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Dog bite victim hopes to avoid painful shots

BY DEBI MARTONE
STAFF WRITER

A Washington Township man is hoping both he and his three year old Havanese mix dog can be spared of having painful tetanus shots.

Tim Smith and his dog, Charlie Brown, were taking their daily walk Jan. 6 through Gilcher-Crissman Park on 29 Mile Road in Washing-

ton Township when they were both bitten several times by a dog that had broken free from its owner.

That dog, believed to be a pit bull named Bella, was still wearing its leash when it lunged at Smith, who had lifted his dog over his head in anticipation of the attack.

"I go there every day with him, Smith said. "I have never seen that

dog there before."

Smith said the dog's owner, a woman he describes as a white woman approximately 60 years old, tried to prevent the attack by yelling at her dog before it reached him and alerted him to the situation.

The attacking dog ended up biting Smith several times on the hands as it tried to bite Smith's dog.

When the attacking dog knocked Smith over, he tried to tuck his dog underneath his body to protect him.

The attacking dog's owner was eventually able to stop her dog and get it to her vehicle.

Smith said the woman offered to follow him home and help him clean his wounds but drove off in (See SHOTS, page 6)

Green grass in January?

BY LARRY SOBCZAK
EDITOR

Until the recent cold snap, Romeo area residents need not look any further than the green grass still growing in their front yards for evidence of the unusual weather we've been experiencing so far this winter.

It was so warm that landscapers were able to extend their work season and fully loaded sod trucks were seen driving down M-53 the

last week of December.

Nancy Blanche of Blanche Sod Farm in Washington Township said it is not uncommon for her company to wrap up work on commercial construction jobs in early December during mild years.

"What is unusual is going two weeks longer," she said.

It was the warmest December on record according to meteorologist Joseph Clark at the National Weather Service office in White Lake Township.

"In December 2015 the average high in the Detroit Metro area was 41.1 degrees and Dec. 12 was the warmest day (on record) when it reached 63 degrees," Clark said. "The second warmest December in the Detroit Metro area was in 1881 with the average high at 40.6 degrees and with 55 degrees being the warmest temperature."

The warm weather brought landscapers to the McDonald's Restaurant at the corner of 26 Mile Road and Van Dyke to plant shrubs and new sod just before New Year's Day.

Restaurant management would not comment about the work which was part of realignment of the drive through lanes but the cashier at the window who did not want to be named said she was told the work would be done by Thanksgiving which brings up another long-time local weather record that was broken in November.

Nearly a foot of snow fell at lo- (See GRASS, page 6)



ICE TRAINING. Members of the Bruce/Romeo Fire Department practiced their water rescue techniques on Thursday, Jan. 7 in an icy pond in Bruce Township. In the top photo, Evan Delmott floats comfortably in a special suit which keeps him buoyant and warm. In the bottom photo, Lt. David Witgen watches and advises Delmott and Chris Zembol from the shore. Witgen said the weather and water conditions were perfect for the training exercise. Witgen said staying familiar with the water rescue equipment is important in an area where many residents have ponds in their backyards. "This is the time of the year when the new ice is coming in. Kids may think they can get on it, or even adults and dogs or other animals," Witgen said. "The ice was really good yesterday as in breaking up when we went in." The training session gave the firefighters a chance to use their ice rescue suits, practice attaching flotation devices, throwing rescue ropes and pulling victims and responders to safety. "It was fun for us. We try to do some training on every shift," he said. (Photos by Debi Martone)

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Obituaries...

FRANK A. JARRETT

Frank A. Jarrett, 66, of Washington Township, died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015 at Troy Beaumont Hospital. He was born April 9, 1949, the son of Roscoe Bruce and Leona May (Brooks) Jarrett. He married Mona Sue Eberts on Nov. 16, 1968 at St. John Lutheran Church.

Mr. Jarrett graduated from Romeo High School in 1968 and enlisted in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He worked for Romeo Community Schools for over 30 years, retiring in 2004. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2052, Romeo.

He is survived by his wife, Mona of Washington Township; sons Jeff (Lisa) of Mayville, Mike (Jennifer) of Louisville, Kentucky; siblings Diane Faziloi of Franklin, North Carolina, Bruce (Lynn) Jarrett of Sioux Falls, North Dakota, Clifford (Sandy) Jarrett of Kentucky, Cindy (Dave) Archibald of Fenton, and Donna (Darrell) of Mt. Clemens; four grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Jeanette and sister Lenora.

A funeral was held Thursday, Dec. 31 at Roth-Muir Funeral Home. Burial was at the Romeo Cemetery.

Memorial Donations may be made to the Veterans of the Vietnam War (VVA Attn: Donations, 8719 Colesville Road, Silverspring, Maryland 20910.)

MARSHA M. HOOPS

Marsha Marie Hoops, 68, of Detroit, died Dec. 25, 2015.

She is survived by her brother, Wayne (Susan) Conner of Ray Township, her children: Kathy Conner, Lisa Roberson, Kim Hoops and Heather Johnson; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, Dec. 30 at the Christopher Ross Funeral Home, Roseville.



CLEONA M. THOMPSON

Cleona M. Thompson, 93, a lifelong resident of the Detroit/Royal Oak area, died Friday, Jan. 1, 2016 at the Romeo Nursing Center.

She was born October 22, 1922 in Mulberry, Kansas, the daughter of Adolf and Ruby (Mendicki) Maestri. She married Lawrence Thompson in December of 1953.

Mrs. Thompson worked for CCC Trucking Company for over 25 years, retiring in 1981 as a billing clerk. She enjoyed cooking and belonging to the YMCA in Royal Oak.

She is survived by three children: Lawrence (Larry) Thompson of Detroit, Carol (John) Michoski of Washington Township and Susan (Edward) Bennett of Romeo; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral was held Tuesday, Jan. 5 at the Henry M. Malburg Funeral Home in Romeo with Father Jerry Kessel officiating.

Burial is at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Detroit.

MARY L. McDANIEL

Mary Louise McDaniel, 71, of Bruce Township, died Friday, Dec. 25, 2015 at her home. She was born June 26, 1944 the daughter of Jesus and Elvira (Perez) Placencia in Armada. She married Dennis F. McDaniel on July 20, 1963.

She worked at the Dentist on Main as a receptionist beginning

in 1974 and retired in 2014. She was a member of the River of God Church in Romeo and served on the church's mission board.

She is survived by her children: Denise Sampson of Noblesville, Ind., Daniel of Washington Township, Dennis Jr. of Rochester Hills and Dustin of Washington Township; siblings: Veatris Fox of Tucson, Ariz., Theresa (Al) Beauchamp of Washington Township, Rose (George) Nygaard of Va., Elaine (Guy) Ferry of Sunnyvale, Calif., Jesse Placencia of Utica and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Dennis F. McDaniel in 2003, brothers Joe, Camillo "Ben", and Manuel.

The funeral was Tuesday, Jan. 5 at the River of God Church, Romeo. Donations can be made to the River of God Church.

BONNIE VAN NESS CHANDLER

Bonnie Van Ness Chandler, 65, of Romeo and Roscommon, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015 at Port Huron Hospital in Port Huron. She was born on Jan. 12, 1950 the daughter of Andrew and Eleanor (Bold) Innes.

Mrs. Chandler worked in adult foster care and loved being outdoors and being in the country.

She is survived by her children; Monica (Tom) Rusk of Ray Township, Barn of Imlay City, Richard (Amy) of Washington Township, and Brandy (Neil) Blackwell of Almont, brother, Lawrence (Kim) Innes of Ira Township, Joe Antcliff, and six grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Artis in 1986.

Funeral services were private. Arrangements were by the Henry M. Malburg Funeral Home.

CORRECTION:

In an article about WBRW on page 3 of the Jan. 1-15 edition, Ruth Heidebreicht's name was misspelled. Michigan Community Media was mistakenly identified as Michigan Public Media.

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Drug court aims to rehabilitate instead of incarcerate offenders

BY DEBI MARTONE
STAFF WRITER

The 42nd District Court, located in Romeo, joined several others across Michigan that offer Drug Court, a substance abuse treatment program for non-violent offenders between the ages of 17 and 30 who have committed a misdemeanor or offense.

Judge Denis LeDuc, who presides over the 42nd district, implemented the program on Nov. 1 after working alongside probation officers Kelley Morris and Richard Hudson for four years to get the program into their jurisdiction.

"I am not a fan of jail sentences," LeDuc said. "For many of these first time offenders, jail time is ineffective. I often feel like I have signed them up for criminal behavior 101."

A \$30,000 grant was given to the court by the state of Michigan to get the program started.

LeDuc will oversee the drug court with the help of Morris and Hudson.

Defendants will be carefully screened to be considered a candidate for drug court. Currently three individuals are in the program, with a

fourth to begin shortly.

"I tend to want to keep young people out of jail. But some of them are not safe on the streets either," LeDuc said.

Drug court entails an extensive rehabilitation program that includes weekly visits with the judge and probation officers to evaluate progress.

Drug and alcohol testing, along with counseling and other support services, is also mandatory.

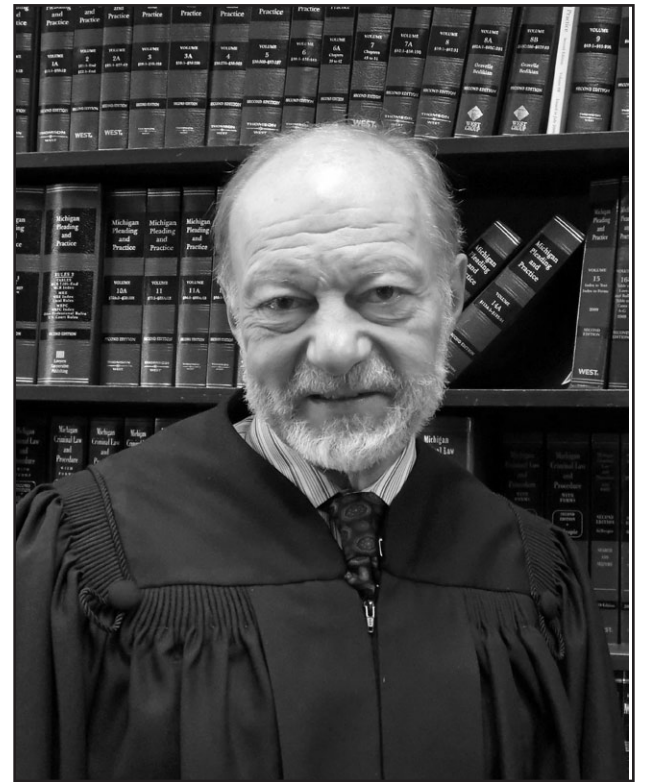
Those who do not comply with the requirements of the program will receive a one-year jail sentence instead.

"Our emphasis is on treatment over incarceration," LeDuc said.

LeDuc said the majority of cases he hears in his courtroom every day involve drug or alcohol in some way.

Drug court is designed to be a more permanent solution to a problem LeDuc said has reached catastrophic proportions.

"I am absolutely convinced we are in crisis," LeDuc said. "If we can keep a young person out of jail and they can be rehabilitated for life, then



Judge Denis LeDuc (Photo by Debi Martone)

we are doing our job."

Currently there are 84 drug treatment courts in 40 counties of Michigan.

The 42nd District Court has the only drug court north of the Clinton Township area and services nine communities, including Armada, Memphis, Richmond and Romeo and the townships of Armada, Bruce, Ray, Richmond and Washington.

Package and card drive Feb. 6

The Women Marines Association (WMA) Motor City Chapter, in conjunction with the Romeo Post Office, will hold a package and card drive for the troops serving overseas on Saturday, Feb. 6.

Anyone wishing to contribute items to send to the troops, including personal care products, non-perishable snacks, dry drink mixes and entertainment items can drop them off at the Romeo Post Office or on the day of packing, which will take place at the Romeo Masonic Temple, located on Main Street, from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Groups or individuals who would like to volunteer their time to pack and secure the boxes can also show up at that time. A free lunch will be served to the volunteers.

Mary Ann Merritt, president of the WMA chapter, said military members also appreciate getting cards and letters.

She encourages everyone to drop off a card, including Valentines, to the post office or the Masonic Temple.

For further information call Merritt at (586) 243-3563.

WinterFest at Seven Ponds Jan. 30

Seven Ponds Nature Center in Dryden Township is holding its annual WinterFest 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30.

The festival includes a bonfire on the ice, ice cutting, mammal tracking, snowshoe walks, cross country skiing, and ice skating. Inside the nature center will be children's crafts. Bring a T-shirt, sweatshirt, or pillowcase to decorate with animal tracks.

Programs on winter animals and ice cutting will also be offered.

A campfire lunch of a hot dog,

chips, and hot chocolate are included. Bring your own skates and cross country skis or try out the center's snowshoes. In case of snow and/or ice shortage, alternate activities will be planned.

The fee is \$3 per non-member and free for members.

Groups must register in advance registration by Jan. 24 by calling the nature center at (810) 796-3200.

Seven Ponds Nature Center is located at 3854 Crawford Road in Dryden Township. Website is www.sevenponds.org.

JUNE L. BAUT

June Lucille Baut, 74, of Romeo, died Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016 at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw. She was born July 26, 1941 in Romeo, the daughter of Harry and Erma (Bade) Readle. She married Robert James Baut, Jr. on Nov. 10, 1956 in Mayville, Ky.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Baut, of Standish; daughters, Janet (Jerry) Czapp of Standish, Terri (Dominic) Ceccarelli of Alger, Deborah (Dennis) Smith of Oxford; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Charles (Nancy) Readle of Grand Rapids, and sister, Helen (Jim) Morris of Romeo. She is preceded in death by her brother Lavern Readle and sisters Doris Morgan, Betty Readle and Dorothy Readle. Funeral was Jan. 11 Roth-Muir Funeral Home, Romeo with Thomas Baut officiating. Burial: Christian Memorial Gardens West, Rochester Hills.



NEW OFFICERS. The Romeo Board of Education held its organizational meeting Jan. 4 where the board members elected the officers for the coming year. The 2016 Board of Education includes (left to right) Ed Sosnoski, Trustee, Mike Antoine, Vice President, Anita Banach, President, Chris Young, Treasurer, Gus Demus, Trustee, and Chris Giancarli, Secretary. Absent from the meeting and not pictured is Trustee Wayne Conner. (Photo by Larry Sobczak)

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SATURDAY, JAN. 16

Saturday STEAM: Help Harry
12 p.m. - 1 p.m., Kezar Branch
- Romeo District Library, 107 Church Street, Romeo. When kids and teens explore, create and experiment in an informal learning environment like the library, they learn a lot - and have fun at the same time. Join us for activities that will inspire and motivate kids with fun, hands-on learning activities.

Back Door Blues Band
7:30 p.m., Romeo Masonic Temple, 231 North Main Street, Romeo. See article on page 4 for more details.

SUNDAY, JAN. 17

Snowshoe Sunday
1 p.m.-5 p.m., Stony Creek Metropark Nature Center. Come out and enjoy the snow. We'll explore off trail with the help of snowshoes. We have a limited supply of snowshoes available, snow permitting. Cost: \$6 per person. Please call the nature center at 586-781-9113 to register.

**Wolcott Mill Farm Center
Harness and Hitch**
12 p.m., Wolcott Mill Metropark

- Farm Center, 65775 Wolcott Road, Ray. Come out to the Farm Center and join our Teamsters in harnessing and hitching our draft horses. Then enjoy a wagon ride through the farm. You will learn about these majestic equine. Dress for the weather since this is an outdoor program. Please call ahead in case of inclement conditions in case we need to reschedule. Participants should be older than age 6. Please preregister by calling 586-752-5932. Cost is \$5 per person.

MONDAY, JAN. 18

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
No mail delivery and post offices closed. Closures include Bruce Township offices, all federal offices, Ray Township offices, State of Michigan offices, Village of Romeo offices, Washington Township offices

Romeo Lions Club
7 p.m., Romeo Lions Club Den, 269 E. Washington Street

Romeo Board of Education
7 p.m., Romeo Engineering and Technology Center, 62300 Jewell Rd., Washington.

TUESDAY, JAN. 19

MI Stitchin' Time Crochet Group
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m., Kezar Branch
- Romeo District Library, 107 Church Street, Romeo. Join us as we share patterns, problems and laughs. Beginners welcome.
History's Mysteries Book Group
5:45 p.m., Kezar Branch - Romeo District Library, 107 Church Street, Romeo. Join us for a fascinating discussion about historical mysteries, suspense and thrillers.

Ray Township Board of Trustees
7:30 p.m., Ray Township Hall, 64255 Wolcott Road, Ray.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20

Women at the Well
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Capuchin Re-

treat, 62460 Mt. Vernon Road, Washington. Just as Mary and the women of Nazareth gathered at the well to draw water for nourishment and to socialize and share their life stories, so too do we gather to listen, to share and to pray, nourishing our souls as sisters in Christ. Life is challenging and we all need time to re-energize. Come when you can, come just as you are, and grow with us in Christ Jesus. Learn more at: www.CapRetreat.org

**Bruce Township
Board of Trustees**
7 p.m., Bruce Township Hall, 223 East Gates Street, Romeo.

**Washington Township
Board of Trustees**
7 p.m., Washington Township Hall, 57900 Van Dyke Ave, Washington.

Back Door Blues Band kicks off Starkweather concert series

The Starkweather Arts Center is starting off its 2016 concert series 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 16 when the alumni of the Back Door Blues Band come together for a reunion concert at the Romeo Masonic Temple.

Fronted by Romeo's own Dan Devins on harmonica and lead vocal, who along with guitarist Tracy Borden and guitarist "Burnin'" Sherman Smith, founded the band in 1989.

With appearances at Chrissy's Lounge in Mt. Clemens and The Blue Goose Inn in St. Clair Shores, it became one of the first bands to be on rotation, and holds that distinction to this day.

In the early 1990s gigs were plentiful, and The Back Door Blues Band was playing 30 to 40 weekends a year with shows at Moby Dick's, The Soup Kitchen Saloon, The Blue Goose Inn and many other venues around the Detroit area, including a 14 year run playing once a month at Main Street Bar and Grill in Romeo.

Over the years there have been a few personnel changes, with the nucleus of the band, Borden and Devins remaining intact.

Also from Romeo, Don Richardson, played bass for nearly 20 years as well as another Romeo area native, Frank Rolfs, who spent a couple of years as the original drummer followed by Bryan Brieden for approximately the same amount of time and (Machine Gun) Kelly Connor wailed on saxophone for a few years.

Since then veteran performer Stuart Tucker (who spent five years with Chicago Pete and the Detroiters, seven with Little Mac Collins and the New Partymakers) happily became a "new nucleus" member of

the Back Door Blues Band around 1994.

Tenor sax man McKinley "Kenny" Brinkley stepped in 18 years ago, and brought a wealth of serious blues, vintage R & B and soul experience to the band.

Brinkley was a member of Motown Records' original touring review, riding the bus with the Supremes, the Temptations and Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, back in the days when Marvin Gaye was the review's drummer.

In recent years, journeyman session bassist Rick Arnold was added.

Arnold has also been around the Detroit area for quite a while, and his resume includes many local bands as well as touring with rock and roll icon Chuck Berry and Country Music Hall of Fame member Little Jimmy Dickens.

Most recently veteran Detroit blues guitarist, producer and writer Kenny Parker happily joined the fray, bringing even more depth to the band.

Others who have notably been part of the band's history are original members "Burnin'" Sherman Smith on guitar and Vince "Bootz Fitz" Bevins on bass. Drummer Chuck Golemba also was the drummer for about a year or so around 1998.

The Romeo Masonic Temple is at 231 N Main St, just up the street from the Starkweather Art Center.

Proceeds from this event go to sustain and support the Starkweather Arts Center and the Romeo Masons.

Starkweather Arts Center is located at 219 N Main St. in Romeo.

The phone number is (586) 752-5700 and the website is www.starkweatherarts.com.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 21

Winter crafts

6:30 p.m., Ray Township Library, 64255 Wolcott Road, Ray.

Social Security Planning Workshop

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Washington Township Hall, 57900 Van Dyke Ave, Washington Township. This free educational workshop will show you how to Maximize your Benefit and Minimize your Taxes throughout retirement. This is very informative with many real life examples. A question & answer session available to all who attend.

Romeo Historical Society board meeting

7 p.m., Romeo Archives Museum, 290 N. Main Street, Romeo.

Ragtime Piano with Matthew Ball

7 p.m., Graubner Branch - Romeo District Library, 65821 Van Dyke, Washington. Come join us for a fun-filled evening as "the Motor City Boogie Woogie Kid," Matthew Ball turns out the tunes in full Ragtime fashion. One of the most popular piano acts in town! Matthew presents a family-friendly program of piano ragtime, blues, and boogie-woogie entertainment, featuring arrangements of classic American songs like Swanee River, Waltzing Matilda, Over the Rainbow, The Entertainer, Glory of Love, Sheik of Araby, as well as fan favorites such as, Bumble Boogie, Pinetops Boogie, Chopsticks entertainment, featuring arrangements of classic American songs like Swanee River, Waltzing Matilda, Over the Rainbow, The Entertainer, Glory of Love, Sheik of Araby, as well as fan favorites such as, Bumble Boogie, Pinetops Boogie, Chopsticks Boogie, Cow Blues, and more. So, throw on your dancin' shoes and step out for a night to remember. No registration required; but seating is limited.

FRIDAY, JAN. 22

Open Mic Night

7 p.m., Starkweather Arts Center, 219 N. Main Street, Romeo. Always held on the 4th Friday of the month in the upstairs gallery starting at 7 P.M., Open Mic Night is in its seventh year of providing local performers of all ages the opportunity to practice their craft in front of an appreciative, supportive audience in a relaxed, art studio environment. Variety is the norm, with music ranging from folk to country to rock to Irish pennywhistle, along with the occasional storyteller and poet. All are welcome to participate, or spectate and enjoy an entertaining evening. Admission is \$4, \$3 for Starkweather members.

Women's Retreat Weekend

Jan 22 @ 7:30 p.m. - Jan 24 @ 12 p.m., Capuchin Retreat, 62460 Mt. Vernon Road Washington. This silent retreat begins on Friday night with orientation at 7:30 p.m. and finishes with the Noon time meal on Sunday.

SATURDAY, JAN. 23

Income Tax Preparation

Samaritan House, 62324 Van Dyke, Washington.

Washington Baseball in-person registration

9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Washington Township Hall, 57900 Van Dyke Ave, Washington Township. For fees and season schedule, visit www.waaabaseball.com.

Fairy Gardens at the Farm

11 a.m., Wolcott Mill Metropark - Farm Center, 65775 Wolcott Road, Ray. Release your inner creativity at this fun winter event. All of the supplies will be provided to make a whimsical Fairy Garden to take home. Suitable for older children to adults. Preregistration required.

Sledding Party

12 p.m., Romeo Community Center, 361 Morton Street, Romeo.

SUNDAY, JAN. 24

Clark/Heath Teen-Adult Anatomy Figure in Charcoal Class

1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Starkweather Arts Center, 219 N. Main Street, Romeo. Register/info @ www.rosenclark.com

Harness and Hitch Sundays

1 p.m., Wolcott Mill Metropark - Farm Center, 65775 Wolcott Road, Ray.

MONDAY, JAN. 25

Bruce Township Zoning Board of Appeals

7 p.m., Bruce Township Hall, 223 East Gates Street, Romeo.

TUESDAY, JAN. 26

Ray Township Zoning Board of Appeals

7:30 p.m., Ray Township Hall, 64255 Wolcott Road, Ray.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

Washington Baseball in-person registration

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Washington Township Hall, 57900 Van Dyke Ave, Washington Township. For fees and season schedule, visit www.waaabaseball.com.

Bruce Township Planning Commission
7 p.m., Bruce Township Hall, 223 East Gates Street, Romeo.

THURSDAY, JAN. 28

Romeo Historic District Commission

7 p.m., Romeo Community Center,

361 Morton Street, Romeo.

FRIDAY, JAN. 29

Married Couples Retreat Weekend

Jan 29 @ 7:30 p.m. - Jan 31 @ 12 p.m., Capuchin Retreat, 62460 Mt. Vernon Road, Washington. This silent retreat begins on Friday night with orientation at 7:30 P.M. and finishes with the Noon time meal on Sunday.

SATURDAY, JAN. 30

Income Tax Preparation

Samaritan House, 62324 Van Dyke, Washington.

Free Throw Contest

8:30 am, St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church, 343 S. Main Street, Romeo. No entry fee. Call John at (586) 372-5844 for details.

Teens invited to "The Event"

Teens, ages 13 - 18, are invited to journey with the Mizfit team to "The Event" 6-8:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30 at Eisenhower High School Performing Arts Center in Shelby Township.

It is a night of music, drama, testimonials and inspirational guest speakers.

The keynote speakers are Trevor Heyd of StayTrue Ministries as well as Christian and Kayla Norman. Heyd is known to amaze and pump up the crowd with his unique blend of beat-boxing.

Chris Norman, a key Blitzer and former leading linebacker for Michigan State University football team will express how his relationships took top priority in his life along with his wife Kayla, a former University of Florida Women's basketball player.

Woodside Worship Band will perform, along with rapper and singer J. Steela featuring Amanda Rohling.

Additional performers include spoken word artists Kirt and Hannah Tisa Herbert, singer Marisa Nahas from L'Anse Creuse High School North and songwriter Alyssa

WinterFest

10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Seven Ponds Nature Center, 3854 Crawford Road, Dryden Township. See article on page 3 for details.

Build and Break Lego Time

12 p.m. - 2 p.m., Kezar Branch - Romeo District Library, 107 Church Street, Romeo. If you can't make it to Graubner Library for Lego Club join us at the Kezar Library for Break and Build Lego Time - All creations will be on display for the month.

The Event

6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Eisenhower High School, 6500 25 Mile Road, Shelby Township. See article on page 5 for details.

SUNDAY, JAN. 31

Harness and Hitch Sundays

1 p.m., Wolcott Mill Metropark - Farm Center, 65775 Wolcott Road, Ray.

Jordyn from Romeo High School.

There will also be dancers, drama, videos, games, and raffle prizes.


Tickets can be purchased online by visiting www.mizfitsetapart.com and clicking on the link to iTickets.com. General admission tickets cost \$7 and tickets for groups of 10 or more cost \$5 each through Jan. 29. Tickets may be purchased on the day of the event for \$10.00 each.

Mizfitsetapart was introduced at a luncheon held in May.

"Based on our personal experience, we felt that there was a need for our community and business leaders to mentor our students, investing values, integrity and leadership training to inspire growth and create opportunities for service in our communities," said Mizfitsetapart Co-Chair Giancarlo Ruvolo.

Mizfitsetapart is currently endorsed by 31 organizations and sponsored by seven companies.


For more information visit the Mizfitsetapart website, <http://mizfitsetapart.com/>, Facebook page at Mizfit Set Apart or Instagram at theevent16. E-mail questions to mizfitsetapart@gmail.com.



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8th Annual Snowman Contest

Build a snowman and take a picture then turn it in at RWB Parks & Rec, Deadline Fri, Mar 4th. Prizes awarded.



Morton Mountain Family Sledding Party

Sat, Jan 23 ~ 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Sledding Fun, Bonfire, Hot Chocolate & Snack

January Events

Fri, Jan 8~ Splash Bash

Thur, Jan 14~ Cook w/Chef John

Sat, Jan 23~ Sledding Party

Tues, Jan 26~ Hypnosis

Wed, Jan 27~ Adult Birthday Party

Sat, Jan 30~ Snowball Dance

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Tues, Feb 2~ After School Golf

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Tues, Feb 9~ RHS Dance Clinic

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Sat, Feb 20~ Kalahari Trip

SHOTS

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a tan-colored SUV when he mentioned speaking to a sheriff deputy that was in the park.

"I think she would have drove away anyway," Smith said.

Smith is familiar with the park, as he has worked in maintenance with the Romeo-Washington-Bruce Parks and Recreation Department since 2007.

A sheriff deputy was in the park at the time of the incident and Tim was able to go to him immediately.

"He (the deputy) was facing east and we were on the west side so he couldn't see anything," Smith said.

As of Jan. 9, the woman still had not come forward to authorities whose main concern is if her dog is up to date on its shots.

Without that information, Smith and his dogs will have to undergo

a series of treatments that includes tetanus shots.

Smith's wife, Sera, said her husband will also require additional painful procedures.

"The nurse said they will have to inject a shot right into the wounds on Tim. If you have seen his hands I don't think you would want to have something like that done. But you've got to do what you've got to do," Sera Smith said.

She said if the dog is up to date on all of its shots these painful procedures for her husband and the dog could be avoided.

Tim Smith saw the doctor again on Jan. 8 for swelling in his hands.

Smith is expected to be off work for at least two to three weeks.

Although the vet is optimistic about the dog's recovery, they are closely watching a tear in a muscle in his lower abdomen.

"Charlie Brown is coming along. I'm sure he is in a lot of pain.

He doesn't do too much, just lays," Tim Smith said.

Charlie Brown is a three year old rescue dog the Smith's have owned for a year. They have been working with him during that time on fear issues.

"You don't know their background. He was kind of afraid of people. Now I think we will be back to square one," Sera Smith said.

The Smith's are hopeful the attacking dog's owner will come forward soon and aren't unsympathetic to what her fears may be.

"We are dog people. I don't know her but I know people love their dogs and don't want something to happen to them. She just needs to come forward. I don't want Charlie and Tim to have more shots. They are painful," Sera Smith said.

Clara Russell, director of the Romeo Washington Bruce Parks and Recreation Department, said she feels horrible about the incident.

"You try to do everything right for the parks, and we do. I mean, the dog was on a leash and everything. But Tim takes care of that park so well. When I first heard about it I was like 'I wouldn't want it to happen to anyone but certainly not to Tim,'" Russell said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Renee Yax from the Macomb County Sheriff's Department at 586-307-9435.

GRASS

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cal observation stations on Nov. 21 in Lakeville, Rochester and Armada, easily smashing the record for the snowiest November day ever recorded by nearly six inches.

A weather phenomena known as El Nino is the cause for this record breaking weather, Clark said.

"Whenever you have a really strong El Nino you can be confident December will be warm. El Nino clearly played a role in December being warm," he said.

According to the National Weather Service, El Nino is a complex weather pattern resulting from variations in ocean temperatures in the Equatorial Pacific, notably a large area of warmer than usual water temperatures. The fluctuations in temperature between the ocean and atmosphere have large scale impacts on global weather and climate.

Another unusual weather event for Metro Detroit was the first ever reported tornado touchdown in December in the state of Michigan.

The tornado touched down for three minutes on Dec. 23 near Mettetal Airport in Canton Township and caused light structural damage over a path that was three miles long and up to 300 yards wide.

There were no injuries and the winds were estimated at 90 miles per hour, according to the National Weather Service.

Canton Township is approximately 45 miles southwest of the Romeo area.

Jan Shier contributed to this report.

TEMPERATURE SWINGS

Metro Detroit has experienced record setting temperature departures in recent years. A temperature departure is the average "normal" daily temperature for a location calculated over a 30 year period.

Record departures for Detroit:

Month	Departure
Dec. 2015	+11.0
Feb. 2015	-14.0
Jan. 2014	-9.2
March 2012	+13.5

Source: National Weather Service

Sharing Tree Thank You

The generosity of our community for the 2015 Sharing Tree-Samaritan House was overwhelming. Needing support this year were 243 families and 13 group/nursing homes in our community. Many thanks to the 315 volunteers who gave over 1,485 hours of preparing bags, sorting gifts and delivering. Over 2,000 gifts were distributed. Special thanks to Romeo Goodfellows, St John Lutheran Church, Pastor and staff for the use of their facilities.

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We extend our sincere thanks to all the churches who put up trees with tags and to everyone who helped! Thank you very much!

Diane Smiles, Mary Jane Johnson, Ed Risch

Washington approves code changes and hydrants

BY JERRY FRAEYMAN

The Washington Township Board of Trustees recently took action on two measures intended to improve firefighting and fire prevention in the township in the coming years.

The first measure updated the township's fire prevention code to align with the International Fire Code (IFC) 2012 edition.

The IFC identifies minimum fire safety requirements. It addresses fire prevention, fire protection, and safe storage and use of hazardous materials in new and existing buildings.

The township was using IFC 2006 as its basis.

As part of the fire code update, the board also repealed ordinances related to open burning, fireworks and rapid entry. The rules set forth in those ordinances are now encompassed in the newer IFC standards.

The second major action the board took was approving a cost-sharing program designed to bring fire-fighting capabilities to subdivisions that lack fire hydrants.

The township approved spending up to \$50,000 over the next two years to help neighborhoods willing to take part in the program.

Under the so-called alternate water program, the township will share half the cost of bringing hydrants or other fire-fighting water sources to a subdivision.

The move comes after several large house fires took place in non-hydranted subdivisions the past couple years. Fire crews had trouble battling the blazes due to a lack of reliable, steady water sources.

Township officials estimate that, for areas with a nearby lake or other water source, the cost of adding a hydrant with a permanent pipe into the water source would be approximately \$10,000, meaning such a system would cost neighborhood homeowners \$5,000 under the program.

Township Supervisor Dan O'Leary says several subdivisions have already expressed interest in the program, including Applewood Valley, Lockwood and Seven Lakes.

Under the cost sharing plan, if a

hydrant is deemed necessary along a major road such as Campground or Mound, the township will pay the full cost of adding such a hydrant.

Seven Lakes Homeowner's Association vice chair Peter Thomas says he and his neighbors are very open to the program.

"It's a great idea," Thomas says. "It's necessary, especially where we live where there aren't

any hydrants."

Thomas is also a member of the Washington Township Planning Commission. He credits the township and the fire department for being proactive in offering such a program.

The new hydrant policies are the result of recommendations by the Washington Township sewer and fire committees, and were supported by evaluations from the township's engineering firm, Giffels Webster.

Septic system workshop Feb. 2

The Macomb County MSU Extension (MSUE), in partnership with the Macomb County Health Department, is holding a free septic system use and maintenance workshop in Washington Township.

The workshop will cover how a septic system functions, septic system maintenance, how to detect septic system failure, water conservation and well construction and maintenance.

Handouts, including the Home*A*Syst (Home Assessment System) book, will be available.

A faulty septic system can threaten a family's health as well as harm pets and wildlife; contaminate groundwater and lower property values.

Protecting and maintaining a household water system is as simple as following a few guidelines.

The seminar will be held 6-8:15 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 2 at the Washington Township Hall, 57900 Van Dyke.

Registration is strongly recommended to insure adequate handouts for participants. To register, visit events.anr.msu.edu/septic-tank.

For information or registration assistance, please call (586) 469-6440.

Absentee ballots mailed for Wash. Twp.

According to clerk Kathy Bosheers, Washington Township will begin mailing absentee ballots for the March 8 primary the week of Jan. 11. Voters desiring an absentee ballot for the presidential primary should contact the clerk's office.

Washington approves replacement of 26 Mile Road street lights

BY JERRY FRAEYMAN

Washington Township officials approved a contract on Dec. 2 with DTE Energy to repair and replace decorative light poles located on the 26 Mile Road roundabouts.

Under the agreement, which was entered into along with Shelby Township, DTE will replace, at their cost, four to five currently broken lights and set them back farther from the road.

The position of the poles close

to the road makes them prone to damage from traffic and accidents along 26 Mile, which divides the two townships.

The utility company will replace and reposition the 20 remaining lights and poles at a cost of \$10,000 to Washington and Shelby by the end of February.

Washington officials plan to take possession of their share of the removed lights for use in new parking lots being constructed in the township.



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Bruce Township couple visits Plasticville every year

BY DEBI MARTONE
STAFF WRITER

At Christmas time, Dale and Judy Lopus visit a small town called Plasticville—or it may be more accurate to say the town of Plasticville visits them.

Plasticville is actually a unique array of small scale buildings the couple has collected for over 55 years. Plasticville was created by Bachmann Brothers, Inc., a model train company that originated in Philadelphia and that started making the buildings in 1947 to complement their train sets.

With metal hard to come by in the post-World War II years, the company joined the plastics bandwagon and produced the buildings in the US from the lighter weight, cheaper material, thus giving the collection its name.

The buildings of Plasticville, which are mostly two-toned and are snapped together, are made in O gauge (1:48) and S gauge (1:64) and average about 7 inches in height.

The Lopus', who live in Bruce Township, spend numerous hours setting up their Plasticville display under their Christmas tree every year.

“Or every other year lately—we have so many of them and it takes such a long time to set it up. We don't even have them all out—we don't have enough room for them,” Judy said.

The Lopus' collection started with pieces from Dale's parents, who started purchasing buildings when they were first introduced. Before he and Judy were married, Dale's parents gave him about five buildings from their original collection.

“Some of the others had melted



Dale Lopus shows off a portion of his Plasticville collection under his Christmas tree. (Photo by Debi Martone)

from the heat of the old style Christmas lights,” Dale said. “But I always had an interest in helping set them up every year.”

After their wedding, the Lopus' added buildings, accessories and vehicles to their Plasticville collection until about 1999, when the company was sold and production of the pieces moved overseas.

“Ours are the quality pieces, the real deal made in the U.S.,” Dale said. “The repros are the cheapies.”

Just about all of the 80 or so pieces in the Lopus' collection, which includes homes, churches, businesses, farms, outbuildings, places of interest, vehicles and accessories, are stamped with Plasticville, USA, making them more valuable to collectors and to the couple.

“Some of the cars are worth about \$20 apiece,” Judy said.

The Lopus' Plasticville display also includes small scale vintage figures, some who are sledding, skiing, ice skating and riding in a horse and buggy. The figures are made of lead and were made by a company other than Bachmann Brothers, Inc.

Besides displaying it in their

home, the Lopus' have also shared their Plasticville collection in places such as the Romeo District Library. Dale and Judy also belong to the Plasticville Collectors Association and will go to their second convention in York, Pa. this summer.

“We used to have the most fun with our grandkids with this,” Dale said with a laugh. “It was like a find and seek game. We would ask, ‘who can find the corn crib’ and what not.”

Editor's note: Do you have an interesting or unique hobby, collection or job or know of someone that does? Share it with The Record at (586) 697-0111 or publisher@myrecordnewspaper.com.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
SYNOPSIS RAY TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
January 5, 2015
7:30 P.M.**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
Present: Bohm, Artman, Grader, Stier and Zoccola
Absent: None
Also present: Residents - 4

APPROVAL OF AGENDA as presented. – PUBLIC COMMENTS - none. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Assessor's Vacation Policy Change – approved with revisions. NEW BUSINESS – Revisions to Employee Manual- tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – were heard.

Adjourned meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Complete copies of the foregoing minutes are available at the Clerk's Office or may be viewed on the Township web site at www.raytownship.org.

Paula Artman
Ray Township Clerk

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BY THE ROMEO HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

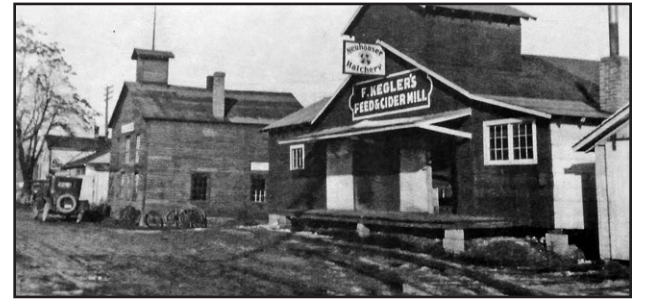
The local museums in Washington, Bruce and Romeo area have many artifacts and photos that can be a mystery to describe and interpret.

You can help your community museums by e-mailing your best description of these photos to therecord.rhs@gmail.com. Your answer may

be included in the next issue. The museum will use your answers to better RECORD your community's past. Please give it a try.

THE QUESTIONS:

Do you know where this building was situated? The photo says it was in Romeo. When was the picture taken? Is the building still there? Who owned it and what business was carried on in it? What do you know about the owner?



LAST ISSUE ANSWER:

"This was my grandad's, Fred Kegler's, cider mill. He would mill all the local orchard's apples into cider for them. Grandad also raised chickens for sale to individuals and farmers. This business was the Newhouse Hatchery. It operated between 1930 and 1940. The mill was taken down sometime in the 40's. The building to the left in the picture was Clyde Craig's blacksmith shop. I used to stop in and watch Clyde shoe horses. He was a very talented blacksmith. The shop was moved north and became the historical society museum. My parents owned the restaurant called, Phyllis and Bill Totten 24 Hour Lunch on North Main Street."

— Robert Totten

This photo shows the east side of North Main Street, 1/2 block north of East St. Clair Street.

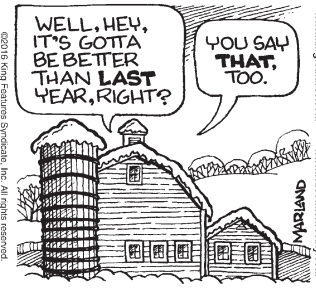
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Super Crossword

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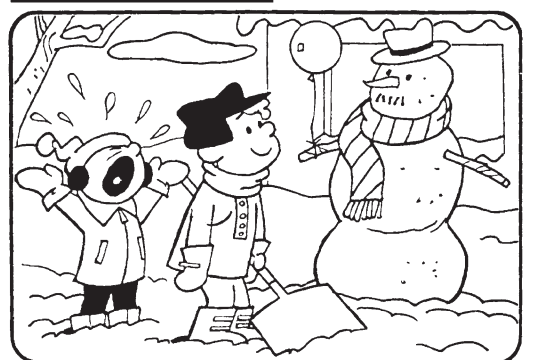
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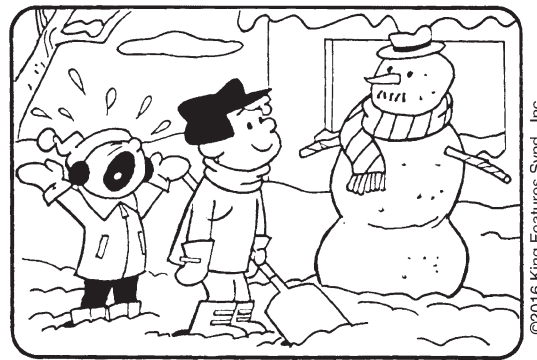
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3. Farmer
4. Newspaper reporter
5. Logger
6. Jeweler
7. Flight attendant
8. Drill-press operator
9. Insurance underwriter
10. Seamstress/Tailor

Source: CareerCast

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Pontiac man captured and charged in Jan. 2 carjacking

A Pontiac man was charged Jan. 4 with carjacking as well as resisting and obstructing arrest after allegedly stealing a Washington Township man's pick-up truck and cell phone at West Road and the Macomb Orchard Trail at knife-point Jan. 2 in Washington Township.

The alleged assailant, Michael Garrett, 30, was video-arraigned in the 42nd District Court of Romeo. He was given a \$250,000 cash-or-surety bond and remains in the Macomb County Jail.

Lt. John Michalke of the Macomb County Sheriff's Department said the victim was approached by the assailant at the trail parking lot on West Road who asked him if he had any money, saying that he was "stranded". The victim told the

assailant that he did not have any money and he began to walk northbound on the trail with the assailant walking alongside.

According to Michalke, after a time, the victim turned around to head back to his vehicle. The assailant allegedly pulled a folding knife from his waistband and demanded money. The victim told the assailant (again) that he had no money, but he relinquished his car keys and cell phone. The assailant fled the area, dropping his knife as he left. The assailant loaded a bicycle into the back of the victim's 2014 Ford F-150 pick-up and drove from the scene.

Michalke said the victim flagged down a passerby, a 46 year-old Washington Township woman

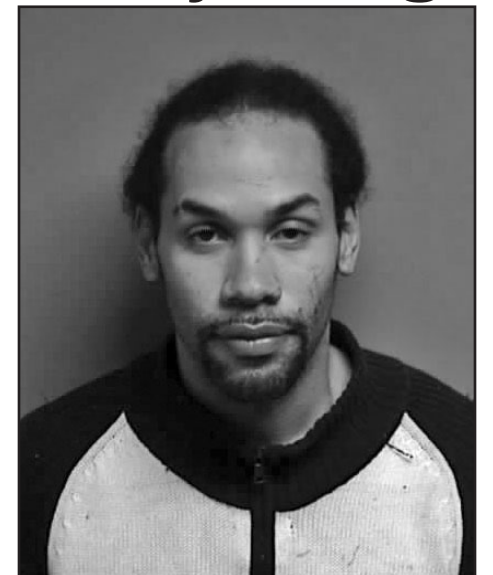
and he told her what happened. The woman took the victim into her vehicle and began to follow the stolen pick-up truck. They located the victim's pick-up truck parked at the end of Wallington Street, with the assailant standing alongside.

The woman confronted the assailant and he handed the keys and cell phone back, according to Michalke.

The assailant removed the bicycle from the back of the pick-up truck and walked the bicycle away from the scene and towards the Macomb Orchard Trail, Michalke said.

Shortly afterwards, sheriff deputies commenced a search of the area for the suspect using a Macomb Sheriff K-9 unit and an aviation unit.

Michalke said the alleged as-



Michael Garrett

sailant was spotted running from the rear of a residence on Wallington and there was a foot-chase after with a Shelby Township police officer making the arrest.

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Romeo High School sports: the year 2015 in review

BY JERRY FRAEYMAN

Romeo High School athletes had seasons to remember in 2015.

Squads representing Romeo won a state championship, made a repeat state finals appearance, earned three regional titles, won four district crowns, took home a county championship, and won two league titles.

Players representing Romeo included an All American, a state Player of the Year, five county Players of the Year, 11 All Staters, and countless All County/Conference/League/Academic performers.

Not to be outdone, Romeo coaches in four different sports were named Coaches of the Year league-wide, county-wide and beyond.

That's going far to represent the R.

What follows is an alphabetical summary, by sport, of RHS athletic achievement and recognition from the past year.

BASEBALL

MAC White All League first team honors went to Thomas Schneider and Jacob Kuczycki, with honorable mention to CJ Rashid, Spencer Rinke, Travis Reichenbach, Jacob Petri and Noah Ganfield. Schneider and Kuczycki were All District.

BASKETBALL

Overcoming a lackluster regular season, the girl's basketball team won a district title in for the fourth time in five years. They were the MAC Red Sportsmanship Team of the Year. Morgan Gardner was first-team All League. Kylie Resner, Beth Jones and Bree Sorenson were honorable mention. Gardner was second-team All County, with Resner and Taylor Mueller honorable mention. In boy's basketball, Brad Sorenson was All League and Paxton Pfiel was honorable mention.

BOWLING

In bowling, Blake Sparks on the boy's side and Krystal Radzitowski, girls, each earned MAC White All League honors.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

Alexis Kearney and Lea Ziolkowski were All League for competitive cheer, which placed second out of 26 teams at the Clawson Invitational. Kearney was second team All District; Ziolkowski was honorable mention. Angie Robbins was selected MAC White Coach of the Year.

CROSS COUNTRY

In girls cross country, Emma Willson earned her second-straight All State honors with a fifth place finish at the state meet. She was regional and league champ, as well as MAC Red MVP. Megan Greb was All Conference and All County with fifth and sixth place finishes, respectively. She was ninth at regionals to qualify for the state meet.

In boys cross country, the team was second at the county, conference and division meets. Adam Fraeyman was county champ, division champ and MAC Red MVP. He finished fourth at regionals to qualify for the state meet. Nick Behring, Andrew Goodrich and Paul Arnold were All Conference, while Behring and Goodrich were All County, too. Behring was a state qualifier.

FOOTBALL

The football team achieved history in 2015, winning Romeo's first ever boys team state championship, defeating Detroit Cass Tech, 41-27, Nov. 28 at Ford Field in Detroit. Along the way, the team won league, district and regional titles and set school records for wins (13), points scored (525) and win percentage (.929). They were chosen the County Team of the Year. Coaches Jason Couch and Curt Rienas were selected league, county and state Coaches of the Year. Mitch Heimbuch and Brad Tanner were selected to the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press Dream Teams. Paul Hurley was first team Division 1 All State, with Lucas Schimon and Ryan Truax as honorable mention. Tanner was Detroit Free Press All East MVP, as well as county and league Player of the Year. Hunberto Flores and Jake Herndon were All County and All League,

along with the aforementioned players.

GOLF

The girl's golf team finished second in the league and was MAC White Tournament champion. Karen Brown shot 85 and was the tournament winner and division MVP, as well as first-team All Conference and All County. She was joined on the tournament-winning team by Amy Laurie, Allison Temple, Mary Weber and Ruby Weber. Brown finished sixth at the county meet with an 82. In boy's golf, Connor Brown was All League and Romeo's first individual state qualifier since 2004. He was joined at the state meet by fellow team qualifiers Paxton Pfiel, Ian Krause, Matt Doan and Luke Durham.

HOCKEY

The Romeo hockey club recorded its first 20-win season in 2015, ending up 24-3-1 and winning their first-ever regional championship under first-year coach Nick Badder. Logan Jenuwine was first-team All State, with Nick Blackburn second team and Mitch Bidus honorable mention.

LACROSSE

In lacrosse, Brenden Salva and Trevor Adkinson were first-team All County, while Blake Blasdell was honorable mention. Salva and Adkinson earned All Division honors.

SOCCER

In girl's soccer, Mya Fregoli, Alyssa Curtis and Katy Roland were All League. Fregoli was All County, with Roland earning honorable mention. On the boy's side, Robert Gjelaz earned All League honors.

SOFTBALL

Romeo softball continued its long streak of success in 2015, one that saw the team achieve the program's 900th career victory. The team won a district title for the fifth straight year – the longest consecutive district title stretch in school history – to reach the regional finals yet again. Morgan Gardner was County Player of the Year. (See REVIEW page 12)

Three Romeo High School students receive athletic scholarships



Romeo High School's Morgan Gardner signs her letter of intent to attend Central Michigan University on a softball scholarship.



Romeo High School's Gia Milans signs her letter of intent to attend University of Maryland on a volleyball scholarship.



Romeo High School's Emma Wilson signs her letter of intent to attend Syracuse University on a cross country scholarship.

REVIEW

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Danni Szajna was All State, with Madison Jones, Erin Barg and Gardner honorable mention. Those four were joined by Kayla Noch, Bree Olley, Alexis Jandreski and Madisyn Collins on a variety of All County, All Regional, All District and All League teams. Szajna and Dana Lewis were Academic All State. Szajna and Barg played in the Michigan Division 1 All Star game.

TENNIS

In girl's tennis, Katie Betzing, first team, and Mackenzie Henion, second team, were All County singles. Both were All League. Olivia Becker and Kayla Alverson were honorable mention All County doubles. In boy's tennis, the team finished third at the MAC White Meet. Michael Awe earned All League honors.

TRACK

In girl's track, Emma Wilson (3200 meters) and Payton Klein (high jump) earned All State with second-place finishes at the state meet. Overall, the girl's team finished second at the Macomb County Meet of Champions. Wilson set a

new county record in the 3200 meters (10:32). Wilson and Klein were All County, as were Julie Knepper, Megan Greg and Alexi Keamer, who joined Wilson on the first-place 3200 meter relay team.

In boy's track, Jacob Domagalski (1600m), Adam Fraeyman (3200m) and Brad Tanner (long jump) were first-team All County. Domagalski set a new county meet record in the 1600 meter (4:17.3). At the MAC Conference Meet, Blake Sparks (200m) and the 4x800m relay team of Jared Ozella, Kyle Ristow, Domagalski and Fraeyman, along with Tanner (LJ), were meet champs. They, along with Austin Willey (1600m), Noah Domagalski (800m) and David Snay (discus) were All League. Tanner was regional champ in the long jump. J. Domagalski (800m, 1:55.9) and Tanner (LJ, 22'7") each set new school records in their events during the season. J. Domagalski and Tanner were each All State.

SWIM AND DIVE

In girl's swim and dive, Natalie Krzemecki and Sophia Tsafantakis were both state qualifiers. Krzemecki was first team All County at 200 meter freestyle, while Tsafanta-

kis was second team at dive. They were joined as county award winners by E. Rawlings, I. Tsafantakis, R. Menard, M. Manchester, A. Eschenburg, S. Bratkowski, and B. Corey. Krzemecki was third at the MAC Red Meet in the 200 freestyle and fifth in the 500 freestyle. S. Tsafantakis was second. The team was award the MAC Red Sportsmanship Award. John Pearson was chosen County Dive Coach of the Year.

For the boys, diver Brandon Page placed ninth at regionals to qualify for state. Cole Lightcap, 100m freestyle, earned All County honors. The two of them were joined by Paul Davidson and Lucas Veiga placing at the county meet.

VOLLEYBALL

After winning a state title in 2014, Romeo girl's volleyball came tantalizing close to repeating the feat in 2015, making it to the state finals once again, where they faced the same foe, Novi, the Bulldogs defeated the year before. This time, Novi prevailed. Nonetheless, the team enjoyed a season for the ages. They were undefeated (10-0) MAC Red champs for the second straight year and were ranked 6th in the state. They were district and

regional champs. Gia Milana was selected Michigan Miss Volleyball 2015 – the second straight year a Romeo female athlete was chosen the best in the state (Taylor Weaver, softball, 2014). Milana was selected MAC Red MVP, County Player of the Year and a Gatorade Volleyball First-Team All American. She was All State, along with Jodie Kelly. Those two, along with Erica LeBaere, were All League, All Region and All County, and were joined at varying levels by Payton Klein and Bree Olley. The team was County Team of the Year and Staci Williams was County Coach of the Year.

WRESTLING

The wrestling team won the Romeo duals tournament and placed second at the Yale Tournament. They were district runners-up. Seth Decent and Austin Espinoza were district champs, with Austen Malczewski finishing second and Humberto Flores and Chris Zanke fourth. Decent was a regional champion and finished sixth at the state meet to earn All State honors. Malczewski was third at regionals. Decent, Zanke, Malczewski, Cody Martin, Kenny Borycz, Trevor Houghton and Bryan Carie were All League.

Romeo High School Varsity Sports Recent Results

Girls Basketball: Dec. 1, W, Romeo 46-Fraser 23; Dec. 8, W, Romeo 44-SH 37; Dec. 11, L, Eisenhower 45-Romeo 40; Dec. 15, W, Romeo 37-Utica 35; Dec. 17, L, Marian 50-Romeo 48; Jan. 5, W, Romeo 36-Stevenson 30; Jan. 8, L, Cousino 49-Romeo 24

Boys Basketball: Dec. 8, W, Romeo 57-Oxord 51; Dec. 10, L, Lake Orion 71-Romeo 52; Dec. 15, W, Romeo 55-Utica 43; Dec. 18, L, Utica Ford 59-Romeo 41; Jan. 8, L, Cousino 62-Romeo 40

Hockey: Dec. 18, W, Romeo 5-Eisenhower 3; Dec. 19, W, Romeo 7-Anchor Bay 3; Dec. 29, W, Romeo 5-Rochester 3; Jan. 2, W, Romeo 10-Dakota 2; Jan. 9, W, Romeo 5-Rochester 3.

Wrestling: Dec. 9, W, Romeo 40-Capac 32; Dec. 9, L, Roch. Adams 41-Romeo 25; Jan. 2, W, Eisenhower (42-35), Utica (62-12), Yale (51-23) and Richmond B (47-22); L, Grand Blanc (38-36)

Boys Bowling: Dec. 11, L, Port Huron 27-Romeo 3; Dec. 14, L, Sterling Hts. 21-Romeo 9; Dec. 21, L, PH North 29-Romeo 1

Girls Bowling: Dec. 11, W, Romeo 17-Port Huron 13; Dec. 14, Sterling Hts. 18-Romeo 2; Dec. 21, PH North 29-Romeo 1

Boys Swim and Dive: Jan. 7, W, Romeo 105-Notre Dame 73

Romeo High School Varsity Sports Upcoming Schedules

Girls Basketball: Jan. 14, home vs. Utica Ford; Jan. 19 at GP North; Jan. 22, home vs. GP South; Jan. 26 at Dakota; Jan. 28 at PH Northern

Boys Basketball: Jan. 15 home vs. LC North; Jan. 19 at Warren-Mott; Jan. 21 home vs. Chippewa Valley; Jan. 26 at Dakota; Jan. 29 at Eisenhower

Hockey: Jan. 15 vs Bay Area Reps; Jan. 16 vs. Big Rapids; Jan. 22 home vs. Eisenhower; Jan. 23 at Dakota; Jan. 28 at Plymouth; Jan. 29 at Escanaba; Jan. 31 at Salem

Wrestling: Jan. 14 at Anchor Bay; Jan. 16 at Holly; Jan. 21, home vs. Wood Tower and L'Anse Creuse; Jan. 28 at Chippewa Valley; Jan. 30 at Yale

Boys and Girls Bowling: Jan. 14 at Cousino; Jan. 16 County Championships; Jan. 22 at Sterling Hts.; Jan. 25 at PH Northern; Jan. 28 at Anchor Bay; Jan. 30 Bowl Swami Tournament

Boys Swim and Dive: Jan. 21 at L'Anse Creuse; Jan. 26 at GP North; Jan. 28 at LC North

Competitive Cheer: Jan. 13, MAC Meet #1 at Roseville; Jan. 23, Titan Invite at SH Stevenson; Jan. 27, MAC Meet #2 at St Clair High School



OFF BALANCE. Romeo High School senior Taylor Mueller comes to a quick stop and tries to throw off her opponent by dragging her left leg. This photo was taken on Jan. 5 when the Bulldogs defeated the Utica Stevenson Titans 36-30. You can see the girls play at home on Jan. 14 and 22 when they face Utica Ford and Grosse Pointe South, respectively. Check complete results and schedules on the left (Photo by Mike Nicley.)