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PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Keeps 'Promise'

Wayne State University students who were dealt a financial blow when the state of Michigan failed to fund the Michigan Promise Scholarship for the 2009-10 academic year are receiving welcome news. The university will cover the \$1,000 scholarship for students who have filed the standard Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and have demonstrated need based on federal guidelines.

WSU President Jay Noren said the replacement scholarship will cover the full \$1,000 amount qualified students had anticipated from the state for the current academic year. It can be used to help cover tuition or other educational costs. The assistance will come in the form of a credit applied to the account of each student who is enrolled for the remainder of the academic year.

Bright Nights

The Plymouth District Library hosts a "Bright Nights Community Forum" presented by the University of Michigan Comprehensive Depression Center, "Understanding Adolescent Depression," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Guest speaker is Melvin McInnis, M.D., The Thomas B. and Nancy Upjohn Woodworth Professor of Bipolar Disorder and Depression. Dr. McInnis will provide information on fluctuating moods, disrupted sleep, and changes in physical activity or appetite - all normal behaviors in adolescents. He will further illustrate that sometimes they can signal something more serious: depression or bipolar disorder.

The presentation is followed by a question-and-answer session between the audience and a panel of UM Depression Center experts. Sign-up is requested for this free program. Call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4, or register on-line at http://plymouthlibrary.org/regis_friends.htm

CFCU scholars

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Students who qualify need only complete just one application; they will be considered for both scholarships.

Deadline to submit four copies of the application is March 5.

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College carvers will once again be part of the annual Plymouth Ice Festival, which returns to Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth Jan. 22-24.

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Ice age

Organizers put finishing touches on festival plans

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With one eye on the weather forecast and another on fund-raising, Sam Walton is putting the finishing touches on this year's Plymouth Ice Festival.

The festival begins Friday, Jan. 22, in downtown Plymouth. The hours are 3-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24.

Walton, whose event-planning company, Signature Professional Group, in September took over the ice festival production from long-time organizer Watts Up, Inc., said the fund-raising goal for the nonprofit event is \$75,000.

"It's a little more aggressive than a couple of years ago, but that's the only way we're going to grow this festival, is to get some more dollars involved," Walton said.

Fund-raising is ongoing, Walton said, but even in a tough economy, he's confident the goal will be reached.

The show will feature some 30 college and high school ice carvers and 10 professionals turning 200 blocks of ice into a variety of sculptures. There will be a number of carving competitions, including a "Dueling Chainsaws" speed-carving event that will give

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2010 Plymouth Ice Festival

View sculptures 24 hours in Kellogg Park, the Gathering, Central Parking Deck and throughout the Downtown area.

School board keeps focus on financial future

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The leadership atop the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education didn't change after Wednesday's organizational meeting at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center in Plymouth.

And neither did the board's primary focus. Steven Sneiderman, re-elected Wednesday as the board's president, said the group's primary task remains the same: Guiding the district through stormy economic waters.

"The main things we're focusing on are the financial challenges," Sneiderman said. "We have a lot of budget work to do the second half of the year."

That work continues this week, when seven committees set up by the board meet to compare information with each other.

The board established the committees to help figure out where to cut the budget in the face of dramatic cuts in state per-pupil funding.

Those committees — high school, middle school, elementary school, district support, food service, transportation and building and grounds maintenance — have been meeting since October, charged with producing recommendations for areas the board can cut or do things more efficiently.

Those committees are expected to make formal reports to the board, hopefully later this month.

And while the board will take those recommendations and start working on short-term solutions to its budget problems, Sneiderman said trustees must also keep an eye on the future.

"We can't just focus on the near term," Sneiderman said. "Our focus has to be on both short- and long-term challenges."

Sneiderman wasn't the only board officer returned to his position at Wednesday's meeting.

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THE PLAN TAKES SHAPE

Committees formed to look at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools budget and formulate recommendations for the Board of Education will meet this week to discuss their progress.

The meetings are:

- Monday, Jan. 11, 6-8 p.m., Little Theater, Canton High School. Groups to be heard from include the high school, middle school and elementary school committees.

- Wednesday, Jan. 13, 7-9 p.m., Little Theater, Canton High School. Groups to be heard from include district support, food service, transportation and building and grounds maintenance.

The public is welcome, but district officials point out there will not be audience participation. The meetings are designed, officials said, to allow committee members to get a feel for where they are in the process, prior to making a report to the board, hopefully later this month.

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Ex-boyfriend arrested - twice - for break-ins

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 59-year-old man faces charges of felony home invasion and unlawful entry after being accused of breaking into his ex-girlfriend's house in Plymouth and making three unwanted trips back to the house, Monday and Tuesday.

John Jeffery Jr. was arraigned Thursday before 35th District Court Judge Ronald W. Lowe. He was charged with one count of home invasion, three counts of unlawful entry and one count of malicious destruction of property, a misdemeanor.

Jeffery was being held Friday in the Wayne County Jail on a \$50,000 cash bond, meaning he would have to post \$5,000 in order to be released, Plymouth detective Sgt. Jamie Grabowski said. Lowe scheduled a prelimi-

nary hearing in district court for Friday, Jan. 15.

According to Grabowski, a 42-year-old woman on Parkview flagged down two Plymouth officers in a patrol car just after 2:30 p.m. Monday and told them her ex-boyfriend had broken into her house.

The man had already fled the scene, Grabowski said. The glass in the front door had been smashed.

After police left the house, Grabowski said, they got a report the man had returned, but he again left before officers arrived. He had apparently walked in through an unlocked door, Grabowski said.

When he showed up a third time about 5:30 p.m., the detective said, reportedly pounding on doors, he was arrested. Bleeding from cuts on his hands,

he was taken by ambulance to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. "He had some pretty significant injuries," the detective said.

At the hospital, Jeffery was released pending the investigation, as he claimed he lived at the Parkview house, though the woman said he didn't, Grabowski said.

But after being treated, Grabowski said, Jeffery apparently got police in Livonia to drive him back to Parkview, telling them he wanted to retrieve his pickup truck. The truck had been towed, Grabowski said.

The woman spent the night elsewhere and, upon returning home at 7 a.m. Tuesday, heard the man speaking to her, Grabowski said.

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Crowds are expected at all hours when the ice festival returns to Plymouth Jan. 22-24.

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carvers 15 minutes to complete a sculpture.

Walton and the Downtown Development Authority are also lining up bands to play at different spots around the downtown both Saturday and Sunday as a way of drawing people out of Kellogg Park. The DDA is sponsoring the concerts; Steve King and the Dittlies have already signed on.

The Gathering, next to the Penn Theatre on Penniman, will be the festival's "Hot Spot" for visitors to warm up and enjoy refreshments, while food vendors will be nearby, at Penniman and Union Street.

Walton had wanted to spread this year's festival beyond the immediate downtown in order

to involve the larger community, but he said Friday he had been hampered by budget constraints.

"In future years, we're hoping to expand beyond that and really cover more geography," he said.

Walton said the Farmers Almanac calls for temperatures in the mid-20s and partly cloudy skies. He's hoping a severe-weather front doesn't come through during festival weekend, but said organizers are prepared for colder weather.

"As long as it's below freezing, I'm a happy guy," Walton said.

For more information on the ice festival, including information on volunteering, donating and becoming a festival sponsor, visit its Web site, www.plymouthicefestival.org.

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Tea Party decries election 'integrity'

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Amid allegations of eroding constitutional rights and suspicious election activities, a group of Tea Party activists gathered inside a Canton restaurant Wednesday night to map out a strategy for this year's political season.

C.J. Schuman, Wayne County coordinator of the national Campaign for Liberty, urged a crowd of nearly 25 people to help protect the integrity of elections by becoming delegates, board of canvasser members and poll watchers.

"There's a real concern in Michigan about the integrity of our elections," she said, as Tea Party activists from Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, Farmington Hills, Northville and other communities in Wayne and Oakland counties met inside the Canton Coney Island Restaurant on Lilley south of Joy.

Westland resident Phil Solarz, a member of the Plymouth-based Rattle With Us group, said he became involved in Tea Party activities during a large rally last April in Kellogg Park.

"We don't like the way the Constitution is being stripped," he said.

Daniel Osterman of Belleville, saying he helps coordinate Campaign for Liberty activities in Michigan's 11th Congressional District, said an estimated 300 members have registered with the local group.

"Our biggest concern is government has no longer become representative of the people," Osterman said. "The rule of law is no longer being followed — by that I mean the Constitution itself."

Schuman pointed to the push for federal health-care reform as one way she believes the government has moved toward collectivism and away from individual choice. Others accused the Federal Reserve as being an entity that works to benefit banks rather than people.

Schuman urged the crowd to become involved in local, county and state elections as Republicans, Democrats and third-party activists. She described Campaign for Liberty as nonpartisan, or "transparty."

"We don't endorse any candidates (as a group)," Schuman

said, although individual members may campaign for whomever they choose. "We just want to protect the sanctity of our elections."

Schuman encouraged activists to get on the ballot as precinct delegates and also to become involved in county and state political gatherings, including conventions, and third-party caucuses.

"The Tea Party is a wonderful percolator," she said, adding that many people can't pinpoint why they distrust government, "but they understand that something is wrong."

Schuman said the Internet has become an effective way for Tea Party and Campaign for Liberty activists to communicate and organize. Tea Party members also have drawn their share of criticism from opposing groups who have labeled them as extremists, although the Campaign for Liberty meeting Wednesday didn't stir any protest.

Plymouth resident Bill Kostin, a member of the Rattle With Us group, said he expects to run this year as a precinct delegate.

"We need to restore our government by the U.S. Constitution, and we need to get rid of the Federal Reserve," he said, adding that he believes Democrats in Congress want "to wipe out the middle class financially."

BOARD

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Barry Simescu (vice president), Judy Mardigian (treasurer) and Nancy Eggenberger (secretary) all held on to the positions to which they were elected in July.

The meeting was also the first for the board's newest member, Adrienne Davis of Plymouth Township, who won the open seat vacated by former trustee Tom Wysocki after the November election.

Davis offered up one motion and otherwise enjoyed her first meeting. She said she's looking forward to getting started.

"I thought it was a good meeting," Davis said. "I really would like to represent the community. Number one for me are the students. I hope I can represent the community that elected me in a manner that moves our students toward 21st century success."

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"As soon as she heard his voice, she backed out of the house," he said. The woman went to police in Plymouth Township, and city police were contacted and arrested Jeffery.

It wasn't clear how the man got into the house on his fourth visit, but Grabowski said police suspect it was through the back door.

The woman told police she and Jeffery had broken up in December and that she had changed the locks after he left.

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Garden club

The Plymouth Garden Club celebrates its annual Founder's Day meeting Monday, Jan. 11. The club meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library in downtown Plymouth. Light refreshments will be served, and the public is invited.

For more information, call Eileen at (734) 340-2062.

Road show

The Friends of the Plymouth Library take their "show on the road" and host the Sunday Rhapsody Series at the Plymouth Community Arts Council Sunday, Jan. 10.

The featured speaker will be Nan Washburn, Music Director and Conductor of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras. Washburn will speak on the "Music and Genius of Brahms," while Symphony musicians, Lisa Raschiatore (clarinet) and Patrick Johnson (piano) will play selections of Brahms great works.

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras will present a Chamber Concert, "Brahms Sunday Serenade" on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 2 p.m. at First Methodist Church in Plymouth. Featured soloist will be Harpist Maurice Draughn on the Brahms, "Serenade."

Tickets for the concert are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for students and are available online at www.plymouthsymphony.org or by calling (734) 451-2112.

Following the concert a High Tea in the Reception Hall will be served. Tickets for the tea are \$20. Call the symphony office, (734) 451-2112, for reservations.

Council on Aging

The Plymouth Council on Aging will host "Lunch & Learn" at noon Tuesday, Feb. 16 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

HealthQuest Back & Neck Solution Centers will be on hand to provide information, first hand, on how pain affects more than just your back and

neck. It impacts your mood and limits your activities and can literally devastate your life.

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The Council on Aging also hosts an Ice Cream Social with State Representative Marc Corriveau 2-3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, also at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

It's an opportunity to come out and get updates on what is currently happening in the State Legislature. Corriveau will also entertain questions and concerns.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236, to RSVP.

Dance/fitness classes

Anyone looking to get in shape for the new year can take advantage of adult dance and fitness classes now available at Metro Dance Company in Plymouth.

Registration now open for yoga, Pilates, stretch and conditioning, beginning adult ballet, ballet fitness, jazz fitness, adult Pointe, intermediate/advanced ballet and ballroom. Beginners are welcome.

For a complete schedule of all day, evening and weekend classes, visit www.MetroDanceCompany.com. Metro Dance Company is located at 541 S. Mill in Plymouth, on the corner of Mill (Lilley) and Ann Arbor Trail. Register for classes by calling (734) 207-8970 or e-mail at info@MetroDanceCompany.com

Arts council classes

Parents looking for something to keep preschoolers busy during the cold winter months are getting some help from the Plymouth Community Arts Council, which is offering new art classes for preschoolers beginning in January.

These innovative, fun and inspiring classes will be taught by PCAC instructor Lisa Howard.

"You and Me Together" will take place on Wednesday mornings starting Jan. 20. This class is intended for the younger preschooler (2-1/2 to 4-year-olds) to attend with a



State of the chamber

If history is any guide, a big crowd will gather when the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual State of the Chamber Breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, at the Inn at St. John's, located at the corner of Five Mile and Sheldon in Plymouth Township. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. Attendees will hear from chamber leadership about what the chamber has planned for this upcoming year and how to become involved. There will be representatives from committees to answer questions and you will have the opportunity to sign up for committees or volunteer for activities/events. Last year the breakfast attracted 170 members. The cost is \$5, which includes a full breakfast. Reservations must be made by Friday, Jan. 22. To register, contact the chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org or at (734) 453-1540.

parent or caregiver. Children will enjoy printmaking, paint, clay and drawing together with their adult partner.

"Around the World Art" is an introductory class for 4- and 5-year-olds and will be offered Thursdays starting Jan. 21. Students will explore art projects, music stories and snacks inspired by various countries and cultures.

"Sticks and Stones Earth Art" is an "all natural" art class on Monday mornings for 4- and 5-year-olds. Sand, clay, sticks, pebbles, insects and veggies are just a few of the items that will be turned into works of art for this creative class. A second session of each of these classes will begin the Week of Feb. 22.

To find out more information about these classes or for information on all of the PCAC programs please visit www.plymoutharts.com. Classes begin the week of Jan. 18 and continue for four weeks, plus an artist show and reception on the fifth week. Registration forms are available online and enrollments can be made by phone, (734) 416-4278, or by drop-in at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, Mondays-Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(248)349-8110 or visit the theater's Web site www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Parenting seminar

What do you do when children misbehave? Parents who are interested in learning how to manage a variety of situations that arise with their children are invited to hear nationally recognized educator and speaker Chick Moorman Monday, Jan. 18. The free workshop will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. at Dearborn Heights Montessori Center, which is located at 466 N. John Daly in Dearborn Heights.

"Mr. Moorman is highly regarded for helping both parents and educators," said Kay Neff, head of Dearborn Heights Montessori Center. "This will be his third visit to our school, and we look forward to the wealth of information that he always brings to our staff and families."

Moorman will present "The Five Voices of Enlightened Parenting," regarding a variety of techniques that parents can use to help guide children through the daily challenges of family life. According to Moorman, when children misbehave, it can become a teaching moment for parents.

Although consequences or punishment may be the appropriate response to some misbehavior, Moorman will talk about other approaches that work better and create lasting improvement. He offers parents five "voices" that they can use to help their children through difficult situations.

Moorman is a distinguished educator and captivating speak-

er who has addressed more than 300,000 parents and educators while conducting more than 2,000 talks on raising and educating children. He is noted for his humor and enthusiasm, as well as his ability to deliver practical ideas. He is the author of more than a dozen books and teaching resources. He writes monthly parenting columns for publications across the United States, and is a regular contributor to the Chicken Soup for the Soul series of books.

The free workshop, which is open to the public, will include complimentary child care. To ensure adequate seating, reservations are requested by calling (313) 359-3000.

For additional information about the January 18 workshop and programs available at Dearborn Heights Montessori Center, call 313-359-3000 or visit www.dhmontessori.org.

Dearborn Heights Montessori Center is a non-profit educational community founded in 1972. Now in its fourth decade, DHMC is the largest and longest-established Montessori school in western Wayne County. Programs include preschool, kindergarten, elementary, and middle school as well as summer programs and academic tutoring. Day care and latchkey are also available for enrolled children. DHMC preschool and latchkey programs, along with its satellites Livonia Montessori Center and Plymouth-Canton Montessori School, are licensed by the Michigan Division of Child Care Licensing.

More information is available at www.dhmontessori.org.

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Pinocchio on stage

Enjoy a musical adaptation of "Pinocchio" at the Historic Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville through Jan. 24.

"Pinocchio" is the story of how a wooden puppet, lovingly hand-carved by Gepetto the toymaker, becomes a real boy. Performances are Saturdays, Jan. 9, Jan. 16 and Jan. 23; and Sundays Jan. 10, Jan. 17, Jan. 24. All performances are at 2:30 p.m.

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Torsion française

Albion College students enjoying French culture

Students in the teacher education program at Albion College are hard pressed to complete the requirements for their degrees in four years while finding time to take a semester to pursue an opportunity to study abroad.

After all, the prospective teachers have classes they are required to take and classroom observation hours they need to log.

Thanks to Albion's break between semesters and the city's relationship with Noisy-le-Roi, France, students Jessica Eimers of Canton, Rachel Kamischke and Alexandra Stamm are enjoying a two-week immersion into the French culture and education system. Traveling with Mae Ola Dunklin, the director of the college's Fritz Shurmur Education Institute, the students will spend four days at a middle school, one day at a high school, and one day at an international school. When the Albion delegation isn't in the classroom, they will be immersed in the French culture by living with a host family and visiting the sights in and around Paris.

"It is amazing that this grew out of one meeting," Suellyn Henke, Albion's associate professor of education, said. "The idea began with a visit by a group from Noisy around the Festival of the Forks in September of 2008. Alain Gille, the principal of the middle school, wanted to meet with the education department and he brought up the idea of an exchange. "This is a model international partnership," Henke



A trip to the Eiffel Tower was among the French surprises for Albion College students Rachel Kamischke (left) and Canton resident Jessica Eimers.

added. "The communities of Albion and Noisy have created this rich cultural bridge."

Henke visited several schools in France last January and the course titled International Practicum in Education was born. She hopes participation and research in French education will enable students to critically analyze and contextualize the American educational experience.

The course requirements charge the students with developing an inquiry topic. Kamischke, a mathematics major from Traverse City, is interested in learning about

the differences in teaching math concepts and why the French seem outperform Americans in education.

"French schools, in general, are more successful and there has to be something behind that," Kamischke said. "I think part of it is the French attitude toward children expects more out of them, but I'm not sure." Eimers, who hails from Canton, and Stamm, from Grand Blanc, are English majors who are excited to deliver their lessons in American Literature.

Eimers, who is looking forward to learning how French students choose which for-

eign language to study, indicated the Albion students may start with poetry by Shel Silverstein.

"A lot of his poems are about everyday experiences and we thought they would be relatable," Eimers said. "We had all talked about how we had enjoyed reading them and how reading should be a form of enjoyment."

For Stamm, the French experience will serve as a prelude to her student teaching assignment. She is scheduled to begin her placement teaching American literature at Marshall High School just days after returning from the trip.

"My independent research looks at the architecture of schools and the set up of buildings and seeing how that influences student reading and the interaction with the teacher," Stamm said. "I want to see how their classrooms are set up as compared to here and hopefully take that into my student teaching."

"I'm very proud of the public education system here in the United States," Stamm added. "I'm all for bettering our educational system here, but there is only so much you can do when you're comparing us to us. If we're comparing how things work here with how things work in France and bring those lessons here it is a great way to get my students interested. The fact that I can start off my student teaching with a presentation with something I saw in France I will immediately have the students' attention."

LOOKING BACK

What will you remember the most when you look back on the year 2009? Will it be the unemployment rate, the spread of the H1N1 virus, the journalists freed from North Korea or that Jaycee Dugard was found? We tracked down some local youngsters at the Canton Library, the Borders in Canton and the Plymouth District Library and asked them what they'd remember about 2009.

- By Maggie Wunderlich



Teja Kodali, 14, said she'd remember, "Barack Obama's inauguration."



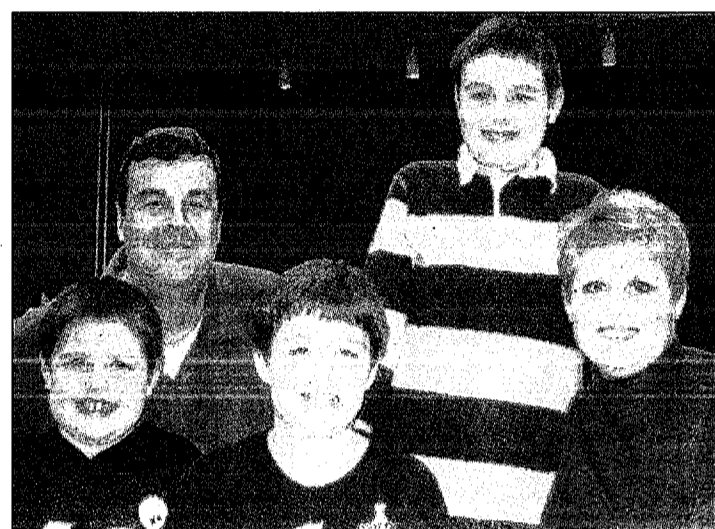
Ronny Grover, 7, said, "I went on my first plane ride to visit my cousin Jake in Maryland."



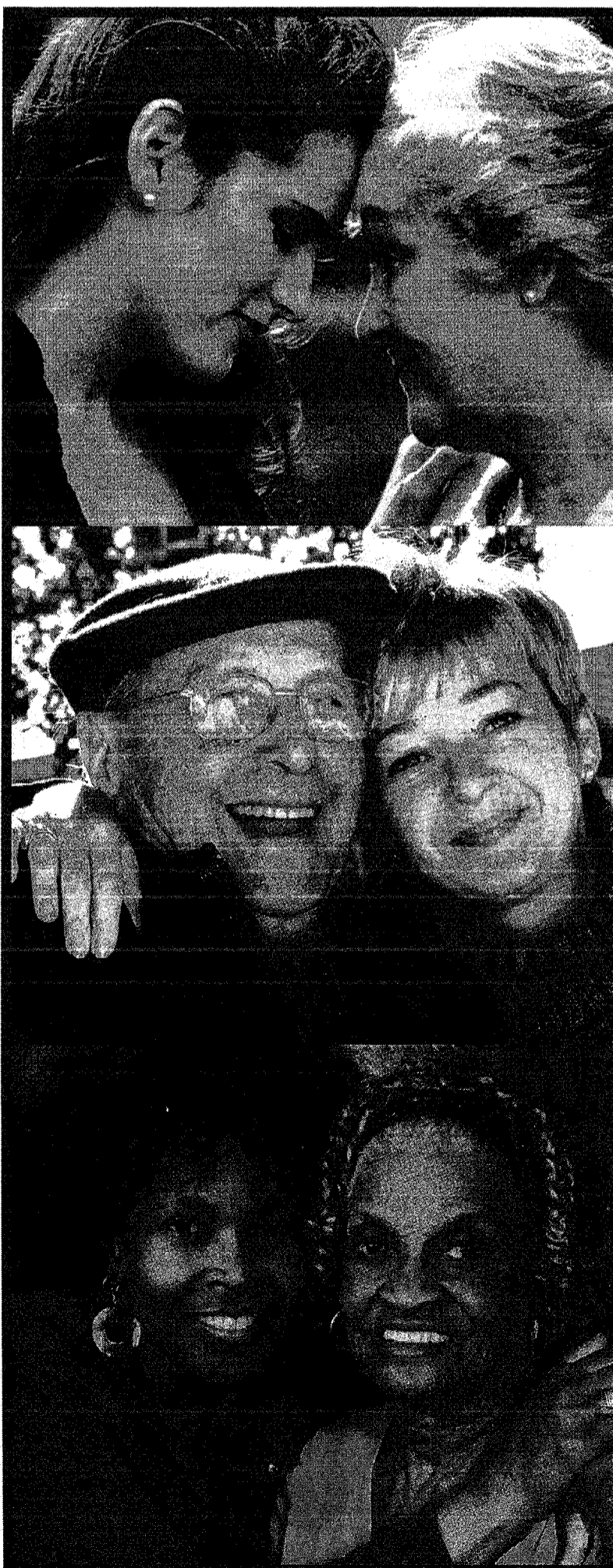
Amari Wimberly, 7, (center) said, "I went away to Westminster camp." Marcellius Avery, 4, (right) said, "I went to family camp." They're pictured with Latasha Black.



Ting Ting Westra, 7, (front, with Leta Carlisle, 5, in the back, said, "I went camping."



Andrew McCarthy, 9, (front, center) said, "I went on a field trip to see the play 'Little Women' at Washtenaw Community College." He's pictured with (back, from left) John McCarthy, Joseph McCarthy, 9,; and (front) Jimmy McCarthy, 7, and Joni McCarthy.



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Linda Pohl helped write 'FONTS!' in which characters explore cyberspace, interacting with other fonts and learning that there is a lot more to life than they originally thought.

Campaign partners target drug safety

Farmington Hills-based MPRO, Michigan's Health Care Quality Improvement Organization, has partnered with St. Joseph Mercy Health System to promote drug safety through the B-Safe campaign.

The campaign, a pilot program being conducted in western Wayne County and Washtenaw and Livingston counties, specifically targets patients on anticoagulant therapy who are prescribed either Coumadin or generic Warfarin. The goal is to reduce harmful drug interactions and potentially serious bleeding complications.

The B-Safe message is simple:

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- A — Adverse effects. It's important to know the bleeding is the main side effect of Coumadin/Warfarin. Talk to health care providers before starting any new medications, including over-the-counter brands, vitamins or supplements. Also discuss diet, because some foods may interact with Coumadin and Warfarin, and avoid alcohol.

- F — Fall and injury precautions. Internal bleeding can result from falls and injuries while on the anticoagulant medications. Seek medical for a fall or a bump on the head.

- E — Evaluate and examine. While on Coumadin or Warfarin, seek medical attention immediately if any unusual bruising or bleeding occurs, for changes in stool or for difficulty breathing.

Anticoagulant drugs are used to lower the chance of blood clots, which typically form in the heart and legs

and can cause a stroke, heart attack, blood clot in the lung or other serious conditions.

"These medications are extremely sensitive to drug/drug interactions (or DDIs)," said Dr. James Mitchiner, MPRO medical director.

"Patients who take Coumadin/warfarin and certain other drugs at the same time, are at risk of developing serious and life threatening bleeding complications."

He called MPRO "fortunate" that St. Joseph Mercy Health System has partnered for what he called a "community call to action."

Educational efforts include the distribution of learning materials, such as pamphlets and booklets, through certain providers and community/senior groups. A consumer Web site also is available at www.mpro.org; just click on the B-Safe symbol near the bottom of the home page.

Local writers, actors bring 'Fonts' to stage

Theater-goers will be able to laugh their socks off and help support a worthy cause at the same time by attending "FONTS! A Type of Musical," a one-act show written by local authors about the adventures of several computer typefaces that find meaning in their lives.

"FONTS!" will be the New Year fund-raiser for Spotlight Players, the resident adult theater group at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. "FONTS!" is a family friendly show and will be performed as a "black box" production in the Biltmore Studio at the Village Theater.

Three Spotlight regulars - Tim Chanko, Linda Pohl and Christopher Tremblay - have penned this unusual and entertaining show. In "FONTS!" the characters explore cyberspace, interacting with other fonts and learning that there is a lot more to life than they originally thought.

Show dates are 8 p.m. Jan. 22-23, with a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, Jan. 24.

"This show takes things from everyday life and personifies them in a fun, creative

and entertaining way," said Christopher Tremblay. "You'll never look at fonts the same way."

This is the second local production that Chanko, Pohl and Tremblay have been a part of. In January 2008, "Behind the Curtain" was staged and was written by Chanko and Pohl.

Local actors play the Fonts: Linda Trygg of Westland plays Smarty Pants; Tim Chanko of Canton is Giggles; Anne Cloutier of Canton is Flix; Charlette Nance of Northville is Old English and Resurrection; Christopher Tremblay of Canton is Symbol; and Dave Cooper of Canton is French Script and Chiller.

Other actors will play the humans: Kyle Coykendall of Walled Lake is Ben; Lia DeBiasi of Plymouth is Nikki and Betty Berryman of Canton is Mom.

Spotlight Players is the resident adult theater group at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild, Spotlight Players is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and has been part of the community for 65 years.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Rd.,

Canton, MI, 48187. The Village Theater has free parking, is handicap accessible and has a concession stand.

Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/village-theater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Box office opens an hour before show time. Tickets are \$10.



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Rolling the dice: Unemployed pick up casino, mixology skills

BY STACY JENKINS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jim DeBussey is taking a gamble on his future — but he knows he can't lose.

The 33-year-old Clawson man enjoyed a successful sales career, and even owned his own business, until the bottom fell out of Michigan's economy. Now, he's enrolled in nursing school and what is known as casino college.

He plans to graduate from nursing school in 2012 and he'll walk out of the ABC Bartending School and Casino College in Farmington Hills in just a few short weeks with skills that will hopefully land him a part time job as a dealer. He decided to enroll in casino college, like many others have done, because he enjoys cards and he knows he'll find work while he finishes nursing school.

He's given up on trying to find another sales job, because he doesn't think there are any respectable jobs left.

"The bottom line is there is no work out there," said

DeBussey.

Only a couple days into the training at casino college, DeBussey had already realized the challenges.

"Shuffling alone is a whole new ball game," he said, noting it's not like shuffling for a euchre game with friends.

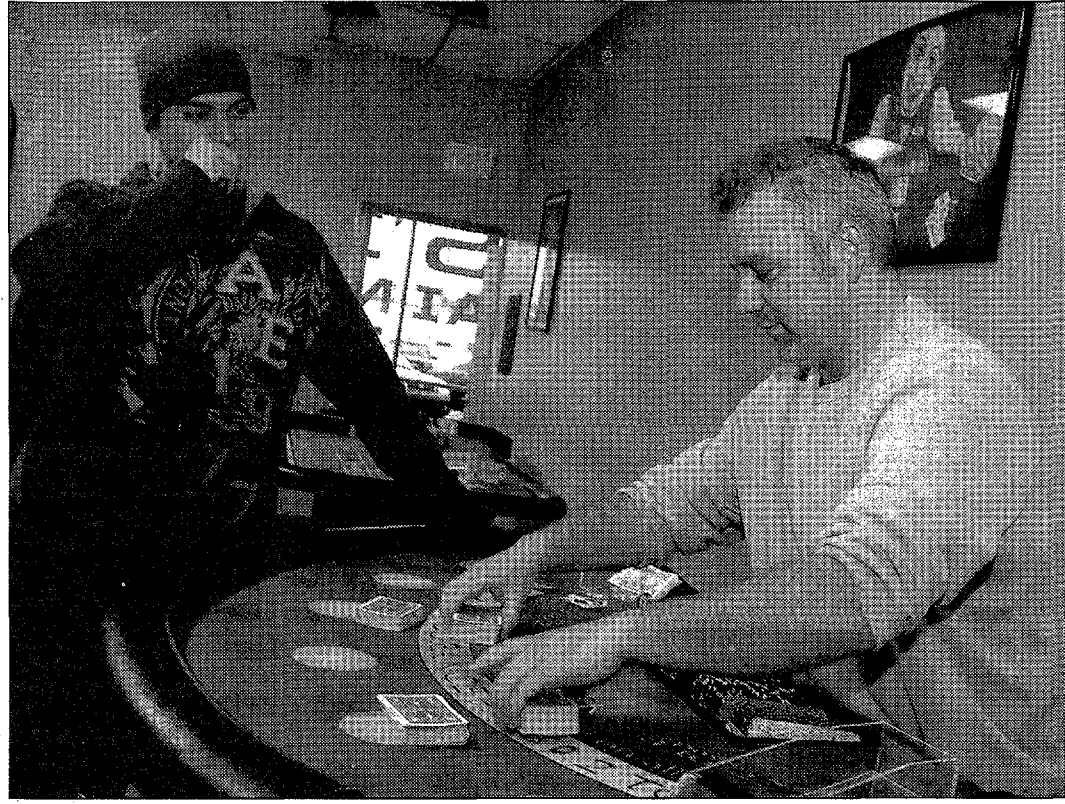
He, along with about six other students in his class at the school on Halsted near Grand River, are learning the mechanics of blackjack and poker.

The school has had a recent influx of students from Ohio, now that the state will allow casinos in Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo and Cincinnati.

Mike Walker, 22, of Toledo, wants to be a professional dealer and some day work in Las Vegas.

"I've always been interested in games of chance," said Walker, who is also unemployed. "I figure this is a better way of making money than playing."

Jack Ma, 48, of Cleveland, hopes to gain an edge over



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jim DeBussey, of Clawson, on right, a nursing student at Oakland Community College, is also a student at the ABC Casino College. He's learning how to become a professional dealer, so he can work while he finishes nursing school.

"There is quite a difference between being a mixologist and being a bartender," he said, comparing the difference between a chef and a cook.

His students learn oodles of drink recipes and precisely how to pour them, mix them and serve them — having fun all the while.

"My students are so much better armed than the average person (seeking a job in bartending)," he said.

The majority of his students have never bartended. Gellasch said some have college degrees, others are students, but virtually all are looking for work.

Erik Steele, of Clinton Township, wants to learn the skills to be able to land a job at a night club. He's currently laid off from the restaurant business.

"I really like talking to people and serving people," said Steele.

Walter Simpson is learning the ropes behind the bar, as well. He does landscaping and painting work now, but wants "a change of pace," so he enrolled in ABC Bartending School.

Mixology students are certified when they graduate and they have the option to take another course, called TIPS, a national program that educates servers about responsible alcohol serving. There are several different courses, and Chau said he's brought the tuition rates down because of the economy.

To learn more about the school, call Call (866)IDEAL21 or email info@ideal21.com.

other people who will apply for jobs at the Ohio casinos. He's learning how to deal blackjack and poker during a 10-day course at ABC.

"I'm trying to get more opportunity for a job in a casino once they open," said Ma, who currently works in a Cleveland area restaurant. "This will give me more opportunities."

Lee Chau, director at ABC, said his students will graduate with skills in technique, mechanical skills of the games and most importantly, customer service skills.

He said there is a difference between a customer and a guest.

"Customers will come and go, but your guests will always

come back," said Chau.

Chau said dealers can earn between \$45,000 and \$55,000 per year, working part time. The career is also flexible, so Ma thinks he will be able to continue working in the restaurant business.

MIX IT UP

ABC, with schools all around the country, also trains and certifies people in the art of mixology — more than being a bartender, says Don Gellasch, instructor.

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A: Unfortunately, charge card companies can currently change the terms of their charge cards. Whether it is converting from a fixed rate to a variable rate or changing the annual fees, charge card companies have that right. However, you are correct that new legislation passed last year will put an end to this practice.

Last year, Congress passed the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009. Under this legislation, charge card companies



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

must give consumers at least a 45-day notice of any rate change and must also allow consumers at least 21 days from the day the bill is mailed before payment is due. Also, as of Feb. 22, 2010, companies will not be able to switch cards from a fixed to a variable rate. In addition, when the second part of the legislation is effective, charge card companies can no longer charge you fees if you exceed your credit limit. The downside, of course, is that if you do go over your limit, your purchase will be canceled.

Under the second part of this new legislation, consumers will have the opportunity to elect to go over their credit limit. Credit card companies will be

able to charge a fee and, no doubt, they will.

Because of the new legislation which restricts some activities, charge card companies have recently become very active in making changes to customer agreements. In your situation, they are changing your rate from fixed to variable because they can.

Typically, mail from a charge card company goes unread.

However, it is more important than ever to review notices you may receive to determine if they are changing any of the terms of your charge card. Whether it is how the interest rate is calculated, annual fees or even credit limits, know the terms of your charge card.

After all, just like investments, charge cards can't be put on automatic pilot.

As I have stated in previous columns, there is no one perfect charge card. The key is to

use a card that fits your needs. For example, if you don't carry a balance, how interest rates are computed is not that important. On the other hand, the reward program may be of interest.

Over the next month, many consumers are going to receive notices from charge card companies. Unfortunately, most will throw away the letter without even reading it. Don't do this. At a minimum, you need to read the documentation to have a thorough understanding of your charge card.

Remember, it is still a competitive world and you can shop for the charge cards for your individual situation. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

NEWS BRIEFS

Suicide loss support group Pinocchio on stage

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This monthly group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month beginning Jan. 21, at the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group.

For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0115 and visit us at www.newhopecenter.net

Enjoy a musical adaptation of "Pinocchio" at the Historic Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville through Jan. 24.

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Pastors Fred and Helen Canty moved their Way of Life Church from Canton to its new home on General Drive in Plymouth Township.

Women's fellowship focuses on emotional healing

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A church that's new to Plymouth Township is reaching out to women through monthly programs that address their spiritual and emotional needs.

The nondenominational Way of Life Christian Church, which moved to Plymouth Township from Canton

Township last summer, has its January women's fellowship seminar, "Wholeness for Matters of the Heart," scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16. The free program should last about 90 minutes.

Pastor Helen Canty of Belleville, who runs Way of Life along with her husband, Pastor Fred Canty, will be the chief presenter.

Helen Canty is the author

of *Eclipse of the Heart*, which is about overcoming what she calls the five roadblocks — fear, denial, confusion, past hurts and unforgiveness — to a more complete relationship with God.

Canty's Jan. 16 program has a similar theme.

"It's really trying to help women deal with their issues and move on. The past is the past," she said.

Women take on so much in their lives, and they often end up with emotional wounds that need healing, Canty said.

"When you don't deal with (past hurts), you live out of them," she said. "I do know a lot of women who have gone through pain and haven't dealt with it."

For Canty, the answer is Christianity. "Christ is able to heal even our hearts," she said. But that doesn't mean, she said, that participants' view of religion has to square with hers.

"Whether they agree with my beliefs as far as Christ is concerned, that's not important to me," but up to the individual, Canty said. "If she leaves knowing that she's loved, then we've done what were supposed to do."

Way of Life's women's fellowship meetings are at 2 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month. Children are welcome. "We don't want women to have to go out and find a babysitter," Canty said.

Way of Life Christian Church is at 9401 General Drive, Suite 100, Plymouth Township. For more information about the women's fellowship, call (248) 552-9415.

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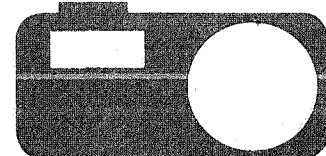
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Chiefs can't slow Zebras

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Before Friday night's boys basketball game, Canton coach Jimmy Reddy knew his team would have a challenge facing Wayne Memorial power forward Daniel Hill.

Reddy was right, but the Chiefs also had to deal with the running and gunning Derric Horton and Reggie Reeves, among others, as the Zebras rolled to a 71-60 KLAA South victory. It was the first league match for both teams.

"He's a load," Reddy said about Hill. "If you just key on him, and we were trying to a little bit, the other guys can beat you and that's what happened tonight."

Hill led the Zebras (4-1, 1-0) with 20 points and 12 rebounds, with Horton draining three triples to tally 19 points. Horton grabbed eight boards.

Also in double figures with 10 points was Reeves.

Canton junior guard Dietrich Lever had a spectacular night of his own, pouring in 28 points. Sophomore forward Paul Baumgart contributed 10 points, five rebounds, three assists and two blocks.

According to Wayne coach Warren Woodard, the team has a special go-to player in Hill.

"He's not spectacular, but he gets winning," Woodard said. "He understands the objective, which is to win."

But the coach said his team kind of went off track Friday by taking a number of shots from long range instead of moving the ball inside.

"I told them you can't fall in love with jump shots all the time, sometimes it's not going to go in," Woodard said. "We've got to be able to run a screen or get the ball inside to Daniel and take advantage of what he gives us, too."

The Zebras registered seven triples in the game, compared to Canton's three — including two during the waning moments when the contest was long decided.

Canton (2-4, 0-1) was 1-for-15 from beyond the arc at one point, Reddy lamented.

"The funny thing about that is, on Wednesday and Thursday we were making everything in practice," Reddy said. "That's the way it goes."

"I'm more upset that we didn't finish around the rim. We had 11 missed shots in the paint in the first half and that's too many."

Canton fell behind 10-2 to start the game,

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Plymouth Whalers forward AJ Jenks (No. 22) made a key contribution to the Team USA gold medal championship at the World Juniors. Jenks hails from Oakland County.

Jenks brings home the gold

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

AJ Jenks returned to Plymouth a gold medal winner and his teammates and coaches with the Whalers can't wait to see if the championship glitter rubs off on them.

But whether or not it does, the 19-year-old forward from Wolverine Lake had a triumphant time with Team USA that could yield personal dividends.

Jenks played a big role throughout Team USA's march to victory at the 2010 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championships, held the past two weeks in Gordie Howe country — Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

"It was quite the experience," said Jenks, noting that going to the World Juniors definitely met his expectations. "Never a dull moment, really."

On Tuesday, the Plymouth Whalers forward assisted on the tying goal in the first period and played strong two-way hockey as Team USA (5-1) nabbed the gold with a 6-5 overtime victory over Team Canada.

In seven games, Jenks collected three goals, two assists and finished with a plus-6 mark. Team USA's last gold medal was in 2004.

"That was probably the highlight," said Jenks,

about helping set up a goal in the clincher. "And just being there when it all happened, beating Canada on their home soil in front of all their fans. It was an awesome feeling."

Just as awesome was knowing scouts from all 30 NHL teams were seeing how Jenks (Walled Lake Central) fared under the spotlight.

"Obviously it's a big tournament with a lot of exposure," Jenks continued. "All 30 NHL teams were watching so hopefully I left a good impression, not only with Florida (who holds his NHL rights) but with other teams, because I'm not under contract yet."

HIGH MARKS

One of those who praised Jenks for his play in Canada was Mike Vellucci, head coach of the Ontario Hockey League's Whalers.

"Every game I watched I thought he played very well," Vellucci said. "And he created the first goal (Tuesday) night with a great play in the neutral zone, creating a turnover and getting his team going."

"On that team, as a third-line center, his role was to play very sound defensively and he did just that the whole tournament. He was the best faceoff guy

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Solid win good sign for season

GYMNASTICS

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

All last season, the Canton gymnastics team could only amass 143 points in any one dual meet.

With just one KLAA dual meet under the team's belt — Thursday's 140.175-116.75 win over Salem — Chiefs coach John Cunningham already is optimistic about vaulting beyond that plateau this season.

One factor in such optimism is Canton competed without junior Cathy Huang, out with an undetermined knee injury suffered during a scrimmage. Huang, who is capable of setting a new school record on the bars, is awaiting results of an MRI.

"It's one of those things, as the season goes on you're going to see the scores improve," Cunningham said. "If I'm going to start at 140, that makes me feel comfortable at least in terms of competition in the state."

The veteran coach said he was "quite pleased" with the showing.

"(But) this is really early in the year for gymnastics and we have a lot of room for improvement, particularly on vault," he said. "But we still scored well across the board. ... Every single girl on every event on my A team got a regional qualifying score."

In all-round standings, junior Robyn Piowar took first place with 35.725 points. Teammates Ayana Lewis and Mallory Hudak finished 2-3 with respective totals of 34.80

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Canton shows no mercy at quad meet

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When top-ranked 140-pounder Donnie Watkins and his Canton teammates hit the mat these days, they are ready to mash.

And that's bad news for any opposing wrestling team, as both Salem and Novi found out Wednesday night.

The Chiefs (18-4) thrashed the Rocks 73-3 before routing Novi 57-9 to finish as the lone unbeaten team at the Plymouth High School-hosted quad meet.

Plymouth also earned a 51-22 victory over shorthanded Salem (missing several starters), but lost to Novi, 41-24.

"Our conditioning paid off again," Canton head coach Cory Mancuso said following his team's meet-closing victory over Novi. "We just got them tired enough where we could hit our moves. We opened them up and we were able to capitalize on them being tired."

Watkins set the tone, as usual. He showed no mercy in a 15-0 major decision over Novi's Martin Bunney at 145, bringing a lethal mix of speed, power and tenacity. He improved his season's record

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to 25-1 with the win.

Earlier, he pinned Salem 145-pounder Josh Marhofer in 2:35.

"He (Watkins) just goes out there, he scores and continues to score and he's just a beast, unbelievable," Mancuso said about the senior. "He's attacking the whole time and when he does that, he's pretty much unstoppable."

Although Watkins wrestled both matches at 145, Mancuso said he is top-ranked at 140.

Other impressive performances against Novi included a 14-1 win at 140 by Zach Marsh over Glenn Malear, as well as senior 160-pounder Brent Winekoff's second-period takedown of Alex Engebretson to score his 24th victory without a loss.

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Anthony Abro (24-1 at 189) pinned his opponents in both matches, while perhaps the loudest the Canton cheering section got the whole night was when senior heavyweight Julius Maddox dispatched

Novi's Ben Farley after an intense bout that went 4:48.

Two other Canton grapplers beefed up their excellent won-lost records. Both Keith Zech (171) and Waleed Faraj (125) went 2-0 to improve to 19-6 and 20-6, respectively.

The host Wildcats (10-5) rebounded nicely after their opening loss to Novi "and a lot of kids won matches that they might not have won in the past," Plymouth head coach Quinn Guernsey said.

One wrestler not in that category was freshman 112-pounder Alec Breckenridge, who improved to 21-1 with convincing victories in both matches. On Dec. 29, Breckenridge was Lower Weights MVP at the Plymouth Elks Salem Invitational.

"He can really come at you with anything," Guernsey said. "He can beat you on his speed, he can beat you on top, he can go hard on bottom."

"It's hard to prepare for someone like him and he can change how he's wrestling in the match if things aren't working the way he wants them to."

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ALYSSA COTTRELL



Who: Alyssa Cottrell, Canton senior and co-captain of the Chiefs girls basketball team.

Miscellany: Cottrell, 18, carries a 4.0 grade-point average. Her parents are Greg and Donna Cottrell.

Captain's job: "The job of a captain is to encourage the rest of the team to be their best. It is the captain's responsibility to push his or her teammates through the struggles that present themselves in each competition. A captain is supposed to remain positive and believe in the abilities of the team."

Leadership style: "My leadership style can be described with the concept of effort because I try compete to the best of my ability at all times. I think that my team-

mates use this as an example, and push themselves in response."

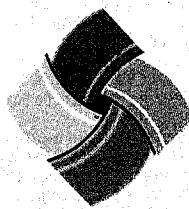
Why her?: "I am a captain on a team of captains. We are all leaders, and we all guide each other on the court. My teammates have selected me as a captain, as I have selected all of them as captains."



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and his plus-minus was very good." Jenks was back in Plymouth's lineup in time for Saturday's game at Compuware Arena against Kitchener.

Vellucci said he expected there would be some kind of on-ice ceremony before that game to honor Jenks for the World Juniors championship.

He also is hopeful that what Jenks was able to accomplish will spur the Whalers to bigger and better things the rest of this season — and open the door for a NHL contract.

"I think it means a lot, just for AJ to represent his country and win a gold medal," Vellucci said. "What I hope is he comes back and shares that experience with his teammates about what it takes to win such a big game and big tournament like that."

The golden performance could be just the ticket for Jenks to turn professional after the 2009-10 season.

"This is a big year for him," Vellucci said. "Winning that tournament and playing well will definitely help him try to sign with Florida."

Jenks wasn't the only Whaler at the World Juniors as defenseman Michal Jordan competed for the Czech Republic.

Meanwhile, both forward Tyler Seguin and goalie Matt Hackett participated in preliminaries to make Team Canada, but did not make the final cut.

According to Jenks, both Seguin and Hackett welcomed him back even though he helped defeat their homeland.

"They're pretty happy for me and supportive," Jenks said. "So that was nice to come back to."

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Area military families were treated to attend a closed Detroit Red Wings practice Dec. 22 at Joe Louis Arena. Helping make the event possible was the Detroit Moose recreational hockey team, which has a Plymouth-Canton contingent.

Moose, Wings honor military families

The Detroit Moose were honored to serve military families by initiating an event hosted by the Detroit Red Wings that allowed the families access to a closed practice session at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, Michigan on Dec. 22, 2009.

The event allowed military families who are a part of the Snowball Express organization (www.SnowballExpress.org) to see the Detroit Red Wings up close and personal. The Snowball Express organization offers support to children and families that gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Many of whom lost a loved one in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Derek Fowler, captain of the Moose and a resident of Canton, brought together the Snowball Express and the Detroit Red Wings after inspiration by the military service of one of its own team members in the Iraq war during 2008.

Also from the Plymouth-Canton area are Moose players Don "DJ" Loney, Steve Cloutier and Curtis Glowzinski.

Mark Auger (No. 9) served in the US Army for six months in Tikrit, Iraq with the 345th Combat Support Hospital. In support of Mark's service, all of the players wore his number on their helmet to help promote a safe return to his country, family and his team.

The Moose were fortunate to have Mark back playing hockey shortly after his return from Iraq. The realization that not all that serve return, prompted the need

to give something back to those who do not.

The event began with the Moose meeting the families at the Joe Louis Arena for an 11:00 am morning Red Wings practice. Seating was provided right behind the players benches to allow close access to see player up close and take pictures.

Children were invited to take a tour of the locker room to visit Red Wings players after the practice ended. Many of them had pictures taken with their favorite players.

Detroit coach Mike Babcock was appreciative of the opportunity to thank the families for their service to our country and the Moose for initiating the event.

Meanwhile, the Moose were appreciative of the Red Wings for allowing this all to come together.

"The Red Wings are really great to step up to the plate like this," said Fowler, about opening the practice up. "... We would like to pay a very special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. (Mike) Ilitch and the whole Detroit Red Wings organization."

Fowler added thanks to Moose team sponsor Joe Kocur "to allow us to put on this wonderful event for filing our mission of giving back unselfishly and making a difference in our community."

Through the help of Kocur and other sponsors (JGM Valve, Harlow Tire and the Detroit Moose), lunch was provided for all of the families that attended the practice at Cheli's Chili Bar.

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and 34.75.

Salem sophomore standout Nicole Jacobs qualified with a fourth-place total of 34.15, followed by Canton freshman Alex Fideler (33.75).

For the Rocks, freshman Ade Jepperson also earned a regional qualifier in the uneven bars, with a score of 8.0.

The event-by-event breakdown was as follows:

- **Vault:** 1. Piwowar (C), 9.3; 2. Hudak (C), 8.9; 3. Jacobs (S), 8.85; 4. Nicole Lasecki (C), 8.5; 5. (tie) Lewis, Brittany Granowicz, 8.4.

- **Bars:** 1. Fideler (C), 9.05; 2. Lewis (C), 9.0; 3. Piwowar (C), 8.55; 4. Jacobs (S), 8.35; 5. Granowicz (C), 8.15; 6. Jepperson (S), 8.0.

- **Beam:** 1. Lewis (C), 8.95; 2. (tie) Jacobs (S), Granowicz (C), 8.65; 4. Hudak (C), 8.6; 5. Piwowar (C), 8.475; 6. Fideler (C), 7.95.

- **Floor:** 1. Piwowar (C), 9.4; 2. Hudak (C), 9.35; 3. (tie) Fideler (C), Lewis (C), 8.45; 5. Jacobs (S), 8.3; 6. Granowicz (C), 8.25.

The Chiefs were slated to compete this weekend in the Rockford (Mich.) Invitational, which Cunningham said should provide a good measuring stick for how his team stacks up against squads from around the state.

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WRESTLING

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Among other highlights for Plymouth were quick falls levied by both Robbie Barackman and Brendon Varner in the Salem meet. Barackman pinned Alex Brown in 2:49 at 160, while Varner required just 79 seconds to pin Nick Gianini in the 189-pound bout.

TRIAL BY FIRE

With several guys missing from Salem's ranks, head coach Greg Woochuck was able to get a look at how some of his freshmen handle varsity competition. Woochuck, following the quad meet, made a point of reminding his younger wrestlers about what is expected of them at the varsity level.

"They're doing their best, but it's like some of the seniors are saying 'great job,'" Woochuck said. "Well, it's not a great job unless you get that win or unless you go out there and put out (for) the full six minutes. That's what the sport's about."

While freshmen such as Danny Kemp (0-2 at 112) and Tyler Gross (0-2 at 152) had little success, senior upperweights Adam Turner and Blake Abbey gave Woochuck something to hang his hat on.

Turner chalked up Salem's only points against Canton, with a 3-2 overtime win over Maddox. He followed that up with a masterful pin of Plymouth's Sean Preston at 215, finishing the job in 23 seconds.

Meanwhile, Abbey won a 7-3 bout over Plymouth 285-pounder Wally Eppler.

"Some of the seniors are starting to assert themselves out there," Woochuck said. "Blake Abbey was starting to come around tonight and Adam Turner went out there and did a great job for us."

Salem's only other points were scored against Plymouth, by Devin Stratton, Dylan Hatcher and Colin Gross. The Rocks dropped to 6-4 overall.

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PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

BOYS WRESTLING QUAD MEET
(Wednesday, Jan. 6 at Plymouth H.S.)

CANTON 73, SALEM 3

103 pounds: Richard DeMarois (C) won by void; 112: Keshav Patel (C) d. Danny Kemp, 21-5; 119: Alex Eimers (C) pinned Ryan Moore, 1:04; 125: Waleed Faraj (C) d. Devin Stratton, 24-9; 130: Connor Johnson (C) won by void; 135: Mitch Wolksi (C) p. James Bushaw, 3:31; 140: Zach Marsh (C) won by void; 145: Donnie Watkins (C) p. Josh Marhofer, 2:35; 152: Sean O'Keefe (C) p. Tyler Gross, 3:45; 160: Brent Winekoff (C) won by void; 171: Keith Zech (C) d. Colin Gross, 2-0; 189: Anthony Abro (C) p. Nick Gianini, 1:02; 215: Ben Poitier (C) p. Blake Abbey, 4:37; 285: Adam Turner (C) d. Julius Maddox, 3-2.

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103 pounds: Shadi Jammoul (P) d. Andrew Park, 8-7; 112: Alec Breckenridge (P) pinned Shangkha Paul, 3:42; 119: Said Yousef (P) won by void; 125: Chase Kalili (P) d. Matt Aoun, 6-4; 130: Ziad Tamimi (P) p. Connor Caldwell, 5-10; 135: Beau Bleski (N) d. Jimmy Ahearn, 7-0; 140: Glenn Malar (N) d. Brett Echols, 12-3; 145: Martin Bunney (N) d. Brandon Crowther, 10-4; 152: Adam Troher (N) p. Jackson Chalmers, 1:22; 160: Alex Engelbreit (N) p. Robbie Barackman, 3:05; 171: Adam Paul (N) d. Curtis Crosier, 5-2; 189: David Sparling (N) d. Brendon Varner, 8-0; 215: Alan Mencer (N) p. Sean Preston, 3:44; 285: Wally Eppler (P) p. Ben Farley, 3:52.

PLYMOUTH 51, SALEM 22

103 pounds: Shadi Jammoul (P) won by void; 112: Alec Breckenridge (P) p. Danny Kemp, 3:50; 119: Said Yousef (P) p. Ryan Moore, 0:59; 125: Devin Stratton (S) p. Chase Kalili, 4:51; 130: Zach Tamimi (P) won by void; 135: Jimmy Ahearn (P) d. James Bushaw, 4-3; 140: Brett Echols (P) p. John Byars, 0:59; 145: Dylan Hatcher (S) d. Brandon Crowther, 5-4; 152: Jackson Chalmers (P) p. Tyler Gross, 1:45; 160: Robbie Barackman (P) p. Alex Brown, 2:49; 171: Colin Gross (S) d. Curtis Crosier, 11-2; 189: Brendon Varner (P) p. Nick Gianini, 1:19; 215: Adam Turner (S) p. Sean Preston, 0:23; 285: Blake Abbey (S) d. Wally Eppler, 7-3.

CANTON 57, NOVI 9

103 pounds: Richard DeMarois (C) d. Andrew Park, 22-7; 112: Keshav Patel (C) d. Shangkha Paul, 13-5; 119: Alex Eimers (C) won by void; 125: Waleed Faraj (C) d. Matt Aoun, 16-7; 130: Mitch Wolksi (C) d. Connor Caldwell, 5-13; 135: Beau Bleski (N) d. Connor Johnson, 10-9; 140: Zach Marsh (C) won by major dec. over Glenn Malar, 14-1; 145: Donnie Watkins (C) major dec. Martin Bunney, 15-0; 152: Adam Troher (N) p. Sean O'Keefe, 3:45; 160: Brent Winekoff (C) p. Alex Engelbreit, 2:46; 171: Keith Zech (C) d. Adam Paul, 6-0; 189: Anthony Abro (C) p. David Sparling, 3:35; 215: Ben Poitier (C) d. Alan Mencer, 2-1; 285: Julius Maddox (C) p. Ben Farley, 4:48.

Canton icers doubled up by Churchill

Senior Drew Carlson notched a pair of goals Wednesday as Livonia Churchill evened its overall boys hockey record at 4-4-1 overall with a 6-3 triumph over visiting Canton at Edgar Arena.

Churchill led 3-2 after one period as Carlson scored at 1:03 (on assists from Nick Proben and Devin Smythe) and at 4:04 (from Christo Papaionnou and Mike Woynick).

Woynick's short-handed goal

at 7:32 made it 3-0, but Canton answered on goals before the period ended by A.J. Rosales (from Ryley Hoernschmeyer and Kyle Korte on a power-play) and Rohn Gaudi (from Matt Rodgers and Korte).

"We started off pretty good, then could not stay out of the box," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said.

At 2:27 of the second period, Churchill's Steven Klisz made it 4-2 from Papaionnou and Jake Otto.

Canton's Garrett Bryden

then scored on a power-play at 7:44 of the same period from Rosales and Korte.

Churchill put it away with pair of third-period goals — Otto on a short-handed effort from Klisz and Scott Hamill at 2:54 and Woynick from Otto and Papaionnou at 14:45.

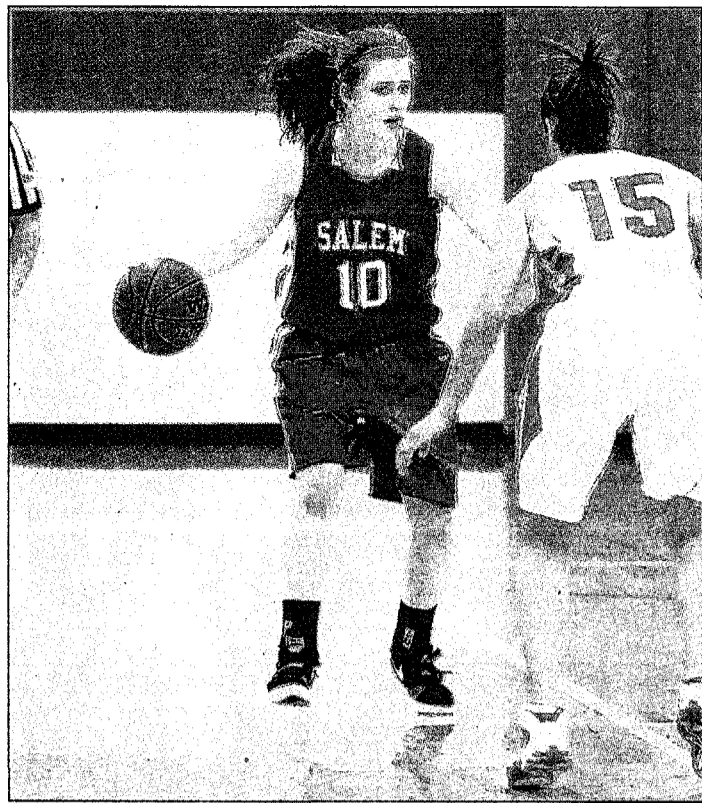
Churchill goaltender Aaron Crouse made 23-of-26 saves, while Canton's Ryan Bazner was 20-of-26.

The non-KLAA crossover game leaves Canton's overall record at 1-4-1 overall.

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Salem senior Brett deBear, shown from a recent game against Canton, was one of five Rocks to reach double figures Friday against South Lyon East.

Salem breezes to victory

The visiting Salem girls basketball team came through with flying colors Friday night against the up-tempo style of South Lyon East, rolling to a 71-37 victory.

Sara Stone and Brett deBear were outstanding for the Rocks, who improved to 4-3 and 1-0 in the KLAAs Central. Stone scored 22 points and grabbed nine rebounds while deBear tallied 18 points and six assists.

Also in double figures for Salem was Tabitha Mann (12 points, 6 boards) with Rachael Norman and Brianna Beavers chipping in with nine and six points, respectively.

"They double-teamed us all over the floor but we did a pretty good job of recognizing that," said Rocks head coach Fred Thomann. "We were moving the basketball well and finding open players. We shot a really good percentage tonight, too."

Chiefs romp

Five players reached double figures Friday night as Canton blitzed host Wayne Memorial, 68-22 in the KLAAs South openers for both teams.

The Chiefs (6-1, 1-0) built a 29-5 lead after one quarter, parlaying strong team defense and a multi-pronged offense

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but roared back with an 8-0 spurt featuring six points from Lever.

The first quarter ended 14-14 and stayed close until halftime (33-28 Wayne).

A trey by Horton got the second half off to a good start for the Zebras and a low-post bucket by Hill opened up a 38-28 edge.

Lever tried to put the Chiefs on his back and did chip the lead down to 44-39 with 2:20 left in the third, but Wayne immediately put an end to that thought with a 7-0 run to break it open again.

Among bright spots for Canton was the hard-nosed play of senior forward Kai Walther — who scored four points, but was in the face of

into an insurmountable edge. "The key for us, as it always is, is getting after it defensively," said Canton head coach Brian Samulski. "Everything else starts with defense and rebounding and the offense will flow from there."

Junior forwards Kari Schmidt (14 points, 11 rebounds, 5 steals), CarolAnn Sexauer (13 points), Sara Schmitt (12 points) and Kayla Bridges (10 points, 12 rebounds) were the top performers for the Chiefs.

Scoring nine points for Wayne (1-5, 0-1) was Holland Boertie.

Plymouth falters

Livonia Franklin roared out to a 22-5 first quarter advantage en route to a 49-39 KLAAs South Division girls basketball victory Friday night over visiting Plymouth.

Junior guard Chelsea Williams scored 11 points to pace the Patriots, who improved to 4-2 overall and 1-0 in the division.

Isis Haywood led Plymouth (1-5), which shot only 10-of-25 from the foul line, with nine points while Stacey Klonowski chipped in with seven. Three Wildcats scored six points — Rachael Hille, Alex Roberts and Danielle Desilets.

Wayne players whenever on the floor — and senior forward Brandon Duffey (eight points, three steals).

"That was Kai's best game for sure," Reddy said. "Brandon's coming along, he was hurt and missed the first two games and he's gradually getting there. He's got to be a big part for us to be successful."

Wayne's balanced attack also included nine points from Jon Bausley and seven from James Jackson.

"In the first half I didn't think we made it as tough as we needed to," Woodard said. "But we had a size advantage and probably are a little bit more athletic across the board."

"But they gave us fits, especially in the first half."

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Second half key for 'Cats, Rocks

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth outscored visiting Livonia Franklin 39-21 after halftime Friday night to earn a 60-38 boys basketball victory in the KLAAs South openers for both squads.

The Wildcats (4-2, 1-0) nursed a 21-17 edge at the break, but head coach Mike Soukup said he talked to the team at halftime about executing better defensively and in transitional play.

The result was an 18-9 third quarter to open up a comfortable 39-26 advantage.

"We were able to block out, get rebounds and get it back up the floor," said Soukup, adding that a key was shutting down Franklin's solid backcourt players from penetrating and getting to the Plymouth bucket.

Pat Salo led the Wildcats with 14 points, while Aaron Thompson (13 points), Mike Nadratowski (11 points) and Brennen Beyer (10 points) all had productive games.

For the Patriots (2-4, 0-1), Alontae McElhaney scored 13 points while Andy McCaffery added eight.

Salem prevails

Host Salem made the necessary adjustments at halftime Friday night to help escape the shackles of South Lyon East's

rope-a-dope style of play and it paid off with a 52-32 victory.

The Rocks took a 16-14 halftime lead, playing at what head coach Bob Brodie described as a very slow, methodical pace. It was a change of pace for Salem, having played the previous night against Garden City in a fast, up-tempo contest.

Brodie said his players came out for the third quarter of the KLAAs Central opener ready to dictate the play and Salem outscored East 23-10 to take a 39-24 lead into the fourth.

"We adjusted, kept our composure," Brodie said. "I'm proud of them for doing that."

For Salem (5-1, 1-0) sophomore Tyler Stewart scored 14 points and senior center Jake Peterson contributed 10. Leading the Rocks in rebounds with six was Josh Perrin.

Rocks nip GC

A 16-point performance by senior center Jake Peterson sparked visiting Salem to a 63-59 non-conference boys basketball win Thursday night over Garden City.

Junior guard Josh Perrin and sophomore forward Tyler Stewart contributed 14 and 13 points, respectively, for the Rocks (4-1) while junior forward Ethan Walsh hauled down 14 rebounds to keep the Cougars at bay.

The top scorer for Garden City was Demetrius Burton, with 23 points.

BOYS RESULTS

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Jan. 7 at John Glenn
200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Jay Jin, Ryan Boes, Brandon Tolinski, Pat Jenner), 1:49.34; 2. John Glenn (Joey Wakeford, Levi Cavender, Paul Gutu, Chase Glover), 1:50.61.
200 freestyle: 1. Kyle Kemp (C), 1:56.6; 2. Jake Ferguson (WJG), 2:01.44; 3. Matt Gran (C), 2:08.98.
200 individual medley: 1. Adrian Simion (C), 2:17.0; 2. Chris Krebs (C), 2:18.61; 3. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 2:26.95.
50 freestyle: 1. Gutu (WJG), 23.53; 2. Jenner (C), 23.61; 3. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 23.95.
1-meter diving: 1. Cody Roe (WJG), 192.45; 2. Ryan Kilgore (C), 177.90; 3. Wayne Roberts (C), 137.95.
100 butterfly: 1. Tolinski (C), 59.21; 2. Jenner (C), 1:03.76; 3. Gutu (WJG), 1:04.01.
100 freestyle: 1. Jin (C), 51.23; 2. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 57.04; 3. Eric Tian (C), 57.51.
500 freestyle: 1. Kemp (C), 5:13.36; 2. Ferguson (WJG), 5:22.6; 3. Krebs (C), 5:27.35.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Jenner, Evan Champine, Tolinski, Ryan DeFrain), 1:41.79; 2. John Glenn (Josh Wakeford, Dave Vader, Boes, Duron Govates), 1:47.26.
100 backstroke: 1. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 58.78; 2. Simion (C), 1:02.29; 3. Kylie Bindas (C), 1:16.95.
100 breaststroke: 1. Jacob Dillon (C), 1:10.67; 2. Boes (C), 1:11.52; 3. Cavender (WJG), 1:14.65.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Champine, Tolinski, Jin, DeFrain), 3:45.74; 2. John Glenn (Joey Wakeford, Josh Wakeford, Ferguson, Gutu), 3:46.05.
Dual meet records: Canton, 1-0 KLAAs South Division; John Glenn, 2-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAs South.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Salem tennis meeting

Salem Girls Tennis will hold its roundup meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25 in the Salem Library.

All new and former players and their parents should plan to attend. Please bring physicals and medical insurance information.

Players must bring a check (made out to Salem Girls Tennis) to order their uniform. It will be the only chance to order a uniform this year.

The 2010 season begins on Monday, March 15.

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Not the Detroit Lions, thankfully. The Canton Lions Junior Football and Cheerleading programs are in the midst of a recruiting drive as we speak. There will be a mail-in registration on Thursday, Jan. 21 for newcomers. Go to www.eteamz.com/cantonlions for more information.

Programs both for football and cheerleading include varsity (ages 11-14), junior varsity (ages 10-12), freshmen (ages 9-10) and junior freshmen (ages 7-8).

GCYBSA open registration

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball Association will hold open registration on Monday, Jan 11. Information for either "online" or manual registration can be found at www.GCYBSA.com. Programs are available for players ages 4-18.

Registration will remain open through March 15. Questions can be directed to cott@canton-mi.org.

Plymouth soccer signups

Plymouth Soccer Club is holding spring registration through Jan. 29 at the City of Plymouth Recreation Office during business hours (Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

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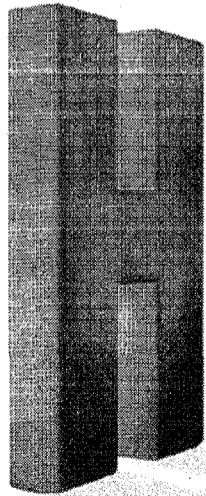
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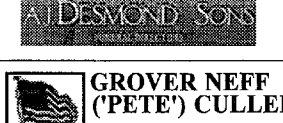
SHIRLEY M. CLARK

of Madison, NJ and formerly of Plymouth, Michigan, died Tuesday, the 22nd of December at Morristown Memorial Hospital. She was 79 years old. Born in St. Louis, MO in 1930, Shirley was pre-deceased in 2001 by her husband of 23 years, John V. Clark. She was previously married for 29 years to Arthur D. Desch, Jr. A loving and attentive mother, sister, wife, grandmother and great-grandmother, Shirley was an inspiration to all who knew her. She was a skilled artist, craftswoman, baker, role model and a pillar of strength for her entire family. Her values, positive attitude, and devotion to God and church were many of the qualities admired by her friends and family. She is survived by three children, Arthur "Russ" Desch of Visalia, CA, Pamela A. Diotte, of Interlochen, MI, and Suzanne Becker of Madison, NJ and three step-children, Diane Palm of Winona, WI, Vickie Cheek of Laurel, MD, and Debbie Clark of Springfield, VA. Additionally, Mrs. Clark had 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A memorial celebration will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at the United Methodist Church of Madison, NJ at 4pm. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 5 Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154 or the First Baptist Church, 36 Cook Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940.



MARGARET R. COOKE

January 4, 2010 Age 85. Beloved wife of the late Edward C. for 61 years. Dear mother of Kevin (Kimberly). Grandmother of Matthew (Megan), Elizabeth Taylor (Jay) and Laura. Great grandmother of Miles Cooke. Sister of the late Richard and George Galla. Funeral service Thursday 11a.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Wednesday 5-9p.m. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to St. Anne's Mead, 16106 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com



GROVER NEFF ('PETE') CULLER

81, resident of Dallas, Georgia, died on January 4, 2010 while in hospice. He was the son of Annabelle and Carson Culler of Hicksville, Ohio. He is survived by his loving wife, Johnye Culler, daughters Christine Culler/Vaughan and Cynthia Culler-Johnson and their husbands Doug Vaughan and Calvin Johnson, stepchildren Mary Davis, Susan Gordon Clark, George Clark and Bill Clark Jr. and their spouses Kenny Davis, Amy Clark, and Cindy Clark, his grandchildren Christopher Johnson, Allison Clark, Aaron Clark, Martin Wallace, Erik Clark, Andrew Clark, and brother Tom Culler. An Army veteran and marketing manager with Uniroval International, Pete lived overseas in countries as diverse as Peru, Brazil and Iran. Originally from Hicksville, Ohio, he was a world traveler and much loved by his many friends and large family. He was married to his beloved wife Johnye for thirty years, lived in Birmingham, Michigan then Gilbert, Arizona for some time after his retirement. Memorial donations may be made to Wellstar Community Hospice in Austell, Georgia.

WILLIAM DOHERTY

Age 88 of Dearborn, December 30, 2009. Beloved husband of the late Rita for 58 years. Proud father of William (Josie), Stephen (Diane) and Gregory (Julie). Grandfather of Rebecca Flack (William), William (Rafaela), Andrew, Timothy, Scott, Grant, Brett, Drake, Rachel, Jaclyn and David (deceased). Great-grandfather of Kylee and Brennan Flack. Resident of Bloomfield Hills from 1965-1982, after a long career in the computer field he retired from Ford Motor Company in 1982 as Director of Communications and Data Processing and moved to Ocean City, New Jersey. There he and his wife, Rita, enjoyed the beach and travelling the world during 16 wonderful years of retirement. They returned to Michigan in 1998 to reside at Henry Ford Village in Dearborn. Memorial services at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills at 10:30am Wednesday and Henry Ford Village Chapel, 15161 Ford Road, Dearborn at 11am Thursday. Suggested memorials to the Henry Ford Village Scholarship Fund or Henry Ford Hospice.

JERALD H. FALLOT

January 1, 2010, age 77. Born in St. Louis, Missouri and raised in Plymouth, Michigan. Graduated from Plymouth High School in 1950 and served in the United States Army during the Korean War. An avid golfer, hunter and country and western dancer. Beloved husband of Virginia for 59 years. Dear father of Pamela Truskowski and Brad (Susan) Falloit. Grandfather of Elizabeth, Lindsay and William. Services were private. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com.

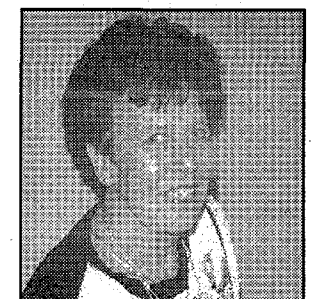
WILLIAM COURTNEY FAY

January 7, 2010 age 88. Beloved husband of the late Mary Lee. Loving father of Jane (Ken) Hilbert and William (Jean) Fay. Dear grandfather of Matthew (Courtney), Vail, Ashley, Kelsey and Robert and great-grandfather of Sophia and Anais. Brother of Arthur (Dee) Fay and the late David and Jean. Dear friend of Lucille "Lou" Gilbertson. William was a Captain and Fighter Pilot in the U.S. Air Force during WWII in the European Theater. Visitation at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi (248) 348-1800 Friday 3-9 PM. Funeral Liturgy at St. James Church, 46325 10 Mile Rd. Novi, Saturday 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans or to the charity of your choice. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



MICHAEL A. GROFF

January 4, 2010, age 44 of Canton. Beloved husband of Rose. Loving father of JoAnna and Michael S. Dear son of Geraldine and the late John. Dear brother of Peggy Muraske, Mary, John (Wendy), Karen (Larry) Allman and the late Paul (Georgette). Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Friday 10 AM until 10:30 AM funeral mass at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren (west of Sheldon) Canton. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



DELORES THERESA (MCCARTHY) HOLINSKI

Went into the loving hands of Our Lord on January 3, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Holinski, her eldest son, Daniel Holinski, grandson, David Holinski, and a brother, Vincent McCarthy. She is survived by her sons, Gregory (Debbie) Holinski, Edward (Lisa) Holinski, Barry (Ronnie) Holinski, Gerry Holinski, and Jimmy Holinski; daughters, Cindy (Sanford) Simon and Cary (Cory) Weis; the brother, Erv (Mac) McCarthy; and sister, Marge Hoover. Another part of her legacy are her 25 grandchildren, many great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Her greatest love and dedication were to her family that God blessed her with. A Funeral Liturgy will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 2099 N. Hacker Road in Hartland Twp. on Friday, Jan. 8, at 10:30AM. Burial will follow at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Thursday 2-9PM. Rosary Thursday 7PM. Memorials may be made in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or for Masses to be prayed in her name at St. John's. For further information please phone: 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

DONALD W. JOHNSON

Of Redford, MI. Died: January 5, 2010. Funeral Monday 11 a.m. at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Livonia, 734-522-6200. griffinfuneralhome.com



FRANCES MARCHINKO, LPN

A former resident of Clawson, December 30, 2009. Age 94. Wife of the late Stephen Marchinko (1981). Sister of Henry "Hank" Klobucar (Cheryl) and the late Mary, Steven, and Rose Tomac, Frank and William Klobucar and Antonia Babich. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. Services and burial have been held. Memorial tributes to Guardian Angels Church 581 E. 14 Mile, Clawson, MI 48017. A. J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

MADELYN AKINS PADGETT

March 5, 1920-Dec. 31, 2009

Madelyn Akins Padgett, age 89, of Farmington Hills, died on December 31, 2009. She was the only child of Dewey and Mary Akins of Tattall County Georgia and was a graduate of the University of Georgia. Madelyn is survived by her husband, Lewis O. Padgett, Jr., of Farmington Hills. They have been married for 59 years and have resided in the Novi/Farmington area for over 40 years. Madelyn is survived by her children, Karen (Charles) Manz of Amherst, MA, Lewis O. Padgett III (Patty) of Atlanta, GA and Tom (Lynn) of Farmington Hills. She has two granddaughters, Kathryn Manz and Kimberley Padgett, and four grandsons, Christopher Manz, Scott Padgett, Drew Padgett and Max Padgett. She leaves behind other family and friends including those at the Botsford Commons Continuing Care Community in Farmington Hills. Madelyn enjoyed family life, golf, music, travel and has been a faithful member of Orchard United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills. Funeral services were held at Orchard United Methodist Church on Monday, January 4, 2010 with the Reverends Carol Johns and Jim Braid officiating. Burial followed the funeral at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park, Livonia.

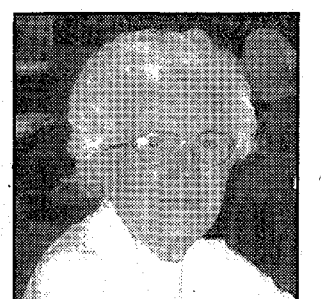
A memorial will be held for EDWARD P. ROWLAND

51, on January 12th, 2010 at 11 am at the First Congregational Church of Wayne in Wayne, MI. A lunch will be held after the services. Please call (734) 956-5877 to confirm attendance, as a head count is needed.



SUZANNE RAE SCHREIBER

Sunrise August 20, 1947 - Sunset December 20, 2009 at the age of 62. She was the dear fiancée of James Beamer. Beloved mother of Frank R. Schreiber and Christi (fiance Archie) Schreiber. Dear sister of Nancy (Gary) Pride, Robert J. Mettetal II and Steven Ross. Former wife of Frank E. Schreiber. Niece of Doris Close. She was preceded in death by her parents Robert J. and Olive Jeanne Mettetal. Suzanne formerly worked as a cashier at CVS, Kroger in Plymouth and Farmer Jack in Canton. She was the main balerena in Swan Lake at the age of 13. She went skydiving twice, the last time at the age of 53. She was one of the riders in a B-25 that her mother rented for her husband's 80th birthday. She loved to fish and roller skate at Riverside. A Memorial Gathering will take place Saturday, January 16th, 2010, 10:30am to 11:30am, at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland. Memorials may be made to the church. To share a special thought or memory www.schrader-howell.com



BARBARA M. WEBB

January 2, 2010, age 86 of Bloomfield. Loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. Wife of the late George Henry Webb for 59 years. Dear mother of Barbara Bufford-Thacker, Dianne Abbott (George), Ann Winter (John) and Patty Webb. Also survived by seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Funeral service Monday 2p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Sunday 2-8p.m. Memorial tributes to Evans Scholars Foundation, 1 Briar Rd., Golf, IL 60029. View obituary and share memories at: www.desmondfuneralhome.com

HILDA WOLKE

December 28, 2009, age 94. Hilda died peacefully after a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her husbands, John M. Ellsworth and Homer A. Wolke. Survived by daughter Linda J. (James) Oldfield of Canton, and son John R. (Germaine Gaudet) Ellsworth of San Jose, California and several nieces and nephews. She emigrated from Liverpool, England during October 1923 with her parents, Edward and Emily Newman, siblings Emily, Albert Edward and Arthur and settled in Dearborn, Michigan where she graduated from Fordson High School in 1933 and Grace Nursing School with an RN degree in 1938. She had a keen interest in music, opera, and literature and demonstrated artistic talents in painting and needlework. A Memorial Service will be held 11AM Thursday January 7th at St. John Episcopal Church 574 S. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the church. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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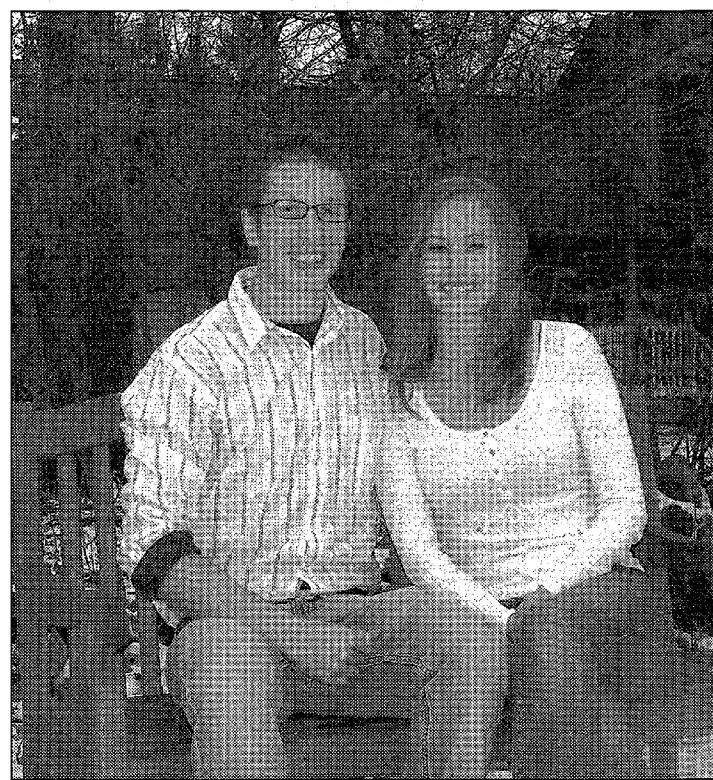
MAY WEDDING PLANNED

Mr. and Mrs. John Westrick of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Therese, to Brian James Clement, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Clement of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 2007 graduate of Bradley University in Peoria, Ill., with a B.S. degree in biochemistry. She is pursuing her doctorate in biochemistry at the University of North Carolina.

The groom-elect is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and 2007 graduate of Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa with a B.A. degree in athletic training. He is employed by North Carolina A&T State University as an athletic trainer while pursuing his Masters degree in sports psychology.

A May 2010 wedding is planned at Fox Hills in Plymouth.



Westrick-Clement

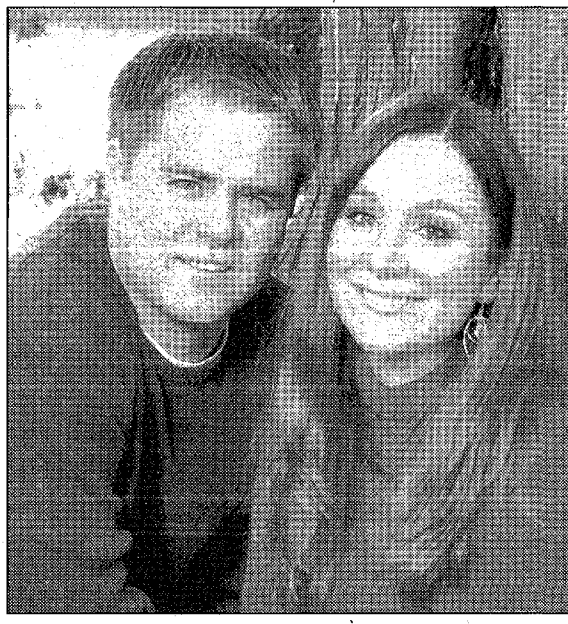
JUNE WEDDING PLANNED

Michelle Lynn Mamo of Redford and David John Stando of Canton announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Alex and Terri Mamo of Redford, is a 2001 graduate of Redford Union High School. She received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in marketing from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 2005. She is employed as an associate director of institutional research at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and is pursuing an MBA from Wayne State University.

Her fiancé, son of Michael and Ann Stando of Livonia, is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in finance from Michigan State University in 2003. He is employed as a budget analyst for NSK Corporation in Ann Arbor and is pursuing an MBA from Wayne State University.

A June wedding is planned.



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NEIGHBORS

Undomesticated

Plymouth artist created a 'plan b' for his living space

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

An oxygen tank hangs over the stove, creating a sense of danger in the kitchen at Kevin Ewing's Plymouth home.

Nearby a steel table — reminiscent of an autopsy gurney — has replaced the traditional dining furniture.

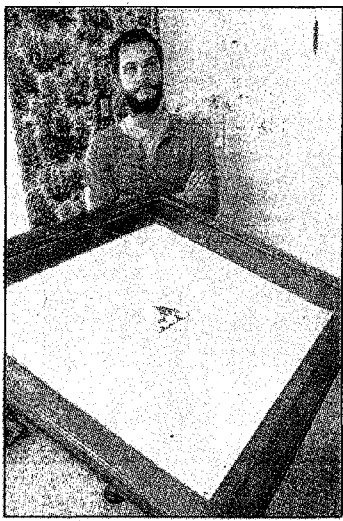
Downstairs in the basement, a continuous video loop of spiders adds to the creepy, cave-like setting.

And in the living room, a taxidermied deer head seems disturbingly out of place resting sideways amid fluffy fur fabric, rather than staring glassy-eyed from the wall.

"I find it to be a comforting thing. I feel more at home — surrounded by art — than I would in other ways," Ewing said of his combined home and contemporary art gallery. "For the public, it's going to be quite different. It will be interesting. I'm not sure how the local community will react to it."

"Having this place in Plymouth is interesting because Plymouth has always been a conservative town," he added, pointing out that contemporary art may "shake things up."

Ewing, an artist who also teaches at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, will get a chance to gauge public opinion over the next month during "Undomesticated" the inau-



Northville artist Josh Newth is known for his detailed drawings.



Kevin Ewing shows Brandon Belknap's works, which combine sketches, photos and an installation.

gural show at plan B gallery. It opened Saturday, Jan. 9 and continues noon-4 p.m. Thursday-Sunday through Jan. 30. (734) 834-3827

Thirteen artists are displaying their contemporary works in seven rooms, including the kitchen and basement, throughout Ewing's home, at 167 S. Union, in a residential area of downtown Plymouth.

"We've subverted the space. A home usually is comfortable place and it's no longer that way," Ewing said, describing the Undomesticated theme. "When you walk into the kitchen you find some of the most intimidating pieces." Those works, including Brian Nelson's oxygen tank sculpture that incorporates Ewing's stove, makes the kitchen, generally a warm and inviting space, feel "almost dangerous."

"A lot of the work that references domesticity is about taking it and doing something else with it."

DOLLS TO DRAWINGS

Not all of the pieces evoke a sense of fear or danger. They range from abject and grotesque to humorous and beautiful. The collection includes a series of transvestite dolls made by an untrained artist, as well as the detailed drawings of Josh Newth, a Northville artist who teaches at Wayne State.



Julia DeClerck's exotic-looking ring delivers a "spider bite" when touched. Two prongs poke through the top of the piece, which is made of shell.

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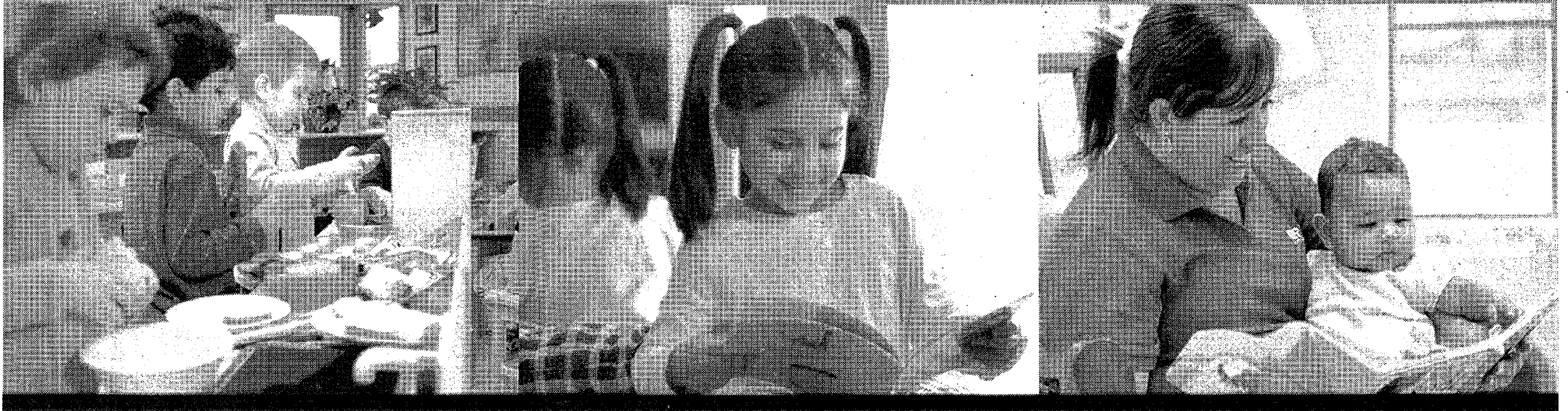
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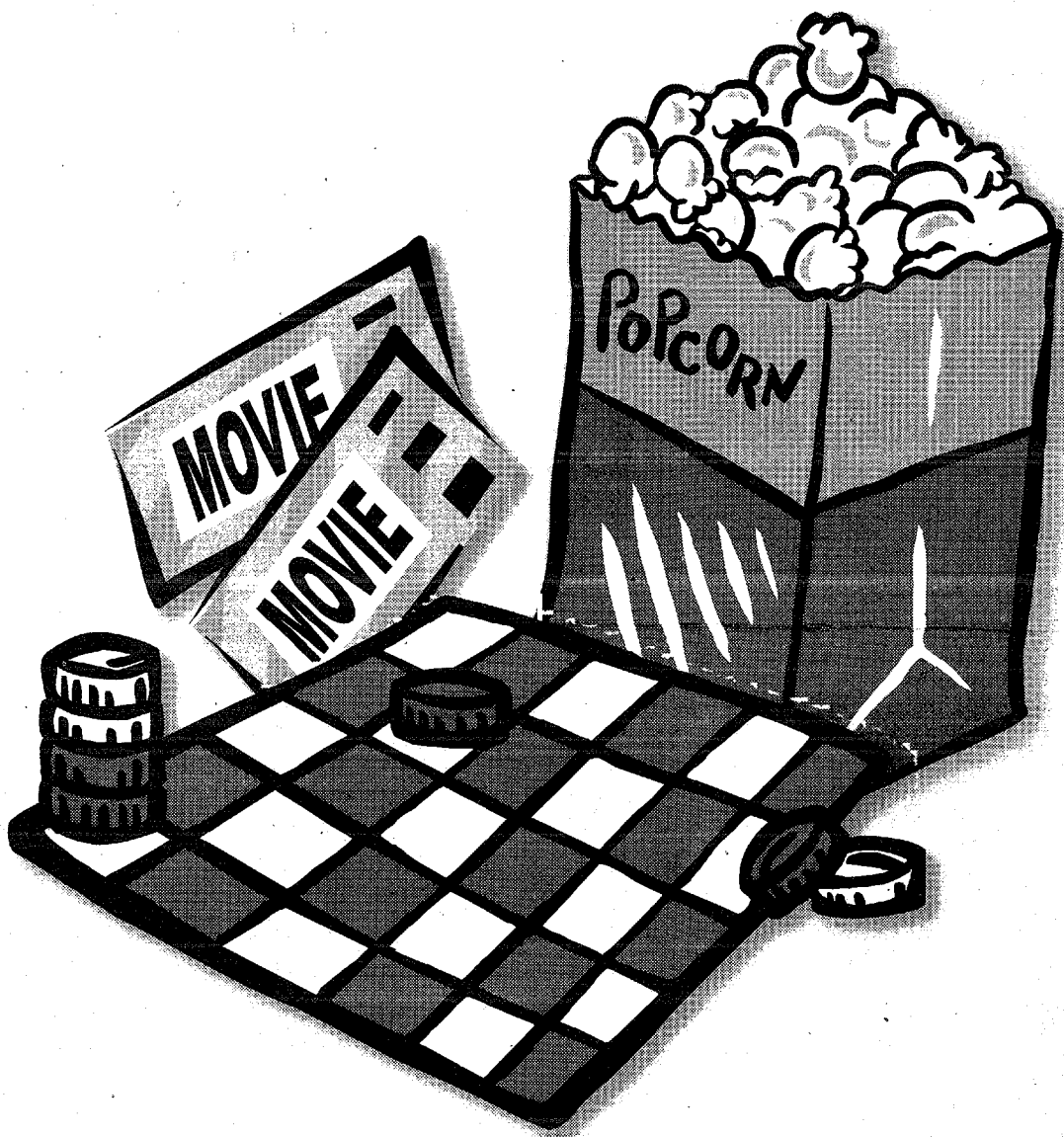
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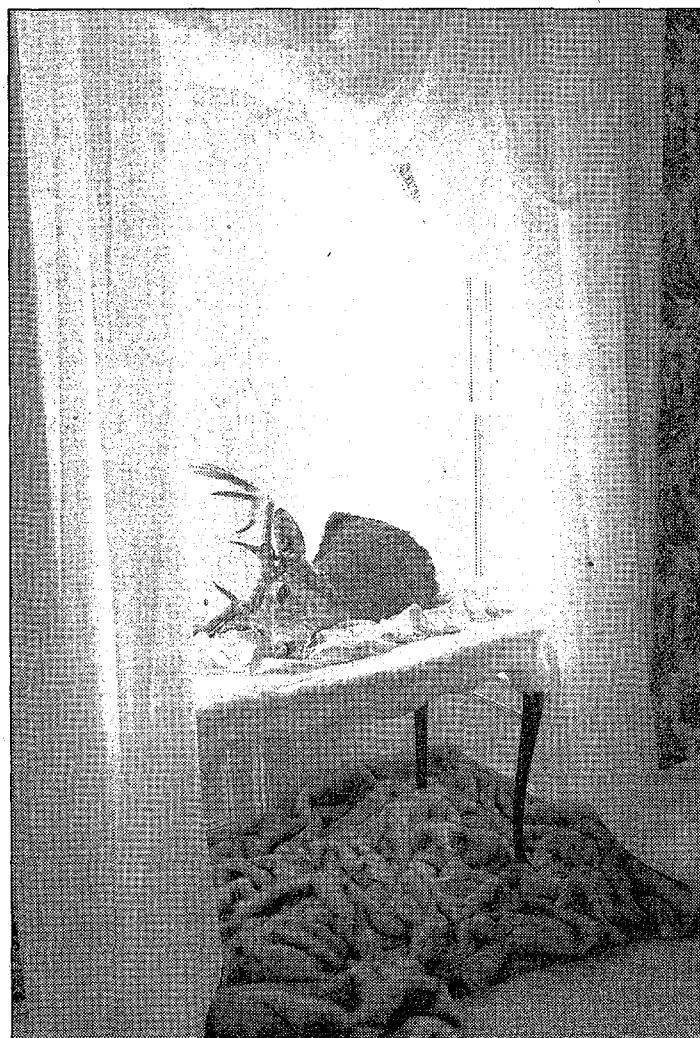


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One of Kevin Ewing's art pieces rests in the bay window of his Plymouth home. It's part of the "Undomesticated" art show that opened there Saturday.

Women to Work helps with employment

Women who've been out of the workforce due to family responsibilities for some time aren't alone.

Judy Richmond, Women to Work coordinator for Southfield-based Jewish Vocational Services, heads up a program for those women and other job seekers.

An informational meeting for the Women to Work program will be 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at JVS offices, 29699 Southfield Road, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Southfield. The first session will be Jan. 26, with sessions held Tuesdays and Thursdays for five weeks 9 a.m. to noon.

Feb. 25 is the final session for the program, sponsored free of charge for participants by Charter One Bank.

"Our numbers are constantly growing. The demand is on an upturn," Richmond said. The program helps people become more realistic in terms of job goals, and more focused as a result of an assessment.

"We are seeing more people finding jobs, definitely." The program's intended for women out of the paid workforce for some time, but also open to men. It's unusual to get men, and a man once asked for the "Misplaced Housewives" program.

"You know, I thought of a few housewives who would like to

be misplaced now and again," Richmond said jokingly.

She said today's job seekers must look harder, and need more assistance. "That's where JVS sort of comes in to play. They need to enhance their ability to network. Often people find they get their best leads as a result of networking."

You must register in advance for the Women to Work program at (248) 233-4232 with Richmond. The service is free and there are no geographical or religious limits.

Sessions cover resumes, job interviewing, job search strategies, identifying skills and abilities, stress management, and success in the workplace. "We've even added a piece called financial literacy," she said. People now need more help managing finances during unemployment and times of transition.

Women to Work has been offered by JVS at least 20 years. It draws from throughout the metro area, mostly the northern suburbs. "But it's open to people from everywhere. People just find a way to get here if they need to," Richmond said, noting she's had people from as far as Howell. The group has gone up to 16-18 members in the past couple years.

-By Julie Brown

PLAN B

FROM PAGE B5

Newth and Ewing both attended graduate school together at Wayne State, where they earned degrees in painting and then began working in other media.

"We came up with the (gallery) idea this summer," Ewing said. "I was already living here."

He had returned from teaching a year in Ohio and was looking for a way to reconnect with other artists. The idea snowballed.

POSITIVE IMPACT

"We said let's do it ourselves. It's D.I.Y.," Ewing said, adding

that he hopes the new space will help diminish the sense of anxiety felt by many people, including other artists, in a poor economic climate.

"We're all working multiple jobs," he noted. "Any time you can get people together it's positive."

Ewing said he'll miss living with the Undomesticated works when the show ends, but will create another exhibit to take its place.

In the meantime, he hopes visitors will reflect about their own lives as they view the current collection.

"It's not so much about needing to like contemporary art because contemporary art is cool...it has nothing to do with that," Ewing said. "To me it's about sense of self and learning about yourself."

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PAST INJURY AND PRESENT PAIN

When a patient presents with shoulder or knee pain, a doctor inevitably asks: "Did you ever injure the joint?"

If the patient answers: "No," the doctor may probe further, inquiring about any long past motorcycle or auto accidents, falls from ladders or serious slips climbing hills or going down basement stairs.

Most people have experienced such accidents at some time in their lives, but few expect that years later the experience will come back to hurt them. True, the chances are small but not impossible.

The reason is related to the way the body heals its damaged ligaments and tendons. Healing occurs in stages. The first stage is clearing away the debris of injury, the second stage is the laying down of calcium that acts as scaffolding for the third and final stage, of replacing the torn ligament and tendon with new tissue.

An error or obstacle may occur at any stage that interferes with complete resolution of the original injury. Most often, the difficulty in repair occurs between the second and third stage of healing. The tendon or ligament and in the case of the knee, the meniscus, remodels so that a great deal of new tissue is in place, but a portion of the original calcium scaffolding remains. The injured area continues to function but at the same time is at risk for breakdown of the initial repair.

The purpose of the doctor's questioning is to evaluate this possibility and undertake appropriate examination or imaging to uncover or eliminate this cause from consideration.

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REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Detroit Pershing Class of 1960
50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Farmington High School Class of 1970
Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblenn@aol.com.

Garden City High School Class of 1960
Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Garden City West Class of 1970
40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Dearborn Heights Haston High Class of 1965
45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at patkopczyk@aol.com.

Oak Park High School Class of 1980
30th reunion, July 2-4; for information e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com

Warren Fitzgerald Class of 1974
35-year reunion, 6 a.m.-midnight, March 20, at Crank's Enchantment Banquet Center, 46915 Hayes, at 21 Mile, in Shelby Township. Tickets are \$30. Call Louise DeLuca at (248) 496-8916 or Lisa Zientek, (586) 291-7998.

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New treatment uses cadaver bone to sculpt shoulder

The shoulder is the most commonly dislocated joint in the human body, occurring most often in young, athletic people. New research from the University of Michigan Health System shows patients who have recurrent shoulder dislocations may benefit from surgical reconstruction using cadaver bone and cartilage to essentially "sculpt" a new shoulder.

For some patients, standard stability-restoring procedures are ineffective.

"We've been looking at defects of the humeral head, which is the ball part of the shoulder, and the effects of those (defects) on recurrent instability following surgical repair," said Jon Sekiya, M.D., surgeon and associate professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. "We really looked at this bio-mechanically and we've been able to show that certain lesion sizes are at greater risk (for repeated dislocation)."

The study showed that even small defects and small divots in the humeral head can cause biomechanical consequences which can affect stability. A new technique was developed because standard procedures meant to tighten the ligaments and repair the tissues responsible for stabilizing the joint do not address bone defects.

"The most common way to reconstruct or stabilize a shoulder joint is a soft tissue repair, which is repairing the

capsule and ligaments that hold the joint in place and this is (usually) very successful," Sekiya said. "But in situations where there's missing bone ... the soft tissues see forces that are much higher than they can withstand and they fail."

Repeated dislocations affect quality of life

Brett Mann, a former wrestler, age 33 from Dexter, knows the effects of repeated shoulder dislocations and failed surgeries all too well.

"I started wrestling at four years old and pretty much every other sport I could get my hands on. I've always been athletic and active," Mann said. "My shoulder dislocates sometimes once or twice a night if I'm not wearing my sling. From all the dislocations, I've chipped away a lot of the bone and pieces of bone have broken off so it actually doesn't stay in the socket."

For patients like Mann, the pain can be excruciating and quality of life can be affected.

"I've had six previous surgeries and I haven't always followed the rules, but I'm seeing Dr. Sekiya for surgery number seven," he said. "If I'm not wearing my sling, I'll go to reach and grab for something and it will come out. Sometimes I can't get it back in so I have to go to the hospital. My main goal is for the pain to go away and just to be able to golf. All the other stuff I can forget about."

SCULPTING A NEW JOINT

To sculpt the new joint, surgeons take cadaver cartilage and bone from both the cup part of the shoulder, the socket, called the glenoid, and the humeral head, which is the ball of the upper arm bone. They match the shape and size to the patient's joint and fix it to areas missing tissue and bone.

"We transfer and transplant the tissue from a cadaver to a human by matching it with X-rays to make sure the sizes are appropriate then in surgery we actually shape it to be the same shape and consistency as the patient and then secure it in there and let it heal," said Sekiya, who is also a team physician in the U-M Athletic Department. "We've been very successful at this. We've been able to stabilize shoulders that have been dislocating recurrently and have even failed one, two, sometimes three surgical procedures that did not address the bone and cartilage damage."

Arthur Goldston, age 37 from Westland, sustained a fracture to his shoulder during a seizure due to a severe meningitis infection.

"I had come home from work and I was a little tired, little hot so I took a drink and I laid on the couch and 16 hours later I was awake and in a hospital," he said. "They told me that it was meningitis, bacterial meningitis, and somewhere during those 16

hours I fractured the shoulder, probably during a seizure."

GAINING FULL MOTION

Once Goldston recovered, his shoulder was very stiff and in a sling.

"They had a sling on it, but I could only move from the elbow of the forearm down to the wrist. That was the only movement I could get on my shoulder because it was out of socket backwards," he said. "So they had to go in and do a cadaver bone and tissue on my shoulder, which the doctor told me that the chances of the operation in the shoulder could be maybe 80 percent of what it was originally."

Eight months after the surgery, Goldston says he's fully recovered.

"It's been eight months since my surgery and my shoulder's 100 percent, full motion. There's nothing that I can't do. Anything I could do before my injury I can do now and I can do it better."

Sekiya says anyone who has had repeated shoulder dislocation, or failed surgical attempts to repair the problem, should discuss the possibility of bone defects in their shoulder joint with their physician.

Sekiya practices at MedSport, the University of Michigan Health System's sports medicine clinic. MedSport: <http://www.med.umich.edu/medsport/>

NEW FACES

Elected president

Jodie Sengstock, a doctor at Garden City Hospital, was elected president of the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association Board of Directors. She is serving a two-year term.

Sengstock attended Wayne State University from 1998-2002 and earned a Medical Degree from Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio. She completed her residency, Rotating Podiatric Medicine, at Mercy Hospital in Detroit.

Sengstock has practiced podiatric medicine since 1997 and has been an associate at Feet First Podiatry in West Bloomfield for eight years. She's also a Staff Physician at Garden City Hospital in Garden City, as well as a diplomat for the American Board of Primary Podiatric Medicine and Orthopedics. She and her husband, David, have two children.

Sengstock received the Dr. Arthur J. Wessfield Memorial Award for Excellence in Podopediatrics in 1996, Award for Excellence in Physical Diagnosis in 1996, Podiatrist of the Year, Southeast Division, MPMA in 2004, and Meritorious Service Award, APMA in 2008.

At Children's Hospital

Four new physicians have been added to the hospital's roster of pediatric experts. They are:

• Jeffery Catrambone, MD, neurological surgeon, specializes in the treatment of brain tumors, craniofacial reconstruction, hydrocephalus, image-guided neurosurgery and pediatric trauma. Before joining the Children's Hospital of Michigan, Catrambone was attending physician for the Department of Neurological Surgery and director of pediatric neurotrauma at the Neurological Institute of New Jersey in Newark, N.J.

• Joseph Failla, MD, CAQ, is a respected orthopedic surgeon specializing in surgery of the hand. Before joining the Children's Hospital of Michigan, Failla was adjunct staff at Henry Ford Health System and held consecutive staff positions at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital, DMC Huron Valley-Hospital, and Providence Hospital.

• Julie Kovach, MD, is a cardiologist specializing in the treatment of adult congenital heart disease. She previously was a cardiologist with Jackson Cardiology Associates in Jackson.

• Larisa Kovacevic, MD, is a nephrologist in the department of urology. Kovacevic completed a fellowship in the pediatric nephrology division at the Children's Hospital of Michigan before joining its staff.

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