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Pie time

Grand Traverse Pie Co. on Ann Arbor Road (west of Haggerty) in Plymouth celebrates National Pie Day today (Sunday). Patrons who buy any full entree receive a free slice of pie.

Sagear scholarship

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District high school senior who has overcome adversity with its annual Sandra Sagear Rotary Scholarship.

Club officials are looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier. They have also shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community. The recipient of this award will receive a scholarship.

The award is named after Sandra Sagear, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with polio. To download an application, go to: <http://www.storytellerdesign.com/Portals/4/2011ApplicationScholarRotary.pdf>.

Super Bowl recipes

Super Bowl Sunday is still a couple of weeks away, but it's not too soon to begin planning party menus.

What will you serve for the big game on Sunday, Feb. 6? Do you have a favorite recipe for appetizers, snacks or an entree that's perfect for hungry fans?

We're compiling Super Bowl recipes for an upcoming issue and we don't want to miss out on yours. Send recipe, your name, city of residence and a telephone number by e-mail to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Got a photo from last year's Super Bowl party that you organized or attended? Send it along, too, in jpg format attached to the e-mail. Identify individuals in the image by first and last name, as well as city of residence.

If mailing, send to Dargay at the Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226. But hurry, deadline for submissions is today (Sunday).

Make hearts sing

If Cupid's arrow hit the mark, we'd like to hear about it.

Tell us in 200 words or less your favorite or most memorable love story and we'll share it with readers in an upcoming issue. Include a photo of yourself. You'll also be in the running to win dinner for two or movie tickets.

The deadline for submissions is Feb. 1. Include your name, city of residence, telephone number and e-mail address and send to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Make sure the photo is attached as a jpg. Or mail submissions to Dargay at the Observer, 615 W. Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.



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Plymouth City Commissioner Ed Hingelberg, state Rep. Kurt Heise and Red Wing Tomas Holmstrom get ready to cut the ice ribbon – with a chainsaw instead of scissors.

Deep chill sets stage for city's ice festival

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Stay warm.

That was the watchword Friday afternoon at the Plymouth Ice Festival, which opened to blisteringly cold temperatures.

The 29th annual festival, at Kellogg Park and streets around downtown Plymouth, features more than 100 ice sculptures, collegiate carving competitions, a Dueling Chainsaws speed-carving event Saturday, and sponsor and refreshment booths. There's also a Hot Spot warming tent, live entertainment Saturday and Sunday, and activities for children, including a petting zoo and pony rides, Saturday and Sunday.

The festival continues through 6 p.m. Sunday.

The deep chill didn't bother carver Jeff Wolf, an instructor in the culinary arts program at Macomb Community College. Wolf was working Friday on a snow princess sculpture in Kellogg Park, and leading a team of MCC students, who planned to enter team and individual carving contests.

It was Wolf's 27th Plymouth festival.

"It's a good opportunity for our students to get involved in large carving events," he said. MCC students were preparing, he said, for the national collegiate ice-carving championship in Frankmunth next weekend. "This is kind of a warmup for that," he said.

Did he say warmup?

Wolf's snow princess was in its early stages Friday; MCC also had other sculptures in the park. Made of 10 fused blocks of ice — each weighing about 350 pounds — the snow princess was sponsored by Johnson Controls.

Other pieces in the Kellogg Park sculpture garden included an earth mover (sponsored by Wade



Jeff Wolf is a culinary arts and ice carving instructor at Macomb County Community College. He works on an icy angel on Friday, the opening night of the Plymouth Ice Festival.

ICE FESTIVAL CONTINUES THROUGH SUNDAY

The 29th annual Plymouth Ice Festival continues through Sunday in Kellogg Park and downtown Plymouth. The show offers more than 100 sculptures, live entertainment, carving competitions, refreshments and more. The sculpture garden in Kellogg Park features 40-50 sculptures; other sculptures are displayed throughout downtown.

Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free.

Events planned for Sunday include a petting zoo, scavenger hunt and pony rides for children, during show hours, on Forest Avenue between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing. Kids are also invited to bring their skis and snowboards to the free snow hill on Ann Arbor Trail between Union and Main streets. The hill is provided by the Otsego Club, a resort near Gaylord.

Also Sunday, Steve King and the Dittilies, an ice festival favorite, will appear 1-4 p.m. on Penniman. The Bluescasters are tentatively scheduled to perform Sunday on Forest during the same hours.

Judging for the team carving competition is scheduled for 3 p.m., and an awards ceremony is planned for 4:30 p.m. at the main stage, at Penniman and Union.

Trim, an engineering firm), a tow truck (sponsored by Enterprise Rent-a-Car), a leaping dolphin (Renewal by Anderson), a ladybug (Engraving Connection) and a loaded forklift (Frazo Forklifts).

Hunter Cheston of Plymouth Township, who was there with his mother, Michele, said he liked the

animal sculptures the best, particularly a rabbit figure he spotted.

Michele Cheston said her family's been attending the festival annually for about 10 years. It isn't necessarily Hunter's favorite event in Plymouth, however. "I like all the festivals," he said.

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Locals await details of Snyder's vision

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gov. Rick Snyder's first State of the State message, upbeat in tone and ambitious in scope, was warmly received by Plymouth area legislators who attended the speech Wednesday in Lansing.

Snyder, a businessman-turned-politician who took office Jan. 1, broadly outlined his

Colbeck co-sponsors plans MBT repeal, A6. for re-inventing

Michigan's government, and reducing its costs, while at the same time creating jobs and pulling the state from a nearly decade-long economic slump.

"It was very good," said Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton Township, a freshman who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township. "I think it got to the answers everyone was looking for."

Colbeck said he liked Snyder's focus on job-creation and "the sense of urgency associated with it."

Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, called the speech "businesslike" and said it used a "classic business model" of setting objectives and promising to report back on the progress toward them.

"I really think that he's setting the stage for the incoming budget, which I think is

going to be the real reflective measure of his priorities," Heise said. The state faces a projected budget shortfall of \$1.8 billion for its next fiscal year, which begins in October.

Snyder said his budget proposal would be released in mid-February, and urged legislators to finish their work on it by the end of May. Snyder also said he'd have a two-year budget in order to better plan ahead.

Both Heise and Colbeck said they liked Snyder's proposal to eliminate the Michigan Business Tax and replace it with a flat corporate tax.

"That sends a message across the bow that Michigan is finally getting serious about job growth," said Colbeck, the owner of a small business.

Both Heise and Colbeck also said they were interested in plans for a second bridge to Canada across the Detroit River, but that they want to see specific plans for financing it.

Two local leaders were more cautious in their praise. The devil will be in the details, said Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume.

"We're going to have to see the details to the budget to see how this percolates down," he said.

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Freshman Rep. Kurt Heise (left) agreed with Gov. Rick Snyder's vision during Snyder's visit to Plymouth in October.

Dealers expect sales surge after auto show

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
STAFF WRITER

Moving the crowds from the displays to the showrooms will be the true test of the 2011 North American International Auto Show ending today.

Chris Jeannotte, sales manager of Bob Jeannotte Buick GMC in Plymouth, believes 2011 will be a strong year for all the auto makers — and GM in particular.

"The biggest thing I've noticed is how people are excited that GM turned the corner," he said. "They know we're back making vehicles that are superior in quality and design."

The Plymouth Township dealership is remodeling its showroom and offices, a task that should be complete in the next 12 months. Jeannotte also noted customers will see the Verano in the fall and the all-new mini Buick Enclave in 2012.

"Ford has come to the party," said Mike Schrieber, sales manager for Bill Brown Ford in Livonia. "We have the best incentives in leasing that we've had in years — and we have lots of inventory. I expect sales will be phenomenal between now and the end of the month."

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Open house

Plymouth Christian Preschool and Plymouth Christian Academy will host an open house for prospective families 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. Parents can meet the teachers, explore the curriculum, and tour the facilities. Check the website at www.plymouth-christian.org for more information on academic, athletic and extracurricular opportunities. PCA is located at 43065 Joy Road in Canton, between Lilley and Morton Taylor Roads.

Damaris scholarship

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will recognize a Plymouth-Canton School district senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field with its annual awarding of the Damaris Fine Arts Scholarship.

To download an application, go to: <http://www.storytellerdesign.com/Portals/4/2011Damarisaward.pdf>

Museummania benefit

The Plymouth Historical

Museum's annual auction and benefit dinner, "Museummania," will be held Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. The doors open at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m.

The evening includes a live auction and raffle, with items available for viewing when the doors open. Auction and raffle items include a commemorative Daisy BB Gun, wine, antiques, jewelry, gift certificates from local merchants and restaurants, gift baskets and much more.

Following the live auction, diners will be treated to the talk "Those Damned Black Hat Boys": A Short History of the 24th Michigan Infantry in the Civil War, with John Gibney. Gibney is the director of the Monroe County Historical Museum. Period dress (Civil War era) is encouraged, but not required.

Tickets are \$60 per person if purchased by Jan. 26 and \$70 per person after that date, so get your tickets now. Ticket price includes the talk, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, plated gourmet dinner & dessert, and the opportunity to bid on the live auction & raffle. Tickets are being sold at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, and on the Museum's website at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html>. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.



Chili winners

Officials at the VFW Post 6695 are thanking those who took part in, and the 100 people who came to watch, the first Chili Cookoff sponsored by the club's Ladies Auxiliary. Money raised in the event goes to help all veterans. Pictured are Patti Bielskis (Ladies Auxiliary President), Mike Smith, (third place), Julie Little (second place), Ruth Barnhill (first place) and Dave Reeves (Commander VFW Post 6695). The club plans to do it again next winter, and is also still collecting cell phones. For details, call (734) 459-6700.

www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

Scholarships available

Community Financial Credit Union, in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Plymouth (CFP) and the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation

(AAACF), will be awarding 11 scholarships worth \$1,000 each in April.

Applications can only be made online by going to <http://scholarships.egrant.org>, creating an account and logging in. Follow the instructions carefully and read the guidelines for the "Community Financial Margaret Dunning and

George Lawton Scholarships." Those who qualify can complete just one application to be considered for both scholarships.

One of the eligibility requirements is that the scholarship applicant must have had an account at Community Financial for at least six months. An application, transcripts and two letters of recommendation must be submitted online, and four copies of this information must be mailed to Community Financial, attention: Debbie Dunbar, 500 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 and received by March 4.

Hoodies needed

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee is working with the Warm Hearts organization to collect warm hoodies, in all sizes, for those in need during these cold winter months from now until Jan. 31.

The committee is particularly targeting the weekend of the Ice Festival (Jan. 21-23). New sweatshirts are preferred, but gently worn (laundered) ones will also be accepted. Chamber officials will be dropping off posters to all downtown merchants and asking them to find a box or some sort of container to collect the donations that are dropped off at the business.

Chamber officials will collect them all the first week of February and they will be distributed through area shelters

and churches.

Warm Hearts is a 501© non-profit organization dedicated to providing assistance to those in need. For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

Preschool art

Bring some color and fun into the winter months with a Preschool Art Class at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Instructor Lisa Howard will explore a variety of art projects with 4- and 5-year-olds in her Littlest Artist Studio. Sessions run on Tuesday mornings (starting Feb. 15) for five weeks, the last week is a special art show for friends and family to attend.

For the younger preschooler, PCAC offers "You and Me Together" a class designed for toddlers and preschoolers (ages 2½-4) and a parent, grandparent or caregiver. Sessions begin Wednesday morning, Feb. 16 and run for five weeks. Cost for either class is \$80 per session (\$65 for PCAC members).

Classes are open to all, and are held at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road (just south of M-14), Plymouth, MI 48170. You may register by phone 734-416-4278 or drop in during normal business hours.

To find out more information about these classes or for information on all PCAC programs please visit: www.plymoutharts.com.

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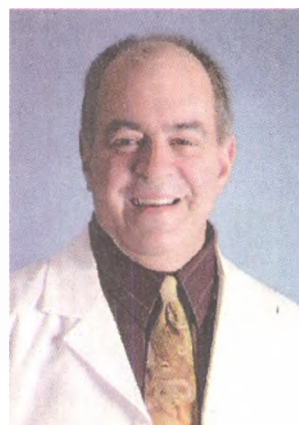
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Arts council debuts new Plymouth concert series

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The success of a local folk music program has prompted the Plymouth Community Arts Council to launch a series of concerts in its low-key, neighborhood setting.

The Plymouth-based PCAC will debut the Saturday Night Music Series at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, with the All Directions Band, a jazz and rhythm-and-blues ensemble with Detroit-area roots dating back more than 30 years. Guest performers will include Ralph McKee on steel guitar and African carimba and the duo Red Sky at Nite.

"We're kind of an interesting group, kind of an eclectic group of musicians," said Mike Ager of Canton Township, who plays keyboards with All Directions and is one of its original members.

Ager is also a PCAC board member. He said the arts group wants to give musicians a local space in which to stage concerts. The PCAC auditorium has a seating capacity of 110.

"It's a great venue for small concerts," Ager said. "It's kind of an intimate setting for an audience, a good way for musicians out in the community to build new audiences."

The concerts will be held periodically at the PCAC on a space-available basis, and not necessarily limited to Saturday nights, Ager said. The PCAC is inviting musicians in all genres, including children's music, a capella singing, world music and chamber music, or any combination, to its site.

A nominal set-up fee will be charged for the auditorium,



The Plymouth-based PCAC will debut the Saturday Night Music Series at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, with the All Directions Band.

and performers can set a cover charge and keep all door receipts, said Deb Madonna, PCAC board president.

"We're kind of open. We're flexible. We're experimenting," Ager said. "We'd like to hear from as many musicians as possible."

Madonna said the venture was inspired by the success of the BaseLine Folk Society, which adopted the PCAC as its home in September 2009.

BaseLine, dedicated to the performance of folk and traditional acoustic music, hosts concerts at the PCAC on the third Saturday of each month, September through May; the shows include an open-microphone segment.

"We hope to kind of replicate" BaseLine's success, Madonna said. "Through their efforts, they kind of brought a

lot of people in."

Madonna said the PCAC board is open to making changes as the concert series moves along, in order to keep it sustainable. In difficult economic times, she said, it's something that could benefit both the arts council and local musicians.

"We're always willing to tweak things to make it user-friendly, plus supportive of the PCAC," she said.

The PCAC's Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts is at 744 North Sheldon, at Junction, south of M-14, Plymouth. The cover charge for the Feb. 5 All Directions concert will be \$5. Musicians interested in performing in the new series should call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278, or send an e-mail to tamara@plymoutharts.com.

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Injured in blast, store owner still hospitalized

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Township man injured in a December explosion in the city of Wayne remains in the University of Michigan Hospital, where he was in good condition Friday, a spokeswoman said.

Paul W. Franks was airlifted to the U-M Hospital's burn center on Dec. 29, after a blast destroyed the William C. Franks Furniture store in downtown Wayne at about 9 a.m. Franks is the owner of the store; two store employees, James Zell and Leslie Machniak, were killed.

The explosion, thought to be caused by a natural gas leak,

remains under investigation.

Passersby dug Franks out of the rubble just after the explosion, and firefighters from Wayne and other communities launched a massive rescue effort to free those feared trapped under debris. The bodies of Zell and Machniak were recovered that night.

Franks is described as a hardworking business owner who is deeply involved in the community, and as a good Plymouth Township neighbor who keeps his house and yard in top shape.

Neighbor Daniel Davis said he's spoken to Franks' daughter, Stephanie, but knows little of his condition.

"We're keeping our fingers crossed," Davis said.

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Legos put Farrand kids in the driver's seat WSDP record show good place for old memories

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Alex Bartos, an 11-year-old fifth-grader from Plymouth, had a simple reason for staying after school one afternoon a week for four weeks at Farrand Elementary Schools.

"I love Legos," he said.

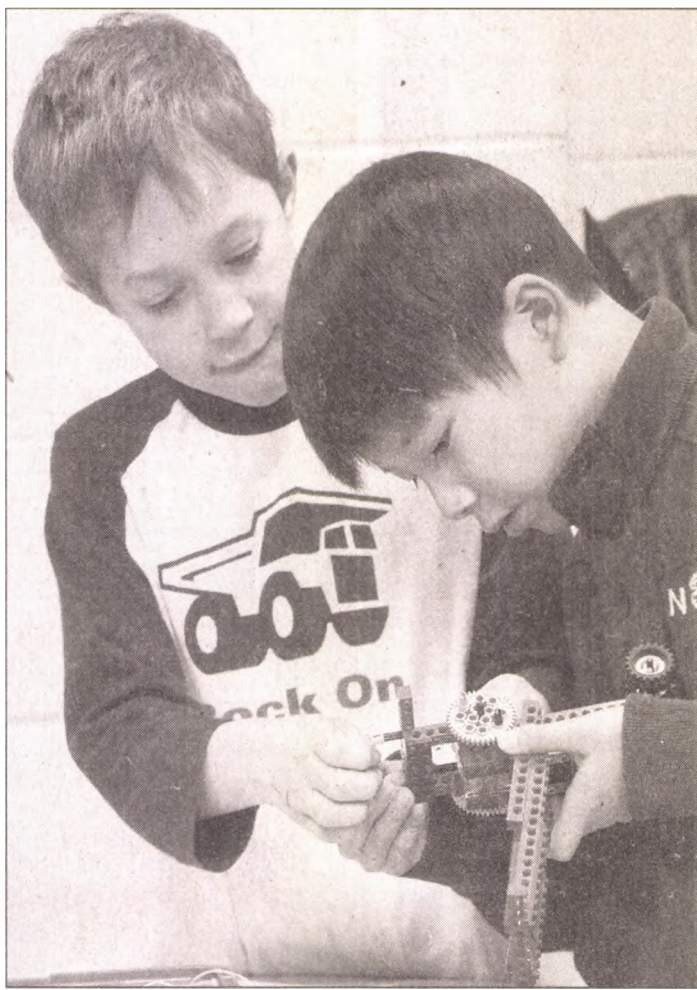
That's why Alex and nearly two dozen other Farrand students, were taking part in after-school Collision Cars engineering program. The class, being headed up by pre-school teacher Jill Cannon, is teaching elementary school students a variety of engineering concepts through the building of Lego cars.

The kids are creatively building and modifying their vehicles, including everyday cars, concept cars and construction machines using Lego kits through a program called All About Learning.

And, while elementary students are learning the engineering concepts, the college students doing the teaching — like Cannon — are getting experience as science teachers.

"In the first part of the class, the kids learn what works and what doesn't work," said Cannon, who is working on her bachelor's degree in elementary education at Eastern Michigan University. "Then they get to put it all together in the final 'battle'."

That final battle will occur next week, in the final week of the class, when kids "battle" their collision cars in a make-shift ring set up in the hallway. They've spent the first three weeks of the program pitting their machines against each other in preparation for the one final mega-battle.



Blake Donoher and Taichi Aso build their winch bot.



The bot battles are on for Blake Donoher, Jacob Kastner, Cody Bartos, Michael Caruso and Lorenzo Bucciarelli.

"We're making Legos battle cars and then we're going to battle to see who wins," Alex Bartos said. "You don't expect to win all the time. It happens if you're lucky enough."

Farrand Principal Dana Jones said the program was put together last year primarily to give the school's male students an after-school extra-curricular activity. The girls, she said, already had the popular running program, "Girls on the Run."

Other schools offer similar programs for boys, such as robotics, but Jones said Farrand settled on this one as the way to go.

"It's not exclusively for boys, but it gives boys in our school an after-school activity," Jones said. "The conversations they're having (after school) connect with what they're learning in the classroom. They're very engaged, and when you see that level of engagement, that's a great thing."

While Cannon monitors the third- through sixth-graders, college student Sarah Baldwin is helping the K-2 students build vehicles of their own. The younger kids don't get involved in the "battling."

"This one is all vehicles," Baldwin said. "We're building every-day vehicles, old-time cars. They'll drive them around, then figure out if they want to modify it."

Second-grader Theodores Brooks of Plymouth apparently digs the historic nature of the cars they're building.

"Old people, before we were born, made these cars," the 7-year-old Theodores said. "And they were cool."

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One of the first albums I bought as a kid was Toto IV. Actually it was a cassette and my brother and I bought it back in 1982. We constantly heard "Africa" and "Rosanna" on the radio. I recently stopped at one of my favorite used CD stores and found a copy of the album on CD and had to relive my teen years by picking it up.

I love used record stores. I love the chance to sift through stacks and stacks of CD's and vinyl in search of that one special album. I especially enjoy the chance to check out record shows. Imagine a used record store on steroids and you'll have a picture of a record show. Some of the most fun are the conversations you get into with record dealers and fellow scavengers. "Is Toto a rock band?" or "Which Van Halen is better, Dave or Sammy?" The debates can go on all day.

My love for the search and these arguments were part of the reasons I wanted to start the 88.1FM Record/CD and Music Memorabilia show. I actually stole the idea from WHFR in Dearborn. After attending their show I knew I wanted to create one for WSDP.

Our next record show is Saturday, Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Salem High School Cafeteria. The proceeds from the show will benefit WSDP, the student radio station for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Many of the dealers are veterans of the record show circuit. They travel from city to city purchasing tables and selling their treasures. Some will do multiple shows in one weekend and the diehards will



Bill Keith

travel across the country for that special show. Some of them make a living from shows and selling items on the internet and others just do it as a hobby.

One of my favorite dealers has crates and crates of vinyl from the 1980's, another specializes in progressive rock, and another sells "sweaty metal."

I'm especially excited because this year's 88.1FM show will feature several first-time dealers. They've decided to search their personal collections and part with some of their past favorites. I've thought about having my own table but I have a hard time deciding what CD's to part with.

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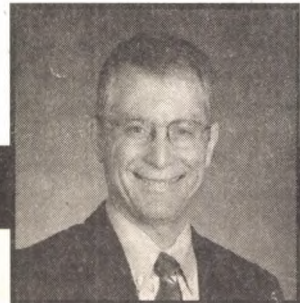
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Battle-tested: Students get practical test in military history

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Matt Collingwood has learned in the last few weeks what it's like to chase the Taliban across the terrain and into the caves of Afghanistan in an effort to win individual battles and, more importantly, the war.

And he's never left Ray Schepansky's military history classroom at Plymouth High School.

Collingwood, a 17-year-old Salem High School senior, is among the students in Schepansky's military history class who are taking part in a simulated war as a means of approaching the final exam. Collingwood is commanding the American forces in Schepansky's simulation.

Collingwood said he's getting more out of the exercise than battle experience.

"It's a lot of strategy and planning, but it's not just about that," said Collingwood, a Canton resident. "It's about wars in the past, and about weapons used and about leadership. It's more than I thought it would be when I signed up for the class."

It's what students have been signing on for the last nine years, since Schepansky, seeking a way to make history come alive rather than using the standard 10-page written exam, started using the simulation.

Using maps and other research items Schepansky maintains, students getting ready for the final take about a week to plan their strategy. Students are given ranks, commands and assignments — on both sides of the battle — and spend the week figuring out how to win the war.

The battlefield is laid out on a large tabletop, built to scale using Air Force aerial maps, information gleaned from acquaintances who've been there and other types of research. There are caves



Teacher Ray Schepansky uses a small mirror to determine if soldiers directed by Ben Burkman, Matt Collingwood, Alex Watson and Adam Handley could fire on the enemy from their placement on the battlefield.



Rolling dice determines the success of a move in the battle. Here, soldiers and tanks are airlifted near a skirmish.

and weapons, vehicles and planes. Students use a variety of mathematical equations — and some rolls of the dice — to determine the effectiveness of their attacks.

Collingwood, who com-

mands the Americans, said his "forces" spread out, with four platoons trying to attack from a variety of vantage points.

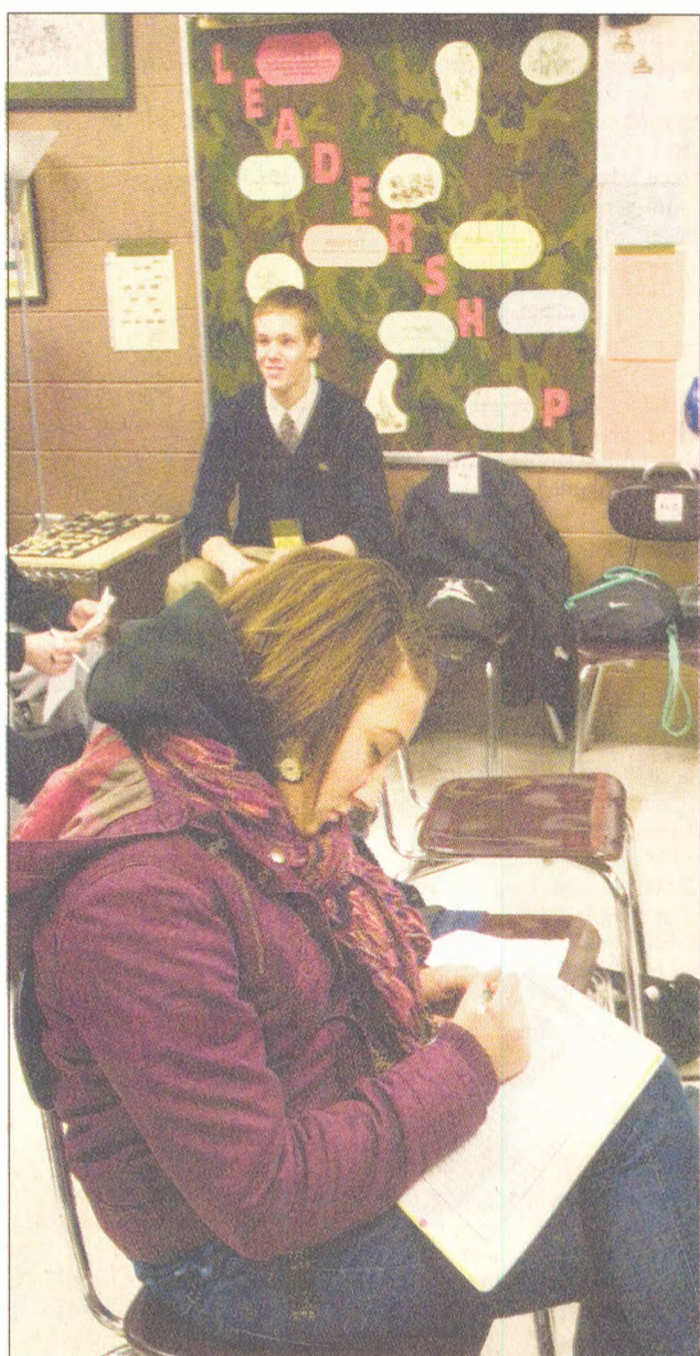
"We learned all-out attacks aren't always the best way to

go," he said. "Direct attacks aren't always the best option. You can get surrounded by the enemy. We're trying not to let that happen."

The simulation has give 18-year-old Salem High School senior Luke Johnson, who is leading the Taliban forces, an inkling not only what it must be like for the Taliban trying to out-wit their American counterparts, but also for how difficult the mission is for the Americans.

"It's easy to stay hidden, out of sight," Johnson said. "(Americans) can't effectively take us out. It's a bit more complex than it looks."

On the other hand, Johnson said with a smile, there are aspects of leading the enemy forces that make it a little easier.



Alexis Calcaterra logs moves for the battle.

"They have an assigned mission, and our mission is to stop them from accomplishing their mission," he said. "We don't have as many rules as (the Americans) do. Whatever we think will work, we go with."

Schepansky said he prefers this strategic method of testing to the more traditional written approach. The students, he said, have taken to it,

as well.

"They've gone through the process of creating a military plan, and now we're testing the validity of that plan," Schepansky said. "We've been talking about military history and leadership all year long. Rather than just testing them on it, we decided to put it to a practical test."

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Reaume said he also liked the focus on job creation and Snyder's urging of an expanded role for the state's Michigan Economic Development Corp. Tax incentives from the MEDC helped the township attract a Chinese carmaker, Changan Automobile, which opened a research and development center on Halyard on Tuesday. Changan plans to hire more than 200 people.

"If people have jobs, you'll have less crime, you'll have fewer foreclosures," Reaume said. "People will be able to sustain themselves."

Snyder also spoke of reorganizing government, from the local level up, in order to cut costs. Said Reaume, who has won concessions from many employee groups and is facing a dramatic loss of revenue in the Plymouth Community Fire Department: "We've been there."

So has Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer.

Dwyer, the administrator of the Washtenaw County Trial Court, was at a Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting Wednesday evening and missed half of Snyder's speech. Officials there need to cut \$20 million from their budget,

Dwyer said, and after previous cuts, it isn't getting any easier.

"We've cut \$1.3 million out of my \$10 million budget in the past two years, and I'm sure the county board is going to look for more cuts," he said.

Dwyer called the part of the speech he heard "fluff."

"I've heard enough of that over the last eight years," he said. "I don't need to be inspired. I need to see new government."

In Plymouth, Dwyer is trying to find savings in the way police, firefighting and emergency medical services are delivered. The city is withdrawing from the PCFD after this year and is trying to come up with a new way to deliver firefighting and emergency medical services.

Dwyer added that he wasn't complaining. "I think we just accept the challenge and move on," he said.

Heise, however, said he was uplifted by Snyder's speech, and that he thinks the public should take its positive message to heart.

The state's prolonged economic slump has "taken a toll on our psyches," he said, and Snyder provided an antidote.

"I think a lot of people are investing their hopes and dreams in him," he said.

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Freshman Sen. Patrick Colbeck (right), R-Canton, co-sponsored the first Senate bill of the session, a measure to repeal the Michigan Business Tax.

Colbeck co-sponsors MBT repeal

The state Senate's first bill of the new session had a Canton flavor to it.

The bill (SB 1), designed to eliminate the Michigan Business Tax, was co-sponsored by Sen. Pat Colbeck, R-Canton. The bill has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee.

"The Senate has demonstrated its commitment to moving forward with policies that will promote job creation and draw job providers to the state by introducing as its first bill the elimination of the MBT," said Colbeck, whose 7th District represents Plymouth and Canton. "The money freed up by the elimination of the MBT will allow job providers to hire more workers. This tax has proved to be a major

obstacle to job growth and economic development and its elimination will be the start of a new, welcoming business environment in Michigan."

Gov. Rick Snyder called for repeal of the MBT in his first State of the State speech Wednesday. He said he'd replace it with a 6-percent corporate business tax.

The MBT was originally designed as a replacement for the Single Business Tax. Republicans have said the MBT "proved to be too complicated and burdensome for businesses" and has remained an obstacle in drawing new businesses to the state. Elimination of the MBT, they say, will be the first step in redefining Michigan's business environment and enabling

businesses to create new jobs.

Colbeck sees the bill as an opportunity not only to lower the costs on job providers but to restructure state government spending and bring it in line with revenues. SB 1 highlights the need to reevaluate how revenue is collected by the state. In addition to that, Colbeck wants to see a renewed focus on how government is spending that revenue.

"This legislation is the first step in defining a new way to operate and finance our state's budget," he said. "We can reign in state spending by evaluating the services that government provides and determining areas where we are truly getting value for our dollars and areas where we can make improvements."

DEALERS
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Roy Williams, sales manager at Avis Ford in Southfield, shares that optimism.

"It helps to have a strong product, and right now the cars and trucks at Ford speak for themselves," Williams said. "It gives us an edge. This week and throughout the rest of the month, I expect to see a really big push in sales."

Jim Bechtell, sales manager of Somerset Buick GMC in Troy, said the newly remodeled Buick Regal is selling fast in his showroom. He's also looking forward to the all-new Buick Verano luxury compact that's expected to arrive in the fall.

"I just came back from a dealer meeting at the auto show and the excitement down there is amazing," Bechtell said Tuesday. "It's packed elbow-to-elbow and you can just feel the electricity in the air."

Bob Faust, general sales manager at Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne, said the ripple effects from the auto show are already being felt in the showroom.

"We're already seeing the surge," he said Tuesday. "We sold 20 new cars yesterday, which is great. Sales have been strong since Friday."

Faust attributes the surge to extra exposure from the auto show, plus the new incentives offered by Ford.

While Ford is pushing its new leasing incentives, GM is offering a \$500 post-auto show rebate on all its cars and trucks, with the exception of the Terrain.

"The trend we see in January is we get people coming in to do some initial information gathering for the first part of the month, but they want to get to the auto show and see what is out there and what else is available to reinforce their decision," said James Schram, sales manager of Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City.

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EMU taps Canton woman for MLK Humanitarian Award

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Elizabeth Johnson looks at Molly Funk and sees someone who will someday be "an international leader and humanitarian for children in peril."

She describes the Canton resident as "a highly ethical and zealous servant leader who nourishes the souls of every child, parent and staff member" at Hamilton Elementary School in Westland, where Funk is the principal.

"She creates an exemplary learning environment by educating the whole child in concert with their many, seemingly insurmountable, challenges," said Johnson, a professor of teacher education at Eastern Michigan University. "I have, in my 38 years as an educator, never seen a young principal whose work transforms, restores and provides a life plan well beyond 'hope.'"

Funk, 33, was among six honorees recognized for exemplifying the spirit and values of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at EMU's 25th annual President's Luncheon Jan. 17. Nominated by Johnson, Funk received the university's Martin Luther King Jr. Student Humanitarian Award.

"It was such a surprise, it was so cool," said Funk, who is a doctoral student in EMU's educational leadership program. "I didn't know she nominated me until after the fact."

The purpose of the award is to recognize an EMU student who has demonstrated a com-



Hamilton Elementary Principal Molly Funk shows off the 2011 Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award she received from Eastern Michigan University.

mitment to promoting respect and improving the quality of life of all people consistent with the ideas of King and demonstrated service to EMU and/or the southeast Michigan community.

'HUMBLED, HONORED'

In accepting the award, Funk said she was "humbled and honored to be recognized for continuing the legacy that Dr. King left."

"I, too, have a dream. That my four little children say I not only had a hope for making a difference, but that I had a plan," she said.

Funk has been with the Wayne-Westland Community

Schools since 1999. She was a first-grade teacher, Reading Recovery Program teacher and professional development coach before being appointed a principal at Vandenberg Elementary in Wayne in 2004. She also was principal of Patchin Elementary for four years until it closed last June.

Johnson said Funk's commitment to disenfranchised children is exemplified in her professional motto, "Hope is not a plan."

"She constantly creates opportunities for students by obtaining alternative resources and through intervention," Johnson said. "She is undeterred, first in meeting basic

human needs for her students and their families, and then in creating mechanisms to find resources to help them not only survive, but thrive."

"This phrase often means that she is expecting others and herself to do the right thing in the education of all students," school social worker Jennifer McCulloch wrote in a letter supporting Funk's nomination. "This might mean going above and beyond the duties of the job to provide food to families in need, find transportation for a family to a necessary medical appointment or just spend time during the busy school day to sit and talk to a distraught student.

"Molly certainly shows us all how to 'walk the walk' by caring for others and encouraging others to do what is right for kids," she wrote.

HER MISSION

"Hope is not a plan" is only one of many quotes that are displayed on the walls of her office, several of them from King. The quotes give Funk "a small vision of my mission."

"They make it clear what the perception is at that moment in time," she said. "Hope is not a plan" is my passion. I want to be a voice for the kids who can't speak for themselves and who live in poverty. With 15 million people homeless last year, someone has to do something and maybe that someone is me."

Her concern for the less fortunate dates back to her years at Plymouth Salem High School, when she befriended a mentally impaired student. While classmates made fun of him, she remembered to be nice. She even pulled him off the stage where he would go and dance for the amusement of the other students. She still gets letters from him at her parents' house.

That concern has spilled

over into her family and professional lives. Her children are learning to care about the less fortunate. At the grocery store, if the family sees a person in a motorized cart, they offer to shop with them so they can get the groceries that are out of reach.

"I want my kids to see me go the extra mile to make a difference," said Funk, whose husband, two of her four children and her mother were with her when she received the award. "At the end of the day, you need to take care of the human condition. Kids matter, family matters, marginal kids matter."

Funk admits she lives for service and stands up for every child as if they are her own. Without hope, there can't be change, but there has to be a plan for change to happen, she said.

"That's what makes Martin Luther King different than the others before him. He had a plan," she said. "Real change can't happen if you sit by and hope. What I do may not be easy, but it's not as hard as what Martin Luther King did. If he can do it, I can, too."

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Thousands mourn slain officer

'He died saving our way of life'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Thousands of mourners lined the pews Friday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth for the funeral of Livonia Police Officer Larry Nehasil.

Nehasil, 48, died Monday after he was shot while pursuing a home invasion suspect.

Police officers and officials from law enforcement agencies from Michigan and across the country gathered to pay respects to Nehasil, a 20-year veteran of the Livonia Police Department.

The 100-car procession of family members and Livonia police officers drove from the Harry J. Will Funeral Home on Six Mile Road to Farmington Road past police headquarters.

Fire trucks from Livonia and Farmington Hills flew a giant American flag, which spanned the northbound lanes of Farmington Road. The hearse stopped underneath the flag for a few moments, while Livonia and Farmington Hills firefighters saluted.

Onlookers from buildings and businesses along Farmington Road gathered to pay their respects and watch the procession go by.

Traffic was rerouted for the procession with closures on Six Mile Road, Farmington, I-96 entrance and exit ramps, Beck Road and North Territorial Road.

During the eulogy, Police Chief Robert Stevenson spoke of the dedication of all police officers that citizens may not understand: the willingness to die to protect the public.

"Larry didn't die arresting a burglar, he died saving our way of life," Stevenson said. "He died serving our community and he died for the children walking the streets."

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Sons Aaron and Adam



The family of Officer Larry Nehasil leaves the church.



Donna McDowell and Mitzzi Castelli are part of the crowd of Livonia Public Schools employees standing in 10-degree temperatures to pay their respects to the fallen officer.

Nehasil talked about the values their father taught them, their love for their father and how much they will miss their father.

The Rev. William Tindall spoke of Nehasil's life, pulling words from the Gospel reading describing Jesus Christ. "He (Jesus) is the truth, the way and the life," Tindall said. Nehasil was "an example for us."

Tindall spoke of Nehasil's devotion to family. "This is a family that really truly came together, they have fun together and they spend a lot of time

together," Tindall said. "He was a great husband, father and a kind and loving man."

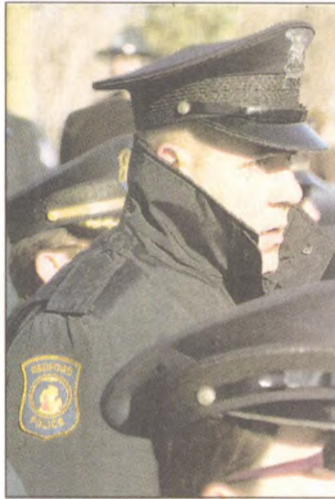
Nehasil was a social person and very strong man, taking pride in his appearance, yet he also enjoyed cooking and working in his garden, Tindall said. "You know how much your dad loves you and he was so very proud of you," Tindall said to Adam and Aaron Nehasil.

"You are fortunate to have a good dad. He cared about you and wanted to be a part of your lives. He's given you a tremendous legacy in what



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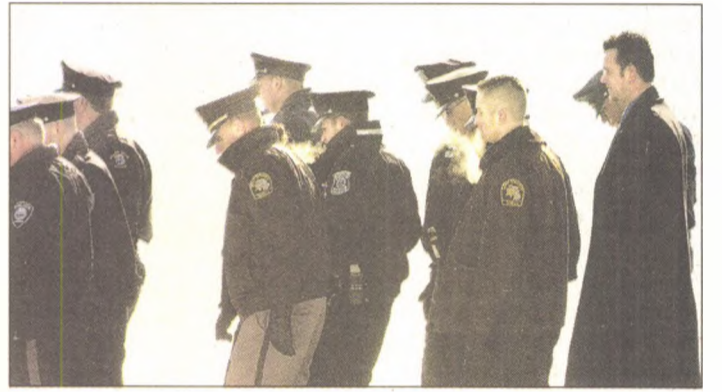
Farmington officers enter the church.



Redford Township officers wait to enter Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Township for the funeral.

it means to be a man, to be a husband and to be a dad." Tindall told them to hold their father alive in their hearts, whether they are playing sports to the day when they have children of their own.

Nehasil was "always smiling, always happy and always willing to give of himself," Tindall



Officers filled the sanctuary of the church and the lower level gathering space where a video screen showed the service.

said.

Tindall also spoke to the hundreds of police officers, expressing his sympathy and condolences to the Livonia Police Department. "I thank you for what you have done," Tindall said. "And to all who protect and serve, I thank you. I thank you for sharing in this ministry."

Tindall ended his homily by asking the family to trust in Christ's resurrection during this time of great pain and sorrow.

Stevenson pointed at Nehasil's photograph and reiterated what he had said earlier that week about how Nehasil was always smiling.

Stevenson thanked all of the officers, police departments and law enforcement agencies that offered support during the week and who attended the funeral home. Departments from as far away as California and Texas came into town to pay respects, Stevenson said. Officers were seen from Toronto and Chicago,

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Type O-negative blood donors needed

The supply of type O-negative blood at the American Red Cross has dropped to critical levels in recent days, as winter weather across the country has canceled blood drives and prevented potential donors from safely traveling to give blood. The Red Cross needs eligible donors with type O-negative blood to make a blood donation appointment now.

In Southeastern Michigan, approximately 100 pints of O-negative blood are used daily for patients at 43 area hospitals. Type O-negative blood is always in high demand because it is the universal type, and it can be transfused to patients with any blood type, especially in emergency situations. Since the beginning of December 2010 winter weather has negatively affected blood donations despite many donor recruitment efforts.

"While all blood types are needed on an ongoing basis, we urge those who know they are type O-negative to make and keep appointments to give blood as soon as possible," stated Dr. Bruce Newman, medical director of the American Red



The American Red Cross needs blood donors of every type, but especially Type O-negative.

Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. "Your donation could help save the life of someone's child, mother, brother or friend. When you come to give, you help make everyday medical treatments possible."

Cancelled blood drives across the Midwest and Eastern parts of the country have caused a shortfall of more than

8,000 blood donations. In Southeastern Michigan alone since the beginning of last month, collections have been down more than 2,500 units.

The Red Cross is working to boost type O-negative donations by alerting current donors in their system through e-mails, phone calls and post cards. Donors of all types are needed year-round. Individuals who don't know their type can find out by giving blood.

In Michigan 16-year-olds are eligible to donate blood with parental consent. Information and the consent form for 16-year-old donors are available at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/students/sixteen>.

Blood donors must weigh at least 110 pounds based on height and in good health.

Blood donor centers are located at 36650 Five Mile in Livonia and at 31150 Haggerty, Farmington Hills.

To find out about blood drives and to schedule a donation appointment, call (800) REDCROSS (733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org.

Study to develop test for pancreatic cancer

A clinical research study to develop a rapid and inexpensive blood screening test for the early diagnosis of pancreatic cancer has been launched by Henry Ford Health System and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The Sky Foundation, Inc., a local non-profit dedicated to raising awareness and money for the early detection of pancreatic cancer, is funding the study.

Henry Ford held a blood draw event Saturday to recruit some of the 300 patients needed for the study.

"Currently there is no available blood test for pancreatic cancer that is either sensitive or specific enough for early diagnosis," stated Dr. Ann Silverman, of the Henry Ford's Department of Gastroenterology, and lead study investigator for Henry Ford. "The objective of this research study is to develop such a diagnostic test by identifying useful markers of cancer in the blood of high risk individuals and cancer patients."

According to the National Cancer Institute, 36,800 people died of pancreatic cancer annually and more than 43,000 new cases of the disease were diagnosed last year.

"Patients with pancreatic cancer usually lack signs and symptoms in the early course of the disease and even when malignancy is suspected, differential diagnosis between benign and malignant pancreatic disorders may be difficult with current methods," Silverman said. "Therefore, pancreatic cancer largely remains undetected and is often diagnosed at an advanced stage when surgical intervention is not possible."

Current diagnostic methods include CT scan, ultrasound, MRI, a needle biopsy or an endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) test that uses an ultrasound machine on the end of an endoscope that is inserted into the stomach to directly evaluate the pancreas and remove tissue or fluid to be tested for cancer. These tests are expensive and are not considered practical screening tests.

The study is being done in collaboration with the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, where blood samples will undergo biomarker analysis. Researchers at Karmanos are leaders in the identification of circulation biomarkers for cancer in serum samples.

Participants must be at a high risk for pancreatic cancer or must have been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer to be eligible for the study. Individuals are considered at high risk for pancreatic cancer if they have one or more family members with pancreatic cancer, have hereditary pancreatitis or BRCA 2 gene mutation.

Participation in the study requires a single blood draw for those at high risk for pancreatic cancer

Patients who agree to volunteer and meet the eligibility requirements must complete a patient questionnaire and sign a consent form.

To participate, call Nicole Samuels at (248) 344-2358 or e-mail to QSAMUELI@hfhs.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

FEBRUARY

Medical certificate courses

Class begins Feb. 2 for medical receptionist; Feb. 8 for medical coding and Feb. 22 for pharmacy technician at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Tuition includes books and ranges from \$1,024-\$1,824. These job training courses are for adult learners who are laid-off, re-entering the workforce or changing careers. Students learn the foundation of a specific field and can begin applying for entry-level positions upon course completion. Job leads are sent with certificates. Seating is limited. Call GERALYN at (734) 432-5904 or visit www.madonna.edu and click on continuing education and job training.

Grief recovery

A grief support series will run from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 3-March 3,

at Washtenaw Medical Arts Building, 3075 Clark, Suite 200, Ypsilanti. Support group members will learn how grief affects them physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually and how to deal with difficult emotions. They'll receive and give support and learn how to take steps to reconcile with grief. To register call (734) 327-3224 or (734) 327-3409.

Baby Basics

Get the basics of baby care and breastfeeding all in one class, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. This class is designed for first time parents to learn the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. A St. Mary Mercy Hospital certified pediatrician will discuss infant illness and child immunization. New parents will learn breastfeeding techniques including positioning, pumping, storage and breast care. Participants should

bring a stuffed animal or doll to use during a demonstration on how to hold the baby when breastfeeding. There will be a 45-minute lunch break during the class. This class is open to anyone who cares for an infant. The fee is \$50 per couple. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162, or register online at stmarmymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

Ladies' Night

Dr. Barbara Kong will be the speaker at "The Heart of a Woman," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Bone density screening, blood pressure screening and massage will be offered from 5:30-7 p.m. Participants will learn to identify the unique signs and symptoms of a heart attack and the simple steps needed for a healthy lifestyle that can improve heart health. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is

requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Register at (734) 655-1182 or stmarmymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

ONGOING

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadedetroit.org.

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Patricia Lyden is praising her staff for earning the citation-free Certificate of Achievement from the Health Care Association of Michigan. The framed accomplishment will soon be hung in the lobby. Surveyors from the Michigan Department of Community Health showed up unannounced before Thanksgiving for the annual survey. Every nursing home is surveyed annually for licensing and certification. During the four days, six surveyors looked for infractions of federal and Michigan Public Health Code regulations used as guidelines for all aspects of resident care. Throughout the year Four Seasons' Quality Assurance Committee meets with the medical director to address concerns.

"It's not easy to get through the survey," said Lyden, Four Seasons' Administrator and an RN. "I'm very proud of the staff from admissions to maintenance, nursing to dietary. The surveyors get everybody involved in the survey process and are here 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., sometimes through the dinner hour, and meet with family and residents."

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Lyden recommends touring a facility when searching for a nursing home. Survey results are required to be posted at the reception desk.

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'Mother Superior' takes a humorous look at modern sin

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Vicki Quade will sit in a back pew and take notes next weekend at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

She'll make sure the jokes are fresh and that the audience is connecting with her one-woman comedy, *Put the Nuns in Charge!*, in which "Mother Superior," played by Manchester actress Breeda Miller, gives her take on the "Golden Rule."

"It's a play about modern sin, a look at modern behavior and bad behavior," said Quade, from Chicago, Ill., where she lives, writes and produces for the stage. Quade's *Late Night Catechism*, was her first in a series of nun-themed shows, and has been running since 1993 in Chicago. It featured a character much like the nuns who taught Quade in Catholic grade school.

"I had the old fashioned nuns, but in the middle of my education they turned into modern nuns. They had the option to switch out of their habits and a lot of them did. It was right around the seventh grade," Quade said. "I remember those nuns changing from their habits. It was the first time you could see their hair. It was like seeing them naked. You almost had to divert your eyes."

"*Put the Nuns in Charge!* features that more modern post-Vatican II nun. She's the youngest in the convent. They voted her to be Mother Superior," Quade said.

With an opinion on everything from "lipstick to the



Vicki Quade, playwright, will attend a Jan. 28 performance of "Put the Nuns in Charge!" at St. Thomas a' Becket in Canton.

I-Pod in your pocket" Mother Superior has been preaching about the need for civility since the play opened in 2005 at the Royal George Theatre, in Chicago.

TOPICAL SHOW

Although the play's underlying message has remained the same, the comedy that describes anger, sloth, lust and the other deadly sins, has kept pace with current events and changes in lifestyle.

"It's a very topical script. A modern sin that we used to have when the show opened in '05 was coming to trial in your pajamas — sloth," Quade said, recalling a court appearance by the late pop singer, Michael Jackson. "After a year we had to change that. (Actor) Russell Crowe threw a telephone at someone — that was the sin of anger. Any time there's a good scandal that sticks, we're always happy when people bring that up."

The audience gets a chance to vent about modern sins and bad behavior during the interactive show. Quade, who worked as a journalist in Chicago for years before

penning plays, pays attention to their responses as she jots notes while watching select performances.

Ticket-holders in the \$50 and \$75 seats at the Jan. 28 performance at St. Thomas a' Becket, also will get a chance to meet Quade and Miller. Unreserved seating costs \$20 and lesser-priced reserved seating is \$35.

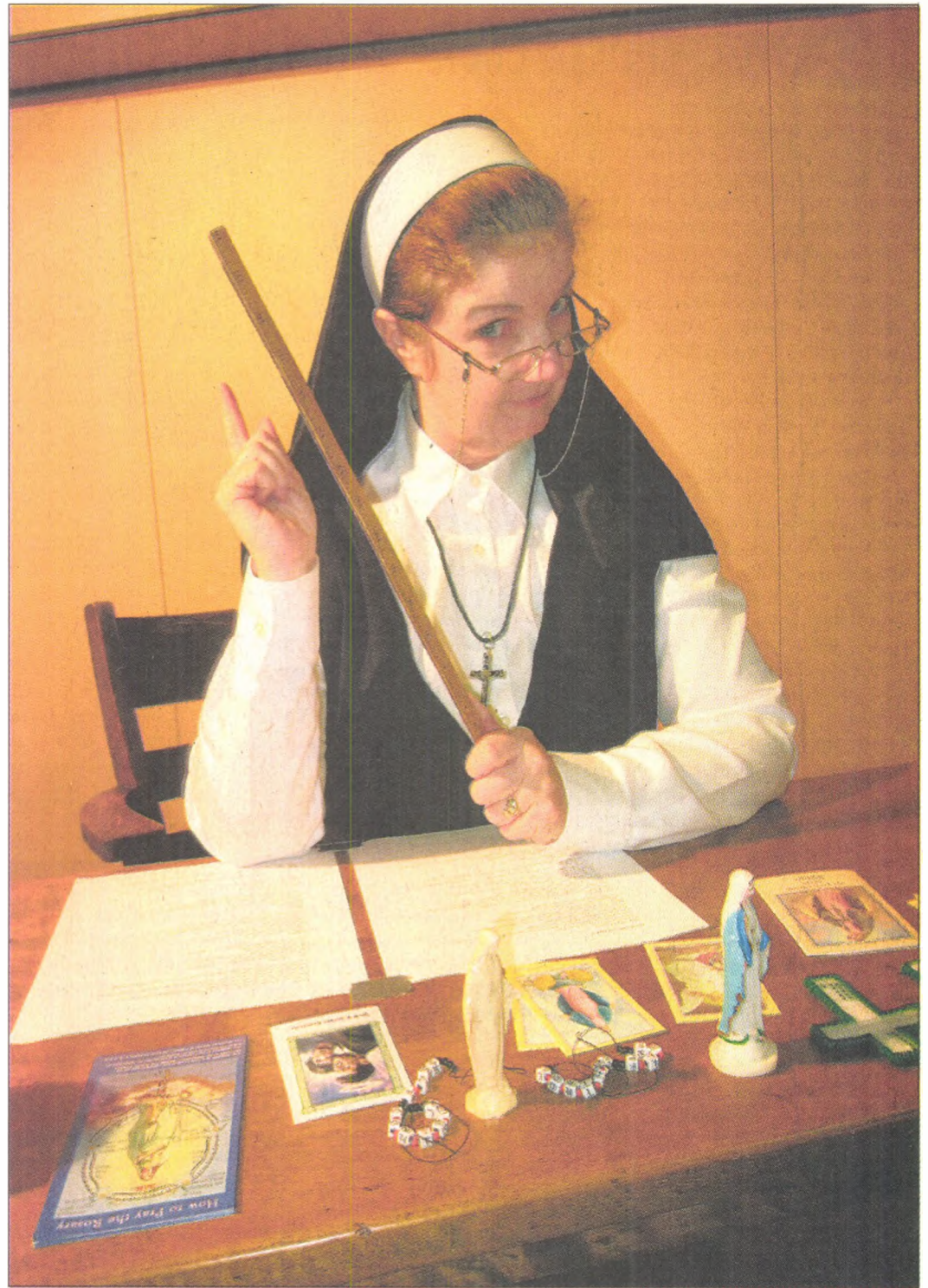
FUND-RAISER

"We are thrilled to have her come out to the show. It is exciting for us," said Georgette Stubin, a member of the committee that organized the event. "A couple of years ago we put on *Late Night Catechism* and that was quite a success."

Put the Nuns in Charge! will raise funds to send members of the church youth group to Spain in August for the Catholic Church's World Youth Day. Half of the proceeds also will go to the St. Patrick food pantry in Detroit.

"When we throw something like this show, it's always in the form of a fundraiser. We've always had a partnership with St. Pat's, raising funds or holding a food drive," Stubin said. "We give back to the community in some way and we give to something in the parish. World Youth Day will be a pricey trip but a lot of people who went in the past called it life-changing."

Quade uses her shows to help make a difference in the lives of retired nuns by taking a collection at each performance. Donations given at St. Thomas a' Becket will go to the Dominican Sisters



Breeda Kelly Miller plays Mother Superior in "Put the Nuns in Charge," Jan. 28, at St. Thomas a' Becket, in Canton.

in Adrian. "We ask them to use it for retirement needs," Quade said, adding that the recipients can spend the money on anything they want as long

as it benefits them. In the past, donations have bought a handicap-accessible van, purchased convent television sets and upgraded bathrooms.

She tells the sisters, "You can establish a Hagen Daz fund ... you can get Netflix ... we don't care. We want it to go to you. Do something nice for you."

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Rescue sets fund-raisers to offset vet bills

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Guardian Angels Animal Rescue (GAAR) will hold a can and bottle drive in conjunction with its weekly adoption event, noon to 4 p.m. Jan. 29 at PetSmart, 385 Haggerty, Commerce Township.

The Livonia-based animal rescue desperately needs funds to pay down a \$4,000 vet bill that accumulated because of an unusually high number of emergency rescues last month.

Among them:

- 30 cats — many which needed to be treated for upper respiratory infection, mites and parasites — taken from a hoarding situation

- An abandoned cat that appeared to have been burned had her tail amputated

- A dog found starving at a bus stop in Detroit that has been nursed back to health

- Animals rescued from abandoned buildings in Detroit suffering from frostbite and other medical problems

"We are slowly working away at this bill, it is less than \$4,000 at this time, but as fast as the animals come in it is hard to keep up," said Sandra Mezza of Westland, GAAR president. "If an animal needs medical care we provide it."

Members open their own wallets if needed to pay for vet visits. Or the group holds special fund-raisers such as the bottle drive and upcoming "Comedy for the Love of Animals" Feb. 14 at Joey's Comedy Club, 3602 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Similar to the group's first comedy fund-raiser held last fall, the Valentine's Day show will start at 8 p.m. and feature several stand-up comedians. Tickets are \$10 available at the door or by calling Mezza at (734) 788-6857.

"Guardian Angel is a great group of volunteers," Mezza said, "We pull together to get what needs to be done no matter how hard or expensive it may be. We have had a rough two years, helping with the



Some of Guardian Angel Animal Rescue's volunteers help with an adoption event.



This dog, chained, subjected to cold weather and poor living conditions, could face frostbite, hypothermia and possibly death. Michigan Humane Society urges pet owners to take their animals inside during frigid weather.

Livingston County Animal Control, a very high kill shelter, the Detroit animals and all the calls on our hotline. But we all have faith and believe in our mission and all the people who support us."

This month the organization has rescued five cats and three dogs. It responds to rescue calls through its hotline, (734) 516-2171 and gives pet food to several families in Detroit that feed animals in abandoned

buildings.

"Food and litter alone cost us over \$1,000 a month."

GAAR's foster families have 18 dogs and 100 cats available for adoption.

"We also have many special need animals that are looking for forever, loving homes"

Mezza said the organization needs more foster families, especially someone who can foster puppies and/or pregnant dogs.



PET PROJECTS

GAAR also accepts donations at GAAR, P.O. Box 511309, Livonia, MI 48151 or by PayPal at www.gaarmichigan.org.

FROSTBITE WEATHER

With temperatures dropping into single digits at night, the Michigan Humane Society reminds dog owners to bring their furry companions inside. Even large, thick-coated dogs may be unable to withstand low temperatures.

According to MHS, a dog that is shivering, trying to curl up into a small tight ball, or attempting to dig a "bed" in the snow, is too cold to remain outdoors. If he is extremely cold to the touch or his paws, ears or tail tip have turned bright red, he may be showing signs of frostbite. Move the pet to a warmer area and contact your veterinarian immediately.

Other cold weather tips from MHS:

- Roaming cats often seek the warmth of car engines, so be sure to knock on the car hood or honk the horn before starting your car to startle them and give them a chance to escape.

- Increase the amount of food by 10-20 percent for dogs kept outside during the winter months. The extra calories are needed to help an animal to stay warm.

- Regular access to clean, unfrozen water is critical. Check drinking water frequently to ensure that it is unfrozen.

For more information, visit www.michiganhumane.org.



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Chica and Rusty are the featured dogs this week at Greyheart Greyhound Rescue & Adoption.

Chica is a 2 1/2-year-old, small, black Greyhound. She loves everyone she meets and her joyful spirit is contagious.

Rusty is a reddish colored Greyhound and is a well-behaved boy. He's 2 years old and a real "head-turner."

For more information about Chica and Rusty, call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue & Adoption at (866) 438-4739 and visit the organization's Web site for more photos of the dogs. www.greyheart.org.



Rusty is 2 years old and behaves well.

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ACHIEVING A STRONG BACK

Patients with back pain have reason to ask their doctor for advice on exercises to help strengthen the lumbar or neck muscles.

Devising a technique to strengthen back muscles is difficult because of the interweaving and layering of these muscles. Most physicians take a different view. They ask the patient to consider the back as a "precious resource," a part of the body to preserve and use with care.

The first way to save strain on the back is by one's gait and posture. The proper way to stand and walk is to keep the ears even with the collar bone and the stomach even with the chest. This type of posture is what one sees in ballet dancers. The ability to balance a book on the head while walking depends on the same principle of walking.

The effect is to use abdominal pressure to maintain a straight posture rather than placing the responsibility and strain on back muscles.

The second way to reduce stress on the back is to bend down not over. When stooping down to pick up papers or small objects from the floor, one should bend at the knees and arise from the squatted position. Of course, when lifting heavy objects off the floor, one needs to lift using the calves and thighs, not the back.

The third way to spare the back is to sleep on the back rather than the stomach. Sleeping on the stomach puts strain on the lordotic curve of the lumbar spine with secondary stress on the longissimus and iliocostalis muscles.

Finally, use a back brace sparingly if at all. Braces cause weak back muscles to become weaker.

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The Plymouth Community Arts Council seeks participants for its second annual open art exhibition, Pure Art of Michigan, scheduled for April.

Artists over age 18 may submit work that highlights the unique beauty of Michigan.

Works will be accepted in all two-dimensional media. There will be a \$10 fee for up to two entries of reasonable size. Paintings must be framed and ready for hanging and clearly identified and priced on the back. Final selections will be made by the exhibition committee.

The drop-off time and day for exhibit consideration is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, March 28. Pure Art of Michigan runs from April 1-30.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at 774 N. Sheldon, in Plymouth. For more information, contact Nancy Pilon at (734) 455-4681 or e-mail to nanpilon@yahoo.com. Or call Tamara Trudelle at the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 or e-mail to tamara@plymoutharts.com.

Send reunion items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

Belleville High School Class of 1971

Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

Dearborn Fordson Class of 1971

The 40th reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale now for \$52 per person for dinner and open bar. Send a check payable to Fordson '71 Reunion to 16124 Golfview, Livonia, MI 48154. For more

information go to Facebook, Classmates.com or the Web page at Fordson71Reunion.com.

Dearborn Heights Robichaud Class of 1961

50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com; (734)595-4927 or Nancy at wolon@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

Detroit Cody Class of 1961

50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Calllear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki

Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

Detroit Mackenzie June Class of 1961

50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail Ivanerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

Class of 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.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.MCLX@yahoo.com.

Ladywood High School Class of 1961

Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymacg@aol.com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voice mail picks up.

Livonia Bentley Class of 1961

Planning a 50th class reunion for 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail to dbruner@twmi.rr.com or call Don Bruner at (734) 524-0979 to register and for more information.

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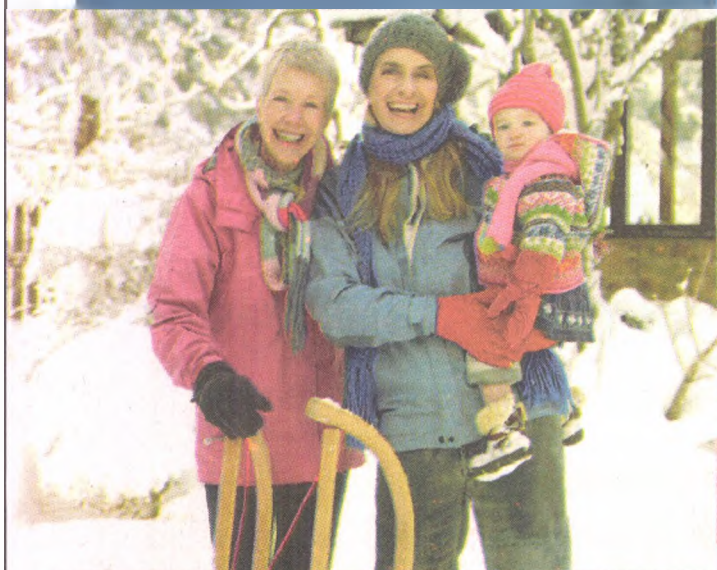
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JAN. 23-26

Concert
Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Jan. 23
Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth
Details: The church's Resounding Art in a Sacred Space concert series features the Detroit Handbell Ensemble. Admission is a suggested

donation of \$10 for adults and \$25 for families
Contact: (734) 453-0190, Ext. 16

Exodus and liturgy
Time/Date: 5 p.m., Jan. 23
Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Reflection offered within the context of evening prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Presenter is David J. Conrad. A potluck dinner will be held after the presentation. The parish provides the main course. Participants provide appetizers, vegetables, salads and desserts
Contact: RSVP to Conrad at (734) 425-5950 Ext. 203

Former Catholics
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Jan. 25
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard,

just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Six-week series, "Catholics Returning Home," is designed for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about the possibility of returning to the Church. The sessions will be conducted by former lapsed Catholics in a casual, non-threatening environment, with plenty of opportunities for questions and discussion.
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200; www.livoniastmichael.org

Why Be Catholic
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: The popular series, Why

Be Catholic, returns from hiatus with the Rev. Ed Fride pastor of Christ the King parish in Ann Arbor, sharing the story of his journey from Protestantism to teen-age agnostic to high-school convert to Catholicism. He'll explain why he gave up plans to be a nuclear physicist to become a parish priest. The evening is open to all, regardless of religion preference. A children's ministry is available by prior arrangement at childrenministry@livoniastmichael.org
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

Widowed Friends
Time/Date: 2:15 p.m. check in; 2:30 p.m. Mass, Jan. 23
Location: St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, just south of Cherry Hill, in Canton

Details: Mass for widowed men and women, with refreshments and social time after
Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246

JAN. 27-FEB. 2

ENDOW
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Thursday, beginning Jan. 27, for 10 sessions
Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: The series, designed for women, will explore such topics as society and the moral law, the teaching authority of the church, the difference between contraception and natural family planning, and more. Cost is \$60
Contact: To register call (303) 715-3224 or visit www.endowmentline.com; for facilitator Michele Schmidt, call (734) 367-0353 or e-mail to

mtschrmdt@sbcglobal.net
Open house
Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 30
Location: All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road, between Beck and Ridge, Canton
Details: School open house
Contact: (734) 459-2490 or www.allsaintscs.com

FEB. 3-9

Dance
Time/Date: Doors open at 7 p.m., dance, 8 p.m.-midnight, Feb. 5
Location: St. Robert Bellarmine, 27201 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: Monthly dance of Bethany Suburban West. Fred Coogan is the dance instructor from 7:15-8:15 p.m.; dance admission is \$10
Contact: Diane K. at (734) 261-5716

GARDEN EVENTS

Send garden information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

LIVONIA CLUB

Pat Krueger, a member of the Michigan Orchid Society, will talk about growing and caring for orchids at the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club. It starts at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road. Visitors are welcome.

FARMINGTON CLUB

David Sharpe, an avid supporter of preserving natural habitats, is the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Farmington Garden Club, noon, Monday, Feb. 7, at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Guests are welcome. For more information call Joann at (248) 474-0866 or visit www.farmingtongardenclub.com

GARDEN TRIP

Party Animal Travel is accepting registration now for the The

Garden Club of Wayne County trip to the North American Flower and Garden Show, Friday, March 4 in Chicago, Ill. Cost is \$88 and includes motor-coach transportation, time for shopping and admission to the show, which will include garden displays, Master Gardeners and more than 100 informational booths. For more information call (734) 525-9777.

AT ENGLISH GARDENS

Learn to attract birds and wildlife to your yard through a free presentation at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29. Youngsters also can choose between a pine cone or orange cup bird feeder in a Make it & Take it workshop at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29. Cost is \$5. Sign up online. Local English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, at Maple, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

Z 11-01 670 S. Evergreen Non-Use Variance Requested Fence Height Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Joshua and Michelle Macy

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN CITY HALL, 201 S. MAIN WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2011 - 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

PUBLIC HEARING FOR: ZONING ORDINANCE REVISION FOR:

Article IX, B-1 Local Business District and Article X, B-2 Central Business Districts and Article XI, B-3 General Business Districts Revisions

Restaurant/Bistro Use to Central Business District

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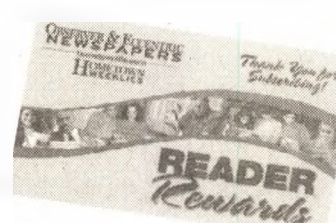


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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD BY-LAWS

By-Law Nos. 0164.1: Regular Meetings - Time, Place, and Notification

Regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month (except the July meeting will be on the third Tuesday and there will be no meeting on the fourth Tuesday in February, July, November and December) at 7:00 p.m. at the following location (except as agreed herein) unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of the members:

E. J. McClendon Educational Center
 454 South Harvey Street
 Plymouth, Michigan 48170

By-Law No. 0164.2 Special Meetings - Time, Place, and Notification

Special meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, may be called by the President of the Board, or any two members thereof, by serving on the other members a written notice of the day, time, and place of such special meetings, or by a majority vote of the Board.

Service of the notice shall be by:

- Delivering the notices to the members personally at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place, or
- Leaving the notice at the member's residence with a person of the household at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place, or
- Depositing the notice in a government mail receptacle enclosed in a sealed envelope plainly addressed to such member at his/her last known address at least seventy-two (72) hours before such meeting is to take place.

Services as above described may be made by a member of the Board or any employee of the Board.

PUBLIC NOTICE of each special meeting and of each rescheduled regular or special meeting shall be given by posting a copy of the NOTICE on the message board by the front entrance to the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time of the meeting.

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MILESTONES

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Walter "Bud" and Suzan (Turqman) Becker of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Friday, Jan. 21. The couple married in 1961 in New York, N.Y.

Walter has been retired from Ford Motor Company for 25 years and the couple has lived in the area for 50 years.

They have two children, Matt Becker and Melissa Nowak, and five grandchildren.



Walter and Suzan Becker of Livonia on their wedding day in 1961.

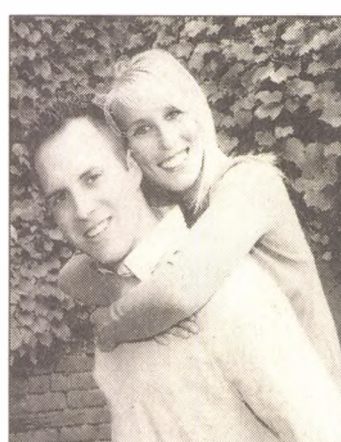
JUNE WEDDING

Jillian Sellers and Andrew Sergison announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Ken and Patty Sellers of Brownstown, attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed by the U.S. Department of Defense.

Her fiancé, son of Charlie and Denise Sergison of Livonia, attended Madonna University. He is employed by First Centennial Title Agency.

A June 2011 wedding is planned at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Livonia.



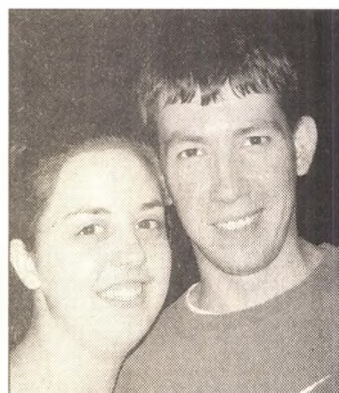
Sellers-Sergison

OCTOBER WEDDING

Jessica Anne Petriches and Christopher Michael Latimer announce their engagement.

Jessica, the daughter of Joseph and Barbara Petriches of Redford, graduated from Redford Union High School in 2006 and currently attends Schoolcraft College part time while working full time.

Christopher is the son of Emmett Latimer of Grand Island, Fla., and Jan Hubert-Ward of Livonia. He graduated from Lutheran High School Westland in 1998 and currently attends Eastern Michigan University part time while working full time.



Petriches-Latimer

An October 2011 wedding is planned in Redford followed by a reception in Livonia.

MAY WEDDING

Dean Jabara of Plymouth announces the engagement of his daughter, Brooke, to Nicholas Hammons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hammons of Dexter.

The bride-to-be graduated in 2001 from Plymouth Christian Academy and in 2006 from Madonna University. She is completing a second degree in veterinary technology from Wayne County Community College District and is interning at a local veterinary clinic.

Her fiancé graduated in 2002 from Ann Arbor Academy and currently serves in the United States Navy, where he works as an aviation machinist.

A May 2011 wedding is planned at Mill Race Village in Northville.

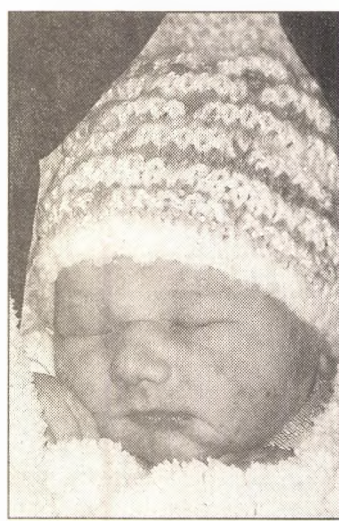


Natalie Lynn Johns

NATALIE LYNN JOHNS

Natalie Lynn Johns was born Dec. 4, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Proud parents are Nate and Shelley Johns of Plymouth. Grandparents are Tom and Randa Williams of Plymouth and Carl and Elaine Johns of Ann Arbor.



Logan Edward Hansen

FIRST BABY OF 2011

Logan Edward Hansen was the first baby born in 2011 at Providence Park Hospital in Novi. He was born at 2:10 a.m. Jan. 1.

Logan weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces at birth and measured 20 inches long.

His parents are Dan and Megan Hansen of Livonia. Grandparents are Terri L. Luter and Bob Maddaford of Northville and Rick and Dara Hansen of Livonia.



BETTY L. STEINKE

Age 89, formerly of Farmington, MI, more recently of Charlottesville, died on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at her residence. She was born on December 7, 1921, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her husband Wilbur Steinke, her parents Agnes Peekstok Rynbrand and Abraham Rynbrand, and her brothers Lee and Lawrence Rynbrand. Betty grew up in a loving family surrounded by many relatives. She was proud of her Dutch heritage. She graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School and Western Michigan University with a degree in Medical Technology. Betty married Wilbur Steinke after WWII ended and moved to Farmington, Michigan. She was a charter member of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington and was very active in the church through the years, serving as a deacon, elder, president of Presbyterian women and circle leader. She was also active in many committees. She tried to live a life of service to her church and community through activities. Betty delivered Meals on Wheels for 20 years and was an active member of AAUW. She made many friends in the Farmington community through the years. Betty moved to Charlottesville, Virginia in 2001 to be closer to her daughters. She enjoyed life at the Colonnades and Meadows Presbyterian Church, playing bridge, being active in women's circle and making many new friends. Betty felt that God had guided her in this life. She was very proud of her family and was thankful for her life on earth. Betty is survived by her children, Janet Ciarkowski and her husband Art, of Frederick, Maryland, Daniel Steinke and his wife Beth, of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, Carol Atchison and her husband Mike, of Charlottesville, Virginia and Pamela Steinke and her husband George Dowdle, of Fuquay Varina, North Carolina; twelve grandchildren, Leigh Ciarkowski and her fiancé Jason Priekko, Claire, Arthur and Michael Ciarkowski, Hillary Caruso and her husband Joe, Heather Evans and husband Tom, Jeff Steinke, Chris Steinke, James Atchison and his wife Cheryl, Drew Atchison and his fiancée Jamie DiGiacomo, Casey and Erin Dowdle; and five great-grandchildren, Jack Caruso, Griffin Caruso, Lauren Kelly Caruso, Noah Thomas Evans and Elena Claire Atchison. She is also survived by nieces Joyce Parker, Marcia Swanson and nephew Donald Rynbrand. A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Meadows Presbyterian Church with Pastor Tom Goodrich officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Memorial Fund of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills, 26165 Farmington Road, MI 48334 or to Meadows Presbyterian Church, 2200 Angus Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22901. Friends may send condolences to the family at www.hillandwood.com.

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ANNA MAE FRASER Age 93, of Farmington, MI. Passed away January 18, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends



EDITH MAY (JOHNSON) BALMAN

Farmington Hills, MI - Edith Balman, 94, died January 18, 2011 at Angela Hospice Care Center, Livonia, MI. She was born July 4, 1916 in Lamed, Kansas and was a grade school teacher, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. Edith is the beloved wife of the late Floyd for 64 years. Survivors include three children: Carolyn (Terry) Wik, Marshall (Gail) Balman, and Jo Lynn (Alan) Kinnely, three grandchildren: Lawrence (Jennifer) Wik, Kathryn (Gary) Kaczor, John (Abby Trauth) Wik, and six great-grandchildren, James, Aaron, Alissa, Sarah, Emma, and Andrew, and her sister, Evelyn Boettger. Funeral Service will be Tuesday, January 25th, 11 AM (in state 10 AM) at First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Ave., Farmington, MI 48336. Rev. Robert D. Brenner will officiate. Visitation Monday 2-8 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd). Private Burial will be in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Farmington Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 38, Farmington, MI 48332, or Angela Hospice. www.thayer-rock.com

FRANCIS GERARD "PAT" HOFFMAN

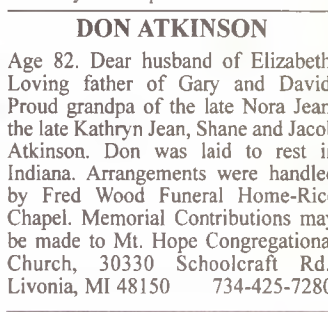
93, of Rock Hill, passed away December 6, 2010 at Piedmont Medical Center. A native of Farmington Hills, MI. Mr. Hoffman was born October 3, 1917 a son of the late Michael and Helen Zielinska Hoffman. He was a self-employed builder, a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Rock Hill and was a former member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church and a U.S. Army Air Forces veteran of W.W. II as a Technical Sergeant with the 146th AAF Base Unit. Mr. Hoffman was a lifetime member of the Groves-Walker Post 346 American Legion in Farmington Hills, MI where he served as Commander and was a member of the Y.M.C.A. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife Norma Fuhr Hoffman and a brother Michael Hoffman. Surviving are his daughter Dr. Patricia Kostell and her husband George of Rock Hill; two grandchildren Sharon Kostell Braun and her husband Donald of Atlanta, GA; Patrick J. Kostell and wife Suzanne of Dallas, TX; four great grandchildren Eric and Madelyn Braun; David and Katherine Kostell. The family and friends visitation will be held from 9:00am until the hour of service in the Gathering Space at the entrance to St. Anne's Catholic Church. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 10:00am at St. Anne Catholic Church with Father Joseph Wahl officiating. Interment will follow at Rock Hill Memorial Gardens with Full Military Honors by The American Legion Frank Roach Post 34 Honor Guard. The family suggests that those who wish may make donations to The Oratory, PO Box 11586, Rock Hill, SC 29731. Condolences can be emailed to the family online at www.basscauthenfuneralhome.com Bass-Caughen Funeral Home is serving the family, 700 Heckle Boulevard, Rock Hill, SC.

DANIEL RICHTER Age 63, January 14, 2011. Only son of Bob (deceased) and Betty Richter of Plymouth. Dear brother of Jill Vernal of Plymouth and Nan Tribble (Dan) of Whitmore Lake. Loving father of Cammie Richter and Maryann Richter. Grandfather of Glynna, Chandler and Cherish. Uncle of Jenny, Amy and Darren. There will be a memorial service at the American Legion in St. Helen, Michigan on February 12 at 1pm.

GENEVIEVE T. ROMAINE Age 77, previously of Livonia, passed away Jan. 18, 2011. A funeral mass will be held Fri., 10am at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, of Northville. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

JOAN PERRY SNYDER Age 84, passed on January 11, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Robert; dear mother of Carol (William) Jarocha, Susan (Mike) Keller, and the late Robert Jr; dearest grandmother of Stacey and Heather Jarocha, Amy, Jeffrey, Julie, and Tommy Keller and Ashley, Steven, Matthew, and Andrew Snyder; loving sister of Ray (Betty) Perry. Family will have a visitation Thursday 6pm until the time of their memorial service at 7 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Family appreciates memorials to the University of Michigan Alumni Association. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

DON ATKINSON Age 82. Dear husband of Elizabeth. Loving father of Gary and David. Proud grandpa of the late Nora Jean, the late Kathryn Jean, Shane and Jacob Atkinson. Don was laid to rest in Indiana. Arrangements were handled by Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel. Memorial Contributions may be made to Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 734-425-7280



HENRY (HANK) BURDICK O'NEAL

Passed away at age 72. He was known by his listeners as "Hank O'Neal" died at La Conte medical center near Pigeon Forge, Tennessee while vacationing with friends. A resident of Winter Haven, Florida; Hank died January 15th, 2011 from complications related to congestive heart failure. Hank was born September 13th, 1938 at Harper Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. After graduating from Seaholm High School in Birmingham, Michigan he joined the Marine and served for 3 years before being discharged. His career behind the microphone started in 1967 at WPGC, Washington DC followed by several radio stations in the Detroit area including WJBK, CKLW, WHND and WWWW. His last stint on the air was in 1992 in Traverse City, Michigan at WCCW where he retired before moving to Winter Haven. Henry Hagamen Burdick is survived by his daughter, Kimberly (Burdick) Bunch and granddaughter, Erica of Tulsa, Oklahoma; daughter, Jodi (Burdick) Collier of Paris, Texas; son, Scott Burdick of Auburn Hills, Michigan; son, Matthew Burdick of Waterford, Michigan; daughter, Jennifer (Burdick) Olson, grandson, Jacob and granddaughter, Isabel of Buckley, Michigan. He is also survived by sister Joanne Groves and brother Thomas Burdick. A memorial service is being planned for April 2011, near Traverse City, Michigan. Contact Jodi Collier for details at jodi.collier@rocketemail.com

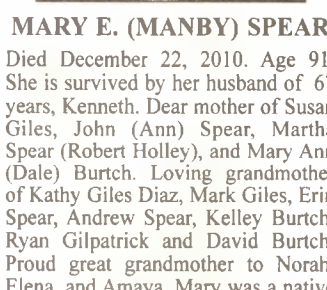


MARIE J. GASTON

Of Ann Arbor, Michigan, passed away January 1, 2011, at home with her husband and sons by her side. Born March 3, 1956, in Evanston, Illinois, Marie was raised in Southfield attending Angling Road, Levey, and Southfield HS schools. Further studies took her to Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan. A prolific artist specializing in fibre arts, she was active in Ann Arbor for 30 years. Her work has been available in boutiques and art shows. Her quilts can be seen at arbormap.com/quilts.htm Marie is survived by her husband, Kevin Duke, two sons, Carl, Rune, and Rune's fiancée, Xin Yuen; her mother, Doris Gaston, Southfield; brother, Peter (Robin) Gaston, nephew Spencer, niece Leila, Gloucester, MA; and uncle David (Deane) Gaston, Williamsburg, VA. A memorial service is planned for the coming Spring.

MARY E. (MANBY) SPEAR

Died December 22, 2010. Age 91. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Kenneth. Dear mother of Susan Giles, John (Ann) Spear, Martha Spear (Robert Holley), and Mary Ann (Dale) Burch. Loving grandmother of Kathy Giles Diaz, Mark Giles, Erin Spear, Andrew Spear, Kelley Burch, Ryan Gilpatrick and David Burch. Proud great grandmother to Norah, Elena, and Amaya. Mary was a native Detroit and a life-long resident of SE Michigan. She graduated from Wayne State University in 1940. She was active in the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and many civic and women's organizations. She loved square dancing, travel, Bridge, and classical music. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: St. Anne's Mead Assisted Living and Nursing Care, 16106 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076. The First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 or to The [Presbyterian] Village of Westland, 32001 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, MI 48186. There will be a memorial service celebrating Mary's life on Saturday, January 29 at eleven a.m., at St. Anne's Mead (address above).



MICHAEL BARRIE SMITH

Age 70, passed away on December 27, 2010 in Boca Raton, FL. Born in Detroit, Michigan, son of William A. and Georgina F. Smith. Michael graduated from Michigan State University where he was a member of Triangle Fraternity. He followed his father as President of the family companies, Machining Enterprises and Machining Industries. He was an active supporter of MSU and a member of Young Presidents Organization. He was also an active Board Member and instrumental in the building of Renaissance Unity Church in Warren, MI. In 1990 he left the company to study and received his Ministerial Ordination from Unity School of Christianity in 1992. He has served churches in Bremerton, Washington, Fort Lauderdale, and of recent, Miami, Florida. Michael was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Christopher Michael Smith. He is survived by his sister, Judith Crooks and husband, nephews William and Robert Clink, and nieces, Donna Studebaker and Nancy Miller and their families. A Memorial Celebration Service will be held at Renaissance Unity Church in Warren Michigan on February 5, 2011 at 1:00 pm.

JANICE I. RUDICK

January 14, 2011, age 61. Beloved daughter of Bernice L. Rudick and the late William A. Rudick. Dear sister of Frances (Gary) Dunbar, Darlene (Michael) Ciarracchi and Barbara (Loren) Roberts. Also leaves nieces and nephews. Services have been held. Contributions suggested to Plymouth Elks, #1780. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

ROBERT H. UPFOLD

Age 63 of Redford Twp., December 18. Son of the late Harry & Sue. Proud sergeant in the U.S. Marines serving two tours during Vietnam War. Receiving friends at the Fisher Funeral Home 24501 Five Mile Rd. (btw. Beech Daly & Telegraph) Redford Twp 313-535-3030, January 27, 2011 from 1 until time of memorial service at 3pm. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

ROBERT W. MARTEN

Age 85, January 19, 2011. Beloved and cherished husband of Elaine. Dearest father of Patricia (Joseph) Kolet, and the late Robert H. Dearest father in law of Margaret. Loving grandfather of 6, and great grandfather of 3. Dear brother of Delberta Bridgeman and Diana Bridgeman. Dear son in law of Aldo and Ernestine Franco. Dear brother in law of Carol (Michael) Rourk, Linda (John) Clark, and Robert Franco. Also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews. Mr. Marten retired from the VA Medical Center in Detroit as the Director of Pharmacy Services. Visitation Saturday and Sunday 2-9pm at McCabe Funeral Home, 851 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton. Rosary Sunday 7:00pm. In State Monday 10:00 am until time of Service 10:30 am at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley Rd., Canton. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the U.S. Navy Memorial Fund, or St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

WILLIAM J. HUNTER

Age 93, died January 15, 2011. Services will be held 2 PM Saturday, February 12, 2011 at Canterbury on the Lake, 5601 Hatchery Rd., Waterford. Those desiring may make contributions to the Good Samaritan Fund at Canterbury on the Lake. William was born September 11, 1917 in Detroit, the son of Ralph C. and Beatrice (Busby) Hunter. Mr. Hunter was a graduate of Detroit Public School and attended Wayne State University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corp. He was married to Helen Curtis in 1946. Mr. Hunter lived in Birmingham most of his life. He worked at a manufacture representative. He was a community activist, a life member of Ferndale Rotary Club, a member of First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Birmingham Senior Mens Club and Birmingham Masonic Temple. Surviving are: children, John Curtis Hunter, Judith Hunter, Barbara (John) Hunter-Fox; grandchildren, Jennifer (David) Hoogenes, Desiree (Sean) Metcalfe, Jeremy (Lauren) Deuel, Katie Fox, Amy Usher; great-grandchildren, Emily, Brie, Evie and Davis. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen; sister-in-law, Catherine Derr; brother-in-law, William J. Derr; sister, Katherine Hart; brother, Donald Hunter; son-in-law, Gary Mangrum. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



CLARA SINTA

January 15, 2011, age 95, of Northville. Loving mother of Leroy (Sophie) McGarry. Dear grandmother of Marsha (Michael) Maxey, Rick (Bonnie) McGarry, Darryl McGarry and Wendy (Mark) Grimm. Also leaves 16 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren, one brother Herman Arnoldink and one sister Mary Nycamp. Her family meant the world to her and in their company she smiled. Visitation Tuesday 5-9 PM and Wednesday 2-9 PM and Funeral Service Thursday 10 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth (between Sheldon & Beck). Interment United Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, Canton. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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Go big for the big game

Kick off your Super Bowl party right

Classic commercials, historic plays and close company are all quintessential elements to the perfect game-day get-together. The biggest obstacle for many Super Bowl shindigs is how to best tackle the menu. Ideal dishes need to be finger-friendly, universally appealing and well suited to feeding hungry groups. Here are six vital tips for sidelining game day stress, as well as a sumptuous all-American recipe guaranteed to be the MVP of your party planning playbook:

Game Plan Greatness: Plan ahead and prepare as much of the food as possible before the blitzing begins, so you don't have to miss any of the pre-game fun shut-out in the kitchen.

Suped-up Team Spirit: Use colorful team jerseys, posters and pennants to create a festive field of decorations. Build a little friendly rivalry by decorating one side of the room for each team, or line table tops with green turf in place of coasters and table clothes.

Stock Your Roster With Reserves: Game day parties bring hungry crowds, so when planning for food quan-

ties, think big to avoid a grocery store rush at fourth quarter. In addition to your starting line-up of dishes, you may also want to consider preparing items that you don't bring out until half-time.

Avoid Penalties, Safety First: Make sure to offer a variety of "mocktails" (non-alcoholic beverages) for kids and designated drivers.

Be Replay Ready: Set up your digital video recorder (DVR) the night before the Big Game so you can be sure to capture close calls and commercials for a second look or laugh.

Simplify the Sideline Set-up: To save time and money, choose shareable favorites like pitchers and punches (rather than complicated cocktails) and bowl dips and finger foods like this hearty Cheeseburger Bowl Dip, provided courtesy of King's Hawaiian Bakery:

CHEESEBURGER BOWL DIP

Makes 8-10 servings

- 2 16-ounce loaves King's Hawaiian Original Hawaiian Sweet Bread
- 1 pound ground beef, cooked and drained
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon seasoning salt
- 24 ounces American processed cheese
- 7 slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
- 1 cup peeled cooked tomatoes, diced
- ¼ cup red onion, chopped
- ½ cup hamburger dill slices, chopped
- Thousand Island salad dressing
- Carve out center core of bread within two inches of bottom and sides, keeping bread intact.
- Cut reserved bread and other loaf into 1-inch cubes for dipping.
- Cook ground beef, season with seasoning salt and pepper to taste.
- Cut American cheese into chunks and add to cooked beef and stir until melted.
- Add crumbled bacon and diced tomatoes, stir to mix well.
- Spoon warm mixture into carved bread bowl.
- Top with red onion and pickles (to taste).
- Drizzle with Thousand Island dressing (if desired).
- **Options:**
 - Ground turkey can be substituted for ground beef.
 - Bowl dip mixture can be spooned onto King's Hawaiian rolls for a group meal alternative.

For more bowl dip recipes, visit www.kingshawaiian.com/recipes.

— Courtesy Family Features

MINI MEATBALL HAMBURGERS

Makes 26 appetizers

- 26 frozen Casa Di Bertacchi fully cooked meatballs (1 pound)
- 1 cup ketchup
- 3 tablespoons Dijon honey mustard
- 26 2-inch rolls, sliced in half horizontally
- ½ cups sweet pickle relish
- Preheat oven to 400°F.
- Place meatballs in 8 x 8 or 9 x 9-inch pan. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until thoroughly heated.
- In a small bowl, combine ketchup and mustard. Place a heaping teaspoon of ketchup mixture on the bottom of roll.
- Place a meatball on top. Follow with a rounded teaspoon of pickle relish. Place top half of roll over top. Repeat for remaining meatballs and rolls. Serve immediately on a large platter.
- Cheeseburger Variation: Place a small slice of cheddar cheese over each meatball.

BBQ NACHOS

Serves 4

Byron's BBQ

- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- ½ cup red onion, diced
- 1 green bell pepper, diced
- 1 tomato, diced
- 1 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed and drained
- Tortilla chips



Whole kernel corn
Sliced jalapeño
Fresh guacamole
Sour cream

On a large oven safe serving plate, arrange a layer of tortilla chips; top with BBQ. Sprinkle with cheese, onions, bell peppers, diced tomato and black beans. Heat in microwave (or in oven) until cheese is melted. Garnish with whole kernel corn, sliced jalapeño, fresh guacamole, and sour cream.

— Courtesy Family Features

Feeding the Game Day frenzy

What better way to serve a hungry gang than with two crowd-pleasers: meatballs and BBQ? Anyone hosting a big game gathering needs to have recipes on-hand that are hearty and tasty, while still being easy to prepare.

The easiest and fastest way to find what you need to feed the fans is by utilizing local club stores like Sam's, where shoppers can huddle and find great game-day foods and entertaining items at affordable prices. These crowd-pleasing recipes start off with Byron's Hand Pulled Pork BBQ and Casa Di Bertacchi Meatballs, both sold at Sam's Clubs nationwide.

The Mini Meatball Hamburgers are made from fully-cooked meatballs crafted from an outstanding, authentic family recipe. The seasoned and lightly steamed meatballs can be warmed up quickly and paired with a tasty sauce for some super-star sliders.

BBQ Nachos take game-day appetizers to a whole new level. Made with hickory-smoked pulled pork that's finished with a sweet and spicy sauce, this BBQ is ready to be warmed up and loaded up with fan-favorite nacho toppings for an appetizer that will have your guests calling for a replay.

For more information about Byron's Hand Pulled Pork BBQ, Casa Di Bertacchi Meatballs, or for additional recipes, visit www.ClubEntertaining.com.



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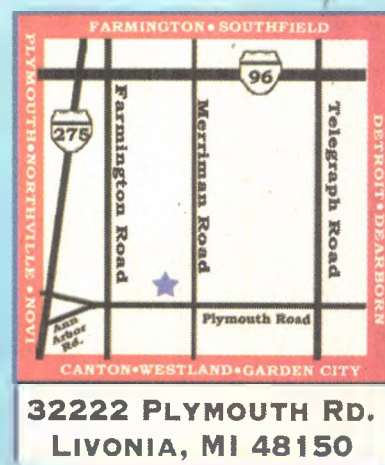
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