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Mayor: Shop local on Small Business Saturday

LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

When helping promote Small Business Saturday, Westland Mayor William Wild likes to cite a statistic - 66 percent of every dollar spent at a local business stays locally.
"This will be the third year

for Small Business Saturday in Westland," Wild said. "The U.S. Conference of Mayors has been trying to push this and get some traction. I think it's growing each year."

As part of the effort to pro-

mote local business on Saturday, Wild will visit several local businesses from 9 a.m. to noon and raffle off a variety of gift cars worth

\$10-\$50 Wild will give out gift cards at the following locations:

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» 10:10 a.m. — Firing Line,

» 10:30 a.m. - Nankin Hardware, 35101 Ford.

» 10:50 a.m. — Ken's Country Produce, 37182 Ford.

» 11:10 a.m. — Westland Shopping Center, Layers, 35000 Warren Road.

» 11:35 a.m. — Westland Shopping Center, Warm Tidings, 35000 Warren Road.

"Some people say 'Why are we going to the mall?' But not all the stores at the mall are anchors," Wild said. "Many have franchises - those are small businesses.

For example, Wild noted Precision Jewelers, which opened at the mall and moved to a larger location before growing into their own building in the Shop and Dine District.

"The mall can be an incubator for small businesses," Wild said. "We want to use Small Business Saturday to educate people with the goal that they will shop small throughout the vear. Not just today but throughout the year. We really want to hammer that message.'

That money that stays in the community through spending

at local small businesses helps pay for parks, libraries and improvements to police and fire departments, Wild said. First observed on Nov. 27,

2010, Small Business Saturday is a counterpart to Black Friday and CyberMonday, which feature big box retail and e-commerce stores respectively.

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Veteran Jimmie Davis (left) collecting his holiday turkey with Barb Marocco, Wayne-Ford Civic League President Vic Barra and State Rep.

Veterans get free turkeys for holiday

LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Just in time for Thanksgiving, Westland and Wayne veterans were provided with free turkeys or, if they preferred, a gift card to buy something else for dinner.

Midday Monday, State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, and Wayne-Ford Civic League President Vic Barra were stationed outside the door to the league, trying to

keep warm as they waited for about 50 veterans who were

scheduled to pick up their turkeys. 'My wife heard about the free turkeys and signed us up," said Steven Schneider, a Westland resident who served in the U.S. Marine Corps 1975-79. "I thought it was

cool. We definitely could use it.' A retired machine operator, Schneider said his wife

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Westland DPS workers build Christmas display

Christmas decorations at Westland City Hall are looking good thanks to two longtime Department of Public Services workers.

Ian Smith and Tom Sharp, employed by Westland DPS for 18 years and 17 years respectively, saved the city over \$1,000 by designing and building a new manger to display at Westland City Hall. The two purchased all of the materials and completed all of the work for less than \$250. They also refurbished the Santa Claus display, saving the city over

"We are very appreciative

that Ian and Tom took the time and effort to complete this project," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "These two are very talented and dedicated employees and they de-serve recognition for their efforts on this special pro-

The nativity scene, refurbished Santa and the rest of the city's holiday decorations can be seen in front of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren

Smith and Sharp will be recognized at the Dec. 7 city council meeting for their ef-



Homes

Westland Department of Public Services workers Tom Sharp (left) and Ian Smith are being honored for their efforts building a new manger for the city's Christmas display.

Goodfellows dinner tickets on sale

LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Tickets are still available for the 29th annual Wayne Goodfellows fundraiser Saturday, Dec. 12, at HYPE Recreation Center.

"We will spend \$24,000 on 200 families this year. The number of families goes up every year," said Jennifer Gietzen, Wayne Goodfellows president.

The dinner raises about \$15,000 toward providing a better Christmas for local families needing assistance.

"That's why we do a car raffle, a progressive raffle and other things during the summer and the rest of the year, Gietzen said.

The dinner is set for 6 p.m. to midnight, and tickets are \$25 per person. Included is a dinner buffet, which will be prepared by Chef Tony Paquette of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center Culinary Arts

Program and served at 7 p.m. There will be raffles, a sports memorabilia auction and other prizes at the dinner. The Goodfellows are asking local businesses to donate themed baskets to be auctioned during the dinner. Baskets can be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at Henry's Service Center, 3041 S. Wayne Road in Wayne, or arrange a pickup by emailing Gietzen at

jengietzen@gmail.com. Dinner tickets can be purchased at Henry's Service Center or Icon Computer Solutions, 35858 W. Michigan Ave.

To make a financial donation, send a check to: Wayne Goodfellows, P.O. Box 472, Wayne, Michigan 48184 or visit the Wayne Goodfellows Go-FundMe page.

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Time to Stuff the Bus to help kids

As the holiday season gets into full swing, it's time for another annual event - the Stuff the Bus collection of warm clothing and toys for area children in need.

Sponsored by Wayne-Westland Schools and Community Free Will Baptist Church in Westland, the clothing and toy drive will be held from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Sat-

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For more information, call Scherice at 734-419-2150.

Protest rally seeks to keep GC homes occupied

Staff Writer

Eleanore Ewald was among the Garden City residents facing foreclosure who joined a peaceful protest outside Garden City Hall on Monday morning.

"So we'll be renting or we'll be homeless," she said of losing the home on Harrison. "It's going to be a rough Christmas. All these other people are good people who have fallen on rough

Ewald said it's difficult to explain the tax foreclosure and move to her children who are ages 2, 7 and 17.

Detroit community activist Sam Riddle and the National Action Network were outside Garden City Hall on Monday, Nov. 23, for the peaceful protest. "The state and the nation needs to know



Protesters gather outside Garden City Hall Monday morning.

what's happening in Garden City," Riddle said. Riddle said Garden City "had a sham of a reason for not listening to these folks.

have to engage in civil disobedience, we will." Riddle was asked by reporters about tax arrangements to pay money owed. "You can pay out of what you do have," he said. "I believe Garden City could take a much more humane approach. The priority should not be throwing people on the street."

Dearborn attorney Tarek Baydoun said he represents eight Garden City residents facing foreclosure. "We think the sale was illegal," said Baydoun, during Monday's protest. If it goes to court, he said, he will seek to invalidate the

"I'm sorry, I'm getting the cities mixed up,' Baydoun said in response to reporters' questions at the protest. He said he also represents clients in Lincoln Park, Taylor and the city of Wayne.

"The simple part is the human element," said Baydoun, who cited the ordinance not being published and bidding laws not followed. "This is pure greed," he added.

County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc said Nov. 23 all county dealings and related paperwork were above-board.

Baydoun said Taylor's mayor "has taken a very different approach" to keep homes occupied. Baydoun said he has two in the city of Wayne "not fully investigated" yet but facing eviction. He had difficulty at the protest with the exact number in Taylor, and said there were at least 20 in that city.

Hennepin resident Nicholis Dunsky was atthe protest. Dunsky said he went to Wayne County to pay back taxes, and found the city had sold his home to a developer.

"They're taking homes that have people in them," Dunsky said. "We're not leaving. We've got a lawyer on this."

Dunsky said his back taxes total some \$14,000.

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Added Riddle, "If we

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Carole will cook Thanksgiving Day dinner at their home. The couple's kids are grown, but Schneider said his adult daughter and two children are currently living with him.

Wayne resident Jimmie Davis, a U.S. Army veteran who served in Vietnam, was chatting with Kosowski and Barra when he stopped to pick up a turkey. "My daughter works at the civic league and told me about the turkeys. One year I came up for Thanksgiving dinner," Davis said. "My family came and we ate.'

Talking with Davis, Kosowski said his grandfather died while serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. "My father told me I was going to college. That's my biggest regret - not serving in the military," Kosow-



LEANNE ROGERS

Picking up his free turkey, veteran Jimmie Davis (center) chats with Wayne-Ford Civic League President Vic Barra (left) and State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland.

ski said.

This is the second year for the free turkeys for veterans. After last year, Kosowski tweaked the program - most veterans needed to pick up their turkeys, and they were given the choice of a \$20 gift card.

'When we delivered last year, some people

weren't home. We didn't know how long they would be done and if we should leave the turkeys," Kosowski said.

"We got the gift cards because some people might want to get a ham or something else for dinner.'

The turkeys and gift cards came from Meijer,

"My father told me I was going to college. That's my biggest regret — not serving in the military,"

STATE REP. ROBERT KOSOWSKI, D-Westland

which sponsored the giveaway program along with Advance America.

We've partnered with various groups over the last ten years in support of veterans. We had the veterans expo," said Barra, a U.S. Air Force veteran. "The civic league was an instrumental in constructing the Veterans Memorial Garden (of Westland) donated over \$25,000. We'll take any opportunity to aid veterans.'

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Conyers announces he'll seek another term in Congress

Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

The senior representative in the U.S. House of Representatives wants to add at least a couple more years to his tenure.

Congressman John

Congressman John
Conyers came to Redford on Monday morning
to announce he's seeking
a 27th term in the U.S.
House of Representatives he began serving in
January 1965.

The 86-year-old Conyers made the announcement at the Redford Jaycees hall (he made a subsequent appearance in Detroit), saying he's "seen it all and done it all," and is looking to do more.

"I've had a great opportunity," Conyers said. "I still like my work. That's why I'm making this announcement."

Conyers, the Detroit Democrat being challenged in the primary by Detroit City Clerk Janice Winfrey, brushed off any questions about his age (86) or his vitality. He said he didn't even take his age into consideration.

"My energy level is the same as it has always been," Conyers said in response to the age question. "That's why I didn't even consider (age). I have the same energy I had when I was 76, and when I was 66, and when I was 56."

A statement prepared by Conyers' campaign pointed out Conyers, the senior member of the House Judiciary Committee, remains "engaged on local issues," including advocating for the human right to water, combating the property tax foreclosure crisis, focusing on job creation and opposing the unelected, unaccountable



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

State Sen. David Knezek introduces Congressman John Conyers.

emergency manager system, imposed in Detroit and Flint.

In introducing Conyers, State Sen. Dave Knezek called the senior Congressman "a legend of Michigan Democratic politics."

"(Conyers) has been a leader on civil rights and social justice, and in the fight against bigotry and intolerance in all its forms," Knezek said. "(Conyers) has provided

"(Conyers) has provided an important check-andbalance to Republicans who favor the wealthy and well-connected, and who have little regard for the Constitution or due process."

During his brief announcement, Conyers said:

""We're talking about the economy, and we're talking about how we make participating in the electoral process as easy as possible. Many people in Congress want to make it more difficult."

» President Barack Obama has been "right" to keep the U.S. out of a ground battle in the Middle East over the ISIS attacks. "(Obama) was able to keep us from moving into a war in and around Syria that could have very enlarged consequences. The real danger we'll be facing after Thanksgiving is in Syria we have many different groups and ideologies. It's a very dangerous, sensitive spot."

» The U.S. must be cautious before deciding any military course of action. "We can't bring out boots on the ground into everything that happens," he said.
"There are people who
think (Obama) is being
too cautious. We're very
happy ... he's moved in a
way that we won't accidentally get involved in
what could be a major
conflict."

Conyers said the current political environment makes it expedient for him to try to retain his seat. Handing it off to a much less experienced candidate, he said, wouldn't be right.

"I love my work," he said. "I happen to be the most senior member of Congress, and that carries a certain weight."

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Police won't call about overdue taxes

LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Area residents are being warned that Wayne Police Department members won't call on behalf of the IRS to ask for personal information.

"Please know that the Wayne Police Department does not make calls on behalf of the IRS and that these calls are scams," Wayne Police Sgt. Matthew Spunar said.

A Westland resident recently contacted Wayne Police after receiving a call that showed Wayne Police Department on the caller ID. The Westland resident answered and told police that the caller claimed to be a Wayne Police officer seeking payment of overdue income taxes.

The resident reported being asked for personal information to collect unpaid taxes. After the resident refused to provide that data or make a payment, the caller threatened to send a police officer to the resident's home.

Last month, a Wayne woman fell victim to a variation on this scam and lost nearly \$20,000. In this instance, the woman received a call from someone who identified himself as an IRS agent and provided a name and badge number

The man told her that a warrant had been issued for her arrest and that her property and bank accounts were frozen due to \$5,000 in back taxes owed, the woman told police

The victim deposited \$5,000 cash into an account at a Garden City bank as instructed by the caller, who stayed on the phone throughout the transaction. Contacted a second time, the woman made two more deposits into accounts, totaling \$14,800.

On its website, the IRS warns people about these telephone scams, noting the IRS doesn't call taxpayers or send local police to homes for unpaid taxes.

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Police investigate damage to vehicles

Wayne Police are investigating a rash of vehicle vandalism and larcenies from those vehicles.

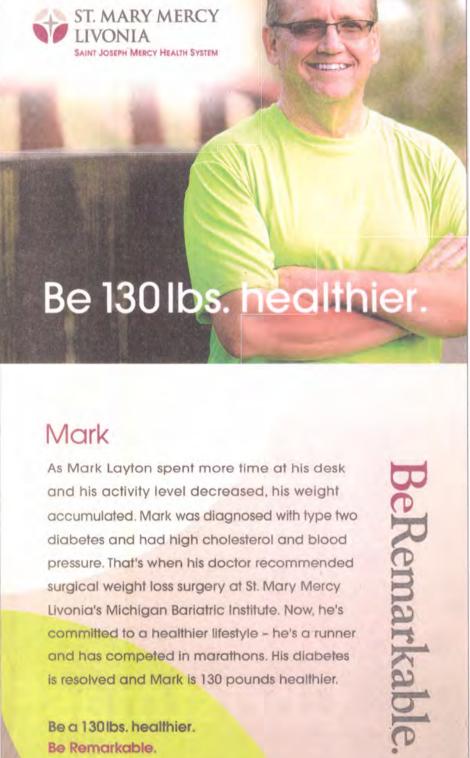
At least 21 vehicles were involved in incidents reported between 1 p.m. Nov. 21 and 6 a.m. Nov. 22. Police said the incidents were reported in several residential areas

around Wayne.

Police didn't specify what type of damage was done to the vehicles or what items were reported stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

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Young Inventors contest launches again in middle schools

David Veselenak Staff Writer

Frost Middle School seventh-grader Jordan Szolach climbed out of race car in the school's parking lot one morning last week. The seat, made out of tape, wasn't as uncomfortable as she expected.

'It's comfortable for just duct tape," she said.

Szolach was one of dozens of students who saw the race car, a 1988 IMSA GTP Fabcar brought to the school by David Nikolas. Nikolas, who owns Sylvan Lakebased Nikolas Motorsport, brought the vehicle to three Livonia middle schools Monday to encourage youngsters to participate in the Young Inventors contest, which is launching at Frost, Emerson, Holmes and Clarenceville middle schools this fall.

The contest, now in its second year, encourages middle school students to come up with an invention concept and present it. Sponsored by I:ME, the engineering arm of Livo-nia-based AlphaUSA, the top entries from each school will be narrowed down and a group of judges will decide on the winners later this year. An awards banquet is expected to take place early next year at Schoolcraft College.

Bill McHenry, director of marketing for AlphaU-SA, said they're looking forward to expanding this contest to more students in its second year. He told the students last week to think unconventionally about what their invention could be and to find



Shop/drafting teacher Jim Rumon climbs out of the tight





STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Seventh-grade student Jordan Szolach tried out the

driver's seat.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The race car attracted a crowd of students involved in the Young Inventors program at Frost Middle School.

BILL BRESLER PHOTOGRAPHER **David Nikolsa** took the car for a turn around the Frost parking lot.



ways to make it useful.

'When you're coming up with your idea, and with your solution, look for the problems you see and solve that problem, he said. "And be really, really creative.'

His hope is that the program can expand in the future to other schools outside Livonia.

"We would love to do that," he said.

Showing off the car

Nikolas said everything on the car is custom made and built specifically for the more than 800-horsepower vehicle that tops 200 mph. Customizing the vehicle, which he took around the

parking lot at Frost, costs several thousands of dollars.

He said it routinely gets to more than 130 degrees inside the vehicle, all while he's wearing a lot of protective gear. He didn't don that gear

during a few short laps around the school's parking lot.

"It's an interesting environment," he said. "It's a lot of fun."

Ann Owen, principal of Emerson Middle School, spoke to the students at Frost last week during an assembly, telling them she wants to help students across the city utilize skills learned in the classroom that could

be used in many fields.

"The big message today is each and everyone of you has potential in many different ways," she said.

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the lights prettier. Whatever it was, weather didn't discourage about 700 riders from registering for the Wayne County Lightfest "Bike Through the Lights"

It was one of three Lightfest events during the week, which included the grand opening of the traditional Lightfest

Participants were

among the first to view the wonderful displays, which include an enchanting Celebration of Lights arch, Cecil the Magic Dragon, a large waving polar bear with cubs, an animated Old Glory, animated snowflake arches and more.

The official kickoff to Wayne County Lightfest 2015 for vehicle traffic was Thursday at Merriman Hollow Park in Westland.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Some 700 riders registered for the Lightfest bike night.



Riders gather near the start. Wayne County officials said some 700 riders had registered for the event.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Andrea Tajak is from Dearborn Heights.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Even Santa Claus left the sleigh in the barn and rode his bike.



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Those shopping and collecting for the Westland Goodfellows this year include Juenemann Insurance Agency of Westland's (from left) Becky Steingold, Fay Mili, Laura Darrow, Donna Vezina and owner Jeff Juenemann.

Westland Goodfellows ensure 'No Child Without a Christmas'

You may have spotted the Westland Goodfellows collection boxes at businesses around town these days. The organization's motto of "No Child Without a Christmas" is made possible by the generosity of area residents and business people. Needed are new toys, games, hats, gloves and

The Westland Goodfellows are online at westlandgoodfellows.org, with information also available by calling 734-788-2270.

Recipients are then given shopping vouchers to be used at the Westland Target or Westland Meijer stores to purchase items for their children.

Vouchers are restricted to items for the child, such as clothing, toys and small electronics. Purchases are reviewed in detail to maintain program guidelines. În addition, children also receive hats and gloves, coloring books and crayons, dental kits and donated toys collected by the Goodfellows. Families will receive a food voucher to use at Heartland Market, a Westland grocery store.

The Westland Goodfellows also assist with Westland families displaced by fires. The annual Bowling Fundraiser to support the Westland Goodfellows will be Dec. 12 at the Wayne Bowl on Michigan Avenue.

Follow the top gifts this holiday season

oliday shopping is a grind. From Black Friday to parking lot logjams, the chaos can be overwhelming. But new technology from familiar companies is putting a halt to the stress that comes along with gift buying.

eBay and IBM recently released a pair of products that showcase the most popular gifts of the holiday season. eBay's Holiday Heatmap is a big-data fueled guide that uncovers what shoppers are purchasing across electronics, fashion and toy categories. It even shows which gifts are trending at the state level. The site, which is live through Dec. 21, is updated weekly to showcase changing buying habits throughout the

Unsurprisingly, the

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top electronics gifts on the national level include the Microsoft Xbox One and Sony PlayStation. Streaming accessories for HDTVs are also a top item. Those interested in purchasing a streaming accessory for someone on their list should consider the Google Chro-mecast. For \$35, you get a Chromecast USB stick that allows a user to stream content from a phone, directly to a TV. If the recipient on your list doesn't have a smart TV or a game system such as an Xbox to stream from, the Chromecast is an excellent solution. Other Wi-Fi streaming accessories

such as the Roku Streaming Stick, Amazon Kindle Fire Stick and Roku Player 4 are available with a variety of functions and price points.

Tablets continue to be a top item on wish lists this year and, surprisingly, the most popular tablet in Michigan in November, according to eBay. was the 16 GB Apple iPad 2. A few years old, the Apple iPad 2 is functional, but at a lower price point than newer, more advanced models. Cameras round out the list of most sought-after electronics in Michigan. The GoPro Hero4 digital camcorder and Nikon D330 DSLR camera were the secondand third-most purchased electronics gifts on eBay for our state.

If prior year purchases are an indication of current holiday

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9:00 a.m. - Leo's Coney Island

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10:50 a.m. - Ken's Country Produce

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10:10 a.m. – Firing Line 33000 Ford Rd, Westland, MI 48185

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35000 Warren Rd, Westland, MI 48185

11:35 a.m. - Warm Tidings

11:10 a.m. - Layers

trends, then HDTVs, 3D printers and drones may also be in high demand. HDTVs continue to advance and now consumers can buy 4K Ultra HDTVs. Prices for 4K TVs have dropped significantly in the past two years and 50-inch models with built in Wi-Fi have appeared in the \$500 to \$600 range. As technology advances, expect prices to continue to drop.

3D printers and drones are additional examples of tech gifts that are now available for every consumer. Parrot recently released a new line of drones for less than \$100 each, while 3D printers are now at consumer price points less than \$500.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On December 1, 2015 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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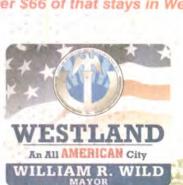
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Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sen-

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

between Middlebelt and Inkster,

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Location: 28660 Five Mile,

Contact: 248-559-7722:

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» Ward Evangelical Presby-

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tional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m.

small group discussion; 9 p.m.

Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/

Location: 40000 Six Mile, North-

freedom from hurts, habits and

Details: Celebrate Recovery

helps men and women find

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pulsive behaviors); child care is

Contact: Child care, 248-374-

7400; www.celebraterecovery-

.com and www.wardchurch.org/

» Unity of Livonia

NOVEMBER ADVENT CELEBRATION

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. live nativity, 6 p.m. concert and story, Sunday, Nov. 29

Location: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville

Details: Live nativity with sheep, donkeys and alpacas; cookies and hot cocoa, Christmas story and performance by Northville Backbeat, a boys' a capella group. A sign language interpreter will be on hand for the concert

Contact: 248-348-7600

DECEMBER ADVENT CANTATA

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. worship services, Dec. 13 Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Adult and children's choirs, handbells, brass and string instruments, along with scripture

Contact: christoursavior.org; 734-522-6830

ADVENT SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 2, 9, 16 Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford Details: The theme for meditations is "Advent Means Com-

Contact: 313-532-8655; 734-968-

BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 5

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Continental breakfast with St. Nicholas is \$12.95 for adults, \$10.95 for children, 3-12, and free for children 2 and under. Includes breakfast, a visit with St. Nick and other activities. Proceeds benefit the Solanus Casey Center, a part of the Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order

Contact: 313-579-2100, ext. 191

CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY

Time/Date: Check-in, 5 p.m., incense ceremony, 5:30 p.m., reception, 6-7 p.m., candlelight program, 7:15-9:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12

Location: Michigan Zhong Shu Temple, 23845 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: Theme is "One Light, Many Flames, Bringing Hope. Includes music, food and fellowship at this Tao temple. RSVP by Dec. 8 to reserve for dinner

Contact: michigantemple@vahoo.com; 734-890-2307

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 Location: St. John Neumann

Church, 44800 Warren Road,

Details: Includes 30-40 vendors and crafters with homemade items, raffles and lunch for purchase. Proceeds will fund youth trip to World Youth Day in Poland. Admission is \$2

Contact: Sara at 734-417-1405; sara17king@gmail.com

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Dec. 6 Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Ply-

Details: The service, which follows a format popularized by King's College of the University of Cambridge, England, alternates readings from scripture with the singing of songs and carols. Features Youth choir. Handbell Choir, Grace and Amazing Grace choirs, and House Band, under the direction of Julie Ford. Donations will be accepted Admission is free, although donations will be accepted for Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan

Contact: 734-453-0190; stjohnsplymouth.org

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec.

Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road,

Livonia

Details: Features the adult and children of the music ensembles of St. Aidan. Admission is a \$5 donation or two canned food goods for Christmas food baskets for the needy

Contact: 734-425-5950

WOMEN'S EVENT

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Friday,

Location: Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: A Cup of Christmas Tea - A night of tea, carols, crafts, and fun for women and girls, ages 8 and up. Event is free but reservations are requested. RSVP by Sunday, Nov. 29 at crossroadsnow.org and click on the "get involved"

Contact: 248-890-5718

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Location: Six Mile and Beech

Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study Contact: 313-534-9000

Faith Community Wesleyan Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

EXERCISE

Livonia

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday Location: Clarenceville United

Methodist Church, 20300 Mid-

dlebelt, south of Eight Mile,

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every

Thursday Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 **HEALING SERVICE**

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church. Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub

at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey

Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS **Christ Our Savior Lutheran**

Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergart-

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 W. Chicago

Road, Redford Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support,

practical help and spiritual hope. Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available

after the service Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thurs-

Location: Parish office, 15089

RELIGION CALENDAR



SUBMITTED

Members of the Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, Northville, will stage a "living nativity" Sunday, Nov. 29 during an Advent celebration.

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

Contact: 734-464-1223 St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Location: 7000 N. Sheldon,

Canton Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests

welcomed. Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING **RISEN CHRIST** LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and

Beck roads, Plymouth Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkiet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church. Contact: Lynn Hapman at

734-466-9023 SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays,

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville Details: Single Place Ministry

cost is \$5 Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4

mile north of Five Mile, Livonia Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others. Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m.

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West

Bloomfield Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush

following morning services.

Lyrics are provided in trans-

literation as well as the original Hebrew Contact: 248-737-1931 or email

nancyellen879@att.net. SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia Details: Adult day care program

at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act. Contact: 734-261-9000;

www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton Details: Celebrate Recovery is a

Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202 Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive

behavior problems Contact: 313-255-2222. Ext. 244 » Farmington Hills Baptist

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August Location: 28301 Middlebelt. between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group Contact: 248-433-1011

» Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

» Fireside Church of God Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center Contact: 734-855-4056 or

g.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org » St. Andrew's Episcopal

734-464-0990; www.firesidecho-

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A twice-monthly drop-

Contact: 734-637-7618

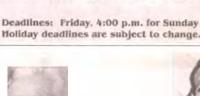
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BREWIS, HARLEY M.

Gladwin, Michigan Mr. Brewis age, 84 loving husband, father grandfather passed Sunday, November 22, 2015 at his home with his loving family by his side. He was born on December 2, 1930 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Henry and Rilla (Dumont) Brewis. He married the love of his life Sarah Bittles on April 16, 1955 at West Outer Drive Methodist Church. Harley served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was a member Secord Lake Eagles #4121. He retired as Captain of the Redford Township Fire Department and was a journeyman carpenter for numerous years. Harley enjoyed boating, yard work, carpentry work and watching the Detroit Lions but most of all spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife of 60 years and their chil-dren; Susan (Jay) Hocking, Cheryl (Tony) Sarkins, Terry (Hank) Hale, Cary (Kathy Brewis and Kelly McGrath, nine grandchildren, four greatgrandchildren and one due in January, a brother John Brewis. Harley was predeceased by an infant son Alan Brewis a son-inlaw Edmund McGrath brother Donald Brewis, a sister-in-law Ruby Brewis and Aunt Violetta Reeves. Funeral Service will be held Saturday, November 28. 2015 at 1 p.m. from the Sisson Funeral Home with cremation to follow. Friends may call at the funeral home on Saturday from

11 a.m. until time of service.



SHOWERMAN, RICHARD ALAN 23, 1963. Age 52. Of

Naples Florida, passed away November 17, 2015 of cancer. Beloved son of the late Joe and Pat Showerman of South Lyon, Michigan, Rich is survived by his sister, Nancy (Showerman) Steele; brother-in-law, Chris; and dear niece, Holly. Rich was also preceded in death by his beloved brother, Bill, Rich had a deep love for God and he loved sharing his experience, strength, and hope with others in the program. He also loved cars, and the only thing he loved more than selling a car was paying it forward to help out one of his brothers and sisters in need. We will always remember Rich for his big heart full of love, his hupersonality, and his warm smile. May you live in the peace of our heavenly Father. A demorial Mass will be held at a later date.



YOUNG, WILLIAM ROBERT "BOB"

Age 69. November 23, 2015. Beloved husband of Janet for 47 years. Dearest son of Leva. Loving father of John (Raquel) and Dan (Carrie). Dear granddad of Abby, Sarah, Emma, Joseph and Mark. Dear brother of Clint (Charlotte). Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday from 2 - 8 p.m. In state at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Farmington Rd., Livonia, Saturday from 10 a.m. until Funeral Memorials Service at 11 a.m. may be directed to Metro Hospice or Christ Our Savior -Bell Choir. Please share a memory at www.rggrharris.com



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Plymouth Nursery 'Ladies Night Out' ushers in yuletide

Julie Brown Staff Writer

Bonnie Danic of Plymouth Township is a regular at Plymouth Nursery. "I've bought my roses here, my trees, said Danic, who works at St. Valentine Catholic Church in Redford.

The evening of Friday, Nov. 20, was special for Danic and other women shoppers at "Ladies Night Out" at Plymouth Nursery. Danic liked the live music and home holiday decorating ideas.

"The trees and the outside of the house with the lights" are what she decorates at yuletide. "We have Frosty outside.

Of the women's shopping event, Danic added, 'I just like all the ladies' products. The food is good. It's nice.

That was music to the ears of Jeff Jones of South Lyon, owner of Plymouth Nursery. His parents started the business in 1963. "Last year, the night of this we had sleet and rain," an appreciative Jones said of this year's clear, dry weather.

Women shoppers visited vendor tables at the store on Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road and enjoyed the festive decorations indoors at Plymouth Nursery, as male staff members served hors d'oeuvres.

"I've got the greatest staff in the world," Jones said. "It's all them, it's not me. I interfere very, very, very little. I'm



Sheila Vallimont of Westland and daughter Stephanie DuChene of Dearborn enjoy "Ladies Night Out" at Plymouth

blessed with some really great people. They make everything look nice. You get good people and you let them run with their He cited Patti Small,

garden store manager, and Missy Tuccini, merchandise manager. Of the men staffers, Allen Park resident Tuccini said, "All dressed up like Skip is here," of a passing waiter for the evening. "We never get to see each other dressed up.

Added sales staffer Kris Laramie of Northville Township: "This is the third year I've been involved. It brings people in the door.

Tuccini noted more

than 18 themed decorated trees inside Plymouth Nursery, as well as some 50 life-like trees with lights indoors. She's been on the job there since 2012 and noted Santa Claus will visit each weekend beginning after

Thanksgiving. "It's busy," Laramie, who grew up in Livonia, said of "Ladies Night Out." "I'm trying to go around and help the customers." Added Tuccini: "We get to have fun, too."

Westland resident Sheila Vallimont was there with her daughter, Stephanie DuChene of Dearborn. "So far, really nice," Vallimont said of the evening as she



JULIE BROWN

Customer Bonnie Danic of Plymouth Township (left) gets a bow made by Missy Tuccini of Allen Park, merchandise manager at Plymouth Nursery.

strolled through the decorated trees and more. She was seeking yule

ideas "Oh, I love to decorate," she added.

Women customers key

Tuccini, making a bow for Plymouth Township's Danic, agreed women customers are essential. "Because they are the core garden center customer and Christmas

shopper," Tuccini said.
"They're the majority of our customers," owner Jones said, at some 65-70 percent. His women staffers understand that market, Jones added.

Male customers will

buy fertilizer and big trees, Jones said. "And the women do everything

Of his location, Jones said, "It's a nice market to be in." He gets more than 25 percent of business from Ann Arbor, even though M-14 means less drive-by traffic.

It has developed and continues to be a very good market for us,' Jones said of Ann Arbor, as well as Plymouth-

He heard women say, "I'm going to bring my girlfriends.' That's exacty what you want to hear. We just want to get people in here and create a buzz. I've been seeing a

lot of product go out both from us and the vendors.

Vendors included Delores Ten Broeck of Canton, with Scentsy candles and related items, and Michelle Jasewicz of Canton, with Pampered Chef. The women met as Boy Scout moms.

"Our husbands are out to dinner right now," a busy Jasewicz said during a break.

Of the event, Ten Broeck, a retired fourthgrade teacher at Plymouth-Canton's Bentley Elementary, said, "I think that it brings a lot of people into the store. The vendors are there for them to Christmas shop."

Jasewicz has participated four years. "It opens up the doors to the community, lets them see what Plymouth Nursery has and the vendors, Jasewicz said. She had many cash and carry products that night, such as a pepper grinder and other small catalog items less than \$15.

Jasewicz made "box brownies" in a pan with individual spots: "You're catering to every individ-ual in your family," she said, noting brownies can be made that way with and without nuts. "There's like 40 different recipes you can do in a brownie pan."

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Avoid 401(k) mandatory distribution penalties

hanksgiving is upon us and the snow has arrived, which means before you know it, we will be into 2016. Because the new year is rapidly approaching, if there are things you need to do before the end of the year, you no longer have time to procrastinate. One of those is your required minimum distribution.

For those of you over age 70½, you are required to take a distribution from your retirement account on a year-byyear basis. Whether it is an IRA, 401(k) or 403(b), a distribution is required. If you fail to make a distribution, the penalties are severe. For those of you who fail to take a distribution or take the proper distribution, you can be subject to a 50percent penalty. It is important that you not only take a distribution, but you take the proper amount.

There are some exceptions to the required minimum distribution rules, but they are few and far between. The one major exception is regarding Roth IRAs. Roth IRAs are not subject to required minimum distributions, so you can allow the money to grow



tax-free for as long as you choose. In addition, there are exceptions to retirement accounts through work if you are still working. For example, if you're over age 70½ and are still working for a company where you have a 401(k) plan and you own less than 5 percent of that company, you can avoid a minimum required distribution on that account. However, if you have a 401(k) plan from an old employer that you are no longer working for, a required minimum distribution is required.

Your individual situation will determine what is done with the required minimum distribution. If you're taking a required minimum distribution only because the law says you have to, then you should turn around and re-invest the money. On the other hand, if you are an income-type investor and need the income to live on, then obviously the required minimum distribution can be used to supplement your income.

In past years, for those of you who are charitable in nature, the government has allowed you to donate your minimum required distribution to a charity. Unfortunately, the geniuses in Washington have not yet authorized this for 2015. They tend not to do it until the middle or end of December. That does not give taxpayers much time. If you are thinking of donating your minimum required distribution to a charity, I would recommend that you get all the paperwork done ahead of time so that if they do re-authorize it, you'll have everything needed to complete the transaction. The key is to work with your IRA custodian to make sure you have the necessary paperwork. In case the provision is not re-authorized, you can then make your required minimum distribution directly to yourself, thus avoiding any unnecessary penalties.

This time of year, I get many questions from people who ask that since they don't need their required minimum distribution, can they just convert the money into a Roth IRA. Although that

would be great, the law does not allow that. The law allows you to convert money into a Roth IRA, but you're not allowed to convert your required minimum distribution; rather, you convert anything above and beyond

Time is ticking and IRA custodians get very busy near the end of the year. If you have not taken your required minimum distribution, there really is no reason to delay.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomasset management.com.

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SECTION 00 11 13 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Livonia Public Schools, consisting of Renovations Projects at:

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will be received by Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 until 12:00 P.M. (noon), local time on Wednesday, December 9, 2015. Bids will be opened and read publicly at 1:00 p.m. at the Administrative Offices in the Livonia Public Schools Board Room. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays. Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

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

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116	Hard Tile
118	Carpet & Resilient Flooring
120	Painting
122	Signage
126	Metal Lockers
128	Educational Casework
140	Plumbing
142	HVAC
149	Fencing
	128 140 142

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

Bid Documents will be available beginning at on November 19, 2015 via the following: Bidders may obtain one (1) set of ½ size bidding documents for a non-refundable \$80.00 deposit, beginning at 12:00 P.M. on November 19, 2015, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Checks should be payable to Livonia Public Schools

Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com free of charge. Documents can be purchased from Dunn Blue/ARC, 1009 Maple St. Clawson, Michigan

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be

identified on the outside of the envelope There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday November 24, 2015 at 3:00 P.M. at Livonia

Public Schools Board Office, 15125 Farmington Rd, Livonia 48154. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), Familial Disclosure Affidavit (Section 00 42 05), Iran Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit (Section 00 42 10) and the Equal Opportunity

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

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities: and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Nick Armelagos Administrator of Finance Livonia Public Schools

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Livonia Town Club

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m., the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May.

Details: December's program features David Passalacqua, musician/ accordion player. It's a nonprofit women's organization bringing together women for social interaction. Come and enjoy informative speakers, bingo, a fashion show, music and more. Contact Vicki at 734-591-3254 for more informa-

Train Show

The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club is sponsoring a buy and swap Railroadiana Train Show from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the Ss. Simon and Jude Church Social Hall, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, Westland.

There will be approximately 100 dealer tables

available. The cost is \$10 for an 8-foot table. Dealer setup is 9 a.m. on the day of the show, and complimentary coffee and doughnuts will be available for dealers until 10:30 a.m. Food also will be available. Admission is \$2 per person and \$4 per family. Parking is

For more information or table reservations, call Bob at 734-728-1247 or Norm at 734-595-8327.

Collectors show A collectors show

including Star Wars, Star Trek, lunch boxes, nonsport cards, G.I. Joes, Hot Wheels, comic books, music items, movie posters, games, DVDs, beer signs, models, Hallmark and other items takes place Sunday, Nov. 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Livonia Elks, 3117 Plymouth Road (just east of Merriman).

For more information, call Jacquie or Joe at 586-329-8213.

Winter concert

The Livonia Youth Choir presents "A Festive Night of Song," its winter concert set for 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile (near Inkster) in Livonia. Tickets are \$5 each; the event will be followed by the choir's bake sale. For more information, contact livoniayouthchoir@gmail.com

Holiday reunion

The 31st annual holiday reunion for retirees and former employees of Wayne County General Hospital will be held from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, in the private party room at the Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet, 6539 N. Wayne Road in Westland. A gratuity will be added to the bill. For more information, contact Dennis Abraham at 734-721-2917 or email fightingirish316@global.net.

OUR VIEWS

Holiday shopping: Local brick-and-mortar stores are chock full of great gifts

No doubt, online shopping has its conveniences. Brick and mortar stores have their advantages, too, so don't write them off too hastily.

Downtown Milford and South Lyon, for example, hosts several holiday shopping events for adults and children alike, giving shoppers a chance to check out holiday selections and kids of all ages the opportunity to visit with Santa Claus. It's not just Main Street or Lafayette where local merchants have plenty to offer. Check out M-59, Grand River Avenue, Milford Road or Pontiac Trail for locally sourced gifts.

Shopping locally brings dollars back into our communities, allowing local businesses to hire your friends and neighbors. Tax coffers get a boost too.

Customer service is key at many of these businesses, with owners and managers going that extra mile to make sure you're a satisfied customer — and that you remain a satisfied customer. If a problem emerges with a purchase, it's far easier to return it down the street or in the next town than to navigate the vicissitudes of the crowded post office to return an online

Local merchants are keeping up with technology, too. Ask them and they'll tell you that as their storefront businesses survive and thrive they're also entering the digital age and offering wares and services online - often nationwide and overseas.

Why not think outside the box on shops, too, while you're at it? In Milford, an Uptown Pop-up Shop has opened in a former gas station downtown with home and garden merchandise. Repurposed home gear and jewelry, Milford-themed products by local artists and more fill the store.

"These are unique items you won't find anywhere else," owner Jane Swayze said.

This Milford specialty shop parallels the trend of downtown Detroit where many millennials shop at pop-ups for specialized wares. Why should they have all the fun? It's great to see such retail ingenuity come

to Milford. And take your patience along with you. There will be crowds, and sometimes long lines. We can all get a little testy under those circumstances, but keeping our cool and remembering our manners will make the season more joyful for all.

And finally don't forget that in this season of giving not all can give. Local Goodfellows volunteers work hard, especially now but all year, to guarantee needy children have a joyful Christmas.

The Salvation Army kicks off its fundraising Red Kettle drive each year, with money raised going not only for holiday food and toys but essentials like prescription medicine and paying utility bills. Please be as generous as you can, and remember these and other nonprofits as you write out your holiday shopping

Also, thank and patronize businesses that encourage charitable endeavors, such as allowing Salvation Army bell ringers to grace their doorsteps. These efforts to help the needy of our communities are vital not just at Christmas but all year. We applaud business representatives who go the extra mile to support charity.

LETTERS

Voting bill a joke

Our Michigan Legislature adds yet another issue to thwart democra-

They met secretly behind closed doors; quickly they brought the end of straight-ticket voting to the floor. Previously, we voters had voted to keep straightticket voting. To ensure the issue could not be objected to, they included \$1 million for "education." That strenuous job done, they voted themselves a three-week vaca-

It will be most difficult in Detroit where the tabulators are old and inadequate. During a presidential election, our Ann Arbor daughter waited 35 minutes, while her friend who teaches and lives in Detroit waited nine hours.

Democracy is supposed to be predicated on justice and fairness. The voters' only recourse is to remember next November to end the secrecy, to give balance, to

remind them that they are there for the common

The principles of democracy are social and political equality for all of us.

Delphine Palkowski South Lyon

Unconscionable act

Gov. Snyder, by suspending Syrian refugees from Michigan, is playing right into the hands of ISIS. Snyder says he is suspending Michigan acceptance of Syrian refugees until the Department of Homeland Security vets refugees. Snyder knows, or should know, the DHS already does extensive security checks before allowing any refugee into the U.S.

Snyder seems to be placating the hate-andfear-of-Muslims crowd. This does not demonstrate leadership by flip-

flopping when lives are at stake. Until recent events in Paris, Snyder was quite comfortable accepting Syrian refugees, particularly in cities like Detroit, losing population. Mayor Duggan expressed support for accepting Syrian refugees into Detroit.

In all likelihood, this is the greatest humanitarian crisis since World War II. For Snyder to turn his back on these people fleeing a civil war in Syria is unconsciona-

> Gerald Maxey Farmington Hills

Climate questions

Questions I'd like the President to answer during his next climate change lecture.

How does computer modeled hypotheses qualify as settled science? How does renew-

able energy renew on calm overcast days? How many tons of toxic waste result from production of each 3-megawatt wind turbine? OSHA's CO2 workplace safety level is 5,000 ppm, atmospheric levels are only 380 ppm, well below levels needed for higher crop yields and a greener planet, yet you claim it's a danger-

Why did you stop Sir Christopher Monckton from testifying alongside Al Gore at a Capitol Hill climate change hearing April 26, 2009, ensuring the world's leading opposition expert's comments never appeared on the Congressional record? How come you don't hold the wind and solar industry accountable for destroying wildlife like you do every other industry? How many bald eagles and migratory birds are

ous gas. How come?

sliced up or vaporized each year by windmills and solar farms?

How come those who trumpet climate Armageddon the loudest, like Al Gore and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, are also heavily invested in companies that profit from it. Why are you waging a war on coal before fully vetting Ohio State University's process of generating clean power from coal without burning it? Why does your Clean Power Plan prohibit building more dependable and affordable emission-free nuclear and low-emission natural gas power plants? Will electricity rates skyrocket like they did in Europe when wind and solar subsidies end?

Jack Belisle South Lyon

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Chiropractic clinic helps local food pantry

Brad Kadrich Staff Write

Dr. Natalie Nedanovski has a simple philosophy about why she and her Farmington chiropractic are so willing to help when help is needed.

Her explanation: "Be-

cause we can." So there they were Friday at Nedanovski's Essential Family Chiropractic clinic on Grand River, putting together more than two dozen Thanksgiving food baskets for delivery to clients of Farmington-Farmington Hills Neighborhood House who otherwise might not have the fixings for a traditional holiday meal.

"We like helping our community grow healthier," Nedanovski said. "This is a way for us to give back."

Neighborhood House is a local charity, supported totally by donations from the local community, that helps families and individuals in need. The charity has helped feed more than 400 local families the last two years (they also helped more than 500 families with things like rent and utility bills).

Essential Family Chiropractic has helped fill the food pantry in the past, so when staffers were looking for an outreach program this year, they got in touch with Loretta Zahn, the client support specialist for Neighborhood House.

"My clients are usually in need of something," Zahn said. "You start with families with kids, and you go from there.

Zahn had plenty of people in mind for the help, and Essential Family Chiropractic's staff and patients began kicking in. Nedanovski started by chipping in the turkeys, and the rest started flowing in.

Carol Parkinson of Plymouth is one of Nedanovski's patients. She said the amount of need in local communities led her to help donate.

'We have too many families in need," Parkinson said. "It's always

good to give back Terri Hanson of Farmington Hills wouldn't have been anywhere else Friday. She's been a vol-



Staffers and patients at Essential Chiropractic on Grand River in Farmington put together more than two dozen Thanksgiving baskets for Farmington-Farmington



BRAD KADRICH

All the fixins went into the Thanksgiving baskets.

unteer for Neighborhood House for four years now, ever since she walked in needing help herself and found Zahn buried in work.

(Zahn) had no one helping her so I asked her if she needed help," Hanson recalled. "She handed me the pantry keys, and I've been there ever since.

Alan Maxey, president of Neighborhood House, said his group benefits again from a solid relationship with Nedanovski's clinic.

"We've maintained a really good relationship with Dr. Natalie." Maxey said. "They've really had a good relationship with

(Zahn). They are extremely community

Nedanovski said the clinic will continue to do as much outreach as they can. Next up is a socksand-underwear drive that will start the first week of December.

She figures her patients will continue to help, because they always have.

"It doesn't surprise me, because we have such amazing patients," Nedanovski said. "I'm happy and blessed to be surrounded by these people.'

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Carol Parkinson of Plymouth puts the bows on the Thanksgiving packages.

Diane Gonzalez of Redford and Lynda Shankle of Farmington Hills help package Thanksgiving baskets to be donated to Farmington-Farmington Hills Neighborhood House.

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Presiding: President Godbout

Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves

166: Bid for JBCVC Emergency Generator Relocation, amt. not to ex. \$89,815.

- Bid for AVL Systems for DPS, amt. \$18,612.06 /hardware acquisition, \$5,220/annual hosting plan, & \$6,000/installation fee.

Contract w/Quadrant 2 Coaching for JBCVC Learning Ctr. Mgt., amt. \$38,000. 167: Set 12/7/15 @ 6:30 as PH date for prop. Brownfield Plan for Ford Rd. properties at or near 36601 Ford Rd.

168: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 11/2/15.

169: SLU for prop. Day Care Expansion, 630 N. Wayne Rd.

172: Appr. to set salary of New Deputy Clerk at %100 of Pay Plan. 173: Conf. appt. of J. Hart to BRA for 3 yr. term to exp. 11/16/18.

174: Conf. appt. of K. Arai to BRA for 3 yr. term to exp. 11/16/18.

175: Appr. checklist: \$ 2,691,821.03. Mtg. adj. at 7:50 p.m. Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout Council President Eileen DeHart-Schoof, CMC City Clerk



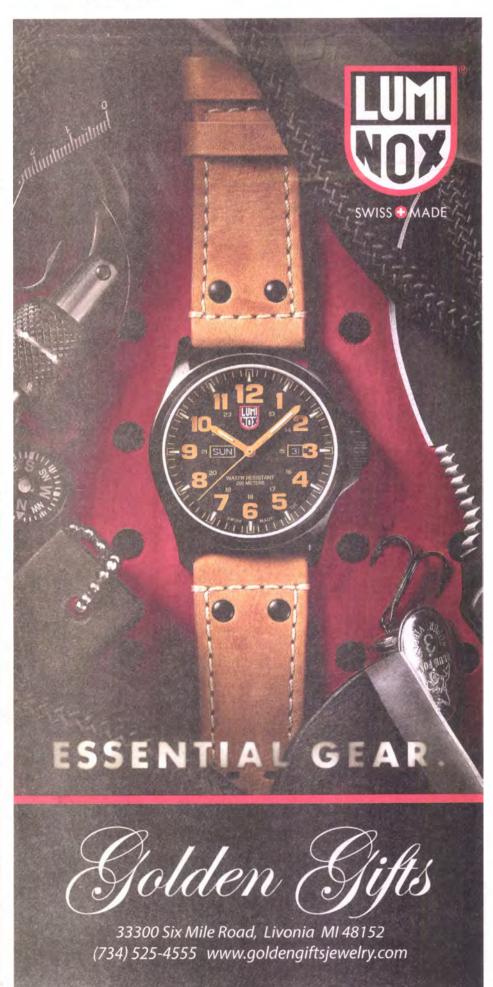


Exhibit a tribute to Daisy, 'A Cristmas Story'

Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Ralphie and the Red Ryder return for the holidays in the Plymouth Historical Museum exhibit based on A Christmas Story, the popular 1983 movie centered on a boy's longing for a BB rifle, that, in real life, had ties to Plymouth.

"A Red Ryder Christ-mas Story" is at the mu-seum through Sunday, Jan. 17. The exhibit features new vignettes, clothing and household furnishings from the 1940s era in which the movie was set, and, of course, models of the guns made by Daisy Air Rifle, which was located Plymouth from the 1890s until 1958.

The museum stages a Red Ryder exhibit during the holidays in oddnumbered years - this year's is the fifth such exhibit — but its pop-ularity keeps increasing, said Liz Kerstens, museum director.

"It gets more popular every time we have it. The numbers keep going up each time we've done 'Kerstens said. In 2013, she said, 1,638 people saw the exhibit.

The museum hosted a reception Tuesday to open the 2015 Red Ryder exhibit.

The exhibit features Daisy Red Ryder air rifles, which were named after a popular comic-strip (and later film and television) cowboy. Included, Kerstens said, is one of the last Red Ryder rifles manufactured in Plymouth, with authentication from Daisy, lent by local attorney Cam Miller. The company moved to Rog-

ers, Ark., in 1958. There are also vignettes A Christmas Story fans will recognize, such as the character Flick getting his tongue frozen to a metal pole, Ralphie with his



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Blair Merrifield of Garden City mimics Flick's unfortunate situation.

IF YOU GO

broken glasses and the

"major award" won by Ralphie's dad — a lamp

in the shape of a wom-

Kerstens said sharp-

eyed museum-goers will

movie details, such as an

Orange Crush sign and a

'We like to have those

kind of details," Ker-stens said. "I don't know

who have seen the movie

For those who haven't

if a lot of people will

notice them, but those

800 times will notice

seen the movie, down-

town Plymouth's Penn

A Christmas Story at 7

p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, and 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

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Friday, Dec. 18.

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Theatre will be showing

pink chenille bathrobe

like the one worn by Ralphie's mom on

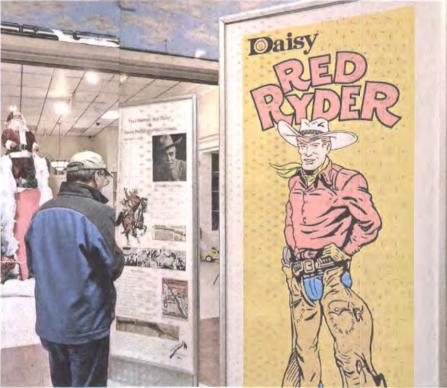
also be able to spot

an's leg.

Christmas.

them.

The Plymouth Historical Museum, at 155 S. Main, is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Adult admission is \$5; children 6 to 17 are \$2 each. For a reservation for a group tour, call 734-455-8940.



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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Churchill icers blank Clarkston

Cioch's four points spearhead Chargers' 5-0 triumph

Ed Wright

Livonia Churchill's hockey team improved to 2-0 Saturday night with an impressive 5-0 victory at Clarkston.

Nolan Cioch was a point machine for the winners, scoring two goals while dishing out two assists.

Conor Burnette also had a

productive night, lighting the lamp twice while assisting on another goal.

Churchill goalie Andrew Broyles was lights-out good, stopping all 18 shots he faced in addition to picking up an

in addition to picking up an assist on Cioch's first goal of the night.

Burnette gave the visitors a 1-0 advantage with 6:37 left in the first period when he scored off a pass from Cioch.

Cioch made it 2-zip five minutes later thanks to helpers from Griffi Ahmet and Sam Spayd.

The second period re-

mained scoreless until the 4:45 mark when Cioch ripped home a short-handed goal. Burnette assisted.

Burnette made it 4-0 with 1:44 left in the second stanza when he scored off a Joe Wozniak pass.

Wozniak, the Chargers' junior captain, capped the scoring with a goal from Cioch and Tim Haydu just over two minutes into the final period.

Churchill will square off against Stevenson Wednesday at 6 p.m.



HN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill players celebrate after Nolan Cioch (13) scored Friday night against Farmington.

MHSAA DIVISION 2 SEMIFINAL



Members of the Livonia Franklin football team bust through a banner moments before the opening kick-off Saturday.

Franklin's
Ke-mauri Heard
hauls down a
King defensive
back following
an interception.
The Patriots
kept the ball
after King was
whistled for
interference.



THEY LEFT A LEGACY

Patriots' 40-6 loss to Detroit King doesn't tarnish amazing season

Ed Wright Staff Writer

The Livonia Franklin football program's brightest season in 40 years ended Saturday afternoon under gray skies, on a frozen field, against a beast of an opponent. After kicking off to start the game and nearly recovering an onside kick, the Patriots fell into a 20-0 abyss in the first nine minutes against the super-athletic Crusaders and never recovered, ultimately dropping a 40-6 decision in a Division 2 semifinal game

played in wintry conditions at Dearborn High School.

The season-ending loss left the Patriots with a 9-4 record, but it couldn't diminish the unforgettable — and unexpected — ride they took their

See FRANKLIN, Page B2

PREP PROFILE

Spartan captain Kowalske is natural born leader

Stevenson hockey captain leads by example

Ed Wright Staff Writer

Barely tall enough to see over the boards, 3-year-old Ben Kowalske was fascinated by what was unfolding on one of the sheets of ice at Eddie Edgar Arena one winter day in 2000.

"I asked my mom,
'What are they doing? I
want to try that'," a
grinning Kowalske reflected Friday afternoon. "It turns out it was
Churchill's hockey team
practicing. I liked it so
much, my mom entered me in
an ice show and then I joined

an association hockey team the following year.
"I was a pretty brutal skater at first, but when you love something enough and you practice

Kowalske

you love something enough and you practice a lot, you're going to eventually get good at it"

it."
Fifteen years later,
Kowalske is really good — both
skating-wise and leadership-

wise. The senior was recently named the captain of the Livonia Stevenson hockey team after serving his junior season as an assistant captain.

"Obviously, being named captain is a great honor and it's a goal of most high school hockey players when they join a program," said Kowalske. "I am following in the footsteps of some great captains; there are

definitely big shoes to fill, but the guys on this team make it easy because it's a good group. Whether or not they have a letter or not, everyone on this team is a leader and everyone has a role."

Kowalske was a key component in the Spartans' dramatic run to the Division 2 state

See KOWALSKE, Page B3



PREP VOLLEYBALL

Novi exacts revenge, captures state title

Wildcats beat Romeo to earn first Class A crown

Perry Farrell Michigan.com

The best player in the state lost to the best team in the Class A volleyball final Saturday at Kellogg Arena in

snowy Battle Creek.
Novi had been ranked No. 1
for most of the season. Romeo,
the defending state champion,
featured the best player in Miss

Volleyball Gia Milana.

The Bulldogs prevailed last year in a five-set thriller and Novi wanted revenge. it got it, winning in impressive fashion, 25-16, 20-25, 25-21 and 25-17, capping off a 55-2 season and its first volleyball state title in

school history.

"They're a great team and we watched a lot of film and kind of had an idea of what they were going to bring at us," Novi coach Jennifer Cottrill said. "Gia's a phenomenal player and pretty much impossible to stop. We had to have a plan to defend everybody else.

"I was confident if we played our game, we could defeat them, but they're teenage girls. You are never quite sure what you are going to get."

sure what you are going to get."
The Wildcats got 20 kills and
12 digs from senior Paulina
Iacobelli, along with 13 kills and
14 digs from Victoria, her twin
sister, who was runner-up to
Milana in the Miss Volleyball
voting.

"Our game plan has always been pass and defend," Victoria Iacobelli said. "If we're passing



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Novi players Victoria Iacobelli (left)
and Ally Cummings embrace after
winning the volleyball Class A state
title in Battle Creek.

well and take them out of their system, there's no one that can really stop us. We knew what we had to do going in. By serving touch and passing and making sure we defend.

"Obviously, there was a little more motivation coming in from last year. I knew as soon as we knew Romeo was our opponent there was a lot of motivation."

Novi continually took advantage of Romeo's back line, which struggled with the lasers coming from the Iacobellis or junior Ally Cummings (17 kills).

The Wildcats, who hit .317 as a team, also got 47 assist-to-kills, seven kills and nine digs from sophomore setter Erin O'Leary, while Claire Pinkerton paced the defense with 21 digs.

paced the defense with 21 digs.
Only Milana's brilliance kept
the Bulldogs (48-8-1) from getting swept by winning the second set. The Maryland-bound
6-foot-2 senior finished with 29
kills after racking up 43 in a
five-set semifinal win Nov. 19
over Livonia Churchill.

Novi came out firing, scoring seven of the match's first eight points. The Wildcats never let up, building a 15-7 lead with strong play at the net and neutralizing Milana.

Unforced errors led to Romeo's undoing as the short serves had the Bulldogs' defense off-balance. Novi doubled the score, 20-10 and was cruising. When Payton Klein served long, the defending champs found themselves down 1-0.

Romeo opened up an 11-6 lead to start the second set, but Novi took advantage of Bulldogs errors near the net to draw to an 11-11 tie.

The third set featured the Wildcats charging ahead 9-6 and 16-10 by attacking the Bulldogs' back line.

Novi News-Northville Record sports editor Brad Emons contributed to this report.

FRNKLIN

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loyal fans on during the past two

"No matter what, they can't take what we've done away from us," said Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert, moments after he addressed his 12 seniors for the last time on a football field. "It's been a 100-percent great season, and this is a great group of

guys.
"Those seniors walking off this field have turned this program around, hopefully for a long time. The legacy they left will never be forgotten."

Although the Patriots were held to 39 points under their post-season average, Kelbert said it wasn't the blustery weather or frozen-tundra field that slowed them down as much as it was the fast, hard-hitting team wearing the white jerseys.

"The weather was the same for us as it was for them; they're just a great high school football team," he said. "We came out and made a lot of mistakes early — we had some coverage mistakes and a lot of missed tackles that put us in an early hole. When you play against a team like (King), you'd better play nearly perfect."

Two plays after pouncing on the Patriots' squib kick, King quarter-back Armani Posey threw a dart to wide receiver Donnie Corley, who caught the ball in stride at the Franklin 30 before sprinting into the end zone to finish off a 52-yard scoring play just 56 seconds into the contest.

The early lightning bolt seemed to stagger the Patriots, who went three-and-out on their next possession.

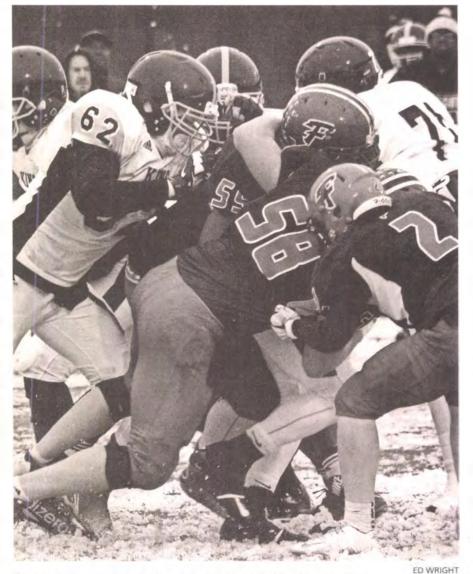
Following a short Franklin punt from its own snow-covered end zone King took over at the Patriots 14 and scored four plays later on Martell Pettaway's two-yard TD plunge. A botched exchange on the extra point left the score at 13-0.

The Crusaders exploded to a 20-0 advantage with 3:08 left in the first quarter when Pettaway rammed through the Patriots' defense for a 45-yard TD run. Donte Casson then split the uprights with his second extra-point boot.

King's defense delivered a handful of bone-crunching tackles — the first of which came on the Patriots' next possession when Clydell James stopped Jacob Clark in his tracks five yards behind the line of scrimmage.

Crusader defensive back Lavert Hill intercepted a pass on the next Franklin play, but he was whistled for pass interference, giving Franklin the ball near mid-field.

Four plays later, however, Franklin was forced to punt again, and the Crusaders' next drive ended with a 33-yard Armani Posey-to-Corley scoring strike on an into-the-wind



Franklin defenders gang-tackle a King running back Saturday afternoon.

post pattern.

Franklin answered with a gritty drive that penetrated the Crusader five-yard line. Clark ripped off back-to-back runs of 30 and 42 yards.

But King's defense came up big again, stoning the Patriots on three straight plays before a low shot-gun snap to Patriot quarterback Denzel Adams led to a 17-yard sack on fourth-and-goal from the five.

King then delivered a knockout blow when on a third-and-14 play from the Crusader 16, Posey dumped off a short swing pass to Dontre Boyd, who escaped the grasp of at least four would-be Patriot tacklers before finishing off an 84-yard TD.

The two-point conversion try was incomplete, but King carried a 32-0 lead into the half.

Franklin kept pounding in the second half and eventually scored on a one-yard quarterback sneak by Adams that cut the deficit to 32-6 with 4:00 remaining in the third quarter. The score was set up on a 42-yard pass from Adams to Ke-mauri Heard.

The game's final points came on an eight-yard run by King back-up quarterback Martinez Adams Calloway. Kevin Willis then tacked on a two-point conversion run.

Led by sophomore linebacker Jacob Mass, among others, Franklin's defense played a spirited second half. Juniors Joe Kenney and Jake Giacobbi both recovered second-half fumbles for the Patriots.

After Clark was knocked from the game by a hard tackle late in the first half, sophomore Isaac Moore stepped in and had a productive final 24 minutes, rushing for 57 yards on 11 carries.

Adams also hit senior receiver Rob Erwin on a 40-yard pass in the third quarter.

Despite the loss, the Patriots have a lot to be proud of — and a lot to look forward to, Kelbert emphasized.

"This is a very young team; we have only 12 seniors," he said. "Our new goal at Franklin is to be in this position every year. This team set the new bar, and it is high."

King, which improved to 13-0, advanced to next Saturday's Division 2 championship game at Ford Field against Romeo, which throttled previously-unbeaten Grand Ledge in the day's other semifinal tilt.

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With her parents — Darin and Lynette — at her side, Westland John Glenn senior bowler Ashley Kolb signed a letter of intent for an athletic scholarship to Youngstown State University.

COLLEGE SIGNING

John Glenn's Kolb headed to Youngstown St.

Ed Wright Staff Writer

Once Ashley Kolb decided she liked bowling, it didn't take her long to master the mechanics of the demanding sport.

Although she didn't start bowling competitively until she was a freshman at Westland John Glenn, the senior's average had ascended to the 190 range between her sophomore and junior years.

Earlier this month, Kolb's quick-learning skills signed a letter of intent to accept a bowling scholarship at Youngstown State University in Ohio. She will join current senior teammate Emily Dietz as a member of the Penguins.

"Once I talked to the coach (Chelsea Gilliam) and we clicked right away," said Kolb, who was joined at the head table by parents Darin and Lynette, John Glenn athletic director John Young and bowling coach Ralph Cabildo as she signed on with YSU. "I took a visit down there and I really liked the campus."

Kolb plans on pursuing a degree in accounting at YSU, which will be elevating its women's bowling program from club to NCAA Division 1 status in 2016.

Kolb attributed her fast improvement on the lanes to a lot of practice and the assistance of a personal coach.

"I bowl year-round now, probably four days a week, four games a day," she said. "I never really get tired of it. I'm always trying to get better. I've been practicing well lately, so I hope to get my average up to between 190 and 200 this season."

Among the several career highlights Kolb has already assembled during her three-year high school bowling experience was a school record-setting thirdplace finish in a high-profile tournament last winter.

"I definitely surprised myself a little bit at that tournament," she said, smiling. "I didn't go into the tournament telling myself I was going to finish in the top three."

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Brother Rice edges Stevenson, 3-1

Ed Wright Staff Writer

Birmingham Brother Rice defeated Livonia Stevenson 3-1 Saturday night at Oak Park Ice Arena in a rematch from March's Division 2

championship game.
Warrior goalie Daniel Sendel was perfect except for the third-period goal he allowed to Stevenson's Joe Alcantara, who was assisted

by Zach Finzel.

Brother Rice grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first period thanks to a power-play goal from Michael McInerney, who was assisted by Garrett Moore and Nick Bowman.

Following a scoreless second period, Bowman netted an insurance goal for the Warriors off helpers from Mitchell Shults and McInerney.

McInerney then capped his dazzling season debut with an empty-net goal in the waning seconds.

Stevenson senior goalie Cullen Barber, the state's reigning "Goalie of the Year", played well in the loss, stopping 28 shots.

Stevenson was scheduled to hosts Livonia Churchill at Eddie Edgar Arena Wednesday.

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Stevenson's Joe Alcantara (left), who scored the Spartans' lone goal Saturday night, and Ben Kowalske sandwich a Novi player during a playoff game last season.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Franklin posts two wins on Western swing

Patriots improve to 3-0 with back-to-back impressive triumphs

> **Ed Wright** Staff Writer

The Livonia Franklin hockey team's western Michigan trek this past weekend couldn't have gone much better than it did.

On Friday, the Patriots upended highly-regarded Muskegon Mona Shores, 6-2, at the Lakeshore Sports Centre in Muskegon.

On Saturday, the Patriots doubled their pleasure with a 6-3 triumph over East Kentwood, which entered the game ranked No. 10 in Division 1.

Chase Wallis tallied four points (two goals and two assists) to power the victory over Mona Shores. Brendan Whitney also played well, picking up a goal and two helpers.

Other key contributors included Nic Anderson, Zack Nelson and Chase Hermann, all of whom put the puck in the

Dakota Keaton, Kolby Dewhirst, Max McCrory, Cory Linsner and Nick Salisbury

chipped in with one assist a piece.

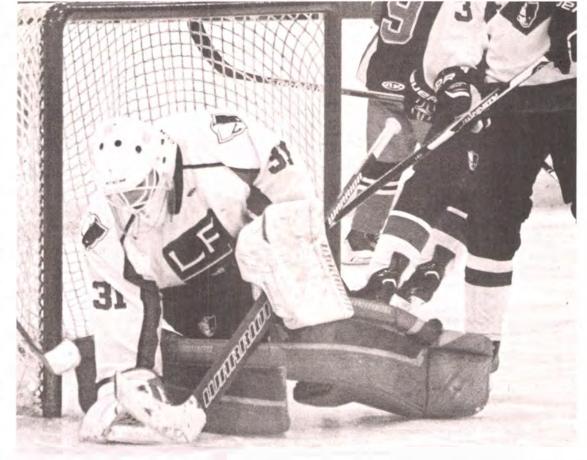
Patriot freshman goalie Jake Penny improved to 2-0 by making 26 saves.

The win over East Kentwood was fueled by strong play from the Patriots' "Purple Line" of Whitney, Wallis and Trevor Lassaline, who combined to rack up 13 points.

Wallis accumulated two goals and two assists, Whitney had a goal and four assists while Lassaline netted his first goal of the season to go along with three assists. Franklin defensemen Jack Ores and Jonny Parkinson also scored for the Patriot "Road Warriors".

Penny continued his stellar play between the pipes by turn-ing away 37 shots. Trevor Stephenson was credited with 45 saves for the hosts.

"We had a great time and played some pretty good hockey," Franklin head coach Den-nis Gagnon said. "We were bummed that we didn't get into the Trenton Showcase this year while Mona Shores did, so it was definitely nice to beat them. Both of those programs are usually top notch, which made our victories that much sweeter.'



Franklin freshman goalie Jake Penny was priceless during the Patriots' pair of weekend wins.

ED WRIGHT



Cass Tech sophomore quarterback Aaron Jackson (right) tries to work his way past Canton defenders Reid McDonnell (middle) and Jake Stephan (left).

DIVISION 1 SEMIFINAL

SNOWED UNDER

Flurry of wild plays down stretch not enough to carry fearless Canton into Division 1 final

Evan Paputa Correspondent

Every time it appeared that Canton's season was done, they made a play to make it seem like they were destined to go all

Despite trailing powerful Detroit Cass Tech 48-28 with 7:39 in the Division 1 semifinal held at Troy Athens High School, the Chiefs' vaunted offense came up with two quick scores and two timely onside kicks to give them a chance at going to Ford Field.

But quarterback Jake O'Donnell scrambled and ran for a first down at the Cass Tech 35-yard line just as time expired and Canton fell, 48-41. The 11-2 Technicians will face Romeo 1 p.m. Saturday in the

D1 championship contest. For the Chiefs (10-3), who exploded for 41 points with snow covering the field and wind blowing, the game will be remembered for the missed opportunities more than anything else. They fumbled at the

Cass Tech goal line — twice. "We left points out there," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "It's going to be hard for our kids to watch this, it really is. They're gonna be disgusted, they're gonna want to puke. But the kids battled, what more could you ask?"

Never say die

Although Canton had every right to pack up and leave when Cass Tech's Donovan Johnson ran in a 23-yard touchdown to complete a 99-yard Technician drive to take a 48-28 lead with 7:39 remaining, the Chiefs dug in and played arguably their toughest football of the season.

Canton patiently marched 69 yards and scored on a 14-yard touchdown pass from O'Donnell to Brennon Pelland. After a fumbled snap on the extra point, they still trailed, 48-34 with only 3:00 remaining.

Kicker Ben Tubaro gave the Chiefs a jolt of energy when he swung the ensuing onside kick to the right, near, side of the field. In seemingly perfect fashion, the ball landed right in the hands of Colin Troup.

Momentum had completely swung Canton's way when they converted a fourth-and-14 play four plays later. O'Donnell, with the 15 miles-per-hour wind gusting in his face, tossed a jump ball for Jesse Warner. The tight end caught it five yards short of the first down, but muscled his way for 10 more yards to give the Chiefs new life.

Later in the drive, Canton was faced with a fourth-andthree from the Technician 6-yard line.

Markus Sanders — who paced the Chiefs' offense with 280 yards rushing and four TDs to nearly reach 2,500 yards for the season — took the pitch and slithered around the right side of the offensive line for just about an inch past the first down marker. He finished off the drive on the next play as he rushed in straight through the middle to get Canton within one possession with 36 seconds left.

Just when the game couldn't have gotten any crazier, the Chiefs miraculously came up with their second onside kick recovery in a row (three total in the game) as Tubaro booted a textbook one-hopper to the far left side of the field where a Cass Tech player bobbled it and senior Jake McKinnon fell on the football.

Faced with a fourth-andfour at the Cass Tech 40-yard line with six seconds left, O'Donnell scrambled for the first down and dove out of bounds, but time expired.

Plowing forward

The snow didn't play a factor for either team's offense. Although the Troy Athens ground crew plowed the field before the delayed 2 p.m. kickoff, snow began to accumulate more and more every play. By the time the game was over, about four inches of snow cov-

ered the playing surface. Canton racked up 490 total yards (374 rushing, 116 passing) and Cass Tech mustered

483 (267 rushing, 216 passing). In addition to Sanders, Jared Stephens ran for 49 yards on 14 carries. Lou Baechler scored a touchdown and rushed for 32 vards. O'Donnell completed four of eight passes for 116 yards and one touchdown. Pelland had three catches for 78 vards.

Cass Tech's steady duo of Johnson and Tim Cheatem were a thorn in Canton's side all game long as they accumulated 154 and 91 yards, respec-

Cass Tech stormed out of the gates in the third quarter with back-to-back long touchdown passes from Aaron Jackson to Donovan Peoples-Jones of 80 and 78 yards. For Jackson, it was his first career start following the injury to Rodney

The Canton secondary battled all game long, according to Baechler. Despite going up against a 5-star player like Peoples-Jones who is 6-foot-3, the Canton cornerbacks stayed diligent in man-to-man coverage.

'Our corners looked like eighth graders compared to their guys, it was a shame,' Baechler said. "We got to give those guys credit. The kids battled, what more could you U.S. NTDP HOCKEY

Backup plan nearly works

Tim Smith Staff Writer

For the fans who successfully navigated snowy, icy roads to make it Saturday night to USA Hockey Arena, the start of the game between Fargo and the NTDP Under-17 team wasn't much of a

By the time the United States Hockey League game was 52 seconds old, Fargo's Cole Gallant put a puck behind U-17 starting goalie Adam Scheel.

Three more Fargo shots eluded Scheel before the midway point of the opening period, putting Team USA in a 4-0 hole.

Realizing it wasn't Scheel's night, U-17 head coach Don Granato pulled him in favor of 5-foot-7 Northville native Dylan St. Cyr with 11:13 left in the first period.

St. Cyr was spectacular the rest of the game, stopping all 29 shots he faced. But Fargo had enough of a lead to skate to a comfortable 4-2 victory, with the home team's second goal coming with just 1.6 seconds left (by Joey Casset-

"That was certainly not the way you want to start a game," Granato said. "(The

Force) obviously came ready to play, they elevated their game. We looked a little groggy to start and couldn't get in any rhythm through the

course of the game at all. "Dylan came in and played very well for us and held things down. But we never did get going in this one."

Fargo (7-8-1-0) also defeated the U-17 team, 5-4, Friday night.

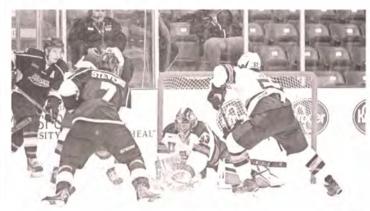
'Credit to them, obviously, and a learning experience for us," Granato saied. "This is a big jump in level of play for our players. The lessons that we learned tonight were obvious. One, not being ready to play and underestimating the competitive level of this league (USHL).

"If you're not ready to play, you can be down three or four in a hurry and we

After St. Cyr shut down Fargo for the rest of the first

period (he stopped 12 shots over the final 11-plus minute he continued displaying a combination of acrobatics and strong positioning in the middle period.

With eight minutes to go in the period, he sprawled to deny Denis Smirnov at the left post with a Gumby-like



RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

Dylan St. Cyr, a Northville native and goalie for the NTDP U17s, thwarts this chance by Fargo's Brody Stevens (left). St. Cyr entered Saturday's game midway through the first period and stopped all 29 shots he saw.

KOWALSKE

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championship game last March at Compuware Arena. Falling just short of capturing a state title - Stevenson lost to Birmingham Brother Rice - will only add fuel to the team's fire, he said.

"To make it to the state championship game and losing was heart-breaking, that's for sure," he said. "But the next morning the sun comes up and you start working again. Last year's success is something we can build on."

Hockey has always meant more than the numbers on the scoreboard to Kowalske.

"It's an extension of the class room for me," he said. "Playing hockey has taught me leadership skills and responsibility - it's so much more than just a game. You come to practice every day with these guys and whether you're having a good day or a bad day, you can come in

here, let it all out and have

Kowalske is currently serving his second year as a member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's prestigious Student Advisory Council, which is made up of 16 high-achieving student-athletes from across

"It's been a cool experi-ence for me," Kowalske said. "When you meet with the other members of the council, you bounce ideas off one another. If something is working at another school, you can find out how and try it at your

school. "This being my second year on the council, I'm a little more comfortable with everything.'

A 4.0 student, Kowalske said he'd love to play hockey at the next level.

'But if it doesn't work out, I'll find another place in this world where I can be productive," he said.

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COACH OF THE YEAR



Dave Gerlach. Salem: Year after year, no girls cross country team is better prepared than the Rocks have been under

the guidance of Gerlach, who just finished his 21st season at the helm. Salem had a long list of big accomplishments again in 2015, topped by a second-place finish at the D1 regional to send the Rocks to the finals for the fourth season in a row. At MIS in Brooklyn, the Rocks finished 15th overall.

The Rocks also won the Wayne County, Dewitt and Franklin invites, and they were second at the Ramblin' Rock, MSU Spartan, division and conference meets.

"I am blessed to work in a sport that has so many terrific coaches and all around great people," Gerlach said. "I am grateful to have once again had a group of athletes that are determined, focused and passionate about the sport of cross country.

"I learned long ago from my parents that hard work will overcome even those that may have more talent but don't work to maximize their poten-

FIRST TEAM

Maddy Trevisan, Farmington:

Trevisan concluded an outstanding senior season with a third-place finish in the Division 1 state meet with a school-record time of 17:31. She was named Miss Cross Country for the state of Michigan as the top senior across all divisions at the state

Trevisan, who will compete for the University of Michigan, is a league (OAA White Division) and regional champion, too. She was third in Oakland County

Also an academic all-state with a 4.0 GPA, Trevisan will compete in the Foot Locker Midwest Regional Saturday in Kenosha, Wis.

"Maddy's season started a little slow but finished with a flourish," cocoach Jeremy Auer said. "Her leadership was one of the biggest reasons our team was able to make the jump to state qualifier this year.

"She sets the tone, athletically and academically. Her dedication and trust in the training process, as well as her trust in herself and her fitness is what allows her to perform at such a high level."

Abby Inch, Farmington: Inch had what was arguably the strongest

2015 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY



Trevisan

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Szymaniak



Inch



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McCann

freshman campaign of anyone in Michigan this year.

She was all-county, all-region and all-state, bettering her time in each of those meets. Her 12th-place finish at the state meet in a time of 18:13 is a Farmington freshman record.

Inch was the second highest-placing freshman in the state. She won the Shamrock Invite and Bloomer Frosh/ Soph Invite.

"Abby truly loves competing and has great racing instincts, a rarity for a freshman," Auer said. "As Abby continues to build strength and fitness, the sky will be the limit.

"She's as talented as anyone in the state. Watching her perform over the next three and a half years is going to be a lot of fun.

Natalie Douglas, Franklin: Among Douglas' senior-year highlighters were a first-place finish in the Livonia City Meet and the Rambling Rock Invitational, a fourth-place showing at the MSU Spartan Invitational Green Race, a secondplace effort at the Wayne County Championships, a fourth-place finish at the KLAA Conference Meet, a fourth-place finish at her Division 1 regional race, and a 22nd-place finish at the state meet, which earned her all-state honors.

"Natalie really put together some strong performances her senior year," coach Dave Bjorklund said. She made running under 19 minutes a regular thing as the season went on, and she was racing near or at the front in most invitationals we

"She finishes her career with the second-best time in school history, as well as our home course record at Nankin Mills (18:41.3). I could not have been more proud of her performance at the state meet. She had a goal; she went all out for it and

"Natalie is one of the hardest-work-

ing and most-dedicated runners we have ever had at Franklin."

Whitney Reid, N. Farmington: A freshman, Reid set a school record when she won the Huron Invite in 18:28.7, breaking former state champion Lisa Rives' 1989 record of 18:45. She also won the River Rat Invite and Mott Fall Classic.

Reid, who ran under 19 minutes three times, was third in the OAA White Division (18:39), fifth in the Mott regional (18:43) and 75th in the state.

"I was very pleased with Whitney's progress throughout the season, coach Bill Pinnell said. "Things started clicking for her when she ran the Huron Invite in September, and she really caught fire from that point

"It was great to see her hard work and effort pay off. She has proven she's one of the elite runners, and we look forward to big things from her in the coming years."

Korey Szymaniak, Garden City: The senior finished off her high school cross country career in grand fashion by placing 84th overall at the Division 1 state finals with a time of 19 minutes, 19.9 seconds. A multiple-time state-qualifier, Szymaniak also excels for the Cougars in track and field.

Madalyn Simko, Salem: The sophomore was instrumental in Salem making a fourth consecutive trip to the D1 state finals, with the Rocks finishing second in the team standings at regionals.

Simko had a personal best time of 19:05.5, the sixth-fastest time in program history (fourth best for a Salem sophomore) and came in fourth at the Wayne County Championship (19:27) to make the allcounty first team.

At the D1 regional held at Willow Metropark, Salem's home course, Simko came in 11th with a time off

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Farmington: Morgan Merlino, Megan Rasak, Erin Abramczyk, Hannah Ho; Harrison: Anya Turner, Maya Roberts, Victoria Blaga, Maggie Kondek; Mercy: Lauren Lytle; North Farmington: Karlie Cummins, Carolyn Chow; Salem: Lizzy Lu, Cummins, Carolyn Chow; Salem: Lizzy Lu, Marnie Waggoner, Karissa McCarthy, Leah Stevens, Brianna Essien, Bridget Nelson, Charissa Johnson, Hallie Younglas, Kaya Knake, Jessica Hughes, Madison Grant, Kayla DelaCruz; Plymouth: Ana White, Arwa Hararwala, Amelia Carey, Gwen Carey, Olivia Schafer, Claire Curvin, Charlotte Clark; Canton: Mary Galm, Kate Cotham; Kayla Neme, Carly Smith, Elise McIntee, Samantha McGrath; PCA: Sienna Ruiter.

19:18. She also won the team's Most Valuable Runner award, earned medalist honors at the Dewitt Invitational and was named a KLAA Scholar Athlete

"Madalyn's athleticism and competitiveness again helped her to another terrific season," coach Dave Gerlach said. "Madalyn came on in the middle of the season to take control as the team's No. 1 runner.

Jenna Wisner, Luth. Westland: The senior placed 12th at the Division 4 state meet with a time of 19 minutes, 22 seconds

Kayla Hu ghes, Salem: The Rocks' team captain this season, Hughes was the Most Valuable Senior for the squad and qualified for the state finals with the team and as an indi-

Hughes, a first-team all-county performer (fifth, 19:31.8), tallied 264 varsity points (sixth most by a Salem runner) and had a personal best of 19:20.4. At the D1 regional, the fourth-year varsity runner finished 14th (19:28) and completed her outstanding prep career at Michigan International Speedway with a time

"Kayla is a tremendous competitor and has a work ethic second to none as a distance runner." Gerlach said. ... After overcoming adversity last

season, the success this year was due to the hours and years of hard work and passion for the sport."

Erin Seibert, Franklin: The freshman's 2015 highlights included a ninth-place showing at the Wayne County Championships, a seventhplace finish at the KLAA conference meet, a 13th-place finish at her Division 1 regional meet and a 166place finish at the state meet (20:01.2).

"Erin had an outstanding freshman season," Bjorklund said. "She was our number-two runner most of the year, and really put together some great performances at the big meets down the stretch (county, conference and regional). Erin broke Natalie Douglas's freshman 5K record with her personal best time of 19:27.7 at the regional. I can't wait to see what Erin can do the next three years."

Erin McCann, Salem: If her stellar junior season is any indication, McCann looks to be a major contributor to the 2016 Salem squad.

The third-year varsity runner earned Most Valuable Junior honors and tallied a personal best of 19:30.3 while also finishing seventh at the Wayne County Championship (19:32.8) to make the first all-county

A KLAA Scholar Athlete winner, McCann came in 10th at the Kensington Conference meet (19:43.8) and ninth 19th at the D1 regional, with a mark of just over 19:49.

"Erin has battled and shown perseverance this season which has got her on first team," Gerlach said. "Her leadership, work ethic and love for athletics have helped make this team successful once again."

Kathleen George, Churchill: The junior enjoyed a fantastic season, helping the Chargers win the Livonia City Meet with a second-place time of 20:47

She also medaled in the Ramblin' Rock Invite (sixth, 19:41.8), Jefferson Invite (sixth, 20:06), Wayne County Championship (sixth, 19:32.2), KLAA Conference Meet (eighth, 19:40.5, earning second-team all-conference) and 18th place at the Division 1 regional meet (19:49).

"Kathleen had another solid cross country season," Churchill coach Sue Tatro said. "She is an extremely hard worker who loves to compete. Kathleen is an athlete we can always depend on during workouts and races. I am really looking forward to seeing her in a leadership role next year."



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Food safety hotline answers your questions about turkey

Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Stuffing in the bird or stuffing out? Roaster or oven? Freeze leftovers in two days or keep them longer?

If you've got questions about preparing and serving turkey this Thanksgiving, the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service has answers that can guide you safely from thawing to preparation, serving to leftovers.

Consumers can talk with a food safety expert by calling the US-DA's 30-year-old Meat and Poultry Hotline or connect via online chat at askkaren.gov. The website also allows users to submit a question by email and offers answers to frequently-asked questions.

With Thanksgiving just a day away, I decided to put the service to the test. I called the hotline with two questions: Is it safer to cook the stuffing inside the turkey or outside in a pot or slow cooker? How long will turkey leftovers keep before it's time to freeze them?

"If you decide to stuff the turkey, you not only need to take the temperature of the turkey, but you need to take the temperature of the stuffing," the expert told me. "The temperature of the stuffing also needs to read 165 (°F). In most cases the turkey needs to cook longer," she said, adding that many chefs cook the stuffing separately for that rea-

'We recommend using a thermometer to know exactly when

The USDA suggests placing the thermometer in the innermost part of the turkey thigh, the innermost part of the wing and the thickest part of the breast, mak-ing sure the bird has reached an internal temperature of 165 °F before serving it.

She told me turkey leftovers are safe in the refrigerator for four days. Freeze or toss them on Monday, Nov. 30.

The AskKaren.gov website suggests heating turkey leftovers to 165 °F before serving. When storing leftover turkey, cut it into smaller pieces so it can chill faster. The USDA's FoodKeeper mobile app gives storage advice on more than 400 foods and beverages, including leftovers.

I planned to ask a question about portable electric roasters during an online chat, but found a reference to roasters in the "frequently asked" portion of the site. It told me to preheat the appli-ance to 325 °F, and that both cook-ing time and oven temperature are the same for roaster or conventional oven.

If you have a question about safe food preparation on Thanks-giving Day, call the hotline from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 888-674-6854. The online chat at AskKaren.gov is available 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Learn how to safely select, thaw, and prepare a turkey at FoodSafety.gov.

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Make sure the thermometer in your turkey reads 165 °F before serving the bird for Thanksgiving Day dinner.

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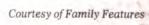
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flavor of the season can add warmth and nostalgia to everything from traditional baked goods CINNAMON to vegetable sides and cocktails.

"Everyone loves cinnamon in classic desserts like apple pie, but this spice is so versatile, it can be used in countless sweet and savory dishes," said Chef Kevan Vetter of the McCormick Kitchens. "For the perfect seasonal side dish, you can toss carrots cooked in a slow cooker with a cinnamon-sugar glaze. Or, add cinnamon sticks to a festive drink, like holiday sangria."

Try these recipes to showcase that pure cinnamon flavor from cocktail

hour to dessert. For more recipes and tips, check out McCormick.com and visit McCormick Spice on Facebook and Pinterest.









CARAMEL APPLE SLAB PIE

Prep time: 25 minutes Cook time: 40 minutes

- 2 packages (14.1 ounces each) refrigerated pie crusts (4 crusts),
- 1 1/2 cups sugar 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon 8 cups thinly sliced and peeled Honey
- Crisp apples (about 8 apples) 1 cup caramel topping, divided

Preheat oven to 400°F. Bring crusts to room temperature according to package directions.

Unroll pie crusts. Line bottom and sides of 13-by-9-inch glass baking dish with 2 pie crusts. Press seams of overlapping crusts in middle of baking dish together to seal.

Mix sugar, cornstarch and cinnamon in large bowl. Add apples; toss to coat well. Spoon into pie crust. Drizzle with 3/4 cup caramel topping. Top with remaining 2 crusts. Pinch edges of top and bottom crusts together to seal. Cut small slits in top crust.

Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until crust is golden brown and filling is bubbly. Cool on wire rack. Drizzle with remaining 1/4 cup caramel topping to serve.

SLOW COOKER CINNAMON SUGAR GLAZED CARROTS

Prep time: 5 minutes Cook time: 3-4 hours

- 2 pounds baby carrots
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted ½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger 1/2 teaspoon salt

mixture just before serving.

Spray inside of 4-quart slow cooker with no stick cooking spray. Add carrots and melted butter; toss to coat. Cover. Cook on high 3 to 4 hours or until tender. Meanwhile, mix brown sugar, cinnamon, ginger and salt in small bowl until well blended. Toss cooked carrots with brown sugar mixture in slow cooker just before serving. Tip: Keep cooked carrots in slow cooker when transporting to a party. Bring brown sugar mixture in small resealable plastic bag. For best results, toss carrots with brown sugar

SPICED CRANBERRY SANGRIA

Prep time: 10 minutes Servings: 6

1 orange

- 16 whole cloves 1 bottle (750 milliliters) sweet white
- wine, such as Moscato or Riesling 3 cups cranberry juice
- 1 cup fresh cranberries
- 1/4 cup orange-flavored liqueur, such as **Grand Marnier**
- 2 McCormick Gourmet Cinnamon Sticks 1 tablespoon McCormick Pure Vanilla

Cut orange into 8 wedges. Press 2 cloves into each wedge. Set aside. Mix wine, cranberry juice, cranberries, liqueur, cinnamon sticks and vanilla in large pitcher until well blended. Add orange wedges.

Refrigerate 3 hours or until ready to serve. Serve in ice-filled glasses, if desired. Tip: If transporting Spiced Cranberry Sangria to a party, prepare recipe without adding the wine. Take the spiced cranberry juice in a clean, portable tightly covered beverage container leaving enough room for the wine. Then pour the bottle of wine into the container at the party. Serve and

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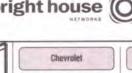
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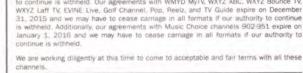
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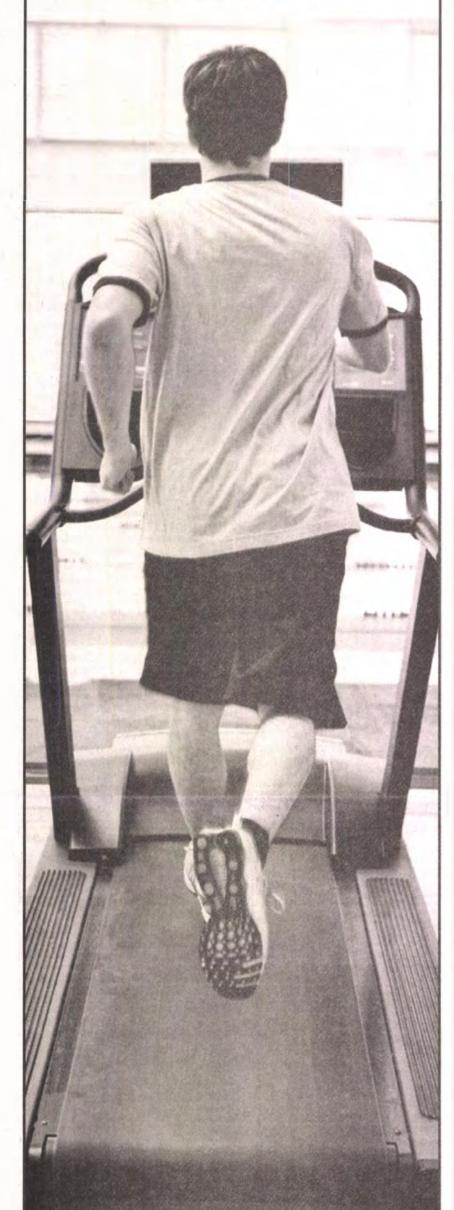
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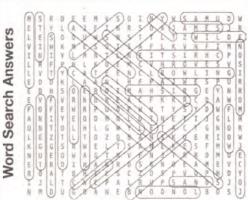
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SUBMITTED The Bingham Office Center in **Bingham Farms** was among properties garnering awards



Commercial real estate awards highlight local properties, pros

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit (BOMA) held its annual awards program The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) and Leadership Awards Presentation on Friday afternoon, Nov. 6, at the MotorCity Casino Sound Board, Detroit.

The program honors outstanding leaders and commercial properties in the local commercial real estate industry. "Each of this year's TOBY & Leadership Awards recipients has shown remarkable achievement in their respective categories" said Brian Salliotte, RPA, president of BOMA/Metro Detroit. "Excellence in our industry depends on the excellence of the professionals at its heart. It is a win/win for management and owners who appreciate the value of a job well done." The TOBY Awards, now in

its 31st year, is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building ownership and management. Judging is based on community impact, tenant/employee relations programs, energy management systems, emergency

evacuation procedures, building personnel training programs and overall quality indicators. A team of expert industry professionals conducted comprehensive building inspections. Sixteen distinguished properties vied for first place in eight categories for The Outstanding Building of the Year. The 2016 Local Winners are:

» Under 100,000 Square Feet - Wright Kay Building, managed by Bedrock Real Estate Services, Detroit

» 100,000-249,999 Square Feet - Riverside Center, managed by Farbman Group, Southfield

» 250,000-499,999 Square Feet - Maccabees Center, managed by Schostak Brothers & Co., Inc., Southfield » 500,000-1 Million Square

Feet - New Center One, managed by Farbman Group, » Over 1 Million Square

Feet – One Campus Martius, managed by Bedrock Real Estate Services, Detroit » Suburban Office Low-

ter, managed by Farbman Group, Bingham Farms » Medical Office Building Oak Tech Professional Cen-

ter, managed by Summit

Rise - Bingham Office Cen-

Property Management, Auburn Hills

» Renovated Building -Federal Reserve, managed by Bedrock Real Estate Services,

Metro Detroit TOBY winners will be invited to participate in the North Central Regional TOBY competition, including Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio, to qualify for the BOMA International TOBY Awards, one of the highest honors in the commercial real estate industry. Winners of the international competition will be announced at the BOMA International 2016 Every Building Conference and Expo in Washington, D.C., in June 2016.

Leadership Award recipients were recognized for their contributions to the organization, the community and the greater industry. Recipients

Michael Patterson, RPA, FMA of CBREIFord Land, Property Manager of the Year; Thomas Dubay of Farbman Group, Building Engineer of the Year; Brilar, LLC., Service Provider of the Year; **Bedrock Real Estate Services.** Corporate Member of the Year; Sandy Borg of ISC Services, Service Member of the Year.

Sarah Barjum of Dunbar Mechanical, Emerging Lead-er; Lynne Leipold of GDI Integrated Facility Services, Outstanding Service Award; and Cindy Wiegand of KIR-CO Management Services, the President's Award.

Founded in 1908, BOMA/ Metro Detroit is a professional, nonprofit trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commercial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry. BOMA Michigan members represent organizations managing more than 250 million square feet of office and industrial space, with employees and tenants totaling more than 1.25 million people in Michigan. Michigan members' annual expenditures contribute \$3.2 billion to the state's economy. BOMA/ Metro Detroit provides commercial real estate professionals the opportunity to work together for professional growth, advocacy rights, corporate profit, and the benefit of the nine Southeastern Michigan communities it serves. For more information on BOMA and membership, visit www.bomadet.org.

Aspen: Region has some more reasonable real estate

Q: I have debated on whether to buy a condo in Aspen or Park City, Utah, and I am wondering if you have any suggestions or com-

A: Aspen is obviously more expensive as are most of the surrounding ski towns in Colorado such as Breckenridge, Vale, and Snowmass. My recent experience with Park City

is that it is more reasonable in terms of the cost of real estate although, a number of high end hotel condominiums are being constructed



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by major national chains. Generally speaking, the cost of living in Park City is less than in the Colorado cities above mentioned, although, you still have your share of movie stars spending their time in Park City. Again, if you buy at the right time and off season, you can pay between anywhere from \$150 to \$250 a square foot for a residence or condominium. There are a number of high end brokers in Park City to assist you as well as capable legal counsel. But as in the purchase of any condominium, be sure you understand the condominium documents and retain a condominium knowledgeable at-

Q: We are foreclosing on a mortgage on a house we have sold and obtained a Sheriff's sale, but we are concerned about the homeowner neglecting or intentionally damaging the home during the redemption period. What can we do?

A: Legislation was enacted in 2014 to allow a purchaser at a Sheriff sale which in this case would presumably be you to perform periodic interior and exterior inspections of the property to ensure that it is being kept up and not stripped of its valuables. The purchaser may proceed with eviction if an inspection is unreasonably refused or damage to the property is imminent or has already occurred. You should check with an attorney to find out what your rights are before entering the premises as it was modified later in 2014 to clarify the previous legislation.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium.' He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 6-10, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses,

and sales prices. BEVERLY HILLS 17824 Beechwood Ave 17375 Birwood Ave 31288 Downing Pl 32470 Sheridan Dr 30740 Stellamar St 19710 W 13 Mile Rd # 206 19501 Waltham Rd BIRMINGHAM 1171 Arden Lr 271 Berwyn St 2042 Dorchester Rd 1533 Mansfield Rd 1045 N Old Woodward Ave 662 Purdy St # 105 1193 S Eton St 535 Stanley Blvd 380 Wimbleton Di **BLOOMFIELD HILLS**

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 27-31, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses,

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

HOLIDAY **EVENTS**

FILM **PENN THEATER**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 3, 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Dec. 4, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 5-6

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: It's a Wonderful Life; \$3 Coming up: Elf, Dec. 11-13; A Christmas Story, Dec. 17-18, The Polar Express, Dec. 19-20

Contact: 734-453-0870 **REDFORD THEATER**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Dec. 4 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 5

Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit Details: White Christmas, \$5 Coming up: It's a Wonderful Life,

Contact: 313-537-2560

LIGHTS **WAYNE COUNTY** LIGHTFEST

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 6-10 p.m. Friday-Sunday, through Dec. 31. Closed

Location: Enter at Hines Drive and Merriman in Westland and exit near Telegraph in Dearborn Heights

Details: Drive-through light show features nearly 50 lighted displays. Fee is \$5 per vehicle

Contact: parks.waynecounty.com; 734-261-1990

WILD LIGHTS

Time/Date: 5:30-9 p.m. Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 4-6, 11-13, 18-23 and 26-31 Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward Ave., Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$9 in advance and \$11 at the gate for ages 2 and older. Parking is \$6 per car. Features illuminated sculptures, holiday entertainment and activities, ice carving and arts and crafts. Buy tickets online at detroitzoo.org/ events/wild-lights

Contact: 248-541-5717

MUSIC **BIRMINGHAM CONCERT**

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Dec. 6 Location: Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birming-

Details: Holiday concert directed by Jeffrey Jones; donations accepted Contact: birminghamconcertband-

CHRISTMAS POPS CONCERT/CANTATA

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 12 Location: St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Features popular Christmas songs by solists and small groups, and One Silent Night by Pepper Choplin, by the combined choirs of St. Timothy and Kirk of Our Savior of Westland; donations accepted

Contact: 734 464-8844, sttimothy@sttimothypcusa.org

ITALIAN AMERICAN CHORALE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 Location: American Club of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Viviana Garabello directs the group in its first Christmas concert; free admission for concert only. An optional potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. costs \$2 per person. Participants should bring a favorite dish and dessert to share. RSVP by Dec. 2 to Ann at 734-437-9067 or Maria at 734-591-0263 for potluck

Contact: Viviana Garabello at 313-690-1093; gvivi81@gmail.com

MICHIGAN **PHILHARMONIC**

Time/Date: 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10

Location: Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Holiday Pops with the Phil features a variety of seasonal tunes at the 8 p.m. performance, and a sing-along of Christmas carols. Tickets are \$30 general admission, \$25 for seniors, age 25 and up, and \$10 for students with ID

Contact: michiganphil.org

SIMPLY DICKENS Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 9 Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The group sings old world Christmas carols. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Doors will open at 6 p.m. giving visitors time to see A Red Ryder Christmas

Contact: plymouthhistory.org

THERAPY CHOIRS OF MICHIGAN

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Wednesday,

Location: Woodhaven Retirement

Community, 29667 Wentworth, Livonia Details: The TCM singers consist of

individuals with special needs, volunteers and friends. The group will sing holiday songs at this free concert

Contact: 248-474-2763, ext. 222; therapychoirs.org

TRINITY AND FRIENDS CHOIR

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Dec. 3-5 Location: Trinity Episcopal Church, 26880 LaMuera, Farmington Hills Details: Rejoice! A Holiday Concert features music of Beethoven, Handel and more; tickets are \$10 Contact: trinityinthewoods.org



Shoppers leave Kohl's in Canton during Black Friday last year.

FILE PHOTO

Retail expert: Pack snacks, sanitizer for Black Friday

Sharon Dargay

If you're looking for a weekend diversion that combines the fun of a social outing with hands-on entertainment and a fitness workout, set your alarm clock to "early" and shop Black Friday sales.

The National Retail Federation estimates that 135.8 million shoppers are likely to spend the Thanksgiving weekend in stores. The action starts Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26, and continues nonstop through Black Friday, with stores reopening for Small Business Saturday and Sunday sales.

If you've ever wanted to pull an all-nighter in a national retail chain store, now's the time. But pushing an over-flowing cart, toting bags, and driving from store to store can take its toll, even on the most experienced shop-

How do you ensure the Black Friday experience will be more fun than frenzy?

Ed Nakfoor, retail consultant, offered tips for shopping the Black Friday sales. Contact Nakfoor at ed-

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BLACK FRIDAY TIPS

» Always get a receipt. And if the store gives you the option of paper or email receipt, get both. Are you really going to print a copy at home? Or worse, the email goes to your spam folder.

» Always get a gift receipt. That's a gift in itself for the recipient. » Map out your shopping day. Shop with a geography in mind. Don't visit

stores as they open or during certain door buster hours. Better to shop adjacent stores, farthest from home, and then work your way back to where you began the day. You might miss that day's big sale, but do know there will countless big sales between now and Christmas as stores are loaded with merchandise and will be very eager to clear it out.

» Download store apps days in advance to learn the finer points of the technology; some are intuitive, others cumbersome.

» Bring small snacks, maybe a bottle of water. Waiting in line — and it will be long — at Starbucks or the food court makes even the most relaxed person a grump

» All those people ... cold and flu season ... hand sanitizer is a must. » If you can, leave the kids at home. See above re: grump.

» Don't circle and circle and circle the lot for a "good" spot. There isn't one. Accept it, know you have to walk, bundle up and press on. The key is to keep nerves from fraying.

» Be kind to the employees. It's busy. Many are new hires. They are trying to please you and still follow the store's rules.



Farmington Hills artist sells unique dolls at holiday show

Diana Wing Correspondent

Skip the mall and shop for unique, local goods at the Lathrup Village Holiday Market, Saturday, Nov. 28, in Lathrup

Farmington Hills artist Michelle Sapp will be among nearly 40 vendors at this second annual show that features an eclectic selection of handmade items.

Sapp, a self-taught doll artist, has shown work over the years at the Lathrup Village Summer Art Fair and will bring crocheted items and her African-inspired "Annie's Girls" dolls to the Holiday Market. The dolls are made from recycled bottles, yarn, wire, fiberfill and fabric and are decorated with beads, shells, baskets, feathers and

"I was a stay-at-home mom and felt the need to be creative again. I started messing around with some things one day. By the end of the day I had made a doll and by the end of the week I had found myself being in a craft show. That was around 2006," she said.

The dolls are much more detailed today and Sapp's techniques have become more



Michelle Sapp will show her African-inspired dolls at the Lathrup Village Holiday Market, Nov. 28.

"Now I'm even crocheting baskets and I dye a lot of my baskets that the dolls hold. It's a lot of little detail work and everything I do is hand sewn," said Sapp, noting that the details are what gives a doll its personality.

"Each doll is one of a kind," she added. Even when I'm

buying fabric, I'll only buy a limited amount of a certain print and then when it's gone, it's gone. It keeps the work fresh. People like having something that's unique. I'll make another piece that may be similar but it will never be identical.'

Sapp doesn't name the dolls. She feels that if the owner chooses to name the doll they become more involved in the creative process and it's "truly their doll at that point."

The Lathrup Village Holiday Market features gift items at all price points. It runs 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Lathrup Village Municipal Building, 27400 Southfield Road. Admission and parking are free.

Here's a sampling of other holiday art shows:

» Visual Arts Association of Livonia offers one-of-a-kind treasures handmade by local artists, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, Dec. 4-13, at its Holiday Shoppe, located in the Village Shopping Center at Five Mile and Newburgh. Grand opening is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday,

» Plymouth Community Arts Council as handcrafted pottery, including bowis, mugs, tiles and ornaments, ranging from \$10-\$60, from the West-

ern Michigan Ceramics Guild and Adrian College potters, Ira Richardson and Holly Ross, Nov. 30-Dec. 18. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday, at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Art, pottery and gift certificates also will be sold during the PCAC's Member's Exhibit Reception, 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, December

» Glass Academy, 25331 Trowbridge, Dearborn, holds its annual Holiday Show & Sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 5-6. The free event will include live glassblowing demonstrations and handcrafted glass items for sale, including candy canes, snowmen, ornaments, Christmas trees and decorative bowls. A preview party 5-8 p.m. Dec. 3 costs \$50. Visit glassacademy.com for tickets.

» Birmingham Bloomfield

Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, offers works for sale by more than 100 artists at its annual Holiday Shop, noon-6 p.m. Dec. 3 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4-19. The shop includes jewelry, glass, ceramics, garden sculpture, soaps, kitchen items, paintings and more.

- Sharon Dargay contributed

to this story

Huge 3-Day Black Friday sale at Varsity Lincoln in Novi!

Get the Varsity Advantage! Varsity Lincoln of Novi is cele-brating Black Friday over three days with a HUGE Certified Pre-Owned vehicle sales and service event.

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In a crunch for time this holiday season? Shop while your vehicle is in the shop! Varsity Lincoln is offering a free shuttle to and from Twelve Oaks mall for your convenience

Visit Varsity Lincoln for the 3-day event during the following dates and times:

» 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27

» 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28

» 8:30 a.m.to 9 p.m. Monday,

Right now, Varsity Lincoln is also offering a Complimentary Maintenance Plan for Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln vehicles. This includes an oil change, tire rotation and multi-point in-spection every 7,500 miles for 1 year/15,000 miles.^

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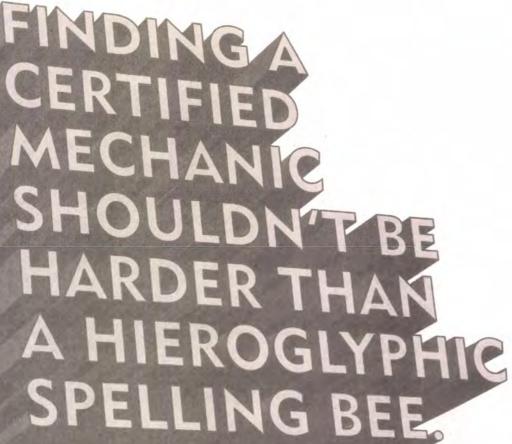
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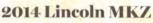
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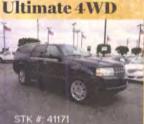
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