heart, to Hercules and Zeus, his ever-loving dogs. No services are planned at this time. Memorial tributes suggested to the Michigan Humane Society or BluePearl Animal Hospital. www.heeneysundquist.com

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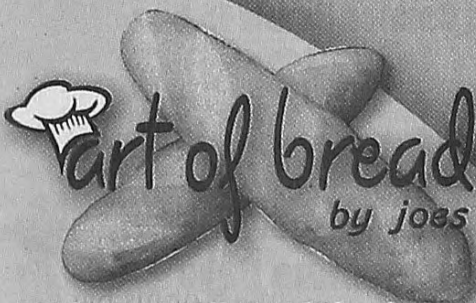
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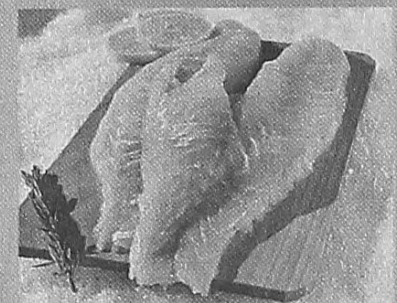
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BOYS BASKETBALL

Glenn's Moon nets school-record 44 points

Senior guard hits 3-point at buzzer to tie game at 70-70, but Rockets fall, 81-78

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Even though Joe Moon IV scored a school-record 44 points and surpassed the 1,000-point mark in his career at Westland John Glenn, nobody took the Rockets' 81-78 overtime loss Friday at Belleville harder than the senior guard.

"It's a really tough feeling. I hate losing and I wanted this one more than anything in the world," said Moon, who sent the game into overtime with a clutch 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Moon scored 30 points to help orchestrate a second-half comeback after the Rockets were down by as many as 17 in the second quarter.

With 5.1 seconds left in regulation, Belleville junior forward Connor Bush, who led the Tigers with 26 points and 12 rebounds, split a pair of free throws to give his team a 70-67 advantage.

But somehow, somehow, coming out of the timeout and with three defenders draped around him, Moon found an opening against the Tigers' triple-team and nailed the 3-pointer at the horn to send the game into OT.

"It was for two people, it was for me and Ren (Thrasher) and whoever wasn't covered, that's who was taking the shot," Moon said. "I just got it myself and shot it."

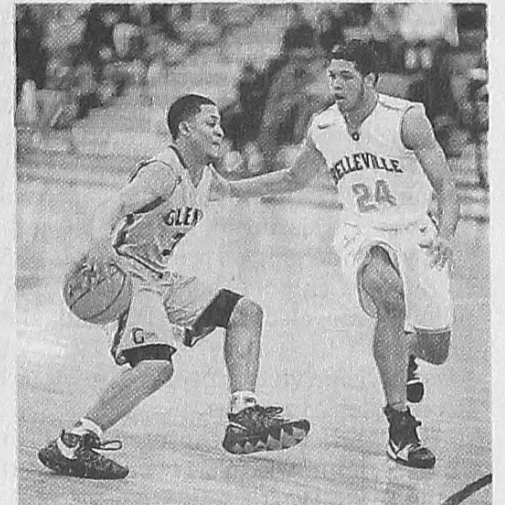
Moon earlier had smartly signaled for a timeout with 1.5 seconds left after the Rockets pushed the ball up the floor.

"Coach (Kirk) Bradley drew up a great play, the guys executed it to the 'T,'" Glenn coach Rod Watts said. "Sharieff Liddell made a great pass to Joe ... all he needed was a little space, little bit of daylight and, if he could see the rim, we thought we had a good chance."

In the overtime, Thrasher (23 points) hit two quick buckets to put the Rockets up 74-70, but Belleville charged back, getting a big hoop by Bush to go up 78-77 with only 7.7 seconds to go after Moon had put Glenn ahead, 77-76, on one of his patented drives to the basket less than 10 seconds earlier.

"They have two really excellent guards in Moon and Thrasher," Belle-

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John Glenn's Joe Moon IV (left) takes Belleville's Jamari Buddin off the dribble on his way to a school-record 44 points. THOMAS BEAUDOIN

FIGURE SKATING

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Local pairs skaters Jacob Nussle and Cora DeWyre will have the home crowd behind them at Little Caesars Arena. U.S. FIGURE SKATING

Junior pairs team of DeWyre, Nussle eyes skate at LCA

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For national-level junior pairs skaters Cora DeWyre and Jacob Nussle, it's all about the process.

In their fourth season together as a team, it's become a marathon more than

a sprint for the 16-year-old DeWyre, a sophomore at South Lyon High School, and 23-year-old Nussle, who hails from Linden.

The two have spent countless hours training and gone to five different competitions over the past year as they prepare for the 2019 GEICO U.S. Figure Skating Championships, which will be

held Jan. 18-27 in their own backyard at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit.

DeWyre and Nussle will be among 12 juniors pairs team that will perform Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 23-24, at LCA and the excitement is building. They earned a spot on the national

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PREP WRESTLING

Shamrocks pin Indiana powerhouse Cathedral

Turner leads way as Shamrocks recognize six seniors in ceremony

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It was another surgical-like performance turned in Saturday by the top-ranked Novi Detroit Catholic Central wrestling team, which held its annual Super Duals tournament.

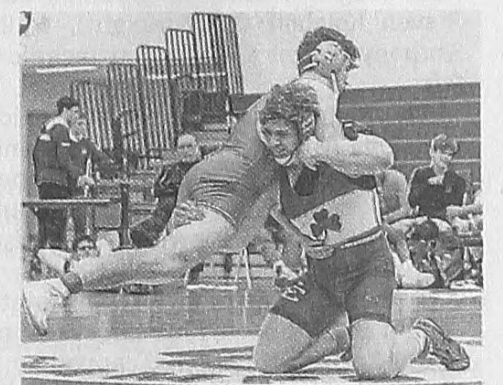
The Shamrocks, who recognized their outgoing senior class, went 4-0 on the day to raise their overall season match record to 17-0.

The two-time defending MHSAA Division 1 state champs capped off the day with a 40-16 triumph over Indiana's defending state champion and top-ranked Indianapolis Cathedral.


Other wins for the Shamrocks came against Culver (Ind.) Academy, 68-12; defending MHSAA Division 3 state champion Dundee, 60-7; and Brownstown Woodhaven, 66-3.

"I'm pretty excited for our guys," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "Our guys have been through a meat grinder the last four weeks with Brecksville (Ohio) Tournament, the CC Invite and now the Super Duals. Next week, we'll be at

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Catholic Central's Easton Turner (bottom) lifts Indianapolis Cathedral's Luke Adams off the mat en route to a 19-7 major decision at 195 pounds during the CC Super Duals. SCOTT CONFER



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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sollom's return lifts Hartland over Northville

Junior center sees first action of the season as Eagles pull away for 51-21 KLA West Division win

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The wait is finally over for Hartland's Whitney Sollom.

The standout 6-foot-4 junior center was itching to get back onto the court and when she entered the KLA West Division girls basketball game Jan. 9 at Northville with 4:17 left in the opening quarter, she immediately made her presence known, nailing her first two shots and assisting on another basket.

After undergoing a procedure May 23 to repair a chipped bone in her knee, Sollom was cleared to play and she helped lift the Eagles to a 51-21 KLA West Division victory over the previously unbeaten Mustangs.

Hartland, which captured its fifth straight, improved to 5-1 overall and 3-0 in the KLA West.

"Oh my gosh, it felt so good to be out here," said Sollom, who made all four of her shots in just under 12 minutes of action. "I've been waiting for this and I've been out so long. And just to be out here with my teammates, it just felt awesome to be out there. My knee felt awesome and I'm glad to be back."

Sollom, considered a Big Ten-caliber prospect, had what is called osteochondritis dissecans of the knee.

"I had the surgery May 23 and I was out for all summer, my travel (team) and even summer ball with my high school team ... my first five games with my high school team and now I'm back," Sollom said. "It felt awesome just to get back into it. I'm excited to make this season great with my team."

Northville (6-1, 2-1) led 21-20 with 6:09 left in the third quarter on a basket by Ellie Thallman, but then the roof caved in.

Hartland finished the game by outscoring the Mustangs 31-0 during the final 14:09 to win going away.

"I knew that we had had a run, but I didn't realize it was that many," Hartland coach Don Palmer said. "It just kind of snowballed. We went to about shooting the ball as poorly as we can do it, to being special. The score was not indicative of the game. We felt we'd be challenged tonight and we were, I thought."

Turnovers were the major issue for the Mustangs, who committed a total of 31 on the night. Northville made just 1-of-15 field-goal attempts during the second half.



Northville's Sophia Jeromsky (left) tries to take Hartland's Amanda Roach off the dribble. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Northville's Ellie Thallman (left) tries to drive on Hartland's Whitney Sollom. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I think we kind of woke up a sleeping giant at halftime," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "Our kids played a good first half, a great 20 minutes, really. Then about halfway through the third quarter, it just seemed Hartland kind of ramped up their defense and we really struggled ... a lot of turnovers, didn't take care of the basketball and didn't get

off many quality shots the second half. And that's a credit to them. I thought our kids played hard ... just couldn't do anything in the second half."

Hartland, which started five underclassmen, got a game-high 15 points from freshman guard Amanda Roach, who made three of the Eagles' five 3-pointers.

"She was a kid that we took note of in seventh grade and I thought, in eighth grade, she could have played on the varsity. Obviously, we thought she was that good," Palmer said of Roach. "Offensively, she's razor-sharp. Defensively, she's got to kind of put them both together. But she's got a nose for the rim and then she can hit that three-ball. She's got to work at it, like everybody else. I told everybody last year that we've got a kid in eighth grade that can start for us. She was pretty good then."

Yet another freshman, 5-11 forward Gracey Metz, contributed nine points as Hartland made 13-of-27 shots from the floor during the second half after going 9-of-33 over the first two quarters.

Thallman scored seven points to lead Northville.

But with Sollom lurking inside, the Mustangs had trouble finding the bottom of the net. They made only 23.6 percent of their shots from the field (9-of-38).

"That changes the game a little bit and makes it difficult for us to try and attack the basket, knowing she's there to protect the rim," Gudith said. "It's just another weapon that you have to worry about for them. Not only can their guards shoot lights out from outside, now we've got to worry about the inside presence, too. So they kind of hit you both ways."

Sollom, who was cleared to play a week before Christmas, will have her minutes managed gradually before she can go at full speed.

"She got a little more than I wanted, but she was dying to play," Palmer said. "She was allowed to practice on the 18th and she didn't have any fear, any favoritism on that knee. And she was allowed to scrimmage at St. Johns, which was a very, very physical scrimmage, and she handled that well, so I wasn't apprehensive about putting her in tonight."

Conditioning is Sollom's biggest challenge going forward.

"I'm a little out of shape, but as soon as I got out there and I was running up and down the court, it felt better and better," Sollom said. "The first couple of scrimmages at practice I was sucking for air. It's getting better."

Meanwhile, it's back to the drawing board for the Mustangs, who had their six-game winning streak snapped.

"We've just got to believe in ourselves," Gudith said. "We saw that we could play with them for 2½ quarters. And when we put it all together, we're a pretty solid team. Put this one away and move on, because it doesn't get any easier in this division."

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Shamrocks

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Lowell. Just really impressed just by how the team responded today. I thought we were very aggressive and put some big points on the board."

Detroit CC captured 10 of the 14 matches against Cathedral, getting pins from Josh Edmond (138 pounds) and Steven Kolcheyff (heavyweight), while Anthony Walker (106) won by technical fall.

The Shamrocks also received major decisions from Manny Rojas (170) and Easton Turner (195), while Derek Gilcher (145), Kevon Davenport (152), Cam Amine (160), John Browning (182) also captured their matches.

Turner, the defending MHSAA state champ at 215, boosted his career record to 108-24 with three pins, capped by a 19-7 major decision over Cathedral's Luke Adams.

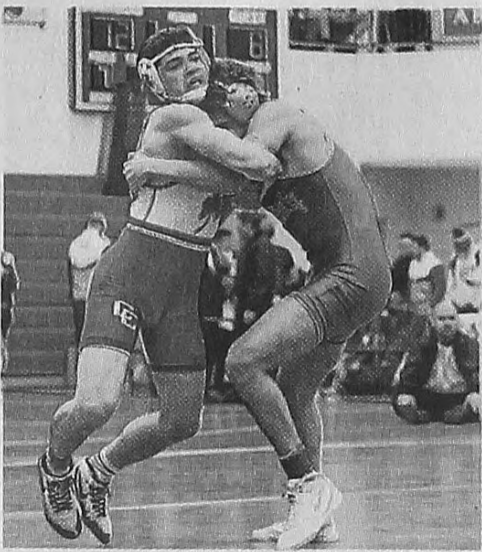
"It was a great day for everybody," Turner said. "Matt (Anderson) really did well today, Kevon (Davenport), Cam (Amine), myself, Joe (Urso) ... everyone just had a real good day. Lots of bonus points and every had fun. Good to see smiles on everyone's faces."

Turner's favorite class is A.P. biology. He carries at 3.8 grade-point average and scored 26 on his ACT. He would like to continue to wrestle in college and he's interested in going to either Indiana or Virginia.

He would like to go into the medical field and become a surgeon.

"And there's no doubt he can," Hancock said. "Easton works extremely hard, he's a very likable kid, very quiet, but I think it's just personality. He's always got a smile on his face. He's a 'yes sir, no sir' type of kid."

Turner has a vision condition called nystagmus, in which the eyes make re-

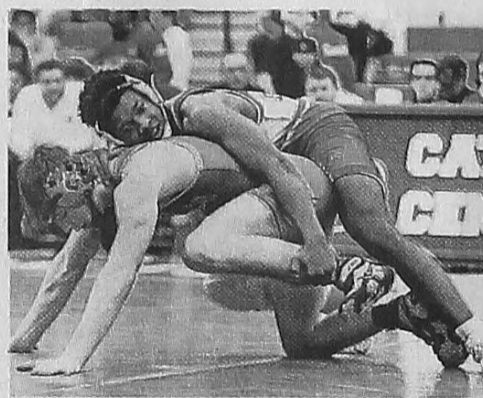


Catholic Central's Cam Amine (left) gets locked up with Cathedral's Jordan Slivka during a 160-pound match. Amine won a 9-4 decision. SCOTT CONFER

petitive, uncontrolled movements. According to the American Optometric Association, these movements often result in reduced vision and depth perception and can affect balance and coordination. These involuntary eye movements can occur from side to side, up and down or in a circular pattern.

"He's got a disorder in his eyes, like a stigmatism," Hancock said. "So if you ever watch him, his eyes always shift. So when you're talking to him, it's funny sometimes. I remember when he was a young kid and I smacked him in the head, right? I said, 'Focus on me, focus on me.' I didn't realize his eyes had this disease, so I had no idea. Pretty cool, he's special young man."

Scoring pins or technical falls against Culver for CC were Caleb White (113), Camden Trupp (132), Edmond (138), Amine (160) Yatooma (220) and Kolcheyff (heavyweight). Urso won by decision and Kevon Davenport won by void. Against Dundee, earning pins for CC



Catholic Central's Kevon Davenport (top) rides out Cathedral's Elliot Rodgers en route to 6-2 decision at 152 pounds. SCOTT CONFER

were Derek Gilcher (145), Kevon Davenport (152), Rojas (170), Browning (182) and Turner (195), while Matt Anderson (120), Kam Davenport (126), Edmond (138) and Amine won by decision. Yatooma (220) got a void.

In the win over Woodhaven, CC got pins from Trupp (138), Logan Sanom (145), Kevon Davenport (152), Rojas (170), Turner (195), Yatooma (220) and Kolcheyff (heavyweight). Earning decisions were Anthony Walker (106), White (113), Anderson (120), Kam Davenport (126) and Urso (160).

"We look really good right now," Turner said. "We had a couple of soft spots earlier in the season, but we're looking strong in every weight class."

Cathedral jumped out to an 8-0 lead against CC, getting a technical fall from Lucasz Walendzak (126) and a decision by Logan Bailey (132), before CC reeled off 40 straight points. Cathedral ended the bleeding when Zeke Seltzer (113) posted a technical fall, followed by Luke Gonzalez 3-2 decision over Anderson at 120.

"We looked at it as a challenge," Cathedral co-coach Brian Seltzer said. "We said, 'We'll come up and wrestle some of

the best in Michigan.' And that was our goal to come here and get some really good matches in."

Also in the CC Super Duals field was defending MHSAA Division 2 state champion Lowell, which finished 3-0 on the day, highlighted by a 35-34 tiebreaker victory over Cathedral.

"That was the match we'd like to have back, we didn't wrestle very well," Seltzer said. "I think we were looking ahead ... but that happens in high school wrestling when you put your faith in 17-year-old boys. They make mistakes, it happens."

Unlike Michigan, which determines its four divisional MHSAA team state champions in a dual match tournament format, the Indiana state team champion is determined by an individual tournament format with only one division.

"We're a better tournament team, by far," said Seltzer, whose squad came into the Super Duals with only one loss to Brownsburg. "We have seven guys who we think can place at the state finals this year and usually that's the magic formula."

CC, meanwhile, honored its six seniors and their parents prior to the Cathedral match.

Among those recognized was Davenport (152-10 career record), a three-time defending state champion headed to Nebraska; Amine (163-16), a two-time state champ bound for Michigan; Urso (134-36), who carries a 4.3 GPA and a 32 ACT; Anderson, who has a 32 ACT; and Michael Perrone, who sports a 27 ACT and a 3.92 GPA.

"Very well-disciplined, very good shape and they do the little things right," Seltzer said of CC. "That's the big difference and that's why they're highly ranked in the nation and they deserve it."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Sorrows squad team captures two tourneys

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The Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows boys basketball team recently captured a pair of holiday tournaments, including the Detroit Catholic Central Christmas final with a 38-29 victory over Livonia St. Michael's.

Sorrows outscored its opponents in the CC tourney by a 105-69 margin, which also included wins over Novi St. James (39-16) and Plymouth Our Lady of Victory (28-24 in overtime).

Sorrows, coached by Russ Zarras, also captured its own Thanksgiving invitational with a victory over Clarkston Everest Academy in the final, 29-28, along with beating Birmingham Holy Name (38-20) and St. James (30-21).

Team members include: Dillan Arafat, Antonio Boukouris, Matthew English, Bryce Fasi, Dylan Filia- traud, Luca Genrich, Jacob Hanna, Jackson Hargis, Onimisi Sadiq, Christian Shina, Derek Shina, Francisco Williams and Cole Wisniewski.

Assistant coaches are Tim Prokop, Nick Malzone, Alex Guys and Ryan Zarras.

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The Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows grades 5-6 boys basketball team captured two holiday tourneys.

Skating

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stage after placing fifth Nov. 16-17 at the 2019 Midwestern Sectional in Fort Wayne, Ind.

It will be the fourth straight trip to nationals for the duo.

"I'm really glad we have the opportunity to skate at nationals for the fourth time," DeWyre said. "We've made it every single time. It's really exciting in our hometown, because our families get to come. We just want to do our best, probably get our personal best score. I don't think it really matters where we place, as long as we feel good about our program."

It's been a huge sacrifice for DeWyre and Nussle to get to this point in their skating careers, as they shuttle between two different coaches at the Ice House Skating Academy in Hartland and Brighton, along with the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills.

"I'd like to make the senior level, compete at the senior level for a little while and see where that takes me," Nussle said. "It's like working a full-time job ... it's more than that. You got to skate every day, obviously, even on the weekends. We're going to be here at 7 a.m. tomorrow, so we skate six days a week right now."

While DeWyre is a full-time high school student who takes one online classes to help augment her training schedule, Nussle works as a skating instructor and installs hardwood floors for a local contractor.

There is some free time, but not much. Sunday is their day of rest.

"I really like shopping, hanging out with my friends, but I mostly do my homework a lot, eat, sleep and skate," DeWyre said. "I want to continue doing pairs. I want to go to college and ..."

In 2018, DeWyre and Nussle took first at the Ann Arbor Springtime Invitational and the Fort Wayne Battle of the Blades. They were third at the Chicago Dance Pairs and seventh at Skate Detroit.

The team, however, suffered a brief setback earlier this fall.

"The training is going pretty good," DeWyre said. "I injured myself in September. I sprained my ankle, but besides that, we've been doing pretty good. We didn't get to do our programs fully at sectionals, but we still made it to nationals and nationals we're going to do everything in our programs."

They were fifth out of five teams at the Midwestern Sectional Championships and now it's on to Detroit.

"I just want to see them skate a clean program," said Michelle Hunt, one of the pairs' coaches out of Hartland. "They're perfectly capable of it and I think they'll be proud of themselves if that happens. I don't think they'll be on the podium ... that's probably not going to happen. But Cora is coming off a bad injury and they've done a great job and I'm really proud of them. And everyone around here is super-excited. We're all going to go and cheer them on, since it's close to home this year, and we're really excited about that. They're great kids, they're doing great."

In the short program, DeWyre and Nussle will perform to a Spanish-flavored selection.

"The Malaguena, it's like a bullfight and we're trying to get them to be fast and fierce," Hunt said. "Just really working on their choreography and their strength in their prep this year. All their elements are good, so hopefully you're going to see an exciting program."

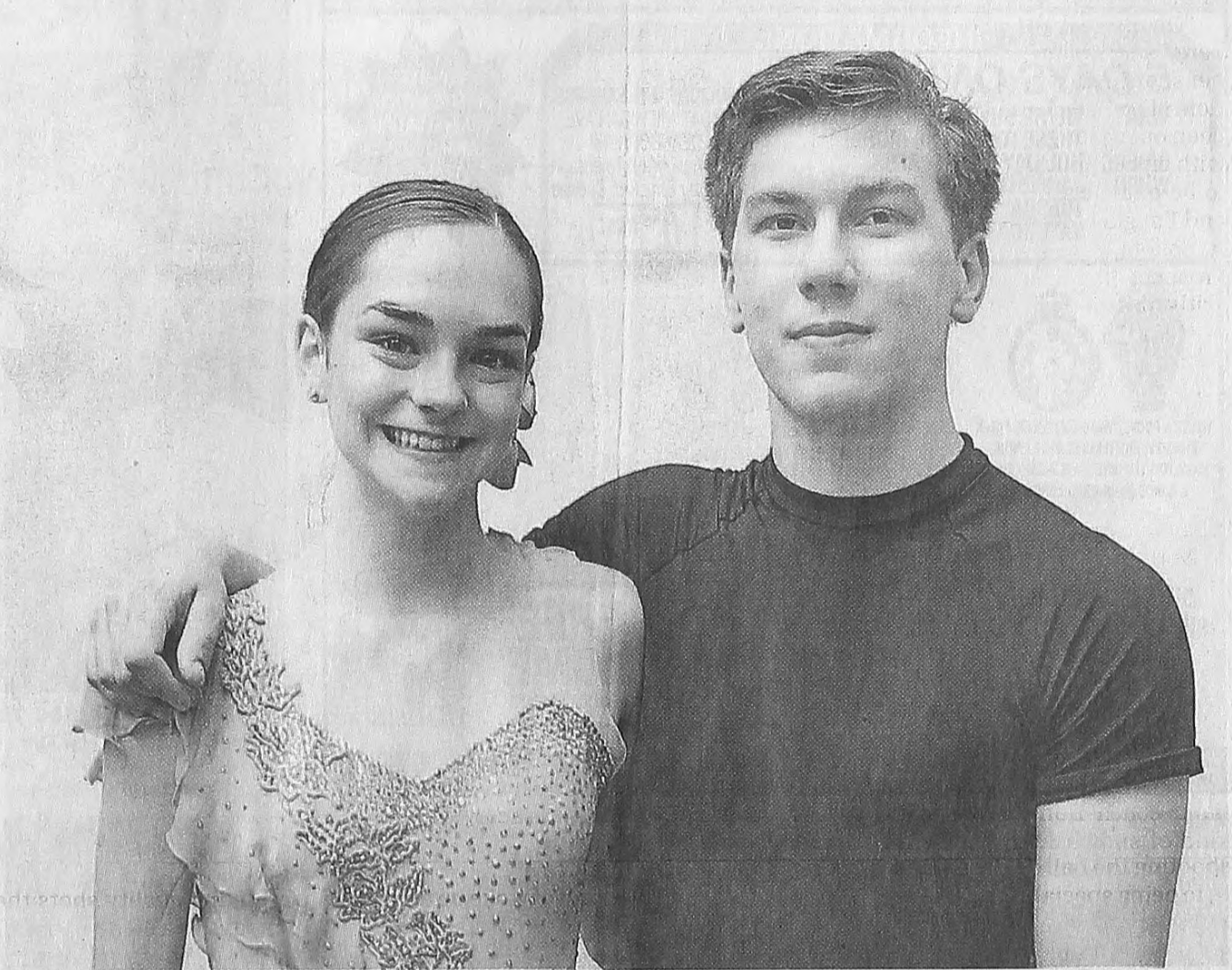
Added DeWyre: "The short program is a little bit shorter, but not by much. I think both of them are high-energy. We move really fast. It goes from element to element. The long program is more tiring, it takes a lot of effort every single day. Element to element, we don't have very much stopping in the program."

In the free skate, or long program, the theme music will be by Canadian performer Michael Buble.

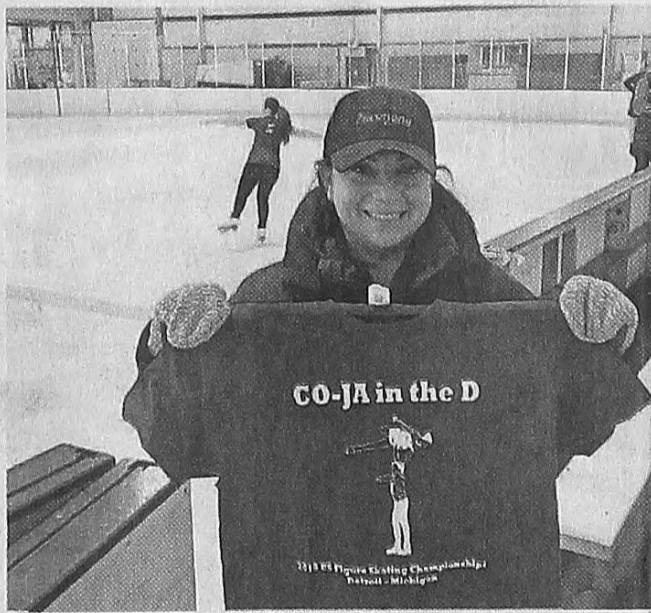
"I like it, but when we play it over and over again, it can get really repetitive, but I like the music and we skate well to it," DeWyre said. "I think Spanish music is really fun to skate to; it's very fast. It keeps replaying in my mind, but it's good when you have a nice program to skate to."

Despite the seven-year age gap, the two seem to fit well as a team.

"We've never had any fights," Nussle said. "We come here and get our job done and we come back the next day. It's kind of a group effort, we work together, we collaborate together. It's like, 'Hey, do you want to do this next or this next?' I'll be like, 'Do you want to jump, do you want to lift?' She'll be like, 'Oh, I want to

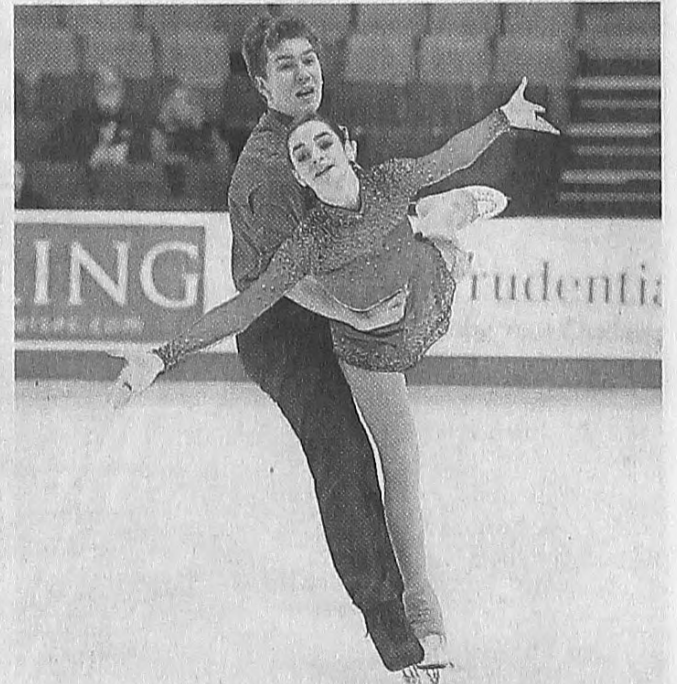


South Lyon's Cora DeWyre and junior pairs partner Jacob Nussle are headed to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, Jan. 23-2, at Detroit's Little Caesars Arena. U.S. FIGURE SKATING



Michelle Hunt, coach of junior pairs skaters Cora DeWyre and Jacob Nussle, already has her T-shirt ready for support when the two will perform at the U.S. Figure Skating Nationals in Detroit.

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The team of Jacob Nussle and Cora DeWyre are coming off a fifth-place finish at the Midwestern Sectionals. U.S. FIGURE SKATING

gram at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24.

And there will be a large local contingent fans of cheering on DeWyre and Nussle.

"It's absolutely a process and they are so much improved from last year ... so much," Hunt said. "Hopefully, we just keep doing that every year, sticking with it."

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ville coach Adam Trumpour said. "We knew they would make a charge in the second half. We're a young team. The six guys that were playing down the stretch ... five will be back next year and we only had one lone senior out there. So we're really just learning and it's the first time we've had a good lead on a good team and a well-coached team. It's learning experience for us."

Belleville converted 5-of-6 free throws in OT, while Glenn was only 2-of-6 to go along with a costly inbound turnover.

Bush's two free throws with only 2.1 seconds remaining sealed the win.

"Fortunately, we were able to make some plays down at the end," Trumpour said. "Connor Bush made some big plays and I'm proud of him for that. He's a good player and we're expecting a lot out of him, so it's exciting to see him make some plays in crunch time, so to speak."

Andrew Leamy added 13 points, while Brandon Jackson and Lorenzo Wright both added 10 for Belleville, which improved to 4-3 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA East Division. The Tigers are now 4-0 at home, but 0-3 on the road and at neutral sites.

"We're an evolving team and we've got a long way to go, this one step and one rung on a very tall ladder, but I'm proud of these guys tonight and we're going to build on this," Trumpour said.

Meanwhile, the loss was heartbreaking on many fronts for Glenn, which slipped to 4-2 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA East.

"I thought the first half we played so terrible, we were down 16 and I know we're a better team, so we're going to get back to the gym tomorrow and clean things up," Moon said.

Glenn got pounded on the boards during the first half and trailed 44-28 at intermission.

"We decided that we weren't playing our best defense the first half and then the guys took it upon themselves that they were going to do a better job in stopping their offense," Watts said.

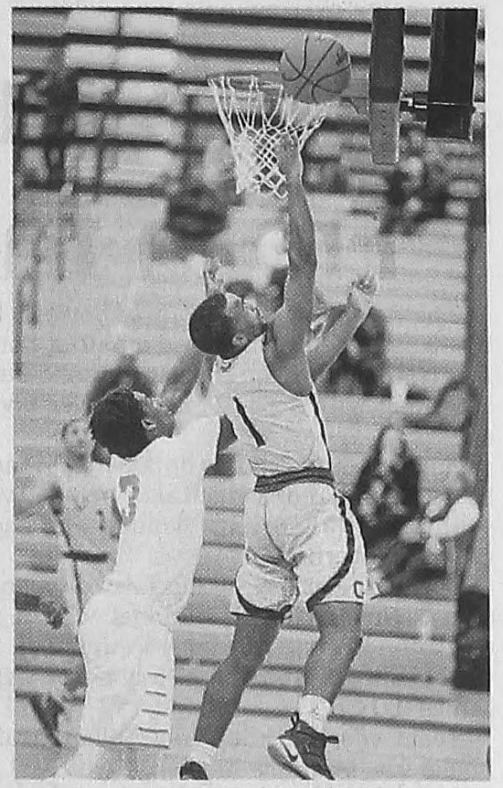
"That's what we take our pride in, is winning the war on the boards. And we didn't do that in the first half. In addition to playing the defense, it was rebounds, because our thing is whoever wins the battle on the boards and whoever has the less turnovers, is probably going to win the game."

It was a somber Glenn locker room afterward and it was little consolation that Moon had taken down the 52-year-old school scoring mark of 42 set by Jerry Wright in 1966. He also inched closer to Nick Daniels' career mark of 1,170.

Moon hit 13-of-21 shots from the floor, including three triples, to go along with 15-of-21 from the foul line.

"I didn't know how many points he had," Watts said. "Yeah, it's heroic, but if you don't get the win, how heroic is it? It's a great milestone. It's his career-high, but we'd rather have the 'W' and I'm sure he would, too. I guarantee he'd trade in 40 of those for a 'W.' He's right there. We've been in this gym and we've come up short before."

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John Glenn's Elijah White (right) goes for the tip against Belleville's Jalen Williams. THOMAS BEAUDOIN

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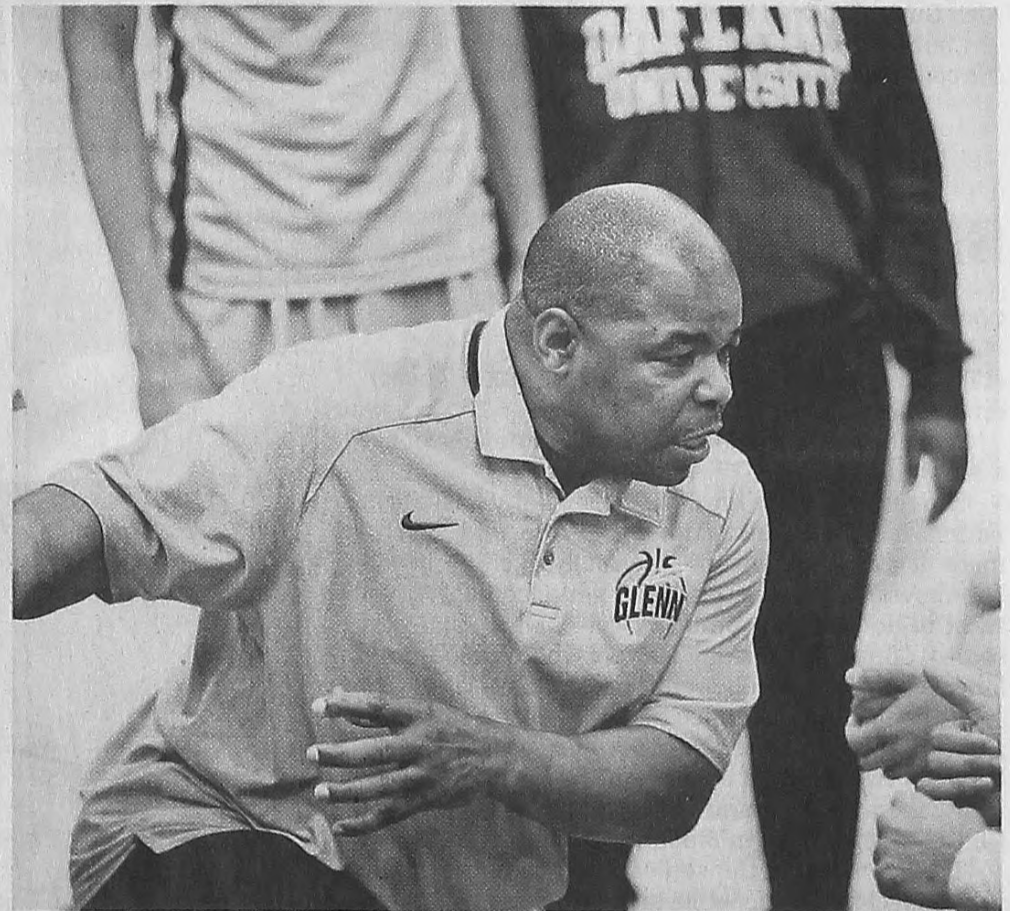
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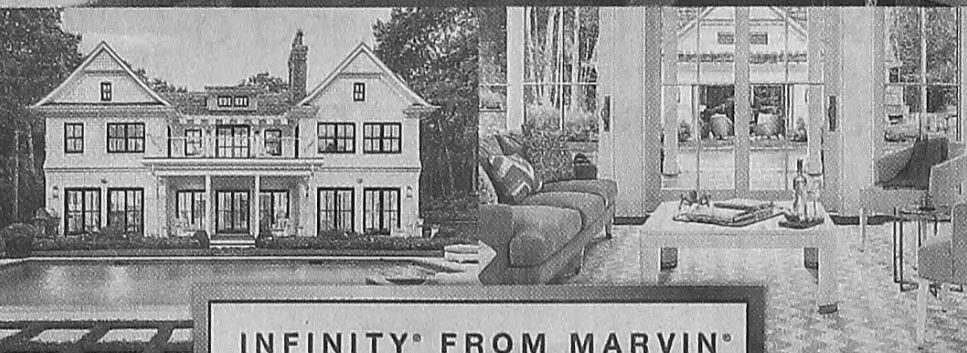
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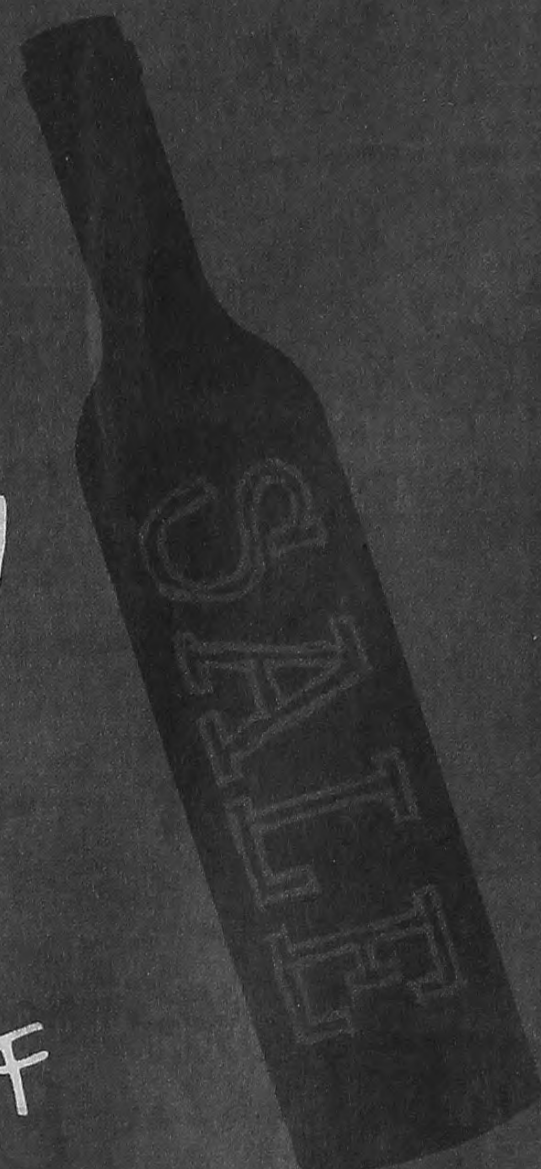
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